

“By the Upper House of Assembly Nov.^r 9.th 1771 Read the second Time and will pass with the Amendments annexed

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Nov. 12

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.”

After the Words “Zachariah Wade” in the 9.th Line of the 1.st Page insert the Words “James Steward”

After the Word “aforesaid” in the last Line of the 6.th 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 are and shall be of sufficient Ability of Body to labour such Person or Persons not having a Wife or Family 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 Debtors 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 Houses 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 a 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 compleat five Years from the Day of such Offer of Servitude And that in Case any such single Person as aforesaid have been confined in Prison for five Years or any longer Time that the said Persons so confined shall be discharged upon the same Terms and in the same Manner that Persons having Families are by this Act directed to be discharged.” Which was read, and the Amendments proposed were read and agreed to and the Bill passed for ingrossing

And a Petition of the Rector, Church Wardens Vestrymen and others Inhabitants of Saint John’s (commonly called King George’s) Parish lying partly in Prince George’s and partly in Charles County setting forth that there are Repairs wanted to the Lower Chapel in