

Purposes, as if this Act had never been made, nor the said *James* enlarged. Any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the aforesaid *John Beale* and *Richard Wharfield* shall, and they are hereby required and impowered to take the Bond, if tendered to them with such Securities as they shall approve of, by this Act, for the aforesaid *James Peerman*, required to be given, payable to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary; and to return the same, with this Indorsement, *viz.* For the Benefit of the Creditors of *James Peerman*, into the Secretary's Office of this Province, to be lodged; and that the said Bond shall and may be prosecuted in the same Manner, as Sheriffs Bonds are.

### *An ACT for the Relief of Thomas Worsley,*

*Benjamin Freeman, John Vines, John Cornelius, Thomas Howard, Thomas Jacks, John Nicholson, and James Mackintosh, languishing Prisoners in Anne-Arundel County Goal; Thomas Palmer, a languishing Prisoner in the Goal of the City of Annapolis; William Gray, Thomas Davis, John Smith, and Anthony Oneallis, languishing Prisoners in Prince George's County Goal; and John Libby, and Alice Macklin, languishing Prisoners in Talbot County Goal.*

**W**HEREAS, the said *Thomas Worsley, Benjamin Freeman, John Vines, John Cornelius, Thomas Howard, Thomas Jacks, John Nicholson, James Mackintosh, Thomas Palmer, William Gray, Thomas Davis, John Smith, Anthony Oneallis, John Libby, and Alice Macklin*, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have severally set forth, That they have continued Prisoners for Debt, in the Custody of the Sheriffs of the several Counties and City aforesaid, *viz.* the said *Thomas Worsley, Benjamin Freeman, John Vines, John Cornelius, Thomas Howard, Thomas Jacks, John Nicholson, and James Mackintosh*, under the Custody of the Sheriff of *Anne-Arundel County*; *Thomas Palmer*, under the Custody of the Sheriff of the City of *Annapolis*; *William Gray, Thomas Davis, John Smith, and Anthony Oneallis*, under the Custody of the Sheriff of *Prince George's County*; *John Libby, and Alice Macklin*, under the Custody of the Sheriff 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 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 of the same, and grant the said Petitioners their Liberty; which seems so unlikely for them to obtain, that (unless relieved by a particular Act to be passed 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 Family are fit Objects of Charity: And that their lying in Goal can be no Benefit to their Creditors, it is humbly prayed, that the

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