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or at any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to his or her Use, the said Person or Persons, so paying the said Debt or Debts, or delivering the said Goods or Effects, shall be deemed and adjudged to have paid the same Debt or Debts, or delivered the said Goods or Effects, fraudulently and in their own Wrong; and hereby are made liable to answer the same, or the Amount or Value thereof, to such Person or Persons who shall by virtue of this Act be empowered to receive and dispose of the Estate or Estates of the said absconding Person, towards the Satisfaction of his or her Creditors: And in case the Person or Persons so indebted to the said absconding Person, or the Bailee of Bailees, or other Possessor or Possessors of his or her Goods or Effects, shall, after the laid Notice, be sued by him or her for the said Debt or Debts, Goods or Effects, he, she, or they, so sued, may plead the general Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence.

IV. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That all Sales made by the said absconding Person of his or her Estate, Lands, Goods, or Chattels, after such actual Notice, or after Thirty Days from the Time of setting up such Advertisement of inserting the same in the Gazette as aforesaid respectively, are hereby declared to be null and void, to all Intentions, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

V. And be it further enacted, That in case such absconding Person shall return and discharge all his or her Debts, or otherwise compound with or satisfy all his or her Creditors, on or before the Third Day of the Court to which such Attachment shall be returnable, or shall, on or before that Day, give good and sufficient special Bail, either in the Court to which such Attachment shall be returnable, or before One Justice of the Provincial Court, or the President or any Two Justices of the County Court, to answer the several Claims of all Creditors that shall file their Declarations against such absconding Person, as well in the Provincial Court the first Term thereafter, as in the County Court to which such Attachment shall be returnable in the Two next Terms thereafter, and also pay the Sheriffs Expences and Fees before mentioned, such Attachment shall, by Award of the Court to which it shall be returnable, be dissolved, and the absconding Person be fully restored to every Thing attached: And in case such Bail shall be given as aforesaid, the Justice or Justices before whom the same shall be taken, if out of Court, shall certify the Caption thereof to the Court to which such Attachment shall be returnable; and any Person or Persons may declare against such absconding Person, either in the Provincial Court the first Term, or in the County Court the first or second Term after special Bail so given, without further or other Process, and such Manucaptor or Manucaptors shall be chargeable and liable as if they had become special Bail in every several Action: And in case such absconding Person shall not compound with or pay and satisfy his or her Creditors, or give special Bail as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Provincial or County Court respectively, where the said Writ of Attachment shall be returned as aforesaid, and they are hereby required and empowered to nominate, appoint, and commission Three fit Persons to be Trustees for all the Creditors of the said absconding Person, which Persons, or any Two of them, so nominated and appointed Trustees by the said Court, shall be and are hereby fully empowered and authorised to take into their Hands all the whole Estate or Estates as well real as personal, and all Evidences, Books of Accounts, and Papers relating thereto, of the absconding Person, seized as aforesaid, or anywhere being or lying, or which they may afterwards discover to be