

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RECOMMENDING

The extension of the "acts for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States," so as to apply to cases which shall have occurred on or before the 1st day of January, 1839.

JANUARY 18, 1839.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States :

I transmit, herewith, a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, which presents, for the consideration of Congress, the propriety of so changing the 2d section of the act of March 2d, 1837, as that the existing humane provisions of the laws for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States, may be extended to such cases of insolvency as shall have occurred on or before the 1st day of January, 1839.

M. VAN BUREN.

WASHINGTON, *January 17, 1839.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 16, 1839.*

SIR : By an act of Congress, approved March 2d, 1837, entitled "An act to extend for a longer period the several acts now in force for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States," the provisions of the said several acts were made to apply to such cases of insolvency as occurred on or before the 1st day of January, 1837. As similar reasons exist now, for extending the humane provisions of the laws for the relief of certain insolvent debtors of the United States, I have the honor respectfully to submit, for your consideration, the propriety of presenting, for the attention of Congress, that the 2d section of the said act of March 2d, 1837, should be so changed as to apply to cases of insolvency which shall have occurred on or before the 1st day of January, 1839.

Very respectfully, sir, I remain your obedient servant,

LEVI WOODBURY,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To the PRESIDENT of the United States.

