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An Act for granting Relief to the Island of *Dominica;* and to amend an Act of the Second and Third Years of His present Majesty, for enabling His Majesty to direct the Issue of Exchequer Bills to a limited Amount for the Purposes therein mentioned. [31st *August* 1835.]

WHEREAS in consideration of the heavy Losses which have been sustained in the Island of *Dominica*, in consequence of Hurricanes, it is expedient that immediate Relief should be granted to the Inhabitants of that Island: 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 it shall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treasurer, or any Three or more of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the Time being, by any Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hands, to direct any Sum or Sums not exceeding Twelve thousand Pounds in the whole to be issued and paid out of and charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the immediate Relief of the Inhabitants of the said Island of *Dominica* who have suffered Losses in consequence of the late Hurricanes there; and such Sum or Sums not exceeding Twelve thousand Pounds in the whole shall and may be paid to such Person or Persons at such Time or Times, and in such Proportions, and under such Conditions and Restrictions, as the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury shall think fit to direct.

Treasury may issue 12,000*l.* out of Consolidated Fund for Relief of the Sufferers by the Hurricane at Dominica.

II. And whereas by an Act passed in the Second and Third Years of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for enabling His Majesty to direct the Issue of Exchequer Bills to a limited Amount, for* the

Commissioners under 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 125. to advance out

of the Sum of 1,000,000*l.* to them issued, 80,000*l.* for the Assistance of Dominica; *the Purposes and in the Manner therein mentioned; and for giving Relief to* Trinidad, British Guiana, *and* Saint Lucie, it was lawful for His Majesty, in consideration of the heavy Losses which had been sustained in the Islands of *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Saint Vincent's*, and *Saint Lucie*, in consequence of the late Insurrections in the Island of *Jamaica* and of Hurricanes in the other Islands, to authorize and empower the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to direct any Number of Exchequer Bills to the Amount of One Million to be issued to certain Commissioners constituted and appointed by that Act, to be by them advanced, under certain Regulations and Restrictions and in the Manner therein mentioned, for the Assistance and Accommodation of the said Islands, and of such Persons having Property therein and connected therewith or trading thereto as should be desirous of receiving the same, on due Security being given for the Repayment of the Sums so advanced within a limited Time: And whereas the said Commissioners, in the Execution of the said in part recited Act, have lent and advanced divers Sums of Money in the Manner by the said Act authorized, but have not yet disposed of the whole Sum of One Million by the said Act authorized to be advanced: And whereas, for the Reasons before mentioned, it is expedient that Provision should be made for granting further Relief to the said Island of *Dominica*; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said recited Act to advance any Sum or Sums not exceeding in the whole Eighty thousand Pounds of Exchequer Bills, for the Assistance and Accommodation of the said Island of *Dominica*, out of such Part of the said Sum of One Million Exchequer Bills by the said Act authorized to be issued which has not already been or shall not hereafter be paid, advanced, or lent by the said Commissioners; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to appropriate any Sum or Sums, not exceeding in the whole Eighty thousand Pounds, to the said Island of *Dominica*, and any Part of the said Sum of Eighty thousand Pounds not exceeding Ten thousand Pounds shall and may be advanced by the said Commissioners to such Persons as may be duly authorized and appointed by any Act passed or to be passed by the Legislature of the said Island of *Dominica* to borrow the same for the Public Service and on the Credit of the Revenues or Public Property of the said Island, upon the said Commissioners being satisfied that the said Sum so to be advanced, together with Interest thereon at the Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, is duly secured by some Act passed or to be passed by the Legislature of the said Island.

10,000*l.* of which may be appropriated for the Public Service on certain Conditions.

Purposes for which the 80,000*l.* shall be advanced.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Eighty thousand Pounds of the said Exchequer Bills, after deducting therefrom such Part (if any) as shall be lent for the Public Service of the said Island of *Dominica*, shall be advanced and lent by the said Commissioners for the Purpose of enabling the Owners of and Persons interested in the Estates and Property which have sustained Injury in the said Island from Hurricanes to resume the Cultivation and Habitation of such Estates and Property, and the Manufacture of the Produce of such Estates, by restoring the Works and Machinery destroyed or injured, and providing the requisite Contingencies and Supplies for such Estates and the apprenticed Labourers belonging thereto,

thereto, and restoring (as far as the same can be accomplished) such Estates and Property to the Condition in which the same were before the said Injuries were sustained: Provided always, that the Amount so to be advanced and lent to such Owners of Estates and Property, and Persons interested therein, in the said Island of *Dominica*, shall not in any Case be less than the Sum of Three hundred Pounds; any thing in the said in part recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Not less than 300*l.* to be advanced in any Case.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all such Advances shall be made in such and the same Manner, and under and subject to such and the same Conditions, Provisions, and Restrictions, and on such Securities, and in all respects whatsoever as is provided and directed by the said in part recited Act with regard to Advances to be made to Owners and Persons interested in the Estates in the said Islands of *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Saint Vincent's*, and *Saint Lucie*, and in all respects whatsoever, so far as the same can be made applicable and are not varied by this Act, as if the said Island of *Dominica* had been included in the said Act as one of the Islands to be relieved, and as if the said Commissioners had been by the said Act authorized to appropriate to the said Island of *Dominica* such a Portion of the said Million of Exchequer Bills as is hereby directed to be apportioned to the said Island of *Dominica*.

Advances under this Act to be made in the same Manner as Advances under recited Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the several Clauses, Powers, Provisions, Enactments, Penalties, and Restrictions in the said Act contained, so far as the same can be made applicable and are not varied by this Act, shall be taken to extend to this Act, and to every thing to be done in pursuance of this Act, and as if all such Clauses, Powers, Provisions, and Enactments were herein repeated and made applicable to the said Island of *Dominica*, and to the Loans and Grants to be made in pursuance of this Act, and to every Matter and Thing to be done in pursuance of this Act; and all and every the Securities to be taken in pursuance of this Act shall be taken in such Manner as by the said Act is directed with respect to the Securities thereby authorized or directed to be taken; and all and every such Securities shall have such Force, Priority, and Effect in all respects as if they were taken in pursuance of and under the Authorities of the said in part recited Act; and all and every the Rules, Orders, and Directions made or to be made by the said Commissioners shall apply to the said Island of *Dominica*, and the Loans to be granted and the Securities to be taken in pursuance of this Act, in all respects whatsoever, as if the Loans hereby authorized to be made had been authorized by the said Act.

Provisions of recited Act to extend to this Act.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Commissioners from making, at any Time after the passing of this Act, any Loan or Advance to any of the Owners of Estates or other Persons interested therein in the Islands of *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Saint Vincent*, and *Saint Lucie* in pursuance of the said in part recited Act.

Act not to prevent Commissioners making Loans under recited Act.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for the Time being to appoint Commissioners in the said Island of *Dominica* to act in their Aid and under their Directions, as in the said in part recited Act is provided with regard to Commissioners in Aid to be appointed in the Islands in that Act mentioned.

Commissioners may appoint Commissioners in Aid.

VIII. And

Commissioners may send and receive Letters free of Postage.

VIII. And whereas it was by the said in part recited Act enacted, that the said Commissioners should receive and send by the General Post from and to Places within the United Kingdom all Letters and Packets relating solely and exclusively to the Execution of the said Act, free from the Duty of Postage, under the Regulations and in manner in the said Act provided; and it is expedient to extend such Privilege; be it therefore enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may receive and send, by the General Post or otherwise, not only from and to Places within the United Kingdom, but also from and to Places within any of His Majesty's Colonies or Dominions, all Letters and Packets relating solely and exclusively to the Execution of the said recited Act or this Act free from the Duty of Postage, subject nevertheless to the Provisions and Regulations in the said Act contained with respect to the Letters and Packets thereby authorized to be sent and received free from the Duty of Postage.

Commissioners may reconvey Securities on Payment of the Money secured, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Two or more of the said Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said in part recited Act or of this Act to re-convey or re-assign all or any of the Securities taken or to be taken to His Majesty or otherwise under the Authority of the said in part recited Act or of this Act, or any of them, on Payment of the Monies thereby secured, or to release any Part of the Estates or Effects charged as a Security for any Loan made or to be made, in case the said Commissioners shall think fit that any of the Securities for the same should be released, either on the Substitution of any further or other Security or not, as the Case shall be.

Where Mortgages made to His Majesty include Slaves, it shall not be necessary for Him to make Claim for Compensation for their Services under 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 73.

X. And be it further enacted, That in any Case where any Mortgages or other Securities may have been made to His Majesty in pursuance of the Powers contained in the said in part recited Act, and which said Mortgages or other Securities included any Slaves, it shall not be necessary for His Majesty, or any Person on His Behalf, unless the said Commissioners shall think fit, to make any Claim to the Monies payable by Way of Compensation for the Services of such Slaves, under or by virtue of the Provisions of an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty for the Abolition of Slavery throughout the *British* Colonies; and that where no Claim shall have been made by or on the Behalf of His Majesty, such Compensation Money shall be in all respects freed and discharged from all Claim and Demand whatsoever of His said Majesty: Provided nevertheless, that the Omission to make such Claim by or on behalf of His Majesty shall not in anywise prejudice or affect any Security made to His Majesty, or the Priority obtained thereby, as regards the Plantations, Estates, or other Property comprised in such Security.

Act may be altered this Session.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act, or any of the Provisions thereof, may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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