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Lepingwell, of Norwich, Connecticut. As the Indians have not the use of money, the charges of passing the commission should be defrayed by her Majesty,

[119.] LEEWARD ISLANDS. *Complaint about slaves seized.* 9 March. Petition of Peter Vanbelle; with a statement of his case. II. p. 459. In spite of a permit from Lt.-Gov. Norton of St. Christopher, 41 slaves whom Vanbelle had sent from St. Thomas in a foreign sloop to his plantation in St. Christopher were seized on the estate by William Mead and declared forfeited at a Court of Admiralty held in Nevis by President Burt. He desired that the proceedings in the case should be transmitted and his appeal heard: also that security be taken in London and that taken in St. Christopher discharged—on account of the present hazardous circumstances of that island in time of war.

———. B. of T. report, in accordance with the opinion 13 June. of the Attorney General, that a letter be sent to Gov. Matthew to transmit the proceedings to the Privy Council if the sentence was given as by the Council; if it was given under authority from the Admiralty in England, Vanbelle must proceed as in cases belonging to the Court of Admiralty.

[120.] ST. CHRISTOPHER.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. duty. Attorney General 23 March. Northey's draft of an Act—sent to the Secretary of State II. pp. for a warrant to be prepared for passing it under the Great 454–5. Seal. Also an extract of proceedings before the Council in 1703–4.

[121.] PENNSYLVANIA. *Charter of Trade.* (a) Draft of 20 April. charter to Thomas Byfield, Micaiah Perry, Walter Benthall, II. pp. Thomas Cowper, Richard Edmundson, John Frame, Henry 464–9. Gouldney, Silvanus Grove, John Hodgkins, John Knight, Joseph Marshall, and Samuel Waldenfeild; (b) Order of reference to Attorney and Solicitor General, 20 April; (c) report of Northey and Harcourt; (d) Order of reference to the Customs, 17 June; (e) answer of the petitioners to