

a single Magistrate, concerning a small Debt determinable by him; unless the Creditor, or Defendant, shall make appear by lawful Evidence, other than his or her own Oath or Affirmation, that such Account is false in Part, or in the Whole.

*AND BE IT LIKEWISE ENACTED*, That it shall and may be lawful for any Debtor or Defendant, in his Defence, to prove an Account by Oath or Affirmation, to be just and true, of Goods deliver'd or sold, Work done, Money paid or deliver'd to the Plaintiff or Creditor, toward Satisfaction of the Whole, or Part of the Debt due to such Plaintiff or Creditor, or received by such Plaintiff or Creditor, to the Defendant or Debtor's Use, after the said Tenth Day of *March* aforesaid, which have been, or shall be so deliver'd, paid or receiv'd, and for which no Credit is, or shall be given to the Defendant or Debtor; which the Court before whom the Tryal shall be, shall adjudge to be discounted out of the Plaintiff's or Creditor's Account, or other Demand; unless the Plaintiff or Creditor can prove the same, or some Part thereof to be false, by legal Evidence, as aforesaid.

*PROVIDED ALWAYS*, That the Particulars of all such Accounts shall be delivered, as well by the Creditor to the Debtor, as by the Debtor to the Creditor, within Ten Days after the several and respective Articles shall become due to the Debtor or Creditor who shall require the same. And, that the said Accounts shall be proved within Twelve Months after the first Article therein charged shall become due, and not otherwise. And, to prevent either Plaintiff or Defendant being surprized,

*BE IT ENACTED*, That all Accounts which the Plaintiff shall prove, either by his or her own Oath or Affirmation only, or otherwise, shall be filed with the Declaration. And that all Accounts which the Defendant shall prove, either by his or her own Oath or Affirmation only, or otherwise, in his or her Defence, shall be filed with the several Clerks, Ten Days at the least before the Tryal Court; otherwise the Account which shall be omitted to be so filed, shall not be received in Evidence; except that where Declarations shall be sent with the Writs in Order for Tryal the first Court, the Defendant who shall insist on any Account in his or her Defence as aforesaid, shall deliver or send a Copy of such Account to the Clerk the first Day of the Court, who shall receive and file the same.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, That an Act intituled, *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*, shall be and is hereby repealed and abrogated.

*PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS*, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person to prove any Account of Goods sold, Money lent, Work done, or other Matters or Articles properly chargeable in Account, which became due at any Time heretofore, or shall become due before the Tenth Day of *March* next, according to the Directions of the said Act, so as all such Accounts shall be proved as aforesaid, at or before the Thirtieth Day of *August*, which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty: The Repeal of the said Act, or any Thing in this Act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*AND*