

MEMORIAL

OF
A NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF NEW YORK,

REMONSTRATING

Against the passage of a bankrupt law at the present session of Congress.

JANUARY 8, 1841.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

"The memorial of the undersigned, merchants and others, citizens of New York,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWS:

That your memorialists feel a deep interest in the question of a bankrupt law, now before Congress, and therefore ask leave to present their views on the subject.

That your memorialists view with anxiety and alarm the proposition to enact a bankrupt law which does not embrace the compulsory as well as the voluntary principle, inasmuch as they firmly believe that such a law would prevent the collection of a large amount of just debts, which would otherwise be recovered.

That the general principles of the bill which passed the Senate at its last session seem to your memorialists to be unjust as well as unequal; for they do not recognise the rights of the creditor, who has a claim, both legal and moral, to be a consenting party, not only to the discharge of the debtor, but to the selection of assignees to close the estate.

That the operation of a voluntary bankrupt law, in the present depressed condition of the whole country, would prove particularly disastrous, as well to the property as to the morals of the nation.

That the merchants of the Atlantic cities are not only the factors of the whole Union, but also agents to collect, for the Government, all the duties levied upon foreign importations; and, in both these respects, they would be most seriously, and, as they believe, unjustly, injured by the passage of a voluntary bankrupt law.

That it is to be feared there will not be sufficient time for deliberation upon this important subject at the short session, when numerous other exciting questions will probably be under consideration.

For these, among other reasons, your memorialists respectfully but earnestly *remonstrate* against the passage of a bankrupt law at the present session of Congress.

And your memorialists, &c.

NEW YORK, *December 23, 1840.*

Names.	Business.	Residence.
Benkard & Hutton - -	Importers - -	53 Beaver street.
J. A. Voisin & Co. - -	Importers - -	49 Beaver street.
Malezieux, Gourd, & Co. - -	Importers - -	37 Beaver street.
Aug. Embury - -	Importers - -	37 Beaver street.
Herian & Benard - -	Importers - -	36 Beaver street.
Wood, Johnston, & Burrett - -	Do. & com'n merch'ts	Exchange street.
Fearings & Hall - -	Dry goods jobbers - -	Exchange street.
Otis & Mason - -	Importers - -	Exchange street.
Franklin & Harris - -	Dry goods - -	Exchange street.
Corlies, Haydock, & Co. - -	Auctioneers - -	William street.
Beirne & Burnside - -	- -	40 Beaver street.
Williss & Kobbé - -	Importers - -	411 Beaver street.
Denison & York - -	Jobbers - -	42 Beaver street.
John R. Suydam - -	Jobber - -	Beaver street.
William R. Gould, jr. - -	Jobber - -	1 Beaver street.
Wichelhausen & Achelis - -	Merchants - -	44 Beaver street.
L. Trevanna & Maurois - -	Importers - -	48 Beaver street.
J. R. Varburg & Co. - -	Importers - -	54 Beaver street.
Jarynotin & Allein - -	Importers - -	51 Beaver street.
Henry Babac - -	Importer - -	64 Beaver street.
Alp. Kaindler - -	Importer - -	66 Beaver street.
Fred. Umber & Dambmann - -	Importers - -	121 Pearl street.
[Illegible] - -	Importer - -	87 Beaver street.
Douchet & Legeune - -	Importers - -	85 Beaver street.
For Caillum & Lannoy, Louis Moran - -	Importers - -	83 Beaver street.
Robert T. Corss - -	Importer - -	81 Beaver street.
Taylor, Thomas, & Co. - -	Jobbers - -	76 William street.
William Adams - -	Manufacturer - -	30 Perry street.
Van Dusen, Dibble, & Bogue - -	Dry goods jobbers - -	74 William street.
Ely & Freeland - -	Dry goods jobbers - -	39 Cedar street.
T. Thomas & Son - -	Manufacturers - -	63 Nassau street.
T. & A. Thomas - -	Manufacturers - -	65 Nassau street.
J. M. & C. Southack - -	Manufacturers - -	196 Broadway.
D. A. Booth - -	Merchant - -	86 Pearl street.
F. S. Lathrop - -	Dry goods - -	65 Pine street.
Cutter & Montague - -	Dry goods - -	29 William street.
Paige, Bond, & Kellogg - -	Dry goods - -	27 William street.
Wilson, Butler, & Baldwin - -	Dry goods - -	25 William street.
George Pomeroy - -	Merchant - -	25 William street.
G. P. Hinman - -	Merchant - -	222 Hudson st.

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Names.	Business.	Residence.
C. H. Hicks - - -	Merchant - - -	25 William street.
Hall Brothers - - -	Merchant - - -	23 William street.
Hugh Auchincloss & Sons - - -	Importers - - -	William street.
Buck & Co. - - -	Dry goods.	
H. D. Alarick - - -	Merchant.	
Eli Goodwin - - -	Dry goods.	
Edwin A. Pierce - - -	Dry goods.	
Pierce & Cleveland - - -	Dry goods.	
Adee, Timpon, & Co. - - -	Dry goods auctioneers.	
Freeland, Hoffman, & Co. - - -	Dry goods.	
Geo. Haston & Co. - - -	Dry goods.	
A. Reed - - -	Merchant.	
Thorne, Haff, & Sharpe - - -	Merchants - - -	18 William street.
Shepard & Wour - - -	Merchants.	
Smith & Wells - - -	Merchants.	
Hutchinson & Tiffany - - -	Dry goods merchants.	
Thomas Hunt & Co. - - -	- - -	92 William street.
J. & T. Woodhead - - -	Dry goods - - -	73 Maiden lane.
R. C. Godfrey - - -	- - -	16 Liberty street.
T. B. & J. Odell - - -	Dry goods - - -	201 Pearl street.
John Ruthven - - -	Hardware - - -	205 Pearl street.
David M. Prall - - -	Drugs - - -	83 Maiden lane.
[Illegible] - - -	- - -	Broad street.
William Griswold - - -	- - -	89 Maiden lane.
William Wheelwright - - -	- - -	98 Maiden lane.
Henry Stanton - - -	Dry goods - - -	197 Pearl street.
Samuel B. Schieffelin - - -	Drugs - - -	88 Maiden lane.
Frederick Fowler - - -	- - -	9 Marietta street.
John S. Jones. - - -	- - -	
Henry Cox - - -	- - -	81 Barrow street.
John H. Spies - - -	- - -	218 Pearl street.
Jos. Drake - - -	- - -	202 Front street.
John P. Moore - - -	Merchant - - -	204 Broadway.
Anson Baker - - -	Merchant - - -	204 Broadway.
John B. Bull - - -	Saddler - - -	206 Broadway.
James M. Bull - - -	Saddler - - -	206 Broadway.
John Mullin - - -	Merchant - - -	206½ Broadway.
William Clark - - -	Broker - - -	210 Broadway.
William H. McKenney - - -	Merchant - - -	156½ Fulton st.
Drunlan & Brother - - -	Auctioneers.	
Wood Gibson - - -	Saddler - - -	160 Fulton street.
James S. Smith - - -	- - -	20 Reed street.
Van Clirehugh - - -	- - -	207 Broadway.
S. T. Caswell - - -	- - -	199 Broadway.
John P. Haven - - -	- - -	199 Broadway.
Joseph Lanuza - - -	- - -	178 Broadway.

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Names.	Business.	Residence.
Josiah Richards	-	196 Broadway.
Samuel Doremus	-	3 John street.
John Bogert	-	3 John street.
David D. Egan	-	184 Canal street.
L. J. Cohen	Card manufacturer & importer	118 William st.
John M. Davies	Stock manufacturer	106 William st.
James M. Jones	Stock manufacturer	106 William st.
Henry Rowntree	Hardware	2 Chambers st.
Kimball & Redfield	-	169 Front street.
Leonard Appleby	-	85 Wall street.
P. & H. Vannest	-	173 Front street.
Geo. Chance	Hardware	11 Platt street.
C. V. S. Roosevelt	Hardware	94 Maiden lane.
E. Cornell	Hardware	Pearl street.
Jno. R. Willis	Hardware	215 Pearl street.
Mann, Swift, & Co.	-	-
W. T. Crook & Co.	Importers	Pearl street.
Hasluch & Co.	Hardware	219 Pearl street.
James B. Elliman	Hardware	211 Pearl street.
Edward Frith	Hardware	211 Pearl street.
Walsh & Mallory	Hardware	211 Pearl street.
Smith & Laurence	Dry goods.	-
H. Baylis	Importer of needles and hardware.	-
A. R. Moen	Agent for American manufactures	222 Pearl street.
J. M. Wardwell	Hardware	Maiden lane.
Corlies, Stanton, & Co.	Dry goods	197 Pearl street.
Edward Field & Co.	Hardware	1 Platt street.
Woods & Wheelwright	Hardware	11 Platt street.
Samuel C. Hills	Hardware	15 Platt street.
Robert Pardow	Importer	95 Maiden lane.
John Taylor, jr.	Importer	72 Beaver street.
John Edelsten	Importer	69 Wall street.
Samuel C. Shaw	-	100 Maiden lane.