

That from and after the Publication of this Act No person Lib. L. L.  
Whatsoever his Executors or Adm<sup>rs</sup> Liveing or Trading into p. 289  
this Province shall for any Debt due or Owing to him by  
Accompt Book or otherwise and for w<sup>ch</sup> the Debtor hath not  
passed his hand and Seale to Such his Creditor Sue or  
Implead att Law such Debtor for any such Debt Contracted  
as aforesaid and not under hand and Seale of Such Debtor as  
a<sup>fd</sup> unless he shall first Demand and require the Same of the s<sup>d</sup>  
Debt<sup>r</sup> in the County where he shall Inhabit to prove which  
Demand the Creditor or Demandants upon Oath shall be  
sufficient but if the Debtor be not att home to be Spok with  
then such Demandant shall leave a Note under the hand of  
Such Creditor or Demandant or those he shall Impower to  
receive the Same what time and to whom the Same Shall be  
paid and if the Same thereupon be not Accordingly Paid then  
it shall and may be Lawfull for such Cred<sup>r</sup> to Sue and Implead  
such his Debtor for the said Debt and recover ag<sup>t</sup> him all  
Such Cost and Damages as upon Legall Tryall in any Court  
of this Province shall be adjudged against him and in Case  
any Person or Persons shall Sue and Implead any Such his  
Debtor as aforesaid Contrary to this Act he shall loose all his  
Cost of such Suite & be lyable to Satisfy Such his Debtor all  
such Damages as shall Accrue to the said Debtor by such his  
Vexatious and unjust Suite att Law Provided allways that this  
Act nor anything herein Contained shall be Construed to  
Intend the benefit of any Person Debtor as aforesaid either  
Runaway out of this Province or Willfully Absconding  
himselve within the same from his said Cred<sup>r</sup> but that he may  
be proceed Against as before this Law made anything in this  
Act to the Contrary Notwithstanding And be it further p. 290  
Enacted by the Authority afores<sup>d</sup> by & with the advice and  
Consent aforesaid That an Acc<sup>t</sup> Sworne to by the Plaintiffe or  
a Bill proved by his Evidence before any Justice of the Pro-  
vinciall Court or any two Justices of the County Courts of  
this Province shall be Sufficient Evidence to prove the said  
Debts in the Provinciall or any County Court within this Pro-  
vince. Provided allways that the party who shall Swear or give  
Evidence as aforesaid to prove any Debt as aforesaid shall att  
the time declare upon his Oath whether he knows of any Pay-  
ment or discount of any part or Parcell of the Accompt or  
Debt so to be Proved which shall be Certifyed under the hand  
or hands of such one Justice of the Provinciall Court or Two  
Justices of the County Courts before whom the Accompt or  
Debt shall be proved which Certificate made and Signed as  
afores<sup>d</sup> shall be taken and received as Sufficient Prooff of any  
Such Debt or Accompt as aforesaid And be it further Enacted  
by the Authority aforesaid by and with the Advice and Con-