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the said Lands. [It is now ordered that a copy of the petition be sent to Sir J. Amherst for his answer ;] But if through want of information in Affairs of this kind any such License or Grant of Lands as is complained of may have been made by the said Sir Jeffery Amherst, it is his Majestys express Commands, that he do forthwith and without delay recall and Vacate the same, and cause all such Persons, who may have settled themselves upon the said Lands to quit, and remove therefrom, his Majesty being determined to Observe the aforementioned Treaty of 1726 and to adhere strictly to his Royal Instructions given in December 1761 to his Governors of Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, prohibiting them in the strongest Terms from Granting Lands or making Settlements, which may interfere with the Indians bordering on those Colonies, a Copy of which Instruction is likewise hereunto Annexed. [p. 264.]

3 Dec. [Letter from Henry Fane, Clerk of the Council, to John Pownall, Secretary to the Board of Trade, transmitting a letter from Sir Jeffrey Amherst relating to the settlements at Niagara with thirteen accompanying papers to be laid before the Board of Trade.] [p. 426.]

25 June. [484.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Benjamin Nicholls, of Newport, R.I., executor of Jonathan Nicholls, praying that the Council dismiss with exemplary costs for non-prosecution the appeals of William Read, merchant of Newport, from a judgment of the Superior Court in March, 1759, affirming that of the Inferior Court in May, 1758, in Read's action to recover a debt due from Jonathan Nicholls, and from another judgment of the Superior Court in Aug., 1760, barring a writ of *scire facias* for the petitioner to show cause why Read should not have execution against his goods.] [p. 268.]

3 Aug. [On the Committee report of 15 July, the appeals are dismissed without costs.] [pp. 299, 325.]

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