

person for neglecting and not performing such condition, to repeal such letters patent, and to seize the said lands into the hands of the king's majesty, his heirs and successors; in whom they shall, if judgment on such *scire facias* be given for the crown, become vested.

Process
thereon.

C A P. X.

An act to oblige the several collecting constables of the respective parishes of this island, in a summary manner, to pay over the parochial taxes into the hands of the respective churchwardens.—[31st December, 1768.]

EXPIRED.

C A P. XI.

An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island, and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations.—[31st December, 1768.]

EXPIRED.

C A P. XII.

An act for the more effectual preventing negroes and other slaves from deserting from their owners, and departing from this island in a clandestine manner; and to punish such persons as shall be aiding, assisting, or abetting, such slaves in their escape.—[31st December, 1768.]

REPEALED.

C A P. XIII.

An act for the further regulation of the provost-marshal's proceedings in the sale of negro and other slaves, taken by virtue of writs of venditioni exponas.

[31st December, 1768.]

WHENCE several inhabitants of this island have been greatly injured in their property, and many more may suffer in the like manner, by the shortness of the notice which, by law, the provost-marshal and his lawful deputies is and are obliged to give of the sale of negro and other slaves, taken by virtue of writs of *venditioni exponas*; which notice, as the law now stands, is but five days; by which means, negro and other slaves have been sold by virtue of such writs, of which negro and other slaves the party or parties, against whom such writs have been issued, had only the possession, but had no property in the said negro and other slaves, who were either mortgaged, entailed, subject to dower, the property of minors, or under lease; and, from the shortness of the said notice, and the distance of the places where such negro and other slaves are sold, the right owner or owners, his, her, or their representative or representatives,

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Affidavits being made, that slaves are not the property of the persons on whose account they are taken,

provost-marshal to defer the sale for twenty days,

that replevin may be brought.

Affidavit made by owners to be positive;

by representatives, to be true.

representatives, is and are deprived of the opportunity of stopping such sales by writs of replevin: And whereas many negro and other slaves, under the aforesaid circumstances, have been sold as aforesaid, and have been sent off the island by the purchaser or purchasers, to the great loss, damage, and injury, of the right owners, who, as the law now stands, can have no redress or remedy either against the provost-marshal, his deputies, or the purchaser or purchasers sending off such negro or other slaves: For remedy whereof, and to prevent the like practices for the future, May it please your most excellent majesty that it may be enacted, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the governor, council, and assembly, of this your majesty's island of Jamaica, That, from and after the first day of February, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, on affidavit being made by the owner or owners of negro or other slaves, so taken by the provost-marshal, or his lawful deputy or deputies, by virtue of writs of *venditioni expenas*, or by the attornies, executors, administrators, or guardians, of such owner or owners, or by any mortgagee or mortgagees, or by his, her, or their representative or representatives, before any one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature of this island, or before any one of the commissioners appointed by law to take affidavits out of court, in matters relating to the said supreme court (who are, and each of them is, hereby empowered and required to take the same), that such negro or other slaves, so taken as aforesaid, are not the property of the party or parties against whom such writ or writs of *venditioni expenas* have been issued, nor liable to his or their debt, but are the property of the deponent, or of the person or persons whom he, she, or they represent, either in right of mortgage, entail, dower, right of minors, or are under lease, as the case may happen, that then the provost-marshal or his deputies, being duly served with such affidavit, shall, and he and they are hereby enjoined, directed, ordered, and obliged to, suspend and stay the sale of such negro or other slaves in such affidavit named, specified, and mentioned, for the space of twenty days, that the owner or owners of such negro or other slaves, mortgagee or mortgagees, his, her, or their attornies, executors, administrators, or guardians, may have sufficient time to prevent such sale, by issuing a writ or writs of replevin against the provost-marshal, or his deputies, for the recovery of such negro or other slaves; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, That such affidavit or affidavits of the property of such negro or other slaves, being made by the owner or owners of such negro or other slaves, shall be positive; but such affidavit being made by the attorney or attornies, executor, administrator, or guardian, of such owner or owners, mortgagee or mortgagees, shall be to the best of his or their knowledge and belief.

II. Prohibited also, and it is the true intent and meaning of this act, That if the party or parties making such affidavit as aforesaid shall not, within

within the space of the said twenty days, issue out his, her, or their writ of replevin, against the said provost-marshal or his deputies, for the recovery of such negro and other slaves, that then it shall and may be lawful for the said provost-marshal, or his deputies, to proceed to the sale of such negro or other slaves, as if such affidavit had not been made; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Replevins not issued within twenty days, sale to be proceeded in.

C A P. XIV.

An act to insist further punishment on persons receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen.—[31st December, 1768.] EXPIRED,

C A P. XV.

An act for appointing commissioners for ordering and inspecting the works in and about the forts, fortifications, and barracks of this island.—[31st December, 1768.] REPEALED;

C A P. XVI.

An act for authorizing, requiring, and compelling, the justices and vestry of the parishes of St. James, St. Mary, and St. George, in this island, forthwith to issue a roll of deficiency tax, and a roll of poll-tax.—[31st December, 1768.] EXPIRED,

C A P. XVII.

An act for making six several new plat-books, for the parishes of St. Thomas in the East, St. David, St. Dorothy, Vere, St. James, and St. Ann, which have been lately transcribed by the clerk of the patents, legal evidence in all courts; and for the better preserving the public records, in the offices of register of the court of chancery and clerk of the patents in this island.
 . [31st December, 1768.]

WHEREAS the clerk of the patents has, in pursuance of a resolution of the assembly, of the nineteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, transcribed six several plat-books into six new books, by him provided for that purpose; viz. A new plat-book for the parish of St. Thomas in the East, another for the parish of St. David, another for the parish of St. James, another for the parish of St. Dorothy, another for the parish of Vere, and another for the parish of St. Ann; and hath also examined the same with the respective original plat-books remaining in his office, and hath signed and attested each sheet contained in the said several books: 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 six

Preamble;