

tested by the Mayor or other Chief Magistrate of any City, Town or Place, or a British Minister, Consul or Vice-Consul.

CIX. And be it enacted, That the Court of Bankruptcy, in all matters within its jurisdiction, shall have power to take the whole or any part of the evidence in any matter of bankruptcy before them, either *viva voce* on oath, or upon affidavits or depositions to be sworn as aforesaid.

Evidence *viva voce*.

10 CX. And be it enacted, That in all cases in which any person shall be prevented by religious scruples from taking an oath, he shall be admitted as witness or otherwise upon his solemn affirmation; and every person who in any examination before the Court, or in any affidavit
15 or deposition authorised or directed by this Act, shall wilfully and corruptly swear or affirm falsely, shall, on conviction thereof, suffer the pains and penalties in force in this Province against wilful and corrupt perjury.

False swearing or affirmation to be deemed perjury.

20 CXI. And be it enacted, That if any creditor of a bankrupt shall obtain any sum of money, or any goods, chattels or security for money, from any person as an inducement for forbearing to oppose, or for consenting to the allowance or confirmation of the certificate of the bankrupt, every creditor so offending shall forfeit and lose
25 for every such offence the treble value or amount of such money, goods, chattels or security so obtained, as the case may be.

Penalty on creditor obtaining money, &c. to consent to allowance of certificate.

30 CXII. And be it enacted, That if any petitioning creditor shall after the bankruptcy receive any money, satisfaction or security for his debt or any part thereof, whereby such petitioning creditor may receive more in the pound in respect of his debt than the other creditors; such petitioning creditor shall forfeit his whole debt, and shall also repay or deliver up such money, satisfaction or
35 security, or the full value thereof to the assignee, for the benefit of the creditors of the bankrupt.

Penalty on petitioning creditor compounding.

CXIII. And be it enacted, That any person who shall wilfully conceal any real or personal estate of the bankrupt, and who shall not within *forty days* after the issuing
40 of the commission, discover such estate to the Court or to the assignee, shall forfeit the sum of *one hundred pounds* and double the value of the estate so concealed; and any person who shall after such time voluntarily discover to the Court or to the assignees any part of such bankrupt's
45 estate not before come to the knowledge of the assignee, shall be allowed *five* per centum thereupon, and such further reward as the assignees, with the consent of the Court, shall think fit, to be paid out of the estate recovered on such discovery.

Concealing bankrupt's effects.