

said Commissioners did draw up and frame such general rules as therein mentioned for the apportionment of the compensation money therein mentioned amongst the persons seized of, or entitled to, or having, any mortgage, charge, incumbrance, judgment, or lien upon, or any claim, to, or right or interest in, any slave or slaves, so, to, be manumitted, as in the said Act is mentioned, at the time of such their manumission:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, the said Commissioners did also frame such general rules as in the said Act are mentioned, prescribing the form and manner of proceeding to be observed by any claimant or claimants preferring any such claims as are therein mentioned:

And whereas the said general rules when so framed, being subscribed with the respective hands and seals of the said Commissioners, were by them on the first day of April last, transmitted to the Lord President of His Majesty's Council to be by him laid before His Majesty in Council.

And whereas the said rules so transmitted as aforesaid to the Lord President have been published in the manner and form in the said Act in that behalf required, together with a notice that all persons interested in or affected by any such general rules might, within six months from the date of such notice, appeal against any such rules to His Majesty in Council:

And whereas such notice bore date the seventeenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and the said term of six months expired on the seventeenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four:

And whereas certain appeals have been preferred to His Majesty in Council against certain of the before-mentioned rules, but against others of the said rules no such appeal hath been preferred:

And whereas His Majesty hath this day taken into consideration the propriety of confirming and allowing such of the rules aforesaid as are not the subject of and as are not affected by any such appeal as aforesaid:

And whereas His Majesty hath seen fit, in certain respects, in pursuance of the power in Him in that behalf vested, to amend, alter, and vary, some of such general rules as aforesaid though not so appealed against:

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, and in execution of the power in His Majesty in that behalf vested, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that, subject to such alteration and amendment as aforesaid, such of the general rules made as aforesaid as are not the subject of or affected by any such appeal as aforesaid, shall be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and allowed:

And in further pursuance of the said Act of Parliament the said rules, with such alterations and amendments as aforesaid, are recited at length in the schedule subjoined to this present Order, which schedule His Majesty doth hereby declare is and shall be taken as part of this Order:

And the Lord President is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

W. L. Bathurst.

SCHEDULE TO WHICH THE FOREGOING ORDER REFERS.

*RULES for the Conduct of the Proceedings under the said Commission, 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.*

1st. 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, on or before the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, in the form hereunto annexed, marked (B).

2d. 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 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