

Ten Days after the Date thereof, cause to be set up in the most public Places of the said County, and within Thirty Days after such Date, procure the same to be inserted in the *Maryland Gazette*, and shall deliver the same Boat, or other Vessel, to the Owner thereof, upon Payment of reasonable Cost and Charges for the same; he, or they, first proving the Property, by his, or their, own Oath, or otherwise, before some Justice of the Peace.

Penalty for neglecting.

III. *AND be it further Enacted*, That if any Person or Persons, after the said last Day of *March*, shall take up and secure, any Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, drove from any Place of Mooring, Landing, or Harbour, or from any other Vessel, and shall not do, and perform, what is by this Act required, shall forfeit and pay to the Owner or Owners of such Flat, Boat, or Vessel, the Sum of Fifty Shillings Current Money, to be recovered in a summary Way, before One Justice of the Peace of the County where the Party accused doth reside.

Proviso.

IV. *PROVIDED always*, That in Case any such Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, shall be taken up on the East Side of *Chesapeake-Bay*, or the North Side of *Susquebanna-River*, in the Winter Season, when it may so happen that by Reason of the Ice, no Intercourse may be had with the City of *Annapolis*; that then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons taking such Flat, Boat, or other Vessel into his, or their Custody, or Care, to cause such Advertisement, as is herein before directed, to be inserted in the *Maryland Gazette*, within Thirty Days after the Obstruction of such Intercourse or Communication with the said City of *Annapolis*, shall or may be removed.

Continuance.

V. *THIS Act* to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

An Act for the Relief of *Thomas Barkley*, a languishing Prisoner, in *Kent County Goal*.

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS *Thomas Barkley*, of *Kent County*, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, hath set forth, That he has, Four Years and upwards, been closely confined in *Kent County Goal*, for Debt, and not having Effects, nor capable by Friends, or any Means whatever, to raise a Sum sufficient to comply with the just Claims of his Creditors, and being willing to deliver up what little he has in Discharge thereof, he humbly prays Relief by an Act to be passed in his Favour: And for, that the Truth of the said Petitioner's Allegations is made appear to this present General Assembly, and that his lying in Goal can be no Benefit to his Creditors, and soasmuch as the Sheriff of *Kent County* aforesaid, and the principal and greatest Number of the Creditors of the said *Thomas Barkley*, have signified their Willingness for the Releasement of the said *Thomas*, by recommending and signing his Petition to his Excellency the Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, of this Province: Therefore it is humbly prayed that it may be enacted,

Thomas Barkley to be discharged from Prison, on delivering up his Effects, on Oath.

II. *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 *Thomas Barkley*, or the Attorney of such Creditor or Creditors, within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after the End of this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriff of *Kent County* aforesaid, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees, that shall or may become due, from the said *Thomas Barkley*, after the End of the said Twenty Days, and also find the said *Thomas Barkley* sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during his future Imprisonment; and in Case