become a business again, you could not be too early advised, to take the proper Measures, if you should be inclined to be concerned in it again. The price of labour has advanced here, at least 1/3 more than it was before the war, the price of Negroes Men, and White Servants, consequently will be much in Demand —

I observe what you say respecting the conduct of the persons Creditors. I am amazed they should be so extremely Neglectful or Dilatory in taking the proper Steps to secure the Effects of the Bankrupt in this Country — If they don't choose to go to the Expence & Great the trouble of choosing a New Assignee, let them signify their Desire to my Brother Daniel, who is Assignee of the Estate till another is chosen, that he should act farther — and at the same time furnish him with a Copy of the proceedings of the Commissioners and their Assignment to him properly authenticated by the Mayors Seal and he might then take the Necessary Measures to secure the Real property belonging to the Estate, which is every day growing of Less Value, and the Debts would be collected in a much shorter time —

What makes me so anxious to get proper powers from an Assignee of Stevenson, is, that without it a Suit cannot be brought in a Common law court against any one who will not pay without compulsion — For Instance in Page's case a suit in Chancery must be commenced, with we are authorised to make use of the Name of Stevenson's Assignee, & the Copy of the Commission which you transmitted me last Summer is not sufficient evidence of the choice of my brother and or else I would have made use of his Name, when Page concluded to do Nothing but what the law obliged him. It is for this Reason that I have proposed in the foregoing paragraph, that my brother should act if they would not choose another Assignee, but then the Necessary papers to shew that he is so chosen, must be sent out — Suits in Chancery in this Country are very dilatory and Expensive & Page or any other Debtor, if we have No other way of coming at them, May keep a cause from coming to trial for Many Years, whereas he & others, when they find we are aimed at all points May compromise the Matter & save us a good deal of trouble & expence — I shall be very glad if you would point them as much as possible either to choose a New Assignee or else permit my brother to act & furnish him with the proper papers — The copy of the commission and