

1776. § 329 *cont.*]

all, unless at the rate fixed not that any Man shall produce and sell it at the rate. [The report on the Grenada and Dominica acts similarly declared that experience shows] that a limited rate may discourage the growth, as well as the Import of Provisions, and may thereby make them dear, because Scarce, but never. Yet made them cheap and consequently that such a Regulation may tend to Starve the place, it is intended to serve, but never Yet was found to answer any beneficial purpose. [pp. 224, 250, 258-60, 293-4.]

3 Jan. Maryland. [330.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Crispin Heeltap, lessee of William Chew, of Ann Arundel co., Maryland, and of William Chew, for a day for hearing their appeal from a judgment of the Court of Appeals and Errors, 21 Feb., 1775, reversing a judgment of the Provincial Court, 8 Sept., 1772, on an action of ejectment by James and David Weems. On 5 March an appearance was entered for James, John and David Weems.] [pp. 295, 394.]

26 Jan. Massachusetts Bay. [331.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Lieut. Richard Beale, of H.M.S. *Mercury*, for a day for hearing his appeal from a decree of the Vice Admiralty Court at Boston, 7 Feb., 1775, on his libel for condemnation of the schooner *Industry*, Joseph Rose, master. An appearance for Rose was entered on 12 Feb.] [pp. 308, 344.]

28 Feb. Prince Edward Island. [332.] [Reference to the Committee, and by them on 4 March to the Board of Trade, of the petition of the proprietors of Prince Edward Island] Setting forth their inability to support the Expences of the Civil Government of that Island, on the present Plan, and therefore praying that the said Island may participate of His Majesty's Bounty in the same manner as the Florida's &c. towards defraying the Expence of the Civil Government; That the Quit Rents now payable may be granted for ten Years as a Fund to make Publick Roads, and other Contingencies and that the increase of Quit Rent may be totally abated to those who have or shall fulfill their Engagements before the 1st of August next; and that