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*For raising Parties to suppress Rebel-  
lious and Runaway Negroes.*

**W**Hereas the Runaway and Rebel-  
lious Negroes in this Island, have  
of late murdered several of the Inha-  
bitants thereof, as well White Persons  
as Negroes, and have plundered and de-  
stroy'd many of the small and out Set-  
tlements, and do still in great Numbers  
continue doing what Robberies and other  
Mischiefs they are able, and daily increase  
their Numbers by other Negroes Run-  
ning away, and joining with them;  
which may be of fatal Consequence, if  
not timely suppress'd by taking some  
speedy Course to reduce them;

Be it therefore enacted by his Ma-  
jesty's Lieutenant-Governour, Council  
and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted  
by the Authority of the same, That it  
shall and may be lawful for the Colonel  
of every Regiment or Parish in this  
Island, or in his Absence the next Com-  
manding Officer of the said Regiment or  
Parish, on notice to him given of any con-  
siderable

siderable Number of Negroes run away  
 or in Rebellion, to raise and send out  
 such Party or Parties of Men as he shall  
 think convenient to reduce such Runaway  
 or Rebellious Negroes. And for the  
 better Encouragement of such Men to  
 go out, and suppress any Runaway or  
 Rebellious Negroes as aforesaid, it is  
 hereby enacted, That the Commander  
 of every such Party shall have and re-  
 ceive six Pound *per* Month, the Serjeant  
 three Pound *per* Month, and the rest of  
 the Party each fifty Shillings *per* Month,  
 besides all Plunder and other Encourage-  
 ment given them in an Act, entitled, *An*  
*Act for the better Order and Government of*  
*Slaves*; which Party shall use their ut-  
 most Endeavours to pursue, take and de-  
 stroy all such Negroes, not only within  
 the Limits and Bounds of their own Pre-  
 cincts, but also in any other adjoining  
 Precinct, until any one of the Commis-  
 sion Officers of that Precinct where the  
 Party then is, shall have notice from the  
 Commander of the said Party to raise a-  
 nother Party to follow the said Rebels  
 or Runaways; nor presume to return to  
 their Habitations, until they have either  
 reduc'd the said Runaway or Rebellious  
 Negroes, or that the other Party be rais'd, or  
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that they have been out in the pursuit of them one whole Month, if not sooner recall'd by their Commanding Officer: And that then on the return of the said Party or Parties, their Colonel or next Commanding Officer as aforesaid, shall give a Certificate under his Hand what is due to each Person belonging to the said Party; which Certificate appearing before the Governour or Commander in Chief of this Island for the time being, the said Parties shall forthwith receive out of the Revenue, by an Order from the Governour and Council, their full Pay mentioned in the Certificate aforesaid; and whatsoever Officer or private Centinel shall refuse the lawful Command of his Colonel or next Commanding Officer as aforesaid, by not going out in the said Party, or procuring an able Man well armed in his stead to perform his Duty, the said Colonel or next Commanding Officer shall forthwith commit the said Officer or private Centinel into Custody of the Marshal of the Regiment, in order to be tryed and punish'd as is provided against such as disobey their Superior Officers.

And whereas a Party was formerly commanded out by Colonel *Modyford* Fre-

*man*, under the Command of *James Hammond*, with a promise to be paid as was then agreed on, by the said Colonel *Freeman*, but have not yet receiv'd their Pay; Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Lieutenant-Colonel *Nicholas Richardson* is hereby impower'd to accompt with the Men belonging to the said Party, and certify to the Governour what Monies remain due to them; which Party after having accompted as aforesaid, shall forthwith be paid out of the Treasury of this Island, by an Order from the Governour and Council, to the Receiver-General.

And whereas several Persons were appointed by an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Freedom of Servants and Slaves, which have done or shall do any remarkable Service against the French, during this present War*, to and by virtue of that Act, *Richard Lloyd, James Banister, Thomas Bindlows, and John Walters*, Esqs; four of the Persons nominated in that Act, did under their Hands and Seals set free a Negro Man named *Cornelius*, belonging to *John Lewis* of *Port-Royal* Merchant, which they valu'd to be worth thirty and five Pounds; and by virtue of the same Act, *Richard Lloyd, John Walters,*

ters, and *Thomas Bindlows* Esqs; three of the Persons nominated in the said Act, did under their Hands and Seals set free a Negro Man nam'd *Sawcy*, belonging to the Estate of *Jonathan Asburst* deceas'd, which they valued to be worth thirty Pounds; and whereas several other Persons Inhabitants of this Island have had several Negroes freed by virtue of the aforesaid Act, and have since been paid by virtue of one other Act, entitled *An Act for raising the Sum of 11000 l. for paying the Debts contracted during the Descent of the French*, and what remain'd in the Receivers Hands, rais'd by virtue of that Act more than was paid away by the said Receivers, being appropriated to the Revenue; and the said *John Lewis* and the Estate of *Jonathan Asburst* being yet unpaid for the said Negroes; it is therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the said *John Lewis* receive Thirty and Five Pounds, and the Estate of *Jonathan Asburst* Thirty Pounds, Currant Money out of the Treasury of this Island, by an Order from the Governour and Council to the Receiver-General.