

IV. Such application shall be in writing and shall specify :

1. By whom such debt was contracted and for what ship or vessel ;
2. The items composing such debt ;

3. It shall be verified by the affidavit of the creditor or of the person making the application in his behalf, stating that the sum claimed in such account is justly due to the person in whose behalf such application is made, over and above all payments, set off, and discounts ;

4. And the facts and circumstances to establish such demand, shall also be verified by the affidavits of one or more disinterested witnesses.

Contents of warrants.

V. The officer to whom such application shall be made, shall thereupon issue his warrant to the Sheriff of the County or to any Bailiff or Constable commanding him to attach, seize and safely keep such ship or vessel, her tackle, apparel and furniture, to answer all such liens as shall be established against her according to law ; and to make return of his proceedings under such warrant to the said officer, within ten days after such seizure.

Execution of warrant.

VI. The Sheriff, Bailiff or Constable to whom any such warrant shall be directed and delivered, or any Constable of his County to whom such warrant shall be delivered, shall forthwith execute the same, and shall keep the ship or vessel and other property seized by him, to be disposed of as hereinafter directed.

Return, &c.

VII. He shall also, within ten days after such seizure, make a return to the officer who issued the warrant, stating therein particularly his doings in the premises ; and shall make out, subscribe and annex thereto a just and true inventory of all the property so seized which inventory shall be signed by him and annexed to his return.

Only one warrant against the same vessel.

VIII. Whenever any such warrant shall be issued, no other warrant shall issue against the same ship or vessel, unless the first warrant be superseded.

IX. The officer issuing any such warrant shall thereupon immediately order the notice hereinafter directed, to be published in one or more of the newspapers printed in the County to which the warrant shall be issued, and if there be none printed in such County, then in a newspaper printed nearest to such County, once a week for three months successively, or oftener if he shall deem proper.

Such notice shall contain the following matters :

What it shall contain.

1. It shall state the issuing of such warrant, the name of the vessel seized, the port or place to which she belongs, and the name of her last commander ;

2. It shall require all persons who claim to have any demands against the said ship or vessel, her tackle, apparel or furniture under the pro-