

Testimony of witnesses confession of the party charged or pregnant cir-
 cumstances agreeing with her declaration in her extremity of her pains or
 throes of travell and her Oath taken by some Magistrate before the tyme of
 her delivery of such Bastard Child and not after her Delivery Then the party
 charged if a ~~husband~~ servant to satisfy half the said Damages if a freeman
 then the whole Damages by Service or otherwise as the Court before whom such
 matter is brought as aforesaid shall think fitt And if any such mother as aforesaid
 be able to prove by such Testimony or confession of the party charged
 being a single person and a freeman did before the begitting of such Child
 promise her marryage that then he shall be at her Charge either to performe
 his promise to her or to recompense her abuse as the Court before whom such
 matter is brought shall see convenient the Quality and conditions of the
 persons concerned this Act to endure for three years or to the next generall
 Assembly

An Act providing what shall be good evidences to prove
 forraign debts

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Whereas diverse people in the Kingdom of England and other places
 have in their hands bonds of diverse sundry persons now residing in this
 Province and send them to certain Attorneys to be putt in suite against the
 said Debtors heretofore for want of a law to explaine and ascertain what
 shall be sufficient proof and evidences for the proving the said bonds to be
 the Act and deed of the debtors and by them to be sealed and delivered
 neither is there any way for the Debtors to discharge themselves of the same
 if they have satisfied the same as by bringing the Creditor upon his Oath to
 declare and set forth if he hath received the said debts or any part thereof
 or whether there be not any accounts betwixen the Creditor and Debtor
 whereby he may discharge the same or to prove his Release the witness
 living remote and impossible to bring them viva voce to give their
 Testimony therein which thing proves oftentimes very prejudiciall to both
 parties to prevent which and to give redress therein for the future God it
 enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with the
 advice and consent of their honorable Commons in this present Parliament