

**BILL.**

An Act for the Relief of the Creditors of Indians of Upper Canada.

**W**HEREAS by the third section of the Act of the Preamble.  
 13th and 14th year of the reign of Queen Victoria,  
 chapter 74, passed on the 10th of August, 1850, it is en-  
 acted " That no person shall take any confession of judg-  
 5 " ment or warrant of attorney from any Indian within  
 " Upper Canada, or by means thereof or otherwise how-  
 " soever, obtain any judgment for any debt or pretended  
 " debt, or upon any bond, bill, note, promise, or other  
 " contract whatsoever, unless such Indian shall be seised in  
 10 " fee simple, in his own sole right of real estate in Upper  
 " Canada, the title to which shall be derived, directly or  
 " through others, by Letters Patent from the Crown, and  
 " shall be assessed in respect of such real estate, to the  
 " amount of twenty-five pounds or upwards ;" And whereas  
 15 complaint is made that merchants, traders and others, who  
 were in the habit of dealing with and trusting the Indians  
 of Upper Canada before that time, had, at the time of its  
 passage, large sums of money due them by said Indians,  
 which are still unpaid, and that the said recited provision  
 20 enables those of said Indians who are so inclined, to evade  
 payment of the same : Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That the said recited third section of the said Act shall  
 not be applicable to debts, bonds, bills, notes, promises,  
 and contracts which were made, due, or outstanding be-  
 25 fore the said 10th day of August, 1850, but that the cre-  
 ditors of said Indians shall be entitled to the remedies for  
 recovery of their several claims or transactions which took  
 place previous to that date, which they would have had,  
 had said Act never been passed ; Provided however, that  
 30 nothing in this Act shall be taken to authorise the impri-  
 sonment of any Indian for non-payment of any debt.

Sect. 3, of 13 and 14 Vict. c. 74, cited.

The said section not to apply to debts, &c. contracted before the passing of the said Act.