
BILL.

An Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt, and to punish Fraudulent Debtors.

WHEREAS it is just and expedient to Preamble
abolish Imprisonment for Debt, in this Province, and to subject dishonest and fraudulent Debtors to punishment, for debts contracted by them: Be it therefore enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, no person shall be arrested or imprisoned on any civil process issuing out of any Court of Law, or on any execution issuing out of any Court of Law or Equity, or subjected to any *contraainte par corps*, according to the Law of Lower Canada. in any suit or proceeding instituted for the recovery of any money due, or upon any judgment or decree founded upon contract, or due upon any contract express or implied, or for the recovery of any damages for the non-performance of any contract, or for the payment of any costs or expenses under any judgment or decree; Provided always, that the said exemption and freedom from arrest or imprisonment, shall not extend or apply to proceedings as for contempts to enforce civil remedies, nor to actions for fines or penalties, nor for monies collected by any Public Officer, nor for any misconduct or neglect in office, nor to any Judicial Officer, Sheriff, Bailiff, or person acting as such, nor to any Sequestrator or Guardian of any property taken or seized, or held in possession by him, in virtue of legal process, and ordered by competent and legal authority, to be restored and delivered up to the person directed and ordered to receive the same.

No person can be imprisoned for debt here after

Proviso—not to apply to contempts or actions for fines, &c