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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle,
Governor-General.

28th December, 2000.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

No. 17 of 2000

AN ACT to amend Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Act
Cap. 143.

[28th December, 2000]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as
follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Amendment) Act 2000. Short title.

2. The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Act Cap. 143, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended in section 2 by inserting in their alphabetical order the following — Amendment of section 2 — interpretation.

“ "Master" means a Master of the Supreme Court."

"Plaintiff" includes claimant and every person asking any relief (otherwise than by way of counter claim as a defendant) against any other person by any form of proceeding

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whether the proceeding is by action, suit, petition, motion, summons, fixed date claim or otherwise".

Insertion of section
12A Jurisdiction of
Master.

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section
12 the following —

“ Jurisdiction of
Master.

12A. (1) Masters shall exercise the **author-**
ity and jurisdiction of a Judge of the High
Court sitting in chambers and such other au-
thority and jurisdiction as may from time to
time be assigned by Rules of Court made un-
der section 17 of the Courts Order.”

(2) Where a Master has and exercises ju-
risdiction in relation to any matter, the Master
shall have all the powers, rights, **immunities**
and priviledges of a Judge in relation to such
matter.

Amendment of
section 31 Appeals
from the High
Court in Civil **at-**
ters.

4. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion
of subsection (3) and the substitution of the following —

“(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), Judge means
Judge of the High Court and where the context **admits**,
includes a Master.”

Amendment of
section 83 —
interlocutory appli-
cation.

5. Section 83 of the principal Act is amended by the re-
peal of subsections (1) and (2) and the substitution of the
following —

“(1) In the absence of a Judge or Master, any in-
terlocutory or other application, which may be made to
a Judge in Chambers or to a Master, may be reduced to
writing and delivered, posted or sent by facsimile or
other electronic means by the Registrar to the Judge or
to the Master, together with such affidavits and other
documents as are required by the Rules of Court.

(2) The written order of the Judge or Master, shall
be transmitted to the Registrar and shall be deemed to
be the Order of the Court.”

