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**An Act to render valid Acts done by the Governor of any of His Majesty's Plantations after the Expiration of his Commission by the Demise of His late Majesty, and to extend the Period within which the Patents of Governors of Colonies shall on any future Demise of the Crown become vacant, and to provide for the longer Duration of the Patents of Governors after the Demise of the Crown.** [23d *December* 1830.]

WHEREAS on the Demise of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth divers Persons were in the Exercise of Offices and Employments, Civil and Military, within His Majesty's Plantations, Colonies, and Possessions Abroad, holden under and by virtue of divers Patents, Commissions, Warrants, or other Authorities determinable at His said late Majesty's Pleasure: And whereas at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after the Demise of His said Majesty such Offices and Employments as aforesaid will by Law cease and determine, and such Patents, Commissions, Warrants, and other Authorities as aforesaid will by Law be vacated and become void: And whereas, by reason of the Remoteness of divers of such Plantations, Colonies, and Possessions, it hath been found and is impracticable to renew such Patents, Commissions, Warrants, and Authorities, so as that the Renewal thereof

thereof should within the Period aforesaid be signified and take effect within the said Plantations, Colonies, and Possessions, and the Governors and Officers administering the Government thereof, and other His Majesty's Officers therein, must, notwithstanding the Expiration of such their Commissions, continue in the Exercise of the Powers and Authorities thereby in them vested, in the same Manner as if such Commissions had not determined: 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 Powers and Authorities, whether vested in any Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Officer administering the Government of any of His Majesty's Plantations, Colonies, or Possessions Abroad, or in any Officer or Officers within any such Plantation, Colony, or Possession, by any Patent, Commission, or Warrant which hath determined or will determine by the Demise of His said late Majesty, shall continue in full force and virtue until a new Patent, Commission, or Warrant for the Administration of any such Government, or for the Exercise of any such Office, shall be issued by His Majesty, or on His Behalf or under His Authority, and until the issuing of any such new Patent, Commission, or Warrant shall be signified and made known within the Plantation, Colony, or Plantation Abroad to which the same may relate; and that all Acts and Deeds which shall in the meantime be done shall be as good, binding, valid, and effectual as if such Patent, Commission, or Warrant had not been vacated or made void, and as if such Office or Employment had not ceased and determined.

All Powers vested in Governors of Colonies, &c. by Patent or Commission of His late Majesty to continue in force until new Patents shall be issued and made known in such Colonies.

II. And be it further enacted, That no Patent, Commission, Warrant, or other Authority for the Exercise of any Office or Employment, Civil or Military, within any of His Majesty's Plantations or Possessions Abroad, determinable at the Pleasure of His Majesty, or of any of His Majesty's Heirs and Successors, shall by reason of any future Demise of the Crown be vacated or become void until the Expiration of Eighteen Calendar Months next after any such Demise of the Crown as aforesaid.

Extending the Period at which Patents shall become determinable at any future Demise of the Crown.

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