

Lib. L. L. the said damage if a freeman then the whole damage by Ser-  
 No. 1. vitude or otherwise as the Court before whom such matter is  
 brought as aforesaid shall think fitt, and if any such Mother  
 p. 136 as aforesaid be able to prove by such Testimony or Confession  
 of the Party charged being a Single person and a freeman,  
 did before the begetting of such Child promise her Marriage,  
 that then he shall be at his choice either to performe his  
 promise to her or recompence her abuse as the Court before  
 whom such matter is brought shall see Convenient, the quality  
 and Conditions of the Persons considered, this Act to Endure  
 for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly  
 June 4<sup>th</sup> 1692 June the 2<sup>d</sup> 1692  
 Assented to by the Councill Board. } The house of Assembly  
 Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup> } have Assented  
 John Llewelin Clk. Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
 Hen: Denton Clk.

An Act Providing what shall be good  
 Evidence to prove Forreign Debts.

Whereas divers Persons in the Kingdome of England and  
 other Places have in their hands Bonds of divers and Sundry  
 Persons now residing in this Province and send them to Cer-  
 tain Attorneys to be put in suite against the said Debtors here  
 which for want of a Law to Explain and Ascertain what shall  
 p. 137 be Sufficient proof and Evidence for the proving the said  
 Bonds to be the Act and Deed of the Debtors and by them to  
 be Sealed & deliv<sup>d</sup> neither is there any way for the Debtors  
 to discharge themselves of the same if they have Satisfied the  
 same as by bringing the Creditor upon his Oath to declare  
 and sett forth if he have received the said Debts or any part  
 thereof; or whether there be not any Accounts between the  
 Creditor and Debtor whereby he may discount the same or to  
 prove his release, the Witnesses living remote and Impossible  
 to bring them viva-voce to give their Testimony therein  
 which thing proves often times very prejudiciall to both  
 partys, to prevent which and to give redress therein for the  
 future Be it Enacted by the King and Queens Most Excell<sup>t</sup>  
 Majesties by and with the Advice and Consent of this present  
 Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That all  
 Debts of Record whither by Judgement Recognizance Deed  
 Inrolled and upon Record the Exemplification thereof under  
 the Seal of the Countys where the said Judgem<sup>t</sup> was given or  
 the said Judgement is Recorded shall be a Suffic<sup>t</sup> Evidence to  
 prove the same, and also that all other Debts by Bonds, Bills,  
 Accounts or otherwise that shall from and after the Publication