

thority to administer an oath therein, and certified as aforesaid, that he believes the money, goods, merchandise, effects or chattels charged in the account to which such oath shall be annexed, were *bona fide* delivered as charged, or that the work or services charged in said account were *bona fide* done or rendered as therein charged, and that he hath not to his knowledge or belief received any payment or satisfaction for the articles, work or services therein 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 that the amount charged and claimed is justly due according to the best of his knowledge and belief.

SEC. 43. *And be it enacted*, That 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 fifty dollars, which shall be sworn to by the creditor before a justice of the peace of this state, or before any officer of any other state or county where he may be at the time, having authority to administer an oath therein, and certified as aforesaid 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 it appear by lawful evidence that such account is false in fact or in whole. Debt limited.

SEC. 44. *And be it enacted*, That in cases where there are two or more plaintiffs, any affidavits required under the preceding sections to be made by the party bringing suit, or by the creditor, may be made by any one of the plaintiffs; or if all the plaintiffs be absent from the state at the time of the bringing of the suit, or if the plaintiff be a corporation, such affidavit may be made by any agent of the plaintiff or plaintiffs, or any of them, who will make further oath that he is such agent, and that he has personal knowledge of the matters therein stated; such affidavit, if made on behalf of any firm or co- Affidavit.