

ruptcy : And provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to annul, destroy or impair any lawful rights of married women, or minors, or any liens, mortgages, hypothecs or other securities on property, real or personal, which may be valid by the laws of any part of this Province, and which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

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XX. And be it enacted, that the several Judges of the District Courts in this Province, and the several Commissioners appointed under the Ordinance of Lower Canada concerning bankrupts, or to be hereafter appointed, shall and may within their respective Districts, locality and jurisdiction, exercise, fulfil and perform, the acts, powers, duties and authority, by this Act vested in, given to, or directed or authorized to be performed by them, for the several purposes in this Act contained : Provided, that nothing in this Act contained shall prevent the Governor from removing any one or more of the Commissioners heretofore appointed, as in and by the said Ordinance is declared and provided : And provided also, that in any District in this Province, where the business may appear to be greater than the Judge of the District Court can conveniently dispose of, it shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, to appoint a Commissioner to have concurrent jurisdiction, power and authority, in matters of bankruptcy within such District with the Judge thereof, and to remove such Commissioner, and appoint another in his place : And provided always, that no person shall be a Judge or Commissioner as aforesaid in this Province, unless he be a Barrister at Law, of at least five years standing.

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