

326 Sheriff of Calvert County for above three years past and still continued
in the like Deploable Circumstances not being able to redeem his body with
all the Estate or Interest he has in the World which he would readily Surrender
up and part with to his Creditors if they would accept of the same and grant
him his Liberty But that although he hath often made such offers with
many repeated treaties that they might be accepted of yet he hath not been
favoured with the grant of his requests in that behalf but instead thereof
denials of any manner of favour from the Chiefest of them so that unless
some relief be provided for him by a particular Act to be past in his favour
which by his said petition he hath humbly prayed for he fears he shall continue
a Prisoner for Life and by that means his Wife and four small Children become
a burthen to the County for necessary sustenance to preserve them from Starv-
ing and for that the truth of the said Peter Sawells Allegations is made appear-
ing to this present Generall Assembly by Sufficient Testimony and also that the
said Peter has not fallen under such Circumstances by any Idleness or Extra-
vagancy of his own having been allways an Industrious pains taking
planter, but Merely by his Losses at Sea and the Extream decay of the Tobacco
Trade and also that the said Peter is a man of an honest Sobber Conversation
and has now been a prisoner for about this five years past And therefore
for that the said Peter and his family are thought fitt Objects of Charity and if
his Lying in Goale can be no benefit to his Creditors tho it may prove a ruin
to his family and a burthen to the County It is humbly prayed that the said Peter
may be releived according to his prayer and that it may be Enacted

And be it Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Proprietarie by
and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper
and Lower houses of Assembly and by the Authority of the same that in Case
the said Peter Sawell shall deliver up and Surrender or Cause to be delivered up
and Surrendered to the Sheriff of Calvert County in the presence of two Justices
of the peace in the said County whom the said Sheriff is hereby required to
Summon on the request of the said Peter at the said Peters now dwelling
plantation at some convenient time within three months after the End of
this present Session of Assembly all his real and personall Estate either in
Possession reversion remainder or in trust or in or unto which he hath any
Claim or Interest whatsoever and do within the Time aforesaid convey assign
transfer and make over unto the said Sheriff of Calvert County for the
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