

instantly vesting the whole of the moveable and immoveable property, estate, real and personal, of the debtor, and all the debts due to him of every kind, in the Prothonotary of the District, for the benefit of all the creditors of such debtor.

Debtor to have thereafter no power to deal with property attached. Except by arrangement with his creditor. Proviso.

XIII. Every alienation, payment, hypothecation, discharge, novation, 5 other disposition of all or any part of the estate, debts and effects of the debtor, made or attempted to be made by the debtor after the issue of such writ of attachment as aforesaid, shall be absolutely null and void, with the exception of any voluntary arrangement between him and the majority of his creditors owing, at least three-fourths of the debts due by him, which 10 may be made at any time after such writ may have issued, but shall not have the effect of divesting the Prothonotary of the estate of the debtor, except under the authority of the judgment confirming the same; Provided always, if the debtor shall succeed in setting aside, quashing, or otherwise disposing of the writ of attachment, all the consequences herein assigned 15 to the issue thereof shall cease with it.

Writ how addressed and served.

XIV. The writ of attachment may be in the form contained in the schedule, or any words to the same effect, and may be addressed either to the Sheriff or to the Bailiffs in the District, and may be served by any one or more of them, each Bailiff making a separate return respecting the service 20 effected by him.

Proceedings in the case.

XV. The writ, with a declaration setting forth succinctly the facts stated in the affidavits, shall be served upon the debtor in the usual manner, and the service, return, pleadings and proceedings, in relation thereto, shall be regulated by the course and practice of the Court in cases of a like nature; 25 the defendant may put the question of insolvency in issue by specifically denying the same, but in that case the burden of proof shall be on him; and in order to sustain the plea of his solvency, he must produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Court that he is able fully to pay and satisfy all his debts. 30

Contents of judgment against defendant.

XVI. Any judgment against the defendant shall declare him insolvent, and shall declare the attachment made of his estate, or of part thereof, to be good and valid, and may contain such further adjudication for calling on the creditors, distributing the proceeds of the estate, confirming the voluntary arrangement between the debtor and creditors, or for such other matter 35 or thing as circumstances and the justice of the case may require.