

HOUSE....No. 40.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 6, 1858.

The Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery, to whom was referred the Order to inquire into the expediency of amending certain provisions of the laws relating to Insolvent Debtors and the more Equal Distribution of their Effects, which provide for preferring certain claims of operatives employed by insolvents, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JOHN A. ANDREW.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To prefer Claims of Laborers against the Estates of
Insolvent Debtors.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows :—*

1 SECT. 1. Any person who shall have performed any
2 labor as an operative in the service of any insolvent
3 person or insolvent corporation, shall be entitled to
4 prove as a preferred debt, and to receive from the
5 assignee of such insolvent, the full amount of the
6 wages due to him for such labor, not exceeding fifty
7 dollars. Such debt shall be deemed to be preferred
8 after debts due to the United States and to the Com-
9 monwealth. And all acts and parts of acts inconsistent
10 with this act, are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its passage.