

1770. § 171 *cont.*]

prohibition, the objections made to the practice in the Year 1729 do stand forth in their full force and extent ; For which Reason and for as much as the Merchants of Bristol Liverpool and Lancaster trading to Affrica, have both by their Representatives and by Memorials stated to the said Lords Commissioners the prejudice which these Laws will be of to the Trade and Commerce of those ports, it becomes their Duty, agreeing with them in opinion humbly to propose, that the first mentioned of these Laws may be disallowed ; permitting the other which is made to continue only to October 1771, and has also reference to other matters which will require a different consideration, to expire by it's own Limitation ; And that Your Majesty's Governor may be Instructed that he do not for the future give his assent without Your Majesty's permission first obtained to any Law, by which the Duties of ten per Cent. upon Slaves imported into that Colony imposed by former Laws shall be increased.

[On 4 Dec. the Committee ordered the instruction to be prepared (P.R.). It forbade the continuation of the act of Nov., 1769, and the enacting of any measure) by which the Importation of Slaves shall be in any respect prohibited or obstructed.

[*pp.* 594, 624, 631-3, 653.]

(1772.) [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 19 Dec.
31 July. to the Board of Trade, of a letter from Lord Dunmore to Lord Hillsborough, with an] Address of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, humbly beseeching His Majesty to remove all restraints upon His Majesty's Governors of that Colony, which inhibit their assenting to such Laws as might check the Importation of Slaves into the Colonies from the Coast of Africa, The Importation of such Slaves having long been considered as a Trade of great Inhumanity and under its present Encouragement, they have too much reason to fear will endanger the very Existence of His Majesty's American Dominions.

[IX. *pp.* 395, 524.]

9 Dec. [172.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of
Grenada. Charles Philip Clozier, François Clozier Decosteaux

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1770.

Louis François de Chantenille, Nicholas François de Buret, Charles François Da Raniel, Claude Passé Lamelirie and Mary Charlotte Clozier, his wife, and Jean François de Vernon, of Grenada, for a day for hearing their appeal from a Chancery decree of 10 Jan., 1770, on a bill filed against them by Paul Antoine Dufaur, administrator of his wife, Rose François Dufaur, touching the guardianship and administration of an estate.] [p. 658 ; VIII. p. 85.]

[On the Committee report of 20 Jan. the decree is varied in (1772.) several particulars. François Pierre de St. Luc is the only 29 April. additional name in the report.] [IX. pp. 44-6, 192.]

[173.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of 9 Dec. Lewis Le Jeune and Louise Victoire de Flavigny, his wife, Grenada. that their appeal from a decree of the Grenada Chancery, 2 Nov., 1768, in favour of Andrew Irwin, relating to the purchase of some plantations, be dismissed without costs, as they have been advised not to prosecute it.] [p. 659.]

[On the Committee report of 20 Dec., the appeal is dismissed (1771.) without costs.] [p. 691 ; VIII. p. 20.] 9 Jan.

[174.] [Reference to the Committee of a Board of Trade 14 Dec. report on a letter of 10 July from Governor Melville, proposing Grenada. that separate commissions be issued for the trial of pirates in the governments of Grenada and Dominica under the act of 11 and 12 William III, agreeable to the form observed in the commission for the Leeward Islands.] [p. 664.]

[The Committee order the Board of Trade to submit the 15 Dec. names of persons proper to be appointed to carry the commissions into execution.] [p. 675.]

[On the Committee report of 12 April, the Advocate General (1771.) and the Advocate of the Admiralty are ordered to prepare 15 April, drafts of the commissions. Charles Winstone, his Majesty's counsel at law in Dominica, as well as the Governor of Grenada, had represented the great charges and the difficulty of procuring witnesses (there being no fund for defraying their expenses), in cases of pirates taken within the government of Grenada