

tary's Office in due manner aforesaid, shall pay and satisfy all Costs and Damages whatsoever, to the persons grieved or injured thereby, And whatsoever person shall be convicted by the oath of two witnesses, or his own confession, before any Justice of Peace in this Island; for assigning, giving or delivering any Ticket lawfully, or unlawfully taken out from the Secretary's Office, so as some other person or persons are carried off this Island, shall find good Securities to appear and answer the fact at the then next General Sessions, and be liable to pay and answer all Costs and Damages occasioned to any person or persons hereby.

Tickets though duly obtained, shall not be assigned.
Convict by two witnesses or confession before a Justice, of assigning a Ticket, so as any other person is carried off, shall be bound to appear at the Grand Sessions, and pay all Costs and Damages. Tickets to be taken out for Servants or Slaves. See Act, No. 30. Cl. 21.

And in case any Master, or Owner of any Servant or Servants, Slave or Slaves, shall have occasion to transport such Servants or Slaves from this Island, that then and in such case, the Master or Owner of such Servant or Slave, shall have and obtain from the resident Governor, or Deputy Governor for the time being of this Island, a Ticket for such their transportation: which Ticket shall comprize the whole number and names of such Servants or Slaves, of the Master or Owner aforesaid; for which Ticket the Owner to pay ten pounds of Sugar: Provided always, the Master, or Owner of such Servant or Slave, shall before some one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, prove upon the oath of some one credible person well known to the Justice, or his or her own oath, that the said respective Servant or Slave, is at that time the proper Estate of that person; upon Certificate of which taken in manner as aforesaid, the said Ticket to be granted. And whatsoever person or persons within this Island, intended to depart the same, who have set up his or her name in the Secretary's Office, and shall be Under-writ by any person or persons, for any Debt under one thousand pounds of *Muscovado* Sugar, or six pounds five shillings sterling, the same shall be heard and determined by any of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to whom complaint thereof shall be made, in the same manner and way, as by the Act for Servant's Wages is provided and appointed.

One Ticket to comprize the whole number of Servants or Slaves, for which the owner shall pay 10 lb. of Sugar. See No. 159. Cl. 4. and No. 201. Proviso. That oath be made before any Justice, they are the proper estate of the person so intending to export them.

All Under-writings under 1000 lb. of Sugar, or 6l. 5s. sterling, to be determined by any Justice of Peace, as Servants Wages. See Cl. IV. and Act, No. 30.

AND it is hereby further ordained and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a former Law of this Island heretofore made, intituled, "*An Act concerning Persons intending to depart this Island; and the setting up their Names in the Secretary's Office; and Warrants of Arrests.*" And all things therein contained, be and is hereby repealed and made void for the future, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Clause XII. Repeal of a former Act, No. 216. in the list of expired Laws.

PROVIDED, this repeal extend not to any person now in custody, or liable to any Judgment, Execution or Precept, by virtue of the last mentioned Act; any thing in this Law, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

Given under my Hand, the 9th day of May, 1672.

Christopher Codrington.

Thus far the Laws were transcribed into eleven Books, for the use of the several Parishes in this Island; and one Book delivered to the Representatives of each Parish, the 11th of July 1672. viz. from May 9th 1667.



A Declarative ACT upon the Act making Negroes Real Estate.

No. 60.

Vid. No. 42.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Island, bearing date the twentieth day of April, one thousand six hundred sixty eight, it is enacted and ordained, That Negroes shall be deemed Real Estate and not Chattels; Be it declared by his Excellency, Council and the Representa-

Preamble.

Clause I.

Negroes may be sued for, and recovered by Action personal.

But continue Chattels, for payment of Debts.

Clause II. And deemed Real Estate for all other purposes.

tives of this Island now assembled, and it is hereby declared, that by the true meaning of that Act, Negroes may be sued for and recovered by Action personal, as they usually were before the making the said Act: And also, that by the true meaning of the Act aforesaid, Negroes continue Chattels for the payment of Debts.

And be it further enacted, and it is the true intent and meaning of this Act, that Negroes shall be taken and deemed Real Estate, to all other intents and purposes whatsoever, except what before excepted.

Given under my Hand, the 29th day of January, 1672.

William Willoughby.

This is Lord Willoughby of Parham.

Vid. No. 369. and No. 401. in the list of expired Laws. See No. 73. in force.

This Act was afterwards revived for two years, by Act passed March 20, 1676; and revived a second time for two years, by an Act dated January 23, 1678; and afterwards made perpetual by Sir Richard Dutton's Act passed July 7. 1681,



No. 61.

An ACT appointing how the testimony of People of the Hebrew nation, shall be admitted in all Courts and Causes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS His sacred Majesty hath signified his Royal pleasure, that all persons of the Hebrew nation residing in this Island, that are made free Denizens, may be admitted to give their Testimonies on their Oaths, in all Courts and Causes, in such manner and form, as the religion of the said Hebrews will admit: Be it therefore enacted and ordained by his Excellency Sir Jonathan Atkins, Knight, Captain General and chief Governor of this, and other the Caribbee-Islands, the Council and Assembly of this Island, That all such Persons of the Hebrew nation as reside in this Island, and are Men of Credit and Commerce, shall from henceforth be freely admitted before all Judges, Justices and other Officers, in all Courts and Causes whatsoever, relating to Trade and Dealing, and not otherwise, to give their Testimony upon their Oaths, on the five books of Moses, in such manner and form as is usual, and the religion of the said Nation doth admit.

Clause I.

Jews resident, that are men of credit and commerce, admitted to their oaths on the five books of Moses, in all Courts and Causes relative to Trade and Dealing, and not otherwise.

Read and passed the Council, and consented to by his Excellency, this 18th day of February, 1674.

Read and passed the Assembly, Nemini Contradicente, February 17th 1674.

Edwyn Stede,
(Deputy Secretary.)

John Higinbotham,
(Clerk of the Assembly.)

Vid. Act. No. 135.

Before Sir Jonathan Atkin's administration, the Governors alone signed the Acts, as appears from the antecedent Laws in this collection, which are faithfully taken from the Records: from his Government to that of Mr. Lowther's, the Clerks of the Council and Assembly, attested and signified the approbation of the Legislative-body, in the above manner; and from thence to the present time, the Commanders in Chief, as well as the Clerks of the other two branches of the Legislature, have signed every Act, and declared their assent.

The above Act has never been printed, or even the Title inserted in any former Edition, though it appears from the face of the Record, to be in force: Mr. Rawlin, indeed, in his Compendium, took notice of it in the Index, but refers to another head, where it is not mentioned.

Barbados. Acts, passed in the island of Barbados. From 1643, to 1762, inclusive; Carefully revised, innumerable Errors corrected; and the Whole compared and examined, with the original acts, In the Secretary's Office. By the late Richard Hall, Esquire: One of the Representatives in the General-Assembly, for the Parish of St. Michael; and one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the said Island, near Thirty Years; And since his Death, continued by his son, Richard Hall. To which is added, An index; and abridgment: With many useful Notes, References and Observations, never before published. And also A List of all the Laws, passed from the Settlement of the Island; which are now become Obsolete, Expired, or have had their Effect. Printed for Richard Hall, MDCCLXIV. [1764]. Eighteenth Century Collections Online, link.gale.com/apps/doc/CW0125639676/ECCO?u=fred46430&sid=bookmark-ECCO&pg=111. Accessed 3 Oct. 2023.