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Received [366.] NEW ENGLAND. *Petition of T. Coram*. (1) He
8 Feb. was employed in 1691-2 to detect frauds in the stated burden
III. p.167. of ships hired as transports. (2) He then carried shipwrights
&c. to New England, by his Majesty's permission, to promote
shipbuilding there and so preserve British oak fit for the
Navy. (3) He resided in New England ten years and carried
merchandise thither to increase commerce. (4) Considering
that naval stores could be constantly and cheaply produced in
New England instead of being obtained in a precarious manner
and at arbitrary rates from Sweden and Russia, he returned
to England in 1704 and solicited strongly at his own expense
the Act passed a few months later to encourage the making
of tar and pitch in the plantations, which had the effect of
reducing the price of supplies from the Baltic, and obtaining
from the plantations more tar and pitch than were required,
so that some was exported to other countries. (5) During
the war, he commanded several ships in the mercantile navy.
(6) In 1712 he built a large ship for the trade to Asia, but,
on the Peace, he sold the ship, and promoted a settlement of
disbanded soldiers and others under his own supervision
to grow hemp &c. on a stretch of coast 180 miles long between
New England and Nova Scotia. But the government of
Massachusetts Bay claimed this territory, and the petitioner had
to prove at his own great expense that the true title was in the
Crown. (7) He also solicited and obtained an Act taking off a pro-
hibition which had continued for 60 years against the importa-
tion of fir masts &c. from Germany, which had the immediate
effect of lowering the high price of these stores from Norway.
"Your petitioner also strenuously endeavoured for many other
things, tending to the advantage of the [Navy], and all at his
own expense, but never reaped any advantage himself thereby."