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[34.] MARYLAND. *Secretary*. B. of T. representation for 12 June. appointing Sir T. Lawrence. (Colonel Blakiston, the Governor, II. p. 369. had recommended Mr. Bladen.)—C.S.P. XIV. 534.

[35.] ST. CHRISTOPHER. *Governorship*. B. of T. report 19 June. on petitions of Lieutenant G. Wingfield and Lieutenant H. II. p. 369. Harris.—C.S.P. XIV. 556.

[36.] MASSACHUSETTS BAY AND NEW HAMPSHIRE. 27 June. Governor *Dudley's commissions*. B. of T. representation.—II. p. 369. C.S.P. XIV. 591.

[37.] JAMAICA. *Governor Selwyn*. B. of T. representation 16 July. submitting his commission : also a representation of 24 July II. p. 795. on his memorial for stores.—C.S.P. XIV. 647 i. and 666-7.

[38.] PLANTATIONS. *Ships having commissions from* 29 July. *Colonial Governors*. Admiralty memorial about colours to II. p. 371. be used.

[39.] BARBADOS. *Appeal re the REBECCA*. Petition of 21 Aug. T. Symcocks and Order of reference. II. p. 376.

[40.] COURT MARTIAL. Admiralty memorial for restoring 23 Oct. Captain Richard Griffith of H.M.S. *Trydent*, dismissed in Jan. 1693 for taking from the seamen the plunder they had got at Petit Guaves, &c.

[41.] NEVIS. *Acts*. B. of T. representation for confirming 20 Nov. six and disallowing two.—C.S.P. XIV. 1020. II. p. 846.

[42.] ST. CHRISTOPHER. *Petition of W. Freeman*.—23 Nov. C.S.P. XIV. 1091. i. II. p. 380.

[43.] NEW HAMPSHIRE. *Allen v. Waldron*. Committee 10 Dec. report. II. p. 366.

[44.] VIRGINIA. *Secretary*. B. of T. report on claims 22 Dec. of E. Jennings, W. Spencer, and W. Bird.—C.S.P. XIV. II. p. 368. 1107.

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6 Jan. [45.] NEW JERSEY. *Surrender of proprietors' charter.*
II. p. 383. B. of T. representation with drafts of (a) commission and
(b) instructions for a Governor.

8 Jan. [46.] NEVIS. *Stores.* B. of T. representation *re* 600 fire-
II. p. 382. locks.

27 Jan. [47.] BARBADOS. *Governor Crowe's Commission.* B. of T.
II. p. 792. representation: and (a) another of 5 March submitting his
instructions.

29 Jan. [48.] PENOBSCOT. Petition of John Crowne for relief
and for vindication of his right to the province of Penobscot.
The B. of T. had reported that the province belonged to
Crowne's father, when ceded to the French in 1668: this
report was ordered to be given to Mr. Secretary Vernon in
Jan. 1701 (II. p. 362); nothing further was done before his
Majesty's departure for Holland, but, on petitioning for
relief, Crowne received 50*l.* from the Treasury, which is now
spent. The claims of the French having prevailed at the
Treaty of Ryswick, the land can be of no use to the petitioner
till they are compelled to recognise it as part of his Majesty's
dominions.

5 Feb. [49.] ST. CHRISTOPHER. *Complaint of William Freeman.*
II pp. B. of T. report. According to the petition, Freeman holds
380-1. the manor of Godwyn by letters patent of 8 Aug. 1699. His
father formerly held it, but, being captured by the French
in 1664 or 1665, was obliged to sell it to one Monsr. de
Chambré, who never paid the full price. After Freeman
had spent several thousand pounds on improving the lands,
the estate was forcibly seized from his agents (John Pogson
and Leonard Woodward) by two pretended Justices of the
Peace (Samuel Crook and Stephen Payne) and Robert
Cunningham, agent for Colonel Codrington, pretending to
act for Mme. de Chambré and to have been formerly in
peaceable possession. Soon after Colonel Codrington took
possession of the plantation for his own use and still enjoys it.

On behalf of Colonel Codrington, though without instructions from him, Archibald Hutcheson replied that Freeman's letters patent were secured by connivance from Captain Norton, the Lieutenant-Governor, who was in possession of half the estate at the time of the view made by the justices. Monsr. de Chambré or his agents remained in possession till the English part of the island was again taken by the French in the late war. At some date subsequent to the letters patent, the estate must have been wrongfully taken from the representatives of De Chambré by the petitioner's agents. Cunningham's proceedings upon the view of the justices were as valid against a possession of less than two years' continuance as would have been an inquiry by way of a jury. Hutcheson was not instructed about the alleged occupation by Colonel Codrington, but prayed that nothing be done against Cunningham's rights save by legal procedure, or in prejudice of Colonel Codrington till he had had an opportunity of answering the complaint.—*Cf.* C.S.P. XIV. 1091. 1.

[50.] NEVIS. *Complaints of Wm. Mead, Wm. and Mary Shipman and Thos. Harvey.* 13 Feb. II. p. 380. The petitioners allege that Mead was ejected from certain plantations on a motion by Thomas Herbert, encouraged by Colonel Codrington, who was commonly reported to be treating with Herbert for the purchase of his pretended title. Mead had been unable to obtain a hearing of his appeal to the Governor and Council, and attributed the delay to a desire to let Herbert reap the benefit of a crop of sugar canes worth 3,000*l.*

For Colonel Codrington, Mr. Hutcheson and Mr. Cary reply that the report of the Governor's design to purchase Herbert's title is false; that the suit in Herbert's name is of old standing—having begun in 1686 and been interrupted by the war; and that the present ejectment was brought before Codrington's arrival as Governor. Mead's appeal has been heard on 6 Sept. by the Governor and Council in Antigua, and, on their confirmation of the previous judgment, an appeal has been entered to the Privy Council.