

from whence the said Goods, & Cattel were brought, or to any
other Island within this Government, unless it be for debts con-
tracted upon any Island since the Importation thereof, any
Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.
NEWIS December the fifth, Anno Domini 1702
hundred, & One.

An Act for Superannuery Armes to be propor-
tionable according to the Number of every persons
Negroes within these His Majesties Leeward Car-
ribbe Islands in America.

Forasmuch as it is highly reasonable that every Inhabitant
of these His Majesties Leeward Caribbe Islands in America
should be well armed as well for the defence of His Majesties
said

said Islands, as the preservation of their own lives, & Estates
 Wee Your Majesties most dutifull, loyall, & obedient Subjects,
 the Governour in Chief of the said Ilands, & the
 Generall Council, & Generall Assembly now convened, & more
 Novis, most humbly pray Your Most Excellent Majesty, that
 it may be enacted, and

Be it, & it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid,
 That any person that is owner, & possessor (in his own right
 or in trust of any other person) of ten Negroes, shall find
 supernumerary Gun, or fire arm, or above what he, or they
 are obliged to find in the Militia of each Island for the
 use of Servants they are obliged by the Acts of the respective
 Islands to keep although they have not such Servants
 living with them, & every person that is owner, as aforesaid, of
 twenty Negroes, to find two, & for every thirty Negroes three, and
 for every forty Negroes four; & for every thirty Negroes over,
 & above the number of seventy, one Gun for every thirty Negroes
 over, & above the said first forty. Which Guns, or fire arms
 shall be well fix'd, & full four foot long in the Barrel, & the
 bore of the one half sufficient to carry a Ball of eight lb. to
 the pound, & the other half a Ball of twelve to the pound, &
 of the value of thirty shillings sterling in England. And every
 person appointed by this Act to find such Guns, or fire arms,
 shall to every such Gun find one good shalld Cartidge Box,
 & have always in readiness sixteen Cartidge well filled
 with powder, & Ball, fitting the Bore of each Gun with
 Serues, Springs, & Hammers, & six spare flints to each
 said Gun at least.

And be it further enacted, & it is hereby enacted,
 & declared by the Authority aforesaid, That every Colonel,
 Lieutenant Colonel, or Major of every Regiment in the said
 severall respective Islands from the twentieth sixth of March
 in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred, & three,
 shall have power, & Regall Authority to summon all persons by
 this Act appointed to find supernumerary Armes every
 Month at the usual place of Rendezvous of each respective
 Company in the said severall Islands, commanding them & every
 of them to appear, or send in to be viewed at times, & places
 aforesaid all such supernumerary Guns, or fire arms with their
 Accoutrements as aforesaid in order to inspect the State, and
 Condition thereof, And that every person appointed to find
 such

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Such supernumerary Arms, & not bringing, or sending them upon such Summons to the place appointed as aforesaid, shall forfeit, & pay the Summ of twenty five Rings, & for the default, or want of every such Gun so fixed, & of the length, ^{with its accoutrements as aforesaid} & bore aforesaid, the Summ of three pounds, and also that every person appointed to send supernumerary Arms, shall upon every Alarm, have them ready fixed as aforesaid with their accoutrements as aforesaid, & bring, or send them into the place appointed by their respective Officer to be in a readiness for service.

And it is provided, & it is the true Intent, & Meaning of this Act, that whensoever any of the Officers aforesaid, shall either upon Alarm, or otherwise see occasion of demanding such Arms that then such Officer shall upon receiving such Arms into his Charge, give a Note from under his hand, signifying what Number of Arms he has received. And if it should happen that any such Arms should be broke, or made unfit for service, the Party to whom the said Arms shall belong, shall repair to the Officer for a Certificate directed to the Treasurer, who is hereby empowered to pay the Party two pound Money for each Arm so broke, & for every Arm made unfit for service as much as may repair it.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that for the better compelling a due Obedience to this Act, It shall & may be Lawfull to, & for the Colonel, the Lieutenant Colonel, or Major of each respective Regiment in all, & every the said Islands to sign Executions against Defaulters aforesaid, & to issue out Warrants under their hands, & Seals for the Wraying on the Goods, & Chattells of every Defaulter, the severall Summes of Money, or forfeitures aforesaid: And the Kings Mayhall of every respective Regiment in each said Island (for the time being) is hereby commanded to execute, & levy the same by distress, & sale of the Goods of the party offending, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the Crown. But if no Goods, or Chattells can be found, it shall & may be Lawfull to, & for the Governor in Chief, Lieutenant Governor, or President of each respective Island by Warrant under his hand, & Seals to the Provost Marshall or his Lawfull Deputy of each said Island, to take into his Custody the Body, or Goods of the Party, or Parties, when no such distress is to be found, who is hereby empowered, & commanded so to do, & such offender, or offenders in safe Custody to keep untill he, or they shall pay his, or their respective forfeitures. And in case the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, or Major of each Regiment shall neglect to issue out his, or their Summons every three Months for such Review, & Muster

of the said Supraenumerary Armes with the Accoutrements
 as aforesaid, that then it shall & may be lawfull for the
 Governor in Chief (for the time being) Lieutenant Governor, or
 President of such Island where such default is made, to make
 or fine such Person, Lieutenant Colonel or Major the sum
 of ten pounds ^{to be levied upon the goods & Chattels of the same} in want Money, under the hand & Seal of the
 said Governor in Chief, Lieutenant Governor, or President of the
 each respective Island, to the Gov^r of Marshall, or his Causee
 Deputy of each said respective Islands, who is hereby com-
 manded to buy, & execute the same accordingly in manner
 forme aforesaid. That all the penalties, fines, & forfeitures men-
 tioned, & recited in this Act shall be paid unto the Treasurers
 of each respective Island, to be by them applyed towards pur-
 chasing of Armes, & Ammunition for the use of such Islands
 where such offence is committed.

Dated in Nevis the sixth of December, and thirtieth
 year of His Majesties R^{ig}ed, Anno Domini one thousand
 seven hundred, & one.

An Act to repeal a certain Act against
 the Jews.

Whereas there was an Act passed at a Meeting of
 a General Council, & General assembly sometime since held
 at Antigua, Entitled an Act against Jews engrossing
 Commodities imported in the Leeward Islands, & trading
 with the Slaves belonging to the Inhabitants of the said, be-
 ring date the last day of August, Anno Domini, one thou-
 sand six hundred, & ninety four. And whereas by their humble
 petition directed to His Excellency the present Governor in Chief
 of all Your Majesties Leeward Caribbee Islands in America,
 and to the Gentlemen of the General Council, & General assen-
 bly now met at Nevis, have set out their Grievances, & pray-
 vances sustained by reason of said Act, praying relief in the
 premises, & also promising a due Obedience for the future to the
 Laws of England, & the said Your Majesties Islands relating to the
 trade, & preservation of the same. And forasmuch as the said
 Act hath proved pernicious & consequent to the Jews residing on
 these Islands, Therefore for their encouragement to assist
 Your Majesties said Caribbee Islands with the utmost of their
 power