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into it"—That this Ordinance (calculated merely for the Temporary encouragement and promotion of an Infant Settlement) was, upon the Completion of Legislature in that Province, revived and put in force, by an Act of General Assembly, in the 32<sup>d</sup> Year of His late Majesty's Reign, which Act having been from time to time continued until the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 1762, was at that Period suffered to Expire ; But upon Representation being made by Your Majestys Governor of this Province, of the Use and Expediency of continuing this Regulation for some time longer, it was Revived and put in force by An Act of Assembly passed in the Year following, whereby those Persons who were Inhabitants of the Province, Previous to the date of the above expiration, were, agreeable to the Tenor of the Original Ordinance, Protected from Debts not Contracted therein, for the further Space of three years ; That altho' this Indulgence to Settlers who had Originally come into the province under the Sanction of these Laws, and were actually therein, when the same Expired in 1762, was at that Period Judged reasonable, Yet from the present Circumstances of the Colony it does not appear necessary to Prolong this Exemption which could only be Intended as a Temporary relief and Indulgence, and which tho' Allowed for a time in Consideration of the Weak State of an Infant Settlement, might, if carried into too great an Extent, be productive of many inconveniencies ; and . . the Regulation itself is formed upon a Principle evidently Contrary to the Spirit and Intention of an Act of Parliament made and Passed in the fifth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more easy Recovery of Debts in His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America." [pp. 7, 73, 86.]

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[64.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Edward Dixon, gent., and his sons, Harry and Turner, all of Virginia, for a day for hearing their appeal from two decrees of the General Court, 10 April, 1764, and 10 Oct., 1766, in favour of Thomas and Harry Turner, by their respective

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guardians, Thomas Jett and Anthony Thornton, Walker Taliaferro and Sally, his wife, late Sally Turner, and Thomas Jett, John Skinner, and Joseph Murdock, executors of Thomas Turner, in cases relating to the estate of Col. Thomas Turner of King George co., Virginia, deceased.] [*pp.* 110, 164, 208.]

[On the Committee report of 2 April, the decrees are reversed (1770.) in part and directions are given for taking accounts. 6 July. Col. Turner had by his first wife two sons, Harry and Thomas, and by his second wife a daughter, Sarah. Harry married Elizabeth Smith and died in 1751, leaving an only child, the respondent Thomas. His brother Thomas died intestate in 1747, leaving two children, the respondents Harry and Sally. Sarah married the appellant Edward Dixon, and died in 1751 leaving two sons, also appellants. Others named in the report are Elizabeth Smith's father and brother, both called Nicholas, and two slaves, Mariah and Betty.] [*VII. pp.* 299-308, 449.]

[65.] [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 31 May to the Board of Trade, of the petition of Henry Bostock or Bostwick of Canada, but now of London, merchant, on behalf of himself and twenty others, setting forth] that they lately presented a petition to His Majesty for a Grant of all Mines Minerals, Metals already discovered, and hereafter to be discovered in, about and under Lake Superior in North America and the Islands therein, and the Countries all round the said Lake within the Distance of sixty Miles thereof and of any and every part thereof; and that the Petitioners might be incorporated with all the usual Powers; that His Majesty was Pleased to refer the said petition to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and the Merits of the said petition coming on to be heard before their Lordships on the 21st of April last, the further hearing thereof was Adjourned; that the Petitioners being desirous so valuable a discovery should not be lost, by way of Supplement to their former Petition, Submit to take such Grant under such a reasonable reservation of a Share of the Ores to be raised, and under

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Superior.