

*An ACT for the Relief of James Peerman, a Prisoner in Anne-Arundel County Goal.*

**W**HEREAS, *James Peerman*, a Prisoner in the Goal of *Anne-Arundel* County, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, sets forth, That he is, and for above a Year last past, hath been detained in Prison in the Goal aforesaid, for sundry Debts due to several Persons; and that he has not wherewithal to satisfy the said Debts, or any of them in this Province, but hath an Estate sufficient to do the same in *Great-Britain*; but cannot get it remitted to him, 'till a *Chancery* Suit there depending, is ended: And therefore humbly prays, an Act of Assembly may pass for his Enlargement, on his giving Security not to depart this Province in Three Years, and to return to Prison in the Goal aforesaid, at the Expiration of the said Term, if, within the same, he shall not pay and satisfy all the Debts aforesaid; there to remain in the same State, as if this Act had never been made. And forasmuch, as the Facts alledged, are made appear to be true,

*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 within Two Days after the said *James Peerman* shall deliver to the said Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of *John Beale* and *Richard Wharfield*, of *Anne-Arundel* County, Gentlemen, signifying, that the said *James Peerman* hath to them given Bond, with sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds *Sterling*, not to depart this Province within Three Years from the End of this Session of Assembly; and to surrender himself as a Prisoner to the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, for the Time being, at the Expiration of the said Term of Three Years, if he shall live so long, and not, within that Time, satisfy and pay to his several Creditors, the several Sums of Money and Tobacco he now is indebted to them. The said Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County shall discharge the said *James Peerman* out of his Prison and Custody; and the said *James*, for the Term aforesaid, shall be free from Arrest upon Account of any of his Debts already contracted: And if any Action shall be brought against the said Sheriff for so doing, he may plead the General Issue thereto, and give this Act and the Matter therein contained, in Evidence. Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That if the said *James Peerman* shall not, within Three Years after the End of this present Session of Assembly, satisfy his several Creditors aforesaid, their Debts aforesaid, and all Costs that shall accrue thereon; and shall, at the Expiration of the said Term, tender his Body to the then Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel* County, in Execution for the Debts aforesaid, or such of them as shall remain unsatisfied, the said Sheriff shall, and is hereby required to receive the said *James Peerman* into his Custody; and the said *James Peerman* shall remain in Prison, in the same State, to all Intents and Purpo-