that effect, and such certificate shall have to all intents and purposes the effect of a decree of exoneration and discharge by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Provisions for failure of debtor to appear.

9. If the debtor fail to appear in obedience to the citation under a process of Cessio bonorum at any meeting to which he has been cited, and, if the sheriff shall be satisfied that such failure is wilful, he may in the debtor's absence pronounce decree of Cessio bonorum.

Sheriffs may issue warrants in proceedings under 19 & 20 Vict. c. 79. ss. 88, 90, & 91.

10. In any proceedings under the Cessio Acts it shall be competent for the sheriff, for the purpose of securing the attendance and examination of the debtor, or of any person who can give information relative to the debtor's estate, to exercise all the powers and to grant the warrants and commissions which in processes of sequestration he is empowered to exercise or to grant under the eighty-eighth, ninetieth, and ninety-first sections of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act, 1856.

If estate large, &c. sheriff may dismiss Cessio.

11. If in any proceedings under the Cessio Acts, where the liabilities of the debtor exceed the sum of two hundred pounds, it shall appear to the sheriff that it is expedient, having regard to the value of the debtor's estate, and the whole circumstances of the case, that the distribution of the estate should take place under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Acts, he shall have power forthwith to award sequestration of the estates which then belong or shall thereafter belong to the debtor before the date of the discharge and declare the estates to belong to the creditors for the purposes of the Bankruptcy Acts; and thereupon the provisions of the said Acts shall apply as if sequestration had been awarded upon a petition for sequestration in terms of section twenty-nine of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act, 1856.

The sheriff shall have power to direct that the expenses bonâ fide incurred by a creditor in any proceedings under the Cessio Acts superseded by the awarding of sequestration shall be paid by the trustee in the sequestration out of the readiest funds of the bankrupt.

Shortening inducie in Cessio proceedings.

12. Notwithstanding any law or usage to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the sheriff to appoint any diet of compearance or any meeting or proceeding under the Cessio Acts to be held on an inducie of any number of days not being less than eight.

This provision shall not be held to limit any power now possessed by the sheriff.

Effect of s. 12 of 43 & 44 Vict. c. 34.

13. In section twelve of the Debtors (Scotland) Act, 1880, the word "dwelling-house" shall be held to include shop, counting-house, warehouse, or other premises.

Construction of Act.

14. This Act shall be read and construed together with the Debtors (Scotland) Act, 1880.

CHAPTER 23.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Official Staff of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland. [18th July 1881.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Court of Bankruptcy (Ireland) Officers and Clerks Act, 1881.

Reconstitution of official staff. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 60.

2. From and after the passing of this Act, the thirty-eighth section of the Irish Bankrupt and Insolvent Act, 1857, shall be and is hereby repealed. But neither this repeal nor any other enactment contained in this Act shall be construed to lessen or affect any right to which any officer of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland, who is in office at the passing of this Act, may be entitled; and all such rights shall continue and exist as if this Act had not been passed. Subject to such rights, the official staff of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland shall, notwithstanding any enactment to the contrary, consist of such officers, clerks, and persons holding subordinate situations, with such titles and designations respectively, as the judges of the Court may, by general order made with the approval of the Lord High Chancellor of Ireland and the concurrence of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time direct: Provided, however, that no vacancy among such officers, clerks, or persons shall be filled up without the concurrence of the Commissioners of the Treasury.

Salaries.

3. Each such officer, clerk, and person shall be paid such salary, out of money to be provided by Parliament, as the judges of the Court, with the approval of the said Lord High Chancellor and the concurrence of the Commissioners of the Treasury, may from time to time determine.

Mode of filling future vacancies in junior clerkships.

4. All junior clerkships in the said Court shall be filled up by open competition, but this provision shall not apply to any person holding any office or clerkship in the Court at the time of the passing of this Act.

CHAPTER 24.

An Act to amend the Law respecting the Service of Process of Courts of Summary Jurisdiction in England and Scotland. [18th July 1881.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Summary Jurisdiction (Process) Act, 1881.

This Act shall be deemed to be included in the expressions "Summary Jurisdiction Acts" and "Summary Jurisdiction (English) Acts."

Extent of Act.

2. This Act shall not apply to Ireland.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (which day is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act).

Service of process of English

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act, any process issued under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts may, if issued by a court of sum-