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Lamentably compleyneth and shewith unto your most discrete wisdoms in this present parliament assembled Richard Strode Gentilman of the Countie of Devonshire one of the Burgesses of this honorable House for the Burgh of Plympton in the Countie foresaid; That where the said Richard conducended and greed with other of this house to putte forth certeyn bylles in this present parliament ageynst certeyn persones named Tynners in the Countie foreseid for the reformacion of the perysshyng hurtyng and distroyng of dyvers Portis Havyns and Crekys and oder billys for the comen wele of the said Countie the which here in this high Couurte of Parliament shuld and ought to be commendd and treated of; And for by cause the said Richard is a Tynner for the causes and maters afore rehersed one John Fursse Tynner Understeward of the Stevinary in the said Countie in and at fower courtes of the said Steinary at dyvers placis and tymes before hym severally holden in the said Countie he and other hath condempned the said Richard in the Summe of £160 that is to wit at every Courte £40 and that by the Procurement of the said John Fursse at the seid iiij severall Courtes and lawdays in the said Steinary by hym holden in this maner pupplysshed and seid, that the seid Richard at the last parliament holden at Westminster wold (^{x1}) [^{x2}avoyded] and utterly destroyed all liberties pryvylegys and fraunches concernyng the Steyinary by reason wherof the said Richard uppon fower bylles hadde and made therof by the said John Fursse and other caused [^{x3}that] the saide Richard was presented and founde gilte of the premysses in every of the said Courtes in £40 to be lost and forfeyt by hym, by reason of an Acte and Ordynaunce by Tynners made and hadde at a place in the said Countie called Crockerentor the tenour of whiche Acte apperith in a Sedule to this Bill annexed, to the which the said Richard was never warned nor called to make answere to the premysses contrary to all lawes right reason and good conscience: And for the execucion of the same one John a Gwyllam, upon a sourmyse by hym made to the Kyngges Highnes of the said condempnacion to be to his Grace forfeyte therof, atteyned a byll assigned of £20 parcell of the said £160 to be to hym graunted by the seid Kyngges Highnes; Wheruppon the seid John a Gwyllam and other caused the said Richard was taken and imprisoned in a doungen and a depe pytt under grounde in the Castell of Lidford in the

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said Countie, and there and elswhere remayned by the space of thre wekys and more unto such tyme he was delyvered by a Wrete of Privilege out of the Kyngges Eschequer at Westminster, for that he was one of the Collectours in the said Countie for the first of the twoo guyndezims graunted at and in this present parliament; the which prison is oon of the most anoyous contagious and detestablest place withyn this Realme, so that by reason of the same imprisonament he was putt in greate jepardie and perill of his lvff; And the said Richard so beyng yn prison and the said John a Gwillam seyng the same cruell imprisonament of the said Richard intreated and instantly desyred one Philippe Fursse then beyng Keper of the said Prisone streytly to kepe the said Richard in prison and to putte irons uppon hym to his more gretter payne and jopardie and to geve hym but bredde and water oonly, to the entente to cause the said Richard to be fayn to contente and pay hym the said £20 and for the same promysed the seid keper fower markes of Money, for the which iiij marcs the said Richard for to be yeased of his irons and paynfull imprisonament aforesaid for savegard of his liff promysed and graunted to pay to the said keper iiij marcs wherof he payed to the said keper in hande xiij s. iiij d. And over that the said Richard for to be eased of his said paynfull imprisonament was also of necessitie dryven to be bounden to Thomas Denys deputie unto Sir Henry Marney Knyght Wardeyn of the said Steinary in an Obligacion of the Summe of £100 uppon condicion where f parte is as herafter followith, that is to say, that if the above bounden Richarde Strode defende and save harmeles the said Thomas Denys and to use hym self as a true prisoner duryng the tyme it shall please the Kyng to have hym prisoner in the Castell of Lidford, and also to do no thyng wherby he shall in the lawe be demed out of Prison, and other articles comprised in the said condicion the which the said Richard perfetly rememberith not; Wherefore the premysses by your greate wisedoms tenderly considered the said Richard humbly prayth that it may be ordeyned establisshed and inactled by the Kyng our Sovereigne Lord and by the Lordes spirituall and temporall and the Comens in this present parliament assembled and by auctoritie of the same that the said condempnacion and condempnacions of the said ± 160 and every parcell theref and jugementes and execucions had or to be hadde for the same, and also the said obligacion and all demaundes had or to be hadde for the premisses or any of theym to be utterly voyde ageynst the said Richard and of none effecte.

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