

the act for the limitation of suits: And it was further resolved by the said convention, That no civil original writ, suit or action, should be commenced and renewed in any court of law, or any magistrate's warrant of a civil nature issued within this province, after publication and due notice of the said resolve, unless in the following cases, ejection, trespass, trover, replevin, detinue; also all real actions, actions for words, and for money or tobacco actually had and received by one person for the use of another; attachments under the late act of assembly, and against persons nonresident; actions or 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 instances and manner therein 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 refuse to renew their obligations or other securities, or to give reasonable security to liquidate and settle their accounts and give promissory notes for the balances, or to refer their disputes, if any, to one or more indifferent persons, or are justly suspected of 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 the 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 it was also further resolved by the said convention, That no execution shall issue on any judgment obtained in the provincial court after April term then last past, or in the county courts after the then last March adjourned courts, without such licence as aforesaid, save only in the cases above specified, or where the original actions should be brought by licence from the committee of observation. And, whereas at another convention held at the city of Annapolis on the seventh day of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, it was further declared and resolved by the said convention, That in all cases where judgments have been or shall be obtained (except in ejection, trespass, trover, replevin, detinue, real actions, actions for words, for money and tobacco actually had and received by one person for the use of another, attachment under the late act of assembly, and against nonresidents, and actions on loan-office bonds) the creditor shall, at his election, have a right to demand of the debtor a bond with security for the debt and costs of the said judgments, or to take by *feri facias* any tobacco, wheat or corn, (but no other effects) of the debtor, leaving to such debtor sufficient to support his family; but that no *capias ad satisfaciendum* be issued in any case (except in the cases above excepted) where the debtor will give bond and security, when required as aforesaid, or where the effects aforesaid are tendered to the creditor, at such price as may be settled by the committee of observation for the county in which such debtor resides: And it was also further resolved, That all rents, other than rents for houses, may be hereafter paid and shall be received in tobacco or other country produce, at a reasonable value, to be set by the committees of observation; and that no rents ought to be changed into money from tobacco and other country produce, in which they have been heretofore annually paid. And, whereas the reasons which induced the said conventions to make the said several resolves now cease, all country produce bearing an high price, and the inhabitants of this state thereby enabled to pay their debts;

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of July next, all and every of the aforesaid several resolutions of the said conventions shall be and are hereby repealed and made null and void, and that it shall and may be lawful, after the said first day of July next, for any person or persons to commence any action or actions, suit or suits, and the same to prosecute to judgment; and that it shall and may be lawful for any plaintiff or plaintiffs to issue execution after the last day of August next, on all judgments in the courts of law, or before a single magistrate, heretofore or hereafter obtained.

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III. Provided always, That in all cases where judgment hath already been, or shall hereafter be obtained in any court of law, the plaintiff or plaintiffs, to

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