

the Estates and Effects of Bankrupts within the provisions of this Act ; each of which said Commissioners shall have jurisdiction and shall reside in the County or City and County for which he shall be so appointed, and shall hold his place and be removable therefrom at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, who shall and may from time to time, by and with the advice aforesaid, fill up any vacancy or vacancies as the same may occur ; and each of the said Commissioners, before entering on the duties of his said Office, shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the same, before the Clerk of the Peace of the County or City and County for which he shall or may be so appointed, or before such other person as shall be named for that purpose in the Warrant or Commission appointing such Commissioner, and shall subscribe his name to a Roll to be kept by such Clerk of the Peace for that purpose, on which Roll shall be written the affidavit following, that is to say :—

Jurisdiction and
tenure of Office.

To be sworn.

‘ I, A. B. do swear that I will faithfully, impartially and honestly, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the several powers and trusts reposed in me as a Commissioner of Bankruptcy for the City and County of Saint John, (or County of —, as the case may be) and such other County and Counties as may hereafter be united thereto, by virtue of an Act relating to Debtors and Creditors, and of any Act or Acts made or to be made in addition to or alteration or amendment of the same.

Oath of Office.

‘ SO HELP ME GOD.’

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, whenever hereafter His Excellency and Council may deem it necessary, to extend the provisions of this Act to the Counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Kent, Westmorland, Sunbury, Queen’s County and King’s County, either by appointing one Commissioner for each of the said Counties, to have jurisdiction in the County for which he may be so appointed, under this Act, and subject and liable to the provisions thereof, or one Commissioner to have jurisdiction in and for two or more of the said Counties, or by uniting one or more of them, for the purposes of this Act, with any of the Counties mentioned in the first Section hereof : Provided always, that should it be deemed expedient at any time or times hereafter to appoint one person to be Commissioner of Bankruptcy in and over two or more of the said Counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Kent, Westmorland, Sunbury, Queen’s County, and King’s County, such Commissioner shall and may reside in and be sworn before the Clerk of the Peace of any of the Counties for which he shall be so appointed.

Provisions of this
Act may be ex-
tended to other
Counties.

III. And be it enacted, That all persons whosoever residing in this Province, owing debts to the amount of not less than five hundred pounds, currency, shall be liable to become Bankrupts within the meaning of this Act ; and may, upon Petition to the Chancellor or Master of the Rolls of this Province, of one or more of their Creditors, to whom they owe debts amounting in the whole to not less than two hundred pounds currency, or of any other person or persons on the behalf of such Creditor or Creditors, on oath, in duplicate, accompanied by the further proof hereinafter mentioned, be declared accordingly, by fiat of the said Chancellor or Master of the Rolls as hereinafter mentioned in the following cases : that is to say,—Whenever such persons shall depart from this Province with intent to defraud their Creditors, or to avoid service of, or arrest by the ordinary process of the Law, or shall conceal themselves to avoid being arrested, or having been arrested

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