praying for the reasons therein Contained that His Majesty would be pleased to take the said Instruction into His Royal Consideration and in regard to the Rights Libertys and Happiness of His most Loval Subjects of that Island signify His gracious confirmation of the Assemblys Priviledge of examining and ascertaining all Publick Debts before Orders for payment are issued by the Commanders in Chief as the only effectual Method of preventing Misapplications of the Publick money and of supporting Publick Credit. [p. 73.]

12 May.

[Referred by Committee to Board of Trade.] [p. 79.][176.] Reference to the Committee of the petition of William

7 May. Rhode Island.

Walker, gent., of Aldridge, Staffordshire, for leave to appeal from a judgment of the Superior Court of Rhode Island in Sept., 1749, reversing a judgment of the Inferior Court, 15 Dec., 1747, on his action against Henry Paget, merchant of Providence, R.I., to recover possession of lands, &c., possessed by Walker's father, William, in the county of Providence, and now unjustly withheld from the petitioner by Paget. [p. 74.]

28 May.

On the Committee report of 12 May, the appeal is admitted on the usual security, which is given on 10 July by Walker, John Richards, innholder, of the parish of St. Dunstan's in the West, Middlesex, and Robert Farmer, master hackney man, of the same parish.] [pp. 78, 110.]

(1754.)

[On the Committee report of 26 March, the judgment of 28 March. Sept., 1749, is reversed and that of Dec., 1747, affirmed. appeal was heard ex parte, no appearance having been entered for the respondent.] [pp. 169, 188; XV. pp. 28, 85-6, 101.]

28 May. Bermuda.

[177.] [In accordance with a Board of Trade representation of 14 May, Governor Popple, to whom leave of absence was granted for twelve months from 10 June last, is allowed a further twelve months on his representation that his affairs necessarily require this extension in order that he may answer the complaints exhibited against him. On 30 June a warrant prepared by the Board of Trade for granting a year's leave of absence from 10 June, 1752, is approved.] [pp. 111, 148.]