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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th day
of *August* 1835,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by a certain Act of Parliament, passed in the third and fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the abolition of slavery throughout the British colonies; for promoting the industry of the manumitted slaves; and for compensating the persons hitherto entitled to the services of such slaves;" it is amongst other things recited, that it is necessary that various rules and regulations should be framed and established for ascertaining, with reference to each apprenticed labourer within the said colonies respectively, whether he or she belongs to the class of attached prædial apprenticed labourers, or to the class of unattached apprenticed labourers, or to the class of non-prædial apprenticed labourers, and for determining the manner and form in which, and the solemnities with which, the voluntary discharge of any apprenticed labourer from such his or her apprenticeship may be effected, and for prescribing the form and manner in which, and the solemnities with which, the purchase by any such apprenticed labourer of his or her discharge from such apprenticeship, without, or in opposition, if necessary, to the consent of the person or persons entitled to his or her services shall be effected; and how the necessary

appraisement of the future value of such services shall be made; and how, and to whom, the amount of such appraisement shall in each case be paid and applied; and in what manner and form, and by whom, the discharge from any such apprenticeship shall thereupon be given, executed, and recorded: and that it is also necessary, for the preservation of peace throughout the said colonies, that proper regulations should be framed and established for the maintenance of order and good discipline amongst the said apprenticed labourers; and for ensuring the punctual discharge of the services due by them to their respective employers; and for the prevention and punishment of indolence, or the neglect or improper performance of work by any such apprenticed labourer; and for enforcing the due performance by any such apprenticed labourer of any contract into which he or she may voluntarily enter, for any hired service during the time in which he or she may not be bound to labour for his or her employer; and for the prevention and punishment of insolence and insubordination, on the part of any such apprenticed labourer, towards their employers; and for the prevention or punishment of vagrancy, or of any conduct on the part of any such apprenticed labourers injuring, or tending to the injury, of the property of any such employer; and for the suppression and punishment of any riot or combined resistance to the laws on the part of any such apprenticed labourers; and for preventing the escape of any such apprenticed labourers, during their term of apprenticeship, from