

[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