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Purchaser of the debts to be deemed Estate of the Bank . rupt for the purpose of recovery.

Certificate of the Commissioner to be deemed evidence of title to sue.

Proof of title of Plaintiff to sue for property purchased from the Assignee defined.

Proof of Fiat of Bankruptcy and Warrant appointing the Assignee, defined.

Commissioner may order the sale of the outstanding debts in certain cases.

Assignee may with consent compound tion debts due to the

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III. And be it enacted, That the purchaser of any debt or debts shall be deemed the Assignee of the and taken to be the Assignee of the Estate and Effects of the Bankrupt or Bankrupts of whose outstanding debt or debts he shall become the purchaser, for the purposes of any suit or action brought for the recovery of such debt or debts.

IV. And be it enacted, That in all suits or actions brought or to be brought by any purchaser for the recovery of such debt or debts, proof of the Fiat in Bankruptcy, and the production of the Certificate of the Commissioner in Bankruptcy, shall be deemed and taken in all respects to be good and sufficient evidence of his or their title to sue as such Assignee.

V. And be it enacted, That in all actions brought or to be brought by any recovery of personal person for the recovery of any personal property purchased from the Assignee of any Bankrupt's Estate, proof of the Fiat in Bankruptcy, of the Warrant appointing the Assignee in Bankruptcy, and of the Execution of the assignment of the Assignee, of the personal property for the recovery whereof such action is brought, shall be deemed evidence of the title of the Plaintiff in such action, to recover the title and interest such Bankrupt had in the said personal property, at the time the title of the Bankrupt became divested out of him by operation of Law.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Fiat may be proved by the production thereof, or an examined copy thereof, or a copy certified by the Commissioner, on the ordinary proof of the hand writing of such Commissioner, and proof of the Warrant appointing the Assignee may be made in the same manner: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to dispense with the proof of the Fiat by the production of the Royal Gazette, as now provided by Law.

VII. And be it enacted, That in cases where the interest of the Creditors in the outstanding debts shall be of small value, or in cases where no claims are proved, the Commissioner may, if he deem it advisable, after the lapse of twelve months from the date of the Fiat, order a sale of the said debts, having previously given due notice thereof in some Newspaper published in the County in which he resides, or if there be no such Newspaper, then in the Royal Gazette.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Assignee, with the consent of the major or submit to arbitra- part in value of the Creditors may compound with any debtor to the Bank-Bankrupt's Estate. rupt's Estate, and take any reasonable part of the debt in discharge of the whole, or may give time or take security for the payment of such debt, or may submit any dispute between such Assignees and any person concerning any matter relating to such Bankrupt's Estate to the determination of Arbitrators to be chosen by the Assignee and the party with whom they shall have such dispute, and the award of such arbitrators shall be binding on all the Creditors, and the Assignee is hereby indemnified for what he shall do according to the directions aforesaid; provided that in cases where delay shall be deemed injurious to the interests of the Creditors, the Assignee shall have power, with the consent of the Commissioner testified in writing under his hand, to do any of the matters aforesaid without the assent of the Creditors. IX. And be it enacted, That when one person shall purchase all the outstandsigned to the Bank- ing debts, the Assignee shall have power, by the order of the Commissioner, to sell or otherwise dispose of the Books of Account of the Bankrupt to such person, or in case no such claim shall be proved against any Bankrupt within one year after the issuing of the Fiat, the Assignee shall, with the assent of the Commissioner testified in writing, have power to assign the said Books of any Bankrupt or Bankrupts to such Bankrupt or Bankrupts, together with the right to recover any sum or sums of money, debt or demand due thereon, and for which purpose the said Bankrupt or Bankrupts shall be restored to his first and former estate in the same. X. And be it enacted, That in all actions brought or to be brought by the Assignee of any Bankrupt, or of the debt or debts of any Bankrupt, the Defendant or Defendants in such action may set off any debt, payment or demand which he or they could have set off in any action brought for the recovery thereof by such Bankrupt before the granting the Fiat in Bankruptcy, subject to the same rules and regulations in all respects as to pleading or giving notice thereof, or evidence as in other cases of mutual debts between Plaintiff and Defendant.

XI. And be it enacted, That the Register of the Court of Chancery shall have power, and he is hereby authorized to assign to such person as may be entitled thereto, any Bond heretofore given for securing the costs of proceeding in Bankruptcy, by endorsing and attesting it under his hand and seal, in presence of a

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