



Center *for* Research Libraries  
GLOBAL RESOURCES NETWORK

The Center for Research Libraries scans to provide digital delivery of its holdings. In some cases problems with the quality of the original document or microfilm reproduction may result in a lower quality scan, but it will be legible. In some cases pages may be damaged or missing. Files include OCR (machine searchable text) when the quality of the scan and the language or format of the text allows.

If preferred, you may request a loan by contacting Center for Research Libraries through your Interlibrary Loan Office.

### **Rights and usage**

Materials digitized by the Center for Research Libraries are intended for the personal educational and research use of students, scholars, and other researchers of the CRL member community. Copyrighted images and texts may not be reproduced, displayed, distributed, broadcast, or downloaded for other purposes without the expressed, written permission of the copyright owner.

### **Center for Research Libraries**

Identifier: f83e7b6c-6724-4410-9134-21d5cfd49aff

Range: Scans 001 - 004

Downloaded on: 2022-05-24 19:36:41

SLAVERY ABOLITION ACT.

---

ORDER IN COUNCIL, dated 31 July 1835, declaring that adequate and satisfactory Provision has been made by Law in the Islands and Colonies of *Antigua, Bermuda, Bahamas, St. Christopher, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Mauritius*, and the *Cape of Good Hope*, for giving effect to the Act 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 73, for the ABOLITION of SLAVERY throughout the BRITISH COLONIES.

AT the Court of St. James's, the 31st of July 1835,

Present, The KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

Lord President,  
Lord Chamberlain,  
Earl of Albemarle,  
Lord John Russell,  
Viscount Palmerston,  
Viscount Melbourne,

Viscount Howick,  
Lord Auckland,  
Lord Glenelg,  
Sir John Hobhouse, Bart.  
The Chancellor of the Exchequer.

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 3d & 4th year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves, and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves," it is enacted that from and after the 1st day of August 1834, all persons who, in conformity with the laws now in force in the said colonies respectively, shall on or before the 1st day of August 1834, have been duly registered as slaves in any such colony, and who on the said 1st day of August 1834 shall be actually within any such colony, and who shall by such registries appear to be, on the said 1st day of August 1834, of the full age of six years or upwards, shall, by force and virtue of the said Act, and without the previous execution of any indenture of apprenticeship, or any other deed or instrument for that purpose, become and be apprenticed labourers: and whereas by the said Act it is further enacted, that, subject to the obligations imposed by the said Act, or to be imposed as therein-mentioned, upon such apprenticed labourers as aforesaid, all and every the persons who on the said 1st day of August 1834, shall be holden in slavery within any such British colony as aforesaid, shall, upon and from and after the said 1st day of August 1834, become and be, to all intents and purposes, freed and discharged of and from all manner of slavery, and shall be absolutely and for ever manumitted; and that the children thereafter to be born to any such persons, and the offspring of such children, shall in like manner be free from their birth; and that from and after the said 1st day of August 1834, slavery shall be and is thereby utterly and for ever abolished and declared unlawful throughout the British colonies, plantations, and possessions abroad: and whereas by the said Act it is provided that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury may raise the sum of 20,000,000 *l.* sterling towards compensating the persons entitled to the services of the slaves to be manumitted and set free by virtue of the said Act, for the loss of such services:

And whereas in the said Act it is recited that various rules and regulations are or may be necessary for the purposes therein specified, and that such regulations could not, without great inconvenience, be made except by the respective governors, councils, and assemblies, or other local legislatures of the said respective colonies, or by His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, in reference to those colonies to which the legislative authority of His Majesty in Council extends; and it is therefore by the said Act enacted and declared, that nothing in the said Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the enactment by the

## 2 ORDER IN COUNCIL ISSUED UNDER THE

respective governors, councils, and assemblies, or by such other local legislatures as aforesaid, or by His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, of any such Acts of General Assembly, or Ordinances or Orders in Council, as might be requisite for making and establishing such several rules and regulations as aforesaid, or any of them, or for carrying the same, or any of them, into full and complete effect :

And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted that no part of the said sum of 20,000,000*l.* sterling shall be applied, or shall be applicable to the purposes therein aforesaid, for the benefit of any person entitled to the services of any slave in any of the colonies therein aforesaid, unless an Order shall have been first made by His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, declaring that adequate and satisfactory provision hath been made by law in such colony, for giving effect to the said Act, by such further and supplementary enactments as therein mentioned ; nor unless a copy of such Order in Council, duly certified by one of the clerks in ordinary of His Majesty's Privy Council, shall by the Lord President of the Council have been transmitted to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or to the Lord High Treasurer for the time being, for their or his guidance or information ; and every such Order shall be published three several times in the London Gazette, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within six weeks next after the date thereof, if Parliament shall be then in Session, and if not, within six weeks from the then next ensuing Session of Parliament :

And whereas, in order to carry into effect the objects of the said recited Act, an Act hath been passed by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the Island of Antigua, intituled, " An Act for relieving the Slave Population from the obligations imposed upon them by the recent Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, ' An Act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves, and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves ;'" and an Act hath also been passed by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the Island of Bermuda, intituled, " An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in these Islands, in consideration of Compensation ;" and an Act hath also been passed by the Lieutenant-governor, Council, and Assembly of the Bahama Islands, intituled, " An Act auxiliary to an Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled ' An Act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves, and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves ;'" and also an Act intituled, " An Act to provide for the Payment of Salaries to certain Special Magistrates therein designated, and to repeal certain Clauses or Sections of an Act of the General Assembly, made and passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled, ' An Act auxiliary to an Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled, ' An Act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves, and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves ;'" and also an Act intituled, " An Act to amend an Act of the General Assembly of these Islands, intituled, ' An Act auxiliary to an Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled, ' An Act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves, and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves ;'" and certain Acts have also been passed by the Lieutenant-governor, Council, and Assembly of the Island of St. Christopher, respectively intituled, " An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in this Island, and for the establishment of of system of Apprenticeship for a limited time in lieu thereof ;" " An Act for prescribing the Powers and Duties of Special Magistrates ;" " An Act to divide Apprenticed Labourers into several Classes ;" " An Act to provide for Apprenticed Labourers during the term of their Apprenticeship ;" " An Act for prescribing the Duties and regulating the Conduct of Apprenticed Labourers within this Island ;" " An Act for prescribing the Duties to be performed by Employers towards their Apprenticed Labourers, and to enforce the performance of the same ;" " An Act to regulate the removal of predial Apprenticed Labourers from one Plantation to another ; to establish certain Rules to govern the Sale of the Services of all classes of Apprenticed Labourers, and the disposition thereof by Will, as well as to regulate the descent of the same in cases of Intestacy ;" " An Act for dividing this Island into Districts, and for establishing a sufficient Police within the same ;" " An Act to punish Apprenticed Labourers for Offences against the Public Welfare ;" and " An Act to regulate the dissolution of Apprenticeship

## SLAVERY ABOLITION ACT.

3

prenticeship by the voluntary Act of the Employer, and to compel such dissolution in cases where the Labourer is able and willing to purchase his or her discharge from Apprenticeship ;” and also an Act intituled, “ An Act to extend to the Island of Anguilla the several Acts passed by the Island of St. Christopher, pursuant to an Act of Parliament made in the 3d & 4th Will. IV. intituled, ‘ An Act for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves, and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves, except as hereinafter provided ;’ ” and an Act hath also been passed by the Lieutenant-governor, Council, and Assembly of the Island of Dominica, intituled, “ An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in this Island, in consideration of Compensation, and for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves ;” and an Act hath also been passed by the Lieutenant-governor, Council, and Assembly of the Island of Grenada, intituled, “ An Act for carrying into effect the Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the 3d & 4th years of the reign of His present Majesty King William the Fourth, for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies ;” and also an Act, intituled, “ An Act to amend an Act, intituled ‘ An Act for carrying into effect the Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the 3d & 4th years of the Reign of his present Majesty King William the Fourth, for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, and to make further provision for the purposes in the said Act mentioned ;’ ” and three several Orders have also been made by His Majesty in Council, for carrying into effect in the respective Colonies of St. Lucia, Trinidad and Mauritius, the provisions of the said recited Act of Parliament ; and an Ordinance hath also been made and passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Cape of Good Hope, intituled “ An Ordinance for giving due effect to the Provisions of an Act of Parliament passed in the 3d & 4th Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, ‘ An Act for the abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies, for promoting the Industry of the manumitted Slaves, and for compensating the Persons hitherto entitled to the Services of such Slaves :’ ”

And whereas it is considered by His Majesty in Council that adequate and satisfactory provision hath been made by law in the respective Islands and Colonies of Antigua, Bermuda, Bahamas, St. Christopher, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Mauritius, and the Cape of Good Hope, for giving effect to the said recited Act of Parliament, by such further and supplementary enactments, as therein mentioned, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Act :

His Majesty is therefore pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to declare, and it is hereby declared, that adequate and satisfactory provision hath been made by law in the several and respective Islands and Colonies of Antigua, Bermuda, Bahamas, St. Christopher, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Mauritius, and the Cape of Good Hope, for giving effect to the said recited Act of Parliament, by such further and supplementary enactments as therein are mentioned ; and the Right Honourable the Marquess of Lansdowne, the President of His Majesty’s Privy Council, and the Right Honourable Lord Glenelg, one of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

(signed)

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

SLAVERY ABOLITION ACT.

---

ORDER in COUNCIL, dated 31 July 1835,  
issued under the SLAVERY ABOLITION Act.

---

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
13 August 1835.

---