

Periods the Defendant may pay the Debt into Court, to be paid over to the Assignees, upon lapse of the prescribed time.

XCIV. If the Commission afterwards superseded, Persons from whom the Assignees have recovered, or *bonâ fide* paying the Assignees, &c. discharged from Claims by the Bankrupt.

XCV. Confirms all things done pursuant to Stat. 5. Geo. II. c. 30, which appoints an Office registering Proceedings in Bankruptcy.

XCVI. No Commission, Adjudication, Conveyance, or Certificate, to be received in Evidence, unless entered of Record at such Office; Fees of Recording prescribed. The Lord Chancellor may, upon Petition, direct certain other Matters to be entered; all Persons at liberty to Search; and Certificate of Entry endorsed, to be Evidence of Entry.

XCVII. Office-copies made Evidence in certain Cases, and Costs of producing original Instruments not to be allowed, unless the Production appears to have been necessary.

XCVIII. Commissions, Deeds, and other Instruments relating to Estates and Effects of Bankrupts, not liable to stamp Duty; nor sales to Auction Duty.

XCIX. Pains and Penalties of wilful and corrupt Perjury, to be suffered by those who shall be convicted of false Swearing, or of false Affirmation, in the case of Quakers, who, on refusing to make Solemn Affirmation, shall incur the Penalties prescribed for Persons refusing to be sworn.

C. All Forfeitures under this Act may be sued for by the Assignees in any Court of Record; and the Money recovered, (*minus* Law-charges) to be divided among the Creditors.

CI. Assignees to keep a Book of Account of Bankrupt's Estate, which shall always be accessible to Creditors; to be produced before Commissioners, on Summons to the Assignees, who, on Failure, may be imprisoned without Bail by the Commissioners, until they submit.

CII. Majority in Value of Creditors, at Meeting for Choice of Assignees, to direct where the Money arising from the Bankrupt's Estate shall be paid in; and failing them, this Duty devolves on the Commissioners.

CIII. Commissioners may direct such Money to be invested in Exchequer Bills, to be disposed of, subject to the Controul of the Lord Chancellor.

CIV. Assignee disobeying direction to pay or invest Money, and retaining or employing it, or permitting Co-assignee to retain or employ it, to be charged with Interest at Twenty *per Cent.*

CV. If Assignee become Bankrupt, having Bankrupt's Estate wilfully retained, his Certificate shall only have the Effect of freeing him from Arrest, but shall not discharge his future Effects in respect of it.

CVI. Commissioners shall audit the Accounts of the Assignees, not sooner than Four Months from the issuing, nor later than Six Months from the last Examination.

CVII. The Commissioners shall not sooner than Four, nor later than Twelve Calendar Months from the issuing, call, upon Twenty-one days' Notice in the *London Gazette*, a Meeting, at which any Creditor may prove his Debt; and the Commissioners shall then and there direct a Dividend among the Creditors, proving, "in proportion to their respective Debts;" but no Dividend shall be declared, without previous audit.

CVIII. Creditors having Security for their Debts, not to receive more than other Creditors, "except in respect of any execution or extent served and levied, by Seizure upon, or any Mortgage of, or Lien upon any part of the Property of such Bankrupt before the Bankruptcy."

CIX. Directs a Final Dividend within Eighteen Calendar Months from the issuing, except there be an Action or Suit depending, or the affairs be not fully wended up, in which case the Funds subsequently accruing, to be divided within Two Calendar Months after being realized.

CX. Assignees shall file, in the Bankrupt Office, an Account of

unclaimed Dividends remaining in their Hands, or otherwise be liable for Interest thereon at Five per Cent, with such further Sum as the Commissioners shall think fit, not exceeding in "the whole Twenty Pounds per Cent. per Annum." And the Lord Chancellor, or Commissioners, may order the Investment of such Dividends to be divided, after Three Years, among the Creditors.

CXI. No Action to be brought against Assignees for Dividends, the remedy being by Petition to the Lord Chancellor.

CXII. Bankrupt not surrendering and submitting to be examined, or not making discovery of his Estate and Effects, or not delivering up his Goods, Books, &c. or removing or embezzling Property to the Value of Ten Pounds "with intent to defraud his Creditors," shall be deemed guilty of Felony, punishable by Transportation for Life, or for a Term not less than Seven Years, or by Imprisonment, with or without hard Labour, not exceeding Seven Years.

CXIII. The Lord Chancellor may enlarge the Time for the Bankrupt surrendering himself.

CXIV. Commissioners and Assignees, after being chosen with Written Approbation of the Commissioners, may make allowance to the Bankrupt out of his Estate, until the last examination, for the support of himself and his family.

CXV. Bankrupt apprehended to have the same Benefit, on conforming, as if he had voluntarily surrendered.

CXVI. Bankrupt to deliver up his Books of Accounts to the Assignees upon Oath; to attend them upon reasonable Notice, under pain of Imprisonment; may inspect the Accounts; and after allowance of his Certificate, to attend Assignees in settling Accounts—having for his Attendance Five shillings per Diem.

CXVII. To be free from Arrest during Examination, if not in Custody; and, if arrested, to be, on producing Summons, discharged by the Officer, under Penalty of Five Pounds for every day's Detention thereafter.

CXVIII. Commissioners may, by Indorsement on the Summons, adjourn the last Examination *sine die*; the Bankrupt's protection continuing, under the Penalty specified in last Section.

CXIX. Bankrupt in Custody may be brought before the Commissioners at the expense of the Estate; and the Assignees may appoint Persons to attend him in prison.

CXX. Persons concealing Bankrupt's real or personal Estate to forfeit One Hundred Pounds with double the Value of the Property; and those who voluntarily discover to the Commissioners or Assignees any part of his Estate, to have an allowance of Five per Cent. and further reward at discretion of a Majority in value of the Creditors.

CXXI. Bankrupt to be discharged by Certificate of conformity; but such Certificate shall not release his Partners or co-obligants.

CXXII. Certificate to be signed by Four-fifths, in number and value, of Creditors, proving for Twenty Pounds or upwards; after Six Months, by Three-fifths in number and value, or Nine-tenths in number; and to be completed by the Lord Chancellor's allowance, against which any Creditor may be heard.

CXXIII. Rule as to Petitions for the allowance of Certificates prescribed under 5 Geo. IV. c. 98, hereby repealed.

CXXIV. Proof of Signature of Creditors, the same as by Sec. 46.

CXXV. Contracts and Securities to induce Creditors to sign Certificate void.

CXXVI. Bankrupt having obtained his Certificate, free from Arrest; Certificate Evidence of Proceedings under the Commission; and, if Bankrupt in execution, he may be ordered to be discharged.

CXXVII. When he has been Bankrupt before, or has compounded, or taken the benefit of any Insolvent Act, unless Fifteen Shillings in the Pound is paid, his future Effects shall vest in the Assignees notwithstanding Certificate.

CXXVIII. Allowance to Bankrupt Five per Cent. and not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds, if Ten Shillings paid in the Pound; Seven and a half per Cent. and not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds, if Twelve Shillings and Six Pence; Ten per Cent. and not exceeding Six Hundred Pounds, if Fifteen Shillings, but if under Ten