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1726.
29 Nov. Maryland. [110.] [The nomination by Charles, Lord Baltimore, Lord Proprietor, of his brother Benedict Leonard Calvert, to be Governor of Maryland, is referred to the Board of Trade.] [p. 288.]
- (1727.)
8 Feb. [On their report of 15 Dec., the nomination is approved upon the usual conditions.] [p. 314.]
- (1727.)
21 April. [The report from the Board of Trade of 14 April with a draft of instructions as to trade stating that they have made some variations from the instructions formerly given to the Proprietary Governors, the draft is referred to a Committee.] [p. 348.]
- (1727.)
3 May. [The Committee approve the changes, which appear to be absolutely necessary, viz.] In the 5th Article they have inserted a Clause by which Mr. Calvert the present Lieutenant Governor of Maryland is informed that all Certificates about Landing Plantation Goods in this Kingdom will be Signed by four of Your Majestys Commissioners of the Customs in London or Edenburghe respectively.
- This Direction appears to be Given to prevent the Counter-fitting of such Certificates.
- In the 18th Article they have added a Clause to prevent the Importation of Stripped Tobacco.
- This appears to be pursuant to an Act of Parliament in the 9th Year of Your Majestys Reign.
- The 22d and 23d Articles the said Lords Commissioners have added to prevent the Officers of the Customs being interrupted in their Dutys by Serving on Jurys in the Militia or Parochial Offices and for the more ready Supplying the Vacancys that may happen in such Offices during the absence of the respective Surveyors General of Your Majestys Customs in America. [p. 353.]
- (1727.)
31 May. [Instructions approved.] [p. 364.]
- 29 Nov. Barbados. [111.] [Reference to the Committee for Appeals of the petition of Robert Lowther, late Governor of Barbados, that the appeal of

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William Gordon, clerk, from a judgment of the Governor and Council as a Court of Errors, 16 Mar., 1725, affirming a judgment of the inferior court in favour of Gelasius MacMahon, Lowther's attorney, be dismissed with exemplary costs for non-prosecution.] [p. 289.]

[Committee recommend that as nothing has been done since the appeal was admitted seventeen months ago, it be dismissed with 5*l.* costs.] 14 Dec. [p. 292.]

[Order accordingly.] [p. 315.] (1727.) 8 Feb.

[112.] [Reference to the Committee for Appeals of the petition of John Winthrop of New London in Connecticut, only son and heir of Major-General Wait Winthrop of Boston, and nephew and heir of the Hon. Fitzjohn Winthrop, late Governor of Connecticut, and grandson and heir of the Hon. John Winthrop, also Governor of Connecticut, that he may have leave to appeal from two sentences of the Superior Court on 22 Mar. last in favour of Thomas and Ann Lechmere relating to the real estates left the petitioner by his said ancestors, and that an Act to empower Thomas Lechmere to dispose of the petitioners' real estates may be repealed and all proceedings upon new actions lately commenced against the petitioner for the rents and profits thereof stayed till his Majesty's further order.] 1727. 16 Jan. Connecticut. [p. 297.]

[Reference to the Committee for Appeals of Winthrop's petition] Containing Severall articles of Complaint against the Governor and Company of the said Colony of Connecticut and praying that the Charter Granted to them by his late Majesty, King Charles the 2d. may be recalled for their great abuse of the Power thereby vested in them. 8 Feb. [p. 319.]

[Committee recommend that the appeal be admitted on giving the usual security in 100*l.*] 18 Feb. [p. 330.]

[Committee recommend that a copy of the complaint be transmitted to the Governor and Company and their answer 18 Feb.