

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 should extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the enactment, by the respective governors, councils, and assemblies, or by such other local legislatures as therein mentioned, 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 should be applied or 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 should have been first made by His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, declaring that adequate and satisfactory provision had 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, should, 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 should be published three several times in the London Gazette, and should be laid before both Houses of Parliament, within six weeks next after the date thereof, if Parliament should be then in session, and if not, within six weeks after the then next ensuing session of Parliament:

And whereas, in order to carry into effect the objects of the said recited Act, certain Acts have been passed by the President, Council, and Assembly of the Virgin Islands, intituled "An Act for regulating the division of apprenticed labourers into their respective classes, and for providing

" for the dissolution of the apprenticeship, " by contract or otherwise;" and also " An " Act prescribing the duties of the apprenticed " labourers and employers respectively, and im- " posing penalties for the non-performance thereof, " and providing other regulations for the main- " tenance of good order;" and also " An Act for " prescribing the powers and duties of special jus- " tices, and for defining the jurisdiction of the " same;" and also " An Act to regulate the re- " moval of prædial apprenticed labourers from one " plantation or estate to another; the alienation by " sale, inheritance, or will, of the services of ap- " prenticed labourers; the apprenticeship of children " of apprenticed labourers; and the relation in " which apprenticed labourers will stand towards " the State in the said Virgin Islands; and " thereby to carry more effectually into operation " the enactments contained, in that behalf, in an " Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, " intituled ' An Act for the abolition of slavery " throughtout 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 " repeal the seventh clause, and the proviso con- " tained in the tenth clause, of an Act, intituled ' An " Act for regulating the division of apprenticed " labourers into their respective classes, and for " providing for the dissolution of the apprenticeship, " by contract or otherwise; and to repeal the " twelfth, thirteenth, fifteenth, nineteenth, thirti- " ninth, and fifty-first clauses of an Act, intituled " ' An Act prescribing the duties of apprenticed " labourers and employers respectively, and im- " posing penalties for the non-performance thereof, " and providing other regulations for the main- " tenance of good order;' and to repeal the twenty- " second clause of an Act, intituled ' An Act for " prescribing the powers and duties of special " justices, and for defining the jurisdiction of the " same;' and to repeal the first, second, and fourth " clauses of an Act, intituled ' An Act to regulate " the removal of prædial apprenticed labourers from " one plantation or estate to another; the alienation " by sale, inheritance, or will, of the services of ap- " prenticed labourers; the apprenticeship of children " of apprenticed labourers; and the relation in " which apprenticed labourers will stand towards " the State in the Virgin Islands; and thereby to " carry more effectually into operation the enact-