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hundred, which was allowed of by the then Lord Treasurer, and ever since hath paid Custome accordingly. That by a late Act of Parliament Ginger is charged to pay 10s. per Cent of what it is Rated in the Booke of Rates, which in the Body of the Book being 1s. 4*l.* per pound, would make the said Additionall Rate amount to 14s. per hundred and upwards, whereas it seems to be intended that it should only pay double what it paid before according to the said Memorandum; Praying that your Lordships would please to Order the Payment of two shillings only per hundred weight for the New Duty; Wee do humbly Report to your Lordships that in the first Impression of the Book of Rates in the year 1660, there is at the end of the Rules and Instructions thereto annexed, such a memorandum as is mentioned in the Petition, that Ginger be Rated at one pound the hundred weight, And by the Petition of Mr. Waterson one of and most experienced officer of the Customs, it is testified that the practice was from that time, according to the said Memorandum, to receive only 12*l.* for every hundred Weight, which practice after the King took the Customs into His own hands and the management of Commissioners, was upon a Presentment of this Board approved by the Lord Treasurer Danby in the year 1673, and the practice has been accordingly ever since. And Wee do humbly acquaint your Lordships that by the best inquiry wee can make, That the Collecting the new Impost strictly according to the Rate in the Body of the Book of Rates, and not accordingly to the said Memorandum and the practice thereupon would amount to a totall Prohibition of the said Commodity, And therefore we humbly conceive it may not be unadvisable to Grant the Petitioners Request by Collecting the New Impost at two shilling per hundred, which is 10 per Cent. cording to the Constructive Rate by the said Memorandum in the Book of Rates, and the practice thereupon.

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30 July.
Massachu-
setts Bay.

[409.] [Reference to Committee of petition and appeal of Col. Nicholas Page and Capt. Nicholas Laurence.—C.S.P. VIII. 1678.]

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[Laurence's bond of 500*l.*, given to prosecute his appeal to the Admiralty against the condemnation of his vessel, is ordered to be cancelled, he having made an end with the Commissioners of the Treasury, to whom he should properly have appealed.] (1692.)
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[410.] [Lord Gorges referred to the Committee.—C.S.P. 30 July.
VIII. 1676.] [*p.* 221.] Massachusetts Bay.

[411.] [The time of sailing for the convoys bound for Barbados, Leeward Islands and Jamaica is prolonged to the 30th instant, on the representation of the Committee that more ships will be necessary for the plantations this year than can be ready by the 15th, the date appointed in the Order of 20 August. The convoys for Virginia and Maryland are stopped till further order, as very few ships will be ready on the day appointed.] 10 Sept.
Plantation Trade.

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[412.] Upon reading this day at the Board the Petition of Sir Mathew Dudley Bart., Sir Edward Dering, Sir Humphry Edwin, Sir Thomas Lane, and Sir Samuel Thompson Knights, Daniel Cox, Jacob Foster, and William Wharton Esqrs., John Ashby, Nicholas Lechmere, Thomas Phips, John Cosley, David Congnard, John Sweetapple, Jeremiah Johnson, Francis Boynton Robert Hackshaw, and William Crey, in behalfe of themselves and severall hundred Merchants and others their Majestys subjects Praying a Stop to be put to a Patent now Passing to others (upon their foundation) for working Mines of Copper and other Mineralls in New England, It was Ordered by her Majesty in Councill, that the Persons above Named do attend Mr. Attorney Generall with their said Petition . . . who is to Examine their Pretentions to the same, and Report His Opinion to this Board. 17 Sept.
New England.

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[The report of the Attorney General is approved, and orders given for passing the grant in question.—C.S.P. VIII. 1811.] 8 Oct.

[*p.* 253.] (1692.)

[Their further petition] That the Consideration of their former Petitions to be incorporated for Working Copper Mines 18 Feb.