

V. Upon the appearance of any such trader so summoned as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Court to require him to state whether or not he admits the demand of his creditor so sworn to as aforesaid, and what part thereof; and if such trader shall admit the demand, or any part thereof, to reduce such admission into writing, in the form specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed (C No. 1), and the admission so reduced into writing, he is hereby required to sign, and the same is thereupon to be fyled: and it shall also be lawful for the Court to allow such trader, on his said appearance, to make a deposition, upon oath, in writing under his hand (to be also fyled), in the form specified in the said Schedule (C No. 2), that he verily believes he has a good defence, upon the merits, to the said demand, or to some and to what part thereof.

Proceedings on the appearance of the trader on such summons.

VI. If any such trader so summoned as aforesaid, shall not come before the Court at the time appointed, (having no lawful impediment made known to, and allowed, at the same time by the Court), or if any such trader, upon his appearance to such summons, shall refuse to admit the demand, and shall not make a deposition in the form hereinbefore mentioned, that he believes he has a good defence upon the merits to such demand, then and in either of the said cases, if such trader shall not, within twenty-one days after personal service of such summons, or within such enlarged time as may be granted him in that behalf, pay, secure, or compound for the demand to the satisfaction of his creditor, or enter into a bond in such sum, and with two sufficient sureties, as the Court shall approve of, to pay such sums as shall be recovered in any action which shall have been or shall thereafter be brought for the recovery of the same, together with such costs as shall be given in such action, every such trader shall be deemed to have committed an act of bankruptcy on the twenty-second day after service of such summons: Provided a commission of bankruptcy shall issue against such trader within two months from the fying of the said affidavit of the creditor.

Trader summoned not appearing, or failing to comply with the requirements of this section, shall be deemed to have committed an act of bankruptcy.

VII. If any such trader, so summoned as aforesaid, shall, upon his appearance thereto, refuse to state whether or not he admits such demand or any part thereof, or whatever may be the nature of his statement, shall, notwithstanding, refuse to sign the admission in that behalf, required as aforesaid, it shall be deemed for the purposes of this Act, that every such trader thereby refuses to admit such demand: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Court to enlarge the time for calling upon such trader to state whether or not he admits such demand or any part thereof, for such reasonable time as the said Court shall think fit.

Trader refusing to sign admission.

Proviso.

VIII. If any such trader so summoned as aforesaid, shall upon his said appearance, sign an admission of the demand in the form aforesaid; and shall not, within twenty-one days next after the fying of such admission, pay or tender and offer to pay to his creditor the amount of the said demand, or secure or compound for the same to the satisfaction of his creditor, every such trader shall be deemed to have committed an act of bankruptcy on the twenty-second day after the fying of such admission: Provided a commission of bankruptcy shall issue against such trader within two months from the fying of the said affidavit of the creditor.

Trader signing admission.

IX. If any such trader, so summoned as aforesaid, shall, upon his said appearance, sign an admission for part only of the demand in the form

Trader admitting a part only of the demand.