by Your Majesty to be broken and destroyed in the presence of your Majestys said Envoy, as likewise that the said Martin and Correspondence and all other Persons what soever be Directed by your Majestys Declaration in such manner as Your Majesty shall think proper, not to send any Persons versed in this Mystery, or any Instruments and Materials for the same, or imploying any Persons therein notwithstanding any Clause in his said Contract obliging them to a matter so injurious to other Your Majestys Subjects. And Whereas the Petitioners Merchants and Planters of Virginia and Maryland do Sugest that severall Persons are Solliciting for themselves at Muscow, the Sole Trade and intire Importation of Tobacco exclusive of all others into those parts; We further humbly Offer that Your Majesty would be pleased to Direct Your Envoyé at that Court that he be equally and impartially Assisting to all Your Majestys Subjects in the Free Trade of such Tobacco of the Growth of Your Majestys Plantations as shall be Imported into the Dominions of the Czar.

[*pp.* 370–372.]

[972.] [The Council refer it to the Board of Trade to report on the regularity of the form of proceeding proposed by Samuel Allen in his petition that he be admitted to appeal from a judgment of the Superior Court of Boston (confirming a judgment of the Court of Common Pleas in Maine) and that the Boston Court be ordered to certify the record of all the proceedings in the case.] [p. 388.]

[973.] [On a report from the Board of Trade, it is ordered that for contriving and abetting the carrying off of Francis Lee by Captain St. Loe of the *Dolphin*, the exaction of irregular fees in the execution of his office, and taking a bribe from Guy Ball for procuring an order from the Governor to stop a fleet then ready to sail, Alexander Skene be dismissed from being Secretary of Barbados, and be prosecuted by the Attorney General of the island, who shall be assisted in the collection of evidence in England by the Attorney and Solicitor General.] [*pp.* 408-9.] 9 July. New England.

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[On the report of the Board of Trade that the Act was passed in August for one year owing to an extraordinary falling off in the revenue of the island, and that the duty on bottled beer, ale and cider of 2s. 6d. per dozen amounts to 10l. per tun, whereas the duty on beer in cask is but 4s. per tun, the petition and representation are ordered to be forwarded to the Governor, who is to acquaint the Assembly, that in the case of their passing another Act of this nature a duty of 6d. per dozen may suffice.] [pp. 234-5.]

15 July. New Hampshire.

[1006] [On giving security, Thomas Allen is granted leave to appeal from a sentence of the Superior Court at Boston of 7 Nov. 1704 confirming the verdict of an Inferior Court at Wells in favour of Humphrey Spencer, defendant to a Writ of Ejectment brought by the petitioner's late father, claimant to certain lands near Newichawanock by grant from Sir Ferdinando Gorges. The case is to be heard at the first meeting of Council in April next.] [pp. 238-9.]

21 Oct. [1007.] [Her Majesty, disallowing a Barbados Act for the Plantations. establishment of a method of credit, and] taking notices of the ill consequences that might happen by the passing of Acts of the like unusual and extraordinary nature and importance, orders circular letters to be sent to the Governors of plantations directing them not to pass such Acts without having first received her Majesty's pleasure thereupon.]

[p. 252]

[p. 308.]

21 Oct. [1008.] [The Council refer to the Admiralty the petition West Indies: of William Olive, late gunner of H.M.S. *Pendennis*, for removal of the dismission inflicted on him by a Court Martial in the West Indies.] [p. 255.]

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14 Nov. [1009.] [The Council refer to the Board of Trade the Barbados. petition of Thomas Hodges, councillor at law in Barbados, for removal of his suspension from legal practice by Sir B. Grenville, inflicted without proof of misconduct and without his being heard.] $[p._258.]$