

1702.

27 Sept.

[The Council approve, and give orders in accordance with], a Report from the Council deputed by His Royall Highness the Lord High Admirall . . . that it is very necessary all Care should be taken for the Security . . . of Barbados, and the Trade thither ; But finding that dureing the whole Course of the last War with France, there was not more than One fourth, and one fifth Rate allowed at the same time for this Service, We shall so soon as an opportunity offers, and that a Ship can be Spared, Add a fourth rate to the fifth that is now attending that Government, and in the mean while we hope they will be safe thro' the Countenance which they may receive from the Squadron of Her Majestys Ships with Vice Admirall Bembow in the West Indies, who tho' he is in a particular manner directed to have a regard to Jamaica, yet he has also Instructions to Protect, and Assist the other Plantations, which is a greater Security then they had all the last War. [p. 223.]

[883.] [The Council refer to the Committee for Appeals] the Petition of William Battyn Esqr. Complaining of Proceedings in the Courts of Barbados relating to an Estate of Negroes Descended to him, as Cousin and Heir to Elizabeth Binyon of Barbados Deceased, and humbly praying Reliefe upon his Appeal made from a Sentence of the Court of Chancery there, the Petitioner being ready to Prosecute the same. [p. 196.]

6 Aug.  
Barbados.

[On the recommendation of the Committee of 3 March, the appeal is dismissed, as the decree of the Chancery is not final, but he is to have liberty to appeal from such final sentence as shall be made by that Court.] [p. 332.]

(1703.)  
4 March.

[884.] [On the representation of the Board of Trade of 17 April] that Virginia and Maryland being large Territorys and lying open by Great Rivers, cannot be Secured by Fortifications and are therefore no ways able to Defend themselves against an Attempt of an Enemy by Sea unless it shall please Her Majesty to send a Sufficient Squadron to Cruise in those

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Colonial  
Defences.