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shall to the Informer to be recovered in any Court of the said within this Province
by bill plaint or Information wherein no stay or protection or wagers of law to
be allowed, And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Justices
of each Respective County at their severall County Courts shall make speciall
search and Inquiry into the premises that the Respective Clerks did their duties
as aforesaid Provided that this act or any thing therein contained shall not any
way countenance the discontinuance of any Legall Register of any Births
marryages or Buryalls hitherto kept in any County within this Province but the
same shall be fairly and Methodically transcribed by each Respective County
Clerks into the said books or Register to be provided as aforesaid, and written
in the beginning of the said books

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An Act for preventing vexatious and unnecessary suits at law
Whereas Divers and sundry persons within this Province Contracting debts
by accounts with Merchants or others for which they stand (and remain only)
Debtor upon their said books of accounts the which though they be honest and well
disposed to pay the same upon demand first had and required of the said Debtor
by the Creditor or other persons lawfully authorized to receive the same
without which it is impossible for the said Debtor to know where or to whom to
pay the said debt yet severall of the said Creditors through avaricious and
Avaricious humour Do daily comence their suits at law against such their
Debtors without any demand of such their debts of their said Debtors whereby the
said Debt is much increased and the said debtor thereby greatly burthens and
Impoverished by means of such their vexatious and unjust suits in law And it
therefore enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties by and with
the advice and consent of their Generall assembly and the authority of the same
that from and after the Publication of this Act no person whatsoever his executor
or Administrator living or trading into this Province shall for any debt due or
owing to him by account books or otherwise and for which the Debtor hath
not passed his hand and seal to such his Creditor shall sue or implead at
law such Debtor for any such debt Contracted as aforesaid, and not under
hand and seal of such Debtor as aforesaid unless he shall first demand and
require the same of the said Debtor in the County where he shall inhabit
if at his habitation if not then by lawing a writ under the seal of the