

An Act to alter and amend an Act of this Island, published the Twenty-third Day of August, in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-three, intituled, " An Act for suppressing of Runaway Slaves, and for the better Government of Slaves, and for preventing Slaves from being fraudulently carried off this Island; and for enabling the Commander in Chief, or President of the Council (for the Time being) to send out Detachments of Free Mulattoes, Free Negroes, and other Free Persons, being Male Descendants of Negroes, in Pursuit of Runaway Slaves ;" and to ascertain what Share of the Rewards given by a late Act such Detachments shall be entitled to.

WHEREAS in and by the Thirty-fourth Clause of the said Act, intituled, " An Act for **PREAMBLE.**
 " the suppressing of Runaway Slaves, and for the better Government of Slaves, and for pre-
 " venting Slaves being fraudulently carried off this Island; and for enabling the Commander
 " in Chief, or President of the Council (for the Time being) to send out Detachments of Free
 " Mulattoes, Free Negroes, and other Free Persons, Male Descendants of Negroes, in
 " Pursuit of Runaway Slaves ;" it is Enacted that no Free Mulattoe Man, Free Negro
 Man, or other Free Man, Descendant of a Negro, to be sent out in Pursuit of Runaway Slaves,
 shall be compelled by virtue of this Act to serve in Detachments any longer Time than
 Eight Days at any One Time: And whereas it is found by Experience that the said Space of
 Eight Days, allowed by the said Act, for the Commander in Chief or President of the Coun-
 cil for the Time being, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to continue De-
 tachments of Free Mulattoes and other Free Persons of Colour in Pursuit of Runaway Slaves,
 is much too short a Time to effect any good Service to the Colony: And whereas the Re-
 wards for apprehending Runaway Slaves in and by an Act lately passed, intituled, " An Act
 " for suppressing Runaway Slaves, and for raising a Fund to reward Persons who shall ap-
 " prehend them; and for continuing in Force, during the Continuation of this Act, the Pro-
 " hibitions contained in an Act of this Island, intituled, An Act for the Preservation of
 " Game and Fish," are very considerably increased :

We therefore, Your Majesty's most dutiful and obedient Subjects, the Governor, Council, and **CLAUSE I.**
 Assembly of Your Island of Dominica, do pray Your Most Excellent Majesty, That it may be
 Enacted and Ordained; And be it, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority
 aforesaid, that the said Time of Eight Days, allowed by the said Act for the Detachments of
 Free Persons of Colour to remain in the Woods on Service, in Search of and for the Purpose
 of taking and apprehending of Runaway Slaves, shall and is hereby altered and enlarged to
 the Space of One Month, or any shorter Time, if expedient, at the Discretion of the Governor
 in Chief or President of the Council, with the Advice and Consent of the Council; any Thing
 in the said Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

And be it, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons to be **CLAUSE**
 sent out in Detachments by the Governor in Chief, or President of the Council, in Pursuit of **II.**
 Runaway Slaves, shall in future be entitled, over and above their Pay, to One Half of the Re-
 wards allowed by the said Act lately passed, intituled, " An Act for suppressing Runaway
 " Slaves, and for raising a Fund to reward Persons who shall apprehend them; and for
 " continuing in Force, during the Continuation of this Act, the Prohibitions contained in an
 " Act of this Island, intituled, An Act for the Preservation of Game and Fish," as long as the
 same shall remain in Force, to be divided in Manner as is directed by the Thirteenth
 Clause of the said first-mentioned Act; any Thing in the said Acts, or either of them, to the
 contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

W^M S T U A R T,
 L' Gov' President of the Council.

Passed the House of Assembly this Tenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord
 One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-four.

T H O^s B E E C H,
 Speaker.
 P E R E R G R A H A M E,
 Clerk of the Assembly.

Passed the Council this Tenth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand
 Seven hundred and Eighty-four.

W I L L^M W A R D L A W,
 Clerk of the Council pro Tempore.

Affented to this Eleventh Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand
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Seven hundred and Eighty-four, and in the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majesty's
Reign.

J. (G. S.) O R D E.

Duly published in the Town of Roseau, this Thirteenth Day of November One thousand
Seven hundred and Eighty-four, and in the Twenty-fifth Year of His Majesty's
Reign.

W M P A G A N, D. P. M.

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