

" may be allowed for obtaining from such a dis-
 " tance the proofs requisite to confirm the several
 " charges urged against the said Governor—the
 " Lords of the Committee did, on the 20th of the
 " said month, take the said Petition into conside-
 " ration: and being attended as well by the said
 " *Dennis De Berdt*, the Agent for the Complai-
 " nants, as also by the said *Sir Francis Bernard*,
 " heard what each of them had to offer in sup-
 " port of their respective Petitions; and, upon consi-
 " deration thereof, their Lordships were pleased to
 " allow some further time, and to order that the
 " said Complainants should be peremptorily heard
 " at this Committee on *Wednesday* the 28th of *Fe-*
 " *bruary*; and to that end their Lordships directed
 " all persons concerned therein, to come prepared to
 " be heard as on that day; and the Committee
 " being met accordingly, another Memorial, on
 " the part of the Agent for the Complainants,
 " dated the 15th of *February*, wherein he prayed
 " that seven months time might be allowed to
 " make good the complaints, was laid before their
 " Lordships; as was also a Counter Petition from
 " *Sir Francis Bernard*, praying, for several rea-
 " sons therein set forth, That their Lordships
 " would proceed to determine the complaints on
 " the day on which they were appointed to be
 " peremptorily heard: And the parties on each
 " side attending (the Governor only with Counsel),
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