

when so collected, shall be paid to the Vestry-men and Church-Wardens aforesaid, who are hereby authorized and required to apply the same to the Uses aforesaid.

An Act for the Relief of *Francis O Connor*, *Robert Noble*, of *Dorchester County*, Planters, *Joseph Richardson* of the said County, Shoemaker, languishing Prisoners in *Dorchester County Goal*; *Thomas Foy*, a languishing Prisoner in *Talbot County Goal*; *Cornelius Mabany*, of *Cecil County*, Taylor, a languishing Prisoner in *Cecil County Goal*. ; and *Robert Floyd*, in *Queen-Anne's County Goal*.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the said *Francis O Connor*, *Robert Noble*, *Joseph Richardson*, *Thomas Foy*, *Cornelius Mabany*, and *Robert Floyd*, 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 the several Counties 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 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 Favours, 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 Testimony, 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;

Creditors to go to the Sheriff in 20 Days, and give Security for Fees, &c.

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 said Assembly. That unless all or any of the Creditor or Creditors of any of the said Prisoners, or the Attorney of such Creditors aforesaid within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after the End of this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of *Dorchester*, *Talbot*, *Cecil*, and *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 Prisoners respectively, after the end of the said Twenty Days, and also find the said Prisoners, sufficient Meat, Drink and Cloathing, during their future Imprisonment; and in case they the said Prisoners 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 Prisoners, at some convenient Time after the receipt of this Act, not exceeding