

ment, signed by the treasurer, or by any three of the said trustees; which public notice shall be at the least five days before such day of meeting.

Place and
hour of meet-
ings.

VII. And be it enacted, That all meetings of the said trustees shall be held at the free-school house of the said corporation, or at the church in the town of Kingston, according to the notice given, between the hours of eight and twelve of the clock in the forenoon.

Nine of the
trustees to
form a
quorum.

VIII. And be it enacted, That any nine of the whole number of trustees, appointed by this act and by the said in part recited act, so convened and met, shall be and are hereby appointed a *quorum*, to make and confirm orders, and to do and transact all business of and concerning the said corporation; any thing in the said in part recited act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

C A P. XV.

EXPIRED.

An act for laying a duty on all wines, rum, and other spirits and strong waters retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of wines, rum, and other liquors, and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses.—[24th December, 1774.]

C A P. XVI.

EXPIRED.

An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white 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.—[24th December, 1774.]

C A P. XVII.

EXPIRED.

An act for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels in the out-ports, and on offices and houses; and also for laying a tax on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses.—[24th December, 1774.]

C A P. XVIII.

An act for regulating the manumission of negro, mulatto, and other slaves; and to oblige the owners to make a provision for them during their lives.—[24th December, 1774.]

Preamble.

WH E R E A S the frequent manumission of negro, mulatto, and other slaves, by persons not making a provision for them, is a great nuisance to the community, and promotes frequent thefts: For the remedy thereof, May it please your 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

the authority of the same, That, from and after the passing this act, no person or persons whatsoever, save and except the legislative body of this island, shall have power or authority to manumise, enfranchise, or set free, either by deed, will, or otherwise, any negro, mulatto, sambo, or other slave whatsoever, until such person or persons shall have first given good and sufficient security, to the churchwarden or churchwardens of the parish in which the owner of such negro, mulatto, or sambo, shall reside, for the payment, to such negro, mulatto, or sambo, [of] an annual sum of five pounds, for and during the natural life of such negro, mulatto, or sambo, that shall be so manumised and set free.

No slave to be set free until security be entered into for allowing such slave 5l. per ann.

C A P. XIX.

An act to prevent the smuggling foreign produce into this island.—[24th December, 1774.] EXPIRED.

C A P. XX.

An act for licensing barkeepers and pedlars; and for applying the monies, to arise from granting such licenses, towards the support and the maintenance of the poor of the parishes where such licenses are granted.—[24th December, 1774.] EXPIRED.

C A P. XXI.

An act for regulating the proceedings in the courts of law, relating to bills of exchange.—[24th December, 1774.]

WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether any damages or re-exchange can be recovered on bills of exchange upon their being noted, although afterwards paid at the time the same became due: In order, therefore, to remove such doubts, May it please your most excellent majesty that it may be enacted; Be it therefore enacted by the governor, council, and assembly of this island, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, That, upon all bills of exchange which shall be returned under protest for non-payment thereof, the re-exchange and damages shall be recovered; but that no action shall be permitted to be brought, or allowed to lie, within any court of this island, on any foreign bill of exchange, for damages or re-exchange, until the same has been protested for non-payment; any thing in the act entitled, *An act for the reducing the interest of money on all future contracts, and for the advancing the credit of bills of exchange, or in the act entitled, An act to establish the credit of foreign bills of exchange, by compelling the payment of interest thereon after judgment, or any other act, law, custom, or usage, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.*

Preamble.

Re-exchange, &c. to be recovered on bills under protest. No action to lie on foreign bills of exchange until protested.

12 Geo. II. cap. 3.
28 Geo. II. cap. 2.

C A P.