

Verbal  
promise to  
pay debt  
discharged,  
void.

LI. And be it enacted, That no bankrupt after his certificate shall have been confirmed under any commission of bankruptcy, shall be liable to pay or satisfy any debt, claim, or demand from which he shall have been discharged by virtue of his certificate, or any part of such debt, claim or demand, upon any contract, promise or agreement, made or to be made after the date of the commission, unless such promise, contract or agreement, be made in writing, signed by the bankrupt, or by some person thereto lawfully authorised in writing by such bankrupt. 5

Contracts not  
to oppose  
certificate,  
void.

LII. And be it enacted, That any contract or security made or given by any bankrupt, or other person, unto or in trust, for any creditor, or for the securing the payment of any money due by such bankrupt at his bankruptcy as a consideration or with intent to persuade such creditor to forbear appearing, or to consent to the allowance or confirmation of such certificate, shall be void, and the money thereby secured, or agreed to be paid, shall not be recoverable. 15

Penalty on  
creditor  
obtaining  
money to  
connive at  
allowance of  
certificate.

LIII. And be it enacted, That if any creditor shall obtain any sum of money, or any goods, chattels, or security for money, from any person as an inducement for forbearing to oppose, or for consenting to the allowance or confirmation of the certificate of such bankrupt, every creditor so offending shall forfeit and lose for every such offence, the treble value or amount of such money, goods, chattels or security so obtained, as the case may be. 25

Provisions in  
cases of  
partnership.

LIV. And be it enacted, That when two or more persons who are partners in trade become bankrupt, a commission may be issued in the manner provided in this Act, upon which all the joint stock or property of the firm, and also all the separate estate of each of the partners shall be taken, excepting such parts thereof as may be by law exempted from attachment, and all the creditors of the firm, and the separate creditors of each partner, shall be allowed to prove their respective debts, and the creditors' assignees in such case shall be chosen by the creditors of the firm, and distinct accounts shall be kept of the property of the firm and of the separate estates of each partner thereof, and after deducting out of the whole amount received by the assignee, the whole of the expenses and disbursements paid by the assignee, the net proceeds of the partnership estate shall be appropriated to pay the creditors of the firm, and the net proceeds of the separate estates of each partner shall be appropriated to pay the separate creditors, and if there shall be any balance of the separate estate of any partner, after payment of his debts, such balance shall be added to the proceeds of the partnership estate, if necessary, for the payment of the creditors of the firm, and if there shall be any 30 35 40 45 50