

No. 13 An Act for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein
 Liber R. G. mentioned

1773
 [Preamble
 with Names
 of the Pris-
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 lieved by this
 Act.]

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Whereas Joseph Floyd of Talbot County Thomas Pierson, Robert Hopkins, Abel Right, John Bowin, Moses Magee, Boston Ale, and Ezekiel Hitchins of Worcester County, Jacob Knight, Oliver Lindsey, John Vears, James Downs, Andrew Long, Leonard Hoyle, George Wolf, Stephen Richards, John Alexander Brown, William James, Benjamin Harrison, Mathew Compton, John Houser, and Edward Bannister of Frederick County, Thomas Swan Jun.^r, Jonathan Gill, John M^cDonald, Aquilla Chunn, Henry Simpson, Henry Sickle, Jacob Lanham and Thomas Green of Charles County, John Barron, and Thomas Standage of Prince Georges County, John Messer, John Broderick, and George Bolton of Ann Arundel County Peter Adams, James Button of Dorchester County, John Seward, William Seney, John Nabb, and Edward Crews of Queen Anns County, Samuel Gosnell, Patrick Hennesy, Philip Barnethouse James Woodward, Jacob Stoya, Thomas Smyth, Daniel Harkins, John Taylor, Vachel Worthington, John Hobbs, Gotlip Neeth, Robert Elder, John Lees, Andrew Williams, Edward Preston, Patrick Quigley, John Keating, Owen Keef, George Baxter, Joseph Finley, Jane Johnson, Joseph Robass Rogers, Charles Kees, Thomas Tompkins, Peter Carroll, Joseph Smyth, and Charles Stewart of Baltimore 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 dis-
 charged on
 delivering up
 their Effects
 on Oath.]

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