

To the Honourable Edward Murray Esq & his associates
Representatives of the Town of Kingston &c c.

The sum total of the innocent distressed sons of Christ
commonly called the negro slaves of the said Town, are pronounced
to be of three score and one hundred and fifty thousand of their
Population, injuriously and unmercifully detained in their dominions
Bondage in the Island of Jamaica.

Whereas the said politicians have planned that your Honour's
friend Captain and Master by the name of Robert Bellingham
bring a bill intituled to make an evident sufficient
order and rule as we know not how to make no order to take
from our subjects slaves, howe to whom of this place their liberty
properly and to take from them that they hold so wide for so many
years they have cited a fair day for us to be
and that none but you Sir, or your self shall have the bearing
of this day & i do. Your Patron of this Country for the
purpose thereof selected, and that our Egyptian oppressors
shall be duly tried, misprised & forfeit their rights to our
protection now more than ever before, having not only
by their own fault, infilth or violence oppressed & tyrannized
overdomes of the grandsons of the Patriarch Jacob, but also
by the like faults or violence opposed us by the overseers
affairs, or officers overseers and that all negroes slaves
shall be good & honest against whom, profaning & giving violence
shall be misprised till they can think only of nothing to lay against
our white master, must for overseers or officers or from us by
any person to transfe us and shall be held in contempt
as ignisior for ever & if any white man shall do otherwise
always flattered with shall be a living curse
Quorum. This for reduring by our means artifice or informations
the abominable pride of any white man who shall dare after
complain at home of you or your nation or people.

And whereas we have a petition of the white men written
for sented to be heard against the negroes of the said Island
You was so god as for the motion for it to be made
in the said day of spring while we have reason to believe
for your honour sake you would have voted without reading
a bill which it granted will go to the negroes of the said
promised to do now by your and your counsels means & in
view, contrary to the natural rights of man & every other
youe darling Constitution of Britain contrary to Religion & Morality
especially contrary to equity & good Conscience.

And whereas you had your nation slave for a double purpose
all mulattoes freed slaves or a foot negro to be better informed
good & better to correspond with the people of this Island
soe.

The promis for expidited, and as the Island of Jamaica has
well known florish white people are sufficiently entreated
some & settle with, which can never be so well done as by
subordinating the white Masters to the black slaves & bringing
about by our means our desiracion of the Jews, nowe inhabitants
by God to desire you to add further clause to the Bill
and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that all
arms & ammunition shall be for the future, every plantation
& Lodge, nay even black drivers or favourite slaves destroyed
in order per Quorum to prevent the violence & factious
that the negro slaves to all such purposes to be deemed as good
sufficient lawfull whips against the said people called
poes as the mutators aforesaid & Comitt respests equal

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to all persons of African descent in every place, relating to their
rights in or in favor of any goods, liberty, freedom or service &
that no person shall hold or be held only by Juncts as the
white men formerly used to do now, for any place where it is
likely to be administered, in imitation by the act of the
House of Commons which was made that all future
all negro slaves to be held by 12 years & thereafter to be
servants & to be bound as to the same in form to your said
Master or to him or his heirs & executors.

The said Juncts shall be void.

The Recd of the said Juncts to be good for the time mentioned
in the said Juncts above, & the same is hereof certified of
the knowledge of further faithfully the mark of

Sworn before me the 11th day of May 1748

Vera copia &c H. H. B. Esq. / Gouveneur ready to serve

The passing of the bill is now apprehended.

I am etc. S. Johnson Esq. of the parish of Kingston

Mercant make & declare that on or about the ninth day of
May instant as his opponent was passing by the Court
House of said parish he saw a record of people
concerned therein & that he did call said will work
of said record who having been informed
that a certain man above the people was reading
the paper writing down to an end, called having
read part thereof and when he did say that
was not the business of them there meet about or word
so that off upon which his opponent took it & brought
it away with him out of his hand of said will work
further his opponent said he had his well acquainted
with the handwriting of said man the doctor of
the first of said man the handwriting of his hand
written & that he very well knew his said to be
the handwriting of said man the 11th day of

May 1748

Sworn before me

Chas. Price

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