



Slave Trade Act 1843

1843 CHAPTER 98 6 and 7 Vict

An Act for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade. [24th August 1843]

. . . ^{F1} And whereas it is expedient that from and after the commencement of this Act the provisions of the said Act herein-before recited shall be deemed to apply to, and extend to render unlawful, and to prohibit, the several Acts, matters, and things therein mentioned when committed by British subjects in foreign countries and settlements not belonging to the British crown, in like manner and to all intents and purposes as if the same were done or committed by such persons within the British dominions, colonies, or settlements; and it is expedient that further provisions should be made for the more effectual suppression of the slave trade, and of certain practices tending to promote and encourage it:

Textual Amendments

F1 Words reciting [Slave Trade Act 1824 \(c. 113\)](#), **s. 2**, omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1891 \(c. 67\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

[1.] **The recital Act and this Act shall apply to all British subjects wherever residing.**

All the provisions of the ^{M1}Slave Trade Act 1824 herein-before recited and of this present Act shall be deemed to extend and apply to British subjects wheresoever residing or being, and whether within the dominions of the British crown or of any foreign country; and all the several matters and things prohibited by the Slave Trade Act 1824, or by this present Act, when committed by British subjects, whether within the dominions of the British crown or in any foreign country, . . . ^{F2} shall be deemed and taken to be offences committed against the said several Acts respectively, and shall be dealt with and punished accordingly: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall repeal or alter any of the provisions of the said Act.

*Status: Point in time view as at 01/02/1991.**Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Slave Trade Act 1843. (See end of Document for details)***Textual Amendments****F2** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)**Marginal Citations****M1** [1824 c. 113](#).2 **F3****Textual Amendments****F3** [S. 2](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1891 \(c. 67\)](#)3 **F4****Textual Amendments****F4** [S. 3](#) repealed by [Slave Trade Act 1873 \(c. 88\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

4 †Evidence may be taken abroad, and transmitted to the Court of Queen's Bench.

- (1) ^{F5}In all cases of indictment. ^{F6}for misdemeanors or offences committed against the said Acts or against this present Act in any places out of the United Kingdom, and within any British colony, settlement, plantation, or territory, it shall and may be lawful for [^{F7}the Crown Court], upon motion to be made on behalf of the prosecutor or defendant, to [^{F8}make an order or orders of mandamus], requiring the chief justice or other chief judicial officer in such colony, settlement, plantation, or territory, who are hereby respectively authorized and required accordingly, to hold a court, with all convenient speed, for the examination of witnesses and receiving other proofs concerning the matters charged in such indictments . . . ^{F6}and in the meantime to cause public notice to be given to the holding of such courts, and summonses to be issued for the attendances of witnesses and of agents and counsel of the parties; and such examination as aforesaid shall be then and there openly and publicly taken in the said court vivâ voce, upon the respective oaths of the persons examined, and be reduced to writing, and be sent to [^{F9}Her Majesty in [^{F7}the Crown Court] (in manner set forth and prescribed in the ^{M2}East India Company Act 1772)][^{F9}the Crown Court] ; and such depositions being duly taken and returned according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, shall be allowed and read, and shall be deemed as good and competent evidence as if such witnesses had been present and sworn and examined vivâ voce at any trial for such misdemeanors and offences as aforesaid . . . ^{F6}, any law or usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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Textual Amendments	
F5	Recital omitted under authority of Statute Law Revision Act 1891 (c. 67)
F6	Words repealed by Courts Act 1971 (c. 23), Sch. 11 Pt. IV, and (N.I.) by Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23, SIF 38), Sch. 7 Pt. I
F7	Words substituted (E.W.S.) by Courts Act 1971 (c. 23), Sch. 8 para. 8 and (N.I.) by Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23, SIF 38), Sch. 5 Pt. II(1)
F8	Words substituted by virtue of Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1938 (c. 63), s. 7(5)
F9	Words “the Crown Court” substituted (N.I.) for words “Her Majesty” to “1772)” by Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23, SIF 38), Sch. 5 Pt. II(1)
F10	S. 4(2) repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1976 (c. 16), Sch.1 Pt. VII
Modifications etc. (not altering text)	
C2	Unreliable margin note
C3	“The said Acts” are the Acts for the abolition of the slave trade in places outside the United Kingdom
Marginal Citations	
M2	1772 c. 63.

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Textual Amendments	
F11	Ss. 5, 6 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1891 (c. 67)

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Textual Amendments	
F12	S. 7 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1874 (No. 2) (c. 96)

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