

Secretary of this Island, do within Twenty Days after the Passing of this Act, cause the same to be printed, and three Copies thereof be sent to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief, three Copies thereof to each of the Members of his Majesty's Council and of the Assembly, and three Copies thereof to the Custos or Chief Magistrate of every Parish of this Island, and that he be paid for the same by the Receiver-General out of any Monies in his Hands unappropriated.

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XXI. AND be it further enacted, That this Act, and every Matter and Thing therein contained, shall be and continue in Force from and after the first Day of January, which will be in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty-one.

*An Act, to explain and amend an Act, intituled, an Act, to remedy the Evils arising from irregular Assemblies of Slaves, and to prevent their possessing Arms and Ammunition, and going from Place to Place without Tickets; and for preventing the Practice of Obeah, and to restrain Overseers from leaving the Estates under their Care on certain Days, and to oblige all free Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, to register their Names in the Vestry Books of the respective Parishes of this Island, and to carry about them the Certificate and wear the Badge of their Freedom; and to prevent any Captain, Master, or Supercargo of any Vessel, bringing back Slaves transported off this Island.*

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Passed 19th of December.

WHEREAS, by an Act, intituled, "*an Act to remedy the Evils arising from irregular Assemblies of Slaves, and to prevent their possessing Arms and Ammunition, and going from Place to Place without Tickets; and for preventing the Practice of Obeah, and to restrain Overseers from leaving the Estates under their Care on certain Days, and to oblige all Free Negroes, Mulattoes or Indians, to register their Names in the Vestry Books of the respective Parishes of this Island, and to carry about them the Certificate and wear the Badge of their Freedom; and to prevent any Captain, Master, or Supercargo of any Vessel, bringing back Slaves transported off this Island;*" it is among other Things enacted, that the Certificates of the Freedom of Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians shall be renewed annually.

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II. AND whereas the obliging them to renew the same annually is unnecessary and a needless Expence, be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, of this your Majesty's Island of *Jamaica*, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, that all Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, who now are, or hereafter may become free, shall be obliged to take out or renew such Certificates once in Seven Years and not oftener, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Free Negroes to renew their Certificates once in seven years.

III. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Justices and Vestry in each respective Parish within this Island, shall annually order the Constables to warn all such Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians of Free Condition, the Term of whose Certificates is near expiring, to attend the Vestry, the Day appointed for Chooling Vestry Men in the respective Parishes, to renew such Certificates.

Warning to be given when to attend.

IV. AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary

1761.    Secretary of this Island do forthwith cause this Act to be printed, and two  
Copies thereof sent to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and one to the  
Clerk of the Vestry of each Parish in this Island, the Charges whereof the  
Receiver-General is to pay out of any Monies in his Hands unappropriated.

*End of the Laws respecting Slaves.*

