

360 ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL (COLONIAL).

1773. § 244 *cont.*]

appeal of Giles Sandford and Elizabeth his wife, from a decree of the Superior Court in Sept. 1771, affirming a verdict of the Inferior Court in May 1771, in a case relating to a house and land in Middletown, formerly the estate of Edward Smith.] [IX. p. 480 ; X. p. 127.]

4 Aug. [On the Committee report of 29 July, the appeal is dismissed for non-prosecution.] [pp. 261, 266.]

31 Mar. [245.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Rhode Island. John Dockray, of South Kingstown, King's County, Rhode Island, that the Council dismiss with exemplary costs for non-prosecution the appeal of Gervase Elam from a judgment of the Superior Court in Sept., 1771, on an appeal from a judgment of the Inferior Court in May, 1771, in Elam's action to recover 4,000*l.* currency upon a promissory note.]

[IX. p. 480 ; X. p. 128.]

22 April. [Elam's petition for a day for hearing is also referred.]

[p. 183.]

(1774.) [On the Committee report of 12 May, the judgment of 20 May. Sept. 1771, is reversed, and the parties left at liberty to proceed upon the former judgment. Other names in the report are James Robinson, Giles Hosier and W. Chaloner.]

[XI. pp. 33-9, 74.]

7 April. [246.] Whereas it has been Represented to His Majesty, Plantations. that the State and Condition of His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America, do both in Justice and Expediency require that the Authority for Granting Lands contained in the Commissions and Instructions given to His Majestys Governors in the plantations should be further regulated and restrained and that the Grantees of such Lands should be Subjected to other Conditions than those at present prescribed in the said Instructions—[It is ordered that the Board of Trade take the matter into immediate consideration and report what alterations they think fit and necessary :] and until His Majesty's further pleasure be Signified, all and every His Majesty's Governors, Lieutenant Governors, or other persons