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Virginia to regulate his Conduct with regard to his taking the Fee of a Pistole, and to make other Regulations relative to the Grants of Lands as may be most conducive to the welfare of the Province of Virginia and the benefit of Your Majestys Revenue and Service. [pp. 111, 144-6, 161.]

5 Dec.

[Reference to the Committee of a representation of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, setting forth] that they have passed a Bill, for raising a further sum of 20,000*l.*, by a Poll Tax for protecting themselves against the Ambitious and cruel designs of the French, which hath been rejected by the Council of the said Colony, on account of a Clause being inserted therein, for paying 2,500*l.* to an Agent they had appointed to Sollicit His Majesty for Redress against a Fee of a Pistole demanded by the Governor for Sealing Grants of Lands, and praying, that they may be justified in their proceedings. [p. 271.]

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Island.

[228.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of John Freebody, merchant of Newport, R.I., complaining of the General Assembly for refusing him another trial at the Superior Court on two judgments of Nov., 1751 (in the Inferior Court) and March, 1752 (in the Superior Court) in his action to recover a strip of land 3 feet wide and 60 feet long, which John Cook had taken in from a way belonging to the petitioner, and praying to be allowed an appeal here on the usual security.] [p. 36.]

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[The appeal is admitted, on the Committee report of 26 Feb. Security is given on 26 March by Hungerford Spooner, merchant, of Abchurch Lane, London, and John Barratt, merchant, of the parish of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, London.] [pp. 55, 62.]

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[On the Committee report of 17 Dec., the appeal is dismissed with 20*l.* *stg.* costs.] [pp. 100, 111, 244, 271-2, 283.]

9 Jan.

[229.] [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 2 April to the Board of Trade, of an address of the House of Burgesses of Virginia] setting forth, that to the West-

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