

meeting; Provided always, that such order shall be made upon the said Debtor or Debtors paying all the expenses of the meeting, and all other fees and expenses connected with and incurred in the necessary proceedings, to procure his or their discharge under this Act, agreeably to a scale to be fixed upon under this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That when such order shall be so made by the Master of the Rolls, it shall operate as an effectual bar to all proceedings against such Debtor or joint Debtors, his or their persons and property, for the recovery of any thing beyond the amount agreed upon by not less than such three fifths as aforesaid, of the Creditors present at such meeting, in person or by Attorney, in number and amount, and which order shall and may be pleaded in bar in any Court of Law or Equity in this Province, to any action or suit that shall be brought for the recovery of any thing beyond what shall at such meeting have been agreed upon in manner aforesaid, or for the enforcing of any matter or thing contrary to the true intent and meaning of the terms, provisions and conditions of what shall have been agreed upon at such meeting as aforesaid, and so transmitted by the Clerk of the Peace presiding at such meeting to the Master of the Rolls as aforesaid.

Order of the Master to be a bar to all proceedings for debts except as under the agreement.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said petitioning Debtor or joint Debtors, after any agreement by way of compromise, or other arrangement that shall or may have been made or entered into at any public meeting of the Creditors to be called under the provisions of this Act, to receive any debt or debts, or to make any settlement, or give any release or discharge of his or their debt or debts, or in any way to interfere with his or their real or personal property or assets, directly or indirectly, or to make any secret or other compromise with any of his or their Debtor or Debtors, Creditor or Creditors, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the terms and conditions of any arrangement, agreement or compromise, which shall or may have been agreed upon by and between such Debtor or Debtors and his or their Creditors at such meeting in manner aforesaid.

Debtor may not receive, release or compromise debts due to him in opposition to the terms of agreement with his Creditors.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any such Petitioning Debtor or Debtors do or shall receive any debt or debts, or give any release or other discharge to any of his or their Debtors, or enter into arrangement, agreement or compromise with his or their Debtor or Debtors, Creditor or Creditors at or after any such public meeting of the Creditors of such Petitioning Debtor or joint Debtors, called under the provisions of this Act, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the agreement, compromise or arrangement that shall or may have been so agreed upon between such Debtor or Debtors, and his or their Creditors at such public meeting, the same, that is, all such receipts of debts, releases, discharges, arrangements, agreements and compromises shall be utterly void and of none effect.

Receipts, compromises, &c. by the debtor contrary to the agreement with his creditors, to be void.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all sales and conveyances of his estate, lands, goods and chattels to him belonging, made by any such debtor or debtors after such first public notice as aforesaid given, for calling a meeting of his creditors under the provisions of this Act, and all Powers of Attorney by him given for selling any estate or effects, or collecting any debts or demands, whether such Power of Attorney be made after or before such first public notice as aforesaid given, and all levies, seizures and sales made by any Sheriff or other officer after such first public notice as aforesaid given, of any estates, lands, goods and chattels of any such debtor or debtors, under any execution or other legal process issued out of any Court of Judicature after such first order as aforesaid shall be made by the Master of the Rolls for calling such meeting of the creditors of such debtor or debtors as aforesaid, and also all arrests of the person or persons of any such debtor or debtors upon mesne process or execution for any debt after such first order shall be made as aforesaid, shall be null and void, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as to all acts done or to be done after such first public notice given, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding; Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any debt due to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or to restrain any landlord or other person or persons from his or their legal right of distress or lien for any rent actually due; and provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to restrain any creditor or creditors of such debtor or debtors from any proceedings to recover or secure any debt or debts due to him, her or them, from such debtor or debtors, or to restrain the legal right of such debtor or debtors to the possession, sale or other disposition of any estate, lands, goods and chattels to him belonging, after the final close and dissolution of any such public meeting of his creditors, in case no

Sales &c. by debtor, and arrests of his person after notice of meeting of his Creditors, to be void.

Crown debts, and Landlords rents, reserved.

Act not to restrain the rights of creditors, if meeting be dissolved and no agreement be made.