

202 ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL (COLONIAL).

1728.

Society of Merchants in the City of Bristol. The Act lays a duty of 40s. per head on all negroes imported into the colony.]

[pp. 373-4.]

26 Sept.
Bermuda.

[157.] [Reference to the Committee for Appeals of the petition of Thomas Gates, late of Cork, late master of the brigantine *Fisher*, to be admitted to appeal on behalf of himself and of the owners and freighters from the condemnation of the vessel in the Admiralty Court of Bermuda, 30 April, 1728, for want of proper certificates and the qualifications required by Acts of Parliament.]

[p. 374.]

4 Dec.

[Committee for Appeals recommend that the appeal be admitted on Gates' giving 100% security.]

[p. 408.]

(1729.)

1 Feb.

[Order accordingly.]

[p. 431.]

1 Nov.
Piracy.

[158.] [On a memorial from the Admiralty of 15 Oct., one of the chief Secretaries of State is ordered to have warrants prepared for renewing the commissions to governors of plantations to try pirates issued in 1718 in pursuance of the Act of 11 and 12 William III with alterations in accordance with the Acts of 6 and 8 George I.]

[p. 377.]

1 Nov.

[Order to the Board of Trade to propose names of commissioners to be inserted in the commissions.]

[p. 377.]

6 Nov.

[The list prepared by the Board of Trade is approved.]

[p. 380.]

14 Nov.

[Flag officers in the plantations and Commanders in Chief having distinction as such, to be placed in the commissions after the Vice Admirals.]

[p. 386.]

23 Nov.

[These orders are vacated, and orders issued to his Majesty's Advocate General with the Advocate of the Admiralty to prepare similar commissions, and to specify names in the same way, with the same rule as to flag officers and Commanders in Chief.]

[pp. 393-4.]

5 Dec.

[Ten drafts of commissions for trying pirates in the plantations, presented by his Majesty's Advocate General and the