

and as the Allegations of the said Petitioners appear to this general Assembly to be true and that their lying in Goal Can be of no advantage to their Creditors it is humbly prayed that the said Petitioners may be relieved according to their Prayers and that it may be Enacted

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And be it Enacted by the Right honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same That in Case the said Prisoners shall deliver up and surrender or cause to be delivered up and Surrendered to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties aforesaid in the Presence of two Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to summon at the Request of the said Prisoners at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act not exceeding five days all their Real and Personall Estate either in possession Reversion Remainder or in Trust or in or unto which they have any Claim or Interest whatsoever and likewise before the day before mentioned convey Assign transfer and make over unto the Sheriffs respectively for the Use of the said Creditors all such their Estate Interest or Claim as aforesaid after such manner as by the said Sheriffs and by the Major Part of Such Creditors or of such of them as shall think fit to direct therein or their Council learned in the Law shall reasonably devise or require at the Costs and Charges of the Persons who shall claim Benefit thereof so that the Prisoners be not burthened with any Warranties thereby other than against themselves or those claiming by from or Under them and that the said Prisoners At the Time of Such their Surrender and transferring their Estate as aforesaid shall take their Solemn Oaths (or affirmation of Quakers) before the said two Justices aforesaid to the Effect following Viz.^t I A B do affirm or Solemnly swear that the Goods Debts and Effects which I have delivered Assigned and made over to the Sheriff of

[Prisoners to be discharged on delivering up their Effects, on Oath]

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[The Oath]

County and in Trust for the Use of my Creditors is the whole Estate both real and Personal of my own in Possession or that I have any Title to in the World and that I have not any Estate Goods or Effects of any kind whatsoever left either in possession Reversion or Remainder (the necessary wearing Apparel of myself Wife and Children and working Tools excepted) and that I have not directly or Indirectly sold Leased or otherwise conveyed disposed of or intrusted all or any part of my Estate thereby to defraud my Creditors or to secure the same to receive or expect any Proffit or Advantage thereof So help me God" it shall and may be Lawful for the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid after the end of the said five days and they are hereby required to discharge the said Prisoners and Suffer them to go at Large

[To be discharged from future arrests on appearance, &c]

And be it further enacted That if the said Prisoners or any of them shall be arrested or imprisoned on any Process Sued out on