

The following ACT of PARLIAMENT is published by Order of his Excellency Lieutenant Governor FANNING, Commander in Chief of this Island.

ANNO TRICESIMO REGIS GEORGII III.

C A P. XXVII.

An ACT for encouraging new Settlers in his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America.

WHEREAS it is expedient that Encouragement should be given to Persons that are disposed to come and settle in certain of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America and the West Indies; be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That, from and after the first day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, if any person or persons, being a subject or subjects of the Territories or Countries belonging to the United States of America, shall come from thence, together with his or their family or families, to any of the Bahama, or Bermuda or Somers Islands, or to any part of the Province of Quebec, or Nova Scotia, or any of the territories belonging to his Majesty in North America, for the purpose of residing and settling there, it shall be lawful for any such person or persons, having first obtained a licence for that purpose from the Governor, or in his absence, from the Lieutenant Governor of the said Islands, Colonies or Provinces respectively; to import into the same, in British ships, owned by his Majesty's subjects, and navigated according to law, any Negroes, Household Furniture, Utensils of Husbandry, or Clothing, free of duty: Provided always, That such Household Furniture, Utensils of Husbandry, and Clothing, shall not in the whole exceed the value of fifty pounds for every white person that shall belong to such family; and the value of forty shillings for every negro brought by such white person; and if any dispute shall arise as to the value of such household furniture, utensils of husbandry, or clothing, the same shall be heard and determined by the arbitration of three British merchants at the port where the same shall be imported, one of such British merchants to be appointed by the Governor, or in his absence the Lt. Gov. of such Island or Province, one by the Collector of the Customs at such port, and one by the person so coming with his family.

II. And be it further enacted, That all Sales or Bargains for the sale of any negro, household furniture, utensils of husbandry, or clothing, so imported, which shall be made within twelve calendar months after the importation of the same, (except in cases of the bankruptcy or death of the owner thereof) shall be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

III. And be it further enacted, that every white person so coming to reside, if above the age of fourteen years, shall, and he is hereby required, immediately after his arrival to take and subscribe the oath of allegiance to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, before the Governor, Lt. Governor, or Chief Magistrate of the place where such

person shall arrive, and at the same time swear that it is his intention to reside and settle in such Island or Province; for which oaths such Governor, Lieut. Governor, or Chief Magistrate, shall receive the same fee, and no more, as is payable by law on administering the oath of allegiance in cases where the same is now by law required.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

EDMUND FANNING, LL. D.

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Island of Saint John, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the twenty eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for regulating the Trade between his Majesty's Colonies and the Plantations in North America, and in the West India Islands, and the Countries belonging to the United States of America, and between his Majesty's said Subjects, and the foreign Islands in the West Indies," no Goods or Commodities whatever can be imported into the Island of Saint John, except certain Articles therein mentioned, the importation of which Goods and Commodities, or any of them, may be authorized by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council!

AND WHEREAS it is necessary from public Emergency, and to prevent Distress to the Settlers of this Island, that the Importation of the Goods and Commodities as permitted by the aforesaid Act, and herein after mentioned, should be authorized and permitted, for a limited Time, for the Supply of the Inhabitants of this Island:

I HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT, with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, to publish this Proclamation, authorizing and permitting, and I do hereby authorize and permit, the Importation of the following Goods or Commodities into this Island, that is to say, Scantling, Planks, Staves, Heading Boards, Shingles, Hoops, or squared Timber of any Sort; Horses, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Poultry, or Live Stock of any Sort; Bread, Biscuit, Flour, Pease, Beans, Potatoes, Wheat, Rice, Oats, Barley, or Grain of all Sorts; by British Subjects and in British built Ships, owned by his Majesty's Subjects, and navigated according to Law, for the Space of NINE MONTHS, to commence from the seventh Day of this Instant, OCTOBER, of which all Persons concerned are hereby required to take Notice.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Charlotte Town, Island of Saint John, this sixth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-one, and in the thirty first Year of his Majesty's Reign.

EDMUND FANNING.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,
THOMAS DESBRISAY, SECRETARY.

GOD SAVE THE KING.