

for holding the Courts' sittings and meetings in Bankruptcy respectively.

Procedure and
practice of the
Court.

34. The Practice and Procedure of the Court of Bankruptcy shall, except where otherwise provided by this Act, or by General Orders, be, so far as the circumstances of the case will admit, according to the present practice of the Courts of Bankruptcy in England. 5

Judges to sit
at Chambers.

35. The Judges in Bankruptcy may, respectively, sit at Chambers for the despatch of such part of the business of their Courts as can, without detriment to the public advantage, arising from the discussion of questions in open Court, be heard in Chambers, and while so sitting at Chambers shall have, in all respects, like power and jurisdiction as when sitting in Court. 10

Judges may
adjourn mat-
ters from open
Court to
Chambers.

36. It shall be lawful for the Judges in Bankruptcy, when sitting in open Court, to adjourn for consideration in Chambers any matter, which, in their opinion, may be more conveniently disposed of in Chambers, or when sitting in Chambers to direct any matter to be heard in open Court. 15

Proceedings
in Chambers.

37. The mode of proceeding at Chambers shall be by summons and, as near as may be, according to the form now adopted by the Judges of the Superior Courts of Common Law, when sitting at Chambers. 20

Registrars
may sit at
Chambers;
their duties.

38. The Registrars shall have power to sit at Chambers or to attend, under the the direction of the Court, at any place or places in the several Counties, or Districts, and to despatch there such part of the administrative business of the Court, as shall be defined in General Orders, or as the Judge of the Court, in any particular matter, shall direct, but nothing herein contained shall empower a Registrar to commit, or to hear a disputed adjudication, or to hear a question of the allowance or suspension of an order of discharge. 25 30

Courts may
direct Regis-
trars to hold
meetings, &c.

39. The Court or Judge may direct a Registrar to attend at any place or places within the District to which he is attached, for the purpose of holding any meeting or meetings of creditors, of receiving proof of debts, and generally for the prosecution of any Bankruptcy, or other proceeding under this Act, and the travelling and incidental expenses of such Registrar, incurred in so acting, shall be settled by the Court or Judge and paid out of the assets of the estate, in respect of which such Registrar has so acted, and such Registrar so acting shall have and exercise all power, except the power of commitment, vested in such Court, for the summoning and examination of persons or witnesses and for requiring the productions of books, papers and documents; Provided, always, that all depositions and examinations of persons and witnesses, taken before such Registrar, and all acts done by him, shall be reduced to writing. 35 40 45

Provide: evi-
dence before
Registrar to
be in writing.