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That upon his arrival he do enquire what progress hath been made by the said Grantees, in settling the said Lands, and how far the terms and Conditions of the said Grants have been complied with ; and also what quantitys of Land remain unsettled in the proportion of One white Person for every two Hundred Acres, and to transmit a particular account thereof, as soon as conveniently may be, to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations : And when the Term of ten Years (to be computed from the Dates of the said Grants) is fully compleated and ended, that he do seize and take possession of in Your Majestys Name, and Right, as forfeited and escheated, all such parts and Tracts of the said Land, as shall not at that time be settled, according to the Terms of the Grants. And that he do afterwards govern himself in relation to the said Lands, conformable to the 96th Article of these his instructions, relative to forfeitures and Escheats.

[XV. *pp.* 148-52, 159, 177.]

25 Jan. [195.] [On Board of Trade representations of 18 Jan.,  
Barbados. 12 months' leave of absence is granted to Abel Dottin, Richard Salter and John Gybbon, three Barbados councillors resident in England on their private affairs, which will detain them longer than they expected. Warrants granting the permission are approved on 7 Feb.] [*pp.* 294-5, 312.]

25 Jan. [196.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of  
St. Thomas Young, waiter and boatman of H.M. Customs at  
Christopher. Basseterre, St. Christopher, praying that the Governor be instructed to grant him a writ of error from a judgment of the Court of King's Bench there in favour of Nicholas Dunbabbin, relating to the seizure of 18 casks of sugar from Santa Cruz, brought by night into Basseterre and shipped on board the brigantine *Sarah and Elizabeth* contrary to law, and that he may appeal to his Majesty in Council if unsuccessful in the Court of Errors ; or otherwise for leave to appeal to his Majesty in Council from a former order of the Court of Errors quashing a writ of error granted from the said judgment of the Court of King's Bench.] [*p.* 297.]

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[Order, in accordance with Committee report of 27 Feb., allowing proceedings in the Court of Errors and an appeal therefrom. The sugar was taken in at sea by a small sloop, brought to Basseterre by night, and there put on board the *Sarah and Elizabeth*, bound to Bristol, without any notice to the authorities. Yet, after the seizure on 23 April, 1752, Henry Brouncker, Collector of Customs at Basseterre, admitted the sugar to an entry, because it had not been actually landed. The Assembly, hearing that the seizure was taken off without any previous trial at law, ordered the petitioner to renew his claim. On a very extraordinary special verdict, the Court of King's Bench gave judgment against the seizor. In the Court of Errors, which quashed his writ of error because the value of the sugar was under 300*l.*, Brouncker sat as one of the judges, though objected to, as in some measure interested.]

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[*pp.* 326-8, 345.]

[197.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of James Innes, Advocate for the Vice-Admiralty of Jamaica, on behalf of his Majesty and Governor Trelawny, and Benjamin Hume, Receiver General of Jamaica, that the Council dismiss for non-prosecution the appeal of John Bontin master of the sloop *Jupiter*, from its condemnation by the Vice-Admiralty Court, 18 May, 1751, for breach of the Navigation Laws.]

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[*p.* 297.]

[On the Committee report of 27 Feb., Bontin's appeal is dismissed with 80*l. stg.* costs.]

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[*pp.* 328-9, 346.]

[Reference to the Committee of the petition of Gideon Cornell of Rhode Island, sole owner of the sloop *Jupiter*, John Bontin late master, praying that the order dismissing Bontin's appeal be discharged and leave given to prosecute the appeal.]

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[The petitioner having explained that] this delay was unavoidably occasioned by the Petitioners Correspondent becoming a Bankrupt, and neglecting to take the necessary steps [the Committee order that, if he pay the 80*l.* costs

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