

likewise to have been calculated to answer many other valuable Ends and Purposes ; for as the said Council, or Board of Trade, was intended as the only Channel of Information to the Crown, in all Matters which related to our Plantations, Trade, and Commerce ; and also, as they were to report to the Crown, once in every Year, the Course or Proceeding of all the Officers employed in the Service of the Crown in *America* ; it became thereby highly necessary to have the great Officers, who preside at the other great Boards at Home, at least virtually present at the Board of Trade, when they took Cognisance