

upwards, shall, by force and virtue of the said Act, and without the previous execution of any indenture of apprenticeship, or any other deed or instrument for that purpose, become and be apprenticed 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 aforesaid, 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, become 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 manumitted 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 necessary for the purposes therein specified; and that such regulations could not, without great inconvenience, be made, except by the respective governors, 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 information; and every such Order shall be published three several times in the London Gazette, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, 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 Governor, Council, and Assembly of the island of Tobago, intituled "An Act to carry into effect the provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, 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;" and also an Act to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to carry into effect the provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, 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;" and to repeal certain clauses of an Act, commonly called the Slave Act, passed on or about the fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and