



# Debtors Act 1878

1878 CHAPTER 54 41 and 42 Vict

An Act to amend the Debtors Act 1869, and the Debtors Act (Ireland) 1872. [13th August 1878]

**1 Court or Judge to have discretion in cases within exceptions 3 and 4 in 32 & 33 Vict. c. 62. s. 4., and 35 & 36 Vict. c. 57. s. 5., respectively.**

In any case coming within the exceptions numbered three and four in the fourth section of the <sup>M1</sup>Debtors Act 1869, and in the fifth section of the <sup>M2</sup>Debtors Act (Ireland) 1872, respectively, or within either of those exceptions, any court or judge, making the order for payment, or having jurisdiction in the action or proceeding in which the order for payment is made, may inquire into the case, and (subject to the provisos contained in the said sections respectively) may grant or refuse, either absolutely or upon terms, any <sup>F1</sup>...process or order of arrest or imprisonment, and any application to stay the operation of any such <sup>F1</sup>...process, or order, or for discharge from arrest or imprisonment thereunder.

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 1 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 17 Group 6](#)

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** [1869 c. 62.](#)

**M2** [1872 c. 57.](#)

**2 Short title and construction.**

This Act may be cited as the Debtors Act 1878, and shall be construed as one with the Debtors Act 1869, as regards England, and as one with the Debtors Act (Ireland) 1872, as regards Ireland; and the Debtors Act 1869, and this Act may be cited as the Debtors Acts 1869 and 1878; and the Debtors Act (Ireland) 1872, and this Act may be cited as the Debtors Acts (Ireland) 1872 and 1878.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Debtors Act 1878.