

His Majesty was pleased to refer the consideration of this Memorial to the Lords Commissioners for trade and plantations; they directed the Governor to assign the causes of his suspending or removing the Chief Justice.

The Governor by letter referred their Lordships to what he had written from Canada to the Secretary of State, and to the journals of the Legislative Council, for the causes of his proceeding.

On the 8th of December the Chief-Justice had communication of the Governor's letters from Canada, and of the journals of the Council there, and was directed to avoid any answer to the invective in the letters, and to confine himself merely to the matter of fact alledged against him, and was allowed to the 15th to prepare and deliver in his answer.

On the 15th, he accordingly delivered in his answer in these words :

*May it please your Lordships,*

When the Chief-Justice of an American Province is suspended or removed from his office, it will naturally be expected, especially in these times of public disquiet and jealousy, that the cause was some great and notorious crime, as treason, bribery, or at least an insufficiency in his office, or a negligent discharge of its duties ; and that the delinquent had