

all Ventres Tavern keepers or any other person or persons who do or shall utter or sell by way of Retail Beer Madras Wine or Brandy &c. shall presume by means directly or indirectly to take or receive above the rates hereafter mentioned for the aforesaid Liquors vizt. for English or Irish Beer Two pence half penny the Quart for Madras Wine one Shilling six pence for Brandy two Shillings six pence the Quart and so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity for every such Offence shall forfeit the Sum of five hundred pounds of Sugar to be bought by Warrant from any of their Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the Districts wherein the Default is committed on the Forfeiture and Chattels of any person or persons offending the one half of which Forfeiture shall be to the Use of the Parish and the other to the Informer any Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that the aforesaid Penalties mentioned in this Act and not declared where they shall be recovered or have disposed of be one half towards the Support of the Government of this Island and the Contingent Charges thereof the other half to the Informer to be recovered by Bill & Count or Information in any Court of Record within this Island wherein no Foreign Privilege or Exception or Wages of Law shall be allowed any thing in this Act or any other to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And in as much as there is greater necessity now in time of War for advancing the Revenue of this Island than formerly; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Houses being Licensed as aforesaid to keep a Tavern or a House of Entertainment to retail Liquors within the Towns of Edborough or King's Hill in this Island shall Yearly pay unto their Majesties and Successors the Sum of three thousand pounds of Sugar for and towards the Support of the Government of this Island and in all other Parts of this Island the Sum of one thousand five hundred pounds of Sugar to be paid as aforesaid any Usage Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding. Dated in Mountserrat the 12th Day of January in the fifth Year of their Majesties Reign Anno Domini 1693.

Signed *Chr. Cudington*

Witness my hand and Majesty's Seal in Council at Edborough
 Decemb: 31. 1696.

By Order of the Lords
 Commissioners for Trade & Plantations
John Cope
Examined
John Pople Secretary

Mountserrat September the 5. 1725. Published by Order of the Lieutenant Governor & Council,
J. J. Knoll
L. S. Marshall

By the Order of the Honourable the said Governor & Council the foregoing Act (intituled an Act against Blasphemy and for preventing disorders in the houses Taverns and Victualling Houses, and for rating Liquors sold by Retail) is a true Copy taken from a Copy sent from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and under the Seal of the Office.

Mountserrat Decemb: the 7. 1725.

Geo. French Jur: Dicty

Mountserrat

An Act for the Encouraging
 the Importation of White Servants.

Forasmuch as this Island hath by the last Expedition Schryff and other Cruelties sustained great loss in the Deaths of White Men to the great weakening of the same and whereas no better Expedient can be proposed than the Encouraging the Importation of White Servants for the strengthening and better defence of their Majesty's Island especially in this Hazardous time of War with the French and to the Intent also that all due Encouragement may be given Merchants Masters and Employers of White Servants to bring the same and may not be discouraged and their Servants lie upon their hands for want of Buyers; We pray their most Excellent Majesty that it may be Enacted and Ordained, And it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid that all Merchants Masters

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and Employers of White Servants shall have power to...
eachable English, Scotch or Welch Man above the age of sixteen and under the age of forty years...
delivered in, bear to the Marshall or other person appointed for the receiving of them the Quantity or Sum of two thousand
five hundred pounds of good Merchantable Muscovado Sugar at some convenient Shipping place in this Island.

Provided that the said Servants be by Adventur Contract or otherwise compelled or obliged to serve the full term
of four Years from and after the day of his arrival in this Island.

And be it further Enacted that whatsover Master or Commanded of any Ship or Vessel shall bring in or Import
into this Island to the Number of twenty White male Servants at one time and due proof upon Oath being made thereof
before the Naval Officer who is hereby Impowred to administer the same shall for that Voyage be altogether freed and
Exempted from paying any Port Charges for the said Ship or Vessel whereon the said Servants shall be Imported any
other Custom or Law notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted that the Governour for the time being with two of the Council and two of the Assembly of
this Island are and shall be hereby Authorized to sell and place one two or more Servants so Imported to any Plantation
or Plantations within this said Island where white Servants are wanting or where they shall see most convenient for
the necessary service of the same and that all Masters Mistresses chief Occupiers or Overseers of such Plantation or
Plantations shall be and are hereby obliged to receive them he she or they paying within one Month after receipt of
said Servants the sum of two thousand five hundred pounds of Sugar per head as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any Debt or Debts Contracted arising or accruing
due from any person or persons whatsover for such Servant or Servants sold or disposed of within this Island in manner
as aforesaid shall or may be recovered by Warrant of distress from any Justice of Peace directed to the Marshall Deputy or
Justices to Levy the said Debt or Debts on the parties goods and Chattels to whom the said Servant or Servants shall be so
sold sent or placed as aforesaid who by Value thereof shall seize the same to sale returning the Overplus if any
be to the Vendor.

And forasmuch as there are several Plantations in this Island whose owners or possessors employ many
or Overseers to manage them who reap no other Benefit by the said Plantations than their yearly Salaries or Wages
We pray that it may be Enacted and Obtained that if such persons as are hereby Impowred to sell or dispose of Servants
and may be lawful on the said Attorneys or Overseers their refusal to pay for any Servant so sent or placed to whom
the lands and Chattels belonging to such Plantation or Plantations in manner and form aforesaid and the same so
detained to dispose of in manner as aforesaid rendering the Overplus (if any be) to the said Attorneys or Overseers.

And it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that within six Months after the Import of two hundred
white male Servants no person or persons whatsover Employing themselves or Slaves in the Exercise of Coopers
Smiths, Taylors, Carpenters, Sawyers, Masons or Shinglers, within this Island shall use any Negro Slave or Slaves in
the said Trades or Occupations under the Penalty of four thousand pounds of Sugar to be recovered by Warrant from any
Justice of the Peace in manner as is directed in an Act Entituled an Act for preventing abuses that arise by persons going
aboard before the Master hath made his appearance to the Governour and for the better ordering Boats and Wharves.

Provided also that nothing herein be construed to prohibit any Master or owner of any Sugar work within this Island
from making use at their respective Plantations any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And in as much as there is great difference in the Value and worth of Servants yet by this Act no regard is had
thereto, lest it may discourage the Importations of them contrary to the intent and meaning hereof. Be it further
Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it shall be in the Power and lye in the breast of such Overseers as are hereby
Authorized to sell and dispose of the Servants aforesaid to advance on the Value of the best and most able Servants
and to mitigate and abate in the said Value of two thousand five hundred pounds of Sugar hereby set upon them so much
as they shall Judge any Servant thro Impotency or Sickness to fall short of the Price hereby allowed that equality may be
extended to all.

And in as much as several Evil Members in this Island do inveigle and entice Servants and Slaves before they are
acquainted with the Laws and Customs of this Island to Squander away imberil or consume their Masters Mistresses
or Employers goods. Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no person or persons presume to Trade or deal with
any white Servant Negro or Slave whatsover without their Masters or Mistresses consent or Certificate under their
hands to that purpose on the penalty of forfeiting to the Master or Mistress of such Servant Negro or Slave twelve times
Value of the thing traded for bought or sold and also one thousand five hundred pounds of Sugar to be recovered by
such Master or Mistress by action of Debt in any Court of Record in this Island and in case of the said persons
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penality to be punished by Corporal punishment at the Discretion of the next Justice of the Peace and all Contracts made with Servants Negroes or Slaves to be utterly void, Dated in Mountserrat the Sixteenth Day of January in the fifth Year of their Majesty's Reign Annoq. Dom. 1693.

Signed
Chr: Cuyrington

Confirmed by his Majesty in Council at Kensington
Decem: 31. 1696.

By Order of the Lords
Commissioners for Trade and Plantations

Examined
William Boyle Secy
Whitehall Sept: the 26. 1725.

Mountserrat Sept: the 4. 1725 Published by order of the S^{ts} Gov^r and Council
Wm. Heath
& Marsh

By Order of the Honble the S^{ts} Gov^r & Council the foregoing Act Intituled (an Act for the Encouraging the Importation of White Servants) is a true Copy taken and Examined from a Copy sent from the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and under the Seal of the Office
Mountserrat Decem: the 8. 1725
Geoffrench Secy

Mountserrat.

An Act for preventing abuses that arise by persons going on Board Vessels before the Master hath made his appearance to the Governor and for the better ordering Boats and Wherries.

And forasmuch as divers inconveniences happen by the disorderly going on board Ships and other Vessels before the Master hath been on Shoar with the Governor or Commande in Chief as well in the Miscarriage of Letters as the ingrossing the most useful Commodities; We pray their most Excellent Majesty it may be enacted and ordained; And it is hereby Ordered Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid that no person whatsoever without the leave or permission of the Governor or Chief Commande for the time being of the said Island shall presume to go on board any Ship or Vessel at her entering into Harbour until the Marshal or his Deputy have first been on board with the Master and have brought him on Shoar to the President or Governor in chief or within forty Eight hours after the said Master hath so made his appearance under the Penalty of five hundred pounds of Sugar to be recovered by conviction of one Wines by Warrant of distress from any Justice of the Peace directed to the Marshal his Deputy or Constable to Levy the said Sum or quantity of Sugar upon the delinquents goods and Chattles who by Value thereof shall Expose the same to sale returning the overplus (if any) and for want of such distress to take the Defendants body into custody and to carry and convey to the common Goal of this Island there to remain for Six Months or until he or they have satisfied the said Fine or Debt with Charges the one half to the Informer the other to their Majesty's their Heirs and Successors for and towards the Support of the Government of this Island and the contingent Charges thereof.

Provided that all such persons so offending be first summoned before such Justice of the Peace to answer all such Matters as shall be objected touching the premises and in case of non appearance to Issue out a Warrant