Act, respecting such free ports, to the port of Old Harbour, in the island of Jamaica:

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the said Act of Parliament, and in exercise of the powers thereby in His Majesty in Council in that behalf vested, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered accordingly, that the provisions of the said Act, as far as the same relate to the free ports respectively therein mentioned, shall be, and the same are hereby, extended to the port of Old Harbour, in the island of Jamaica; and that, from and after the ninth day of June next, all the privileges and advantages by the said Act conferred upon the free ports therein mentioned, and all the provisions, penalties, and forfeitures in the said Act contained, subject to the limitations and restrictions therein provided, shall extend to the said port of Old Harbour, as fully and effectually as if such port had been inserted and enumerated in the said table at the time of passing the said Act:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 13th day of *April* 1836,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the third and fourth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the "abolition of slavery throughout the British colo-"nies; for promoting the industry of the manu-"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 respectively, 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 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