

AND that the Officer or Officers, who shall allow the said Fifteen Pounds *per Cent.* as aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby obliged and directed to make Oath, before he or they pass his or their Accounts to be admitted by one Provincial Justice, or two Justices of the County Court, that the Sum or Sums of Money for which the said Officer or Officers shall crave the Allowances of Fifteen Pounds *per Cent.* as aforesaid, in his or their Accounts, was or were, *bona fide*, paid by the Person or Persons directed as aforesaid, to pay the same to the said Officer or Officers: And that the Oath before directed to be taken by such Person or Persons, was taken by such Person or Persons at the Time of such Payment; and which Oath being certified by the said Justice or Justices, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Treasurer or Treasurers to allow the Deduction aforesaid, to the said Officer or Officers in his or their Accounts aforesaid.

*An ACT for the Relief of Christopher Gardiner,  
a languishing Prisoner in Baltimore County Goal.*

WHEREAS, the said *Christopher Gardiner*, by his humble Petition to this present General Assembly, hath set forth, That he has continued a Prisoner for Debt, in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Baltimore* County aforesaid, for a considerable Time past; and still continues in the like deplorable Circumstances, not being able to redeem his Body with all the Estate or Interest he hath in the World, which he would readily surrender up and part with to his several and respective Creditors, if they would accept of the same, and grant the said Petitioner his Liberty. Which seems so unlikely for him to obtain, that (unless reliev'd by a particular Act to be pass in his Favour, which by his said Petition he hath humbly prayed) he must inevitably continue Prisoner for Life; and thereby his Family utterly ruined. And for that, the Truth of the said Petitioner's Allegations is made appear to this General Assembly, by sufficient Testimony; and that the said Petitioner, and his Family, are fit Objects of Charity; and that his lying in Goal can be no Benefit to his Creditors; It is humbly prayed that the said Petitioner may be relieved according to his Prayer, and that it may be Enacted:

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 Creditor or Creditors of the said *Christopher Gardiner*, or the Attorney or Attorneys, of such Creditor or Creditors aforesaid, within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after the End of this Sessions of Assembly, go to the Sheriff of the aforesaid County of *Baltimore*, 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 *Christopher Gardiner*, after the End of the said Twenty Days. And also to find the said *Christopher Gardiner*, sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during his future Imprisonment: In case he, the said *Christopher Gardiner*, shall deliver up and surrender, or cause to be deliver'd up and surrendered to the Sheriff of *Baltimore* County aforesaid, 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 *Christopher Gardiner*, at the dwelling Plantation or Place, where ( before the Imprisonment of