that the aforesaid Gilbert his Action aforesaid against him ought not have or maintain, because he saith, that no Goods or Chattels which were of the said William at the time of his death came to the hands of the said James Ringgold and Ann Roberts or either of them, in the lifetime of the said Ann, or to the hands of the said James, since the death of the said Ann to be Administered, nor had the said James and the said Ann in the lifetime of the said Ann or either of them, at the time of the impetration of the Writ Original in this Cause or ever afterwards any Goods or Chattels of the said William to be Administered; and this the said James is ready to verify, wherefore he prays Judgment, if the said Gilbert, his action aforesaid thereof against him to have or maintain, ought &c. as &c. — Whereupon, it was ruled by the Court, on motion of the said James Ringgold by his Attorney aforesaid, that the said Gilbert Buchanan reply to the answer aforesaid of him the said James Ringgold in the plea aforesaid by the second Tuesday of April then next following: The same day was given to the said James Ringgold, then &c. — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid; And the said Gilbert Buchanan by his Attorney aforesaid as to the first plea of the said James Ringgold, saith, that the said first plea by the said James Ringgold in manner and form above pleaded, and the matter in the same Contained, are not sufficient in Law to preclude him the said Gilbert Buchanan from his action aforesaid thereof against him the said James Ringgold had, and that he the said Gilbert Buchanan hath no necessity, nor is bound by the Law of the Land in any way to reply to that plea in manner and form aforesaid pleaded; And this he is ready to verify: Wherefore, for want of a sufficient plea in this behalf, the same Gilbert Buchanan prays Judgment, and his Damages by reason of the premises aforesaid to be adjudged to him &c. And for cause of Demurrer in Law in this behalf, according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided he sets down, and to the Court here expresses these Causes following: Because the said Gilbert Buchanan in his Declaration aforesaid charges no undertaking whatsoever in the part of him the said William Roberts in the same plea named: Because the same plea, instead of fully answering the said Declaration, contains no answer whatsoever to the Allegations therein contained: And because the issue, which ought be joined upon the same plea, would be immaterial and wholly informal &c. —

Enter the like Demurrer to the second plea. —

And the said Gilbert Buchanan, as to the third plea of the said James Ringgold, doth thereof in like manner &c. — And the said Gilbert Buchanan, as to the fourth plea of the said James Ringgold saith, that for any thing by him the said James Ringgold in his said fourth plea above by pleading alleged, he ought not to be precluded from having or maintaining his action aforesaid thereof against him, because he saith, that



on the day of in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, he the said Gilbert Buchanan sued out his Original Writ in the plea aforesaid against him the said James Ringgold and the said Ann Roberts, in the lifetime of the said Ann Roberts; And that they the said James Ringgold and Ann Roberts within three years next before the said day of suing out the Original Writ aforesaid of him the said Gilbert Buchanan did assume upon themselves in such manner and form as the said Gilbert Buchanan above in his Declaration afs. against them hath complained: And this he prays may be inquired of by the Country &c. — And the said Gilbert Buchanan, as to the fifth plea of the said James Ringgold, saith, that for any thing by him the said James Ringgold in his said fifth plea above by pleading alleged, he ought not to be precluded from having or maintaining his action aforesaid thereof against him; because he saith that on the day of issuing and suing out the Original Writ of him the said Gilbert Buchanan in this cause, against them the said James Ringgold and Ann Roberts, to wit, on the day of in the year seventeen hundred and ninety they the said James Ringgold and Ann Roberts had divers Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits which were of the afs. William Roberts at the time of his death, in their hands to be Administered, sufficient to pay and satisfy the Damages afs. in the Declaration afs. mentioned and every part thereof, to wit, at Kent County afs.: And this he prays may be inquired of by the Country &c. Whereupon further process of and upon the premises afs. between the parties aforesaid with Consent of the said Parties by their Attornies aforesaid, and by Order of the Court thereon was continued unto the second Tuesday of September then next following. — At which said second Tuesday of September afs. in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid: Whereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid, with consent of the said parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court thereon was continued unto the second Tuesday of April then next following. — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid: Whereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid by consent consent of the said Parties and their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court thereon was continued unto the second Tuesday of September then next following. — At which said next Term, to wit, the second Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, came again into Court the parties aforesaid by their Attornies aforesaid: Whereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid between the parties aforesaid with consent of the said Parties by their Attornies aforesaid, and by order of the Court thereon was continued unto the second Tuesday of April then next following. — At which said second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, came again into Court