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By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly  
March 19<sup>th</sup> 1701/2

Whereas In the late Act for regulateing Ordnarys there was a good and beneficiall clause enacting that noe Ord<sup>ry</sup> keeper w<sup>t</sup>soever within this province should creditt any Sailor belonging to any Merch<sup>t</sup> Shipp or Vessell tradeing within this province for more then the vallue of Twenty Shillings Curr<sup>t</sup> money dureing their stay here for the time of one voyage, which said clause is now omitted in the p<sup>r</sup>sent Law for regulateing Ord<sup>rys</sup> But for that dailey experience shews the absolute necessity of such a clause to restrain the said Ordnarys from harbouring and entertaining such Saylor to the Great Prejudice of the owners and masters of vessells to whom such Sailors belong who generally neglect and delay to performe their Duty's and obey the Lawfull comands of their Masters to the Great disservice of his Mat<sup>ys</sup> and prejudice of trade within this province. Preventing and impedeing the dispatch thereof and very often when such Sailors have spent their wages in such Ordnarys occasioning and induceing them to runn away and disert the vessells whereto they belong: It is proposed that it be ordained and be it ordained by his Maj<sup>s</sup> Honb<sup>l</sup> Council and the Dellegates of this p<sup>r</sup>sent Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly that noe Ord<sup>ry</sup> Keeper w<sup>t</sup>soever within this province Do p<sup>r</sup>sume to harbour or entertain such Saylor to the neglect of their service to their respective Comanders and p<sup>r</sup>judice of the dispatch of any Shipp or Vessell thereby under the paine and penalty of being suspended from keeping such ordinary and that noe Ord<sup>ry</sup> keeper whatsoever shall creditt any such sailor for more than five Shillings dureing any one voyage, under the penalty of Looseing his Debt and being fined to our Lord the King five pounds Sterling whereof one halfe to the informer the other halfe to the vestry of the Parrish where such Ordinary is kept.

Signed p order  
W Bladen Ck: Council.

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The house of Delegates concurs herewith

Signed p order W Taylard clk: house Dell:

Peticōn of the Inhabitants of Prince George County.  
Read. The Consideracōn thereof is referred till tomorrow morning.

Bill for the releife of Kent and Calvert Countys, Read 2<sup>d</sup> time and doe pass