

aforesaid that all such plantations given taken up, or granted to
 any person, or persons upon any place whatsoever upon this or
 any other of the small Islands adjacent, who had not good right by
 lease and mortgage thereof by descent grant purchase or other
 title in Law before the said French Conquest, shall be lessened and
 proportioned to the said quantity of six hundred Acres, unless hee or
 they having such Grant have bought or servants or slaves to make
 good for every some Acres for granted over and above the said six
 hundred Acres And that it shall be lawfull in the Governor's power
 since being by his warrant to give and grant All such Lands
 not exceeding the quantity of six hundred Acres or not settled with
 a sufficient number of servants making good for every some Acres
 over and above the said quantity to others that will forthwith
 settle the same as aforesaid, And that the Grant so given by the
 Governor to any person or persons settling the same according to
 the said Act of this Island shall be deemed revocable and taken to
 be the lawfull proprietor And shall have just right to the same
 And that hee and they and all Beguering under him and them who
 had the former grant or confirmation thereof by patent or otherwise
 shall be for ever barred to recover the same or any part thereof
 standing always to his Majesty his Right Prerogative of granting
 what quantities of Land hee is graciously pleased by speciall
 Grant to give to any person, any Sale Purchase or usage to the
 contrary notwithstanding, Dated the ninth day of January one
 thousand six hundred & twenty six
 Phillip Warner
 Rich^d Burastone
 Speaker

An Act obliging the Inhabitants
 of this Island to keep and magnetize
 their Iron Men Servants

Forasmuch as it is of very great Importance unto his
 Majesty's Affairs in these parts of the World that this his Island
 of Antigua should be well peopled to the end that it may not
 only serve it selfe against Spanish Invasion, but also be
 able to propagate his Majesty's designs on this side the side the
 Tropique, And whereas nothing can be of greater consequence
 to the speedy thoughting and peopling thereof than by
 Giving

giving all just Encouragement to the Merchants and Traders -
 of this Island to buy and Land store of Christian Men servants and
 to oblige the Inhabitants to buy and purchase of them, when they shall
 be bought at such a reasonable Rate as have been usually and
 accustomed in this place, And forasmuch as Men and Women are
 the only stay support and security of all places in time of War, and
 will be as props and pillars to promote and Encourage Trade in time of
 Peace

Wherefore It is ordered, Declared and Enacted by the Governour -
 Council and Representatives of this Island that from and after
 publication hereof all persons Inhabiting and residing upon this
 who are Owners proprietors or Masters in their own right, or by
 Attorney or others in the Right of others of any Negroe
 Men or Women such as are or ought to be Liked for the payment of the
 your Governour's Dues according to an Act in that case made and provided
 shall from time to time keep and maintain one able Christian Man
 servant for the Ende aforesaid for every such Anne Negroe Men or Woman,
 as hee or they shall possess, And that from time to time as aforesaid, And
 that in regard many of the Inhabitants of this Island cannot for this yeare
 provide themselves with Men servants proportionable and pursuant to this
 Act that then all such as shall be so unprovided, and while they shall
 be provided with servants according to the true intent and meaning of this
 Act shall in the respective Divisions where they Inhabite and dwell
 may be kept from time to time by they shall be ordered by the Military
 Officers under whom they shall be Liked, or in whose Division they dwell
 and Inhabite may be kept upon the Guards respectively, and according
 to the severall orders made upon the said Guards proportionably after the
 Rate of one Christian Man for every Anne Negroe soe possessed and
 enjoyed as aforesaid any Law Custome or usage to the contrary notwithstanding
 Witness our hands at the Savannah the fifth day of July, One thousand six
 hundred seventy and seven

An Act against Runaway Servants

Forasmuch as all servants coming from any part of his Majesties
 Dominions to this Island have for their Encouragement many wholesome
 and good Lawes Establishes in their favour, not only obliging their
 respective Masters and Owners to treat them with all Care and
 Justice