

Maryland. At a Session of a Court
 and held at the City of Annapolis in the County of
 Ann Arundell the Twenty Ninth Day of November in
 the seventh year of the Reigne of Our Sovereign Lady
 Queen Anne of Great Brittain France and Ireland
 and the Dominions and Territories thereto belonging
 Defender of the Faith &c. Amogues Dow One
 thousand Seven hundred and Eight his Excellency
 John Seymour Esq. Being Governour
 were treated the Law following

An Act for relief of Poor Debtors and languishing Prisoners -
 in 1709 suspending the execution
 of that law until the end of the then
 next Session - But not to debar
 the Justice of the Peace Courts to
 allow the Remedy of the said Act to
 every person or persons that shall
 be actually in prison or in custody
 upon any arrest or execution at or
 upon the 24 day of Nov: 1709. or that
 have already claimed the benefit
 thereof

An Act for relief of Poor Debtors and languishing Prisoners -
 Whereas it is Represented to this present Generall Assembly that
 during this war the low price for tobacco the only Staple Commodity of this
 province and the many losses they have had at Sea have run many honest
 well meaning persons inhabitants of this province further in Debt than
 they are able to pay thereby obliging many of them to leave their
 habitations and fly out of this province into other Colonys for their
 liberty and others actually to be imprisoned for Debt or Damages
 to the great Charge of the Country and lessning her sacred
 Majestys Revenue which this present Generall Assembly consider-
 ing do pray that it may be enacted -
 And be it enacted by the Queens most Excellent maj. by her
 with the advice and Consent of her maj. Governour Council and
 Assembly of this province and the authority of the same that the
 severall and respective Justices of Oyer and Terminer in the severall
 County Courts of this province shall be and by this act are impow-
 erd and appointed to call and cause to come before them or any three
 of them whereof one to be of the Quorum any Debtor or Debtors who on
 the first day of January now next coming shall be actually in prison
 or Custody of any Sheriff or Goaler within this province for or
 Debt or Damage or upon any attachment or Execution or any
 process issued or issuing out of any the Courts of this provin-
 have not wherewith to maintain him her or themselves or

Enacted