The Orig. Chancery Act directs that the Offic
Bonds be considered as Statutes Merch.t or the
Staple and sh.d be proceeded upon accordingly; the
Process upon which is (amongst other things) to
Retend all adottors lands at an Annual Value, at
which rate they are to be delivered to the Cred.r till the debt
is paid: This Process may issue without the fiat or order
process of the Court or Judge of the Court, & will reach all
lands belonging to the Debtor at date of the Bond or afterwards.
Instead of pursuing this method upon those Bonds, the
Offic. Ent.d up Judgments, as on Common Judgment
Bonds.

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The Assembly in 1747 disliking this method of
proceeding passed an Act varying (above substance
of the Orig. Act, & Intended to establish a form of proceeding
upon the plan of the Statute Merch.t or Staple; This ag.t
laid them under the necessity of retending all annua-
lands, (tho' perhaps 1/2 or 1/4 might be sufficient if sold) and
also to take them at an Appraised Annual value
To remedy which Inconvenience an Act passed in —
March 1755, directing lands taken by the Cred.r to be sold, &
their debt paid out of the proceed, & the Surplus if any to be
~~sold~~ returned; but this Act mentioning only Prior fines