

Liber LL, 4 sand one hundred & thirty one pounds of tobacco Costs of suit on
 Acts which Execution he has remained in Custody for above these Eight
 months past and is like to Continue so Dureing life unless Relieved.
 That he is aged, hath a wife and Severall Small Children who have
 nothing to support them but the said Batemans Labour and must
 in a short time Either become a burthen to the County or Starve for
 want of food, That he is willing to do all that in him lies towards
 the Complying wth the Judgm^t aforesaid but that all that he has in
 the world will not amount to near th^t sune And that the said Flinn
 Vigorously insists on keeping him in Goal till he has paid the utmost
 farthing. It is therefore humbly praid that it may be Enacted and
 be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid by and wth the advice and
 Consent aforesaid that the said Christ^r Bateman upon his Surren-
 dering all his Estate upon Oath as af^d On the Condicons and under
 the Penalties aforesaid Enjoyed the same Samuel Lyle to any two
 of the Justices and to the Sherriff of Kent County for the use of the
 said Laughlin Flinn Save that the Sherriff have a proportionable
 part of such Estate so to be Surrendered up towards discharge of his
 fees due to him on Account of the Imprisonment of the said Bate-
 man at the suit of the said Laughlin Flinn it shall be lawfull for the
 said sherriff and he is hereby required to Discharge the said Bate-
 man of his Custody, and the said Laughlin, as also the said sherr. is
 hereby debarred from any further Execution against him the said
 Bateman in relation to the said Judgment and whereas Robert Gray
 of Kent County Planter has likewise Petitioned this Present Gener-
 all Assembly setting forth that he is a prisoner in Custody of the
 Sherriff of the same County at the suite of John Johnson of the same
 County Gent. for a Considerable sune of Tobacco and has Con-
 tinued there for the space of three months and is in no hopes of Ever
 Getting out all that he has in the world not being Sufficient to pay
 and satisfie the said Debt and Charges and where as John Budd of
 the Same County by his humble Petition to this present Generall
 Assembly has set forth that he is likewise a Prisoner in Custody of
 the same Sherriff for debt and in no likelyhood of Getting there Out
 all that he has in the world not being Sufficient to pay and Satisfie
 the said Debt & Charges. Wherefore they humbly pray'd relief by
 An Act to be past in their favour for that End And for that the truth
 of the Allegacōns of the said Robert Gray and John Budd are made
 Appeare to this Generall Assembly by Sufficient Testimony And
 therefore for that the said Robert Gray and John Budd and their
 p. 436 families are thought fitt Objects of Charity and that their Lying
 in Goal Can be no benefitt to those p^{ns}ons at whose Suit they are
 Imprisoned as af^d & tho it may prove a ruin to their family and a
 burthen to the County It is humbly prayed that the said Robert Gray
 and John Budd may be relieved according to their prayer and that it