

By the Second Act, which is for Suspending part of the former Act, It is Enacted, That no Popish Bishop, Priest or Jesuit, shall be prosecuted by Vertue of the former Act for Exercising his Function in a Private Family of the Roman Communion untill the full end, and expiration of Eighteen Months from the Publication of this Law, or untill Your Majestys Pleasure be Declared therein. All the other Clauses in the other Act being to remain in full force and Vertue, any thing in this Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Having Considered of both which Acts, and advised thereupon with the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Bishop of London, to whom the Care of Ecclesiastical matters in the Plantations do's belong, We humbly Offer Our joynt Opinion, That Whereas the first Act will forbid the Exercise of the Popish Religion even in Private Familys, tho' in the most inoffensive manner, Which We humbly conceive is not Your Majesty's Gracious Intention And that the Rigorous Execution of the said Act would in a great Measure tend to Depopulate, That Your Majesty's profitable Colony, Considering also that the Design of this Law was only to restrain the Exorbitant Practices of the Romish Clergy, which were Increasing in Maryland, Your Majesty would therefore be Graciously pleased by Your Royall Letter to Direct the Governor of Maryland to Represent to the Assembly of that Province, That the Second Act before-mentioned vizt. The Act of Suspension be Continued by a New Act or Clause of an Act without Limitation of time which Subjects the Continuance or Repeal thereof at all times to Your Majestys Royall Pleasure. [pp. 60-2.]

[1989.] [The Council refer to the Board of Trade the petition of Tobias Frere to be reinstated in the Council of Barbados, in which he had served for 17 years when dismissed by the Governor on 11 July 1704 without any manner of misbehaviour alleged.] [p. 64.]

3 Jan.
Barbados.

[1990.] [The Council refer to the Committee for Appeals the petition of George Lason to be permitted to appeal from

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setts Bay.

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a sentence in favour of Peter Serjeant given in the Inferior Court of Common Pleas at Boston in October 1704, and confirmed by the Superior Court on 7 November 1704.] [p. 69.]

16 Jan. [The Committee resolve to hear the petition at the first meeting in February.] [p. 71.]

20 Feb. [The Committee recommend that the Governor of Massachusetts state the reasons for refusing to admit the appeal and forward all papers relating to the case, and that all parties concerned attend the first meeting in November prepared to be heard if the appeal be admitted.] [p. 111.]

21 Feb. [Order accordingly.] [p. 115.]
(1707.)

13 March. [Lason's petition for a hearing as the papers have been forwarded is referred to the Committee.] [p. 314.]
(1707.)

3 May. [The Committee recommend that the petition be dismissed, the sum affected being less than 300*l*.] [p. 358.]
(1707.)

20 May. [Order accordingly.] [p. 365.]

7 Feb. [991.] [The Council refer to the Admiralty the petition of several Newfoundland merchants] Praying to have Protections for their Men, and a Convoy of 4 Men of Warr to proceed with the Fishing Ships the first Fair Wind after the 10th of March, And that the Convoy for the Sack Ships may proceed with the first Fair Wind after the 20th day of May. [p. 92.]
Newfound-
land.

14 Feb. [The Admiralty are directed to issue orders in accordance with the following representation from the Board of Trade and for furnishing a year's provision for the Garrison at St. John's exclusive of malt and hops]—Having regard to the great losses Your Majestys Subjects Sustained the last Winter upon the Coast of Newfoundland from the French, and to the apprehensions there may be, that the Enemy will continue to Infest the Coast by their Shipping dureing the Fishery of this Year, and being likewise of Opinion, That Your Majestys Subjects may have all Encouragement to Apply themselves to the Recovery of this Trade We humbly