

fatisfied may appeal to the Supreme Court, at its next Sittings, in the said County or District, or to any two Justices of the said Court in vacation; and the said Supreme Court, or the said Justices, may examine the record of the proceedings returned by the Justices of the Inferior Court, and, if they shall see fit, may again examine the prisoner touching the truth of the said petition, and may either confirm or reverse the order made upon the said petition by the said two Justices of the Inferior Court. *Provided also*, That, pending the said appeal, the Plaintiff shall be bound to continue the supply of bread to which the prisoner may be entitled under the order of the Justices to whom such petition was in the first instance presented.

Bread to be supplied to Prisoner pending the appeal.

*And to prevent persons who may be charged in execution, from lying in Prison until they have spent their substance, wherewith they should satisfy their Creditors, and afterwards taking the benefit of the Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors:*

II. *It is hereby enacted*, That no person who shall hereafter be charged in execution, shall be allowed or permitted to exhibit a Petition to any of the Courts of Law in this Province, or to any of the said two Justices of the said Courts as is hereby before provided, unless such Petition be exhibited, if before the Court, within the first term of the Court which shall be held in the County or District next after such person shall be so charged in execution; and, if before the said two Justices, within forty days after such person shall be so charged in execution, unless the person or persons exhibiting such Petition satisfy the Court, or the said Justices, that they have not remained in Gaol for the purpose of defrauding their creditors. *Provided always*, That each and every person now confined under execution as aforesaid, shall be allowed to apply by petition as aforesaid, at any time within forty days after the publication of this Act.

Debtors defrauding Creditors.

Debtors now confined in Jail.

*And Whereas, doubts have arisen as to the time and nature of the notice to be given to the Creditor or Creditors under the beforementioned Act:*

Notice to Creditors.

III. *Be it enacted*, That the prisoner, or some person on his behalf, shall give two days notice to the Creditor or Creditors at whose suit or suits the prisoner is charged in execution, or to his or their Attorney or Agent, of the time and place appointed by the Court, or by the said Justices, to consider the said petition; and if the said creditor or creditors do not reside within ten miles of the place so appointed for the consideration of the said petition, the prisoner shall give, or cause to be given, an additional day's notice for every twenty miles from the place of the said meeting to the residence of the creditor or creditors, or of his or their Attorney or Agent.

Period within which Debtors may be relieved.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That any person imprisoned for Debt upon any process issuing from any Court in this Province, against whom judgment has been or shall be recovered, shall be entitled to the relief provided by this Act after the expiration of thirty days from the time such judgment has been or shall be recovered, though the creditor shall not within that time, sue out his execution and charge the Debtor therewith.

Benefit of Act extended to all persons imprisoned for Debt.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That the benefit of this Act shall be extended to all persons imprisoned for Debt, notwithstanding the Debts for which they are so imprisoned shall exceed the sum of five hundred pounds. *Provided always*, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to the relief of persons imprisoned for Debts contracted with merchants residing in the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland.

*And Whereas, Debtors of the Crown by the provisions contained in the said Insolvent Debtors' Acts, are precluded from taking the benefit thereof, which, in some instances, has proved oppressive to distressed persons:*