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moiety whereof to be paid to any person or persons who shall sue for the same, and the other moiety to the poor of the parish where such offence shall be committed; such prosecution being commenced within six months next after such refusal of such justice or justices.

Limitation of
actions.

General issue.

Treble costs.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any action or suit shall be brought or commenced against any person or persons, for any matter or thing done or to be done in pursuance of this act, then, and in such case, every such action or suit shall be brought or commenced within three calendar months next after the fact was committed, and not afterwards; and shall be laid or brought in the county where the cause of action shall arise, and not elsewhere: And the defendant or defendants, in such action or suits, shall and may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, at any trial to be had thereon, and that the same was done in pursuance of and by the authority of this act; and if the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their action or actions, suit or suits, or if, upon verdict or demurrer, judgment shall be given against the plaintiff or plaintiffs, the defendant or defendants shall and may recover treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any defendant or defendants hath or have for costs in any other cases by law.

C A P. XX.

EXPIRED.

An act for explaining and amending the several highway laws now in force, and rendering the said laws more effectual.—[23d December, 1772.]

C A P. XXI.

An act for making free and rewarding a mulatto man slave named Will, belonging to the estate of William Jones, deceased, and paying to the honourable Archibald Sinclair and Richard Welch, esquires, the representatives of the said William Jones, the value of the said mulatto man.

[23d December, 1772.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS a horrid and barbarous murder was, on the thirty-first day of March, in the present year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two, committed by a mulatto man slave named Sam, on the body of Andrew Ross, then the overseer on a pen called Jones's Pen, in the parish of St. Catherine: And whereas a mulatto man slave named Will, belonging to the estate of William Jones, deceased, was, as soon as the said Andrew Ross was missing, very active and diligent in making strict search and inquiry after the said Andrew Ross, and by his means it was discovered that the said Andrew Ross was cruelly murdered by the said mulatto named Sam, for which offence the said mulatto

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man slave named Sam was tried and thereof convicted, and sentenced to be burnt: In order, therefore, to encourage slaves to make the most early and ample discovery of any murders or other crimes that may hereafter be committed, and to reward the said mulatto man slave named Will for his diligence and activity in bringing to light the aforesaid murder, 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 of Jamaica, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said mulatto man slave named Will be, immediately from and after the passing of this act, manumitted and set free from all manner of servitude and slavery whatsoever; and that George Scott, esquire, the receiver-general, or the receiver-general for the time being, do annually, on the first day of January, pay to the said mulatto man named Will, the sum of ten pounds during his life; and that the said George Scott, or the receiver-general for the time being, do also pay to the honourable Archibald Sinclair and Richard Welch, esquires, the legal representatives of the said William Jones, deceased, the sum of one hundred pounds, in full satisfaction for the said mulatto man named Will, out of any monies in the hands of the said receiver-general, or the receiver-general for the time being, unappropriated.

Will manumitted.

10*l.* granted to him annually.100*l.* to be paid for his freedom.

Anno regni Georgii tertii decimo quarto.

C A P. I.

An act for appointing Stephen Fuller, esquire, 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.—[2d December, 1773.]

EXPIRED;

C A P. II.

An act for raising and fitting out parties for suppressing any rebellion in this island, during the continuance of this act.—[2d December, 1773.]

EXPIRED;

C A P. III.

An act for the further regulation of solicitors and attornies at law, practising in the several courts in this island.

[2d December, 1773.]

WHEREAS the several acts of this island, made for the regulation of solicitors and attornies practising in the several courts of law and equity of this island, have not been found sufficient to prevent unskillful persons, and such as have not served a regular clerk-

Preamble:

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