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Indians, and the artifices practiced by the French to perswade them to attack the English, and therefore praying that a small number of regular Forces may be Stationed in the said Province, for its Security and defence, with what Cannon, Arms, Ammunition &c. may be thought proper. [p. 368.]

7 May. [Committee.] Representation . . Read, and the Consideration thereof Ordered to be Postponed for the Present.

[p. 396.]

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vania.

[269.] [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 15 April to the Board of Trade, of an address of the Representatives of the Freemen of Pennsylvania, setting forth] that in consequence of the Letters received from His Majestys Secretary of State, they had prepared and sent up to the Governor of the said Province, a Bill for Striking twenty thousand pounds in Bills of Credit for His Majestys use, but that the Governor, after repeated Sollicitations, had refused to pass the same, induced thereto, as they believe, by Restrictions he had received from the Proprietarys of the said Province ; That tho' they had been thus hindred from shewing their Chearfull and ready compliance to the Royal Orders, Yet they had procured a supply of Fresh Victuals and other necessarys for the Kings Troops whenever they might arrive there—And therefore humbly beseech His Majesty, if, after hearing them upon these Important Heads, it should be made appear that such Proprietary Restrictions are of dangerous consequence to the British Interest, or an Infringement of their Charter, that he would be graciously pleased to grant them such redress as may be agreeable to compassion and Justice.

[pp. 369, 371.]

12 June. [Committee. Copies of the Board of Trade report to be delivered to the agent for the province and to the agent for the proprietors.]

[p. 445.]

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Virginia.

[270.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Charles Dunbar, Esq., of Antigua, only surviving acting executor of Thomas Dunbar Parke, for a day for hearing

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his appeal from a decree of the Virginia Chancery, 10 April, 1754, dismissing his bill against Daniel Parke Custis for a discovery of the estates in Virginia and in England left by Daniel Parke.] [p. 370.]

[In accordance with the Committee report of 24 June, the (1757.)  
decree is reversed, the case is ordered to stand over for want 30 June.  
of parties, and the plaintiffs are allowed to amend their bill  
by adding proper parties. Governor Parke, in order to throw  
the burden of his debts wholly on his Virginian and English  
estates, by a will made in 1709 gave all his estate in the Leeward  
Islands to Thomas Long and Caesar Rodney, for the use of  
Lucy, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Chester, or if she died in  
infancy, for her mother : and after her death to his godson  
Julius Caesar Parke. A condition of the bequest to Lucy  
Chester was that she and her husband and heirs should take  
the name of Parke and use the coat of arms of that family,  
which belonged to Essex. Failing the heirs of Julius Caesar  
Parke, the estate was to pass to the heirs of his daughter,  
Frances wife of John Custis ; failing whom, to the heirs of  
his daughter, Lucy Byrd ; always provided that the possessor  
of the estate should take the name of Parke. The order  
of succession to the Virginian and English estates placed the  
heirs of Frances Custis first, then those of Lucy Byrd, those  
of Lucy Chester, those of Julius Caesar Parke. In default  
of these or on breach of the proviso, the estate was to go to the  
poor of Whitechurch parish in Hampshire. Various legacies  
and debts were to be paid from the Virginian and Hampshire  
estates. The executors included, besides the trustees already  
named, Samuel Byam, Micaiah and Richard Perry and  
Abraham Redwood. Lucy Chester married Thomas Dunbar,  
who took the name of Parke, and sought to have the testators'  
debts paid by Custis out of the Virginian and English estates.  
On the death of Thomas Dunbar Parke, proceedings were  
continued by Charles Dunbar and Ashton Warner, two of  
his executors (the others being William MacKinnen,  
Dr. Walter Sydcerrf, and his wife Lucy during her widowhood) ;

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and on John Custis' death, the present respondent was left his sole heir and executor. The parties sued in 1750 were Micaiah Perry, jun., Lucy Chester Parke, Daniel Parke Custis, Thomas Chamberlain and his wife Wilhelmina, daughter and heir of Lucy Byrd, Custis' answer in Nov., 1753, objected to the omission of the other executors, and of Daniel, Elizabeth and Lucy, children of Thomas Dunbar Parke, as parties.

[XVI. pp. 531, 534-7, 540.]

26 April. [271.] [Reference to the Committee of a Board of Trade  
North representation of 16 April proposing that the Governor of  
Carolina. North Carolina be authorised to assent to Acts for  
re-establishing towns heretofore erected under the laws  
repealed on 8 April, 1754.] [p. 377.]

7 May. [The Committee approve, and direct the preparation of  
instructions in accordance with, the representation of the  
Board of Trade, which set forth that they had received from  
Gov. Dobbs a copy of an address by the Assembly, complaining  
of the inconvenience that would be caused by repealing the  
Acts and conferring charters by virtue of the Governor's  
instructions, and proposing that the Governor be authorised  
to assent to the Acts,] provided such New Acts do not give  
power to such Towns or Countys to send Representatives to the  
Assembly, nor ascertain the number of Representatives to be  
sent, and Provided also, that any other Laws which may have  
been passed in the said Province since the Date of His Majestys  
aforesaid Order in Council, which might not at that time  
be laid before His Majesty, by which any Countys or Townships  
may have been erected and empowered to send Representatives  
to the Assembly be repealed and other Laws passed for the  
said purposes not liable to that Objection. [p. 395.]

24 June. [On the Committee report of 12 June, the instruction is  
approved.] [pp. 432, 451.]

26 April. [272.] [Reference to the Committee of a Board of Trade  
North representation of 16 April, setting forth that Governor Dobbs,  
Carolina. in several letters to them, has represented] that great numbers