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[175.] NEW ENGLAND. *Title to lands.* Committee report 11 June. on petition of A. Harris, T. Field, N. Waterman and Nathaniel H. Thomas. p. 495.

[176.] JAMAICA. *Estate of Priscilla Emery.* Order of 23 June. reference, with copy of petition of Catherine Sparling: also II. p. 521. Committee report of 11 July.

[177.] JAMAICA. *Petition of T. Barrow.* Petition and B. of T. report of 21 July. Barrow had been about 25 years in Jamaica, and, although blind, was at the end of that time Attorney General of the island, when he was dismissed by Gov. Handasyd. He left Jamaica in May 1703, and on his return in Dec. 1706 was forbidden by the Governor to practise as an attorney. Handasyd alleged some ill practices against her Majesty's authority, as well as blindness, as the reason for Barrow's dismissal, and asserted that during his absence from the island he had sowed sedition and taken part with the disaffected in New England, New York, Carolina and Bermuda. The B. of T. find that no proof is given of this general charge, and, having received a good character of Barrow from Sir Gilbert Heathcote, one of the agents for the island, and from Col. Laws, who was many years Chief Justice there, report that he has a right to practise, until convicted of misbehaviour amounting to a forfeiture of that right.

[178.] BERMUDA. *Acts.* B. of T. representation on Acts passed from 1690 to 1704, with letter enclosing it. Three are expired; 24 are confirmed; three are left probationary; and five are disallowed.

*Probationary* :—(1) *An Act for vacating indefinite Acts made in 1690*—none of these were on record, no authenticated copies extant, none transmitted to England; the Act was intended to avoid disputes in case any of the Acts were found. As some of these Acts might be fit for confirmation, this repealing Act is to be left probationary.