

Petition sent to King George III by debtors housed in Durham Gaol,  
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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty  
Most Gracious Sovereign  
We your Majesty's Subjects do humbly presume to beg your Royal  
Assistance

The Humble Petition of the Debtors (confined) in your Majesty's Jail in the  
County of Durham

That we your Majesty's Petitioners beg leave to lay our Marchably and Deploable  
Situation before your Majesty, in hopes of your Majesty granting us Relief  
from our present Distresses, we are Labouring under the complicated  
Miseries of poverty and Dragging on a Miserable Existence; lost to society  
our Families and ourselves from our situation; being unable to contribute  
to our support we are left with hapless Families dependent on  
precarious Charity. — Most Benevolent Sovereign to preserve  
us from pushing under the last extremity of Human Misery;  
We humbly beg your Majesty will take our lamentable  
Circumstances into your gracious consideration and be pleased  
to give your Royal assent to the Bill for the Relief of  
the poor Unfortunate Insolvent; Debtors and your Petitioners in  
Duty Bound will ever pray for your  
Majesty's long life and Prosperity