

Relief of Creditors in England, &c for I conceive that this Act cannot controul, restrain or in any respect affect the Operation of the Statutes, which it is insinuated to be repugnant to. This Act of Assembly provides only that no Assignment or made by any Person or Persons trading to this Province shall be of any Force until the Person to whom the Assignment shall be made, do give Security to pay all the Debts of the Assignor to the People of this Province, so that no other Assignment can be affected by the Act than such as shall be made by the very Debtor, therefore no Assignment under the Statutes relating to Bankrupts can be impugned by the Act; because the Major Part of the Bankrupt's Creditors (in Value) chase the Assignees in consequence of this Choice or Nomination the Comm^{rs} make an Assignment of the Bankrupts Estate (s. 402). To this Assignment the Bankrupt is no party, & as the Supplementary Act provides only against Assignments made by the Debtor himself, it seems to me very manifest that there is not the least Colour of a Precedence for the Objection that the present Act of Assembly is repugnant to any of the Statutes relating to Bankrupts. The Assignments guarded against by the Act are in their Nature fraudulent - the Credit of the Merch^{ts} in many Instances depends upon the Value of his Effects here, for the Planter considering those Effects as the Property of his Correspondent estimates his Substance from this Appearance; but if Assignments made by the Merch^{ts} were to take place, the Creditor here who might be induced to give him Credit