

Act for regulat-
ing the Indian
trade continued
one year.

article, clause, matter and thing therein contained, and shall be in force, for the term of one year from the twentieth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, and from thence to the end of the then next session of the general court, and no longer. [*Passed and published November 20.*]

CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT FOR IMPOWERING THE COMMISSIONERS AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATES OF CONCEALED AND ABSCONDING DEBTORS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED, TO COMPLEAT THE BUSINESS ASSIGNED THEM BY AN ACT MADE AND PASSED IN THE THIRTY-FIRST YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS LATE MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE SECOND, INTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING REMEDY FOR BANKRUPTS AND THEIR CREDITORS."

Preamble.
1757-58, chap. 12.
1760-61, chap. 16.

WHEREAS an act of this province was made in the thirty-first year of the reign of his late majesty King George the Second, intituled "An Act providing remedy for bankrupts and their creditors;" and whereas, within the time that the said act was in force, sundry concealed and absconding debtors, by virtue thereof had their goods, chattles and estates attached and seized, and committed into the hands of commissioners, to be by them disposed of according to the direction of the said act; and who, having by the said commissioners been declared bankrupts, had surrendered themselves and conformed to the directions of the same act, yet, by reason that the same act was disallowed of by his said late majesty before the said commissioners and their assignees could compleat the business assigned them, thereby the said debtors (in such manner declared bankrupts and proceeded against) could never take the benefit of the said act according to the provision and intent thereof, —

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and House of Representatives,

Commissioners
and assignees of
the estates of
bankrupts, em-
powered to pro-
ceed on business
by them begun,
in consequence
of an act that
hath been dis-
allowed.

[SECT. 1.] That all persons whose goods, chattles or estates were taken, attached or seized, or committed into the hands of commissioners, according to said act, and who were by said commissioners declared bankrupts and proceeded against as such, and who could not obtain their discharge, or take the benefit of the said act, for the reasons aforesaid, shall now be proceeded with according to the direction of the said act notwithstanding the disallowance of the same as aforesaid; and the said commissioners and all others are hereby impowered and directed to do and transact all matters relating to such debtors and their estates as they might have done and transacted while the same act was in force; and all such doings and transactions shall have the same force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as they would have had before the expiration of the said act, or before the same was disallowed or disapproved of by his said majesty.

[SECT. 2.] This act to be in force for the term of two years from the first day of December, *Anno Domini* one thousand seven hundred and seventy, and no longer. [*Passed and published November 20.*]