

the said Act, that nothing therein contained extends, or shall be construed to extend, to prevent the enactment by the respective Governors, Councils, and Assemblies, or by such other local legislatures as aforesaid, or by His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, of any such Acts of General Assembly or Ordinances, or Orders in Council, as may be requisite for making and establishing such several rules and regulations as aforesaid, or any of them, or for carrying the same, or any of them, into full and complete effect: provided, nevertheless, and it is thereby enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any such Governor, Council, and Assembly, or for any such local legislature, or for His Majesty in Council, by any such Acts of Assembly, Ordinance, or Orders in Council as aforesaid, to make or establish any enactment, regulation, provision, rule, or order which shall be in anywise repugnant or contradictory to the said recited Act, or any part thereof, but that every such enactment, regulation, provision, rule, or order shall be, and is thereby declared to be, absolutely null and void and of no effect:

And whereas it is by the said Act further enacted, that all laws made by His Majesty for the government of His Majesty's subjects in Honduras shall, for the purposes of the said Act, be as valid and effectual as any laws made by His Majesty in Council for the government of any colonies subject to the legislative authority of His Majesty in Council are or can be: and whereas, in pursuance of the said Act, His Majesty did, on the fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, by the advice of His Privy Council, make a certain Order in Council for carrying the said Act into effect within the island of Trinidad: and whereas by a certain other Order of His Majesty in Council, also dated on the fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, after reciting that it was expedient that the regulations for the government of apprenticed labourers should, throughout His Majesty's possessions to which the said Act applies, as nearly as might be, and having regard to the variety of local circumstances in such several possessions, be of one uniform tenour; and that the state and circumstances of society in the said settlement of Honduras were, in many respects, peculiar, and differed essentially from the state and circumstances of society as existing in the said island of Trinidad, and other His Majesty's colonies in the West Indies; and that, by reason of the variety and minuteness of such distinctions, it was necessary that provision

should be made for the adaptation of the said Order in Council to the case of Honduras by some local authority, it was, in pursuance of the said recited Act of Parliament, and for carrying the same into effect within the said settlements of Honduras, ordered by His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, that the said Order in Council for the said island of Trinidad should, save as therein-after mentioned, extend to, and be in force within, His Majesty's said settlement, at Honduras upon, from, and after the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four: provided, nevertheless, and it was further ordered, that it should be lawful for the Superintendent for the time being of the said settlements, by any proclamation or proclamations to be by him from time to time for that purpose issued, to suspend any part or parts of the said Order which he should consider inapplicable to the state and circumstances of society in the said settlements, and by any such proclamation or proclamations, to adopt the said Order in Council, or any part or parts thereof, to the state and circumstances of society in the said settlements: and it was thereby provided, that no such proclamation should in any respect be repugnant to, or inconsistent with, any thing in the said Act of Parliament contained: and it was further ordered, that the said Superintendent should transmit to His Majesty, or to one of His Principal Secretaries of State, copies of any such proclamations, for His Majesty's approbation or disallowance; and it was thereby also provided, that no such proclamation should, by the terms thereof, be made to operate and take effect, or to be binding upon His Majesty's subjects, within the said settlements, until the same should first have been approved by His Majesty, save only in cases in which it should appear to the said Superintendent, for the time being, that the delay incident to obtaining His Majesty's approbation of any such proclamation would subject His Majesty's subjects in the said settlements to serious inconvenience, in which cases any such proclamation might, by the terms thereof, be made to operate and take effect and to be binding upon His Majesty's subjects aforesaid, either from the day of the date thereof or from any such other time as should be therein for the purpose appointed, until His Majesty's pleasure should be known:

And whereas the said Superintendent of the British settlements at Honduras, in pursuance of the powers in him in that behalf vested by the last