

John Boldam and John Hanley in the custody of the Sheriff of Calvert County and the said Joseph Gough in the custody of the Sheriff of Loudoun County for some considerable time past and will continue in the like deplorable circumstances not being able to redeem their bodies with all the estate or interest they have in the world which they would readily surrender up and part with to their severall and respective creditors if they would except the same and grant the said Petitioners their liberty which would so unluckily to obtain that unless relieved by a particular Act to be past in their favour (which by their said Petitioners they have humbly prayed) they must inevitably continue prisoners for life and thereby their families utterly ruined and for that the truth of the said Petitioners allegations is made appear to this Honourable Assembly by sufficient Testimony and for that the said Petitioners and their families are fit Objects of Charity and that lying in goal can be no benefit to their creditors It is humbly prayed that the said Petitioners may be relieved according to their Prayer and that it may be enacted

That it be enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that unless all or any of the Creditors of the said Thomas Surra Christopher Bohoss Thomas Cobb John Gault Thomas Boozly John Fernel John Clements John Hanley John Boldam and Joseph Gough or the Creditor or Creditors of any or either of them or the Attorney or Attorneys of such Creditor or Creditors or any or either of them aforesaid within this Province within Twenty Days after the end of this Session of Assembly go to the Sheriffs of the several Counties of Charles River Middle Calvert Dorchester or Loudoun and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment fees at Ten pounds of Tobacco per Day that shall or may become due from the said Thomas Surra Christopher Bohoss Thomas Cobb John Gault Thomas Boozly John Fernel John Clements John Hanley John Boldam and Joseph Gough after the end of the said Twenty Days and also to feed the said Thomas Surra Christopher Bohoss Thomas Cobb John Gault Thomas Boozly John Fernel John Clements John Hanley John Boldam and Joseph Gough sufficient meat Drink and Cloathing during their Imprisonment in case they or any of them the said Thomas Surra Christopher Bohoss Thomas Cobb John Gault Thomas Boozly John Fernel John Clements John Hanley John Boldam and Joseph Gough shall Deliver up and Surrender or Cause to be Delivered up and Surrendered to the Sheriff of Charles River Middle Calvert Loudoun or Dorchester Countys aforesaid in the Presence of two Justices of the Peace in each of the said Counties whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to Summon on the request of the said Thomas Surra Christopher Bohoss Thomas Cobb John Gault Thomas Boozly John Fernel John Clements John Hanley John Boldam and Joseph Gough or any of them at the Dwelling Plantations or Places of abode of the said Thomas Surra Christopher Bohoss Thomas Cobb John Gault Thomas Boozly John Fernel John Clements John Hanley John Boldam and Joseph Gough or any of them the Fifth Day of November next and the Twenty fifth Day thereof all their real and personal estate either in possession reversion remainder or in Trust or in or unto which they have or any or either of them have any claim or interest whatsoever and do likewise within the Days aforesaid convey Assign Transfer and Make over unto the said Sheriffs of Charles River Middle Calvert Loudoun or Dorchester Countys for the use of their said Creditors all such their estate interest or claim as aforesaid after such manner as by the said Sheriffs and the Major Part of the said Creditors or of such of them as shall think fit to Direct therein or their Council learned in the law shall reasonably Devise or require at the Cost and Charges of such persons as shall Claim the same forth thereof so as the said Thomas Surra