

*An ACT to Remedy defective Probats of Accounts,  
and giving further Time for proving Accounts.*

**W**HEREAS, by an Act, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at *Annapolis*, the Tenth Day of *July*, Seventeen Hundred and Twenty Nine, entituled, *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*: It was amongst other Things enacted and provided, that it should and might 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 theretofore, or should become due before the Tenth Day of *March* then next, according to the Directions of an Act therein recited, so as all such Accounts should be proved as aforesaid, at or before the Thirtieth Day of *August*, which was then to be in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Thirty:

AND WHEREAS several Persons, through Misconception of the said Act, have proved such Accounts, arising due as in the said Proviso mentioned, before one single Justice of the Peace only; and several other Persons, not well apprized with the said Act, neglected the proving their Accounts within the Time limited by the Proviso of the said mentioned Act; whereby such Accounts and Debts, tho' justly due, may intirely be lost, and the Creditor without legal Remedy:

*BE IT THEREFORE 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 Accounts which arose due before the said Tenth Day of *March*, in the said Proviso mentioned, and which were proved before the Thirtieth Day of *August*, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty aforesaid, before one single Justice of the Peace only, shall be as available in Law, and as good Evidence within this Province, to prove the Debt or Debts therein contained, as if the same had been proved before one Provincial Justice, or Two Justices of the Peace, before the said Thirtieth Day of *August*, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty, according to the Directions of the said Act.

*AND BE IT LIKEWISE ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, That all such Accounts, as became due before the said Tenth Day of *March*, in the said Proviso mentioned, and that were neglected to be proved before the Thirtieth Day of *August*, One Thousand Seven and Thirty, shall and may be lawful to be proved by any such Person, before one Justice of the Provincial Court, or one County Justice, or before the Maior, Recorder, or one of the Aldermen of the City of *Annapolis*; so as all such Accounts, be proved before such Provincial or County Justice, Maior, Recorder, or one Alderman, at or before the Twenty Sixth Day of *January* next; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

*AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for every Plaintiff, in any  
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