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Goods and Chattels of the person or persons for whom such work  
hath been done without any Suit in Law, And lastly whereas there  
hath been an Act formerly made in this Island Intituled an Act  
for the due observation of the Course of the Discipline of Warre in this  
Island Dated the twenty fourth day of May one thousand five hundred and Sixty  
and Eight and for the univerall washing of Powder which said Act  
hitherto hath taken little Effecte, because the Officers who shold be the  
Guides and Examples to their Soldiery in the due observations of the  
Lawes and Rules in Martiall Affaires are remiss and  
negligent herein

Bee it therefore Enacted and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority  
aforesaid That every Captainne or Chiefs Officer commanding such Company  
within this Islands Doe cause the said Act to be duly observed and putt  
inde Execution upon paine and penality of forfeiting One thousand  
pounds of sugar or tobacco for every Offense or neglecte of personneing  
the Lawes Rules and provisoes in the said Act mentioned and expressed  
to be levied of their goods and Chattels and paid into the Comon Stocke  
of the Country any Law sustane or usage to the contrary notwithstanding  
And for Encouragement of those that shall at any time supply any  
person or persons Inhabiting in this Islands with any Armes and  
Communione That it shall and may be lawfull by virtue of this  
present Act to take out Comon against such Inhabitant soe as  
supplied or furnished with such Armes or Communione as aforesaid  
after proofe is made of the same to be levied upon their Estate, any  
Law sustane or usage to the contrary notwithstanding Dated the  
Twenty Eighth day of January One thousand five hundred and Sixty four

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In An Act for Encouragement of the Royall  
African Company in England for  
the Supplying this Island with Negroes

Whereas It hath pleased the Royall African Company in  
England their Commission & Agents and Factors to appoint the Islands  
of Nevis to be the place or Mart for the delivery of Negroes for his  
Majesties Leeward Caribbean Islands in America, whereof this is one  
of also for the goods purchased for the payment of the same which  
happens to be very Judiciale to his Majesties Subjects the Inhabitants  
of this Islands in regard this is the remotest of his Majesties Islands  
Soe that the Negroes which are brought to Nevis are sold and dispersed  
off before any notice can be given us, And moreover for the  
Inhabitants

Inhabitants here to go downe to Nevis to buy Negroes and to carry  
afwaards their Goods to make payment is a matter very disadvantageous  
to the Inhabitants here who are alledgedly disappointed of the common  
Advantages and conveniences of this Nation's gratious Incentives towards  
them in his Royal Charter or Grant to the said Royal African Company.  
And it is what wee perceive altogether in thisne to the said Royal  
African Company to affe the convenience and conveniences that will  
affe to themselves ause as we by delivering Negroes and receiving  
their payment here which we doubt not but that they will easily agree  
unto when they shall be fully informed therin though ther better  
conuincement in that particular and remaking of the payment for  
such Negroes as shall be brought hither and put to sale for the  
future.

Bee it Enacted and it is hereby Enacted and ordained by the  
Authoris aforesaid that wherefor it shall henceforth unto the  
Royal Company their Comption & Agent or factor, or any under them  
to bring to this Island any Negroes for sale. That an able and fit  
person be by the Governor of this Island for the time being appointed  
to Register of this Island for the taking & registreing and keeping all  
such Contract or Conchit that shall at any time be made by and between  
any Agent Master or servant to the said Royal African Company to  
any Inhabitant of this Island that shall at any time buy a Contract  
for any Negroe or Negroes within this Island either on Board & shipp  
wherein such Negroes shall be brought or on Shere where such a  
Master & Agent or servant shall appoint within the said Island,  
and the said person so appointed to be sworne upon the hly Evangelist  
of God his Body and Soul to make of all such Contracts to be made  
as aforesaid in a booke fairly written and shall attyt the same vnde  
his hand. And in case any plauker or other person or persons within  
this Island shall on his part payle of making just payment according  
to such Contract Entred and Recorded by the said Register the said Agent  
Master or servant or any of them lawfully Imponed upon Complaint being  
made to the Governor of this Island for the time being shall within twenty  
four hours after such Complaint made have a speciall Court appointed  
to be hold for tryall of such Complaint upon the ordinary charge of  
other Courts without paying or had in any fees as in speciall Courts is useall  
wher the Entry and Record made by the Register to be appointed as aforesaid  
shall be hold and deemed good Evidence and sufficient to Convicte partly  
offending in making breake of any payment or such Contract and oppone  
such Evidence Judgement shall be granted against the defendant and  
Execution shall in three dayes after the said Judgement issue out against  
such person for Comptised for the sume and quantity of goods or money so  
Contracted for and Recorded as aforesaid without any Cost of suit or o  
otherwise

otherways to be paid by the said Agent, Servants or any Impruned lawfully  
by or under them, But that all such Costs and Charges shall be taken from the  
Defendant. And also the Fees hereafter appointed to be paid unto the said  
Register for his Record in due performance of what is by this Act enjoined  
him (that is to say) Thirty pounds of Tobacco for each Contract that shall be  
so made and Imbarked as aforesaid and Recorded to be paid by the Bearer  
and Counterpart thereof any Law Customs or usage to the contrary in any wise  
notwithstanding, Taken the third day of May one thousand six hundred  
seventy and five.

Philip Warner  
Richd Burcastor Speaker

5 Jan 1676

*In Act for the Regulating of the  
Customs in an Act of this Island Intituled  
an Act for Extending of Lands and goods for  
Debts and ~~and~~ mulets*

Whereas by an Acte of this Island Intituled an Acte  
for Extending of Lands and goods for Debts and ~~and~~ mulets  
boarding date the  
Twenty-Eight day of October One Thousand six hundred sixty nine, It is  
amongst other things provided and Enacted that upon Execution obtained  
by any order against any Debtor within this Island where there is not  
Goods and Chattels sufficient of the Debtor to satisfy the Debt recovered by  
the Creditors (that is to say) Tobacco, Cotton, Indigo, sugar, hams, hams, hams  
Poultry, Swine or any other Cattle, goats and small flocks and fowls  
or any other Merchantable Commodities of the growth of this Island, or any other  
of the Caribbean Islands that upon the Execution shall take place upon the  
Covenant Servant or Servants together with the Lands and Dementys of the  
Debtors and the same and lands of such Servant or Servants to be ~~and~~  
Appraised; And the said Servant or Servants whose lands of service are or  
shall be ~~delivered~~ shall together with the Lands and Dementys be  
delivered to the Creditors or Creditors or their Assignes for such time as they or  
either of them have to serve such if that not be sufficient to satisfy the  
Creditors and that the party cast and condemned have no other Servants or  
no Slaves, but only Lands and Dementys then the said Execution shall  
not take place upon the said Lands and Dementys alone for the  
satisfaction of the Creditors, The said Lands so much as is fallen and  
cleared with the husbandry and building therewith to be appraised at a  
fifty pounds of Tobacco the first cleare yearly Rent, after which date  
the Creditors his heirs and Assignes shall allow and pay unto the said  
Debtors his heirs and Assignes, for every Acre of standing wood or now  
ground being part of the premises appraised, the sum the said Creditors his  
heirs