

to their rights and interests therein, and as it would have been if the partnership had been dissolved without any bankruptcy; and the sum so appropriated to the separate estate of any partner shall be applied to the payment of his separate debt: And it shall be lawful for the Court Consolidating commissions. to consolidate two or more commissions, where justice may so require, or the administration of the estates under such commissions be thereby facilitated.

LV. Nothing in this Act contained shall prevent the Court, when Partners residing in different districts. two or more persons who are partners in trade as a firm reside in different Districts in this Province, to that in which any commission of bankruptcy shall be prosecuted against such firm, from having any jurisdiction over the said partner resident beyond the District, or over any partner of such firm resident without this Province, in case any of the partners in any firm so reside, as far as it relates to the interest or share of such partner of such firm, if such partner be included in such commission: And it shall and may be lawful for the Court to take and receive any examination or declaration, by means of a commission for that purpose, or otherwise take such proceedings in respect to such partner, as may be necessary for the conformity of such partner to this Act.

LVI. If any bankrupt, after the commencement of this Act, shall at the time of his bankruptcy be a member of a firm, it shall be lawful for the Court to authorise the assignee to commence or prosecute any action at law, or suit in equity, in the name of such assignee, and of Court may authorise proceedings at law in the name of a firm. the remaining partner, against any debtor of the partnership, and to obtain such judgment or decree, or order therein, as if such action or suit had been instituted with the consent of such partner, and if such partner shall execute any release of the debt or demand, such release shall be void: Provided that every such partner, if no benefit is claimed by him in virtue of the said proceedings, shall be indemnified against the payment of any costs in respect of such action or suit; and it shall be lawful for the Court, on the application of such partner, to direct that he may receive so much of the proceeds of such action or suit, as such Court shall direct.

LVII. The assignee shall at such time as shall be appointed by the First dividend, Court, within six months from the issuing of the commission, call a meeting of the creditors of the bankrupt, by notice to be published in such manner as the Court shall direct, at which meeting the creditors who have not before proved their debts, shall be allowed to prove the same; and the assignee shall produce to the Court, and to the creditors then present, fair and just accounts of all their receipts and payments touching the estate of the bankrupt, and shall, if required by the Court, be examined on oath as to the truth of such accounts, and the Court shall thereupon make an order in writing for the dividend of the said estate, or such part thereof as the Court shall think fit, among the creditors of the said bankrupt, who shall have proved their respective debts: Provided always, that all debts due by the bankrupt to Her Majesty, or to any person who, by the laws of any part of this Province, are or may be entitled to a priority or preference with respect to such debts out of the estate of the bankrupt, shall have the benefit of such priority or preference in like manner as if this Act had not been passed, excepting always such preferences as are provided for in this Act; and if at the