

C A P. V.

An act for making free a negro man slave named Cato, belonging to Arthur Forrest, esquire.

[9th November, 1764.]

WHEREAS, some time in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty, a very dangerous conspiracy and rebellion was formed, by several slaves of this island, to destroy the settlements and plantations to which they belonged, and to murder their masters, mistresses, overseers, and many families of white persons, and a general massacre was intended, in case the conspirators had succeeded in their attempts: And whereas the said Cato did give information of such conspiracy, whereby many white persons lives were saved; and did also, with great willingness and activity, pursue many of the said rebellious negroes, and did kill and take many of the said rebels: In recompense whereof, and as an encouragement to other slaves to behave with the same honesty and fidelity on the like occasions, May it please your most excellent majesty that it may be enacted; Be it therefore enacted by the governor, council, and assembly, of this your majesty's island of Jamaica, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said negro man slave named Cato be, and he is hereby, manumitted and set free from all manner of slavery whatsoever; and that Alexander Brown, esquire, receiver-general, or the receiver-general for the time being, do pay to the said Arthur Forrest, or his attornies in this island, the sum of seventy pounds of current money of Jamaica, in full satisfaction for the said negro man called Cato.

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Cato manumitted.

70l. to be paid for his freedom.

C A P. VI.

An act for re-vesting a certain parcel of land, in the parish of Westmorland, in his majesty, in order to enable him to re-grant the same to John Ellis, esquire, under certain conditions.

[18th December, 1764.]

WHEREAS, in or about the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, a barrack was erected and built near Great-River, in the parish of Westmorland, by the said parish, and one hundred acres of land were granted for the use of the said barrack: And whereas, by an act of the governor, council, and assembly, passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight, entitled, *An act for perpetuating such parts of the late barracking laws as vested several parcels of land in the crown; and confirming the titles of such persons as have had grants of any such lands, pursuant to the said laws; and for directing surveys to be made of several parcels of the said lands, the said one hundred acres of land in the said parish of Westmorland, on part whereof the said barrack was built, were vested in your majesty, for the purposes in the said act mentioned: And whereas the said barrack, for want of being*

Preamble.

11 Geo. II. cap. 7.

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