

been pduced As to the Testimony & pofe vpon which many psons have been Lyable to vexacōus & Trouble some suites For the prevencōn of the like Mischeifs for the Tyme to come And th<sup>t</sup> a Certeyne rule may be observed for the future in Poynt of Evidence to all Bills Bonds & specialtyes for paym<sup>t</sup> of money for the prevencōn of Forgery & also to p<sup>r</sup>vent vnjust molestacōn of the Inhabit<sup>s</sup> of this Province Bee it Enacted by the Rt. hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprieto<sup>rs</sup> by & w<sup>th</sup> the Assent of the vpp<sup>r</sup> & low<sup>r</sup> howse of this genāll Assembly th<sup>t</sup> noe copy of any Bills Bonds or Specialtyes made in any forreigne prof<sup>s</sup> shalbe pleadable in any Co<sup>rs</sup> of this Province any form<sup>t</sup> Law vsage or Custome to the contrary hereof Notw<sup>th</sup>standinge And bee itt further Enacted by the authority afores<sup>d</sup> th<sup>t</sup> noe Bills Bonds or other Specialtyes whatsoever Comeing out of England be allowed or be Judged authenticke in any Co<sup>rs</sup> of this Province vnlesse the p<sup>ti</sup> vnto whome such Bills Bonds or Specialtyes doth app<sup>r</sup>tayne doe p<sup>r</sup>ve the same by Evidence (viva voce) or else such Bills Bonds or Specialtyes be p<sup>r</sup>ved before the Lord Mayo<sup>r</sup> of London & Certified vnd<sup>r</sup> the Citty Seale or before any other Mayo<sup>r</sup> of Citty or Borough Towne Corporate of England And Certificate vnd the Seale of such Citty or Borough Towne corporate whereby such Bill Bond or Specialty shalbe p<sup>r</sup>ved any Lawe Custome or vseage to the contrary hereof notw<sup>th</sup>standing And all Bills & Bonds or other Specialtyes w<sup>ch</sup> shall come from any other Forreigne p<sup>te</sup> either Collony or Platacōn whatsoever shalbee eth<sup>r</sup> (viva voce) proved here or else afore the Govern<sup>r</sup> of such place Collony or Plantacōn & Certificate vnd<sup>r</sup> his or their Seale from whence such Bill Bond or other specialtye shall come otherwise all such Bills Bonds or Specialtyes sued here shalbe rejected & Judged Insufficient for want of such due prooffe or Evidence as afores<sup>d</sup> according as is p<sup>r</sup>vided in this Act, Any Law vsage or Custome to the Contrary hereof in any wise notw<sup>th</sup>standing

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The vpp<sup>r</sup> howse have Assented  
John Gittings Clke

The Low<sup>r</sup> howse have Assented  
W<sup>m</sup> Bretton clke.

An Act for the Explanacōn of that  
Clause in An Act made by Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup>  
Stone 21<sup>th</sup> Aprill 1649 touching Hoggs &  
Marking of Cattle, etc.

Whereas some disputes have been rased in County Co<sup>rs</sup> concerning the killing vnmarked Swyne vpon ones owne Land as is signified by a Parenthesis in the Act Bee itt Enacted by