And the said Thomas Stewardson saith that by any thing in the second plea of the said William above pleaded to be precluded from having and maintaining the action aforesaid he the said Thomas as administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of the said Daniel Mildred ought not because he saith that at a meeting of the Delegates appointed by the several Counties of the then province now State of Maryland at the city of annapolis on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of July seventeen hundred and seventy five and continued untill the fourteenth day of August in the same year It was among other things resolved that no civil original writ suit or action shall be commenced or renewed in any Court of law or any magistrate warrant of a civil nature issued within this province after publication and due notice of the said resolves unless in the following Cases to wit (actions founded on wrongs done to the person or property such as assault and Trespass, Trover, replevin Detinue, also all real actions, action for words and for money or Tobacco actually had and received by one person for the use of another attachments made under the late act of assembly and against persons not resident, actions on process on Loan office Bonds without the licence or permission of the committee of observation of the county where the Debtors or defendants reside) which shall or may be granted in the instance and manner herein after mentioned and not otherwise that the said committees respectively should upon application give licence for bringing or prosecuting suits in the following Cases that is to say when debtors refused to renew their obligation or other securities or to give reasonable security to liquidate and settle their accounts and give promissory notes for the balance or to refer their disputes (if any) to one or more indifferent persons or on just suspected intention to leave the province or to defraud their creditors and that the said Committees might in their discretion grant Licences in the following Cases to wit for bringing actions by and against executors and administrators as such and their securities and for the bringing actions against Guardians for the recovery of filial portions or the rents and profits of orphans estates. and the said Thomas doth also say that by an act of assembly entitled an act to open the courts of Justice and for other purposes passed at a session of the General assembly of Maryland convened by the Council of safety and begun and held at the city of annapolis on Wednesday the fifth day

of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and ended the twentieth day of april in the same year it was among other things enacted that all that space of time from the said twenty sixth day of July seventeen hundred and seventy five to the said first day of July seventeen hundred and seventy seven shall not be reckoned estimated or considered as part of the time limited by Law for bringing or prosecuting any action or suit which was restricted or prohibited from being brought by any of the said resolves nor shall any part of the time from the said twenty sixth day of July seventeen hundred and seventy five to the last day of August next be taken or estimated in the year and day limited by Law for suing execution on Judgments; and that if the act of Limitations hath or shall be pleaded in any of the cases aforesaid it shall and may be lawful for the plaintiff or plaintiffs to give the special matter and this act in evidence on a general replication. and the said Thomas further saith that at another Session of the General assembly of Maryland begun and held at the city of annapolis on Tuesday the seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and eighty and ended the second day of February seventeen hundred and eighty one it was by another act of Assembly entitled an act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the Bills of credit issued by congress and the Bills of credit emitted by acts of Assembly under the old Government and by the resolves of convention among other things enacted that all that space of time from the first day of July one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven to the passing of the said act shall not be reckoned or considered as part of the time limited by Law for bringing or prosecuting any action or suit for recovery of any Debt due by Judgment, Bond, Bill, note, account, contract or otherwise; and this act and the special matter may be given in evidence on the General Replication: and the said Thomas also saith that by the said last mentioned act of assembly it was further enacted that no Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted by any creditor against his Debtor for a Debt contracted before the first day of September Seventeen hundred and seventy six or after that day and before the twelfth day of June last for gold, silver or sterling in less than two years from the passing of the said act unless the Debtor shall neglect or refuse