

several Acts, entitled, *An Act for raising Parties to suppress rebellious and runaway Negroes*; and one other Act, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual raising Parties to pursue and destroy rebellious and runaway Slaves*; and one other Act, entitled, *An Act for the further Encouragement of Parties, and more speedy Reduction of rebellious and runaway Slaves*; and one other Act, entitled, *An Act for the better Order and Government of Slaves*.

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III. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Hunter, Slave, or other Person, shall kill or bring in alive any rebellious Slave, the Master of such Person and Persons shall receive the same, and the like Sum of Money, Rewards, and other Encouragements given to the said voluntary Parties, as aforesaid, paying to the said Hunter, or Slave, Ten Pounds, and a Coat with a red Cross on the Right-shoulder (excepting Hunters, hunting in the Parish of *Westmoreland*, who shall receive no Benefit by this Act, and who are totally excluded out of this Act) every such Person producing a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of two Justices of the Peace of the Parish where such Slave shall be so brought in or killed, which shall entitle him to the Profits and Advantages arising by this Act.

Hunter, &c. killing any rebellious Slave, to receive the same Reward, &c.

IV. * AND whereas great Inconveniencies happen to this Island, through several of the Negroes and other Slaves going off this Island to the *French* and *Spanish* Colonies, for Prevention whereof, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Negroe or Negroes, Slave or Slaves, that shall attempt to go off this Island, and be taken in such Attempt; and all and every Slave or Slaves that shall actually go off this Island to the *French* or *Spanish* Colonies, and return or be brought back to this Island; all and every such Negroe or Negroes, Slave and Slaves, so offending as aforesaid, and being thereof convicted before two Justices and three Freeholders, shall suffer such Pains and Punishments (according to the Nature of their Crime) as the said Justices and Freeholders shall think fit.

Negroes, &c. going off to the *French* Colonies, how to be punished.

V. PROVIDED always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed, deemed, or taken to extend to repeal, disannul, or make void either or any of the said four recited Acts, entitled as aforesaid, or any Article or Clause therein; but the same shall remain in as full Force and Virtue as they were before the passing of this Act, except what relates to the Encouragements and Rewards given by the said recited Acts.

Provide.

An Act to repeal Part of an Act, entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Crimes committed by Slaves; and to oblige the several Parishes to pay for all Negroes executed in each respective Parish.

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WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the Year Seventeen hundred and Seventeen, entitled, *An Act for the more effectual punishment of Crimes committed by Slaves*, among other Things it was enacted, That in all Cases where any Slave should be put upon his Trial by the Owner, Proprietor, or Person intrusted with such Slave, and should suffer Death, by the Sentence of such Persons as were impowered to pronounce the same, such Person should likewise enquire of his, her, or their Value, and certify the same, under the Hands of the Majority of them (one of which should be a Justice of the Peace) to the Commissioner for the Time being, for paying of Parties to be sent out for suppressing rebellious and runaway Slaves, which said Commissioner should, out of the Fund provided, or to be pro-

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* Vide Act 69, Vol. 2.

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vided for that Purpose, pay to the Owner or Owners, whose Slave or Slaves the same were before Conviction, the full Value, he, she, or they were valued at, by the said Persons who tried and condemned him, her, or them, the said Slave or Slaves, which said Sum, the said Commissioner should pay to the said Owner or Owners, in full Recompence for the Losses, he, she, or they had sustained; and in all Cases of Murder, the Owner or Owners of the Slave or Slaves killed, should receive the full Value of such Slave or Slaves, as well as the Owner or Owners of the Slave or Slaves executed for such Murder; provided always, That no one Slave should be appraised at above the Sum of Forty Pounds current Money of this Island; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding, as by the said Act, amongst other Things, may more fully appear: And whereas it is found by Experience, that the same is become a great Expence to the publick; may it therefore please your most excellent Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of this your Majesty's Island, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, That all such Part, and so much of the said Act as is herein before recited be, and the same is hereby repealed; and * that in all Cases, where any Slave or Slaves shall, from the making of this Act, be put on his, her, or their Trial, by the Owner or Proprietor of such Slave or Slaves, as the said Act directs, and shall be executed, and valued according to the Direction of the said Act; in every such Case the Sum or Sums, at which such Slave or Slaves shall be so valued, shall be paid by the respective Parish or Parishes wherein such Slave or Slaves shall be so tried, valued, and executed, and no otherwise, or in other Manner; the said recited Act, or any other Act, or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

* This Clause repealed by Act 163, Cl. 1.

Proviso.

II. PROVIDED nevertheless that no Person shall be allowed, or paid for the executing any Slave or Slaves who shall be tried for the breaking open any Hutts, or Negroe Houses, or stealing from thence any Goods, or other Things, of less Value than Five Pounds.

Justices and Vestries impowered to lay a Tax for paying for Convicts.

III. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices and Vestry in the respective Parishes of this Island be, and they are hereby impowered and required to raise, assess, and levy a sufficient Tax for the paying of all Slaves, which shall be hereafter tried and executed, pursuant to the said recited Law, in such Manner and Form, as the Parish Tax is usually raised, collected and paid, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary of this Island do cause this Act to be printed, and Copies thereof transmitted to the *Custos* or Chief Magistrate of each of the respective Parishes in this Island, in Thirty Days after the passing thereof, and that he shall be paid for the same; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

1744.

An Act to explain and amend an Act, entituled, An Act for the better Order and Government of Slaves; and for making free and rewarding a Negroe named Hector, belonging to Thomas Fuller, Esq. and paying his said Master the Value of the said Negroe.

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WHEREAS by the said Act, entituled, *An Act for the better Order and Government of Slaves*, it is among other Things enacted, That upon Complaint made to any Justice of the Peace of any Felony, Burglary, Robbery, Burning of Houses, Canes, Rebellious Conspiracies, or any other Capital