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A N N Æ
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Magna Britannia, Francia, & Hibernia,
D E C I M O.

At the Parliament Begun and Holden at *Westminster*,
the Twenty fifth Day of *November*, *Anno Dom.*
1710. In the Ninth Year of the Reign of our
Sovereign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of God,
of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, Queen,
Defender of the Faith, &c. being the First Ses-
sion of this present Parliament.

And from thence Continued by several Prorogations, to the Seventh Day
of *December*, 1711. being the Second Session of this present Parlia-
ment.



L O N D O N,

Printed by *John Baskett*, Printer to the Queens most
Excellent Majesty, And the Assigns of *Thomas*
Newcomb, and *Henry Hills*, deceas'd. 1712.

Anno Decimo

Annæ Reginae.

An Act for Explaining several Clauses in an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, for the Relief of the Sufferers of the Islands of *Nevis* and *Saint Christopher*, by reason of the Invasion of the *French* there, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and five.



Whereas in an Act made in the Ninth Year of Her Majesties Reign, Intituled, An Act for Licensing and Regulating Hackney Coaches and Chairs; and for Charging certain New Duties on Stamp Vellom, Parchment and Paper, and on Cards and Dice; and on the Exportation of Rock-Salt for *Ireland*, and for Security thereby, and by a Weekly Payment out of the Post-Office, and by several Duties on Hides and Skins, a Yearly Fund of One hundred eighty six thousand six hundred and seventy Pounds, for Thirty two Years, to be applied to the Satisfaction of such Orders as are therein mentioned, to the Contributors of any Sum, not exceeding Two Millions, to be Raised for Carrying on the War, and other Her Majesties Occasions, a Sum of One hundred and three thousand and three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four Pence, is appointed to be Distributed amongst the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Islands of *Nevis* and *Saint Christopher*, who sustained great Losses by a late Invasion and Depredation of the *French*, to Encourage them to Resettle in the said Islands, in Debentures to be Paid and Satisfied in like manner as the then unsatisfied Debentures, charged on the Forfeited Estates in *Ireland*, were to be Satisfied and Discharged; concerning the Distribution whereof some Doubts and Difficulties have arisen, to the great Prejudice and Delay of the poor Sufferers who have Resettled there: For Remedy and Removal whereof, Be it Enacted and Declared by the Queens most Excellent Majesty,

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 such Persons only are or shall be Entitled to proportionable Parts of the Sum of One hundred and three thousand and three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Four Pence, Granted by the said Act, who were Proprietors of Plantations, or Inhabitants of One of the said Islands at the time of the said Invasion, and appear to be Sufferers by the Return of the Commission mentioned in the said Act, and who, by themselves, their Agents, or Representatives, had Resettled on or before the five and twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eleven: And it is hereby Declared, That the Residence of any Planter, his or her Agent or Representative, upon his or her respective Plantation, and Manuring, Planting, Improving, and Managing the same, and the Return of such other Inhabitants, or their Representatives, to their former Houses, Dealings, or Occupations, shall be deemed and construed to be a good Resettlement of such Planter or Planters, Inhabitant or Inhabitants, and Entitle him, her, or them to a proportionable Share of the Bounty aforesaid.

And forasmuch as it appears by the Return of the said Commission, that the Bounty aforesaid exceeds or amounts at least to One third Part of the said Losses sustained by the Planters and Inhabitants of the said Islands only, and that the said Invasion, and Want of the said Bounty has lessened the Trade of the said Islands, which has been a Loss to her Majesties Revenue, Be it therefore further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That her Majesties Commissioners for the Affairs of Trade and Plantations, or any Three or more of them (on Proof made on Oath before the said Commissioners of such Resettlement, as aforesaid (which Oath any One or more of them are hereby Impowered to Administer) or by Oaths made in the said Islands, or One of them, and Transmitted under the Seal of such respective Island) shall and may forthwith Issue out, in the respective Names of every such Sufferer, his, her, or their Executors or Administrators, such Debentures as in the said former Act are Directed and Appointed, for One full Third Part of their respective Losses specified in the Return of the said Commission which shall be delivered out to them, or their respective Agents or Attornies, and shall carry Interest for the Principal Sums therein mentioned, after the Rate of Six Pounds per Centum per Annum, from the five and twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eleven, and be Paid and Satisfied in like manner as the said Irish Debentures have been or shall be Satisfied or Discharged; and that all and every such Sufferer and Sufferers, who shall not, on or before the five and twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twelve, make such Proof of his, her, or their Resettlement or Resettlements, as aforesaid, shall be excluded from any Share or Proportion of the said Bounty, and the Remainder thereof, for which no Debentures shall have then

then been Issued, shall be proportionably distributed to and amongst such of the Sufferers as shall have fully, and in due time, made Proof of their Resettlements, as aforesaid, and according to their severall and respective Losses mentioned in the Return of the said Commission; Any thing herein, or in the said former Act, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And to the end the said Sufferers and their Families may reap the full Benefit of this Bounty, Be it further Enacted and Declared, That if any of the said Sufferers, their Executors or Administrators, hath or have Assigned or Granted, or covenanted to Assign or Grant his, her, or their Share of, or Interest in the said Bounty, the same shall be Redeemable within the space of Two Years, from the End of this Session of Parliament, and on Payment or Tender of the Consideration-Money for such Assignment, Grant or Covenant, with Interest, after the Rate of Six Pounds per Centum per Annum, all Covenants and Agreements concerning the same shall be Void.

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