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1783. § 439 *cont.*  
order is to be published in the *London Gazette* that all may have due notice.] [pp. 317, 351, 387.]
- 2 July. [440.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of  
Jamaica. Alexander Forbes and Mary his wife, Alexander McRae, and James Lewis, executors of William Harvie, for a day for hearing their appeal from a decree of the Jamaica Chancery, 26 Oct. 1776, on a bill filed by Samuel Gregory, John Watson and Thomas Hibbert for the recovery of a mortgage debt.] [pp. 314, 319.]
- 11 July. [441.] [A Bermuda act of April 1783,—for limiting the  
Bermuda. duration of Assemblies—is disallowed, and an additional instruction ordered to be prepared, in accordance with a Committee report of 10 July, agreeing with a letter from Lord North, referred to them on 25 June. Mr. Mansfield had no objection in point of law, but Lord North observed that all colonial governors were instructed not to assent to acts for limiting the duration of assemblies, and proposed that, if the act were disallowed, the Governor should be instructed] to dissolve the present Assembly about the time it would have expired under the operation of the Act in Question; Provided such a Measure would be desirable to the Members, and the situation of public affairs may not render it objectionable, and upon future occasions it may not perhaps be proper to continue the Assembly longer than two or three years, unless the good of His Majesty's Service or any particular circumstances of necessity or convenience should render a dissolution inexpedient, but this should not be regulated by an Act of Assembly, but left to the Pleasure of His Majesty, and under that, to the discretion and prudence of the Governor.  
[The additional instruction to Governor Browne (not including anything about future occasions) was approved on 25 July.—C.R.] [pp. 312, 332–4, 340–2, 394–5.]
- 8 Aug. [442.] [Reference to the Committee of the appeal of  
Jamaica. Sir Charles Price, Bart., from an order of the Chancellor of