

Courts of common Law, as often as to them shall seem necessary for the better Administration of Justice, to continue any Appeal or Writ of Error, which shall be depending in the said Court, for the full Term and Time of Two Years, to be compleated from the End of the Appearance Court and no longer, any thing in the above original Act of Limitation to the Contrary notwithstanding.

ACT providing what shall be good Evidence to prove foreign and other Debts, and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary Suits at Law, pleading Discounts in Bar.

Passed July 10th, 1729. }

ALL Debts of Record, whether by Judgment, Recognizance, Deed inrolled and upon Record, the Exemplification thereof under the Seals of the Courts, where judged or recorded, shall be a sufficient Evidence to prove the same; and all other Debts by Bonds, Bills, Accounts or otherwise, that shall be sent to be put in Suit against any Person residing in the Province, shall be proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto or any of them, before some Magistrate, in the Presence of a Notary publick, who shall attest that the Oath or Oaths was or were so taken, and that the Person before whom taken, shall then be a Magistrate or other Person lawfully authorized thereto, of the County or Place wherefrom the said Bonds or Bills shall happen to be sent; at which time, and before which publick Notary or other publick Officer, shall be present the Creditors, who shall then likewise, before such Magistrate or other publick Officer, declare upon their Corpora! Oaths, that the said Debt or any part thereof, (saving what the Creditor gives Credit for,) is not satisfied, or that there are not any other Accounts between the said Creditor and Debtor, for which the said Creditor may likewise be indebted to the said Debtor, to the Value of the said Debt or any part thereof, for any matter or thing accrued since the Date of the said Bond, Bill or Instrument, or whether the Creditor hath not given the said Debtor any Release for the same, to be sent, together with the Proofs, from and under the Hands and Seals of the said Magistrate or other publick Officer, and of the Notary Publick; which if the Creditor shall refuse or neglect to do, then the same, tho' certified as above, shall not be received as Evidence to prove the Debt: And if the said Creditor be dead, and his Executor or Administrator shall sue any Debtor upon any such Bond, Bill or Account, the Executors or Administrators, in like manner before such Magistrate, to be attested as above, shall set forth and declare upon their Oaths, whether or not they have heard (in his life time) the Creditor acknowledge that Debt or any, and what part thereof, to be satisfied, or whether or not (upon sight of the Creditors Books, Writing