

AN ACT to repeal so much of an Act, commonly called "The Guardian Act," as gives an annuity of Ten Pounds to any Slave manumitted, according to the direction of that Act; and for certain other purposes. [25 October 1806.]

WHEREAS by the twentieth clause of a certain Act of this Island, intituled, "An Act for the better protection and for promoting the natural increase and population of slaves within the Island of Grenada, and such of the Grenadines as are annexed to the government thereof, for compelling an adequate provision for and care of them, as well in sickness and old age as in health, and for constituting and appointing guardians to perpetuate and carry into execution the regulations and purposes of this Act;" it is enacted, That each and every slave so manumitted shall be entitled to receive an annuity of ten pounds current money, to be paid by the treasurer, one moiety every six months, who is thereby authorized and required to pay the same for and during the natural life of such person or persons so manumitted and set free as aforesaid: BE it enacted by his excellency Frederick Maitland, governor and commander in chief in and over the Island of Grenada, and such of the Islands commonly called The Grenadines, to the southward of the Island of Carriacou, including that Island, the members of His Majesty's council, and the representatives of the people of the said Islands in general assembly convened; and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the aforesaid twentieth clause, and also the twenty-first clause of the said act, and also so much of the twenty-third clause of the said Act, as entitles the person paying the sum of one hundred pounds, as in the said last-mentioned clause is mentioned, to receive the annual sum of ten pounds as thereinbefore mentioned, shall be and are hereby declared to be repealed, null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive any person or persons who have already paid into the said treasurer's hands the sum of one hundred pounds as required by the said Act, of the annuity to which he or she or they are hereby declared entitled.

Preamble.

Clause I.

The 20th, 21st and part of 23d clauses of the before recited act to be repealed.

Proviso.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every owner manumitting his or her slave shall pay to the treasurer of these Islands the sum of one hundred pounds current money, for each and every slave so manumitted, in manner required by the aforesaid Act; and no manumission that has been given since the passing and publication of the aforesaid Act, nor that shall hereafter be given by

Clause II.

Every owner manumitting his slave to pay to the treasurer of the island 100 l. And no manumission will be admitted

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until a certificate of the money paid, is entered on the manumission, and recorded in the register's office.

any owner to any such slave, shall be admitted as evidence in any court, of his or her freedom, unless there shall be a certificate by the treasurer aforesaid on such manumission of the aforesaid sum of one hundred pounds having been paid, and the same manumission shall have been duly recorded in the register office of this Island.

Clause III.

No other evidence of freedom will be received unless by such certified manumission. Or a copy thereof from the registers office, if the original is lost.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no other evidence of the freedom of any person pretending to have obtained such, since the ninth day of December one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, shall be received in any court other than such manumission so certified by the treasurer as aforesaid, or in case of such manumission being lost, a copy thereof from the said register's office.

Clause IV.

Deemed a Public Act.

And be it further enacted, That this shall be taken and deemed to be a Public Act.

Passed the Council, this fifteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six.

(Signed) *Owsley Rowley*, Dep. Clerk of the Council.

Passed the Assembly, this twenty-third of October, one thousand eight hundred and six.

(Signed) *Richard T. Wise*, Clerk of the Assembly.

Dated at Grenada, this twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and six.

(Signed) *John Ross*, Speaker.

Assented to by his Excellency the Governor and Commander in Chief, this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six.

Owsley Rowley, Dep. Clerk of the Council.

Duly proclaimed at the town of St. George, in the Island of Grenada, this twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand eight hundred and six.

(Signed) *John White*, Dep. Prov. Mar.

(Signed) *Frederick (L. M. S.) Maitland*.