

A R T. III.

Trustees are to make a dividend, within fourteen months, of the money they shall have collected, and afterwards as often as they shall have money in hands sufficient to pay 6d. in the pound.

The trustees and the survivors or survivor of them, shall within fourteen months after the time of their election or nomination, make an equal and rateable dividend of such monies as they shall have collected and received, amongst all the creditors who shall have proved their debts within the time above limited; and shall afterwards make dividends as often as they shall have money in hand, sufficient to pay the creditors six-pence in the pound.

If there should be any surplus, it is to be paid to the order of the absentee.

If any surplus should remain in the hands of the trustees or the survivors or survivor of them, after paying all the debts due by such absentee, proved as aforesaid; the same shall be paid to such person as shall be empowered by the absentee to receive the same.

A R T. IV.

The trustees empowered to sue, &c.

The trustees, elected and approved of, or nominated as aforesaid; and the survivors or survivor of them, are hereby empowered to prosecute, maintain, and defend any action or actions for the benefit and advantage of the estate of the absentee; in any of the courts of justice in this province, as fully and effectually as the absentee himself might do, if he was present.

A R T. V.

Persons who shall have conformed to the rules prescribed for obtaining a pass, if they absent themselves from the province for more than a twelve-month, their creditors may proceed, after that period, against their estates and effects, in manner aforesaid.

Wherever any person who shall have complied with the rules prescribed in the before recited ordinance, shall have been absent from the province for upwards of a twelve-month, the creditors of such person are hereby empowered, after that period, to proceed to the nomination and election of trustees to his estate and effects, and to the sale thereof, and the distribution of the proceeds thereof, in the same manner as is herein before directed to be done, concerning such persons as shall leave the province without conforming to the said rules.

GUY CARLETON.

Enacted by the authority aforesaid; and passed in council under the Great Seal of the province, at the council chamber in the castle of St. Lewis in the city of Quebec, the twenty-third day of April, in the seventeenth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third; by the grace of God of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the faith, and so forth, and in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

By His EXCELLENCY'S Command;

J: WILLIAMS, C. L. C.

