

Charles counties, in the state aforesaid, and called and known by the name of Edinburgh, containing and laid out for three hundred and eighty acres of land more or less, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents and profits, of the said premises above mentioned, with their and every of their appurtenances, to have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land above mentioned, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto the said Thomas Langton, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said Thomas Langton, his heirs and assigns for ever: And whereas the said deed is defective in law, there having been no acknowledgment of the same, nor any power of attorney therein contained for acknowledgment thereof; and the said Thomas Langton having preferred a petition to this general assembly, praying that an act might pass for confirming and making valid the said deed to him the said Thomas Langton, of the said tract of land and premises, according to the true intent and meaning thereof: Therefore,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said deed, so executed as aforesaid by the said James Langton to the said Thomas Langton and his heirs, be and is hereby confirmed and made valid, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been acknowledged according to law.

Deed confirmed, &c.

C H A P. X.

An A C T for the relief of John Gray (hatter), a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol.

**W**HEREAS John Gray (hatter), by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he has continued a prisoner for debt in Baltimore county gaol for a considerable time past, and still continues in the like deplorable situation, not being able to redeem his body with all the estate or interest he hath in the world, which he would readily surrender up and part with to his creditors, if they would accept the same, and grant the petitioner his liberty; and as the allegations of the said John Gray appear to this general assembly to be true, and that his lying in gaol can be of no advantage to his creditors, it is humbly prayed that the said John Gray may be relieved, according to his petition aforesaid: Therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in case the said John Gray shall deliver up and surrender to the sheriff of Baltimore county aforesaid, in presence of two justices of the peace for the county aforesaid, whom the said sheriff is hereby authorized and required to summon at the request of the said prisoner, all his real and personal estate, either in possession, reversion, remainder, or in trust, or in or unto which he hath any claim or interest, and likewise convey, assign, transfer, and make over, unto the said sheriff, 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 such of them as shall think fit to attend, shall reasonably devise or require, at the costs and charges of the person or persons who shall claim benefit thereof, so that the said John Gray be not bur-

John Gray relieved, &c.