

BILL.

An Act to provide for the relief of Bankrupts and the administration of their estates.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision Preamble.
for the discovery and securing of the estates and effects of Bankrupts, for the benefit of their creditors, and for the administration and distribution thereof, and
5 also for the relief of such Traders as shall without any fraud or gross misconduct, have become unable to pay all their debts in full, and who shall have made a full disclosure and discovery of all their estates and effects as hereinafter provided: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

10 That all persons being Merchants or using the trade of merchandize by way of bargaining, exchange, bartering, commission, consignment or otherwise, in gross or by Persons liable to become bankrupts.
retail, bankers, brokers, persons insuring ships or other vessels, or their freight, or other matters, against perils of
15 the sea or of inland navigation, builders, carpenters, shipwrights, keepers of inns, taverns, hotels or coffee houses, millers, lumberers or ship owners, and all persons who either for themselves or as agents or factors for others seek their living by buying or selling, or by buying and
20 letting for hire, or by the workmanship of goods or commodities, shall be deemed traders within the scope and meaning of this Act; Provided, that no farmer, grazier, common laborer or workman for hire, or members of or subscribers to any incorporated or commercial or trading
25 company, established by Royal charters or legislative enactment, shall be deemed as such a trader, liable by virtue of this Act to become bankrupt.

II. And be it enacted, That every such trader who shall be arrested on mesne process, in any civil action
30 founded on a demand proveable, in its nature, against a bankrupt's estate, according to the provisions of this Act, and who shall not give bail therein on or before the return day of such process; and every such trader who shall fly or abscond for his personal safety from such
35 arrest, and every such trader who shall be actually imprisoned in or confined upon the limits of any Gaol in this Province, for more than thirty days, either upon mesne process or in execution in any civil action, founded on a demand proveable as aforesaid, or who shall escape
40 from any such imprisonment, and every such trader whose goods or estate shall be attached on mesne process, on any civil action founded on a demand proveable as