

JAMAICA.

“ ‘ purposes relative to the Port of Kingston, with proper and adequate powers,’
 “ and for relief of his Majesty’s subjects of the Jewish religion.”

I should have felt great hesitation in assenting to this Act on the ground of there being a Bill under the consideration of His Majesty’s Government of a similar import; had not it appeared by your despatch of 3d December last, that it was the desire of His Majesty’s Government that those of the Hebrew persuasion should enjoy the same privileges as His Majesty’s other subjects, and I was influenced by the further consideration that it would have been impolitic to have withheld these privileges from them, when an Act had so recently passed extending the privileges of the free brown and black population.

Although the Crown officers in England seem not to be aware that any legal disqualifications existed with respect to the Jews, the Act establishing the corporation of Kingston prohibited them from voting at elections, and you will perceive that that law, so far as regards their disqualification, is repealed in terms by the new Act.

You will also observe that this Bill has a suspending clause, which leaves it optional with His Majesty’s Government to dispose of it as they may think proper.

I have, &c.

(signed) *Belmore.*

Enclosure in No. 5.

Jamaica ss.
 (No. 2,067.)

Encl. in No. 5.

AN ACT to repeal part of an Act passed in the forty-first 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 power, and
 “ for relief of his Majesty’s Subjects of the Jewish Persuasion.”

WHEREAS by 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 City and Town of Kingston, and for other purposes relative to the port of Kingston, with “ proper and adequate powers,” it is among other things enacted, that any person not professing the Christian religion should not be entitled to vote at any election in pursuance of that Act, nor shall be eligible to any office of the said Corporation: And whereas it has been deemed expedient to repeal the said hereinbefore recited clause of the hereinbefore recited Act; be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly of this island, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that the hereinbefore recited clause of the hereinbefore recited Act, and every part, matter and thing, therein contained, be and the same are hereby repealed, annulled and made void. And whereas doubts have been entertained whether persons professing the Jewish religion are entitled to exercise and enjoy the same rights, privileges, immunities and advantages, to which his Majesty’s other natural-born subjects are entitled within this island: And whereas such doubts ought no longer to exist; be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that persons professing the Jewish religion are entitled to exercise and enjoy the same rights, privileges, immunities and advantages, to which his Majesty’s other natural-born subjects are entitled within this island, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding. Provided always, and be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to impeach or affect any title to real estate, or other right or title whatsoever of any person or persons being of the Jewish religion, or of persons claiming under persons of the Jewish religion: Provided always, that this Act, or any clause, article, matter or thing herein contained, shall not take place or be in force or of any effect until this Act shall have received his Majesty’s Royal approbation, any law, custom or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed the Assembly, this 17th day of February 1830.

(signed) *David Finlayson, Speaker.*

Passed the Council, this 20th day of February 1830.

(signed) *W. Bullock, Cl. Coun.*

I consent, this 20th day of February 1830.

(signed) *Belmore.*