

XIX. And be it enacted, That when there has been mutual credit given by the Bankrupt and any other person, or when there are mutual debts between the Bankrupt and any other person, the Commissioner shall state the account between them, and one debt or demand may be set off against another, notwithstanding any prior act of Bankruptcy committed by such Bankrupt before the credit given to, or debt contracted by him, and what shall appear due on either side on the balance of such account, and no more shall be claimed or paid on either side respectively, and every debt or demand provable against the estate of the Bankrupt may also be set off in manner aforesaid against such estate; provided that the person claiming the benefit of such set-off had not when such credit was given, notice of an act of Bankruptcy by such Bankrupt committed.

Accounts of mutual credits and debts to be stated by the Commissioner and allowed.

XX. And be it enacted, That no distress for rent made and levied after Fiat in Bankruptcy issued upon the goods or effects of any Bankrupt shall be available for more than one year's rent accrued prior to the date of the Fiat, but the landlord or party to whom the rent shall be due shall be allowed to come in as a Creditor under the Fiat for the overplus of the rent due, and for which the distress shall not be available.

No distress for rent to be available for more than one year's rent.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Assignee or Assignees shall keep an account wherein they shall enter all property of the Bankrupt received by them, and all payments made by them on account of the Bankrupt's Estate, which account every Creditor who shall have proved may inspect at all reasonable times; and it shall be lawful for the respective Commissioners at all times by writing under their hands, to summon the Assignees before them, and require them to produce all Books, Papers, Deeds, Writings and other documents relating to the Bankruptcy in their possession, and if such Assignee so summoned shall not come before the Commissioner at the time appointed, having no impediment made known to the Commissioner at the time appointed and allowed by him, it shall be lawful for such Commissioner by Warrant under his hand and seal directed to such person as he shall think fit, and to cause such Assignee to be brought before him, and upon his refusing to produce such Books, Deeds, Writings, Papers or documents as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such Commissioner to commit the party so refusing to such prison as he shall think fit, there to remain without bail until such party shall submit himself to such Commissioner.

An account of all property of the Bankrupt received, and all payments made, to be kept by the Assignee, open to the Creditors.

Assignee may be summoned under pain of imprisonment to produce before the Court all papers, &c. relating to the Bankruptcy.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the respective Commissioners shall at a public meeting to be appointed not sooner than six calendar months from the date of the fiat, whereof and of the purport whereof not less than thirty days notice shall be given in one or more of the public Newspapers published in the County or City and County or District in which such Commissioner hath jurisdiction, and in case no such newspaper shall be published in such County, City and County or District, then in the Royal Gazette, to audit the Accounts of the Assignees; and the Assignees at such meeting shall deliver upon oath a true statement in writing of all money received by them respectively, and when and on what account, and how the same shall have been invested or paid, and the Commissioner shall examine such statement and compare the receipts with the payments, and ascertain what balances have been from time to time in the hands of such Assignees respectively, and shall inquire whether any sum appearing to be in their hands ought to be retained, and it shall be lawful for such Commissioner to examine the said Assignee upon oath, touching the truth of such Accounts, and in such Accounts the said Assignees shall be allowed to retain all such money as they shall have expended in their necessary proceedings under the fiat and all other just allowances.

A meeting to be called to audit the accounts of the Assignee.

Assignee to deliver a true statement of receipts and payments or investments, to be examined by the Commissioner.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the Bankrupt after the appointment of Assignee, shall if thereto required, forthwith deliver up to him upon oath before a Master ordinary or extraordinary in Chancery, or Justice of the Peace, all Books of Account, Papers and Writings relating to his estate, in his custody or power, and discover such as are in the custody or power of any other person, and every such Bankrupt not in Prison or in custody shall at all times after such surrender attend such Assignee upon every reasonable notice in writing for that purpose given by such Assignee to him or left at his house, and shall assist such Assignee in making out the accounts of his estate, and such Bankrupt may at all seasonable times inspect his Books, Papers and Writings in the presence of his Assignee or any person appointed by him, and bring with him each time any two persons to assist him, and every such Bankrupt after he shall have obtained his Certificate, shall, upon demand in writing given to him or left at his usual place of abode, attend the Assignee to settle any accounts between his estate and any

Bankrupt to deliver up to the Assignee all books of accounts, &c. relating to his estate, and assist him, &c.