

An act for making the Negroes & Corroes Milles and Stillis of Intostates Estates Chattles.

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Whereas in and by a Certain Act made in this Island the Eighth day of May, which was in the Two and Thirtieth year of the reign of his late Majesty King Charles the second and confirmed by his said Majesty in Council, intituled An Act for Assertaining Lands as also for Affixing slaves Corroes or to the Freehold) It was amongst other things) herom Enacted and Ordained (That for preventing Demolishment, wast, and great Detrimout to the Estates of Freehold in this Island) That all Negroe Slaves, and other slaves whatsoever belonging or appertaining to any plantation or plantations of Freehold in this Island, as likewise all sugar Millis, Corroes, and Stillis once fastned or fixed therom for service of Grinding sugar Canes or sugar Boyling or, should to all intents and purposes remaine on the Freehold, and not be thence removed or alienated unless for payment of Debts, As in and by the said Act more largely appears AND for as much as since the making of said Act many persons have Dyed Intostate, leaving many Children with a competent Estate of Lands and Negroes to maintaine them, but for want of suitable provision made in the said Act, their plantations Lands Negroes Corroes and Stillis Despoiled and came to the Eldrest Sonne and heire, and the other Children had nothing left them to subsist withall May it therefore please yr. most Gracious Majesty to Enact and Ordain and it is hereby Ordored Enacted and Ordained by the President and Council of this Island of Nova (Executing the Office of Lieut. Generall and Comander in Chief of all his Majestys & Looward Charribbee Islands in America) together with the Assembly of the same Island, That if any person or persons who now or hereafter shall or may have any Estate or Estates of Lands, slaves Corroes, Millis, or Stillis, situate lying and being in this Island and being thereof seized shall Dyed Intostate That then in such case all slaves Corroes Millis and Stillis, as such Intostate shall Dyed seized, possessed, vested, or Intorested of or in, shall and are hereby made Chattles in Law, and shall be parted, shared, and Divided as Chattles, to and amongst such Descenders Children in such manner, way, and form, as the Law directs the before-ordained Act, or any thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any waies notwithstanding Provided alwaies notwithstanding

and it is the true intent and meaning of this Act, That if the Heirs or
 Heires of all every any or either of such person or persons that soe Dyed
 Intestate as aforesaid, shall be willing and desirous to keep such Estates
 or Estates as shall Desend to him or them, with all the slaves Carres
 Mills and stills theron Intire, and not to separate and divide the
 same that then in such case such Heirs and Heires or their &
 Guardians, are hereby Impowred and Enabled to hold and keep
 the same Intire accordingly for and during the full Terme and
 space of seven yeares to Comence from the Death of the Intestate
 such Heires (or Guardians) first giving in good security to the
 Ordinary, not only for providing and giving their other &
 Brothers and Sisters a Comptent Maintenance, with Education
 and Apparell suitable to their Degree, in the Tutorie, out of the
 produce of such plantation and slaves for the use and Imploy
 of their share of such Intestates Estates, as shall belong to them
 as aforesaid. But also at the End and Expiration of the said &
 Terme, to pay or cause to be paid to each and every of them
 or their Assignes, the full value of their said severall and
 respective shares of such Intestates Estates, as shall belong
 to them (in Current Money of this Island, or in good Muscovado
 or Sugar) according as the same shall be appraised and valued
 in the Inventory to be taken of such Intestates Estates, at the
 time of the Intestates Death (All such Deceaseds debts, and of
 Generall Expences being first deducted, to the payment of which
 the Lands shall be accountable proportionably to its value
 with the Chattels) Dated in Newis this second day of February
 in the tenth yeare of his Majestyes reigne Anno Dni 1699

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 Armes
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