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[260.] BARBADOS. *Whetstone v. Carter*. Committee report. 16 June.

II.

pp. 675-6.

[261.] WRECKS IN AMERICAN SEAS. Committee report on 24 June.
petitions of W. Sandys and M. Randyll.

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[262.] VIRGINIA. *Act declaring who shall not bear office*. 6 July.
B. of T. representation. Persons who are not natives are to II. p. 853.
be eligible only after three years' residence; as the Act is
intended to encourage settlement, the Board consider that
persons of character and capacity should be eligible on their
arrival. The clause is also repugnant to the Act of Parliament
of 7 and 8 William III, for preventing frauds and regulating
abuses in the plantation trade, which reserves to the Treasury
and Customs in England the appointment of Customs officers.
Pursuant to the Act of Parliament, Wm. Keith was empowered
by the Customs, as Surveyor General of the Southern district,
to examine and suspend officers and appoint others till further
order. He accordingly suspended George Luke, collector
of the lower district of James River, and appointed Francis
Kennedy, who is being prosecuted for breach of the Act
under discussion. Col. Jennings, President of the Council,
has explained that the Act was not intended to apply to
officers commissioned from Britain, but to restrain the
Governors from giving the best places to their favourites.
The Board consider that Mr. Kennedy should be understood
to come within this exception to the Act, and that the Act
should be repealed and another passed free from the objections
made.

[263.] VIRGINIA. *Revenue*. Address of the Council and Received
Burgesses, dated 17 Dec. 1714. The revenue from the duty 14 July.
on tobacco exported, tannage and head money, being II. pp.
inadequate for the charges of government owing to the great 700-1.
decay of the tobacco trade, precedents have been searched
to discover a supplementary fund. In 1684 the quitrents
were ordered to be so applied, and this was done till about