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ron, Dorothy Rollings, John Ebrman, Joseph Roddy, George Shake, Adam Robrbough, Philip Miller, John Smithson, Francis Shields, John Filbey, James Bowers, John Clerk, William Hopson, Christian Napple, James M'Bath, Jacob Raybolt, John Fitzmaurice, John Chaffey, Matthew Mason, William Moore, John Dea, John George Williams, Thomas Smith, Elizabeth Carr, Mark M'Loughlin, John M'Cann, John Linney, Edward King, John Spellman, Thomas Bready, Patrick Higgins, Sarah Loble, Patrick Henesy, Daniel Shawan, Charles Babington, Alexander Montgomery, Benjamin Wallace, Simon Jordan, John M'Nabb, of Baltimore County. John Smith, Samuel Dobie, John Ringer, John Brown, Jesse Alvey, Nicholas Aunsbaugh, Benjamin Nichols, George Walker, of Frederick County. Thomas Caney, James Hardy, William Amer, William Sears, Mark Fowler, Samuel Hawkins Bayne, William Barker, Matthew Pape, Nicholas Nicholson, John Brashears the Third, William Beck, of Prince-George's County. Joseph Higgins, Edward Knowles, Richard Grace, Richard Dean, Francis Hepburn, of Anne-Arundel County. Leonard Field, Thomas Caywood, John Williams, Basil Patterson, Sylvester Strange, Moses White, Henry Fletcher, Matthew Borroughs, Basil Thompson, Thomas Fryer, of Saint Mary's County. Thomas Glover, Marshall Griffith, of Calvert County. Thomas Barnes, of Baltimore County. Edward Davis, Isaac Green, Charles Fullerton, George Taylor, of Somerset County. James Barrance, William Graham, John Thomas, Unicy Williams, James Underwood, of Dorchester County. John Field, Rhodes Clark, Moses Guttry, of Worcester County. John Bryan, Abner Jones, Thomas Sparks, James Crann, of Queen-Anne's County. John Smallwood, Thomas Coffer, Joseph Hagar, Alexander M'Pberon, Matthew Coffer, Benjamin Gardiner, of Charles County, John Burkett, of Cecil 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
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Oath.

II. And be it enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his 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, or in Trust, or in or unto which they have any Claim or Interest whatsoever, and likewise convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the Sheriffs respectively, for the Use of the said Creditors, all such their Estate, Interest, or Claim, as aforesaid, after such Manner as by the said Sheriffs, and by the major Part of such