

unreasonable to require a compliance with the before-mentioned procedure, such as, first, the party absconding, or leaving the country with the design of defrauding his creditors ; or, secondly, when the time it would take to go through the Meeting might be a manifest damage to the creditor or claimant, as in cases of apparent danger of bankruptcy, and the party being largely in debt, and other creditors generally commencing suits or otherwise securing their demands ; or, thirdly, when, by the statute of limitation, a claim may be barred in law ; or, fourthly, where a Friend becomes a partner with one not in membership, and there is a failure in the performance of engagements, or neglect of the seasonable payment of just debts on the part of said partnership ; or, fifthly, when there may be danger of future damage to those who may submit thereto, as in the case of executors, administrators, trustees, or Friends who stand as security for those who are not in membership with us ; it may therefore be necessary, and it is advised, that Monthly Meetings hold excused such as shall appear to them to be thus necessitated to proceed at law : and the parties are cautioned to conduct themselves towards each other with decency and moderation, without anger or animosity ; which will be a becoming testimony even in courts, and show that nothing but the nature of the case, and our common station with our neighbors, under the laws of the land, will bring any of us there.

If any person in membership with us, shall arrest, or sue at law, another member, without proceeding in the manner prescribed, he shall be treated with for it ; and, unless he make satisfaction, he is to be disowned.