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Possessions the Duties respectively imposed upon Articles by the said Possessions Act, and by the Colonial Acts and Ordinances in such Possessions, have, notwithstanding the aforesaid Provisoes been collected in full without any such Abatement as in the said Provisoes is contemplated : And whereas it is expedient that such Collection in full of the said Imperial and Colonial Duties should be held to be good in Law, notwithstanding the aforesaid Provisoes : And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether the Duties imposed upon the Importation of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize into the West Indies by the said Possessions Act are, under the Provisions of that Act, leviable upon the like Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into the *Mauritius* from the United Kingdom : And whereas, notwithstanding such Doubts, the aforesaid Duties have been levied upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize so imported into the Mauritius from the United Kingdom, and it is expedient that the levying of the same should be held good in Law; be it therefore enacted. That from and after the passing of this Act no personal Action, Suit, or other Proceeding shall be prosecuted or commenced against any Officer of Her Majesty's Customs, or any Officer or other Person authorized by the Legislature or other proper Authorities of any of the aforesaid British Possessions, for or in respect of such Officer or Person having levied Duties imposed by the said Possessions Act upon the Importation of any Article in full, without making any Deduction therefrom in respect of Duties imposed by any Colonial Law or Ordinance upon the same Article, or for or in respect of such Officer or other Person having levied Duties imposed upon the Importation of any Article by any Colonial Law or Ordinance in full, without making any Abatement or Deduction therefrom in respect of the Duty imposed by the Possessions Act upon the same Article; and that no personal Action, Suit, or other Proceeding shall be prosecuted or commenced against any Officer of Her Majesty's Customs, or any other Officer or other Person empowered by the proper Authorities to collect Duties in the Mauritius, for or in respect of such Officer or other Person having levied the like Duties upon the Importation of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize into the Mauritius from the United Kingdom as are imposed by the said Possessions Act upon the Importation of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize into the West Indies; and if any Action or Suit, or other Proceeding whatsoever, shall be prosecuted or commenced against any Officer of Customs, or other Officer or Person as aforesaid, by reason of any thing done as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Defendant in any such Action or Suit or other Proceeding as aforesaid to apply to the Court in which such Action shall be brought during the sitting of such Court, or to any Judge of such Court during Vacation, for Stay of Proceedings, and such Court and such Judge respectively shall stay such Proceedings accordingly; and all Payments which may have been made in respect of the Duties so levied in full, or without Abatement or Deduction as aforesaid, or in respect of such Duties so levied upon the Importation of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize into the Mauritius as aforesaid.