

orders and directions of the said judges of the said courts respectively, the same shall and may, with the consent in writing under the hands of one half in number and value of the creditors of such insolvent or insolvents, be certified by the respective judges, under the seal of the said courts respectively; and such certificate may be pleaded, and shall be a bar to every suit or action which may at any time thereafter be brought in any court in the said island or colony of *Newfoundland* or its dependencies, for any debt or contract for payment of money due or entered into by such person or persons prior to the time of his her or their being declared insolvent as aforesaid; and if any person or persons so declared insolvent as aforesaid, shall fail to make a true disclosure and discovery of all his her or their estate or estates and effects, or shall otherwise refuse to conform to the orders or directions of the said judges respectively, it shall be lawful for the said judges respectively to cause such person or persons to be arrested and imprisoned until he she or they shall make such disclosure and discovery, and in all respects conform to the orders of the said judges respectively.

the judges, may receive certificates, with consent of one-half in number and value of the creditors.

26 And be it further Enacted, That in the distribution to be made of the produce of the estates and effects of every person or persons hereafter declared insolvent in *Newfoundland*, or its dependencies as aforesaid, every creditor for supplies necessary, and furnished *bonâ fide* for the fishery during the current season (that is to say) at any time after the close of the last preceding season of the fishery, shall be considered as a privileged creditor; and shall first be paid Twenty shillings in the pound, so far as the estates and effects of such insolvent person or persons, which may be realized in *Newfoundland* or its dependencies, will go, and that all other creditors shall be paid equally and rateably: Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect the prior claims of seamen and other servants, actually employed in the catching and taking of fish and oil, upon all fish and oil caught by the hirers or employers of such seamen fishermen or servants, or the produce or value thereof; and also provided that menial or domestic servants shall in all cases be paid the balance of their last preceding year's wages, out of the household furniture goods and effects of every person so declared insolvent.

Creditors for supplies for the fishery for the current season shall be privileged, and be first paid 20s. in the pound.

Not to affect the prior claims of seamen or domestic servants.

AND whereas it is expedient that the estates and effects of deceased persons, which may not be sufficient to pay all their just debts, should be distributed according to the manner herein directed concerning the estates and effects of persons declared insolvent; BE it further Enacted, That as often as any person shall die in *Newfoundland*, or in any place or seas or territory within the government thereof, and the estates and effects of such person shall not be sufficient to pay and satisfy all his or her just debts, it shall be lawful for the said courts respectively, at the petition of the executor or executors, administrator or administrators of such deceased person, or any one or more of his or her creditors, to cause a true statement of the effects and debts of such deceased person to be made in writing by and upon the oath of the said executor or executors,

Proceedings in cases where persons die insolvent.