

with the Colonies of New York and Pensilvania in which the owners of Lands and Effects in New Jersey do frequently reside, do in some Degree distinguish it in this Case from other Colonies, Yet we are clearly of Opinion that the Mischievous Consequences of such a Law when General must greatly outweigh the Utility of it.

That by the Second of these Acts the Title and Claim of every Inhabitant of that Colony to any Lands or Tenements granted or made by any alien before Naturalized by Law shall not be defective or disputable on the Ground of such alienation either in the Grantors or Grantees ; a Provision which though evidently founded on principles of humanity and good policy, Yet is of such a Nature, and does so materially affect Your Majesty's Rights derived from the Laws and Constitution of this Kingdom, that it ought not to have been the object of a Law of that Colony without Your Majesty's permission first obtained from whose Bounty and Goodness alone an Indulgence of this Nature ought to have flowed.

[A circular instruction, directing governors not to assent to any act providing for attachments for debt against the lands or goods of persons who have never resided within the colony, was approved on 3 Feb.—P. R.] [IX. *pp.* 17, 33, 34, 60.]

[204.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of Elizabeth Jones, widow, and Luke Lightfoot for a day for hearing their appeal from a decree of the Jamaica Chancery, 23 Jan., 1771, on their bill to recover from Jasper Hall 4,000*l.* and interest due under the will of John Reid, late of St. Thomas in the East.] [IX. *pp.* 290, 403.] 27 June. Jamaica.

[On the Committee report of 21 March, the petitioners are allowed to withdraw their appeal, as the agents in Jamaica have omitted to make the proper parties in the bill.] (1772.) 25 Mar.

[IX. *pp.* 119, 125.]

[Reference to the Committee of a new appeal from a Chancery decree of 23 Oct., 1776. John Reid, son of Gabriel Ball Reid, brother of the testator, is added as a respondent.] (1777.) 19 Mar.

[XIII. *pp.* 373, 464.]

1771. § 204 *cont.*  
 (1778.) [On the Committee report of 26 June, the appeal is dismissed.  
 1 July. Other names in the report are the testator's widow, Elizabeth,  
 and his cousin, Theophilus Lightfoot, father of the appellants ;  
 James Harvey, who married Mary, daughter of Gabriel Reid ;  
 John Rennion (? Kennion), and George Paplay.]  
 [XIV. *p.* 409 ; XV. *pp.* 228-236, 263.]
- 27 June. [205.] [Reference to the Committee of the petition of  
 Jamaica. Alexander Ross and John Nixon, Esqs., and Marmaduke  
 Hilton, merchant, that the Council dismiss with costs for  
 non-prosecution the appeal of William and Peter Beckford  
 from an order of the Jamaica Court of Errors, 27 Oct., 1769,  
 on the petitioner's action to recover 72½ acres of land, part of  
 the estate of Peter Valette, whose executors and devisees they  
 were.] [p. 290.]
- 11 July. [The Committee agree to recommend the dismissal of the  
 appeal unless it is presented within six weeks.] [p. 332.]
- (1772.) [On the Committee report of 10 Jan., the appeal is dismissed  
 15 Jan. for non-prosecution.] [IX. *pp.* 20, 37.]
- 19 July. [206.] [Reference to the Committee of a Board of Trade  
 Georgia. representation of 27 June for disallowing a Georgia act and  
 four ordinances of Feb. and May, 1770, for appointing various  
 executive officers in the colony, and proposing that the  
 Governor be instructed for the future not to assent to such  
 acts and ordinances.] [p. 346.]
- (1772.) [The Act and ordinances are disallowed, and an instruction  
 15 Jan. ordered to be prepared, in accordance with the Committee  
 report of 10 Jan., agreeing with the Board of Trade representa-  
 tion, which showed that the legislature of Georgia had of late  
 fallen into a practice of passing laws, under the name of  
 ordinances, for the appointment of persons to various executive  
 offices, appearing to imply a claim in the Assembly to concur  
 in the choice of such officers, thus impairing the constitutional  
 rights of the Crown. The ordinances were for appointing  
 inspectors of hemp, flax and wheat flour for the ports of  
 Savannah and Sunbury ; for appointing James Kitchin