

## An Act for the Relief of *Daniel Hull*, a languishing Prisoner in *Talbot County Goal*.

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS the said *Daniel Hull*, by his humble Petition to this General Assembly, has set forth, That by sundry Misfortunes, he is rendered altogether unable to discharge his just Debts, and has been for some Time, a Prisoner in the Custody of the Sheriff of *Talbot County*, and is likely to continue in that deplorable Circumstance, although he has made frequent offers to make an equitable Distribution of his Effects among his Creditors, unless relieved by an Act passed in his Favor: And whereas the Truth of the Facts, set forth in the said Petition, are made appear to this present General Assembly, and that the said Petitioner is really an Object of Compassion: It is therefore prayed that it may be enacted,

*Daniel Hull* to be discharged from Prison, on delivering up his Effects, on his Affirmation.

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 Creditors of the said *Daniel Hull*, or the Attorney of such Creditors, within this Province, shall, within Twenty Days after this Session of Assembly, go to the Sheriff of *Talbot County* aforesaid, and give good Security to pay the Imprisonment Fees that shall or may become due from the said *Daniel Hull*, and also, find the said *Daniel Hull* sufficient Meat, Drink, and Cloathing, during his future Imprisonment; and in Case the said *Daniel Hull* shall deliver up and surrender, or cause to be delivered up and surrendered, to the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, in the Presence of Two Justices of the Peace of the said County, whom the said Sheriff is hereby required to summon, on Request of the said *Daniel Hull*, at some convenient Time after the Receipt of this Act, not exceeding Five Days, all his real and personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or in Trust, of, in, or unto which he has any Claim or Interest whatsoever, and likewise before the Day before mentioned, convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the Sheriff of *Talbot County*, for the Use of the said Creditors, all such his Estate, Interest or Claim as aforesaid, after such Manner as by the said Sheriff, 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 the Law, shall reasonably be devised or required, at the Costs and Charges of the Persons who shall claim the Benefit thereof, so as the said *Daniel Hull* be not burthened with any Warrantees thereby, other than from himself or those claiming by, from or under him, and that the said *Daniel Hull*, at the Time of such his surrendering and transferring his Estate as aforesaid, shall take his solemn Affirmation, before the said Two Justices, to the Effect following, *viz.* *I Daniel Hull do solemnly declare and affirm, That the Goods, Debts and Effects which I have delivered, assigned, and made over to the Sheriff of Talbot County, in Trust for the Use of my Creditors, is the whole Estate both real and personal of my own in Possession, or that I have any Title to in the World, and that I have not any Estate, Goods or Effects, of any kind whatsoever, left either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder, (the necessary wearing Apparel for myself, Wife and Children, and working Tools excepted) and that I have not directly or indirectly, sold, leased, or otherwise conveyed, disposed of, or intrusted, all, or any Part of my Estate, thereby to defraud my Creditors, or to secure the same to receive or expect any Profit or Advantage thereof: That then it shall and may be lawful for the Sheriff of the County aforesaid, after the End of the said Twenty Days, and the said Sheriff is hereby required to discharge the said Daniel Hull out of his Custody, and suffer him to go at large.*

The Affirmation.

III. *AND* be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if the said *Daniel Hull*, shall hereafter be imprisoned by Reason of any Judgment