

the said 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 & set forth if he have received the said debts, or any part thereof; or whether there be not any accounts between the Creditor and Debtor, whereby he may discount the same; or to prove his Release; the witnesses being remote, & impossible to bring them (viva voce) to give their testimony thereon: which thing oft times prove both very prejudiciall to both parties: To prevent which, and to give redress therein for the future: Be it enacted by the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r, by & with the advice & Consent of the upper & Lower houses of this present gen^l assembly, that all Debts of Record whether of Judgement, Recognizance, Debt enrolled, and upon Record: the exemplification thereof, under the seals of the Court where the said Judgements were given, or the said Judgement is recorded, shall be a sufficient evidence to prove the same: And also all other Debts by Bonds, Bills, accounts or otherwise, that shall (from and after the first day of November next ensuing) be sent hither to be put in suit against any person whatsoever being and residing within this Province, shall be proved by the Oath of the witnesses thereunto, before a publick Notary, or other Officer lawfully authorized thereunto, of the County or place wheresoever it shall happen the said Bonds or Bills shall be sent from: At which time, and before which publick Notary, or other publick Officer, shall be present the Creditor, who shall (then) likewise