

mander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the present assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time.—[22d December, 1775.]

C A P. XI.

An act to prevent the severing of estates and plantations, lands, slaves, tenements, and hereditaments, by way of dower, and to alter the present mode of assigning such dower; and for other purposes therein mentioned.—[22d December, 1775.] EXPIRED.

C A P. XII.

An act to encourage the planting and growth of provisions in the several parishes of this island; and to empower the justices and vestrymen of the several parishes of this island to settle and regulate the price and assize of bread.—[22d December, 1775.] EXPIRED.

C A P. XIII.

An act for regulating the fees of the masters of the high court of chancery of this island.—[22d December, 1775.] EXPIRED.

C A P. XIV.

An act to regulate the devises of negro, mulatto, and other slaves, in wills.—[22d December, 1775.]

WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether negro, mulatto, and other slaves, devised by wills not executed according to the statute of the twenty-ninth year of king Charles the second, commonly called the statute of frauds and perjuries, do pass by such wills; and suits at law have been commenced, and others may be commenced, between the heirs at law and devisees of testators making such wills, to their great trouble and expence: May it please your majesty that it may be enacted and declared, by the governor, council, and assembly, of this your majesty's island of Jamaica, and it is hereby enacted and declared by the authority of the same, That all devises of negroes in wills heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, and duly proved and recorded in the secretary's office of this island on or before the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, and not executed according to the form of the said statute of frauds and perjuries, have been, and shall be, good and valid to pass such negro, mulatto, and other slaves; according to the intent and meaning of such wills: And, from and immediately after the said first day of January, no devise of any negro, mulatto, or other slave, by will, shall be good and valid in law to pass such negro, mulatto, or other slave, unless such will shall be duly executed according to the form prescribed by the said statute of the twenty-ninth year of king Charles the second, commonly called the statute of frauds and perjuries; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Preamble.
Devises of slaves in wills, though not in the form prescribed by stat. 29. Car. II. declared valid, if will recorded in a limited time; after which time, such devises must be according to that form.

C A P.