

**BILL.****An Act for abolishing Imprisonment for Debt.**

**WHEREAS** Imprisonment for Debt is as inconsistent Preamble.  
 with the true interests of the Debtor and Creditor,  
 as it is with humanity and that forbearance which Chris-  
 tianity imposes upon civilized and christian nations;—Be  
 5 it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, No person to  
 be arrested or  
 detained for  
 debt or money  
 demand.  
 That from and after the passing of this Act, no person  
 shall be arrested, held to bail or detained in custody, for  
 or by reason or on account of any debt or money demand  
 10 whatsoever: Provided always, that nothing herein con- Exception, in  
 cases of Tort.  
 tained shall extend to any person charged with any  
 species of tort and ordered to be held to bail by an order  
 of any judge having jurisdiction to hear and determine  
 the matter.