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created or made, or pay the interest, in current money, bills of credit as aforesaid, or any of the above enumerated articles, at his or her option, and give bond and security for the principal; and in case any debtor shall refuse to comply with the terms aforesaid, the creditor may bring suit, notwithstanding this act.

Suits not to be
commenced
on renewed ob-
ligations, &c.

IV. And, Whereas many debtors may have renewed their obligations or contracts for debts or promises aforesaid, created or made within the time aforesaid, Be it enacted, That no action or suit shall be commenced or prosecuted on any such renewed obligation or promise within the time aforesaid, unless the debtor shall refuse or neglect to pay the interest in manner aforesaid, or hath removed, or shall be about to remove, himself or his effects out of the state; and the court shall, *ex officio*, enquire into such action or suit, and discontinue the same, if prosecuted contrary to this act.

Time not to
be taken as
time limited,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the time between the passing this act and the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-four, shall not be taken as part of the time limited by law for prosecuting suits; and if any defendant shall plead the act of limitations, the plaintiff may, on the general replication, give this act and the special matter in evidence, without specially pleading the same.

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An ACT for vesting an estate for life in Ariana Kennedy, and an estate in fee simple in John Lynch and Mary his wife, in the property therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that Ariana Kennedy, formerly Ariana French, at the time of her intermarriage with doctor Patrick Kennedy, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, was possessed in her own right of a lot and tenement in Baltimore-town, distinguished by lot number twenty-one, on the east side of Jones's-falls; also three and a half acres of land adjoining Baltimore-town, known by the name of Ariana's-habitation; and also of the following personal estate, to wit, three negroes, named Nell, Charlotte, and Daniel, and the sum of three hundred and sixty pounds current money upon bond; and that by a deed of trust tripartite, executed by the said Patrick, his wife Ariana, and a certain John Slemaker, bearing date the seventh day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, the estate aforesaid was conveyed to the said John Slemaker, his heirs, executors, and administrators, in trust and confidence, that the said John Slemaker, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, should permit and allow the said Ariana to have, hold, and enjoy the same, and receive the rents, issues, and profits, therefrom and thereby arising, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, as when sole and unmarried, for and during her natural life, and distinct from any claims or demands of the said Patrick; and that from and after the decease of the said Ariana, the said Patrick Kennedy, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, should for ever have, hold, occupy, and possess, all and singular the said lands and tenements, and personal estate beforementioned: And whereas it appears, that the said doctor Patrick Kennedy, by will made in
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