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1685. 24 Mar. New England.

[178.] [The Council refer to the Committee for examination and report] the Petition of Thomas Lord Culpeper, Richard Wharton, Thomas Deane, and William Wharton in behalfe of themselves, and the rest of the owners of the soyle of the Narragansett Territory, Praying his Majestyes Confirmation under the Great Seale of England, of the soyle of the sayd Territory, under the yearly quitt Rent of two shillings, and sixpence for every hundred acres thereof, the one halfe to Commence at Michaelmas 1686, and the whole from Michaelmas 1690, to the intent they may speedily apply themselves to the better planting and seating thereof, without further loss of time.

[p. 39. C.S.P. VII. 91.]

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13 Jan. [Lord Culpeper, Wharton, and Thos. Brinley are referred to the Committee.—C.S.P. VII. 1594.] [p. 572.]

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African
Company.

[179.] [On the petition of the Royal African Company, the Attorney General is directed to prepare a proclamation forbidding all subjects both here and in the plantations from trading within the limits of their Charter.] [p. 40.]

[The proclamation is entered on 1 April and a similar one as to the East India Company.] [pp. 55-8.]

27 Mar. Barbados.

[180.] [The Council refer to the Committee for consideration and determination] the Petition of Sir John Wytham of the Island of Barbadoes Baronett, Praying that true Copyes of all the Indictments and proceedings against him in that Island, may be transmitted hither, and he to have Copyes thereof, and that by order of this Board, all persons in that Island authorized to administer Oathes, may be required to take Depositions there, in order to his Defence, and that he may on his own Recognizance, come for England, to prosecute his Appeale before his Majesty in Councell, and all proceedings against him in the sayd Island, may be stopt in the meane time.

[p. 42. C.S.P. VII. 94.]

27 Mar. [Order—C.S.P. VII. 95, on Committee report on the account of Sir John Witham's government returned by the Council

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of Barbados (C.S.P. VI. 1890) and the charges brought against him by Sir R. Dutton (C.S.P. VI. 2023).] [pp. 46-51.]

[Order in accordance with report given in C.S.P. VII. 439.] 13 Nov. [pp. 151-4.](1688.)

[Permission for appearance of Wm. Blathwayt, one of the 18 May. Clerks of the Council, as a witness for Sir John Witham in the matters mentioned in his petition.] [p. 668.]

[181.] [Reference to Committee of the Earl of Arran's 3 April. petition as to Narragansett and the King's Province.— England. C.S.P. VII. 115.] [p. 62.]

[182.] Whereas his Majesty hath been informed that not- 29 April. withstanding the severall Injunctions that have been signified from time to time to the Governors of his Majestys Plantations in America for the due observance of the Acts of Trade and Navigation, Yet neverthelesse that forrein vessells have Traded in those Parts, For the prevention wherof it is this day Ordered by his Majesty in Councill, that the Captains of such of his Majestys Shipps as shall be sent into America do seize all vessells belonging to strangers and forreine vessells not made free, which they shall finde trading or attempting to Trade there Contrary to the said Acts in order to their prosecution pursuant to the Lawes in that behalf, with this exception onely, that such Spanish vessells and ships imployed by Spaniards as shall come to Buy Negros at Jamaica or Barbados be permitted so to do, and that the said ships and persons may have free admission and liberty of bringing either money or Goods of the product of the Spanish Dominions in America, and to carry away from the said Places such negros as shall be agreed for provided they do nothing otherwise contrary to the Acts of Navigation and the Lawes Established on those Islands. Wherof Samuel Pepys Esqre. Secretary of the Admiralty is to take notice, and to cause all such Instructions to be given to the said Captaines of Shipps as shall be requisite for the said purpose. [p. 73.]

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