

the Cred^r that hath arisen due to the Debtor since the passing such bill or bond or after such Assumpcon as aforesaid which he desires may be discounted it shall and may be lawfull for the Justices before whom such Matter shall be depending upon good prooffe made of such Account to cause the same altho: of a less or inferiour Nature to be discounted in Court and give Judgment thereupon against the Defendant for so much only as shall be remaining to the Plaintiff with Costs of Suite Provided the ballance exceed two hundred pounds of Tobacco or sixteen Shillings and eight Pence in the County Courts and fifteen hundred pounds of Tobacco or six pounds five shill Sterl in the Provincial Courts otherwise the Plaintiff shall be non suited as by other Laws are provided.

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And for the further Declaration what shall be taken & allowed for Evidence to prove such Bills or Bonds

Be it enacted that the oath of one or more of those persons that Subscribed as Witnesses to such bill or Bond made before one Justice of the Provincial Court or two Justices of any County Court of this Province in their respective Countys shall be evidence to prove the Debts in the Provincial or any County Courts of this Province if Sworne in Court Provided nevertheless that if the Defendant will traverse such prooffe and put it on the County for prooffe it shall be allowed him so to doe.

And be it likewise Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that an Account of goods sold work done mony lent and such other Articles as lyes properly in Account and Sworne to by the Plaintiff in any Accon brought or by the Defendant in his Defence or discount of all or part of the Plaintiffs Claime, before such Justice or Justices as aforesaid And that noe part or parcell thereof is paid other than what is taken notice of in the said Oath shall be received as evidence to prove the fact in any Court of this Province Provided that any Plaintiff or Defendant in any Accon against whom such oath is given for Evidence shall be at his liberty to traverse such oath by giving Evidence any other than himself against it to invalidate the same And the Court or Jury that tryes the Cause shall Judge by that which appears to them the fullest and fairest Evidence

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Read in the house of Delegates and Assented to
W Taylard Clk hD

Read and assented to by her
Majestys hon^{ble} Councill
W Bladen Cl Concil.

Maryland October 3^d 1704

On behalf of her Ma^{ty} &c I will this be a law.

Jo: Seymour