

Shall enter into a bond to their said Majesties with two sufficient Sureties
in the sum of fifty Thousand pounds of Tobacco with condition to begin
to build the said watermill within one year then next to come and the building
to prosecute and finish within two years after such beginning, and for the
great advantage that is already found to the Province in generall by the
mills already built some of which do stand upon lands whereof the title is
doubtfull for want of due forms of the Conveyances or the last wills and Testa-
ments by which the lands have been conveyd or devised to the builders of
such mills. Bee it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all
and every such person and persons as aforesaid who have built mills shall or
may have such writ or writts as aforesaid to enquire of the true yearly value
of the land where such mill doth stand and of some acres of land on each side
of the said River as aforesaid and upon Returns of such writts as aforesaid
shall have a grant from their said Majesties their Chief Governour here as
aforesaid for any term not exceeding eighty years and yearly Rent
Returned as aforesaid to be paid to the Right owner of the said land
as aforesaid any Law or Usage to the contrary hereof notwithstanding

An Act for the securing Creditors

54 Whereas there are persons in every County now built and for much as they were
intended for the safe keeping of Prisoners that Creditors might be secured to
have their debts paid after Judgment and Execution forced and that Criminals
might be brought to condign Punishment. Bee it enacted by the King and
Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of their
present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same that every Sheriff
within this Province that shall have any prisoner committed to his charge in
any Criminal case whatsoever shall safe keep the said prisoner until he
be delivered by due course of Law and if any Sheriff shall suffer any
such person ^{to escape} voluntarily or negligently shall forfeit twenty Thousand pounds of
Tobacco the one halfe thereof to their Majesties for the support of Government
the other halfe to be employed in the strengthening the prison of the County
maintenance of poor prisoners. Bee it further enacted by the Authority
aforesaid that when any person or persons are taken by the severall
Respective Sheriffs of the severall and Respective Counties