

L. H. J. Effects or Estate within this province, either real or personal, and
 Liber No. 46 shall become Bankrupt, or fail in payment in manner aforesaid, and
 be bona Fide indebted to any Inhabitant Actually residing and in-
 habiting within this Province, that then and in such Case, such
 Effects or Estate whether real or personal belonging or Appertaining
 to such Factor, Merchant, or person living or residing out of this
 Province and so as aforesaid indebted, or which within the Space
 and Term of Twelve Months before such Bankruptcy, or failing in
 Payment as aforesaid were bona Fide, his Right, Estate or Property,
 shall, is, And are hereby made liable to the Demands and Iust Debts,
 bona fide due and owing to the Inhabitants Actually residing within
 this Province, preferable to any other Debts, Dues or Demands, of
 any Person or Persons Actually inhabiting or residing out of the
 same, Saving to his most Sacred Majesty, His Heirs and Successors,
 his and their, Several and respective Rights. Provided always, and
 it is the true Intent And meaning of this Act, that in case the per-
 sonal Estate of Any of the Debtors mentioned and comprized within
 this Act, or Part thereof, shall be sufficient to discharge their Debts
 within this Province, with the Charges Accruing on any Action or
 Actions to be brought for the same, that then And in such Case the
 Commiss^{rs} that shall be appointed to execute the several Powers and
 Authorities invested in them by this Act, shall not meddle with or
 make Sale of the Lands or real Estate of such Debtor or Debtors,
 or more thereof than with the personal Estate, will pay such Debts
 and Charges, or Any greater part of the personal Estate than shall
 be sufficient to pay such Debts and Charges

And be it likewise Enacted, That any Creditor or Creditors who
 shall be intitled to receive any Distribution, Share, or part of the
 Produce of the Estate or Estates of any person or persons so as
 aforesaid absconding, Runaway, become Bankrupt, stoping or refus-
 ing payment as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby obliged to give
 Bond with one good Surety, in treble the sum to them to be paid,
 payable to the Commiss^{rs} aforesaid, for the use of the person so
 absconding, Runaway, became Bankrupt, stoping or refusing pay-
 ment as before described, Conditioned, That in case such Person or
 Persons so absconded Runaway, become Bankrupt, Stoping or re-
 fusing Payment, as the Case may happen, they, or their Executors
 or Administrators, shall within the Space and Term of Eighteen
 months make Appear, that such Sum or Sums so to such person paid
 was not bona Fide due to such person so receiving the same, that
 then and in such Case, such person receiving the same should repay
 the same Sum by him so received, with double Costs of Suit, and
 p. 613 legal Interest thereof, unto such Persons so absconding, Runaway,
 become Bankrupt stoping or refusing payment as aforesaid, their
 Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, which Bonds shall be kept