

Oath of Office, to be administered, as hath been heretofore used; and that the same be administered to the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments and other Proceedings at Common Law, the Justices of the Provincial and County Courts, and the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, now in being, by Virtue of, and according to the Directions of the several Commissions, Writs of *Dedimus Potestatem*, or the other Authorities, that the late Form of their Oath of Office was administered by: And that after the last Day of *August* next, none of the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments and other Proceedings at Common Law, nor the Justices of the Provincial or County Courts, nor the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*, be capable of acting in their respective Stations, without having first taken the said Oath, as their proper Oath of Office, in Manner aforesaid.

*PROVIDED*, That if the Judges in the High Court of Appeals, Provincial Courts, and Courts of Assize, take the said Oath, at any Time before they proceed to the judicial Determination of any Matters of Law in their respective Courts, the same shall be taken as a full Compliance with the Directions of this Act. Any Thing herein before contained to the contrary, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

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*An ACT for the Relief of John Smith, a languishing Prisoner, in Cæcil County Goal.*

**W**HEREAS, *John Smith*, of *Cæcil* County, late Sheriff of the said County, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, hath set forth, That he hath continued a Prisoner for Debt, in the Custody of the present Sheriff of the same County for a considerable Time, in Execution for several large Sums of Money and Tobacco.

**AND WHEREAS**, the said *John Smith* also sets forth, That he and his Wife, for the Release of his own Person, and Indemnity of his Securities, are willing to have all that they are entitled to, distributed amongst the Publick Creditors of the said *Smith*; and hath prayed Leave to bring in a Bill to discharge his Body out of Prison.

**AND WHEREAS**, it is also represented and made appear to this General Assembly, That the said *John Smith*, some considerable Time since, convey'd to certain Trustees, a great Part of his Real Estate, for the Use of his Wife and Children; as also, that a certain *Rees Hinton*, (Father to the said *Smith's* Wife, his only Child; which said *Rees* was bound for the said *Smith* as Sheriff, for the due Execution of his Office, which subjected him to the Payment of the major Part of the said *Smith's* Debts,) devised his Real and Personal Estate to his said Daughter, and her Children by the said *Smith*, or to others in Trust for them. And for that, the said *Smith's* being under Confinement, will not benefit his Creditors,