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surviving partner of Messrs. Hunter, Morson and Gemmell.] [*pp.* 328, 456.]

[On the Committee report of 12 Jan., the decree of 1773 is (1775.) reversed. Other names in the report are Walter Skirrett, and 23 Jan. John Morson.] [XI. pp. 349-51, 373.]

[270.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Charles Dudley, collector of customs in Rhode Island, for a day for hearing his appeal from a judgment of the Superior Court in March 1773, awarding John Innis Clarke and Joseph Nightingale, owners of the schooner *Industry*, 500l. 14s. 7d. and costs for refusing to receive the duties on 26 hogsheads of sugar and 55 hogsheads of molasses seized on board the vessel.] [pp. 328, 446.]

[On the Committee report of 21 June, the judgment is reversed. On arriving at Newport on 27 June 1772, James Munro, the master of the *Industry*, reported at the Custom House only 33 hogsheads and 12 tierces of molasses, but later on the same day John Linzee, commander of H.M.S. *Beaver*, seized an additional quantity of molasses and sugar found on board the vessel, which were condemned in the Vice Admiralty Court. On 1 July the owners, who lived 30 miles from Newport, tendered the duties on the goods seized, but Dudley refused to admit them to an entry. A customs officer was on board at the time of the seizure, which took place before the schooner arrived at Providence, where she was owned and to be exchanged : no part of the cargo had been unloaded.]

[XII. pp. 26-31, 54.]

[271.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Charles Dudley, collector of customs in Rhode Island, for leave to appeal from certain orders of the Superior Court in 1772–3, in favour of Nathaniel Shaw relating to the condemnation of 109 casks of molasses and 2 casks of coffee seized on board the brigantine *Mermaid*, and for the stay of proceedings on a writ of restitution.] [p. 329.]

[On the Committee report of 19 Dec., the appeal was

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