

the said debtors by the Creditors or other persons lawfully authorized to receive the same, without which it is impossible for the said Debtors to know where or to whom to pay the said debt yet severall of the said Creditors through a Vexatious and avaritious humour do dayly commence their suits at Law against such their debtors without any demand of such their debts of their said Debtors whereby the said Debt is much encreased and the said debtor thereby greatly burthen'd and Impoverished by means of such their vexatious and unjust suits in Law Be it therefore Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of this Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same thât from and after the Publication of the Act, no Person whatsoever his Executo^{rs} or Administrator living or Trading into this Province shall for any debt due or owing to him by Account upon book or otherwise and for which the Debtor hath not past his hand and Seal to such his Creditor shall sue or Implead at Law such debtor for any such debt Contracted as aforesaid and not under hand and Seale of such Debtor aforesaid unless he shall first demand and require the same of the said Debtor in the county where he shall inhabite if at his habitation and if not then by leaving a note under the hand of such Creditor or those he shall impower to receive the same, what time and to whom the same shall be paid and if there upon the same be not accordingly paid, Then it shall and may be Lawfull for the said Creditor to sue and Implead such his Debtor for the said debt and recover against him all such Costs and damages as upon legall Tryall in any Court of this Province shall be adjudged against him, and in Case any person shall sue or implead any such his Debtor as aforesaid contrary to this Act, he shall loose all his Costs of such Suite and be lyable to satisfy such his debtor all such damages as shall accrew unto the said Debtor by such his vexatious & unjust suit at Law. Provided allways that this Act nor any thing herein conteyned shall be construed & extend to the benefit of any person Debtor as aforesaid either runaway out of this Province or wilfully absconding himself within the same from his said Creditor, but that he may be proceeded against as before this Law made anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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John Llewelin Clk.

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