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thereof, it being repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom, by which the plantations are and ought to be bound, and consequently, illegall, null and Void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever: And forasmuch as this Act seems Designed to be an Annuall one, We would propose, that in Case it shall have been re-enacted this year, before the said Governor receives Your Majestys Orders on this Head, He may be enjoined forthwith to Declare your Majestys Disapprobation thereof, And not to permitt the Said Act or any part of it to be putt in Execution:—And to prevent so pernicious a Practice for the future, We would further propose that your Majestys Governor of the Massachusetts Bay, may have Orders to Represent to the Councill and Assembly of that Province, that as the power of making Laws, which was granted to them by their Charter from their late Majestys King William and Queen Mary, is restrained to the Condition, that Such Laws shall not be repugnant to the Laws of this Kingdom, they will do well to Consider how farr the breaking this Condition, and the laying any Discouragements on the Shipping and Manufactures of this Kingdom, may endanger their Charter; And We believe it necessary that at the same time the Governor himself should be putt in mind of the Obligations he lyes under by the Oath he took before his Entrance on the Government (in pursuance of a Clause in an Act of the 7th and 8th of William the 3d. for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in the plantation Trade) to putt the Laws of Trade and Navigation in due Execution, as well as by Your Majestys Instruction to him of the 27th of September 1717: not to pass any Act which may Affect the Trade or Shipping of this Kingdom, without a Clause therein to be inserted, declaring, that the said Act shall not be in force, untill the same shall be Approved and Confirmed by your Majesty Your Heirs and Successors.

[pp. 262-3.]

26 May.
Leeward
Islands.

[1316.] [Reference to the Committee for Appeals of the petition of Stephen Cabibell, Peter Soulgre [Soulegré] and William Harris for a short day for hearing their appeal from

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a sentence of the Admiralty Court in the Leeward Islands, 3 Jan. 1719, condemning their ship the *St. Christopher* frigate, under pretence of having prohibited goods on board.]

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[The Committee, by consent of the parties, recommend that the sentence, so far as it relates to the European goods, vizt. beef, butter and pork, which were sold by appraisement there for 1837*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.*, together with 10 quart bottles of tea, and one box of spice, be reversed, and that the money and goods be restored.] But that that part of the said sentence, relating to the Candles, Cards and Starch, together with the ship, furniture and Tackle, amounting to 882*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*, as they were also appraised and sold there, be affirmed. 25 Nov.

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[Order accordingly.]

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8 Jan.

[1317.] [Reference to the Board of Trade of the petition of Walter Newberry, William Wilkinson and Richard Partridge of New England, in behalf of themselves and their suffering Friends, people called Quakers in the province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, setting forth, the great hardships they suffer by not paying the Demands of the Priests there, And humbly praying in regard the charter granted to that Colony by King William, Allows a free Exercise and Liberty of Conscience to all subjects that should settle there (except papists) That His Majesty will Commiserate their Case, and Direct the Governor of said Province to Relieve them herein.]

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23 May.
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setts Bay

[1318.] [Reference to the Board of Trade of John Usher's petition for his Majesty's interposition on his behalf, as, notwithstanding his having obtained several orders and instructions to the Governor of New England to pass his accounts as late Treasurer of several colonies there and to pay him what shall appear his due, he has never been able to obtain any relief.]

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11 June.
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setts Bay.

[1319.] [Reference to the Board of Trade of the petition of Lewis Piers that], in regard all the records of the Island of

11 June.
Montserrat.