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[178.] [On a Board of Trade representation of 14 May, 28 May. Gilbert Fleming, Lieut.-General of the Leeward Islands and St. Christopher. Lieut.-Governor of St. Christopher, is granted twelve months' leave of absence to return to England for the recovery of his health. Gilbert Fane Fleming, one of the Council of St. Christopher, is also granted twelve months' leave of absence, on a similar representation, as his private affairs will require his stay here longer than he expected. On 30 June warrants for granting leave are approved in both cases. P.R.]

[pp. 112, 148.]

[On a Board of Trade representation of 16 June, twelve 30 June. months' leave of absence is granted to Henry Brouncker, Collector of Customs and one of the Council of St. Christopher, to return to this kingdom to pass his accounts as Collector and to settle his private affairs. On 14 July a warrant for the purpose is approved. P.R.]

[pp. 149, 165.]

[179.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of 28 May. James Lawrence, Esq., of St. James parish, Jamaica, for Jamaica. a day for hearing his appeal from a Chancery decree of 22 Jan., 1751, on his bill against William Tayler and John Wilson millwrights, to account with him for money received by them for erecting a watermill on his plantation and making a canal or watercourse to work it, and to pay him damages for the unskilfulness of their work, and that till the accounts were settled Tayler and Wilson should not receive, or should refund, the damages and costs awarded against the petitioner on an action at law.]

[p. 113.]

[Order for varying the decree in accordance with the 20 Dec. Committee report of 28 Nov. The mill was erected on the plantation of Towerhill and supplied with water from the Montego river. Owing to losses by its defects, Lawrence commenced an action for damages, but this was continued from the Grand Court in May to that in August, 1744. Meanwhile he became dangerously ill, and Tayler and Wilson took advantage of this to bring an action against him at Spanish Town, 100 miles distant, and by the single evidence

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of their apprentice, Richard Brown, recovered the whole sum laid on their declaration, 353*l.*, without allowing anything for moneys and goods delivered by Lawrence in the process of the work.] [pp. 235, 237-40, 260.]

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setts Bay.

[180.] [On the Committee report of the same date, orders are given on 46 Massachusetts acts. (*See App. III.*) The report comments on only a few of the Acts, as follows: An Act in addition to that confirmed in 113, and another in addition to and for rendering more effectual the same Act, with an Act] for ascertaining the Rates at which Coined Silver and Gold and English halfpence and farthings may pass within this Government—contain certain Regulations for the more effectual carrying into Execution and supplying some Defects in the Provisions of the aforementioned Law confirmed by His Majesty (113): And as the last of them is not Contrary but as near as may be agreeable to the Act of the Sixth of Queen Anne for ascertaining the Rates of Foreign Coins in the Plantations in America The said Lords Commissioners laid it before this Committee as proper to be confirmed.

. . upon the following Acts entitled.—

An Act for continuing sundry Laws of this Province expired or near expiring.

An Act for Continuing two Laws of this Province in this Act mentioned which are near expiring.

An Act for reviving and Continuing of sundry Laws that are expired or near expiring.

The said Lords Commissioners represent, that all the several Laws thereby revived or continued have been Confirmed by His Majesty except the Act to enable the Town of Weymouth to regulate and order the taking and disposing of the Fish called Shadd and Alewives within the Limits of that Town And the Act to enable Creditors to receive their just Debts out of the Effects of their Absent or Absconding Debtors, Which Acts do not appear to have been laid before his Majesty as they ought to have been pursuant to the Directions of the Charter of the said Province granted by King William and