

nies; for promoting the industry of the man-
 " mitted slaves; and for compensating the persons
 " hitherto entitled to the services of such slaves;"
 it is enacted, " that, from and after the first day of
 August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-
 four, all persons who, in conformity with the
 laws now in force in the said colonies respec-
 tively, shall, on or before the first day of August
 one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, have
 been duly registered as slaves in any such
 colony, and who, on the said first day of August
 one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, shall
 be actually within any such colony, and who
 shall by such registries appear to be, on the said
 first day of August one thousand eight hundred
 and thirty-four, of the full age of six years or
 upwards, shall, by force and virtue of the said
 Act, and without the previous execution of any in-
 denture of apprenticeship, or any other deed or
 instrument for that purpose, become and be ap-
 prenticed labourers"; and whereas, by the said Act
 it is further enacted, that, subject to the obligations
 imposed by the said Act, or to be imposed as therein
 mentioned upon such apprenticed labourers as afore-
 said, all and every the persons who, on the said
 first day of August one thousand eight hundred
 and thirty-four, shall be holden in slavery within
 any such British colony as aforesaid, shall, upon,
 and from and after the said first day of August
 one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, be-
 come and be, to all intents and purposes, freed
 and discharged of and from all manner of slavery,
 and shall be absolutely and for ever manumitted;
 and that the children thereafter to be born to any
 such persons, and the offspring of such children,
 shall, in like manner, be free from their birth; and
 that, from and after the said first day of August
 one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, slavery
 shall be, and is thereby, utterly and for ever
 abolished and declared unlawful throughout the
 British colonies, plantations, and possessions
 abroad:

And whereas by the said Act it is provided,
 that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's
 Treasury may raise the sum of twenty millions of
 pounds sterling, towards compensating the persons
 entitled to the services of the slaves to be manu-
 mitted and set free by virtue of the said Act, for the
 loss of such services:

And whereas in the said Act it is recited, that
 various rules and regulations are or may be ne-

cessary for the purposes therein specified, and that
 such regulations could not without great incon-
 venience, be made, except by the respective go-
 vernors, councils, and assemblies, or other local
 legislatures of the said respective colonies, or by His
 Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, in
 reference to those colonies to which the legislative
 authority of His Majesty in Council extends; and
 it is, therefore, by the said Act enacted and declared,
 that nothing in the said Act contained shall extend,
 or be construed to extend, to prevent the enactment,
 by the respective governors, councils, and assemblies,
 or by such other local legislatures as aforesaid,
 or by His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy
 Council, of any such Acts, of General Assembly,
 or Ordinances, or Orders, in Council, as might be
 requisite for making and establishing such several
 rules and regulations as aforesaid, or any of them,
 or for carrying the same, or any of them, into full
 and complete effect:

And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted,
 that no part of the said sum of twenty millions of
 pounds sterling shall be applied or shall be applicable
 to the purposes therein aforesaid, for the benefit
 of any person entitled to the services of any slave
 in any of the colonies therein aforesaid, unless an
 Order shall have been first made by His Majesty,
 with the advice of His Privy Council, declaring that
 adequate and satisfactory provision hath been made
 by law in such colony for giving effect to the said
 Act, by such further and supplementary enactments
 as therein mentioned; nor unless a copy of such
 Order in Council, duly certified by one of the Clerks
 in Ordinary of His Majesty's Privy Council, shall,
 by the Lord President of the Council, have been
 transmitted to the Lords Commissioners of His
 Majesty's Treasury, or to the Lord High Treasurer,
 for the time being, for their or his guidance or in-
 formation; and every such Order shall be pub-
 lished three several times in the London Gazette,
 and shall be laid before both Houses of Par-
 liament, within six weeks next after the date thereof,
 if Parliament shall be then in session, and if not,
 within six weeks from the then next ensuing session
 of Parliament:

And whereas, in order to carry into effect the
 objects of the said recited Act, an Act hath been
 passed by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and
 Assembly of the island of St. Vincent, intituled
 " An Act for the abolition of slavery in the island
 " of St. Vincent and its dependencies in con-