

SENATE....No. 91.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, March 17, 1848.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed the Petition of Joseph L. Lord and others, praying for a Repeal of the twenty-third and thirty-ninth sections of the ninety-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes, report the accompanying Bill.

G. T. BIGELOW, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-
Eight.

AN ACT

Relating to the Discharge of Poor Debtors, committed on
Execution for Debt.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 The twenty-third section of the ninety-eighth chap-
2 ter of the Revised Statutes is hereby so far amended,
3 that no person, committed on execution for debt, shall
4 be refused his discharge, under the provisions of said
5 section, unless he shall have misspent or misused
6 goods, effects, or credits, to the value of forty dollars,
7 which are not exempted from being taken in execu-
8 tion, but which cannot be attached by the ordinary
9 process of law,—or so much thereof as is equal to the
10 sum for which he is committed,—without having
11 offered the same to the creditor, as is provided in said
12 twenty-third section.