

## THOMAS GAGE

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.<sup>r</sup> Governor & Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland and to the Honourable the upper & Lower Houses of Assembly of said Province now Sitting

The Petition of Thomas Gage a Poor Languishing Prisoner in the custody of the Sherif of Calvert County, Humbly Sheweth

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That your Petitioner has for above Ten Months past been a prisoner in the Custody of Joshua Bcall Gcnt. Shcrif of said County under Execution at the suit of Sundry Persons for Diverse & Sundry Sums of Money & Tobacco far Exceeding all that he hath in the world to pay or Satisfie, which hath not been occasioned by any profuseness or extravagance of your Pet.<sup>r</sup> but by a long series of Ailments & he being well stricken in years hath rendered him unable to Labour as formerly he was wonted for the Support of himself wife & family. That your Pet<sup>r</sup> has made all the overtures in his power to his Creditors in case they would set him at Large so that he might be endeavouring to earn Somewhat in time towards Satisfying them their Claims besides the Support of himself wife & Family, hath offered to Surrender up all he hath in the world, nay hath besides offered to enter into Servitude. (which altho some of his Creditors have been & are willing to assent to) yet the Greatest of them without whose assent it would not Avail him any thing still remain inexorable & refuse to Come into any Terms whatever without giving them Such Security as your Pet<sup>r</sup> cannot by any means procure. Your Pet<sup>r</sup> therefore most Humbly beseeches your Excellency & Hon.<sup>rs</sup> will take this his deplorable case into your consideration & give him such relief in the Premisses as in your Legislative Capacity shall seem Just & Reasonable and y<sup>r</sup> Poor Pet<sup>r</sup> as in duty bound shall ever Pray &c

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Calvert County ss<sup>t</sup> By the Justices of s<sup>d</sup> County Court March 18<sup>th</sup> 1762 Sedente Curia  
namely present ss James Weems: David Arnold: Young Parran William Allnutt: John Beckett & Samuel Chew

Upon hearing the Petition of Thomas Gage a poor Languishing Prisoner in the Custody of the Sherif of said County requesting the recommendation of this Court to the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this Provincc in Ordcr for his rclief the said Court having maturely considered the facts in s<sup>d</sup> Petition set forth are of Opinion that the said Gage is an Object worthy of the notice of the said Hon.<sup>ble</sup> Assembly & of this their Opinion Order their Clk to make Certificate to the s<sup>d</sup> Hon.<sup>ble</sup> Houses under the Seale of s<sup>d</sup> County when thereto required by s.<sup>d</sup> Gage. In Testimony whereof the seale of the same County Court is hereto affixed the 3<sup>d</sup> day of April Anno Domini 1762

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