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Goal such as refuse.

at the Time of his Sickneſs, or left in the Poſſeſſion of the Eſtate, where by to ſtrengthen and make the Suſpicion more violent, and ſhall reſuſe to acquit him or herſelf upon Oath, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Judge of Probate, or his Commiſſary, or Surrogate, to commit ſuch Perſon to reſuſing to ſwear unto the Goal of the County, there to remain until he or ſhe ſhall comply to diſcharge himſelf or herſelf upon Oath as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe be releaſed by Conſent of the Executors or Adminiſtrators, Heir, Creditors, Legatary, or other Perſon, having Right or Claim to, or in ſuch Eſtate.

When Eſtate inſolvent, Diſtribution to be made as far as Effects will extend.

II. And whereas great Difficulties have attended the Diſtribution of inſolvent Eſtates; in Order to remedy the ſame, Be it Enacted, That when the Eſtate of any Perſon deceaſed, ſhall be inſolvent, or inſufficient to pay all juſt Debts, which the Deceaſed owed, the ſame ſhall be ſet forth and diſtributed to and among all the Creditors, in Proportion to the Sums to them reſpectively owing, ſo far as the ſaid Eſtate will extend, ſaving that the Debts due to the Crown, the Expence of Sickneſs and neceſſary Funeral Charges of the Deceaſed are to be firſt paid, and the Executor or Adminiſtrator appointed to any ſuch inſolvent Eſtate, before Payment to any be made (except as aforeſaid) ſhall repreſent the Condition and Circumſtances thereof unto the Judge of Probates, who ſhall nominate and appoint two or more fit Perſons to make a true and equal Appraiſement of ſuch Eſtate, and adminiſter an Oath unto them for that Purpoſe; and appoint two or more fit Perſons to be Commiſſioners with full Power to receive and examine all Claims of the ſeveral Creditors, and how they are made out, and ſuch Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe the Times and Places of their Meeting to attend the Creditors for the receiving and examining of their Claims to be made known and publiſhed, by poſting up the ſame in ſome publick Places in the Shire Town of that County, where ſuch deceaſed Perſon laſt dwelt, or publiſhing the ſame in the publick News Papers, Three, Six, Twelve, or Eighteen Months (as the Circumſtances of any Eſtate may require) ſhall be allowed by the Judge unto the Creditors for bringing in their Claims, and proving their Debts; at the End of which limited Time ſuch Commiſſioners, ſhall make their Report, and preſent a Liſt of all the Claims unto the ſaid Judge, who ſhall order them meet Recompence out of the Eſtate for their Care and Labour in that Affair, and the Debts due to the Crown, Expence of Sickneſs, and neceſſary Funeral Charges as is herein before provided, being firſt deducted, ſhall order the Reſidue and Remainder of the Eſtate to be paid, and diſtributed to and among the other Creditors, that ſhall have made out their Claims in due Proportion to the Sums unto them reſpectively owing, according as the Eſtate will bear. Saving unto the Widow if any be, her Right of Dower according to Law in the Houſes and Lands of the Deceaſed. The Widow's Dower at the Expiration of her Term

Appraiſement to be made.

Commiſſioners to be appointed to examine Claims of Creditors.

Notice given to all Perſons to bring in their Claims.

Saving unto the Widow Right of Dower.