

Ratification
of John Spen-
cer's title to
land in St.
Jago de la
Vega.

Saving rights.

title being by them executed to him for the same: ~~Be~~ it therefore enacted, That the said John Spencer, and his heir and assigns, upon paying what the same shall be valued at, do hold the said piece of foot-land, binding south-westerly, fourteen feet, on a street leading to the barracks; north-westerly, sixty feet, on the lane leading by the horse-stables of the king's house; north-easterly, fourteen feet, on the land whereon are buildings lately belonging to Francis Matthe, deceased; and south-easterly on the land and buildings of the said John Spencer, to him and them, and his and their heirs and assigns, for ever: ~~Provided~~ nevertheless, and it is the intention of this act, That nothing herein contained shall in any ways affect the right of any person or persons, who shall claim any legal or equitable right or title of, in, or to, the said land and premises.

Justices and
vestry of St.
Dorothy's to
lay a tax for
a commo-dat-
ing soldiery.

V. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That, during the cantonment of the officers and soldiers in the houses at Old-Harbour aforesaid, the justices and vestry be empowered to raise a tax upon the inhabitants of the said parish, not to exceed the sum of one hundred pounds annually, for the repairs of the barracks, and supplying the officers and soldiers with water, and providing lodgings for the officers.

C A P. IX.

An act for making free and rewarding two negro men slaves, the one named York, belonging to the estate of Ballard Beckford, deceased, and the other named Cuffee, belonging to James Charles Sholto Douglas, esquire; and for paying to their owners their respective values.

[21st December, 1767.]

Preamble.

WHENAS a horrid conspiracy was formed in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, in the parish of St. Mary, by sundry Coromantee and other slaves, to destroy the settlements and plantations to which they belonged, and to massacre their masters, owners, overseers, and other white people; in consequence of which conspiracy, an insurrection did actually break out at Whitehall plantation, and there is room to apprehend that a general revolt of the slaves and massacre might have happened in the island, if the conspirators had succeeded in their first attempts: And whereas a negro man named York, belonging to the estate of Ballard Beckford, esquire, deceased, was particularly active and instrumental in saving the life of his mistress, at the first breaking out of the said insurrection; and one other negro man, named Cuffee, belonging to James Charles Sholto Douglas, esquire, did voluntarily make an ample discovery of the said conspiracy, whereby the life of his said master, and the lives of several of the white inhabitants of the said parish, were saved from massacre, and the execution of the wicked purposes

of

of the conspirators was most happily prevented: ~~May~~ it therefore please your most excellent majesty that it may be enacted; Be it therefore enacted by the lieutenant-governor, council, and assembly, of this your majesty's island, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, [That] the said negro men slaves named York and Cuffee be, immediately from and after the passing of this act, manumitted and set free from all manner of slavery whatsoever: And that Alexander Brown, esquire, or the receiver-general for the time being, do annually, on the first day of January, pay to each of the said negro men the sum of five pounds, during their respective lives; and that the said Alexander Brown, or the receiver-general for the time being, do also pay to the order of the representative of the said Ballard Beckford, deceased, the sum of one hundred and forty pounds, in full satisfaction for the said negro named York; and likewise to the order of the said James Charles Sholto Douglas, the sum of eighty pounds, in full satisfaction for the said negro man named Cuffee, out of any monies in the hands of the said receiver-general, or of the receiver-general for the time being, unappropriated.

York and Cuffee manumitted.

Annuity of 5*l*. granted each of them.

140*l*. to be paid for York's freedom,

and 80*l*. for Cuffee's.

C A P. X.

An act for laying a duty on all wines, rum, and other spirituous liquors, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of wine and other liquors; and for laying a tax on supercargoes, and on the public officers; and applying the same to several uses.—[21st December, 1767.]

EXPIRED.

C A P. XI.

An act to vacate and make void an agreement made between the honourable Charles Price the elder, esquire, and the commissioners appointed by an act entitled, "An act for vesting in trustees certain tolls to keep the Ferry, and erect toll-gates or turupikes on the several roads leading from St. Jago de la Vega to Passage-Fort, in the parish of St. Catherine, and to the extreme part of Waterhouse-Savanna, nearest to Halfway-Tree, in the parish of St. Andrew, for repairing and keeping in repair the said roads; and other purposes therein mentioned;" and to repeal such part of said act as relates thereto; and to oblige the parishes of St. Catherine and St. Thomas in the Vale, to lay a tax upon the inhabitants of the said parishes, for raising the sum of seven hundred pounds, to be paid into the treasury, to make good so much money ordered to be paid to the said Charles Price the elder, esquire.—[21st December, 1767.]

OBSCOLETA.