

ANNO QUINTO

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No. 12.

BY His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR Lieutenant Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies.

AN ACT for extending the Act lately passed for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors to all Debtors now in Custody.

WHEREAS by the Act lately passed intituled "*An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors now in Custody for Debt*" passed on the fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four Provision was made for the Relief of persons then under imprisonment in this Island for Debt.

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS an Act hath been prepared and is now before the Legislative Council providing for (amongst other things) the Relief of all Insolvent Debtors with respect to the imprisonment of their persons intituled "*An Act to provide for the Distribution of Insolvent Estates and for the amendment in other respects of the Law of Debtor and Creditor*" but the passing of the said last mentioned Act may be attended with considerable delay:—

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by His Excellency Colonel GEORGE ARTHUR Lieutenant Governor of the Island of Van Diemen's Land and its Dependencies with the advice of the Legislative Council that the said Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors passed on the said fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four and the several Provisions thereof shall extend to and include every person suffering imprisonment for Debt at the time of the passing of this present Act as fully and effectually in all respects as if every thing contained in the said Act of the fourth day of January one thous-

The Insolvent Debtors' Act 4 W. 4 No. 17 extended to all existing Insolvent Debtors suffering under imprisonment.

and eight hundred and thirty-four were also contained in and enacted by the present Act with respect to every such last mentioned person so imprisoned and as if the same Act or an Act in the same Words had actually been passed on the day of the date of this Act.

Where petitioner is in gaol at Launceston the hearing may be before Quarter Sessions.

II.—PROVIDED ALWAYS AND BE IT ENACTED that with respect to every Debtor confined in His Majesty's Gaol at Launceston who shall Petition under this or the said Act it shall be lawful for The Supreme Court of Van Diemen's Land or either of the Judges thereof to whom the Petition shall have been presented to direct that the matters of the Petition or such of them as the said Court or Judge shall from time to time think fit to be there enquired into shall be enquired into or heard and determined by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace there holden either at the then next ensuing Sittings of the said last mentioned Court or upon such other day of meeting of the said Court as the Chairman thereof for the time being shall in that behalf order. And in every such case from and after the making of any such order such of the powers and authorities conferred by this or the said Act upon the said Supreme Court and the Judges thereof as shall be necessary for effectuating the purposes of such order shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Court of Quarter Sessions and every succeeding such Court whether holden during the same Quarter or not and whether upon an original or an adjourned day of Meeting.

GEO. ARTHUR,
Lieutenant Governor

Passed the Legislative Council this
twenty-sixth day of March one thousand
and eight hundred and thirty-five.

ADAM TURNBULL, Clerk of the Council.