

Barbados

An Act for the Punishment
of such Slaves as shall be found
practising Obrah.

Whereas many valuable Slaves have
lost their Lives, or have otherwise been materially injured
in their Health by the wicked Arts of certain Negro and
other Slaves going under the appellation of Obrah.
Men and Women pretending to have communication
with the Devil and other evil Spirits whereby the weak
and superstitious are deluded into a belief of their having
full power to exempt them whilst under their protection
from any Evils that might otherwise happen, in Order to
Clause 1st. prevent such Mischief for the future. Be it enacted
by The Honorable John Spooner President of His Majesty's
Council and Commander in Chief of this Island, The Honorable
the Members of His Majesty's Council and the General
Assembly of this Island and by the authority of the same
that from and after the passing of this Act any Slave
who by pretending to any supernatural Power or by the
practice of what is called Obrah shall cause the death
of any other Slave shall upon conviction thereof before two
Neighbouring Justices and three Freeholders of the
Vicinity suffer death.

And be it further enacted by the authority
aforesaid that if any Negro or other Slave shall mix or
prepare with an intent to give or cause to be given any
Poison or Poisonous Drug or shall actually give or cause
to be given any such Poison or Poisonous Drug to any
other Slave in the practise of Obeah or otherwise although
Death may not ensue upon the taking thereof the said
Slave or Slaves together with their accessories as well
before as after the fact being Slaves being duly convicted
thereof as aforesaid shall suffer Death, Transportation for
life or such other Punishment as the said Court shall
think proper to direct.

Read three times and passed
the Council unanimously
this 4th day of November
1806
So. Dottin Husbands.
Clerk of the Council

John Sperry

Read three times and
passed the General
Assembly this 4th day of
November 1806.
J. R. Phillips
Clerk of the General Assembly

Approved to by His Honor the same day
So. Dottin Husbands.
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