

—regard being had, in making such division, to the appropriating to each Proprietor the improved Land which he before held in such Lot; and the Supreme Court shall order and direct, by an Order to be entered of Record, in the Office of the Register of the said Island, which of such shares shall from thenceforth belong to each of the said Proprietors in severalty, and subject to what Proportion of the said Quit Rent the same shall be held—regard being had, in estimating such proportions of the Quit Rent, to the nature and quality of the land comprised in each Share, before such Land was cultivated or improved—and the Supreme Court shall ascertain such proportions, in such manner and by such means as they shall think fit. And the Shares so directed, by such Order, to be holden by the said respective Proprietors in severalty, shall thenceforth be holden by them, and their Heirs, respectively, in severalty, chargeable only with so much of the whole Quit Rent payable for the undivided Lot as shall be ascertained in the same Order; and such respective Share of the Lot so holden in severalty shall be in future chargeable with such proportion only of the Quit Rent, but shall be subject to the like remedies for the payment and recovery of such proportion, as are herein provided, with regard to any such undivided and entire Lot of Land; and all arrears of the entire Quit Rent which at the time of such Order, made as aforesaid, shall be due from the said Lot of Land, shall be recovered in the same manner and in the like proportions from the said respective Shares, and the Owners thereof.

Preamble.

IX. *And whereas* it may happen that the Tenants of Lots, or Parts or Shares of Lots, within this Island, may have duly paid their Rents to the Proprietors of the said Lots, or Parts or Shares of Lots, or may be ready and desirous to pay the same, at the time of the Distress to be taken, by virtue of this Act; and it would be extremely injurious to the said Tenants, if the Distress made upon the said Lots, or Parts or Shares of Lots, was to be levied of the Goods and Chattels of the said Tenants, in