

and provided that the official assignee shall not be entitled to claim, on behalf of the Bankruptcy Expense Account, any percentage on the moneys had and received by the existing assignees, but only an equitable share of the percentage on the moneys which shall be hereafter received by them.

CXXII. And be it enacted, That all sums of money forfeited under this Act, or by virtue of any conviction for perjury committed in any oath hereby directed or authorised, may be sued for by the assignee of the estate and effects of any bankrupt, in any of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Record in this Province, and the money so recovered (the charges of suit being deducted) shall be divided among the creditors.

Penalties how recovered.

CXXIII. And be it enacted, That the words and expressions hereinafter mentioned, which in their ordinary signification may have a more confined or different meaning, shall, in this Act, except when the nature of the provision or the context of the Act shall exclude such construction, be interpreted as follows, that is to say, the word "Governor" shall mean also and include the Lieutenant Governor or person administering the Government of the Province; the word "month" shall mean a calendar month; the word "oath" shall include affirmation when by law such affirmation is required or allowed to be taken in place of an oath; and every word importing the singular number shall extend and be applied to several persons and 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 females, both to make them subject thereto, and to entitle them to all the benefits given thereby; and the word "assignee" shall be construed to mean the official assignee; and the word "Court" shall be construed to mean the Court of Bankruptcy or a section thereof, except where the nature of the provision or the context shall give to the said words a different significancy; and that this Act shall be construed in the most beneficial manner for promoting the ends thereby intended, and may be shortly cited in all proceedings, suits and documents as "The Bankruptcy Act."

Interpretation clause.