

## HOUSE...No. 22.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 21, 1856.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order relating to the charging of Insolvent Debtors after having obtained a discharge in insolvency, unless such promise be in writing, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

E. B. STODDARD.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

Requiring a new promise of an Insolvent Debtor, after  
his discharge, to be in writing.

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

1    SECT. 1. No acknowledgment or promise for the  
2 payment of any debt, made by an insolvent debtor,  
3 who has obtained his discharge from said debt under  
4 the insolvent laws of this Commonwealth, shall be  
5 evidence of a new or continuing contract, whereby to  
6 deprive any party of the benefit of pleading his dis-  
7 charge in insolvency in bar of the recovery of a judg-  
8 ment upon said debt, unless such acknowledgment or

9 promise be made by, or contained in, some writing  
10 signed by the party sought to be charged.

1     SECT. 2. This act shall have no effect upon any  
2 action now pending, or upon promises made by an  
3 insolvent debtor before this act goes into operation.

