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sufficient Number of Books, Notes, and Manifests, for the Inspectors of each Inspection within their Counties, respectively, to be levied and paid as aforesaid.

Duration. IX. This Act to continue until the Twenty-fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Seventy.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned.

Preamble, with the Names of the Prisoners relieved by this Act.

WHEREAS James Alexander and John Hayward, of Dorchester County; John Hume, John Colbert, James Connelly, William Snelling, William Cook, John Liddle, William Jones, of Talbot County; Robert Lynn, William Saffel, Mordecai Madden, George French, Henry Hoffstadler, Christopher White, Absolam Bonham, Daniel Sbultz, William Kimbol, Boston Keenor, Josias Tenally, and Thomas Ogden, of Frederick County; James Chalmers, and Michael Hanchliff, of Anne-Arundel County; Nicholas Brown, Abraham Cordary, Henry Hancock, Moses Greer, Price Collings, Lazarus Townsend, William Sturges, John Calloway, Edward Macglamery, and William Spicer, of Worcester County; Robert Hatten, Stephen Roach, Ann Dunker, John Watherly, William Turpin, and James Acworth, of Somerset County; John Hukil, Richard Ratcliffe, Priscilla Dios, Nathaniel Bailey, Nicholas Seymour, Joseph Gill, George Hall, William Godwin, James Chaires, William Moore, William Berry, John Kinnimont, and John Cockey, of Queen-Anne's County; Samuel Roberts, Mary Chick, Thomas Chandler, William Warner, and Thomas Palmer, of Cecil County; Samuel Cross, Alexander McCulloch, John Morris, Edward Mills, Abraham Foster, Thomas Fanning, and Henry Slight, of Baltimore County; Edward Gilpin, of Prince-George's County; John Haley, James Ferrell, Arthur Savoy, Joseph Harrison, Junr. John Doncastle, William Wright, and Ignatius Green, of Charles County; John Southwell, William Payne, Henry Greenwell, Edward Greenwell, Eleotius Jarboe, Joseph Clarke, and John Field, of St. Mary's County; and Thomas Peplo, of Calvert County; by their Petitions to this present General Assembly, have set forth, That they have respectively continued Prisoners for Debt, in the Custody of the Sheriffs of the respective Counties aforesaid, for a considerable Time past, and still continue in the like deplorable Circumstances, not being able to redeem their Bodies, with all the Estate or Interest they have in the World, which they would readily surrender 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 to be passed in their Favour, which, by their said Petitions, they have humbly prayed) they must inevitably continue Prisoners for Life; and, as the Allegations of the said Petitioners, appear to this General Assembly, to be true, and that their lying in Jail can be of no Advantage to their Creditors, it is humbly prayed that the said Petitioners may be relieved according to their Prayers, and that it may be enacted;

Prisoners to be discharged on delivering up their 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 in case the said Prisoners shall deliver up, and surrender, or cause to be delivered up, and surrendered, to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties aforesaid, in the Presence of Two Justices of the Peace, of the Counties aforesaid, whom the said Sheriffs are hereby required to summon, at the Request of the said Prisoners, at some convenient Time, after the End of this Session of Assembly, all their Real and Personal Estate, either in Possession, Reversion, Remainder,