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Families so to be settled and also a quantity of Land to themselves in proportion to the number of Families they shall send thither . . . together with the memorandum thereto annexed concerning Detroit. [The petition also requested that the settlement might] be erected into a specie of distinct Government as the present rotation of Military duty may not always afford Affairs [? officers] of abilities equal to so important a Trust. [*Cf.* App. V, Canada.] [IV. p. 194.]

31 Aug. [516.] [Reference to the Board of Trade of the petition of
Labrador. Ackton Rickaby Bondfield, merchant, of London, for a grant of] the Post or Bay Phelypaux in North America together with four Leagues of Land on the Coast of Labrador adjoining to the said Bay and the right of fishing along the said Coast in the same manner as it hath heretofore been granted by the French King to one Martel Brouage, or in such other manner as to His Majestys Royal Wisdom shall see meet. [p. 88.]

31 Aug. [517.] [Reference to the Board of Trade of the petition of
Dominica. John Fordyce, Andrew Grant, Robert Malcolm, and William Adam, merchants of London, Robert Adam, William Johnston and George Dempster of Westminster, and Andrew Stewart of Edinburgh, for a grant of a tract of land] lying near the Rivulet called Massacre in the Island of Dominica with all Mines and Minerals therein (Royal Mines excepted). [p. 88.]

31 Aug. [518.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of
Barbados. Thomas Suleven, planter of Barbados, and Alice, his wife, late the widow of John Patterson, for a day for hearing his appeal from a Chancery decree of 1 Sept., 1762, making perpetual an injunction to stay their proceedings on a verdict found for them against Dr. Reynold Skeete in an action for dower.] [pp. 89, 607.]

(1765.) [On the Committee report of 16 July, the decree is reversed
26 July. and Skeete's bill in Chancery dismissed.] [IV. pp. 276, 305.]

31 Aug. [519.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of
Virginia. Thomas Howlett of Virginia, for a day for hearing his appeal from a judgment of the General Court, 10 April, 1762, setting

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aside a special verdict of 10 Oct., 1760, in his favour, on an action of ejectment brought against him by John Doe on the demise of Thomas Osburne to recover 150 acres of land, etc., in the parish of Dale in the county of Henrico.] [p. 89.]

[On the Committee report of 18 July, the judgment is reversed, and the petitioner ordered to be restored to all he has lost thereby.] (1765.) 26 July. [IV. pp. 300, 307.]

[520.] [The following memorial of 4 Oct. from the Treasury 5 Oct. Plantations. is approved, and the Earl of Halifax, Secretary of State, the Admiralty, and the Board of Trade instructed to give directions in accordance therewith :—] We the Commissioners of your Majestys Treasury beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty, that having taken into Consideration the present state of the Duties of Customs imposed on your Majestys Subjects in America and the West Indies, We find, that the Revenue arising therefrom is very small and inconsiderable having in no degree increased with the Commerce of those Countries, and is not yet sufficient to defray a fourth Part of the Expence necessary for collecting it. We observe with concern that through Neglect, Connivance and Fraud, not only the Revenue is impaired, but the Commerce of the Colonies is diverted from its natural Course and the salutary Provisions of many wise Laws to secure it to the Mother Country are in great Measure defeated: Attention to Objects of so great Importance, we are sensible is at all times our Duty; but at this it is more indispensable when the Military Establishment necessary for maintaining these Colonies requires a large Revenue to support it, and when their vast Increase in Territory and Population makes the proper Regulation of their Trade of immediate Necessity, lest the continuance and extent of the dangerous Evils abovementioned may render all Attempts to remedy them hereafter infinitely more difficult, if not utterly impracticable. We have endeavoured therefore to discover, and as far as the Power of our Department will allow, remove the Causes, to which the Deficiency of this Revenue and the contraband Trade with other European