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instruction, and not subject to the restrictions therein specified for seating these new counties."

18 May. [381.] ANTIGUA. *Staple v. Glanville*. Committee report. III. p.151.

Received [382.] PENNSYLVANIA. *Proposed transfer of the government*
27 May. *to the Crown*. Petition of John, Thomas, Richard and
III. p.157. Margaret, the surviving children of Wm. Penn. The negotiations began in 1710, and, on the report of the B. of T. and of the Attorney General, Queen Anne agreed in 1712 to purchase the powers of government for 12,000*l.* 1,000*l.* was actually paid by a warrant under the sign-manual of 9 Sept. 1712. Penn made the Earl of Oxford and Earl Poulet trustees for carrying out the bargain, and his wife Hannah executrix for the equal benefit for her and her children. Hannah and her children (including one Dennis Penn, deceased) disclosed the will in the Court of Exchequer against Springett Penn, grandson and heir at law of William Penn, Joshua Gee and other mortgagees of the province, Lords Oxford and Poulet, and the Attorney General. The last put in a general answer that he was a stranger to the premises. On 13 Dec. 1726 the Court of Exchequer ordered the case as concerning his Majesty to be heard in Easter term, when the necessary directions should be given for conveying the powers of government. The widow having since died, her children have sought that the suit be revived and heard next term, and now ask that directions be given to the Attorney General, so that a final decree may be made not only in their interest but in that of the people of the province.

Read [383.] JAMAICA. *Impressment for Admiral Hosier's squad-*
31 May. *ron*. Petition of 43 traders, planters &c. remonstrating
III. p.157. against the impressment of seamen out of merchants' ships in the West Indies contrary to an Act of 6 Anne for the encouragement of the trade to America, and also of white servants, free mulattos and negroes. The fear of the impressment of their sailors has deterred the New Englanders from