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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 5th day of October 1836,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by a certain Act of Parliament, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of His present 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;" after reciting, that it was necessary that provision should be made for the apportionment, amongst the proprietors of the slaves to be manumitted by virtue of the said Act, in each of the said colonies respectively, of that part of the said compensation fund which should be so assigned, as in the said Act is therein before recited, to each of the respective colonies; it was, amongst other things, enacted, that any person having, or claiming to have, any right, title, or interest in or to any mortgage, judgement, charge, incumbrance, or other lien upon any slave or slaves to be manumitted under the said Act, might prefer such claims before the said Commissioners:

And it was further enacted, that the said Commissioners should proceed in the manner to be prescribed by any general rules to be framed in manner particularly mentioned, to enquire into, and adjudi-

cate upon, any such claims as might be so preferred to them, and should upon each such claim make their adjudication and award, in such manner and form as should be prescribed by any such general rules; and if any person interested in, or affected by, any such adjudication or award should be dissatisfied therewith, it should be lawful for such person to appeal therefrom to His Majesty in Council, and notice of any such appeal should be served upon the said Commissioners:

And it should be competent to His Majesty in Council to make and establish all such rules and regulations as to His Majesty should seem meet, respecting the time and manner of preferring and proceeding upon such appeals, and respecting the course to be observed in defending the same; which rules should be so framed as to promote, as far as might be consistent with justice, all practicable economy and dispatch in the proceeding until the decision thereof:

And it was further enacted, that the several adjudications and awards of the said Commissioners, unless duly appealed from within the respective times to be limited by His Majesty in Council for that purpose, should be final and conclusive and binding upon all persons interested therein, or affected thereby; and that the decisions of His Majesty in Council upon any such appeal should, in like manner, be final, binding, and conclusive:

And whereas His Majesty hath this day taken