

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Nov. 10

For the Affirmative

Mess. ^{rs}	{	Ringgold	Harrison	Ward
		Chase	M. Tilghman	Beall
		Johnson	Deye	Allen
		Smallwood	Aquila Hall	Dashiell
		Ware	Veazy	

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Walter Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to M.^r Speaker, the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned; thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, November 10.th 1770 Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, with the Amendment hereunto annexed.

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho."

At the End of the last Page, add the following Clause, Viz.^t

"And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any of the Persons intended to be relieved by this Act, and who shall choose to take the Benefit thereof, are, and, shall in the Opinion of two Justices of the Peace of the County where the Party is a Prisoner, be of sufficient Ability of Body to labour, such Person or Persons, not having a Wife or Child, or Children under 12 Years of Age, shall be, and are hereby obliged to serve for a Time, not exceeding five Years, to any Person or Persons, who are or shall be inclined to purchase the Time of Servitude of such Debtor or Debtors, and that the respective Sheriffs, in whose Custody, the aforesaid Debtor, or any of them are, be and are hereby authorized and obliged to summon two Justices of the Peace in the respective Counties, at the Request of the said Prisoners, as soon as conveniently may be, after the End of this Session of Assembly; and after giving five Days Notice, at the Court House of the respective Counties, of the intended Sale of such Debtor or Debtors, expose to Sale, in the Presence of the said Justices, such Debtor or Debtors, and the Time of his or their Servitude to the highest Bidder; and the Money arising from such Sale, shall be as Effects of such Debtor or Debtors, in the Hands of the respective Sheriffs, subject as aforesaid, to a Distribution in Manner aforesaid; and the Sale and Service of such Debtor or Debtors, as aforesaid, is hereby directed to be taken as full and sufficient Acquittal and Discharge against all Debts due from such Debtor or Debtors before such Sale. Provided, That in Case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, that any of the said Debtors have offered, since their Confinement, to make Satisfaction to their Creditors, by Servitude, and that their Creditors have refused to accept the same, that the Time such Debtors have been confined in Prison shall be deemed and taken as Part of the aforesaid five Years, and that they shall be obliged to serve only for such Time as will complete five Years from the Day

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