

due to them respectively, but before any such dividends shall be made, such Assignee or Assignees shall make up an account of such prisoner's estate, and make oath in writing before an Officer of the said Court to be appointed for that purpose, or before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the City, Town or place in which such Assignee or Assignees shall reside, that such Account contains a fair and just account of the estate and effects of every such prisoner, got in by, or for such Assignee or Assignees, and of all payments made in respect thereof, and that all payments in every such Account charged, were truly and *bona fide* made and paid, which Account so sworn, shall be filed with the proper Officer of the said Court, and notice of the making of every such dividend shall be published in like manner as a meeting of Creditors is herein-before directed to be published, thirty days at least before such dividend shall be made; and no Creditor shall be allowed to receive any share of such dividend, until he shall have made due proof of his, or her debt by oath, before some such Justice or Justices of the Peace; and if such Prisoner or his or her Assignee or Assignees, or any Creditor of such Prisoner, shall object to any debt so claimed, the same shall be examined into by the said Court, who shall have full power for that purpose to require and compel the production of all Books, Papers and Writings, which may be necessary to be produced, as well by the person or persons claiming such debt, as by the Prisoner against whom the same shall be claimed, or his or her Assignee or Assignees, and to examine all such persons and their witnesses, on oath, as the nature of the case may require, and to take all other measures necessary for the due investigation of such claim; and the decision of the said Court upon such claim, shall be conclusive with respect to any dividend of the effects of such Prisoner, under the provisions of this Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in case the prisoner so discharged, or any of his or her Creditors, against whom he or she shall have obtained such discharge, shall be dissatisfied with the Account of any Assignee or Assignees, rendered upon Oath as aforesaid, or in case any such Assignee or Assignees shall neglect to render such Account, or shall neglect to dispose of the property or collect the effects of such prisoner, or shall in any manner waste or mismanage the estate or effects of such prisoner, or neglect to make a due distribution thereof, it shall be lawful for such Court upon the application of such prisoner or of any such Creditor as aforesaid, to require such Assignee or Assignees to render such Account on Oath as directed by this Act, if not before rendered, and to examine any Account so rendered, and to inquire into any waste, mismanagement, or neglect of the estate or effects of such prisoner, and direct a proper administration thereof, and ascertain the produce of such estate and effects to be divided amongst the Creditors of such prisoner, and direct the distribution thereof accordingly, and to require and compel the production of all books, papers, and writings, necessary for such purposes, and to examine all parties and their witnesses on Oath, as the case may require, and to take all such measures as shall be necessary for the compelling the rendering of such Account, and the due investigation thereof, and the proper disposition and distribution of the effects of such prisoner, according to this Act, and to award costs against any of the parties, as justice shall require; and the decisions of the said Court upon all such matters shall be final and conclusive.