

majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That, from and after the 29th of September 1732, in any action or suit then depending, or thereafter to be brought, in any court of law or equity in any of the said plantations, for or relating to any debtor account, wherein any person residing in Great Britain shall be a party, it shall and may be lawful to and for the plaintiff or defendant, and also to and for any witness to be examined or made use of in such action or suit, to verify or prove any matter or thing by affidavit or affidavits in writing upon oath; or, in case the person making such affidavit be one of the people called quakers, then upon his or her solemn affirmation, made before any mayor, or other chief magistrate of the city, borough, or town corporate, in Great Britain, where, or near to which the person making such affidavit or affirmation shall reside, and certified and transmitted under the common seal of such city, borough, or town corporate, or the seal of the office of such mayor or other chief magistrate; which oath and solemn affirmation

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