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25 George III – Chapter 2

An Ordinance to ascertain such Dues as are to His Majesty's Subjects in this Government

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 there shall be no other Dues demanded of His Majesty's Subjects living or residing on, or trading to or with this Island or its Dependencies, excepting only His Majesty's Royalties, and the Commercial Duties and Impositions laid by Parliament; until His Majesty's Pleasure is further known.

Passed in Council the 22nd of February 1785. Ri. 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.