

[167.] [Short commission to be prepared for Governor Coney.—C.S.P. VI. 2011.] [p. 279.]

1684.
17 Dec.
Bermuda.

[168.] Upon reading this day at the board the humble petition of Edward Randolph setting forth the hardships which he has endured in Prosecuting the Quo Warranto against the Charter of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, Praying that the Charges and expences he has been at in 8 severall voyages made by him to and from New England together with the great losses he has sustained at sea, the whole amounting to 471*l.* may be payd him, His Majesty in Council being very well satisfied with the Petitioners good services and graciously inclined to grant his request was pleased to Order that his case be and it is hereby recommended to the [Treasury] to give such order therein for the petitioners relief as their Lordships shall think reasonable with consideration to the petitioners merits. [p. 292.]

1685.
21 Jan.
Massachusetts Bay.

[The same or a similar petition is read and referred to the Lord Treasurer to give such order as shall seem reasonable.]

27 Feb.

[*James II*, p. 21.]

[169.] [The Committee report] :—Having received from Sir Richard Dutton . . . the state of severall Informations brought by your Majestys Attorney Generall in the Court of Exchequer Established in that Island against Captain Richard Young Commander of the shipp Malaga Merchant and his securitys upon his Bond entred into in the Secretarys Office not to carry off any person without a Tickett first had, pursuant to a Law of that Island, together with the Judgement pass'd in that Court, whereby the said Bond of 2000*l.* is become forfeited to your Majesty. And, upon the desire of Sir Richard Dutton to receive your Majestys determination thereupon, Wee have consulted your Majestys Attorney Generall who, upon perusall of all those papers, is of opinion, that the Bond being taken in the Governors Name as a publick person representing your Majesty and being so in trust for your Majesty and the Government, the suit is well brought by the Attorney Generall there ; Whereupon wee humbly offer, That

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Barbades.

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Execution be ordered to be issued forth upon the said Judgement and forfeiture and the value answered to your Majesty, so as the Law may be satisfied and your Majestys right maintained for the deterring of Offenders in the like cases. And in as much as Samuel Hanson who occasioned the breach of the Act and, as we are informed, gave countersecurity to the master to save him harmlesse, appeared soe farr guilty before your Majesty as that a further Tryall was ordered for his offence, wee see no cause why any remission should be granted him, or the persons concerned for him, upon the forfeiture of the said Bond.

His Majestie in Council was pleased to approve of the said Report, and to Order that prosecution be had thereupon accordingly. And that [the Commissioners of the Treasury] doe write to Sir Richard Dutton about it. [*p.* 293.]

- 21 Oct. [A petition of Young and Hanson that their appeal may be heard while Sir R. Dutton is in town and the disposal of the 2000*l.* bond meanwhile respited, is referred to the Lord Treasurer.] [*James II*, *p.* 146.]

JAMES II. (6 Feb. 1685—16 Dec. 1688.)*

- 30 Oct. [170.] [The Earl of Berkeley is added to the Committee.] [*p.* 148.]
The Committee.

- 6 Feb. [171.] A Minute of Letters to the severall Governors of his Majestys Plantations of the tenor following.
The new reign.

It having pleased Almighty God, this day to take to his Mercy out of this troublesome Life Our late Sovereigne Lord King Charles of most blessed memory, And thereupon his late Majestys Brother and Heir King James the Second being here proclaimed Wee have thought fit to signify the same unto you, with directions, that with the Assistance of the

* On being rebound in 1850 the volume was divided into two parts, but the pages run consecutively. Part I. extends to 18 March 1687, *p.* 420.