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Creditors. On this partial Application to the Assembly, the Bill was brought into the house, and we find, by the Journal of that House, that it was read twice in the forenoon, never committed, but passed in the afternoon of the same day ; And they are humbly of Opinion that to suffer the continuance of An Act so unjust and partial in its nature, passed so irregularly, and without the Observance of any one of those Rules which justice requires in all Cases which affect private property would be a precedent of the most dangerous consequence in the Colonies, and therefore proposing, that it be forthwith repealed and annulled.

[XVII. *pp.* 157–60, 164–5.]

13 Aug. [318.] [Reference to the Committee, and by them on
Nevis. 18 Aug. to the Ordnance, of the petition of John Sharpe, agent for Nevis, praying for ordnance and warlike stores for the defence of the island.] [*pp.* 272, 285.]

13 Aug. [319.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Joseph
Jamaica. Williams, Esq., of Westmoreland parish, Jamaica, for a day for hearing his appeal from a Chancery order of 1 Aug., 1754, and subsequent proceedings on 1 Aug., 1755, on a bill filed by Hannah Beecher, widow, for the petitioner and Lewis Williams to account with and pay her a legacy of 300*l.* currency given by will of Rowland Williams, deceased, to Mary Sharpe, widow, with interest from 28 May, 1723, to 6 Dec., 1750, and for an annuity of 100*l.* sterling also left to Mary Sharpe by Rowland Williams with interest from 6 Dec., 1722, to 6 Dec., 1750, and for the said annuity so long as Mary Sharpe should continue a widow.] [*pp.* 263, 273.]

(1757.) [In accordance with the Committee report of 22 March,
26 Mar. the decrees and the proceedings under them are reversed, and the respondents are allowed to amend their bill by adding proper parties or otherwise ; on giving security to perform any future decree, the appellant is to be restored to all he has lost by the decrees ; the respondents are directed to speed the suit : they are

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to account before a Master in Chancery for any rents and profits of the estate of which they have been in perception: if sequestrators have been in perception, an account is to be taken against them and the balance paid to the appellant. From the report it appears that Hannah Beecher is now wife of William Jenkins, Esq.] [pp. 459, 461-2, 468.]

[320.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Mary Baillie, widow, of Jamaica, for a day for hearing her appeal from a Chancery decree of 5 Aug., 1755, on a bill filed by Thomas and John Cussans, infants, (by Henry Morgan Byndloss and Thomas Byndloss, their guardians), as the sons, and by Matthew Gregory and Patrick Taylors, as the surviving executors, of Thomas Cussans, deceased, for payment of a bond of 1,715*l.* 8*s.* penalty entered into on 27 June, 1721, by the petitioner's late husband, Dr. Robert Baillie to Thomas Cussans.] [p. 273.]

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[321.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Thomas Powell, gent., of Jamaica, for a day for hearing his appeal from a Chancery decree of 15 Aug., 1755, on a bill filed against him and Alisha, his late wife, by Elizabeth, the widow, and Walter, the son, of Walter Hughes, deceased, Charles the brother of Matthew Hughes, and Jennet, Catherine, Joan and Mary, the children of Stephen Hughes, deceased, for an account of the estates of Walter, Matthew, and Stephen Hughes.] [p. 274.]

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[Similar reference of Powell's petition to be allowed to appeal from Chancery orders of 2 and 5 Aug. in favour of the same parties and Catherine, widow of Stephen Hughes.] [p. 274.]

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[Committee report for dismissing the second petition, with marginal note,] this Report was never approved, but another Report upon this matter was as Vide Page 516. [p. 279.]

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[The Committee recommend that the second petition be dismissed and that, if the first is not brought on to be heard at the first Committee after the holidays, the judgment of 15 Aug., 1755, should be confirmed save as to costs, which their Lordships will consider of.] [pp. 466, 479.]

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