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by the petitioner against Polock, be dismissed with costs for non-prosecution.] [p. 41.]

[On the Committee report of 17 Feb., the appeal is dismissed (1747.) with 5l. stg. costs.] [pp. 143, 184.] 12 Mar.

[41.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of the Hon. Isaac Gale of the parish of St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, for a day for hearing his appeal from a Chancery decree, 5 Feb., 1746, dismissing for want of parties a bill filed by him against Alexander Strachan, Edward Wilson, Richard Basnett and the Attorney General of Jamaica, to pay to the petitioner what should appear to be due to him as the proper representative and assignee of Mary Basnett, deceased.] [p. 41.]

[Committee order for hearing on 3 April, and for affixing (1749.) the usual summons, as the Attorney General has not entered 1 Mar. his appearance.] [XII. p. 204.]

The Lords of the Committee this day took into Consideration the Appeal of Isaac Gale Esqr. against Alexander Strachan and others from Jamaica, and an Objection being made to the entering into the Merits of the said Appeal for want of proper Partys, Their Lordships heard Counsel thereupon, and were of Opinion That the Bill ought not to have been dismissed for want of proper Partys, For that if the Objection had been a good One, it was not a sufficient Reason for dismissing the Bill. But their Lordships were of Opinion, that there were sufficient Partys before the Court for the Court to have proceeded to the hearing and Determining the Merits of the Cause—Their Lordships therefore agreed to proceed upon the Merits at the next Committee. [XII. p. 299.]

[Order in accordance with the Committee report of 21 Nov., 1749.] The report gives an account of the disposal by Richard and Mary Basnett of the plantation of Brimmer Hall. Wilson and Strachan were trustees for Mary Basnett during her life. Gale, her loving kinsman, is her residuary legatee, but her will, as that of a *femme couverte*, is alleged to be void, and the trustees still claim to hold the estate in favour of Richard Basnett. Part of Gale's bill as against Wilson for conveying

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the plantation to him is dismissed, but Wilson is ordered to come to an account with Gale for the residue of the trust estate left by Mary Basnett. Gale's bill against the Attorney General is dismissed with costs, which are to be repaid him by Wilson or out of the trust estate after the account is taken. No costs are awarded on the appeal. [Other names mentioned in the report are Dr. William Hamilton, and Dorothy, wife of Isaac Gale.] [XII. pp. 340-8, 528.]

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[42.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Sarah, widow of John Williams, and James Barclay of Kingston, Jamaica, and John Lewis of the parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica, for a day for hearing their appeal from an order of the Governor as Ordinary, 5 May, 1746, repealing an administration of the goods and chattels of John Williams granted to Norwood Witter and Benjamin Blake and granting administration de bonis non to their wives, Bonella Witter and Hannah Blake.]

(1747.) 8 Sept. [In explanation of the respondents' delay in entering an appearance Mr. Paris and Mr. Forrester explained on 30 July that two packet boats had been lost and no papers yet arrived. On the Committee report of 10 Aug. (when no counsel appeared for Witter and his wife), the administration in favour of Mrs. Witter and Mrs. Blake, sisters of the intestate deceased, is cancelled, and administration of all the goods, chattels, rights and credits of John Williams granted to Barclay and Lewis for the use of and during the absence of Sarah Williams. Mrs. Williams being in Great Britain at the time of her husband's death, authorised Barclay, Lewis and James Patterson of the county of Westmoreland, Jamaica, to be her attorneys as administratrix; Witter and Blake, who had married two sisters of John Williams, were meanwhile appointed by Governor Trelawny.]

[pp. 331, 344, 345, 362-5, 383.]

17 Nov. [43.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Wait Rhode Tripp of Newport, R.I., widow, for a day for hearing her