

meaning of the provisions of this Act in that behalf, shall be null and void.

EXAMINATION OF THE INSOLVENT AND OTHERS.

113. Immediately upon the expiry of the period of one month from the first insertion of the advertisement giving notice of the appointment of an assignee, a meeting of the creditors shall be held for the public examination of the insolvent, who shall be summoned to attend such meeting, the same being first duly called by advertisement: and at such meeting the insolvent may be examined on oath, sworn before the assignee, by or on behalf of any creditor present, in his turn; and the examination of the insolvent shall be reduced to writing by the assignee, and signed by the insolvent; and any question put to the insolvent at such meeting which he shall answer evasively, or refuse to answer, shall also be written in such examination, with the replies made by the insolvent to such questions; and the insolvent shall sign such examination, or if he refuse to sign the same, his refusal shall be entered at the foot of the examination, with the reasons of such refusal, if any, as given by himself; and such examination shall be attested by the assignee and shall be filed in the office of the Court;

Examination of insolvent, how conducted.

How attested.

114. The insolvent may also be from time to time examined as to his estate and effects upon oath, before the Judge, by the assignee or by any creditor, upon an order from the Judge obtained without notice to the Insolvent, upon petition, setting forth satisfactory reasons for such order,—and he may also be examined in like manner upon a *subpoena* issued as of course without such order, in any case in which a writ of attachment has been issued against his estate and effects; which *subpoena* may be procured by the plaintiff, or by any creditor intervening in the action for that purpose, or by the assignee, at any time after the return of the writ of attachment;

Further examination of Insolvent.

115. The insolvent may also be examined on his application for a discharge or for confirmation of a discharge, or upon the application of any creditor for annulling a discharge; or upon any petition by him in the course of proceedings for the compulsory liquidation of his estate;

Subsequent examination.

116. Any other person who is believed to possess information respecting the estate or effects of the insolvent, may also be from time to time examined before the Judge upon oath, as to such estate or effects, upon an order from the Judge to that effect, which order the Judge may grant upon petition setting forth satisfactory reasons for such order, without notice to the insolvent or to the person to be so examined;

Other persons may be examined on order of the Judge.

117. The insolvent shall attend all meetings of his creditors, when summoned so to do by the assignee, and shall answer all questions that may be put to him at such meetings touching his business, and touching his estate and effects; and for every such attendance he shall be paid such sum as shall be ordered at such meeting, but not less than one dollar;

Insolvent to attend meetings.

118. If it be made known to the Judge by the Assignee by Petition substantiated under oath that any probable cause exists therefor; the Judge may order the wife of the Insolvent to be examined as to the retention or concealment by or on behalf of the Insolvent, or any other person, of any of the estate or effects of the Insolvent.

Examination wife of Insolvent.