

Person shall be attached, and it shall be made appear to the Court out of which the Process of Attachment hath issued, that the Goods, Debts, and Credits so attached are not sufficient to pay Twenty Shillings in the Pound to all those who shall be Creditors by reason of Debts contracted within the Island of *Newfoundland* and on the Islands and Seas aforesaid, or on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, or in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, it shall be lawful for such Court to summon the Party whose Goods, Debts, and Credits are so attached, together with the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs who have sued out any Attachment, and also such Persons who are known to be Creditors as aforesaid of the Defendant, to appear in Court at a certain Day; and if upon a due Examination of the Defendant and the said Creditors, it shall appear that he or she is insolvent, the Court shall declare him or her insolvent accordingly, and shall immediately proceed to take order for discovering, collecting, and selling the Effects and Debts of such Person, and distributing the Produce thereof rateably amongst all the said Creditors of such Person so declared insolvent, and for that Purpose shall authorize any One or more Creditors of the said Defendant, who shall be chosen by the major Part in Value of such Creditors, whose Debts amount respectively to the Sum of Ten Pounds and upwards, to perform the same; and that such Court shall from Time to Time make such Order therein as shall be deemed proper for better discovering, collecting, and selling the Effects and Debts, and making a rateable Distribution thereof among the said Creditors.

Distribu tion
of Effects of
insolvent
Parties.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in the Distribution to be made of the Estate and Effects of such Person so declared insolvent, every Fisherman and Seaman employed in the Fishery, who shall be a Creditor for Wages become due in the then current Season, shall first be paid Twenty Shillings in the Pound so far as the Effects will go; and in the next Place every Person who shall be a Creditor for Supplies furnished in the current Season shall be paid Twenty Shillings in the Pound; and in the next Place every Person who shall have become a Creditor within Two Years shall be paid Twenty Shillings in the Pound; and lastly, all other Creditors shall be paid equally as far as the Effects will go.

Certificate of
the Court to
be a Bar to
Suits for
Debt prior to
Declaration
of Insol-
vency.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if such insolvent Person shall make a true Disclosure and Discovery of all his or her Goods and Effects whatsoever, and shall conform him or herself to the Order and Direction of the said Court, the same shall and may (with the Consent of One-half in Number and Value of his or her Creditors) be certified by the said Court, and such Certificate, when pleaded, shall be a Bar to all Suits and Complaints for Debts contracted within the Island of *Newfoundland* and on the Islands and Seas aforesaid, and on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, and in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, prior to the Time when he or she was declared Insolvent.

Chief Justice
may grant
Administra-
tion of Ef-
fects.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Chief Justice, or any Person or Persons appointed by him for that Purpose under his Hand and Seal, shall have Power to grant Administration of the Effects of Intestates, and the Probate of Wills, and that the Effects of deceased Persons shall not be administered within the Island of *Newfoundland* or on the Islands and Seas aforesaid, or on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, unless Administration thereof, or Probate of Wills respecting the same, shall have been duly granted by such Authority as aforesaid.

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