

[98.] [Reference to Committee of Richard Thayre's petition.—C.S.P. VI. 834.] [p. 591.]

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[Reference to Committee of his petition.—C.S.P. VI. 1621.]

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[99.] Whereas it has bin represented to his Majesty that by reason of the frequent abuses of a lewd sort of People called Spirits in seducing many of his Majestys subjects to go on shipboard where they have been seized and carried by force to his Majestys Plantations in America, and that many idle persons who have listed themselves voluntarily to be transported thither, and have received money upon their entring into service for that purpose, have afterwards pretended they were betrayed, and carried away against their wills and procured their friends to prosecute the merchants who transported them, or in whose service they are, by Indictments or Information in the Crown office in his Majestys Name, which is a great discouragment to them and an hinderance to the management of the Trade of the said Plantations and Navigation of this Kingdom, and severall merchants and Planters having made humble applications to his Majesty that he would be graciously pleased to Direct such methods for their retaining of servants to serve in his Majestys Plantations as in his Royall wisdom, He should think meet, wherby his Majesty may be so satisfied of their fair dealing, as to take of all Prosecutions against them at his Majestys sute, and also that the scandall that now lyes upon them in generall by reason of such evill disposed persons may not remain upon such as shall for the future follow such methods as his Majesty shall think fit to be pursued.

13 Dec.
Indentured
Servants.

His Majesty taking into his Royall Consideration the said request, is graciously pleased to Declare, that such Merchants, Factors, masters of shippes or other Persons that shall use the method hereafter following in the hiring of servants for his