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No. 1.

Governor the Duke

Despatches from the Governors.

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(No. 78.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Governor the Duke of Manchester to Earl Bathurst; dated King's House, Jamaica, 8 January 1827.

(Answered, 6 August 1831, page 18.)

of Manchester to Earl Bathurst, 8 January 1827. No. 1,940.

"A BILL has been passed admitting persons of the Jewish persuasion born within His Majesty's legiance, to all the rights and privileges which His Majesty's other born subjects are entitled to. But as this Bill places the objects of it in a new condition, it was thought proper that it should not take effect until His Majesty's approbation be signified.

"I have, &c.

(signed)

"Manchester."

Enclosure in No. 1.

(No. 1,940.)

7 GEO. IV., c. XXVII.

An ACT to entitle Jews born within the legiance of the King, to the Rights and Privileges of other natural-born British Subjects.—[22 December 1826.]

Encl. in No. 1.

Whereas the Jews in Jamaica have ever conducted themselves as good cuizens and faithful and loyal subjects, and it is expedient that the disabilities under which they have hitherto laboured should be removed; Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of his Majesty's island of Jamaica, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of this Act, all persons of the Jewish persuasion, born within his Majesty's legiance, shall be admitted to enjoy all the rights, his Majesty's legiance, admitted to all the rights of British subjects. Whereas the Jews in Jamaica have ever conducted themselves as good citizens and Preamble. born subjects are entitled within this island.

II. And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall be by all judges, justices and others deemed and taken notice of, and be considered as a Public Act, in all courts and places within this island, without the same being specially pleaded: 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.

British subjects. This Act declared a Public Act. Not to be in force until it receives the Royal approbation.

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(No. 38.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Sir J. Keane to Secretary the Right Honourable Sir G. Murray; dated King's House, Jamaica, 2 January 1829. (Answered, 3 December 1829, No. 21, page 17.)

"A BILL has been also passed in favour of the Jews, of which a copy accompanies this despatch; and the Council having thought proper to attach a suspending clause to it, two conferences between the two branches of the Legislature on this very trivial point took place, which in a strong manner marks the

temper of the House of Assembly, as the Council did only what was done to a Bill of similar import which passed the Legislature of this colony two years ago, and which being considered by His Majesty's Government entirely unnecessary, has not received the Royal Assent."

No. 2. Governor Sir J. Keane to Secretary Sir G. Murray, 2 January 1829.

No. 2,022.