Married woliable to arrest in civil cases.

VI. A married woman shall not be liable to arrest either on mesne or man not to be final process, on any contract made or debt incurred by her either before or after marriage.

Distribution of separate property of wife dying intestate.

VII. The separate personal property of a married woman dying intestate, shall be distributed in the same proportions between her husband, children and relations, per capita et per stirpes, as the personal property of a husband dying intestate, is or shall be distributed between his wife, children and relations.

When the husmade a party to any action, wife.

VIII. In any action or proceeding, at law or in equity, by or against a band must be married woman, upon any contract made or debt incurred by her before or 10 after marriage, her husband shall be made a party, if within the Province, &c. against the but if absent therefrom, the action or proceeding may go on for or against her alone; and in the declaration, bill or statement of the cause of action, it shall be alleged whether such cause of action accrued before or after marriage, and also that such married woman has separate estate, and the 15 judgment or decree therein, if against such married woman, shall be to recover of her separate estate only, unless in any action or proceeding against such action, &c. her, in which her husband has been joined as a party, any false plea or answer has been pleaded or put in, when the judgment or decree shall be, in addition, to recover against him the costs occasioned by such false plea 20 or answer, as in ordinary cases.

Form of declaration, proceedings and judgment in

Act not to prevent effect of aute-nuptial contract; but to apply to wife's separate property not affected by such contract.

IX. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prevent any ante-nuptial settlement or contract being made in the same manner and with the same effect as such contract or settlement might be made if this Act had not been passed; but notwithstanding any such contract or settle- 25 ment, any separate real or personal property of a married woman, acquired either before or after marriage, and not coming under, or being affected by such contract or settlement, shall be subject to the provisions of this Act, in the same manner as if no such contract or settlement had been made.

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Act limited to Upper Canada.

X. This Act shall apply only to Upper Canada.