

in reference to such contracts, and to the parties who have entered into the same, remain in full force :

And whereas, under the said recited Ordinance and Orders in Council, certain powers were vested in the justices of the peace holding special commissions under the Act of Parliament for the abolition of slavery ; and whereas, by the abolition of the term of apprenticeship created by the said Act before the time therein limited for that purpose, the said special commissions may cease and determine during the continuance of the contracts before mentioned, or some of them ; it is, therefore, hereby ordered, that, in respect of the contracts which, before the arrival of this present Order within the said colony, shall have been entered into, in pursuance and under the authority of the said recited Ordinance and Orders in Council, or any of them, and in respect of the parties to any such contracts, the powers and jurisdiction by the said Ordinance and Orders in Council vested in the magistrates having such special commissions as aforesaid, shall be, and the same are hereby, vested in any stipendiary magistrates appointed, or to be appointed, for the said colony, or for any district or districts thereof, by Her Majesty, or on Her Majesty's behalf, by the governor, or officer for the time being administering the government thereof :

And it is hereby ordered, that, on the arrival of this present Order within the said colony, the governor, or the officer for the time being administering the government thereof, shall, and he is hereby required to issue a Proclamation, reciting at length this present Order, and stating the day of the month and year on which the same was received by him, and, upon and from such Proclamation, this present Order shall have the force and effect of law within the said colony :

And the Right Honourable Lord Glenelg, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions therein accordingly.

*C. C. Greville.*

**A**T the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 30th day of *July* 1838.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS in pursuance of the laws in force in the colonies of British Guiana, Trinidad, Saint Lucia, the Cape of Good Hope, and Mauritius,

contracts for service in agriculture, or in the manufacture of colonial produce to be performed within the said colonies respectively, have been, and may be made with persons not being at the time of entering into such contracts within the limits of the colony, within which such service is to be performed, and it is expedient that the law of the said colonies respectively should be amended in that behalf ; it is, therefore, ordered by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that, from and after the arrival of this present Order within any of the said colonies, all contracts which may at any time thereafter be made for the performance within the same of any service or labour in agriculture, or in or about the manufacture of any colonial produce, shall within such colony be, and be taken, by all courts, judges, justices, magistrates, and others therein, to be null and void and of no effect, unless the person or persons thereby contracting to perform any such service or work shall at the time of entering into any such contract have been within the limits, and upon the land of the colony within which such service or labour is to be performed by him, her, or them :

And whereas it may be necessary hereafter to make and establish regulations for and in respect of contracts to be made within the limits of the respective colonies, for the performance of such service or labour as aforesaid, it is, therefore, hereby ordered and declared, that any such contracts as shall hereafter be made for that purpose within the said respective colonies, shall be subject to all such rules and conditions as shall hereafter be imposed by law upon the parties entering into the same :

And, for the prevention of all doubt as to the time of the arrival within the said colonies respectively of this present Order, the respective governors, or officers for the time being administering the government thereof respectively, shall, and they are hereby respectively required to, issue Proclamations, reciting at length this present Order, and stating the days of the months and years respectively in which the same was received by them respectively, and upon and from the day so stated in such Proclamation respectively, this present Order shall have the force and effect of law within the said respective colonies :

And the Right Honourable Lord Glenelg, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*C. C. Greville.*