

of Rochell, owners, similarly recaptured and brought into Plymouth.]

[p. 158. ¶¶ 1, 2.]

[p. 160. ¶ 1.]

[976.] Whitehall, 2 January :

[The Committee for Grievances are ordered to meet in the Nevis Council Chamber on Monday, 5 January] to take into their Consideration a Report from the Council of Trade in the Business between Captain John Rodney and Sir James Russell concerning a Plantation in Nevis, and that the said Captain Rodney should then attend with his Council.

[p. 158. ¶ 3.]

[On the 16th, the Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations is directed to transmit to the Board a state of Captain Rodney's case and the reasons of their proceedings therein.]

[p. 165. ¶ 4.]

[C.S.P. III. 1207.]

[977.] Whitehall, 9 January :

. . . Sir Charles Wheler, Setting forth, That the Petitioner West Indies hath a long time suffered vnder his Majesties displeasure, and therefore humbly praying to be heard at this Board concerning his Proceedings in his late Government in the West Indies, [the Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations is ordered to] Represent to his Majestie in Council by Wednesday next the State of the Petitioners Case which occasioned the Proclamation which Issued out against him, wherevpon his Majestie will give such farther Order therein as shall be fitt.

[p. 161. ¶ 1.]

[C.S.P. III. 1199.]

[978.] Whitehall, 16 January :

Whereas . . . Mr. Secretary Coventry one of the West Indies Members of the Council for Trade and Forreigne Plantations did this day deliver in 5 Papers concerning Sir Charles Wheelers Proceedings in his Government in the West-Indies, [copies are to be sent to Sir Charles Wheeler ; the Board also requests] an Account of the Names of the Complayners against the said Sir Charles Wheler and where they dwell, to the end

[982.] Whitehall, 25 February :

[Sir Francis North, the Attorney General, is to] prepare ^{Navigation Act.} a Proclamation to recall his Majesties Declaration of the 10th of May 1672 dispensing with some clauses in the Acts of Navigation, and to present the same to this Boord for his Majesties approbation. [p. 183. ¶ 2.]

[On 11 March the proclamation is read at the Board, and ordered to be printed and published.] [p. 190. ¶ 4.]

[983.] Whitehall, 6 March :

[Captain John Rodney praying] That his Majesty would ^{Nevis.} be pleased to admit his Appeale from a Sentence given against him in the Island of Nevis by James Russell Esqr Governor of the said Isle in the year 1670, for dispossessing the Petitioner of a Plantation he then held in right of his Wife frances the Relict of William Richardson Merchant, and graunting the same to one Thomas Cole in lieu of a Debt pretended to be owing to the said Cole from the said William Richardson. [The appeal was admitted, and the matter is ordered to be heard at the Board, the appellant being instructed to give timely notice to all concerned.]

[p. 188. ¶ 5.]

[984.] Whitehall, 11 March :

[The Committee report] That in pursuance of an Order of ^{West Indies} his Majesty in Council of the 27th of february last they have examined and seriously considered the Case of severall English Merchants, who trading into the West Indies have been barbarously and inhumanely treated, despoyled of their Ships and Goods, and tortured and murdered by the Spaniards in those parts, And conceiving that the occasion of the afore-said Usages (not being able to assigne any other Cause) may have arisen by the English cutting of Logwood at Jucatan ; Which being a beneficiall Trade, and used by the English in uninhabited Places only, where are neither ffortifications, Castles, Magazines or Warehouses possessed by the Spaniards, And for that their Lordships have been informed, That there

[His Majesty, approving of the said report, ordered it to be given to Lord Arlington for use in obtaining redress and the continuance of the trade in logwood.] [p. 189. ¶ 1.]

[C.S.P. III. 1226 IV.]

[985.] Whitehall, 20 March :

Whereas Capt. John Rodeney did . . . set forth, That Nevis. it will require some time to send to the said Island of Nevis for authentique Copies of the Proceedings made against the Petitioners Estate, as also for the taking of such Depositions and Evidence as is materiall in the cause, And that he hath several Wittnesses in England, who may either be dead, or otherwise dispose of themselves to some fforrain parts before the said Cause be heard and determined, And therefore Praying his Majesty would be pleased to appoint some Persons to take the Depositions of such Wittnesses as the Petitioner shall produce in England and Nevis, and that their Testimony so taken may be admitted as lawfull Evidence when the said Cause comes to a Hearing, [the Lord Keeper is ordered to cause a commission or commissions to be issued under the great seal of England to such persons as his Lordship shall judge proper to take such examinations]. [p. 194. ¶ 4.]

[986.] Whitehall, 22 April :

. . . William Idle Master of the Shipp Batchellor of New York. Hull ; Setting forth, That the Petitioner (with his said Ship) was in July last taken at New Yorke by Everson and Bancasse, and from thence carried Prisoner to Cales, where (wayting his opportunity) on the 24th of March last at Night, with a Boate and 8 Men Boarded his said Shipp, secured the Dutchmen, and brought her safe off through 140 sayle of Shippes in the Road with what Loading shee had then in her, without Anchor, or Cable, to Plymouth, where shee now remaynes with some Officers of the Admiralty on Board ; And Praying, that his said Shipp and Goods may be discharged, he haveing regayned her with great hazard and charge ; [The case is referred to the Admiralty for examination and report] to the