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and delivered Neither is there any way for the debtors to discharge themselves of the same if they haue Satisfyed the same any way as by bringing the Creditor vpon his Oath to declare and sett forth if he hath Received the said debts or any part thereof or whether there be not any accompts betwixt the Creditor & Debtors whereby he may discount the same or to prove his Releases the wittnesses liveing Remote and vnpossible to bring them viva voce to give their Testimony therein which thing proveth oftentimes very prejudiciall to both parties To prevent which and to give Redresse therein for the future

Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and assent of the upper and lower house of this present Gener^l assembly That all Debts of Record whether by Judgment Recognizeance deed inrolled and upon Record the Exemplificacōn thereof vnder the Seale of the Court where the said Iudgments were given or where the said Iudgments is Recorded shall be a Sufficient Euidence to prove the same And alsoe that all other debts by bonds bills accompts or otherwise that shall from and after the first day of November next ensueing hither to be putt in Suite against any person whatsoever liveing and Resideing within this Province shall be proved by the Oath of the wittnesses therevnto before a Publick Notary or other officer Lawfully Authorised therevnto of the Country or place wheresoever itt shall happen the said Bonds or Bills shall be sent from at which time and before the which said Publique Notary or Publique officer shall be present the Creditor who shall then likewise before the said Publick Notarie or other officer of the place soe Authorized upon his Corporall Oath declare that the said debt or any part or parcell thereof is not Satisfyed or that there is not any accompts Between the said Creditor or Debtor by which the said Creditor may be likewise indebted to the debtor to the value of the said debt or any part thereof for any matter or thing accrued since the tyme of the date of the said bond bill or Instrument or whether the said Creditor hath not given to the Debtor any Release for the same to be sent together with the proofes vnder the hands and Seales of the Publick Notary or other publick officer therevnto appointed which if the Creditor shall Refuse or Neglect to performe and doe Then the said matter or thing by the said Publick Notary or other officer soe by them Certified as aforesaid shall not be Received as any Evidence to prove the said debt And if the Creditor be dead and his Executor or administrator sue any such bond bill accompt or otherwise and sue the said Debtor for the same the Executors or administrators in like manner before such Publick Notary or other officer for that purpose appointed shall Sett forth and declare vpon their Oath whether or not they have not heard