thereon according to law: either party may then appeal to the Privy Council. [pp. 291-4, 311-3.]

[617.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Governor Lyttelton, James Innes, Advocate General, and Robert Graham, Receiver General of Jamaica, that the Council dismiss with costs for non-prosecution the appeal of Augustine Merida and Jacob Bravo from the condemnation of the schooner Isabella, Don Joseph de Micolto master, in the Vice Admiralty Court of Jamaica, 22 Oct., 1762.]

On the Committee report of 14 Aug., the appeal is 6 Sept. dismissed for non-prosecution.] [pp. 324, 343.]

[618.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of John Payne, vintner, of Antigua, for leave to appeal from the condemnation of his small schooner Freemason in the Vice Admiralty Court of Antigua, 22 Feb., 1765, in favour of William Abdy, commander of H.M.S. Beaver, for taking goods on board before the master had made the oath or affirmation required by statute.] [p. 320.]

On the Committee report of 14 Aug., the appeal is admitted. 6 Sept. Security is given on 18 Sept. by Richard Oliver, merchant, and Michael Lovell, gent., of Goulds Square, London.] [pp. 323, 343.]

On the Committee report of 10 June, that part of the sentence which condemned the ship is reversed. On the trial 26 June. in the Vice Admiralty Court, the judge declared that he was convinced no illegal trade was intended, yet by the letter of the law he was obliged to declare the ship forfeit for want of having the proper papers on board. At the same time, he restored to the petitioner five slaves who were on board, and allowed a plea of Edward Horne to the jurisdiction of the Court, in respect of 3,500l. gold and silver money of Antigua currency. Joseph Richardson was master of the Freemason at the time of the seizure.] [V. pp. 326-8, 358.]

[Reference to the Committee of a Board of Trade representation of 27 Aug. upon papers transmitted by the

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