

Act 202 of 1768

No. 202.

An Act for Enlarging and Ascertainning the Limits of the Town of Basseterre, in this Island.

Preamble:

WHEREAS the Town of *Basseterre* hath, of late Years, been considerably augmented and enlarged, by the Additions of a great Number of Houses and other Buildings, erected on Parts immediately contiguous thereto, by Means whereof divers new Streets, Lanes, and Alleys, have been formed and laid out, so very close and adjacent to what was heretofore only considered as the Town of *Basseterre*, and in such sort as to make such additional Streets, Alleys, and Buildings, and what was so formerly considered as the said Town, taken together, to have the Appearance of, and to become as One compact, single, and entire Town.

II. AND whereas it is meet and reasonable, that the Owners of such new Houses and Buildings should, on the One Hand, as well be entitled to all the Privileges and Advantages, and on the other Hand be subject to all the Taxes, and other Duties and Burthens,
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either public, parochial, or others, enjoyed, payable, or sustained by the Owners of Houses of that Part of the said Town hitherto only known, and understood as the Town of *Basseterre*. 1768.

III. Now therefore, We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commander in Chief of all your Majesty's *Leeward Charribbee* Islands in *America*, and the Council and Assembly of your Majesty's Island of *St. Christopher*, pray, that it may be Enacted, and be it, and it is hereby Enacted, by his Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the said Commander in Chief, and the Council and Assembly of this Island, and by the Authority of the same, that from the Publication of this present Act, the Town of *Basseterre* shall be taken and considered to include all the Land lying between, and within Lines to be drawn or considered as drawn, in the following Manner, viz. beginning at the East End, from the Sea Side lying due South of the South-West Corner of *Fort Londonderry*, and to run thence in a straight Line; due North to the Point, to lie due East of the Center of the Path leading from *Upper College-street*, along by the North Side of the House and Land now occupied by *Thaddeus Queely*, Esquire, towards the Plantation of *George Tayler*, Esquire, and beginning at the West End, at the Sea Side, lying due South of the South-West Corner of the Fort called *Fort Thomas*, and to run thence in a straight Line due North, to a Point to lie due West of the said Center of the said Path, leading from *Upper College-street*, and then to run due West from the North Extremity of such last-mentioned Line, until it comes to the North Extremity of such first-mentioned Line, which is so to run from the Sea Side near the South-West Corner of *Fort Londonderry*; and to include all the Land lying within the Lines so herein before described, to the North of the Sea. And that the Bounds and Limits of the said Town of *Basseterre* shall, from henceforth, to all Intents and Purposes whatever, be taken and considered according to Lines to be drawn in Manner aforesaid, and in such Sort as herein before declared and ascertained.

Limits of the Town of *Basseterre*.

IV. AND be it, and it is hereby Enacted, That all the House and Buildings already erected, or hereafter to be erected within the Limits so hereby declared and ascertained as aforesaid, shall be taken and considered as Houses lying in the Town of *Basseterre*, in this Island, and the Owners of all such Houses and Buildings shall, in Respect thereof, be entitled to all such Benefits, Rights and Privileges, as well of being themselves chosen, as having Votes in the Choice of others, to be Members of the Assembly of this Island respectively; and all other Benefits, Rights and Privileges, and shall also be subject to the Payment of all such Taxes and Assessments, and to all such other Duties and Burthens, whether public or parochial, or others, as the Owners of Houses or other Buildings, within the ancient Limits of what has hitherto been only called and taken as the Town of *Basseterre* have, in Respect thereof, held and enjoyed, or being liable to pay, or subject to, before the making and passing of this Act.

All houses hereafter built within said Limits, to be part of the Town, and to be subject to all Duties, &c.

V. PROVIDED always, and be it, and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That nothing in this Act shall be taken or construed to affect, prejudice, or have Regard to the Owners, Renters, or Occupiers of any Plantation which, or any Part of which may happen to lie or be comprized within the Limits of the said Town of *Basseterre*, as by this present Act the same are set out and declared, or any House or Building to be erected thereon, for the Use and Convenience of any Plantation or any Part. Dated in *St. Christopher*, the Ninth Day of *April*, in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight.

Read and passed the Assembly this } JOHN FAHIE, { Read and passed the Council this
7th Day of April, 1768. } Speaker. { 7th of April, 1768.
WILLIAM WEBB, } GEO. F. WILLIAMS,
Clerk of Assembly. } D. Secretary.

Passed by the Commander in Chief, the Ninth Day of *April*, 1768.

JAMES L. S. VERCHILD.

Published in the Town of *Basseterre*, *Old Road*, and *Sandy Point*, on Saturday the Ninth Day of *April*; in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight.

The Answer of

HENRY BERKELEY,
D. P. Marshal.

Recorded and Examined,

GEO. F. WILLIAMS,
D. Sec.