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might look upon themselves as
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Protection of the Crown, and
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The said Council or Board of
Trade was likewise, by their
Constitution, to examine the mu-
nicipal Laws and Records of all
the said Colonies, and to report