

by the said Act being greatly hindered by the Incorporation
of this City of Annapolis by virtue of a Law as some have said
of their own making for instead of having the Liberty to
dispose of them to such as think fit to purchase, are obliged
to take them on Board again after they are disposed of
For Instance your Petitioners having on the 19 of this
Instant December disposed of two of them to say a
Man and a Woman named Joseph Ashbee and Mary
Mouncer to certain House keepers of said City and send-
ing them to their Masters Houses were taken into Cus-
tody by Sheriff of said City and Carried before their Court
in Order for Commitment without any Offence by them
Committed here but merely for being under the denomina-
tion of Convicts unless they themselves or some other
for them would become bound in the Penal Sum of
Fifteen Pounds Current Money for their good behaviour
Your Petitioners humbly conceive by this said Act
it is not any Part of the Contractors duty to enter into
Bonds and recognizances for the Convicts Good Beha-
viour in any part of his Majesty's Colonies in America
that the Contractor did ever expect to meet with such
Inconveniencies Your Petitioners are further very much
hindered by being publicly threatened by a certain Ma-
gistrate in this City that if one of your Petitioners should
Land a number of them on Shore in Town that he the
said Magistrate would send both the Convicts and your
Petitioners to Prison here for the said Law made by
the said Corporation is Unquale to the Statute of England
and we humbly pray your Honours Consideration
and how far it is consistent with the Lords Justices