as the Laws direct. And We apprehend the doing this by Proclamation to be the more necessary, as We doubt whether any Act of Government less solemn wou'd have a due Effect on the Charter Governments of Rhode Island and Connecticut the former of which appears to have been so largely concerned in this pernicious Commerce :

[The representation and papers are referred to the Attorney and Sollicitor General, who are to report upon the whole of this case, and if they consider that a proclamation may be a means of answering the end proposed, to prepare a draft accordingly.] [*pp.* 258-61.]

[418.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of John Grant, of Halifax, N.S., agent of Robert Grant, contractor Nova Scotia. and agent victualler to a department of the Navy under Admiral Saunders in North America, for leave to appeal from a sentence of the Vice Admiralty Court, 13 July, 1759, on a bill filed by Henry Newton, collector of customs at Halifax, for condemnation of the ship Rising Sun and her cargo of wine, fruit and other refreshments for the fleet freighted in Portugal.] [p. 278.]

20 Mar. [On the Committee report of 13 March, the appeal was admitted. On 24 March, security was given by Robert Grant and William Bearsley, of London, merchants.] [pp. 291, 295.]

[On the Committee report of 20 Jan., the judgment is (1761.)reversed, and Newton and Herbert Lawrence, representative 28 Jan. of the late Governor, Charles Lawrence, are to restore to the owners within six months 4,038l. 18s. as the value of the cargo, and 210*l*. as the value of the ship. No costs are allowed to either party.]

[pp. 307, 311; Geo. III. Vol. I. pp. 111, 120, 153-4, 177.]

[419.] [An appearance for Alexander Home to the appeal 29 Mar. of John Willet from St. Christopher is entered by Henry St. Christopher. Wilmot.] [p. 323.]

[420.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of 2 May. Jamaica. Richard Cross, of Jamaica, that his appeal from a Chancery

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decree of 23 Jan., 1748, on a bill filed by the Attorney General against Samuel Dicker and the petitioner for the moiety of a legacy bequeathed by William Cross to Eleanor Jones and now lapsed by her death, may be now received though out of the strict and usual time.] [p. 367.]

12 June. [On the Committee report of 3 June, the appeal is admitted,] saving nevertheless to the Respondents the Right of making such Exceptions as they shall think proper to offer at the Hearing of the said Appeal with regard to the length of time the Appellant hath omitted to prosecute the same. [pp. 398, 402.]

19 June. [Committee order for hearing in December, and for making Michael Atkins, John Curtis, and Mark Davis, of Bristol, merchants, parties in place of Dicker, who is dead and whose executors they are.] [pp. 409, 412.]

(1761)[Committee order allowing the appellant to amend his 29 June. appeal and staying his share of the lapsed legacy in the hands of the respondents till the hearing of the appeal or further order.] [Geo. III. Vol. I. pp. 333, 418.]

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[On the Committee report of 19 Dec., the decree is reversed 21 Dec. and the bill dismissed. The case concerns the will of William Cross, of Kingston, Jan., 1738, bequeathing his estate to his cousins John, Eleanor and Elizabeth, children of Edmund Jones, of Melverly, in the county of Montgomery. Richard Mills was named executor, and, in case of his decease, Rose Fuller, Samuel Dicker, and Anthony White, of whom Dicker alone acted. By the death of one of the devisees, Eleanor, in the lifetime of the testator, one third of his estate became distributable amongst his next of kin, *i.e.* his brothers, Richard, the petitioner, and Thomas Cross. In 1743 Thomas made over his share to Richard. His share, however, it was alleged by Robert Penny, the Attorney General, had been forfeited by Thomas's previous conviction for forgery in England in 1738. The decree of Jan., 1748, ordered Cross and Dicker to come to an account with the Receiver General before Sidney Marriott, Master in Chancery, for Thomas Cross's moiety of Eleanor Jones's share of the estate.] [III. pp. 184, 186–90, 194.]