

whothor he knows of any paymt or discount of any part
partoll of y^e Armt, or Debt so to be proved, w^{ch} shall be taken
under y^e hand or hands of such one Justice of y^e Probate Court
or 2 Justices of y^e County Court, before whom y^e said Armt
or Debt shall be proved, w^{ch} Certificate made & signed as afores^d
shall be taken & received as sufficient proof of any such Debt
or Armt as afores^d, and

Be it further Enacted, by and with y^e advice and
consent afores^d, That if any Defend^t, upon y^e triall, can prove
by such Certificate afores^d, or other sufficient proof, that
there is any sum of Money paid to y^e Petifo, or his Ord^r in
part of y^e Debt, or Armt sued for, or due from y^e Petifo, in
County Court, before whom such triall is had, may cause the
same to be discounted in Court, and give judgment thereupon
agt^t y^e Defend^t, for so much only as shall be remaining due
to y^e Petifo, with costs of suite.

This Act to continue for three yeares, or to y^e end of y^e
next gen^l Assembly.

An Act for the Constables taking the Lists of the Taxables.

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Whereas, through y^e idleness and carelessness of some of
constables in this Province, many false Lists of the Taxable
persons in this Province are returned, and for that reason
Constables doe (commonly) proceed to take the severall Lists of
Taxables, upon hearsay, without going to y^e severall dis-
spective houses in their hundred, to enquire of the masters of the
respective families after the number of the taxables in each
family, by w^{ch} neglect y^e inhabitants of this Province are often