

56 ACTS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL (COLONIAL).

1707.

3 June. [172.] LEEWARD ISLANDS. *Defences*. Admiralty memorial II. p. 519. *re* stores delivered by Sir J. Jennings,—with lists of the stores.

9 June. [173.] JAMAICA. *Acts*. B. of T. report, and letter enclosing II. pp. it. Eight expired; seven to be confirmed; and three left 527, 835. probationary. Of the probationary Acts, one for Cary Bodle to sell lands, wants a clause saving the rights of other parties,—(a report of Attorney General Harcourt on this Act is also included in the bundle, dated 12 July); the others relate to the collection of debts, and to an additional duty and impost—which carries out the directions of an Order of 15 July 1706 about the duty on bottled beer, ale &c.

Special orders are given about an Act to provide subsistence for H.M. officers and soldiers from Feb. 1706 to Feb. 1707, which was liable to the same objections as an Act with the same title repealed on 14 Nov. 1706. Gov. Handasyd had laid before the Assembly the reasons for repealing the former Act and signified her Majesty's pleasure that such clauses should not be passed for the future: yet all but one were repeated. Besides temporary provision for the soldiers, the Act makes several perpetual provisions. The Act entrenches on the royal prerogative in declaring all but natural born subjects of England, Ireland or the plantations incapacitated from holding office in the island (save that they may serve in the regular forces) under penalty of 500*l*. Any officer or soldier who marries an inhabitant of the island is to lose his share of the money raised by the Act: no officer of the regular forces is to be capable of civil employment or command in the militia, and all persons in civil employment are, under penalty of 100*l*., to take oath that they are not officers in the regular forces. Such discouragements are the more unreasonable at a time of danger. But the Act should not be repealed before the time limited for providing the additional subsistence.

11 June. [174.] BARBADOS. *Egginton v. Chamberlain &c*. Com-II. p. 518. mittee report.