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Richier v Trott

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J.W. Fortescue, ed. (London, 1901), no. 2635–2638, p. 731–742:

Nov. 24.	2,635. Order of the King in Council. Referring the memorial of Nicholas Trott to Lords of Trade and Plantations for report. <i>Signed</i> . William Blathwayt. ½ p. <i>Enclosed</i> ,
	2,635 I. Articles of accusation. 6 pp. See next abstract. [<i>Board of Trade</i> . Bermuda, 2. Nos. 1, 1 I; and 28. p. 24.]
[Nov.]	2,636. Petition and information of Nicholas Trott to the King. I beg examination of the following charges against Governor Richier. (1) He has not admitted Samuel Trott to be Collector at Bermuda, despite the Royal mandate. (2) He illegally delayed the departure of a ship freighted by me, till the cargo was ruined, forcing the master of the ship to give him £100 to let the ship go. (3) He showed openly spiteful motives for so doing. (4) He let another ship which had been laden in the same way pass unmolested. (5) He called a Court of Admiralty to try the case of my ship which he had no power to do, and (6) when the Court gave judgment in my favour appointed another wherein he could be sole judge. (7) In trying the case he refused subpoena for my witnesses, overruled my plea, and gave judgment against me. (8) He then annulled all his own proceedings and appointed Colonel Jenkins to try the case, who gave judgment against me. (9) Before the trial he tried to come to terms with me, but failing he built a sloop of the King's timber for his own private trade. (10) He sent to sea a privateer and impressed men for her, and when the ship brought back European goods made no entry of them. (11) He took away a vessel seized by the Collector for illicit trading, and sold her, as is said, for his own use. (12) He forbade the seizure of another illicit trading vessel by the Collector and cleared her. (13) He threatened me with trial for receiving stolen goods for recovering some lost money of my own. (14) He appointed Colonel Jenkins judge and commander of all the forts, and when the Assembly protested against Jenkins as a disaffected man of no fortune, he threatened to try them for high treason. (15) The Governor himself is disaffected to the present Government. [<i>Board of Trade</i> . Bermuda, 28. pp. 25–32.]
Nov. 24.	2,637. Order of the King in Council. Referring the petition of Edward Richier to Lords of Trade and Plantations for report. <i>Signed</i> . William Blathwayt. ½ p. <i>Enclosed</i> ,
	2,637 I. Petition of Edward Richier. ½ p. (<i>See next abstract.</i>) [<i>Board of Trade</i> . Bermuda, 2. Nos. 2, 2 I; and 28. p. 33.]

[Nov. 24.]	2,638. Petition of Edward Richier. Several charges have been delivered by Nicholas Trott against my brother, Governor Isaac Richier. Having reason to believe these charges to be malicious, I beg that my brother may not be condemned unheard. [<i>Board of Trade</i> . Bermuda, 28. p. 34.]
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Calendar of State Papers Colonial, America and West Indies, Volume 14: 1693–1696, J.W. Fortescue, ed. (London, 1903), no. 553, p. 154–167:

[Nov. 24.]	553. Order of the Queen in Council. Referring a presentment of the Commissioners of Customs, with its enclosures, to Lords of Trade and Plantations for report. <i>Signed</i> . Rich. Colinge. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. <i>Annexed</i> ,
	553. I. Commissioners of Customs to Lords of the Treasury. 6 December, 1692. We submit three several affidavits in proof of violation of the Acts of Navigation by Governor Richier of Bermuda. We beg that the King's former letter for countenancing the Collector in Bermuda be renewed, and that the several matters contained in the Circular of 26 November, 1684, for enforcement of the said Acts, may be sent to the Governor of Bermuda. <i>Signed</i> . Jo. Werden, Robert Southwell, J. Warde, Robt. Clayton. $1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.
	553. II. Copy of the Circular of 26 November, 1684. <i>Calendared in former volume</i> . $1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.
	553. III. Affidavit of Nicholas Trott, senior. As to the refusal of Governor Richier to recognize the Collector of Customs, and his overruling of that Collector's authority. $1\frac{1}{2}$ pp.
	553. IV. Affidavit of Nicholas Trott, junior. To the same effect. 1 p.
	553. V. Declaration of Samuel Trott. To the same effect. $2\frac{1}{4}$ pp.
	553. VI. Copy of the King's letter to Governor Richier of 27 October, 1690, ordering him to admit and support Samuel Trott as Collector of Customs in Bermuda. $\frac{1}{2}$ p. [<i>Board of Trade</i> . Bermuda, 2. Nos. 12, 12I.–VI.]

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