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by them on 2 April. The order to grant the lands was omitted and instead the Governor was instructed not to make any grant of the lands until he shall receive further directions. Pending determination of the suit in New York and any appeal therefrom, the petitions for grants are to lie by.]

[V. pp. 191, 199, 216.]

[591.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Robert Etherington and of Waddle Cunningham, administrator of James Wardrop, deceased, owners of the ship *Maxwell*, and of Elias Debrosses, owner, and Richard Thomas, master of the schooner *St. Stephen*, for the benefit of their capture of the French snow *Bon Rencontre*, 250 tons, Mr. Guillarie master, on 22 March, 1757. On the condemnation of the snow at New York, the money arising from its sale was adjudged and decreed for his Majesty's use, as the ships had no letters of marque.] 14 Feb.
New York.

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[Referred by the Committee to the Treasury to do therein as their Lordships shall think proper.] 19 Mar.

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[592.] [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 19 March to the Board of Trade, of the petition of the Hon. Nicholas Herbert, Andrew Stone, and John Pownall, respectively Secretary, Register in Chancery, and Naval Officer, of Jamaica, for themselves and their deputies, and of James Charles Sholto Douglas, collector of customs, setting forth that the House of Representatives] have thought proper (in consequence of a Report of a Committee of that House appointed to inspect the publick Offices) to arraign the Conduct and Justice of the Petitioners, and to Condemn the practice of taking fees established by Custom and long usage and to declare that if the publick Officers should continue to take the same they ought to be displaced and prosecuted with the utmost severity of the Law ; which Declaration has excited several vexatious Suits against some of the Petitioners Deputies and is grounded upon a Proclamation lately issued in the said Island in consequence of an Instruction to the Governor relative to 22 Feb.
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