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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

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Jamaica, 27 July 1782, overruling his plea to a bill filed by Abel Smith, Rene Payne and Robert Smith, bankers, for recovery of certain mortgage debts.] [pp. 426, 439.]

[443.] [Reference to the Committee of the appeal of Thomas Hakey, Peter Cazalet, and Charles Dalbiac, of London, assignees under a commission of bankrupt of Peter Robert Luard, late merchant of London, and of Luard himself, from several judgments of the Montserrat Court of Errors, 18 May and 27 Oct. 1781, quashing a writ of *scire facias* to revive a judgment for 1,131*l.* 7*s.* 7½*d.* against James Schaw, William Musgrave, William Irish, Charles and Crisp Molineux, executors of John Davis Molineux.] 8 Aug. Montserrat. [p. 426.]

[Committee order for hearing on 20 Dec.] [p. 537.] 30 Oct.

[444.] [Reference to the determination of the Treasury of the petition of John Semple, late merchant of New York, setting forth] that at the time Hostilities ceased with North America, Sir Guy Carleton as Commander in Chief published an order or permission of the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, declaring that such Loyalists who thought fit to resort to Great Britain should be permitted to take with them their Family Stores and Land them at any port in Great Britain Duty free ; That the Petitioner and his Family accordingly Embarked on board his Ship Catharine then lying at New York and Shipped sundry Family Stores and 100 Casks of pot and pearl Ashes some Barrel Staves and Ash Oars all the produce of the British plantations in America and arrived at Greenock on the 30th of July last ; That the petitioner was nevertheless refused the Entry of his said vessel or to unload his Cargo, and was therefore under the necessity of Paying a Sum of 100*l.* as a Deposit to answer the Duties upon the Cargo which was thereupon delivered up to him, but the Family Stores were lodged in the Custom House and are still there detained to the great loss of the petitioner ; [and praying that his stores and his deposit of 100*l.* be returned to him, with compensation for his losses]. 10 Sept. New York. [p. 466.]