

clerk, to make true and impartial entries of their proceedings, upon oath, which entries shall be made up into a well bound book, and lodged with the clerk of Baltimore county court, for the inspection of any person. 8. Saving to the crown, the lord proprietor, all bodies politic and corporate, and all others not mentioned in this act, their several rights.

C H A P. XIII.

Passed 8th of August, 1729. An ACT for the assessment of ten per poll on the taxable persons in St. Paul's parish, in Queen-Anne's and Talbot counties, the next levy, and ten per poll the ensuing, also for the assessing ten per poll yearly on the taxable persons in St. Luke's parish, in Queen-Anne's county, until they shall have raised sufficient to complete a church in the said parish. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 278.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT concerning the parishes in St. Mary's and Charles counties. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 279. Dissent.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to encourage the importation of gold and silver into this province. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 282.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT for the relief of Christopher Gardiner, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 284. A Private Act.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT against engrossers and regrators. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 289. Repealed 1735, ch. 12.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to aid the proceedings of some of the county courts within this province. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 291.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT for raising a duty of three-pence per hoghead on all tobacco exported out of this province, for the uses therein mentioned. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 292. Expired 29th September, 1732.

C H A P. XX.

An 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, and for repealing an act of assembly therein mentioned. Lib. L. No. 5. fol. 294.

Exemplification shall be evidence, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same, That all debts of record, whether by judgment, recognizance, deed enrolled and upon record, the exemplification thereof under the seals of the courts where the said judgment was given, or was recorded, shall be a sufficient evidence to prove the same; and that all other debts, by bonds, bills, accounts or otherwise, that shall, from and after the publication hereof, be sent hither to be put in suit against any person whatsoever, living or residing within this province, shall be proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereto, or any of them, before some magistrate, in the presence of a notary public, who shall attest, that the oath or oaths was or were so taken, and that the person before whom it, or they, shall be taken, shall then be a magistrate, or other officer lawfully authorized thereto, of the county or place wheresoever it shall happen the said bonds or bills shall be sent from, at which time, and before which public notary, or other public officer, shall be present the creditors, who shall then likewise, before such magistrate, or other public officer of the place so authorized, upon his corporal oath, declare, "that the said debt, or any part thereof (saving what the said 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 be likewise 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 said creditor hath not given the said debtor any release for the same;" to be sent, together with the proofs, from under the hands and seals of the said magistrate and public notary, or other public officer thereunto appointed, which, if the creditor shall refuse or neglect to perform or do, then the said matter or thing, by the said public notary, or other officer, so by them certified as aforesaid, shall not be received as evidence to prove the said 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 executor or administrator, in like manner, before such magistrate, to be attested as aforesaid, or other officer for that purpose appointed, shall set forth and declare, upon their oath,

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