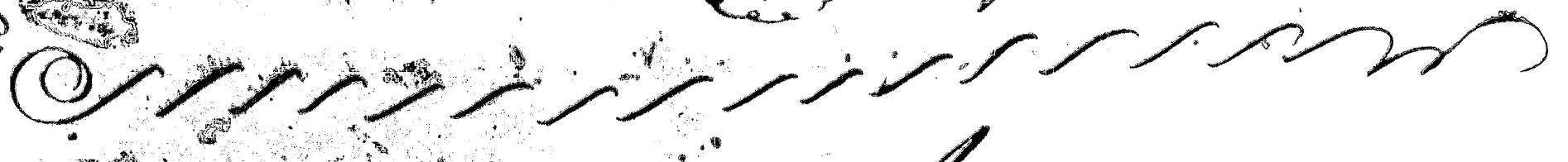


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In Behalf of his Lordship the Right Honble the Lord Proprietarie
I will this be a Law — Charles Jo Hart



An Act for the relief of George Walls a languishing Prisoner in Charles County

WALLS George Walls a Languishing Prisoner in Charles County has by his humble petition to the Generall Assembly of this province shew'd that he has Continued in the ^{custody of the} Sherrif of the said County ~~since~~ for near the Space of two years past and still Continues in the like Degrable Circumstances (not being able to redeem his body with all the Estate or Interest he has in the world which he is willing to Surrender and part with to his Creditors) and unless Relieved by a Particular Act of this Generall Assembly to be pass'd in his favour (which by his said petition he hath humbly pray'd for) he fears he shall Continue a Prisoner for Life AND by that means his wife and Children may become a Burthen to the County, and for that the truth of the said George Walls his allegations are made appear to this present Generall Assembly by Sufficient Testimony and also that the said George has not fallen into such Circumstances by any Idleness or Extravagance of his Own having been always a paines taking Industrious planter But moorly by his Losses at Sea and the Extream decay of the tobacco Trade and also that the said George is a person of an honest Sobber Conversation And therefore for that the said George and his family are Thought fitt Objects of Charity and that his Lying in Goal can be no Benefit to his Creditors Though it may prove a Ruin to himselfe and Burthen to y^e County. It is pray'd that he may be Relieved according to his petition and that it may be Enacted AND be it Enacted by the Right honble 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 said that in Case the said George shall Deliver or Cause to be delivered up to y^e Sherrif of the said County in y^e presence of two Justice of the peace in the said County where the said Sherrif is hereby required to Summons on the request of the said George,