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SLAVERY ABOLITION ACT.

ORDER IN COUNCIL, declaring that adequate and satisfactory Provision has been made by Law, in the Island of *Tobago*, for giving effect to the Act of Parliament for the ABOLITION of SLAVERY.

AT the COURT at ST. JAMES'S, the 13th of April 1836;—

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Lord Chancellor.
The Lord President.
The Lord Steward.
The Lord Chamberlain.
The Marquess of Winchester.
The Earl of Albemarle.
The Earl of Minto.
Lord John Russell.

Viscount Palmerston.
Viscount Melbourne.
Viscount Howick.
Lord Holland.
Lord Glenelg.
Mr. Poulett Thomson.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the third and fourth 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 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 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,

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 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 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 Tobago, intituled, " An Act to carry into effect the Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament 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 also an Act to amend an Act, intituled, " An Act to carry into effect the Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament 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 to repeal certain Clauses of an Act, commonly called the Slave Act, passed on or about the 15th day of August, 1829, and to substitute other Clauses in this Act in lieu thereof;" and also an Act, intituled, " An Act to establish Rules and Regulations for the Classification of those Persons hereafter to become Apprenticed Labourers, and for ascertaining to which Class they shall respectively belong;" and also an Act, intituled, " An Act to authorize the temporary Appointment of special Magistrates for the purpose of giving effect to the Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament 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 also an Act to amend an Act, intituled, " An Act to carry into effect the Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament 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 also an Act, intituled, " An Act to provide for the building of Places of Confinement and Punishment, and to establish a Police Force in the said Island; and also to repeal 55th, 56th and 57th Clauses of the Act, intituled, ' An Act to carry into effect the Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament 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 whereas it is considered by His Majesty in Council, that adequate and satisfactory provision hath been made by law in the said Island of Tobago 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 Island of Tobago 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.*

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
14 June 1836.
