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An Ordinance for the Administration of Justice.

In order that the Inhabitants of this Island may know by what Laws they are to be governed.

Be it ordained and ordered by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, and by the Authority of the same, it is hereby ordained and ordered, that all and every the Laws of England relating to the Administration of Justice, and all other such Regulations of judicial Matters as are followed there, shall likewise take Place, and be in full Force on this Island, and Its Dependencies, until His Majesty's Pleasure is known.

Passed in Council the 22nd February 1785. R. Gibbons Prest

Approved ordained and ordered accordingly. J. F. W. DesBarres

A true Copy, examined and compared from the Minutes of Council. A Cuyler C. C.