

Liber R. G. McNabb, of Baltimore County, John Smith, Samuel Dobie, John
 1774 Ringer, John Brown Jesse Alvey, Nicholas Annsbaugh, Benjamin
 Nichols, George Walker of Frederick County Thomas Carney,
 James Hardy, William Amer, William Sears Mark Fowler Samuel
 Hawkins, Bayne, William Barker, Mathew Pape, Nicholas Nichol-
 son John Brashears the third William Beck of Prince Georges
 County Joseph Higgins Edward Knowles, Richard Grace, Richard
 Dean, Francis Hepburn of Ann Arundel County, Lenard Field
 Thomas Caywood, John Williams, Basil Patterson Silvester Strange
 Moses White, Henry Fletcher, Mathew Boroughs, Basil Thompson,
 Thomas Tryer, of Saint Marys County, Thomas Glover Marshall
 Griffith of Calvert County Thomas Barnes of Baltimore County
 Edward Davis, Isaac Green Charles Fullerton George Taylor of
 Sommerset County James Barance, William Grayham, John Thomas,
 Unicy Williams, James Underwood of Dorchester County John
 Field, Rhodes Clerk, Moses Guttry of Worcester County John Bryan,
 Abner Jones, Thomas Sparks, James Crann of Queen Anns County
 John Smallwood, Thomas Coffe, Joseph Hagan, Alexander M.^cPher-
 son, Mathew Coffe, Benjamin Gardiner of Charles County John
 Burkett of Cecil County by their Petitions to this present General
 Assembly have set forth that they have respectively continued Pris-
 oners for Debt in the Custody of the Sheriffs of the respective Coun-
 ties aforesaid for a Considerable Time past and still Continue in the
 like deplorable Circumstances not being able to redeem their Bodies
 with all the estate or Interest they have in the World which they
 p. 350 would readily surrender up and part with to their several and re-
 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 which by their said Petitions they have humbly Prayed)
 they must inevitably continue Prisoners for life and as the allega-
 tions of the said Petitioners appear to this General Assembly to be
 true and that their lying in Jail can be of no Advantage to their
 Creditors it is humbly Prayed that the said Petitioners may be re-
 lieved according to their Prayers and that it may be enacted

[Prisoners
 to be dis-
 charged on
 delivering
 up their
 Effects on
 Oath.]

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary
 by and with the advice and Consent of his 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 Sheriff of their re-
 spective Counties 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