

the Commissioners, so to be appointed by His Majesty as aforesaid, should seem meet; and to prescribe the manner, the time or times, the place or places, and the form or forms in which notices of such claims shall be published for general information, or especially communicated to or served upon any person or persons interested therein or affected thereby; and to prescribe the form and manner of proceeding to be observed upon the prosecution of such claims, or in making any opposition to the same; and to make all such regulations as to them may seem best adapted for promoting method, economy, and dispatch in the investigation of such facts, and respecting the evidence to be taken and admitted for or against the same, and respecting the manner and form of adjudicating thereupon, and otherwise however respecting the method, form, and manner of proceeding to be observed, by them, the said Assistant Commissioners, or by the parties to any proceedings before them, their agents, or witnesses; and which rules should from time to time be liable to be amended, altered, varied, or renewed as occasion might require, in such manner as is therein before directed:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, His Majesty, by a Commission under the Great Seal, bearing date the twelfth day of April in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign, did constitute John Bonham Carter, James Lewis, John George Shaw Lefevre, Samuel Duckworth, Thomas Amyott, Hastings Elwin, and Henry Frederick Stephenson, Esqrs. to be Commissioners of Arbitration for the purposes in the said Act mentioned.

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, the said Commissioners did draw up and frame such general rules as therein mentioned for the apportionment of the compensation money therein mentioned amongst the persons seized of, or entitled to, or having, any mortgage, charge, incumbrance, judgment, or lien upon, or any claim to, or right or interest in, any slave or slaves so to be manumitted, as in the said Act is mentioned, at the time of such their manumission:

And whereas the said general rules have been duly confirmed by His Majesty in Council, with such alterations and amendments as therein mentioned:

And whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, the said Commissioners did also frame such general rules as in the said Act are mentioned, prescribing the form and manner of proceeding to be observed by any claimant or claimants preferring any such claim as therein mentioned, in so far as relates to the said colonies of the Cape of Good Hope and Mauritius, or either of them:

And whereas the said last-mentioned general rules when so framed, being subscribed with the respective hands and seals of the said Commissioners, were by them, on the sixteenth day of May last, transmitted to the Lord President of His Majesty's Council, to be by him laid before His Majesty in Council:

And whereas the said last-mentioned general rules, so transmitted as aforesaid to the said Lord President, have been published in the manner and

form in the said Act in that behalf required, together with a notice, that all persons interested in or affected by any such general rules might, within nine months from the date of such notice, appeal against any such rules to His Majesty in Council:

And whereas such notice bore date on the tenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and the said term of nine months expired on the tenth day of March last, and no appeals have been preferred to His Majesty in Council against any of the said last-mentioned general rules:

And whereas His Majesty hath this day taken into consideration the propriety of confirming and allowing such last-mentioned general rules;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, and in exercise of the powers thereby in His Majesty in that behalf vested, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said last-mentioned general rules, so made as aforesaid, shall be, and the same are hereby, confirmed and allowed:

And in further pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, the said last-mentioned general rules are recited at length in the schedule subjoined to this present Order; which schedule His Majesty doth hereby declare is and shall be taken as part of this Order:

And the Lord President is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Wm. L. Bathurst.

SCHEDULE TO WHICH THE FOREGOING ORDER REFERS.

General Rules under the 55th Clause of the Act 3d and 4th Wm. 4, c. 75, for the Conduct of the Proceedings under the said Commission, in so far as relates to the Colonies of the Cape of Good Hope and Mauritius.

1st. That all persons in possession of and claiming compensation for any slave or slaves to be manumitted under the said Act, shall prefer their claims before the Assistant Commissioners in the said colonies in which the said slave or slaves are registered or settled, within three months after the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, at the Cape of Good Hope, and within three months after the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, at Mauritius, in the form hereunto annexed, marked (B).

2d. That every such claim shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the Registrar of Slaves of the colony in which such claim shall be made, that the number of slaves mentioned in such claim (except any increase by birth since the last registry, as mentioned at the foot of such claim), are duly registered, together with the name or names of the person or persons by whom such slaves have been registered;