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[1859.

An Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt.

ER Majesty, &c., enacts as follows:

I. After the passing of this Act no person shall be arrested, imprisoned, Preamble with the Court of Change detained in custody for the non-payment of money in any civil proor detained in custody for the non-payment of money in any civil proceeding, by virtue of any writ, rule, or order of Court, or of any Judge, g or other process whatever.

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II. Where money is ordered to be paid by the rule or order of any No person to Court or Judge it shall be recoverable by a writ of execution, the form whereof shall be prepared and adapted by the Judges of the Court.

No person to be imprisoned for non-payment of

III. Any person preparing or attempting to leave Canada, or parting Leaving the 10 with his property with the intent of defrauding his creditors, shall be Province or guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by imprisonment, either parting with property to in the Common Jail of the District or County for any period less than two defraud credityears, or in the Penitentiary for a period not less than two nor exceeding ors to be a misdemeanor. years.

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