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and if the proceeds of the goods, chattles, property and CHAP. 228. effects of the said individual, association of individuals or body corporate, and the debt or debts due and owing to him or them as aforesaid hereby committed and subjected to the management and control of the said receiver or receivers shall not be sufficient to pay off and discharge all and singular the debts and claims herein provided for, then the party or parties to the petition or petitions aforesaid shall be paid pro rata without regard to the priority or amount of his or their claims respectively; provided always, that no attachment or execution, nor Provisor any mortgage, bond or deed, bill of sale or deed of trust nor other lien in the law, except such has been heretofore provided prior to the passage of this act for the benefit and protection of mechanics, shall reach; hold, bind or operate as a lien upon the goods, chattles, property and effects of the said individual, association of individuals or body corporate, nor upon any debt'or debts, money or monies due and owing to him or them as aforesaid, so as to operate to the prejudice or disadvantage of the claim or claims of the persons in his or their employ, nor to the prejudice or disadvantage of the claim or claims of the furnisher or furnishers of ore, clay, coal or other raw material as aforesaid, but the said claims as heretofore designated and described, all and severally shall be first fully paid and discharged, or as far as the same can be done before any such attachment or execution, or any mortgage, bond or deed, bill of sale, deed of trust or other lien in the law, except as hereinbefore specified, shall bind, hold, operate or take effect as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of every sheriff or coroner who shall have any attach-neglect. ment or execution directed against the goods, chattles, property and effects of any individual, association of individuals or body corporate engaged in mining or manufacturing as aforesaid, carefully to examine and enquire whether the said individual, association of individuals or body corporate be indebted as aforesaid, and if so to exempt from levy a sufficiency of the property of the character and kind herein mentioned to meet, cover and discharge all such indebtedness in any event whatever, and if the persons in the employ of said individual, association of individuals or body corporate, in the first section of this act mentioned and described, or the furnisher or furnishers of ore, clay, coal or other raw material as aforesaid, shall in any way suffer, be prejudiced or injured by refusal to comply with, or

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