

An Act for the Relief of Samuel Lyle of Calvert County, of Christopher Bateman Robert Gray and John Budd of Kent County Languishing Prisoners.

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Whereas Samuel Lyle of Calvert County has by his humble Petition to this Generall Assembly set forth that he has Continued a Prisoner for Debt in the Custody of the Sherriff of Calvert County Ever since the Seventeenth of May Anno Dom. one thousand seven hundred and Eighteen through many Losses at Sea and Great Expences which he was at to Docters for their Medicens and attendance and haveing for many Years Laboured under many Diseases in his body, And at which time haveing a Family to maintain is become Indebted to Severall persons in this province in many large Sums of money and Tobacco of Long standing And that altho at the time of the Makeing of the Act of Assembly for the relief of Poor Debtors and Languishing prisoners the said Lyle was a prisoner in the Custody of the Sherriff of Calvert County for Severall of his Just Debts which he then to Severall of his Creditors and was one of the Prisoners w^{ch} petitioned for the makeing of the said Act and might undoubtedly have had the same Benefitt therby as Others had Yet he would not take the Advantage thereof for his relief being minded to Endeavour and hopeing to Clear himself from all his Just Debts by his Care and Labour if his Creditors would but Give him time and for that the truth of the said Sam^l Lyle's Allegations is made Appear to this Generall Assembly by Sufficient testimony and also that the said Samuel has not fallen under such Circumstances by any Idleness or Extravagancy of his Owne haveing been always an Industrious painstakeing Planter but meerly by the Occasions aforesaid And also that the said Samuel is a Man of an Honest Sober Conversation And therefore for that the said Samuel and his family Are thought fitt p. 433
Objects of Charity and that his Lying in Goall can be no Benefitt to his Creditors tho it may Prove a ruin to his family and burthen to the County it is humbly praid that the said Samuel may be relieved According to his Prayer and that it may be Enacted. And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour and the upper and Lower houses of Assembly and by the Authority of the same that unless all or any of the Creditors of the said Samuel Lyle or their Attorney or Attorneys within this Province within three Months after the End of this Session of Assembly go to the Sherriff of Calvert County and Give Good Security to pay the Imprisonment fees, at ten pounds of Tobacco p Day that shall or may become Due from the said Sam^l Lyle after the End of the said Three months and also to find the said Samuel Lyle Sufficient meat Drink and Clotheing dureing his future Imprisonment in Case the said Samuel Lyle shall deliver up and Surrender or Cause to be delivered up and Surrendered to the Sherriff of Calvert County in the psence of Two Justices of