

Maryland hath by humble Petition to this Present Generall
 Assembly Amongst other things set forth that he hath suffered
 and had many Great Losse both by Sea and Land In so much
 that he hath been thereby rendered Capable of satisfying
 his Just debts for some of which he has been sued by his
 Creditors and hath lain in prison near four years and
 still remains in the Custody of the same Sheriff of the
 same County of Cecil for such Large Sums as that he
 he hath or hath right to in the world will not make Satisfac-
 = 016 for And further that the said Ezekials debts wherewith
 he stands Justly Engaged to his Creditors amount to about
 five hundred and twenty pounds in money and that all the
 Estate Effect or Interest that he hath in the world does not
 the value of fifteen pounds in money that he has made
 frequent Applications to his Creditors that they would
 take all that he had at present in part of what he owed
 amongst them and grant him his Liberty that he might
 have the better opportunity of getting wherewith to pay
 them and providing for his wife and three small Children
 who must otherwise inevitably fall upon the Charity of that
 County or undertake the extreame pressure of want
 But that tho' some of his Creditors have been willing to
 relieve him and have Certified the same to this present
 Generall Assembly Others have refused so that unless
 relieved by an Act to be made in his favour he must neces-
 sarily continue a prisoner whilst his wife and Children will
 go all the Misfortunes of a Ruined family that the said
 Ezekial desires not a Discharge from his debts: but only his
 Liberty to Enable himselfe to pay them and therupon the
 said Ezekial prayed Reliefe and for that the truth of the said
 Ezekials Allegations and Contentions is made Evident to this present
 Generall Assembly by sufficient Testimony worthy of Credit
 and that his prayer seems reasonable and rather if granted
 be Benefitt than a prejudice to his Creditors It is therefore humbly
 prayed that it may be enacted and Be it Enacted by the Kings
 most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of his
 majesties Governour Council and Assembly of this province as
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