

the Depositions of any Witness or Witnesses taken before two Justices, of any County Court, or one of the Justices, of the Provincial Court of this Province, in presence of the adverse party to him, that requires such depositions to be taken, if upon due notice he thinks fit to be present, or upon notice doth refuse to be present (the notice being proved) ought to be received as good evidence in any of the Courts of this Province, as if such evidence were personally present upon the trial, and should declare the same, *videlicet*: provided such witness or witnesses cannot be had at the trial of the cause in which such depositions shall be taken.

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 this Resolve, unless in the following cases to wit: Actions founded in wrong done to the person or property; such as Ejectment, Trespass, Trover, Replevin, Detinue; also all real Actions, also actions for Wards, and for Money or Tobacco actually had & received by one person for the use of another: Attachments, under the late Act of Assembly, and against persons non resident; Actions, or process on Loan Office Bonds; without the license or permission of the Committee of Observation of the County, where the debtors and defendants reside, which shall or may be granted in the Instances and manner hereinafter mentioned & not otherwise.

That the said Committees respectively do upon application, give license for bringing or prosecuting suits in the following cases, that is to say; Where debtors refuse to renew their obligations, or other securities, or to give reasonable security, or 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 are justly suspected of intention to leave the Province, or defraud their Creditors, and that the said Committees may, in their discretion, grant Licenses 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 Orphan's Estates.

Resolved, That no execution shall issue upon any Judgment obtained in the Provincial Court after April Term last, or in the County Courts after the last March adjourned Courts, without such License as aforesaid, save only in the cases above specified, or where the original actions shall be brought by License from the Committee of Observation.

Resolved, That the Committees of Observation now being in each County, and the Committee of Frederick County in their respective Districts, meet as soon as they conveniently can, after publication and due notice of these Resolves, and that the Committees hereafter to be chosen meet as soon as they conveniently can, at the Court house, or some other place agreed upon by themselves, and appoint by Ballot, seven of their number to be a Committee for licensing suits, which said Committee shall meet on the first and third Mondays in every month, for the purpose of receiving applications, and give notice of the place where they intend to meet.