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paid in Money, which Seldom happens because the Planters are at liberty to produce Importation Rights in lieu thereof— But their Lordships further humbly offer, that for preventing those Grants being exorbitant in Quantity, that this Indulgence should be restrained to Grants of Six Thousand Acres or under including therein the One Thousand allowed of by the Lords Justices Order for Setling these Countys, and that whoever shall be desirous to hold more than Six Thousand Acres should pay both the same Rights and Quit Rents for every acre exceeding that Number as Lands in any other part of Virginia are liable to ; which as the greatest part of these lands are said to be already Settled, a Quit Rent will from thence immediately become payable to Your Majesty.

[pp. 59-60.]

[Orders accordingly. The order of 1 Feb., 1729, about Colonel Spotswood is to be strictly observed and put in execution, and nothing contained in the other orders is to be understood to interfere with it.] 19 Nov.

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[182.] [Reference to the Committee of the] Petition of Christopher Gale Chief Justice of North Carolina, Complaining of some Proceedings carried on against him in the Admiralty Court of that Province at the Suit of Sir Richard Everard Baronet, Governor there—And humbly praying that he may be admitted to appeale therefrom—And that the Merritts of his Case may be Enquired into. 26 June.
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[Reference to a Committee of a letter to the Duke of Newcastle from Sir Richard Everard] transmitting a Copy of his Orders and Resolutions delivered to the Councill of that Province, at a Court of Chancery held on the 31th of March 1729, relating (amongst other things) to the putting a Stop to the Granting of Lands till His Majestys Pleasure should be known concerning them, and also to the filling up of Vacant Places there. 17 July.

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[Similar reference of an address of the Council of North Carolina containing complaints against Sir Richard Everard.] 17 July.
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31 July. [The Committee refer to the Board of Trade the examination of both matters referred on 17 July.] [p. 39.]
- 23 Oct. [On consideration of the papers, and of the report of the Board of Trade, the Committee report] that the Charge against Sir Richard Everard is of a high and heinous nature with respect to Your Majestys Royal Person and Government and unbecoming a Person to whose care the said Province has been committed—Yet in regard no proofs have been transmitted to Support the same—Their Lordships are humbly of opinion that the Governor who shall be Nominated for North Carolina should have Copys delivered to him of those Complaints, and that he be Directed to make strict enquiry into the truth thereof that Exemplary Justice may be done according to the Nature of the Offences said to have been committed. [pp. 66-7.]
- 19 Nov. Report of the Lords of the Committee . . . postponed, till a Governor shall be appointed by His Majesty for the said Province. [p. 85.]
- 17 July. [183.] [Reference to the Committee for Appeals of the petition of Peter de la Motte of London, merchant, to be permitted to appeal from a judgment of the Court of Common Pleas in St. Christopher in Feb., 1728, in favour of Richard Baker.] [pp. 29, 38, 48, 52, 62, 486.]
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23 Dec. [The appeal is sustained on the Committee report of 17 Dec. The case, now said to have been tried in Antigua, concerns a debt due from Miles Hackett, late of Antigua, planter, to De la Motte. Joseph Frizzle, commander of the sloop *Trial*, illegally carried off Hackett from the island without the usual ticket, whereby Baker, as security for Frizzle, became liable for the debt.] [pp. 509, 519.]
- 18 Aug. [184.] [Drafts of seals for Barbados, Jamaica, Virginia and South Carolina are approved in Council by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Guardian of the Realm, and warrants