

Mr. Hutchison.

Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt.

ANALYSIS.

Title. Short Title. 1. Commencing operation of Act. Repeal.	2. Imprisonment for debt abolished. 3. Indictable offences punishable by fine or imprisonment.
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Total Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 **1.** The Short Title of this Act is “The Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt Act, 1879.” Short Title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, from which date “The Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Act, 1874,” and “The Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Act Amendment Act, 1875,” shall be repealed. Commencing operation of Act.
Repeal.

10 **3.** Henceforth no person shall be imprisoned for debt. Imprisonment for debt abolished.

4. The following shall be deemed indictable offences punishable by fine or by imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding twelve months:— Indictable offences punishable by fine or imprisonment.

15 (1.) Any person who, with intent to defraud, shall by any device or promise induce credit to be given.

(2.) Any person who, by any false representation or by any concealment of property which might be taken in execution, shall have prevented or delayed the execution of any distress warrant or writ of *fieri facias* issued by any Court of competent jurisdiction upon a judgment available against such person. 20

(3.) Any person who shall have made default in payment of any sum or sums of money received in a fiduciary or professional capacity, and which shall have been ordered to be paid by a Court of competent jurisdiction. 25