

signee of such vessel, as the case really was at the time of the exhibition thereof, as hereinbefore provided, and shall assign as a breach of the condition of such bond, the non-payment of the claim of such creditor.

Pleas.

XVI. To such declaration the defendants may plead as in other actions of debt on bond, and may plead to such assignment of breaches; and the same proceedings shall be had on such bond, as provided by law on bonds with other conditions than for the payment of money.

Plaintiff to have execution for amount found by verdict.

XVII. If it shall be found by the verdict of the Jury in such suit, that the sum of *twelve pounds ten shillings* or upwards was due to any plaintiff in such suit upon any claim or demand which, by the provisions of this Act, was a subsisting lien upon such vessel at the time of the exhibition thereof as herein provided, judgment shall be rendered that such plaintiff have execution for the amount of such claim.

Respecting costs.

XVIII. But if it shall so be found that nothing or a less sum than *twelve pounds ten shillings* was due to any plaintiff in such suit as specified in the last section, judgment shall be entered against such plaintiff that he take nothing by his suit, and the Court shall award to the defendants the costs incurred by them in resisting the claim of such plaintiff; and if it shall be found that *twelve pounds ten shillings* or a greater sum is due to such plaintiff in such suit, the costs of the attachment, together with the Sheriff's fees and expenses in keeping such ship or vessel, shall be taxed in the plaintiff's bill of costs in such suit on such bond so directed to be given as aforesaid.

Sale if warrant be not discharged.

XIX. If the creditors who shall have exhibited their claims as herein provided, shall not have been satisfied, and if such warrant shall not have been discharged, as before provided, within the time for that purpose limited, the officer who issued the same, within *one month* of the time so limited, upon due proof of the publication of the notice herein required, shall issue his order to the Sheriff of the County wherein such vessel was seized under such warrant, directing such Sheriff to proceed and sell the vessel so seized, her tackle, apparel and furniture, and shall state in such order the amount necessary to be raised to satisfy such sums and expenses.

Sale of tackle only

XX. And if it shall appear to such officer that the claims exhibited before him, and the expenses of the proceedings can be satisfied by a sale of the tackle, apparel and furniture of such vessel, or of some part thereof, without selling such vessel, he shall modify his order accordingly.

Sale.

XXI. Within twenty days after the service of such order, the Sheriff shall proceed and sell the vessel so seized by him, her tackle, apparel and furniture, or such part thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the claims exhibited and the expenses incurred upon the same notice, in the same manner, and in all respects subject to the provisions of law in case of the sale of personal property upon execution.

Return.

XXII. The Sheriff shall return to the officer granting such order, his proceedings under the same; and the proceeds of such sale, after de-