

An Act for renewing and making some Alterations to the Act, intituled, An Act for the further and better regulating Negroes and other Slaves, and for the more effectual and speedy Way of prosecuting them in Criminal Causes.

WHEREAS the abovementioned Act was enacted and made to be in force for the Term of Three Years, and from thence to the next Sessions of Assembly, and is now expiring; and it being found for the general Good of the Inhabitants of these Islands (with some Alterations) to prolong the same, together with one Additional Clause, expiring with the said Act, passed and published the Fourth Day of *November, 1731*. We therefore, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Assembly of these your Majesty's *Bermuda or Summer Islands in America*, do most humbly beseech your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by Authority of the same, That the said original Act (except what is hereafter altered and amended, together with the Additional Clause abovementioned) be and are hereby renewed and prolonged for the further Term of Three Years from the Publication hereof, and from thence to the End of the next Sessions of Assembly; which Additions and Alterations are as followeth, *viz.* That if the Justices and Freeholders shall, for Time to come, try any Negro or Slave, the same shall be by them done *gratis* at their own Expence, only Justices Clerks, and Constables Fees, which are to be taxed and allowed by the Court that tries them, or the Majority thereof; and that any Two Justices of the Peace, with one of the Quorum, is hereby appointed and authorized thereunto.

Justices and
Freeholders to
try all Slaves
for the future,
gratis.

Bermuda Islands. Acts of Assembly, made and enacted in the Bermuda or Summer Islands, continued to 1736. Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty, MDCCXXXVII. [1737]. Eighteenth Century Collections Online, link.gale.com/apps/doc/CW0124397760/ECCO?u=fred46430&s Accessed 20 Apr. 2024.