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BILL.

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

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HON. MR. BOULTON.

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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.