Publick, as it will create a necessity of imposing a New Tax in Order to satisfye such Creditors, but must give such a Shock to its Credit as may have the most fatal Effects upon any future Occasions of raising money on Emergencys.

That upon the whole, as the mode of Levying Taxes is a matter of Provincial Oeconomy, of which the Representatives of the People are the Competent Judges; and as the Repeal of this Act would disappoint His Majestys Service, deprive the Publick of the benefit of the duty thereby imposed, put that part of it which is already accrued into the Private Pockets of Retailers and farmers, of Excise; and above all, as it must necessarily weaken the Credit of the Province, which the said Lords Commissioners conceive may in the present Conjuncture, be of fatal Consequence, they are humbly of Opinion, that the said Act should receive His Majestys Royal Confirmation. [pp. 479-82, 496.]

[274.] [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 7 May 26 April. to the Board of Trade, of the petition of Joseph Hauser and New York. Philip Ludig, on behalf of themselves and the Lutheran inhabitants of New York, for letters patent for collecting in England for building a church in New York.] [*pp.* 378, 396.]

[275.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of 26 April. William Foster, Esq., of Jamaica, for a day for hearing his appeal from a Chancery decree of 16 Oct., 1754, and several proceedings relating thereto in favour of Augustine Dupouy, in a case arising from the sale of goods on board the *Santa Rosa*, a prize taken by one of his Majesty's ships of war, which goods have been ordered by the Admiralty Court to be restored to the claimants.] [p. 379.]

[On the motion of Foster's solicitor, the Committee order 12 June. the stay of proceedings in the Jamaica Chancery till the appeal is determined.] [p. 442.]

[Reference to the Committee of the petition of Margaret (1756.) Blancau (or Renaire), widow and heiress of John Blancau, 27 Jan. merchant of Bordeaux, deceased, and of Dominic Laraldi,

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merchant of Cape Francis in America, Blancau's surviving partner, for a day for hearing their appeal from two orders of the Jamaica Chancery 17 May, and 2 Aug., 1754, in the suit arising from the sale of the *Santa Rosa* and her cargo.] [XVI. pp. 15, 406.]

- (1758.) [Committee. On the death of William Foster, the appeals
- 13 Mar. are revived by making his executors James Spagg and Martha his wife, parties.] [XVII. p. 59.]
- (1758.) [On the Committee report of 22 June, the order of 16 Oct.,
- 28 July. 1754, is affirmed ; and on the appeal of Blancau and Laraldi, directions are given for taking accounts in Chancery. Names occurring in the report are Robert Foster, Francis Anthony Piccarere, Alexander MacFarlane, Adam Milan, Mr. Crymble (the Receiver General), John Sibbald, and Charles White.]

[XVII. pp. 163, 173-8, 221.]

- 13 May. [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 15 [276.]Georgia. May to the Board of Trade, of a Board of Trade representation with a remonstrance from the Council and House of Representatives of Georgia, Setting forth, that the Governor of the said Province has, in Consequence of His Majestys Instructions, issued a Proclamation, obliging all Grantees of Lands, to clear and Cultivate at the Rate of five Acres per Year for every hundred Acres contained in their Grants, in failure of which, such Grants are to be void, and humbly praying for the reasons therein contained, that the said Condition may be altered, and that His Majesty would be graciously pleased to grant such Redress, as His to Majestys great Wisdom shall seem meet. [pp. 412, 416.][On the Committee report of 7 Aug. the Council approve 12 Aug. an instruction prepared by the Board of Trade in accordance with a Committee order of 23 July, when they approved
 - the Board of Trade report of 1 July, viz. :--] That the Governor of the said Province hath informed them, that great part of the Lands is Pine Barren, totally unfit for Cultivation, and that it generally happens, that one half of each Tract granted, is such Land; From whence the said Lords Commissioners