

tion of the receiver or any person claiming under him to pay for the same; *Provided*, such oath be made within twelve months from the date of the articles respectively paid or delivered; but if any suit shall be brought to recover any money paid or delivered, or the price of any goods, wares, effects or chattels sold or delivered, the plaintiff shall, at or before the first imparlance court, make oath before some judge or justice of this State, that he believes the money, goods, wares, merchandise, effects or chattels charged in the account to which such oath shall be annexed, were bona fide delivered as charged, and that he hath not, nor any person for him to his knowledge or belief, received any payment or satisfaction for the articles charged more than credit is duly given for in and appearing upon the said account, nor hath he received any security for the same, and the balance charged and claimed is justly due according to the best of his knowledge and belief.

44. Any account for money or goods lent or due and chargeable for goods sold, work done, or other things properly chargeable in account, not exceeding twenty-six dollars in the course of any whole year, which shall be sworn by the creditor before a justice of the peace to be just and true, and that he hath not directly or indirectly received to his knowledge any part or parcel of the money or goods charged as due by such account, or any security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit shall be given for, shall be received as good evidence in any court or before any justice of the peace of this State, unless the creditor or defendant shall make appear by lawful evidence other than his own oath that such account is false in part or in whole.

45. Nothing contained in this article shall preclude any debtor or defendant from controverting any proof offered in pursuance of the provisions thereof, by any testimony which is legal and admissible by the rules of the common law, or prevent any creditor or plaintiff from giving any evidence admissible by the rules of the common law in support of his claim, or pursuing any legal mode other than herein prescribed to prove and establish his claim or demand.

PUBLIC STATUTES, AND OFFICE COPIES AND OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES.

46. The private laws and resolutions published by the authority of this State, may be read in evidence from the printed statute book.