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necessity, and contrary to the advice and protestation of the Governor of this province.

“ But no opportunity is to be lost to impeach the Governor’s authority in matters of trade, and to induce the officers of the Customs to disregard it. It is part of an avowed system to build up the power of the Surveyor General upon the ruins of that of the Governors.”

3 Oct. ———. Letters from the Treasury transmitting to the Council the two reports of the Customs.

23 Jan. [628.] JAMAICA. *Bonyng v. Pusey*. Appearance entered ; IV. p.704, also Order of reference, 22 Feb.

30 Jan. [629.] RHODE ISLAND AND NEW YORK. *Riots*. Letter IV. pp. from the Treasury, transmitting a letter of 8 Dec. from the 691, 714. Admiralty, with three enclosures.

(1) Extract of a letter from Lord Colville to the Admiralty, 24 Aug. This encloses (2) and (3).

(2) Extract of a letter from Capt. Smith of H.M.S. *Squirrel* to Lord Colville, 12 July. The gunner of the fort fired on the King’s colours (the *St. John* schooner), on orders from two of the Council to stop the ship, the Deputy Governor being absent at the time. The Captain and Lieutenant waited on the Governor and Council for an acknowledgment of their conduct, but found them very ignorant ; they agreed that the gunner had acted by authority, and that they would answer for it when they thought it necessary. “ I am very sorry they ceased firing before we had convinced them of their error. But I hope it will by your Lordship’s representation be the means of a change of government in this licentious republic.” He encloses a copy of the account given by the Lieutenant of the *Squirrel*, which, Lord Colville observes, is in Capt. Smith’s writing and was not signed by the Lieutenant, “ as I imagine from forgetfulness.”

(3)* Letter from Lieut. Thomas Laugharne, commander of H.M. armed sloop *Chaleur*, Halifax, 11 Aug. He had met with no success on his recruiting cruise, when he saw five vessels

* Not the paper intended to be enclosed—see next page.