Punishment of bankrupts neglecting to appear or concealing property, &c.

CXIV. And be it enacted, That if any bankrupt (being within this Province at the date of the commission) shall not, before three o'clock of the afternoon of the day appointed for the first meeting of his creditors, after notice thereof, in writing, to be left at the usual place of abode 5 of such bankrupt, or personal notice, in case such bankrupt be then in prison, and notice given in the Canada Gazette of the commission, appear in Court, and submit to be examined before the Court, from time to time, upon oath, or if any such bankrupt, upon such examination, shall not 10 discover all his real or personal estate, and how and to whom, upon what consideration, and when he disposed of, assigned or transferred any of such estate, and all books, deeds, papers and writings, relative thereto (except such part as shall have been really and bona fide before 15 sold or disposed of in the way of his trade, or laid out in the ordinary expenses of his family); or if any such bankrupt shall not, upon such examination, deliver up to the Court all such part of his estate, and all books, deeds, papers and writings relating thereunto, as shall still re-20 main in his possession, custody or power (except the necessary wearing apparel of himself, his wife and children); or if any such bankrupt shall remove, conceal or embezzle any part of such estate of the value of ten pounds or upwards, or any books of account; deeds, 25 papers, or other writings relating thereto, with intent to defraud his creditors, every such bankrupt shall be deemed guilty of felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, in any common gaol, for a term not to exceed one 30 year, or in the Provincial Penitentiary, for any term not less than three nor more than five years.

Bankrupt altering his books. CXV. And be it enacted, That if any bankrupt shall, after any act of bankruptcy committed, or in contemplation of bankruptcy, or with intention to defeat the object 35 of this act, have destroyed, altered, mutilated, or falsified any of his books, papers, writings or securities, or made or been privy to the making of any false or fraudulent entries in any book of account or other document, with intent to defraud his creditors, every such bankrupt shall 40 be deemed to be guilty of a felony, and, being convicted thereof, shall be liable to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, in any common gaol, for a term not to exceed one year, or in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not less than three nor more than five years.

Bankrupt frandulently obtaining credit. CXVI. And be it enacted, That if any bankrupt shall, within three months next preceding the date of the commission against him, under the false color or pretence of carrying on business or dealing in the ordinary course of trade, have obtained, on credit, from any other person, 50 any goods or chattels, with intent to defraud the owner thereof, or if any such bankrupt shall, within the time