

C A P. II.

EXPIRED.

*An act for applying the surplusage of the money that shall arise 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," to certain uses.—[19th December, 1770.]*

C A P. III.

*An act for remedying the inconveniencies which may arise from the number of negro huts and houses, built in and about the towns of St. Jago de la Vega, Port-Royal, and Kingston.—[19th December, 1770.]*

Preamble.

**W**H E R E A S many inconveniencies have arisen, and daily do arise, from the number of negro huts and houses being built, in and about the towns of St. Jago de la Vega, Port-Royal, and Kingston, on lots of land detached and separate from the houses or habitations of the owners of such lots; by which means such huts or houses become a refuge and receptacle for thieves, loose, idle, and runaway negroes, and other slaves, belonging to the said towns and other parishes: And whereas such number of runaway negro and other slaves, from different parts of the island, daily resorting to and being harboured in the said huts or houses, give an opportunity of forming cabals and conspiracies, dangerous to the public peace and security: For remedy whereof, 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 all and every owner or owners of lots of land, in and about the said towns of St. Jago de la Vega, Port-Royal, and Kingston, whereon now is or are built, or on which any owner or owners hereafter may build, cause or suffer to be built, any hut or huts, house or houses, for the habitation of any negro or other slaves, being separate and apart from the dwelling-house of such owner or owners, do deliver in, to the clerks of the vestries of the said respective towns, an account of the number and places of such hut or huts, house or houses, as is or are now built, and of the negro and other slaves resident in each of the said hut or huts, house or houses, now built, within three months from the passing of this act; and for all and every hut or huts, house or houses, as may hereafter be built, within one month after the erecting such hut or huts, so as to be inhabited or become habitable.

Owners of land, on which detached negro-houses are, to deliver in accounts of them, and of the negroes residing therein, within three months;

and in a month after building new ones.

Houses to have but one door.

If four belong to one person,

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every hut or house so built or to be built, not exceeding the number of four, shall have but one door of entry; but where there shall be four or more huts or houses, belonging to the same owner or owners, then such huts or houses shall be enclosed or compassed round with a fence of brick, stone, boards,

boards or palisadoes, of the height of seven feet at the least, which shall be kept in good and sufficient repair (and that all other fences shall be destroyed); each of which enclosures shall have but one door of entry.

they must be enclosed, and have but one door.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That in case any owner or owners of such hut or huts, house or houses, which are built, or hereafter may be built, shall neglect or refuse to deliver in such account, or shall neglect so to enclose such huts or houses as before directed, or suffer or permit any negro or other slave to dwell therein, except such as belong to, or are employed by, the proprietors of the said hut or huts, house or houses, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the justices and vestry of the said respective towns, by order in writing under their hands and seals, to cause such hut or huts, house or houses, to be pulled down; which order shall be entered of record in the vestry-book.

Persons neglecting to give in accounts,

or to enclose, or suffering negroes not in their service to stay there,

houses to be pulled down.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary of this island do cause a copy of this act to be fixed up in the most public place of each of the said three towns, and that he also send a copy thereof to the justices and vestry of each of the said towns, within fifteen days after the passing of this act.

Copies of this act to be fixed up, and sent to the vestries.

C A P. IV.

*An act for appointing Stephen Fuller, esquire, an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws, and for transacting in Great-Britain other public affairs of this island; and for empowering certain members of the council and assembly, during the intervals of assembly, from time to time, as occasion shall be, to give instructions for such his management.*—[19th December, 1770.]

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C A P. V.

*An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections.*—[19th December, 1770.]

EXPIRED.

C A P. VI.

*An act for raising and fitting out parties for suppressing any rebellion in this island, during the continuance of this act.*—[ 9th December, 1770.]

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C A P. VII.

*An act for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses; for subsisting for one year the officers and soldiers of his majesty's thirty-sixth and sixty-sixth regiments of foot.*—[19th December, 1770.]

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