

and *Lawrence Hays*, of *Anne-Arundel County*, *John Peddycoat*, of *Baltimore County*; *John Wood*, of *Anne-Arundel County*; *Thomas Hill*, of *Talbot County*; *Clarina Gilly*, of *Calvert County*; *John Glassington*, of *Baltimore County*; and *Avinio Butler*, of *Talbot 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 Sheriffs of the several Counties aforesaid; viz. *William Maria Farthing*, in the Custody of the Sheriff of *St. Mary's County*; *John Conoway*, *William Jones*, *John Cook*, *Samuel Glover* and *Lawrence Hays*, in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel County*; and *John Peddycoat*, in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Baltimore County*; *John Wood*, of *Anne-Arundel County*; *Thomas Hill*, of *Talbot County*; *Clarina Gilly*, of *Calvert County*; *John Glassington*, of *Baltimore County*; and *Avinio Butler*, of *Talbot County*; for a considerable Time past, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances, not being able to redeem their Bodies with all their 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 of the same, and grant the said Petitioners their Liberty, which seems so unlikely for them to obtain; that (unless reliev'd by a particular Act to be past in their Favour, which by their said Petitions 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 General Assembly by sufficient Testimony, and that the said Petitioners, and their Families are fit Objects of Charity, and that their 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,

Preamble,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, 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 *William Maria Farthing*, *John Conoway*, *William Jones*, *John Cook*, *Samuel Glover*, *Lawrence Hays*, *John Peddycoat*, *Avinio Butler*, *John Wood*, *Thomas Hill*, *Clarina Gilly* and *John Glassington*, or the Creditor or Creditors of any or either of them, or the Attorney or Attorneys of such Creditor or Creditors aforesaid within this Province, shall within Twenty Days, after the End of this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of *St. Mary's*, *Anne-Arundel*, *Baltimore*, *Talbot* and *Calvert*; and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment-Fees of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day, that shall or may become due from the said *William Maria Farthing*, *John Conoway*, *William Jones*, *John Cook*, *Samuel Glover*, *Lawrence Hays*, *John Peddycoat*, *John Wood*, *Thomas Hill*, *Clarina Gilly*, *John Glassington*, and *Avinio Butler*, after the End of the said Twenty Days; and also to find the said *William Maria Farthing*, *John Conoway*, *William Jones*, *John Cook*, *Samuel Glover*, *Lawrence Hays*, *John Peddycoat*, *John Wood*, *Thomas Hill*, *Clarina Gilly*, *John Glassington* and *Avinio Butler*, sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during their future Imprison-

Unless the Creditors go to the Sheriffs,

In 20 Days and give Security, for Payment of Imprisonment Fees, &c.