

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.

**43.** 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 debtor or defendant shall make appear by lawful evidence other than his own oath that such account is false in part or in whole.

**44.** 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.**

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

**46.** The public or private statutes of the United States, or of any State or Territory of the United States, may be read in evidence from any printed volume purporting to contain the statutes of the said United States, State, or Territory, and the said printed volume shall in all cases be received as evidence of said statutes without any further authentication or proof thereof.

**47.** The ordinances and resolutions of the mayor and city council of Baltimore may be read in evidence from the printed volumes thereof published by the authority of said corporation, and a copy of the plot of the city of Baltimore from the record thereof in the mayor's office, or from the record thereof in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court for said city, duly certified under seal by the keeper of such records respectively, shall be evidence.

**48.** Copies and extracts from the manuscript or printed volumes of the proceedings of the several conventions and General Assembly in this State remaining in the office of the clerk of the Court of Appeals when officially attested by said clerk, shall be evidence.

Id s. 44.  
1729, c 20, s 9,  
1787, c 46, s 6.  
Affidavit of  
plaintiff

Id s 45  
1785, c 46, s 6  
Defendant may  
controvert oath.

Art 37, s 46.  
1829, c 219  
Proof of private  
laws and reso-  
lutions  
13 Md 393, 32  
Md 471, 41 Md.  
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Id s 47  
1845, c 89,  
1849, c 38  
Statutes of  
United States or  
other States  
12 Md 55, 28  
Md 288, 42 Md.  
274, 44 Md 563  
2 H & G 34, 479.

Id s 48  
1852, c 42  
Ordinances and  
resolutions of  
Baltimore city  
1 G & J, 249

Id s 49  
1825, c 78, s 2  
Proceedings of  
conventions  
and general  
assemblies  
13 Md 393,  
41 Md 461.