

from a Consideration of the Value of the Effects may & probably  
will be deceived, for if the Creditors at home pursue their Interest  
they would never obtain a Comm<sup>n</sup> of Bankruptcy against a  
Maryland Merch<sup>t</sup> till they had secured his Effects here by an  
Assignment - & as it is almost impracticable for a Creditor here  
to come in under a Comm<sup>n</sup> of Bankruptcy, should these  
Assignments take place they would upon the matter be absolutely  
remediless, which cant be thought reasonable by any impartial  
Person since all the Profit which the Merch<sup>t</sup> acquires by his  
Business arises from the Trust reposed in him by the Planter.  
If the Act of Assembly had enacted that all Country Debts  
should be paid before ~~all~~ foreign Debts, the Partiality of  
such a Provision might have furnished matter of Complaint,  
but it is to be observed that the Act rather establishes an  
Equality among all Creditors, by preventing some of them  
from obtaining a Satisfaction by means of Assignments at the  
Expense of the Rest, for by making such Assignments void,  
all the Creditors are left equally at large & have equal Remedies  
for the Recovery of their Dues. The Merch<sup>t</sup> have all the  
Security for the payments of the Debts due to them here which  
they can reasonably desire, for by the 5 Geo 2 Cap 7 entitled  
an Act for the more easy Recovery of Debts in his Majesty's  
Plantations & Colonies in America all Lands in the Plantations  
are subject in the same manner as personal Estate to the payment  
of Book Debts due to Merch<sup>t</sup> altho the Lands of Merch<sup>t</sup> in England  
are not in the same manner liable to the Satisfaction of such