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 spective Creditors if they would accept of the same and Grant the said Petitioners their Liberty which seems so unlikely for them to obtain that (unless relieved by a Particular Act to be passed in their favour) they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life.

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 [Prisoners to be discharged on delivering up their effects on Oath.]
 Be it therefore Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships 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 Countys aforesaid in the Presence of two Justices of the Peace of the Counties aforesaid whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to summon at the request of the said Prisoners at some Convenient time after the end of this session of Assembly all their Real and Personal Estate either in Possession Reversion Remainder or in trust or in or unto Which they have any Claim or interest whatsoever and likewise 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 such of them as shall think fitt 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 said Prisoners be not burthened with any Warrantes 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 if Quakers) before the said two [The Oath.] Justices aforesaid to the effect following viz.^t "I AB do Affirm or Solemnly Swear that the Goods Debts & Effects which I have delivered assigned and made over to the Sheriff of County 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 my self 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 Profit or Advantage thereof so help me God" it shall and may be Lawful for the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid 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 any Judgment or decree obtained against any of them for any Debt Damages or Costs contracted owing or growing due before the End of this Session of Assembly the Court out of which such Process issued