

as aforesaid before one Justice of the Provinciall Court or two Justices of any County Court to prove any debt as aforesaid shall at the same time declare upon his oath whether he knowes of any payment or discount of any part or parcell of the account or debt soe to be proved which shall be certified under the hand or hands of such one Justice of the Provinciall Court or two Justices of the County Court before whom the said account or debt shall be proved which certificate made & signed as aforesaid shall be taken & received as sufficient proof of any such debt or account as aforesaid.

And Bee itt further Enacted by and with the advice & consent aforesaid that if any Defendant upon the tryall can prove either by such certificate as aforesaid or other sufficient proofs that there is any Summe of Tobacco paid to the pl^t or his order in part of the Debt or account sued for or due from the D^f: the County Court before whom such tryall is had may cause the same to be discounted in Court & give Judgment thereupon against the D^f: for soe much only as shall be remaining due to the pl^t with Costs of Suite this Act to continue for three years or to the end of the next Generall Assembly.

An Act for the Constables taking the Lists of the
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Whereas through the Idleness & carelesnesse of some Constables in this Province many fuled lists of the taxables persons in this Province are returned And for that severall Constables doe commonly proceed to take the severall Lists of taxables upon hearsay without going to the severall & Respective houses in their Hundree to Enquire of the masters of the Respective families after the number of taxables in each family by which Neglect the Inhabitants of this Province are oftentimes very much abused and wronged. Bee itt therefore Enacted by the Right Hon^{ble}: the Lord Propriety by and with the advice and consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly that from and after the Publication hereof every Constable within this Province shall betwixen the twentieth day of June & the last day of July repaired in person to every respective house or habitation within his hundred & there Enquire of the masters Dame or other cheif person in the family what number of taxable persons they & every of them have within their Respective families and after such Enquiry made a true and fair list shall Returne of all & every taxable persons within his hundred as aforesaid under his hand unto the Sheriffe of the County & another faire list thereof under his hand such Constable shall present at the next County Court there to be sett upp And in case any

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