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certain Lands which were her Estate before Marriage, for the maintenance of herself and three Children. And although a Case of so unusual and extraordinary a Nature seems peculiarly to claim a punctual observance of the several Regulations prescribed by Your Majestys Instructions to Your Governor with respects to the passing of Private Acts, yet this Act hath been passed without the least regard to any of those Regulations neither is there any Certificate of due Notice having been given of the Parties intention to apply for such Act, nor any proof of the Husbands consent to it without which, it is, in the opinion of Your Majesty's Council (attending the said Lords Commissioners) contrary to Law that a Femme Couverte should sell her real Estate for her own use, neither does the Act contain any Clause suspending its execution until it should have received Your Majestys Approbation, and therefore proposing that the said Act should receive Your Majestys Disallowance. [pp. 483, 512, 533.]

[506.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of William Johnstone, Captain Lieutenant in H.M. Royal Regiment of Artillery, now at Quebec, praying leave to appeal from a judgment of the Military Court of Quebec, 22 Aug., 1762, in favour of the Sieur Houdin, touching some bills of exchange purchased of him by the petitioner.] [p. 536.] 16 Mar. Quebec.

[Committee. Petition] Read and the Sollicitor for the Petitioner directed to lay before their Lordships an Affidavit of the value of the Money paid for the said Bills of Exchange before their Lordships proceed in the further Consideration of the said Petition. [III. p. 184.] 15 Dec.

[507.] [Reference to the Committee of a Board of Trade representation of 18 March for repealing a Massachusetts Act of Feb., 1762—to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge among the Indians of North America.] [p. 538.] 21 Mar. Massachusetts Bay.

[On the Committee report of 11 May, the Act is disallowed. The representation shows] That this Act is liable to the following 20 May.