

An act touching paymt. of debts in the
years of our lord 1664

157) Forasmuch as there is necessity of making a Statute
from Planting to bar from y^e first of the month 1666
to y^e 1st of the month 1667 in which year till now
- be it many years: people of this province may not
only be in great want but also remain indebted to
y^e merchants unless timely remedy be taken by this assembly
for y^e y^e years of indigent ground which was about
half the to bar planted last year now by seed
upon y^e plant & hands parishes crop of the bar
is now ready to be planted to satisfy y^e debts
due to y^e several merchants trading into this province
and yet no remedy is provided to compel
y^e merchant to receive their debts, even out of the ground
crop now to be ~~reaped~~ planted after he hath sowed
the last year's crop be it enacted by y^e Right hono^{ble}
y^e Lord Prop^r by & with y^e assent of y^e upper & lower
houses of this present general assembly of all merchants
their factors & attorneys & all other persons who
soever within this province shall be obliged to re-
ceive their debts being duly tendered unto them at
any time between y^e 1st of November next &
y^e 1st of January then next following And that
all sound towaro whather of this years planting
or of y^e next crop, so that it be free from ground
haves and so on shall be held merchantable
and fit to be tendered for any debts what soever
And forasmuch as in the years of Cession
there will be many groves & indigent ground
ready to starve if no remedy be provided Be
it further enacted that from & after the