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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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admitted and proceedings stayed. On 5 Jan., 1774, security was given by John Martin Leake, Esq. of the Treasury, Whitehall, and Thomas Francis, gent. of Chancery Lane. The appeal was referred on 14 Sept. 1774, and on 21 June 1775, the Committee fixed 3 Aug. for the hearing.]

[pp. 376, 394; XI. p. 213; XII. p. 33.]

29 Oct. Rhode Island. [272.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Robert Keeler, late captain of H.M.S. *Mercury*, for leave to appeal from a judgment of the Superior Court of Rhode Island in March 1773, in an action of assault commenced by William Rhodes against him, although the sum of 94*l*. recovered by Rhodes is less than the law requires in cases of appeal.]

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17 Dec. [The Committee] did not think proper to comply with the prayer of the petition.] [p. 377.]

29 Oct. Maryland. [273.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Ann Thomas, of Ann Arundel co., Maryland, widow of Philip Thomas, that the Council dismiss with costs for non-prosecution the appeal of John Beale Bordley and Margaret his wife, and William Paca and Mary his wife, from a decree of the Court of Appeals, 19 Feb. 1771, in a case relating to the estate of Samuel Chew.] [p. 330.]

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[On the Committee report of 17 Dec., the appeal is dismissed with 20*l. stg.* costs for non-prosecution.] [*pp.* 378, 397.]

10 Dec. [274.] [Order to the Attorney and Solicitor General to Virginia. prepare the draft of a proclamation for giving currency to a new coinage of copper for Virginia].

> Whereas the Legislature of the Colony of Virginia have by two several Laws, [of 1 Geo. II. and 10 Geo. III.] made provision for the Currency in that Colony of Copper Coin under certain Regulations, in Case the Crown should think fit to permit such Coin to be brought into and pass within the same ;—And Whereas His Majesty was pleased upon the application of an Agent of the said Colony specially appointed for that purpose, to direct (by a Warrant Dated the 20th of