Trader, Brokers &c. if Bankrupt may be sequestrated.

in general, any person who either for himself, or as Agent or Factor for others, seeks his living by buying and selling, or by the workmanship of goods or commodities, or by any other of the foregoing occupations, or who holds a share in any such Trade or Undertaking, shall be under arrest for debt, and in virtue of such arrest be imprisoned for the space of 24 hours or shall fly, or abscond, for his personal safety; or whose goods and effects shall be seized and attached, and so remain for the above space of time, or who may abscond, or shut himself up from his creditors and dealing or occupation aforesaid, or who may execute a deed of transfer and conveyance of his goods and estate without the consent, but under the apparent intent to defraud his creditors, or give undue preferences by such assignment, sale or transfer; or who may be imprisoned under Judgment and execution for debt for the above space of time, it shall be lawful to any creditor of the said person, whose debt shall amount to the sum of

Upon petition of creditors whose debts amount to certain sums, &c.

or to any two Creditors whose debts shall amount to the sum of or any three or more Creditors, whose debts amount to the sum of or upwards, whether such debts are liquidated by formal vouchers or stand upon open account at any time within days of such arrest and imprisonment or the attachment and seizure of effects or of absconding, or flying for safety, or shutting himself up from his Creditors or within days after any assignment, sale or transfer of goods, Estate and Effects as abovesaid, may be made known to six or more of his Creditors not interested by any security under such deed for payment of his or their debts, to apply by petition to the Court of King's Bench of the District where such debtor may reside, or have last resided, or if the said Court, may not be then setting, to any one of the Judges of the said Court for a Sequestration of the said Debtor's Estate, Real and personal, and upon the production of the grounds of Debt, or a Certified Copy of the account and a deposition by the Creditor or Creditors at whose instance the application is made, taken by any Judge of the said Court to the verity of the debt or debts, and also that he or they believe the party against