

of the growth thereof, the Sum of Twelve Pounds Current Money was levied Yearly on the Taxables of every County, to be applied by the Justices of each County in June Court, for the encouragement of the making linen Cloth. And whereas by the expiration of that Act at the last Sessions of Assembly, the said several Justices could not apply the Moneys raised at the last November Courts according to the directions thereof. Money raised by a former Act,

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That the said several Justices of the respective Counties, shall and are hereby empowered at the August Courts next after this Sessions of Assembly, to apply the said Moneys Levied and Collected at the last November Courts, to the several uses in the said recited Act mentioned, the expiration of the same Act notwithstanding. How apply'd.

This Act to continue for Three Years next ensuing, and to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly that shall happen after the said Three Years. Duration of the Act.

An ACT for the Relief of *Samuel Deavor* a languishing Prisoner in *Ann-Arundel* County Goal, *Michael Taylor* a languishing Prisoner in *Prince George's* County Goal, *William Burros* a languishing Prisoner in *Kent* County Goal, *James Carter* a languishing Prisoner in *Cæcil* County Goal, *Sarah Butcher* a languishing Prisoner in *Dorchester* County Goal, and *William Biggs* a languishing Prisoner in *St. Mary's* County Goal.

WHEREAS the said *Samuel Deavor*, *Michael Taylor*, *William Burros*, *James Carter*, *Sarah Butcher*, and *William Biggs*, by their humble Petition to this present General Assembly, have set forth, that they have continued Prisoners for Debt in the Custody of the several Sheriffs aforesaid, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances, and not being able to redeem their Bodies with all the Estate or Interest that 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 Passed 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 Petitioner's 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, Preamble.