

their conduct, and the extent of his or their liabilities, property and assets; which examination shall and is hereby required to be taken down by the said Clerk presiding at such meeting, and to constitute part of the minutes thereof.

X. And be it enacted, That a copy of the minutes and proceedings at any such public meeting of the creditors of any debtor or joint debtors, held under the provisions of this Act, and so transmitted by such Clerk of the Peace to the Master of the Rolls as aforesaid, and which shall be filed by the said Master of the Rolls in the Registrar's Office of the Court of Chancery, together with a copy of the Master of the Rolls order or orders made under the provisions of this Act, and certified by the Registrar of the Court of Chancery as true copies, shall be good evidence in any Court of Law or Equity in this Province, of the minutes and proceedings of such meetings, and of the services of the notices required under this Act, and of the orders made by the Master of the Rolls thereon, and of the allegations contained in the debtor or debtors' petition to the Master of the Rolls for an order for a public meeting.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Master of the Rolls for the time being, and he is hereby required to make up a table of fees for all the services required from the Clerk of the Peace, and all other persons under this Act, and for carrying out the provisions thereof, including the Solicitor's fees, agreeably to which it shall be the duty of the Registrar of the said Court to tax all bills of costs for all the proceedings which shall take place under the provisions of this Act, and which the said debtor or joint debtors taking advantage thereof, are required by the third section of this Act to pay before obtaining his or their order of discharge.

XII. And be it enacted, That if the petitioning debtor or debtors, or any other person or persons required under the provisions of this Act to make oath to any fact or facts, or to submit to be examined under oath, shall wilfully make any false statement on oath, or swear to any fact, matter or thing required to be sworn to under the provisions of this Act, or on such examination wilfully swear to any thing untrue or false, he, she or they so making such false statement, or falsely swearing on such examination, shall be and is hereby made liable to be prosecuted for wilful and corrupt perjury, as in other cases, and on conviction thereof, be liable to all the pains and penalties imposed by law upon persons convicted of wilful and corrupt perjury.

XIII. And be it enacted, That at every public meeting of creditors called under the provisions of this Act, the Clerk of the Peace presiding shall lay before the meeting the copy filed with him as hereinbefore directed of the petitioning debtor or debtors' petition to the Master of the Rolls, and the statement and certificate accompanying the same, on which the order for such public meeting shall have been granted.

XIV. And be it enacted, That if at any public meeting of creditors called under the provisions of this Act, any person or persons not named in such debtor or debtors' petition as a creditor or creditors, shall attend in person or by Attorney, or if any of the creditors of such petitioning debtor or debtors named and described as such in the said petition, shall claim or contend at such meeting for a larger sum as due to him or them than such debtor or debtors in his or their said petition to the Master of the Rolls as aforesaid has named in such petition as due to such creditor or creditors, it shall not be lawful for such creditor or creditors not named in such petition, or for those claiming beyond the sum named in such petition, and refusing to reduce their claim to the sum named in such petition, to vote or rank as a creditor or creditors at such meeting, until such creditor or creditors shall by the affidavit (or being a Quaker, by the solemn affirmation in writing) of such creditor or creditors, or of some other credible person or

persons, set forth the amount justly due to such creditor or creditors, over and above all discounts, from such debtor or debtors, which affidavit shall be sworn to before the Clerk of the Peace presiding at such meeting, who is hereby authorized to administer the same, or before some Commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

XV. And be it enacted, That if on the examination of the petitioning debtor or debtors at any public meeting of creditors called under the provisions of this Act, it shall appear under oath as aforesaid, to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Peace presiding at such meeting, that such petitioning debtor or debtors shall have included in his or their petition to the Master of the Rolls any person as a creditor who is not in truth and fact a creditor, or as a creditor for a lesser or greater amount than the sum named in such petition, or that such petitioning debtor or debtors shall have omitted in such petition the name and amount of any creditor or creditors who should have been included, it shall and may be lawful for the Clerk of the Peace presiding at such meeting, and he is hereby required to add to or diminish the list of creditors of such petitioning debtor or debtors, and also to increase or lessen the amount of the respective creditors claims against such petitioning debtor or debtors, according to the facts, and to make such additions, omissions and alterations form part of the minutes of the meeting, and be certified accordingly; and every creditor or his agent in the list, when so corrected by such Clerk of the Peace there present, shall be entitled to vote and rank at such meeting according to the respective amounts of his debts in such list as corrected; but every such creditor whose claim is disputed, although so sworn to, and entered upon the list as aforesaid, shall not be allowed to take the benefit of any arrangement or agreement that may be made at any such meeting between such debtor and such of his creditors then present in number and amount as aforesaid, including any such creditor whose claim may be so disputed as aforesaid, until such creditor whose claim may be so disputed, shall establish the validity of such claim by the judgment of some Court in this Province competent to try the same in due course of law, or by arbitration, as a majority of the other creditors as aforesaid present at such meeting shall and may require; and in every such case it shall be lawful for any such creditor whose debt or debts may be so disputed, and who may be so required to establish the same, to proceed by action not bailable at law, or suit in equity as the case may require, according to the ordinary course of law or equity, against such debtor or debtors to trial and judgment, notwithstanding any order may be made by the Master of the Rolls for the discharge of any such debtor or debtors from his debts under the provisions of this Act; provided nevertheless, that no execution against the property or person of any such debtor or debtors who shall have been so discharged, shall issue upon any such judgment so obtained, but that such creditor or creditors so obtaining such judgment or award in his favor, shall then be entitled to come in with the other creditors to take the benefit of the arrangement that may have been so agreed to with such debtor or debtors as aforesaid, in due proportion, according to the amount of such judgment or award in his favor, and costs.

XVI. And be it enacted, That every creditor of such debtor or debtors taking the benefit of this Act, who may not have signed the arrangement or agreement that may have been made at any such public meeting as aforesaid, shall be at liberty and have full right to come in and participate in any benefit to be derived by the other creditors, under the terms of such arrangement or agreement, in due proportion with the other creditors, by signifying his assent thereto, at any time within one year after the making of any such arrangement or agreement, and that all and every the balance of any assets, property or effects that may be