

An ACT, for the Relief of Isaac Tunney, a languishing Prisoner in Talbot County Goal; William Pratt, in the same Goal; Richard Standforth, in Charles County Goal; and Samuel Steel, in Queen Anne's County Goal.

WHEREAS, the said *Isaac Tunney*, Prisoner in *Talbot County Goal*; *William Pratt*, in the same Goal; and *Richard Standforth*, in *Charles County Goal*; and *Samuel Steel*, in *Queen Anne's County Goal*, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth, That they have continued Prisoners for Debt, in the Custody of the Sheriffs of *Talbot*, *Queen Anne's*, and *Charles Counties*, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances; and not being able to redeem their Bodies, with all the Estate or Interest they have in the World, which they would readily deliver 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 pass'd in their Favour, which, by their said Petition, they have humbly prayed, they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life. And for that, the Truth of the said Petitioners Allegations are made appear to this present General Assembly, by sufficient Testimonies; and that the said Petitioners 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 Prayers; 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 Governor, 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 *Isaac Tunney*, *William Pratt*, *Richard Standforth*, and *Samuel Steel*, or the Attorney of such Creditors aforesaid, within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of *Talbot*, *Charles*, or *Queen Anne's*, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees, the Sum of Ten Pounds of Tobacco per Day, that shall or may become due from the said *Isaac Tunney*, *William Pratt*, *Richard Standforth*, and *Samuel Steel*, after the End of the said Twenty Days; and also find the said *Isaac Tunney*, *William Pratt*, *Richard Standforth*, and *Samuel Steel*, sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment: And in Case, they the said *Isaac Tunney*, *William Pratt*, *Richard Standforth*, and *Samuel Steel*, shall deliver up and surrender, or cause to be delivered up and surrendered, to the Sheriffs of the Counties aforesaid, in the Presence of Two Justices of the Peace of the said Counties, whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to summon, on the Request of the said *Isaac Tunney*, *William Pratt*, *Richard Standforth*, and *Samuel Steel*, at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act, not exceeding Ten Days, all their Real and Personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, or in Trust, or in, or unto which, they have any Claim or Interest whatsoever; and likewise, before the Day before-mentioned, convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the Sheriffs of *Talbot*, *Charles*, and *Queen Anne's Counties*, for the Use of the said Creditors, all such their Estate, Interest, or Claim, as aforesaid, after such Manner, as by the said Sheriffs, and by the major Part of such Creditors, or of such of them as shall think fit to direct therein, or their Council learned in