

Tenants to attorn to purchaser ;  
And to be entitled to benefit of lease.

Tenants of lands in this island are to make known, when required by treasurer, &c., names of their proprietors, amount of rent payable ;

And give all necessary information.

Penalty for refusal, and mode of recovering the same, &c.

Appropriation of penalty.

Agent of proprietor chargeable under this Act authorised to retain sufficient amount out of monies received by him to pay rate.

No tenant directly or indirectly, to be chargeable with rate imposed by this Act. Any agreement, &c., making tenant liable, to be void.

Infants, married women, &c., chargeable under this Act.

And liable to penalties as in other cases.

Mode of computing rate per annum in cases where rent is only payable every two or three years, &c.

Monies arising under this Act to be appropriated toward raising armed force when required for the protection of the island. Until such force shall be required monies to be applied to educational purposes.

Continuance of Act.

Suspending clause.

shall and may be lawful for the sheriff or his deputy, and he is hereby required, to notify such tenant or tenants that they must attorn and become tenants to such purchaser or purchasers ; and in so doing he or they shall be entitled to the full benefit of the term of their or his tenancy or lease, as the case may be.

IX. In order to enable the deputies appointed by the said treasurer, under this Act, to obtain the information necessary to make the return required by this Act, the tenants or occupiers of all lands in this island shall, when required by the said treasurer or his said deputies, truly make known and declare the names of the proprietors or owners of any tract or piece of land held or leased by such tenants or occupiers, and the names of the agent or receiver of such proprietors or owners, the amount of rent which such proprietors or owners are entitled to receive for the same, and such tenants shall also, when required, produce or show forth to the said treasurer or his deputies, hereby appointed, any lease, agreement, or other writing relating to any lands in their occupation ; and shall answer all such questions, and give such other information as may be necessary and proper to enable the said treasurer or his said deputies to make the return required by this Act ; and all persons refusing to give, or falsely giving such information, shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of 40s., to be recovered on the oath of such deputy or any other credible witness before any justice of the peace ; and on default of payment, such penalty shall be levied on the goods and chattels of the party delinquent ; and if no such goods and chattels can be found, such person shall be committed to the gaol of the county for a period not exceeding 30 days, and not less than 10 days ; and the penalty of 40s. imposed upon parties refusing to give evidence as required by this section, when recovered, shall be paid, one-half to the deputy or person suing for the same, and the other half into the treasury of this island for the use of the Government.

X. It shall and may be lawful for the agent, factor, trustee or receiver of any person or persons chargeable under this Act, out of any money or other value which such agent, factor, trustee, or receiver shall receive as rent, to retain so much and such part thereof as shall be sufficient to pay the rate or duty hereby imposed ; and every such agent, factor, trustee, or receiver is, and shall at all times be hereby indemnified against every person whomsoever for all payments which he shall make in pursuance of, and in conformity with this Act.

XI. No tenant or lessee, or any person paying rent to any proprietor or owner, or other person chargeable under this Act, shall, either directly or indirectly, be subject to the said rate or duty, or liable to pay the same ; and no contract, covenant, or agreement between landlord and tenant, or any other person or persons, touching the payment of the said rate or duty hereby imposed, shall be valid or binding, contrary to the intent and meaning of this Act.

XII. Any person, being an infant or married woman, or lunatic, idiot or insane, or the agent, factor, trustee or receiver, guardian or committee of any such person, entitled to rent arising from more than 500 acres of leased or rented township lands in this island, as aforesaid, shall be chargeable with, and liable to the rate or duty hereby imposed ; and shall, on neglect or refusal to comply with the provisions of this Act, be liable to pay the said rate or duty increased to double the amount as hereinbefore mentioned, and to any fine or penalty imposed on persons refusing or neglecting to comply with the provisions of this Act.

XIII. In the event of the rent of lands, and for which rent any person is or shall be chargeable under this Act, being reserved and payable every two or three years, or for any other term longer than one year, the average rent of such lands for one year shall be considered the annual rent thereof, for the purposes of this Act ; and when any rent is, or shall be payable in grain, produce, or other matter, instead of money, the rate or duty hereby imposed shall be computed, charged, and exacted on the amount which such grain or produce, or other matter, would realize, if sold and converted into money.

XIV. The monies that may be levied under and by virtue of this Act shall be appropriated by the Lieutenant-governor and Council towards the raising of any armed force which may at any time be required for the protection and well-being of the colony ; but the said monies shall, until such force be called for and necessary, be applied towards the further encouragement of education.

XV. This Act shall continue and be in force for five years, and from thence to the end of the then next session of the General Assembly, and no longer.

XVI. This Act shall not go into operation, nor be of any force or effect until Her Majesty's assent thereto shall be known ; and notification thereof published in the " Royal Gazette" newspaper of this island.