

partner shall be applied to the payment of his separate debts, and the certificate of discharge shall be granted or refused to each partner as the same would or ought to be if the proceedings had been against him alone under this Act, and in all other respects the proceedings against partners shall be conducted in the like manner as if they had been commenced and prosecuted against one person alone.

Certificates of discharge.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That whenever it shall appear to the Chancellor or Master of the Rolls of this Province for the time being, that the proper Commissioner to whom any fiat in Bankruptcy ought to be transmitted under the provisions of this Act shall be disqualified from acting under the authority of such fiat by reason of affinity to either of the parties by or against whom such fiat shall be prayed or by reason of being interested therein, such fiat with the documents aforesaid shall be transmitted by the Chancellor or Master of the Rolls as aforesaid, to such person as he may think suitable to act as the Commissioner in the whole of the proceedings in Bankruptcy under that fiat, and such Commissioner shall have the like powers and privileges and be subject to the like duties in all respects under such fiat as are given to the proper Commissioner under this Act; and in case the Commissioner before whom any proceedings under this Act may be pending shall die or remove from the County, City and County or District for which he may be appointed or be superseded, such proceedings shall be continued by the Commissioner to be appointed in his place in the same manner and with like effect as if done by the Commissioner who began the same, and should any matter require to be adjudicated before any such Commissioner wherein either party may be of affinity with such Commissioner, or wherein such Commissioner may have an interest, the same may be heard and determined by any suitable person to be nominated for that purpose by the Chancellor or Master of the Rolls as aforesaid, whose duties shall in that respect be the same as those of the proper Commissioner in such case.

In case of the death or disqualification by affinity of the proper Commissioner, Court of Chancery to appoint another.

XXXII. Provided always and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to release or discharge the person or property of any Crown Debtor from liability as such Crown Debtor; but all Crown claims and demands shall remain to be sued for, prosecuted and recovered, in all respects, as if this Act had not been passed.

Act not to affect the person or property so far as concerns Crown Debts.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That the words and expressions hereinafter mentioned which in their ordinary signification have a more confined or a different meaning shall in this Act, except where the nature of the provision or the context of the Act shall exclude such construction, be interpreted as follows: that is to say, the words "Her Majesty" shall mean also and include the Heirs and Successors of Her Majesty; the word "Property" shall mean and include Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and any interest therein, and Money, Fees, Offices, Annuities, Goods, Chattels, Wares, Merchandizes and Debts; and the word "Month" shall mean a Calendar Month; and the word "Oath" shall include affirmation, where by Law such affirmation is required or allowed to be taken in place of an Oath, and every word importing the singular number only shall extend and be applied to several persons or things as well as one person or thing, and bodies corporate as well as individuals, and every word importing the plural number shall extend and be applied to one person or thing as well as several persons or things, and every word importing the masculine gender only shall extend and be applied to a female as well as a male; and that this Act shall extend to Aliens, Denizens and Women, both to make them subject thereto and to entitle them to all the benefits given thereby; and that this Act shall be construed in the most beneficial manner for promoting the ends hereby intended.

Interpretation clause.

"Her Majesty."

"Property."

"Month."
"Oath."

Singular and Plural numbers.

Gender.

Aliens, Denizens and Women.