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## SLAVERY ABOLITION ACT.

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ORDERS IN COUNCIL, issued under the SLAVERY ABOLITION ACT.

Council Office, }  
16 March 1836. }

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ORDER IN COUNCIL, dated 12 October 1835, declaring that adequate and satisfactory provision has been made by Law in the Island of *Barbadoes*, for giving effect to the Act 3 & 4 Will. IV., c. 73, for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies.

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BARBADOES.  
Order in Council,  
12 October 1835.

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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th October 1835;

Present, The KING's most Excellent Majesty,

Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Denbigh, Viscount Palmerston, Viscount Melbourne,  
Lord Holland, Lord Glenelg, Sir Alexander Johnstone.

**W**HEREAS 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 then in force in the said colonies respectively, should 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, should be actually within any such colony, and who should by such registries appear to be, on the said 1st day of August 1834, of the full age of six years or upwards should 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, should be holden in slavery within any such British colony as aforesaid, should 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 should be absolutely and for ever manumitted; and that the children thereafter to be born to any such persons, and the offspring of such children, should in like manner be free from their birth; and that from and after the said 1st day of August 1834 slavery should be, and the same 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 might 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 were or might 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 should extend or be construed to extend to prevent the enactment by the respective governors, councils and assemblies, or by such other local legislatures as therein mentioned, 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.

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And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted, that no part of the said sum of 20,000,000 *l.* sterling should be applied or 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 should have been first made by His Majesty with the advice of his Privy Council, declaring that adequate and satisfactory provision had 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, should 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 should be published three several times in the London Gazette, and should be laid before both Houses of Parliament within six weeks next after the date thereof, if Parliament should be then in session, and if not, within six weeks of the then next ensuing session of Parliament.

And whereas in order to carry into effect the objects of the said recited Act, several Acts have been passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly of the Island of Barbadoes, intituled "An Act for the Abolition of Slavery, for the government of apprenticed Labourers, and for ascertaining and enforcing the reciprocal duties between them and their employers;" and also "An Act for the temporary establishment of a Rural Police;" and also "An Act to repeal certain clauses of an Act intituled 'An Act for the Abolition of Slavery, for the government of apprenticed Labourers, and for ascertaining and enforcing the reciprocal duties between them and their employers,' and to substitute other clauses in the place of such repealed clauses;" and also "An Act for continuing in force and amending an Act intituled 'An Act for the temporary establishment of a Rural Police for this island.'"

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 Barbadoes, by the said several Acts so passed in the said Island for giving effect to the said recited Act of Parliament, 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 said Island of Barbadoes for giving effect to the said recited Act of Parliament, by such further and supplementary enactments as aforesaid. And the Right honourable the Marquis 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) *William L. Bathurst.*

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— No. 2. —

2.

ST. VINCENT.

Order in Council,  
20 November 1835.

ORDER IN COUNCIL, dated 20 November 1835, declaring that adequate and satisfactory Provision has been made by Law in the Island of *St. Vincent*, for giving effect to the Act 3 & 4 Will. IV., c. 73, for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies.

AT the Court at *Brighton*, 20 November 1835;

Present, The KING's most Excellent Majesty,

Lord President, Lord John Russell, Viscount Palmerston, Viscount Melbourne, Lord Denman, Lord Glenelg, Sir William Fremantle, 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

colonies respectively, shall on or before the said 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 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 Lieutenant-governor, Council and Assembly of the Island of St. Vincent, intituled "An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in the Island of St. Vincent and its dependencies, in consideration of compensation, and for promoting the industry and good conduct of the manumitted Slaves;" and also an Act, intituled "An Act for establishing a Police for the regulation of Apprenticed Labourers, and for carrying into effect certain provisions of an Act, intituled 'An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in the Island of St. Vincent and its dependencies, in consideration of compensation, and for promoting the industry and good conduct of the manumitted Slaves;'" and also an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal the 21st and 22d clauses of an Act, intituled 'An Act for establishing a Police for the regulation of Apprenticed Labourers, and for carrying into effect certain

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certain provisions of an Act intituled ' An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in the Island of St. Vincent and its dependencies, in consideration of compensation, and for promoting the industry and good conduct of the manumitted Slaves, and to increase the pay of the policemen in each police settlement; ' and also an Act intituled, " An Act to repeal certain clauses, and to alter and amend an Act intituled ' An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in the Island of St. Vincent and its dependencies, in consideration of compensation, and for promoting the industry and good conduct of the manumitted Slaves ; ' " and also an Act intituled, " An Act to legalize the Police Settlement of the Windward Division as a place of confinement and punishment. "

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 St. Vincent 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 said Island of St. Vincent 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 Marquis of Lansdowne, the President of His Majesty's Privy Council, and the Right Hon. 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) *William L. Bathurst.*

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— No. 3. —

3.

NEVIS.

Order in Council,  
16 January 1836.

ORDER IN COUNCIL, dated 16 January 1836, declaring that adequate and satisfactory provision has been made by Law in the Island of *Nevis*, for giving effect to the Act 3 & 4 Will. IV., c. 73, for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies.

AT the Court at *Brighton*, the 16th January 1836;

Present, The KING's most Excellent Majesty,

Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Viscount Howick, Lord Glenelg, Sir Launcelot Shadwell, Mr. Poulett Thomson, Sir John Hobhouse, Bart., Mr. Justice Bosanquet, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bickersteth.

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 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, planta-

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tions 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 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 President, Council and Assembly of the Island of Nevis, intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance, protection and good government of apprenticed labourers, and to settle the jurisdiction and authority of special magistrates;" also "An Act to establish a local constabulary force on the several plantations in this Island;" and also "An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the maintenance, protection and good government of apprenticed labourers, and to settle the jurisdiction and authority of special magistrates.'"

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 Nevis 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 said Island of Nevis, 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 Marquis 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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NEVIS.  
Order in Council.  
16 January 1836.

— No. 4. —

ORDER IN COUNCIL, dated 3d February 1836, declaring that adequate and satisfactory provision has been made by Law in the Island of *Montserrat*, for giving effect to the Act 3 & 4 Will. IV., c. 73, for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Colonies.

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MONTSERRAT.Order in Council,  
3 February 1836.AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 3d of February 1836 ;

Present, The KING's most Excellent Majesty,

Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Lord Steward, Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Albemarle, Earl of Minto, Viscount Palmerston, Viscount Melbourne, Viscount Howick, Lord Holland, Lord Hill, Lord Glenelg, Sir W. Fremantle, Mr. Poulett Thomson, Sir John Hobhouse, bart., and Mr. 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 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 registers 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 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

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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.

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Order in Council.  
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And whereas, in order to carry into effect the objects of the said recited Act, certain Acts have been passed by the President, Council and Assembly of the Island of Montserrat, intituled "An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in this Island;" also, "An Act for the protection and maintenance of Apprenticed Labourers in this Island, and for ensuring the punctual discharge by such apprenticed labourers of the services due by them to their employers, and generally for regulating the conduct and for the punishment of any offences committed by such apprenticed labourers;" also, "An Act for the classification of apprenticed labourers;" also, "An Act for giving to the special magistrates jurisdiction over apprenticed labourers, and directing their mode of proceeding in the exercise of such jurisdiction;" also, "An Act for establishing a Police in the said Island;" and also "An Act to repeal the proviso contained in the fourth clause of an Act intituled 'An Act for the Abolition of Slavery in this Island.'"

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 Montserrat 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 said island of Montserrat, for giving effect to the said recited Act of Parliament by such further and supplementary enactments as therein are mentioned; and the Right Hon. the Marquis of Lansdowne, the President of His Majesty's Privy Council, and the Right Hon. 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) C. C. Greville.

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**SLAVERY ABOLITION ACT.**

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**ORDERS IN COUNCIL under the Act 3 & 4  
Will. IV., c. 73, for the Abolition of Slavery  
throughout the British Colonies.**

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,  
22 March 1836.*

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