

present session of assembly, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to put or lay, or to permit or allow his or their servants or slaves, or any servants or slaves under his or their direction, to carry, put or throw into the said river, or any of the navigable branches thereof, any earth, sand or dirt, or to lay or put on the beach or shore of the said river below common high-water mark any earth, sand or dirt, unless such earth, sand or dirt, be first well secured by stone walls, dove-tailed log pens, or otherwise, so that no such earth, sand or dirt, may wash into the said river, or navigable branches thereof, to fill up the channel, or any way injure the navigation of the said river, or navigable branches thereof, as aforesaid; and that every person or persons so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money, to be recovered before one magistrate, as in case of small debts, one moiety of such forfeiture to the use of his lordship the lord proprietary, for the support of government, the other to him, her or them, that will sue for the same.

CHAPTER 36.

* 1704, ch. 29. A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to the act, entitled, * An act for the relief of creditors in England against bankrupts who have imported any goods into this province not accounted for.

Assignments, &c. not effectual, &c.

Be it enacted, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That no assignment, assurance, conveyance, deed, or any other writing whatsoever, of any goods, chattels, effects, debts, lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever, that shall at any time hereafter be made or executed by any person or persons trading, or that shall hereafter trade, to this province, and that shall reside in Great Britain, or elsewhere, out of this province, at the time of making or executing such assignment, assurance, conveyance, deed, or other writing whatsoever, shall be of any force, virtue or effect, at law or in equity, until the person or persons to whom such assignment, assurance, conveyance, deed, or other writing whatsoever, shall be made or executed, or his or their agent or agents, attorney or attorneys in fact, or such other person or persons who shall act by commission or direction from him or them, shall give his or their bond or obligation, with such security therein as shall be approved of and determined by the chancellor of this province for the time being, to pay and satisfy all and every the debt and debts which such person or persons, making or executing such assignment, assurance, conveyance, deed or other writing, shall or may owe at the time of entering into such bond or obligation as aforesaid, to all and every person and persons living or resi-