

the subject of any suit in any court of law or equity in the United Kingdom, and to the Commissioners it shall seem meet the compensation awarded to be paid in respect of such slave or slaves, shall, under the direction of the said court, be paid into the said court, to be subject to the orders, directions, and decrees of the court in which such suit may be depending; and in cases in which such slave or slaves shall be the subject of any suit in any court of law or equity in the colony of Jamaica, and to the Commissioners it shall seem meet the compensation in respect of such slave or slaves shall be paid, under the direction of the said court, to the Receiver-General of the said island, to be subject to the decrees, orders, and directions of the said court in which the suit may be depending.

And in all cases in which such slave or slaves shall be the subject of any suit in any court of law or equity in any other colony than Jamaica, and to the said Commissioners it shall seem meet the compensation monies awarded in respect of such slave or slaves shall be paid into the Bank of England, in the name and with the priority of the Accountant-General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his account there, exparte the persons named in the award and therein specified as the plaintiffs and defendants in the said suit, pursuant to the method prescribed by an Act, made in the first year of the reign of King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act for the better securing the monies and effects paid into the Court of Exchequer, at Westminster, on account of the suitors of the said Court, and for other purposes;" and the general orders of the said court, and without fee or reward; and the said monies when so paid in, shall, by petition in a summary way, be invested by the said Accountant-General in his name, exparte the said account, in the purchase of £3. per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities, and the dividends thereon, and also the dividends on all future investments, as they arise and become due, shall be invested by the said Accountant-General in his name, in like manner, so that the same may accumulate for the benefit of the parties entitled thereto; and the said compensation monies so invested as aforesaid, and the said accumulations, shall be paid and transferred under the directions of the said Court of Exchequer, to be signified by an order made upon a petition to be preferred in a summary way to the person or persons to whom the same shall be directed to be paid or transferred by the decree, order, or judgment of the court in the colony, made in the said suit there depending, or any court of appeal; and a copy of such decree, order, or judgment of the court in the colony, or court of appeal, signed by the proper officer of such court, shall be sufficient evidence of such decree, order, or judgment to the said Court of Exchequer.

And whereas by the 55th clause of the said Act the said Commissioners are required to frame and publish general rules, to be confirmed, allowed, and enrolled, as thereby directed, prescribing the form and manner of proceeding to be observed by any claimant or claimants preferring their claims under the said Act, upon the prosecution of such claims, and in making any opposition to the same, and for the conduct of the proceedings under the said Com-

mission. We, therefore, the undersigned Commissioners, in obedience to the directions of the said 55th clause, have drawn up and framed, in so far as relates to all the colonies or possessions mentioned and enumerated in the said Act, except the Cape of Good Hope and Mauritius, the following

#### RULES:

1. That all persons in possession of and claiming compensation for any slave or slaves to be manumitted under the said Act, shall prefer their claims before the Assistant Commissioners in the respective colonies in which the said slave or slaves may be registered or settled, within three months after the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, in the form hereunto annexed, marked (B).

2. That every such claim shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the Registrar of Slaves of the colony in which such claim shall be made, that the number of slaves mentioned in such claim (except any increase by birth since the last registry, as mentioned at the foot of such claim), are duly registered, together with the name or names of the person or persons by whom such slave or slaves have been registered.

And in case the property in any slave or slaves shall have been changed, between the last registration and the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, the claimant must briefly state his title from the person in whose name the slaves were last registered.

3. That the said Assistant Commissioners shall from time to time, with all convenient speed, after receipt thereof, make out complete lists of all such claims according to the form following, that is to say:

| Name and Description of Claimant, or person in possession of the Slaves. | Plantation, or other Domicile of Slaves. | Number of Slaves. |
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and shall cause the same to be published in the different newspapers of the said colony, or shall make the same known in such manner as to them shall seem most effectual for giving notice of the subject of such claim to all parties interested therein, in all parts of the said colony.

4. That such claims for compensation be made to the Assistant Commissioners, in the respective colonies, in duplicate, and that one part be transmitted by them to the Commissioners in London, and filed in their office, and the other kept and filed in the office of the Assistant Commissioners.

5. That any person having, or claiming to have, any right, title, or interest in or to any mortgage, judgment, charge, incumbrance, or lien upon any slave or slaves included in such claims, or any right, title, or interest thereto, under or by virtue of any