

into the Roads of this Island without any other Order than is herein Express'd
this Act to be in force for four years from the Date hereof, and from thence
to the next meeting of the Council and Assembly of this Island Dated in
Novis the Tenth day of March in the Thirtenth year of his Majestys &
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An act

to oblige all persons to give in a
List of their Negroes and other slaves upon Oath. S

Whereas

the Contingent Charges of this Island hath been
always Defray'd by a Poll Tax on Negroes and other slaves, and
several persons to evade paying their proportion, have given in
less than the true Number of the slaves they were Owners of
Therefore we pray yo^r most Excellent Majesty to Enact
AND be it Enacted by the Chief Govern^r of
his Majestys Charibbes Leeward Islands in America, his
Lieut^t Govern^r and Council and Assembly of this Island And by
Authority of the same That from and after the Date of this Act
all persons whatsoever being and residing in this Island (other than
Quakers who are to Declare according to a late Act of Parliament
that are Proprietors, possessors, Managers, or Overseers of any Negro
or other slaves, shall give in an Exact Account by List upon
Oath, soe often as they shall be thereunto Lawfully required
to the respective Officer or Officers of the severall Divisions
of this Island for the time being of all and every such
Negro and other slaves, living and breathing, as alsoe what
are Estoomed Dutyable and what not, to the persons that
are Impowred to require and Administer the same as afores^d
who are themselves first to be sworn before the Govern^r
President or some Justice of peace for the time being
in the words following: I: A: D: Doe swear on the holy &
Evangelists of God that I will Demand of every Master, Mistress
Rentor possessor Manager or Overseer of every family in my
Division, an Account and List upon Oath of all the Negroes
and other slaves living and breathing that are in their respective
Custodies or belonging to them, in this Island, and soe near as they

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than, what they Esteem Dutyable and what are not Dutyable, which
 he will returne into the Secretarys Office of this Island, as often
 as hee shall be required he will also returne the names of those
 persons who refuse to give such An^o. and List of their Negroes
 and other slaves upon Oath, for holy me God AND be it further
 Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all and every person
 or persons, whatsoever that shall refuse to give in an Exact
 List upon Oath of their slaves as aforesaid, shall forfeit
 and pay Three pounds Currant Money for every slave
 that shall not be given in as aforesaid, due proofe being
 made of the same before any Justice of the peace in this
 Island, who are hereby Impowred and required to issue out
 Execution for the same to be Levied by way of Distress
 by the Marshall or his Deputy for the time being, and sold
 at Out Cry in the Markett place of Charles Towne, returninge
 the Overplus (if any) to the Proprietor and halfe part of which
 fines and forfeitures are to be to the Informer, and the
 other halfe part to the Treasurer for the time being, to be
 Imployed for Defraying the Contingent Charges of this Island
 AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That
 the person or persons that shall refuse to give his or their Oath
 to the Officer or Officers as aforesaid, shall forfeit and
 pay Two hundred pounds Currant Money to the Treasurer to be
 Levied and applyed as aforesaid, which Oath shall be in these
 words (viz^t) I: A: B: doe sweare on the holy Evangelists
 of God, that the An^o. and List hee doe now give in is a
 true and Exact List of every Negro or other slave that I
 am Owner of, or have in my possession living on this Island
 And also hee have particularly mentioned and Distinguished
 soe near as hee can, what hee doe believe in my Conscience
 are Dutyable and what not (for holy me God) AND be
 it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That every
 Officer that shall refuse to take the Oath aforesaid shall
 forfeit and pay the summe of Ten pounds Currant Money, for
 each Offence, One Moiety of which forfeiture shall be to the
 Informer, and the other Moiety to the Treasurer for the time
 being to be Levied and applyed as aforesaid AND be it further
 Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That soe often as the
 respective parishes of this Island shall have occasion to raise
 parish Levies for payment of the Ministers, poor, and other
 parish.

parish Charges, this Act shall be and is hereby of as full force, for & our Vestry to use for taking a List of their parish Negroes — as it is made for taking a publick List from time to time Dated at Newis the Twelfth day of March in the Thirtenth year of his Majestyes reigne Annoq; Dni 1700/1. S

Their Excellencies ^{the Lords &} Justices with the advice of his Majestyes Privy & Council Doo Declare their Approbation of the said severall Laws, and pursuant to their & & Excellencies pleasure thereupon, the said Laws are hereby Confirmed, finally Enacted. and & ratyfyed accordingly. —

John: Povey. S

At the Court at Hampton Court the Twentieth day of November 1701. S

Present: —

The Kings most Excellent Majestyes. —

Lord Arch-Bispe of Cantorbury. —	Earle of Downoy.
Lord Keeper	Earle of Denolagh.
Lord President	Lord Bp: of London.
Duke of Ormond	Lord Storrers.
Lord Chamberlaine	Mr. Secretary Vernon.
Earle of Stamford	Mr. Chamoller of the Excheq: —
	S ^r Henry Goodrick. —