

SLAVE LAWS OF JAMAICA.

Clause 5 ---“ That all penalties and forfeitures in this act mentioned shall be recovered before two justices of the peace; the one half thereof to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of the poor of the parish where such offence shall be committed; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Penalties how to be recovered, and applied.

ANNO 9^o GEORGI II. CAP. 9.

Enacts, Clause 4.---“ That whatever master or commander of any ship or vessel shall entertain, work, or suffer or permit to be entertained or wrought, on board such ship or vessel, any slave belonging to any inhabitant in this island, (other than the proper slaves of such master or commander) without hiring him from the owner, or having a certificate from the *custos rotulorum*, or any two justices of the peace, of the precinct wherein the owner of such slave resides, that such slave is at liberty from his owner to hire himself (which certificate shall contain the names of the owner, and of the slave, and the place of the residence of such owner, and for how long time such slave is at liberty to hire himself), such master or commander of ships or other vessels, offending as aforesaid, shall, over and above all other penalties, forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds, to be recovered before any two justices of the peace; who are hereby empowered to summon before them all such offenders, and to hear and determine such offence, and to commit such offender or offenders to the common gaol, there to remain without bail or mainprise, until he hath paid the said forfeiture; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Commanders of ships not to work any slave without due authority;

under penalty (besides others) of 100*l*.

Provides, Clause 5.---That masters of vessels shall take an oath that they will not hire any slave but from the owner, or such as shall have a certificate from the *custos*, or two justices of the peace, purporting that such slave is at liberty to hire himself.

Masters of vessels to take oath not to hire slaves without permission.

Clause 6.---“ That all and every person and persons that shall run away with or carry off, or attempt to run away with or carry off, any other person's white servant, negro or negroes, from this island, and be taken in the attempt, and convicted thereof, shall be guilty of felony, without benefit of clergy, and suffer as such; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Carrying off negroes, &c. felony.

ANNO 14^o GEORGI II. CAP. 6.

Enacts, Clause 1.---“ That all Indians who shall arrive, or be imported for sale into this island, from and after the first day of June, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and forty-one, shall be free, to all intents and purposes, as any other aliens

Indians arriving, or brought for sale, declared free.

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aliens or foreigners are; and that all sales made in this island, to any person or persons residing or that shall reside or belong to this island, of any Indian or Indians, from and after the said first day of June, in the said year seventeen hundred and forty-one, shall be absolutely null and void; and that if any person or persons shall, from and after the said first day of June, seventeen hundred and forty-one, sell or buy any Indian or Indians, so imported, every such person or persons shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of fifty pounds; to be recovered in the supreme court of judicature of this island, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no essoin, protection, wager of law, or injunction, shall be granted or allowed, or *non vult ulterius prosequi* be entered; and one moiety whereof shall be to the informer, or him or them who shall sue for the same, and the other moiety to the use of his majesty, his heirs and successors, for and towards the support of the government of this island, and the contingent charges thereof." (See 17 Geo. 3, cap. 28.)

ANNO 26^o GEORGI II. CAP. 6.

Owners hiring
slaves to them-
selves, and
employers of
such slaves,
subjected to
10*l.* penalty
each.

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Enacts, "That if any owner or owners, employer or employers, of any slave or slaves, or any other inhabitant of this island, shall, from and after the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four, consent or permit, for a certain sum of money or other consideration, to be paid by the day, week, month, or year, or any greater or lesser time, such slave or slaves to go abroad, or to employ themselves where such slave or slaves shall think fit, or to work for whom they please, he, she, or they, and all and every person hiring or employing any such slave or slaves, shall forfeit the sum of ten pounds for every offence; to be recovered before any two justices of the peace of the parish or precinct where the offence shall be committed, by warrant under their hands and seals, by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels; one moiety whereof to the informer or prosecutor, the other moiety to the churchwardens, for the use of the poor of the parish where such offence shall be committed."

ANNO 28^o GEORGI II. CAP. 7.

Attested co-
pies of tolls
allowed to be
goodevidence.

Pee for co-
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Enacts, *Clause 1.*---"That, from and immediately after the passing of this act, in all trials where the right and title of any negro or other slaves shall be called in question, a copy of any toll already made, or that may hereafter be made, attested under the hand of the clerk of the peace, or clerk of the vestry, keeping such toll-books, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken, as good and sufficient evidence, in all such trials, as if the original toll-book where such toll had been entered, had been produced: And for every copy
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