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The chancellor empowered, on the trial of any actions at law depend-	
ing in the general court, or on any bill in the chancery court, either	
for discovery or relief, to decree that the parties shall produce	
either the original books, writings or papers, or certified copies of	
all such books, &c. in their possession or power, as contain evi-	
dence pertinent to the issue, or relative to the matters in dispute, to	
be used as evidence, on his being satisfied as therein described of	0.00
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A copy of any of the books, papers, entries or proceedings, of the go-	
vernor and council, attested by the clerk of the council, also a copy	
of any of the books, &c. of the treasury, attested by the treasurer,	
also a copy of the books of the auditor-1798, ch. 108,	416
An exemplification of the record, under the hand of the keeper, and	
the seal of the court or office where made, shall be evidence to	
prove any debt of record in any other of the United States, or any	
foreign country—1785, ch. 46, sec. 1,	199
Depositions may be taken before a judge of the general court or a	
county justice, on giving twenty days notice to the opposite party,	
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up notice in writing at the court-house of the county twenty days	
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before they are taken—July, 1779, ch. 8, sec. 2,	145
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of the county where taken, who shall record the same—1779,	
ch. 8, sec. 2,	146
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before or after suit, may be read in evidence on any arbitration or	
trial, if such deponents die or cannot be had to attend, of which	
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When it appears by assidavit of the party that his witness is not likely	
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