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to him to allow the Petitioner a Temporary Occupation of the said Island so long as Your Majesty shall think fit to continue an establishment at Detroit, provided this can be done without Umbrage to the Indians, and upon Consideration that the Improvements projected by the Petitioner will be directed to the more easy and effectual Supply of Your Majesty's Fort and Garrison maintained at Detroit. [VI. *pp.* 151-3, 159.]

[54.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of William Coleman, merchant of London, for a day for hearing his appeal from a decree of the St. Christopher Chancery, 12 June, 1767, on a bill filed against him on a matter of account by Thomas Truman, Abednego Matthew and Jane his wife, and others. A cross-appeal is similarly referred on 11 May, 1768.] [p. 530 ; VI. *pp.* 106, 178, 195.] 12 Dec. St. Christopher

[On the Committee report of 14 March, both appeals are dismissed. Sir Charles Paine is the only other name mentioned in the report.] [VI. *pp.* 496, 537.] (1769.) 14 April.

[55.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Gabriel Christie, deputy-Quartermaster-General of the forces in North America, for a day for hearing his appeals from judgments of the Lieut.-Governor and Council of Quebec, 29 Dec., 1766, affirming judgments of the Supreme Court, 14 Sept., 1765, on actions brought against him by (a) Francis Noble Knipe and John Le Quesne, merchants of Montreal; and (b) by Knipe alone, for trespass by impressing several artificers and workmen employed by them.] [*pp.* 493, 538.] 23 Dec. Quebec.

[On Committee reports of 31 May, the judgments are reversed and the actions dismissed. Knipe and Le Breton were building a ship of 250 tons to send to London with a cargo in Sept., 1763, and Knipe another of 230 tons to be sent in May, 1764. In July, 1763, the workmen engaged on the former vessel and in Feb., 1764, those on the latter, were impressed by Christie for his Majesty's service, under instructions from Brigadier General Burton, Governor of Montreal, and employed in building and repairing boats. The petitioners] (1768.) 13 June.

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alleged that they had suffered by depredations of stores etc. on board the vessels by the inhabitants after the removal of the workmen, besides the loss of the profits they had counted on making by the voyages: they also claimed that Christie had acted "of his own wrong" in taking away the workmen. In Knipe's action] a venire was thereupon awarded for a Jury to come before the Honourable William Gregory Esquire Your Majesty's Chief Justice Assigned to hold Pleas in your Majesty's said Supreme Court for the Province of Quebec aforesaid at the City of Quebec on Saturday the 24th day of August 1765, to Try the said Issues so Joined between the Parties—But instead of Trying the said Issues so Joined by a Jury before the said Chief Justice the said Francis Noble Knipe did enter up an Interlocutory Judgment in the said Action by Default against the Petition as if no Plea had been put in or no Issue had been Joined therein And without ever Trying the said Issues so Joined did award a Writ of Inquiry directed to the Provost Marshall to enquire what Damages the said Francis Noble Knipe had Sustained and to return the Inquisition on Tuesday the 21st Day of January then next 1766, And the said Francis Noble Knipe on the 14th day of September 1765 having Convened a Jury before the Deputy Provost Marshall proceeded to Assess Damages.

[Knipe's claim for the profits which his voyage might have made swelled the amount awarded (including costs) to 2,574*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* currency. Christie brought a writ of error before the Lieut.-Governor and Council, but the former verdict was affirmed and 70*l.* 18*s.* 11½*d.* added to the costs. In the other case, after similar proceedings, damages and costs were awarded to the amount of 3,533*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*, and 71*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* costs of the writ of error.] [VI. *pp.* 3, 183-91, 203.]

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 15 Jan. [56.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of
 Massachu- Richard Pateshall, of Boston, administrator of Robert Pateshall,
 setts Bay.