

1749. Offence be commenced within three Months after his or her being taken or returned to his or her Owner or Employer.

VII. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary of this Island do cause this Act forthwith to be printed, and Twenty Copies thereof sent to the *Custos*, or Chief Magistrate, of the respective Parishes of this Island, who are to take the most effectual Method of making it publick.

*An Act to amend an Act, entituled, An Act to repeal Part of an Act, entituled, 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.*

Act 163.  
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Act 122. The  
latter part  
only.

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Island, entituled, *An Act to repeal Part of an Act, entituled, 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*, passed in One thousand seven hundred and forty, it is among other Things enacted, That in all Cases where any Slave or Slaves shall, from the making of the said Act, be put on his, her, or their Trial, by the Owner or Proprietor of such Slave or Slaves, and shall be executed and valued according to the Direction of the said Act for the more effectual Punishment of Crimes committed by Slaves; that, in all such Cases, the sum or Sums of Money at which such Slave or Slaves shall be 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: And whereas there are in several of the Precincts of this Island two or more Parishes, which are within the Jurisdiction of the same Magistrates acting under the same Commission, whereby it hath often happened, that Slaves, committing Crimes in one Parish, have been tried and executed for the same in another Parish, and have been likewise valued in such other Parish; whereby it hath happened that the Parish in which such Trial, Valuation, and Execution was had, done, and made, hath been greatly burdened: For Remedy whereof, be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of this his Majesty's Island; and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, That such Part, and so much of the said first mentioned Act, as is herein before recited, be, and the same is hereby annulled and repealed, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Slaves convicted, to be paid for by the Parish where the Crime was committed.

II. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where any Slave or Slaves shall, from the passing of this Act, be put on his or her Trial, by the Owner or Proprietor of such Slave or Slaves, and shall be valued and executed according to the Direction of the said Act, for the effectual Punishment of Crimes committed by Slaves, such Slave or Slaves shall be paid for by the Parish in which the Crime for which such Slave or Slaves were tried and executed, was committed.

Also those formerly executed, &c.

III. BE it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Slaves that have heretofore been tried, valued, and executed, for Crimes committed in Parishes, other than the Parishes wherein such Slaves were tried, valued, and executed, and have not been already paid for, according to such Valuation, by the Parishes in which they were so tried, valued, and executed, shall be paid for by the Parishes in which the Crime for which such Slaves were tried and executed, was committed; any thing in the said first mentioned Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

IV. Be

IV. BE it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every Part of the said first mentioned Act, not herein repealed, or altered; shall be and remain in full Force and Virtue. 1749.

Former Act confirmed.

V. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Copies of this Act shall be sent by the Secretary of this Island to the *Custos Rotularum*, and the several Magistrates of every Parish of this Island; the Charge of which Copies shall be paid for by the Honourable *Benjamin Hume*, Esquire, Commissioner, or the Commissioner for the Time being, out of any Money in his Hands unappropriated.

*An Act for the more effectual preventing the evil Practice of the Owners of Slaves hiring out such Slaves to themselves.* 1753.

WHEREAS the several Laws now in Force, for prohibiting the Proprietors of Slaves from hiring out such Slaves to themselves, are found to be ineffectual for preventing so pernicious a Practice: We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governor, Council and Assembly of this your Majesty's Island of *Jamaica*, most humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted; be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of this your Majesty's said Island, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the same,\* 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 Church-wardens, for the Use of the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed. Act 198.  
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Penalty on Persons hiring out Slaves to themselves.

II. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary of this Island do forthwith cause this Act to be printed, and three Copies thereof to be sent to his Excellency the Governor and Commander in Chief, and to each of the Members of his Majesty's Council, and to each Member of the Assembly, and to the *Custos* of each Parish; the Charges of which shall be paid to him by the Receiver-General, out of any Monies in his Hands unappropriated; and that this Act shall be read in each Quarter-Sessions of the Peace within this Island; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

\* Vide the latter part of the inveigling Act passed in 1780.