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would be Further absolutely necessary, That for the Ensuing Year a Convoy likewise go out in January next, without which this Years Crop will be lost to the Planters, and to Your Majestys Revenue of the Customes to the great Damage of both ; Though perhaps to the Advantage of some Merchants who will be thereby Enabled very much to Enhance the Price of the Tobacco which they may then have in Store. In which Opinion for a Stated Convoy We are the more at this time Confirmed by reason of the great losses, the Merchants and Planters, as also Your Majestys Revenue of the Customes have Sustained by the Fleets coming away from thence, so late this Year. [pp. 304-5.]

20 Feb.  
New  
England.

[1017.] [The Council refer to the Board of Trade the petition of William Rouse, Ebenezer Coffin and John Philips of Boston praying her Majesty not to confirm the Acts lately passed in the General Assembly there for imposing on them several fines upon suspicion of their having aided her Majesty's enemies, the French and the Indians, and also a similar petition of Samuel Vetch, John Boreland, and Roger Lawson, similarly fined for trading with the French and Indians.] [p. 306.]

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[The Acts are disallowed, as the crime stated is not cognisable before the General Assembly. A fresh trial is ordered in the ordinary course of law. On being set free or having their fines restored, the petitioners are to give security to abide the result of such trial if prosecuted within a year. If they refuse to do so, they are to be detained by the Governor.]

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20 March.  
Jamaica.

[1018.] [The Board of Trade report that they are informed by letters from Col. Handasyde that many of his soldiers have been carried off by a raging mortality and that he wants 300 men to complete his regiment according to the late establishment. As it highly imports her Majesty's service that recruits should be hastened over, the Earl of Sunderland is to receive her Majesty's directions in the matter.] [p. 320]

20 March.  
Maryland.

[1019.] [The Council refer to the Committee for Appeals the petition of John Taylor of London, merchant, for leave

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to appeal notwithstanding the lapse of time from a judgment of the Provincial Court of Maryland in favour of Ann Jones and Thomas Gassaway, executors of Nicholas Gassaway deceased.] [p. 324.]

[The Committee recommend that the appeal be admitted provided the Governor and Council there have no other legal objection thereto : if they have, they are to return an account thereof to her Majesty.] 25 April. [p. 350.]

[Order accordingly.] [p. 356.] 29 April.

[1020.] [The Council refer to the Board of Trade the petition of Charles Squire complaining that he is not allowed by the Governor and Council to follow his profession as a barrister at law in Barbados, and praying relief.] 27 March. Barbados. [p. 331.]

[On their report, order is given that Mr. Squire be permitted to follow his profession.] 17 April. [p. 348.]

[1021.] [The Council refer to the Board of Trade the petition of John Sandford and John Dorn complaining of the proceedings of Samuel Cox, the Chief Judge at a Court of Oyer and Terminer in Barbados on 10 Dec. last, of which they were members.] 27 March. Barbados. [p. 332.]

In accordance with the report of the Board of Trade, Cox is discharged from the complaint.] 4 Aug. [p. 427.]

[1022.] [The Council refer to the Board of Trade a memorial of William Cleland, James Colleton, and John Holder, three members of the Council of Barbados, complaining of the proceedings of William Sharp, the President.] 27 March. Barbados. [p. 332.]

[In accordance with their Lordships' report and the opinion of the Attorney General and other counsel, Sharp's proceedings are approved. From his wife's petition in his favour it appeared that he called a new Assembly upon the addresses of the inhabitants, to quiet the minds of the people by applying a remedy to the inconveniences arisen by the Paper Act : 4 Aug.