

and Absentees among their Creditors by the Committees of Sales in the several Counties in Cases of Insolvency:

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where the Neat Proceeds of Sale of the Estate of any Conspirator or Absentee shall be found insufficient to discharge the Whole of the Debts due therefrom, the said Committees in the several Counties be, and they hereby are empowered and directed to make Distribution of the Sums by them received, as the Neat Proceeds of the said Estates among the several Creditors thereto, in just and due Proportion; taking Bonds from the said Creditors respectively, in double the Sum to them paid, with two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to refund the Rateable Proportion of such Creditors Demand upon the said Estate, and the Neat Proceeds thereof in Case after Claims legally exhibited, supported and certified, shall render the said Estate further insolvent. And the Bonds given as aforesaid shall be lodged in the Probate Office of the County where the Estates of such Conspirators or Absentees shall be settled; any Law or Resolve to the contrary notwithstanding.

Distribution of neat Proceeds of Absentees Estates.

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AN ACT EMPOWERING THE COMMITTEES FOR THE SALE OF THE ESTATES OF CONSPIRATORS AND ABSENTEES, AND THE AGENTS APPOINTED BY THE JUDGES OF PROBATE ON SUCH ESTATES, IN CERTAIN CASES TO PLEAD THE GENERAL ISSUE, AND GIVE THE ACTS AND RESOLVES OF THE GENERAL COURT AND ANY SPECIAL MATTER IN EVIDENCE.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That in all Cases where Actions shall be commenced against the Committees and Agents aforesaid, or either of them, by any private Person or Persons, the said Committees and Agents may plead the General Issue, and give the Acts and Resolves of the General Court and any special Matter in Evidence.

Where Actions shall be commenced against Committees and Agents.

To plead the General Issue.

March 13, 1783.