

ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL (COLONIAL). 125

[Order reversing the decree, in accordance with Committee report of 20 Jan.] [pp. 304, 315.]

1726.
(1727.)
8 Feb.

[96.] [Mr. Busby, solicitor, entered an appearance for — Mugill to the appeal of John Hamilton from Antigua.]

11 May.
Antigua.

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[97.] [A representation of the Board of Trade of 11 May recommending the disallowance of a Pennsylvania Act directing the process of summons against free-holders is referred to a Committee.]

31 May.
Pennsyl-
vania.

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[Committee report adversely, for the reasons given by the Board of Trade] that the Intent of the said Act is to exempt all Freeholders to the value of Fifty acres of Land in that Province from arrest, but as they may Contract Debts to a much greater value, and may have Considerable Personal Estates, with which they may run away . . . that this is an unreasonable privilege and not proper to be past into a Law.

21 June.

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[The Act is disallowed.]

[p. 250.]

5 July.

[98.] [A representation of the Board of Trade of 3 May upon a Barbados Act of May, 1722, to prevent the vessels that trade here to and from Martinico or elsewhere from carrying off any negro, Indian or mulatto slaves, persons indebted or contracted servants, is referred to a Committee.]

31 May.
Barbados.

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[The Committee report their agreement with the representation that as the penalty imposed is death with forfeiture of ship and cargo, with a fine of 500*l.* for compounding any breach of the Act, half to the informer and half for the fortifications, the recovery of the penalty before the Justices of the Peace is too summary a way of proceeding on so penal a law and is to be condemned since the matter should undergo the most strict and regular enquiry the nature of the offence will allow. The Act is also liable to objection in applying half the penalty to the fortifications instead of to his Majesty for the fortifications.]

21 June.

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