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[256.] [Order granting leave of absence to Lord Howard 27 April. Virginia. of Effingham.—C.S.P. VII. 1722 and 1786.] [p. 650.]

[257.] [Colonial governors forbidden to return to England 27 April. [p. 658.] without obtaining leave.—C.S.P. VII. 1720.]

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[258.] [A letter to the Governor of the Leeward Islands.] Wee have laid before his Majesty the cheife particulars mentioned in your Letter to Us of the 20th of February last and in answer to what you write concerning the French Protestants that resort to the Leeward Islands, His Majesty Commanded us to signify unto you his pleasure has that you give unto such Protestants as shall come and settle under your Government all necessary Countenance and Protection soe farr forth as may consist with his Majestys service in those parts, And that for their better Encouragement and enabling them to become His Majestys Subjects You doe forthwith transmit unto us upon receipt hereof and so from time to time the Names of Such ffrench Protestants as desire to settle or continue within any of his Majestys Islands within your Government to the end that Letters of Denization may passe unto them and be remitted unto you under the Great Seale of England, whereby they may receive such Qualifications as are requisit both in relation to Trade and other Priviledges according to Law.

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[259.] [Order as to payment and relief of troops in 4 May. [p. 663.] St. Christopher. St. Christopher.—C.S.P. VII. 1742.]

[260.] Upon reading the Petition and Appeal of Richard 11 May. Knights of Norwich Merchant Administrator of John Knights late of the Island of Barbados Merchant deceased and Executor of Benjamin Knights late of the said Island of Barbados Merchant also deceased, from Severall Decrees made in the Chancery Court of the said Island bearing date 16th of Aprill 1684, the one for 300l. part of a Legacy of 500l. bequeathed by the said Benjamin Knights to one John Woodward, another for 100l. Legacy bequeathed also by the said Benjamin

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Knights to One Enoch Woodward, against John Hallett Esqr. Richard Hallett, and Christopher ffowler Merchants in Barbados Trustees appointed by the said Benjamin for payment of the Debts and performance of the Bequests of the said John Knights, and also from an other Decree dated the 6th of August 1685, obtained by William Chester Executor of the said John Woodward for 200l., Residue of the said 500l. given the said John Woodward, against the Trustees appointed by the Petitioner, Praying that his Majesty would be pleased to addmit of the said appeal: [the appeal is admitted on security being given to prosecute it effectually and to abide by the Council's determination: and the examination of the whole matter is referred to the Committee]. [p. 666.]

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[261.] [The Council approve, and give orders in accordance with, the report of the Committee of 30 May :- Wee have received a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Albemarle dated at Jamaica the 6th day of March last, Acquainting Us, that being informed. That a considerable Treasure had been brought into that Island from the Wreck near Hispaniola, before his Arrivall there, He had required One Hundred Thousand pounds Security from Hender Molesworth Esqr. your Majestys Lieutenant Governor, to answer your Majestys Demands touching one Moyety thereof, And having in obedience to your Majestys Commands considered the humble Request of the said Hender Molesworth, Praying that he may be permitted by the Duke of Albemarle to como into England without being obliged to give such Bond as was demanded from him by his Grace, Wee do thereupon humbly offer Our Opinion to your Majesty that the Duke of Albemarle may receive your Majestys Commands to permit Col. Molesworth to come forthwith into England, And that he be not hindred therein upon any accompt whatsoever, He having first complyed with the Directions formerly given by your Majestys Letter bearing date the 10th day of July, 1687, touching a Moyety of the Salary Perquisites and Emoluments of the Government And giving also his owner