

AN ACT to revive an Act of this Island, intituled, An Act to establish a company of rangers, for the apprehending and suppressing of runaway slaves, and for obliging the proprietors, renters or employers of all slaves belonging to or employed on the several plantations and lands in this Island to furnish a proportion of their slaves to be sent into the woods after and in search of runaways; to provide officers for such company, by engaging such proper white persons and people of colour as may be disposed to be employed on the said service; and for granting encouragement for the apprehending or destroying of any of the runaways; and to empower magistrates, on the requisition of the commanding officer of the said company of rangers, to issue their warrant to call to the assistance of the said company of rangers a certain number of slaves from the neighbouring plantations in cases of emergency, and to prevent the importation of slaves convicted or known to have been guilty of murder, insurrection, or other capital offences, and to prevent the sale of gunpowder, fire-arms, or other offensive weapons to runaways." [15th March 1793.]

WHEREAS it is found expedient and necessary to revive an Act of this Island, Preamble. intituled, "An Act to establish a company of rangers for the apprehending and suppressing of runaway slaves, and for obliging the proprietors, renters or employers of all slaves belonging or employed on the several plantations and lands in this Island to furnish a proportion of their slaves to be sent into the woods after and in search of runaways; to provide officers for such company, by engaging such proper white persons and people of colour as may be disposed to be employed on the said service; and for granting encouragement for the apprehending or destroying of any runaways; and to empower magistrates, on the requisition of the commanding officer of the said company of rangers, to issue their warrant to call to the assistance of the said company of rangers a certain number of slaves from the neighbouring plantations in cases of emergency, and to prevent the importation of slaves convicted or known to have been guilty of murder, insurrection, or other capital offences; and to prevent the sale of gunpowder, fire-arms, or other offensive weapons, to runaways;" we, your Majesty's dutiful, loyal and obedient subjects, the commander in chief, the council and assembly of this your Majesty's island of Dominica, do humbly 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 of the same, That an act of this Island, intituled, "An Act to establish a company of rangers for the apprehending and suppressing of runaway slaves, and for obliging the proprietors, renters or employers of all slaves belonging to or employed on the several plantations and lands in this island, to furnish a proportion of their slaves to be sent into the woods after and in search of runaways; to provide officers for such company by engaging such proper white persons and people of colour as may be disposed to be employed in the said service, and for granting encouragement for the apprehending or destroying of any of the runaways, and to empower magistrates on the requisition of the commanding officer of the said company of rangers, to issue their warrants to call to the assistance of the said company of rangers a certain number of slaves from the neighbouring plantations in cases of emergency, and to prevent the importation of slaves convicted or known to have been guilty of murder, insurrection or other capital offences, and to prevent the sale of gun-powder, fire arms or other offensive weapons to runaways," and every clause matter and thing therein contained, be and the same is and are hereby revived.

*Simon Fraser*, Speaker.

Passed the House of Assembly, this fifteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three. *F. Collins*, Clerk to the House of Assembly.

Passed the Council in the Council Chamber, this fifteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three. *Griffin Curtis*, Clerk of the Council.

Assented to this fifteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and in the 33rd year of his Majesty's reign.

Duly published in the town of Roseau, this fifteenth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three.

*James Laing*, Provost Marshal.