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CAP. XXVI.

An Act to provide for the Enactment of certain Laws in the Island of *Jamaica*. [19th *July* 1839.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to take Measures for the good Government of the Island of *Jamaica*: And whereas the House of General Assembly of the said Island, by an Address to the Governor thereof, on the Second Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, stated, that for the Reasons therein set forth they had come to the Determination to abstain from the Exercise of any Legislative Functions, except such as might be necessary to preserve inviolate the Faith of the Island with the Public Creditor, until they shall be left to the free Exercise of their inherent Rights as *British* Subjects: And whereas the Legislature of the said Island, having been prorogued, did subsequently meet on the Third Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and the House of General Assembly, on the said Third Day of *November* declared their Adherence to such their former Determination: And whereas the House of Assembly of the said Island having been dissolved, the Legislature thereof did subsequently meet on the Eighteenth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and the newly-elected House of General Assembly, on the Twentieth Day of the Month of *December* aforesaid, declared their Adherence to the

Determination aforesaid of the preceding House of General Assembly, whereupon the Governor of the said Island prorogued the said House of General Assembly, and has continued the same under Prorogation: And whereas several temporary Laws of the said Island have been suffered to expire, some of which ought without Delay to be revived or re-enacted: And whereas it is necessary that Provision should be made by Parliament for the Purpose aforesaid: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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,

After Expiration of Two Months from the Time of the House of General Assembly being assembled, the Governor and Council may revive expired Laws;

That from and after the Expiration of Two Calendar Months from the Time of the said House of General Assembly being assembled by the Governor, it shall be lawful for the Governor of the said Island of *Jamaica*, with the Advice and Consent of the Council, by any Law or Ordinance to be made by them for that Purpose, to revive and continue in force, or to re-enact, in whole or in part, all or any of the Laws of the said Island which shall have expired since the Second Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and which shall not have been before then revived or continued in force or re-enacted by any Acts or Act of the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the said Island; and every such Law, when so revived or re-enacted as aforesaid, shall have the same Force and Authority as if the same had been continued, revived, or re-enacted by an Act of the Governor, Council, and Assembly of this said Island: Provided always, that no such expired Laws shall by such Ordinance as aforesaid be continued in force beyond the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and forty: Provided also, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to disallow any Ordinance so to be made for the Purpose aforesaid, in such and the same Manner as Her Majesty in Council may disallow any Act of the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the said Island: Provided also, that a Copy of any Ordinance which shall be made in pursuance of this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

and alter or repeal any Ordinances passed under this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, Council, and Assembly of the said Island, by any Act to be passed for that Purpose, to repeal or alter any Ordinance which shall be made in pursuance of this Act.

Person administering the Government to be deemed the Governor.

III. And be it declared and enacted, That, for the Purposes and within the Meaning of this Act, the Officer for the Time being administering the Government of *Jamaica* shall be deemed and taken to be the Governor thereof.

Act may be altered.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed during the present Session of Parliament.

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