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signed by 24 merchants, of whom Ball was one. Part of Martin's evidence was dismissed as hearsay: the Governor had sent over a charge of misdemeanours against Martin before he received this affidavit, and the Board were informed that a court martial was to follow. The Governor and the Secretary are required to answer the allegations made by Ball.

(13) In answer to the allegation of departures from the island owing to dissatisfaction with Gov. Grenville, an address of the Council and Assembly and a petition of planters resident in England commending the Governor were laid before the Board.

The four suspended Councillors having publicly disavowed all support of the absentee members of the Assembly, the Board report that they may be readmitted on making due submission and promise of good behaviour. The Councillors appointed in their place should also continue Councillors, which would raise the number of resident Councillors above twelve.

———. B. of T. representation that they find in the 15 June. proceedings of the Governor, Council and Assembly referred to them on 23 Ap. no reason to alter their previous report.

[131.] RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT. *Complaints* 12 Feb. *against Charter governments*. Order: and another of 7 Feb. II. p. 481. 1706.

[132.] EMBARGO IN PLANTATIONS. *Richard and James* and 26 Feb. *Rumbo galley*. Admiralty report: and another of 3 March II. pp. on 11 ships (referred on 1 March). The *Bonadventure* alone is 455-6. allowed to proceed at once. Two reports of 13 March for taking off the embargo from several ships bound to (1) Barbados; and (2) Leeward Islands.

[133.] RHODE ISLAND. *Appeals of E. Palmes*. Four 14 June. depositions authenticated by Gov. Cranston. (1) *Recog-* II. p. 453. nissance entered into by Palmes, Samuel Rogers and

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Thomas Rose for prosecution of the appeals; (2) account by Nicholas Hallam, Rogers and Rose of Palmes' delivery of the order of 7 Jan. 1704 and other papers to the Court of Assistants on 22 May 1705; (3) account by Bevel Waters, of Hartford, of his offer in Court to be bound along with Palmes, Rogers and Rose: and certificate of Dr. Thomas Hooker and Richard Lord that Waters' estate is of greater value than 1,500*l.* New England currency; (4) deposition of Hallam, Rogers and Rose that Waters made the above offer. Hallam's age is given as 40, Rogers' as 65, Rose's as about 50—all are of the county of New London.

- 27 June. [134.] BARBADOS. *Petition of Richard Downes*. B. of T.
 II. *pp.* report. (1) The Governor and Council alleged that in her
 478-9. Majesty's letter for his admission to the Council, he was styled Col. Richard Downes: whereas he never had a commission as Colonel, and there are several persons called Richard Downes in the island. Downes replies that he had a commission as Lieutenant Colonel, and the only other Richard Downes was only a Captain; (2) Downes was to be sworn when there was a vacancy: it was alleged that, when he produced the letter, the Council was complete. Downes declares that he presented the letter on the death of Colonel Farmer and on the death of Mr. Callow; (3) the Council also alleged that he was known to be the author of faction and confusion in the Assembly, and referred to a deposition by Rev. James Erwin and to a letter from Downes to Mr. Horn. Downes replies that this was only an insinuation, and that he could procure testimonies of his good behaviour from persons of great credit in the island; (4) it was alleged that Downes had appeared in Court in justification of one Waddel, tried for perjury at an election at which he voted for Downes, and that on his conviction he paid his fine in open court. Downes replies that Waddel had not knowingly sworn falsely: the fact that he was not a freeholder was shown only by production of the will of his wife's former husband, which he had not seen when he swore himself a freeholder; (5) as