

contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: And that if any person or persons shall sell or buy any such Indian or Indians, such person or persons shall forfeit the sum of five hundred pounds; to be recovered, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, in the supreme court of judicature, at the instance of the attorney-general, or clerk of the crown in the same court, who are hereby directed to prosecute and sue for the same; in which action no essoin, protection, wager of law, imparlance, or injunction, shall be allowed, or *non vult ulterius prosequi* be entered; the whole of which penalty, when recovered, after deducting the necessary charges and expences of prosecution, shall be paid to the receiver-general, for the use of his majesty, his heirs and successors, for and towards the support of the government of this island, and the contingent charges thereof.

500l. penalty on buyers and sellers of them.
Recovery of such penalty,

and application.

II. And whereas the kidnapping or stealing of any Indian, and transporting them from their settlements or elsewhere, to this island or elsewhere, for sale, is a very great offence: Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons whatsoever shall be convicted, in his majesty's supreme court of judicature or courts of assize in this island, of kidnapping or stealing of any Indian, or transporting him, her, or them, from their settlements or elsewhere, to this island or elsewhere, for sale, such person or persons shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy; any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons kidnapping or stealing Indians, with intent to sell them, to suffer death.

C A P. XXIX.

An act to repeal an act entitled, [“ An act to repeal an act entitled,] ‘ An act to prevent negro and other runaway slaves from being harboured and entertained, by establishing a constant patrolling party in each parish throughout this island; and to prevent slaves from being carried from this island by masters of ships and other vessels;’ [and to prevent negro and other runaway slaves from being harboured and entertained, by establishing a constant patrolling party in each parish throughout this island; and to prevent slaves from being carried from this island by masters of ships and other vessels.”]

[21st December, 1776.]

WH E R E A S an act of the governor, council, and assembly of this island, entitled, [An act to repeal an act entitled,] “ *An act to prevent negro and other runaway slaves from being harboured and entertained, by establishing a constant patrolling party in each parish*

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throughout this island; and to prevent slaves from being carried from this island by masters of ships and other vessels;" [and to prevent negro and other runaway slaves from being harboured and entertained, by establishing a constant patrolling party in each parish throughout this island; and to prevent slaves from being carried from this island by masters of ships and other vessels,] passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, hath not had the good effect, nor answered the good and salutary purposes, for which it was intended: May it therefore 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 and ordained by the authority of the same, That the said act, and every matter, clause, and thing, therein contained, be, and the same is hereby, annulled, repealed, and made void, to all intents and purposes; any thing in the said act contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Repeal of re-
cited act.

C A P. XXX.

EXPIRED.

An act to regulate the trials of controverted elections or returns of members to serve in assembly.—[21st December, 1776.]

C A P. XXXI.

An act for establishing a public hospital.

[21st December, 1776.]

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WHEREAS it is necessary that a public hospital should be established in this island: We, your majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of this your majesty's island of Jamaica, do most humbly beseech your most excellent majesty that it may be enacted; Be it therefore enacted by the governor, council, and assembly, of this your majesty's said island, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Thomas French, Simon Taylor, and Jasper Hall, esquires, the present members of the parish of Kingston, or the members of the said parish for the time being; Digby Denniss, James Crean, and Matthew Wallen, esquires, the present members of the parish of Port-Royal, or the members of the said parish for the time being; James Lewis, James Trower, and Benjamin Lyon, esquires, the present members of the parish of St. Catherine, or the members of the said parish for the time being; and the present churchwardens, or the churchwardens of the said three parishes for the time being; be, and they are hereby nominated and appointed, commissioners for carrying this act into execution; and they, or any three of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to rent or hire a proper or convenient house, in the parish of Kingston, for the reception of the sick, maimed, infirm, and disabled, transient poor, that may happen from time to time to be in the said parish, and to support and maintain them there.

Commissioners appointed to carry this act into execution;

who are empowered to hire a proper house in Kingston;

II. And