

framed a bill suited to the necessity of our affairs, giving it a duration only of one year.

By this bill, to the abstracts of which we refer you, the debtor in all cases may, on execution issued against him, discharge the same by property to be valued by sworn appraisers: But lest such property might prove no satisfaction to the creditor from any particular circumstances he might be under, the bill provided, that on all judgments, whether upon actions brought, or hereafter to be brought, if the creditor shall forbear to sue out execution, the debtor shall forbear to discharge the debt by property.

This bill is a system not adopted of choice; it is not devised as a fit or proper system for a permanent administration of justice, between creditor and debtor; we do not approve of it as such, or bring it forward to your view to be considered in that point of light. Such a system permanently established, would never suit a commercial country, nor operate either as an effectual or perfect administration of justice. We have adopted it on the principles only of necessity, resulting from the present embarrassed circumstances of the people, occasioned by the scarcity of gold and silver. It is a system merely calculated to meet the difficulties of the present times, and its duration was therefore temporary and limited to one year only. Considered on this ground, we trust it will meet with your approbation. But this bill also was rejected by the senate.