

(17) October the 27th 1724. —
Read and Assented to by the
Lower House of Assembly and
Signed of Order M^r. Jenifer C. L. No.

October the 27th 1724.
Read and Assented to by the upper house
of Assembly and Signed of Order
Samuel Shippon C. L. No. —

October the 29th 1724.
In Behalf of the Right Honourable the Lord
Proprietary of this Province will this be a Law
great Seal
in
Wax Appendant.

(S^{ca}. Alvert)

Exam
An Act for the Relief of Sundry Languishing Prisoners
therein mentioned

Whereas John Medcalf and Susanna Mitchell of Prince Georges County
Ann Braham John Hurst Edward Norwood and Frances Dorsey Widow
of Baltimore County Edward Jones of Talbot County Thomas Oldham and
William Norton of Cecil County Matthew Ashley and Thomas Shore of
Ann Arundall County John Clements of Dorchester County John Oliver
of Kent County William Owen and Jacob Ratcliffe of Queen Anns County
have by their humble petitions to this present general Assembly severally set
forth that they have continued prisoners for debt in the custody of the
several Sheriffs of the Countys aforesaid for some considerable time past, and still
continue in the like deplorable circumstances not being able to Redem their
Bodies with all the estate or interest they have in the world which they would
readily Surrender up and Part with to their several and Respective Creditors if
they would accept the same and Grant the said Petitioners their Liberty which
seems so unlikely to Obtain that unless relieved by a particular Act to be passed
in their favour (which by their said Petitions they have humbly Crayed) they
must inevitably continue prisoners for ever and thereby their families utterly
ruined and for that the truth of the said Petitioners Allegations is made appear
to this General 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 Crayed that they may be relieved acor
ding to their Crayor and that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the
Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent
of his Lordships Governour and the upper and lower houses of this present Gene
ral Assembly and the Authority of the same that unless all or any of the
Creditors of the said John Medcalf, Susanna Mitchell Ann Braham, John
Hurst Edward Norwood, Frances Dorsey Widow Edward Jones, Thomas Old
ham William Norton Matthew Ashley Thomas Shore John Clements, John
Oliver William Owen and Jacob Ratcliffe or the Creditor or Creditors of
any or either of them or the attorney or attorneys of such Creditor
or Creditors or

(Any)

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