

210 ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL (COLONIAL).

1769. § 124 *cont.*]

(1773.) [Reference to the Committee of a Board of Trade report
19 May. of 6 May proposing a plan of government for Walpole's
intended colony of Vandalia.] [X. p. 196.]

(1773.) [The Committee direct the Attorney and Solicitor General
3 July. to prepare the draft of a grant to Walpole on the terms
proposed by the Board of Trade.] [X. p. 238.]

(1773.) [On the representation of the law officers] that the granting
28 Oct. the said lands in Joint-Tenancy will probably render it
impossible to make any under Grants with Compleat Titles ;
That the Description of the thing to be granted is much more
loose and uncertain than hath been usual in Royal Grants or
than hath been practised so far as they know, in any but the
Grants which were made for the Erection of Colonies to the
first Adventurers in America, while it was wholly unknown ;
And further that the Quit Rents will not be so well secured
to His Majesty if they are not reserved from the Lands under
Granted, instead of being made payable by the Grantors
[the Committee direct them to prepare the draft of a grant
as proposed by the Board of Trade, except that quitrents
are to be made payable (twenty years after leasing or settling)
by undertenants as well as by the grantees. A map of the
land prayed for is also transmitted, and the law officers are
to insert the bounds of the lands in the grant as they are
described in the Board of Trade report of 6 May, 1773].

[X. pp. 321-3.]

(1774.) [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Thomas
12 Aug. Walpole on behalf of himself, the Earl of Hertford, Earl Temple,
Lord Camden, Richard Walpole, Robert Walpole, Sir Harry
Featherstonhaugh, Bart., Sir George Colebrooke, Bart., Thomas
Pitt, Richard Jackson, Samuel Wharton and their associates,
that the establishment of Vandalia be no longer delayed and
that the grant of lands on the Ohio agreed upon be expedited.]

[X. p. 206.]

15 Sept. [125.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of
Rhode Alexander Grant, merchant of Newport, Rhode Island, for a
Island. day for hearing his appeal from an order of the Superior Court

§ 125 *cont.*]

1769.

in Sept., 1768, affirming a judgment of the Inferior Court, 16 Nov., 1767, condemning him to pay to Charles Hardy 25*l.* *stg.* and costs for the value of certain bills of exchange.]

[*pp.* 107, 268.]

[On the Committee report of 9 July, the appeal is dismissed. (1771.)
Solicitor for the appellant informed their Lordships that he 19 July.
had no orders to proceed further.] [VIII. *pp.* 325, 343.]

[126.] [Reference to the Committee of (a) a representation 25 Oct.
of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay, Massachu-
containing divers charges against Governor Bernard, and (b) setts Bay.
Bernard's petition for an early day for hearing the charges;
and, on 29 Nov., of (c) a petition of Denys de Berdt, agent
for the Assembly, for time and opportunity to make good
their allegations.] [*pp.* 117, 154.]

[Reference to the Committee of de Berdt's petition that (1770.)
the hearing (which on 21 Dec. had been fixed for 27 Jan.) 19 Jan.
be deferred for some months to give time for obtaining proofs of
their charges from a distance. On 20 Jan. the Committee gave
peremptory order for hearing on 28 Feb.] [*pp.* 180, 211, 213.]

[Committee minute.] . . the said Mr. De Berdt and (1770.)
Sir Francis Bernard attended and were called in when the 28 Feb.
agent for the Complainants presented to their Lordships a
Memorial, wherein he declined proceeding upon the Complaints
without having further time allowed him to procure the
necessary proofs from his Constituents, which Memorial
being read, their Lordships asked Mr. De Berdt several
Questions touching the Steps he had taken to procure the
necessary evidence in support of the Charge to which he
answered in Substance as follows,

Being asked about what time he had wrote to his
Constituents to send him over proofs?—He said it was some-
time in August last as he Believed, that he wrote to the
Speaker for that purpose, but had never received any Answer
from him on that head—Being asked if He had received any
and how many Letters from the Speaker since that time,—
Replied he might have had five or six Letters from the