

JAMAICA.

respecting the validity of conveyances executed previously to this statute, upon which the title to property may depend.

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An Act of the Governor, Council and Assembly of Jamaica, passed in the month of December 1826, and intituled, "An Act to entitle Jews born within the allegiance of the King to the Rights and Privileges of other natural-born British Subjects," has made provision for the relief of persons professing the Jewish religion in terms substantially the same as those of the Act of December 1828; His Majesty's decision has been delayed upon the Act of 1826, in consequence of the difficulty which has arisen in discovering what were the grounds which might have induced the Council and Assembly of Jamaica to think that the profession of the Jewish religion would affect the civil rights of a person born within the King's allegiance. The reasons assigned by the law officers of the Crown against the allowance of the later Act, will render it, of course, inexpedient that His Majesty should allow the Act of 1826.

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It is satisfactory to His Majesty that the decision which he has been advised to adopt on this subject will not deprive any class of his subjects of the benefit which the Legislature of Jamaica intended to confer upon them.

Your Lordship will communicate the substance of this despatch to the Legislative Council and Assembly; but if on its arrival in Jamaica, the Legislature should not be in Session, your Lordship will take such measures as may appear most convenient for communicating to the parties more immediately interested, the nature and grounds of his Majesty's decision.

I have, &c.

(signed) *G. Murray.*

— No. 2. —

No. 2.
Viscount Howick
to the Earl of
Belmore,
6 August 1831.

COPY of a LETTER from Viscount *Howick* to Governor the Earl of *Belmore*.

My Lord,

Downing-street, 6 August 1831.

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AN Act passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly of the island of Jamaica, in the month of February 1830, intituled, "An Act to repeal part of an Act passed in the 41st year of his late Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act for constituting a Corporation for better ordering and managing the Police of the Town and City of Kingston, with proper and adequate Powers,' and for the relief of his Majesty's Subjects of the Jewish Persuasion," having been referred by His Majesty in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, the Lords of that Committee have reported to His Majesty in Council their opinion that this Act should be specially confirmed and finally enacted, and, in the absence of Viscount Goderich, I have the honour herewith to transmit to your Lordship an Order of His Majesty in Council, dated the 13th day of July, approving that report, and confirming the Act accordingly.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Howick.*

— No. 3. —

No. 3.
Viscount Howick
to the Earl of
Belmore,
6 August 1831.

EXTRACT of a LETTER from Viscount *Howick* to the Earl of *Belmore*; dated Downing-street, 6 August 1831.

"His Majesty has made no order respecting the Act passed for the relief of the Jews in the year 1828, because that Act is suspended by the more extensive measure of 1830."

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