

The Bill, entitled, *An Act to establish a Market in Baltimore-Town, in Baltimore County, and to regulate the said Market*, thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 14, 1773: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

"By the Upper House of Assembly, December 15, 1773: Read the Second Time and will pass.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here and passed for ingrossing.

And the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*, thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, December 13, 1773: Read the First Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

"By the Upper House of Assembly, December 15, 1773: Read the Second Time and will pass with the annexed Amendments.

"Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Add to the Title of the Bill, the Words "and other Prisoners." After the Word "committed" in the Fourth Line of the First Page, insert the following Words, viz. "or charged." In the Fifth Line of the same Page, leave out the Words "or for want of special Bail." After the Word "Commitment" in the Seventh Line of the same Page, add the Words, viz. "or charge." Leave out in the Second Page the following Words, beginning in the Ninth Line, "and it doth not appear to, them, or any Two of them, from the Cause or Causes of his or her Imprisonment, or by the Allegation upon Oath of the Creditors, or some of the Creditors of the said Prisoner, that the Whole of the Debts due and owing from him or her, Amount together to Two Hundred Pounds Sterling Money or the Value thereof." After the Word "Estate" in the Fourteenth Line of the same Page, add the following Words, viz. "Debts and Credits." In the Seventh Line of the Third Page, leave out the Word "the" next before the Word "Whole" and insert the Word "my;" and in the Eighth Line of the same Page, leave out the Words "of my own in Possession;" and after the Words "Interest in" in the same Line add the following Words, viz. "and of all Debts, Credits, and Effects whatsoever, which I, or any in Trust for me, have, or at the Time of my Petition, had or am, or was in any Respect entitled to in Possession, Remainder or Reversion." Leave out the Words beginning in the Eighth Line of the same Page, viz. "and that I have not any Estate, Goods, or Effects of any Kind whatsoever left, either in Possession, Reversion, or Remainder." After the Word indirectly in the Eleventh Line of the same Page, add the following Words, viz. "at any Time since my Imprisonment or before." After the Word "Estate" in the Twelfth Line of the same Page, add the following Words, viz. "Goods, Stock, Money, or Debts." After the Word "Trust" in the Third Line of the Fourth Page, add the Words "for him or her;" and after the Word "he" in the same Line, add the Words "or she." After the Word "Justices" in the Tenth Line of the Sixth Page, add the following Proviso, viz. "And provided also, That before any Suit shall be brought by any Sheriff aforesaid, Notice shall be given thereof in the *Maryland Gazette* for Four Weeks successively, in Order that all the Creditors of such Prisoner may have an Opportunity, if they shall think fit, of joining in the Request aforesaid, to and Indemnification of the said Sheriff, and thereby be entitled to receive rateably what shall be recovered; and the Time from the Discharge of such Prisoner as aforesaid till such Suit shall be brought, shall not be affected by any Act for Limitation of Actions, and the Creditors who shall apply and receive any Sum or Sums of Money of the Sheriff as aforesaid, and shall refund and pay rateably to such other Creditors as shall apply for the same thereafter, the Debt or Debts due from such Prisoner to him, her, or them, so as that the said last mentioned Creditors may receive and be paid in equal Proportion to his, her, or their Demands, and in Case such Prisoner as aforesaid shall be liable on a future Breach of a Contract by him or her made or entered into before his or her Discharge, the Person or Persons who shall be entitled as a Creditor or Creditors of such Prisoner under such Breach of Contract, shall have and receive his or her Satisfaction, rateably of the Creditors who shall have received the Whole or a Proportion of the Debts due to them on such Distribution as aforesaid, and to prevent Persons who may be charged in Execution from lying in Prison until they have spent their Substance wherewith they should satisfy their Creditors, and afterwards taking the Benefit of this Act when they have Nothing left to deliver up to their Creditors, no Person who shall be charged in Execution, from and after the Expiration of this present Session of Assembly, shall be allowed or permitted to exhibit a Petition for the Purpose aforesaid, unless such Petition shall be exhibited within Thirty Days after his or her Commitment, or being charged in Execution." Leave out the Word "or" after the Word "Descent" in the Eighth Line of the Seventh Page: and after the Word "Distribution," in the same Line add the Words "or otherwise." Leave out from and after the Word "Act," in the Twelfth Line of the Eighth Page, to the Word "Creditors," in the Seventh Line of the last Page inclusively; and immediately before the continuing Clause add the following, viz. "And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons hath or have been already committed, or hereafter shall be committed by any Court for Fees, on any Criminal Prosecution, it shall and may be lawful for the Court by whom such Prisoner hath been or shall be committed, upon the Application of such Prisoner, or of the Sheriff having the Custody of such Prisoner, to order such Prisoner to be sold as a Servant to the highest Bidder, for a Term not exceeding Five Years, and to direct the Money which shall arise on such Sale, to be applied as far as the same shall extend, " in