

posed of the said Charles Henry Cox and Duncan Ferguson, Esqrs. acting as such first and second Puisne Judges, respectively as aforesaid, the said Court then styled 'the Royal Court of Saint Lucia,' in or about any civil action or matter; or by the whole or by the majority of the above-mentioned three judges, or any three assessors that may have been empannelled as a jury to form a competent court with the said three judges, in or about any criminal action or matter; or by any one of the said three judges, acting as Judge of the Small Debt Court; or by any one of the said three judges, acting as Judge of the Court of Inferior Jurisdiction in criminal matters, commonly called the Police Court; or, lastly, any order, rule, or judicial act or matter, made in chamber or elsewhere, by any of the said three judges, in such their capacity of judges as aforesaid, shall be, and shall be taken, and is, and are hereby declared to be good, valid and legal to all intents and purposes; any defect, irregularity, or illegality in or of any of the commissions of the said three judges, or any other matter or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Save and except, and be it and it is hereby enacted and ordained, by the authority aforesaid, that any such rule, order, sentence, decree, or other judicial act, or rules, orders, sentences, decrees, or other judicial acts of the said Patrick Francis Gahan, Esquire, acting as such Provisional Chief Justice as aforesaid, and Charles Henry Cox and Duncan Ferguson, Esquires, acting as such first and second Puisne Judges respectively as aforesaid, made, given, pronounced, or awarded by the whole, or by the majority of the said Royal Court, thus presided over and composed or formed as aforesaid, in or about any civil action or matter; or by the whole, or by the majority of the above-mentioned three judges* in or about any criminal action or matter; or by any one of the said three judges acting as judge of the Small Debt Court, or by any one of the said three judges acting as judge of the Court of Inferior Jurisdiction in criminal matter, commonly called the Police Court; or lastly, any order, rule, or other judicial act or matter made in chambers or elsewhere, by any of the said three judges in such their capacity of judges as aforesaid, which by any competent authority may have been legally set aside at any time before the passing of this present Ordinance.

* And any three assessors that may have been empannelled as a jury, to form a competent court with the said three judges.

"And be it, and it is hereby enacted and ordained, by the authority aforesaid, that all and every person or persons who shall have acted in anywise whatsoever by virtue of, in obedience to, or under the authority of any of the said rules, orders, sentences, or decrees of any of the said courts or judges, shall be and are hereby indemnified and saved harmless therefrom, and such their actings and doings are hereby declared to have been necessary and lawful.

"And be it enacted and ordained, by the authority aforesaid, that this present Ordinance shall take effect, and be in full force and operation from and after the day of the date of the publication thereof.

"And whereas, Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to disallow the said Ordinance; it is, therefore, ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, that the same shall be, and the same is hereby, disallowed accordingly; and it is hereby further ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, that all rules, orders, sentences, decrees, or other judicial acts made, given, pronounced, or awarded by the said courts so constituted as is mentioned in the said recited Ordinance, and all acts and things done in the said respective courts in the supposed exercise of any of the powers aforesaid, and all acts done in the execution or performance of all such rules, orders, sentences, decrees, or other judicial acts shall have, and be of, as great and the like validity and effect as if such rules, orders, sentences, decrees, acts, matters, and things had been made, pronounced, and done by the persons entitled in law to act as judges in the said respective courts.

"And the Right Honourable Lord John Russell, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary instructions herein accordingly."

And whereas it has been represented to Her Majesty that certain of such rules, orders, sentences, decrees, or other judicial acts had been, before the date of the said Order of 15th June 1840, by lawful and competent authority, set aside, reversed and declared void, and that certain writs, processes, actions, suits, or other proceedings had been, before the date of the said Order, issued, commenced, prosecuted, had or taken, and were then depending for or in respect of acts, matters, or things done under the authority of the said rules, orders, sentences, decrees, or other