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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Series I.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

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Samuel Vassall and Frances his wife, Thomas Symonds and Alice his wife, and Henry Clarke and Joane (sister and coheiress of William Cartwright deceased) his wife vs Stephen Jackson. 1639 Oct 10 - Bill of complaint; 1640 Jun 17 - Answered.

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1634 Oct 11. In Chancery. Samuel Vassall vs Edward Kingswell. Bill of complaint centered on Vassall and Kingswell's futile attempt to settle "Carolina" of which Vassall was half owner under Sir Robert Heath. Kingswell, appointed governor, never got nearer with his party than Virginia. Highly detailed.

1634/5 Feb 9. In Chancery. Samuel Vassall vs Edward Kingswell. Answer in which Kingswell sets forth his views concerning the failed attempt to settle Carolina. Highly detailed.

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2. 1626 Nov 27. In Chancery. Judith Vassall et al vs Judith Freeborne et al. Bill of complaint regarding property belonging to John Vassall and settled as part of a marriage jointure at the time of the marriage of his son Samuel to Frances, daughter of Abraham Cartwright.
3. 1627 Jan 30. In Chancery. Judith Vassall et al vs Judith Freeborne et al. Answer of Judith Freeborne to the bill, denying a bond of £500 allegedly contracted between her late husband, John Freeborne, and John Vassall.
3. 1626 Nov 27. In Chancery. Judith Vassall et al vs Judith Freeborne et al. Bill of complaint regarding property belonging to John Vassall and settled as part of a marriage jointure at the time of the marriage of his son Samuel to Frances, daughter of Abraham Cartwright.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Bridges.

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1700 Oct 31. In Chancery. James Colleton vs Sir John Colleton. Bill alledging that Sir John has withheld the Barbadian plantation bequeathed to James by his brother Sir Peter Colleton.

1700[01] Jan? 4. In Chancery. James Colleton vs Sir John Colleton. Answer to the bill in which full reply is made concerning the will of Sir Peter Carteret. References to Carolina.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Bridges.

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1682 Apr 15. In Chancery. John Earl of Bath vs Letitia Biggs. Bill stating that Bath and Sir George Carteret, governors of the Scilly Islands and of the Island of Jersey respectively during the Civil War, entrusted Abraham Biggs and others to provision the islands and alledging that Biggs unjustly obtained a judgment against Bath. Prays Biggs's widow may be required to produce the writ for an examination of its authenticity.

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1709 Dec 14. In Chancery. John Bell vs Edward Hyde and Anthony Stafford. Bill alledging that Hyde and Stafford borrowed £200 each on 17 Mar 1708, that they have defaulted, and that they have concealed the witness to their notes who is either dead or beyond the seas. Hyde described as "esquire" and as being of St. Martins in the Fields, Middlesex.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

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1677 Feb 16. In Chancery. John Archdale et al vs Francis Hill et al. Bill of complaint seeking to recover legacies from will of Elizabeth Humphries of London (8 Feb 1674/5). Interested parties are Archdale's wife Anne, widow of Walter Cary, and her children by that marriage: Annabelle (Cary) Ligoie; and minors Elizabeth, Alicia Maria, Mary, Thomas (later governor of N.C.), and Katherine Cary. Testator was sister of Anne (Cary) Archdale.

1678 Nov 8. In Chancery. John Archdale et al vs Francis Hill et al. Answer of Benjamin Strange and Francis Hill denying particulars in the bill of complaint as they pertain to provision of the will of Elizabeth Humphries, aunt of Thomas Cary (later governor of N.C.).

[1678 Nov 8]. In Chancery. John Archdale et al vs Francis Hill et al. Schedule of inventory: chattels of Elizabeth Humphreys, widow deceased, of Christ Church Parish, London (aunt of Thomas Cary).

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C 7/88/90

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Reel no. 2.5.178N

1 1686 May 10. In Chancery. Sir Peter Colleton et al vs Richard Lilbourne. Bill of complaint concerning a joint trading venture to the Bahamas agreed upon by Colleton, Lilbourne, Alderman Kiffin (the Baptist leader) and other London merchants in 1672.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

1686 Nov 27. In Chancery. Timothy Trigg vs Christopher, Duke of Albemarle. Bill requesting a decree to compel Albemarle to purchase (as previously agreed) the ship Greyhound, originally fitted out by Trigg for a venture to the West Indies but desired by Albemarle for a mercantile venture of his own on behalf of his son.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

- 1695 Sep [13]. In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Bill of complaint alledging that after his ship ran upon the sand at Providence, Taddy went aboard a vessel bound for Carolina, taking part of his goods. Brewer, a supercargo of the Carolina Sloop (John Skeeck, master), was at Carolina. Taddy arranged to ship his indigo and other goods to England, but was defrauded of them.
- [1695 Sep 13] In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Writ (in Latin) for appearance of defendants.
- [1695] Sep 13. In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Additional bill of complaint.
- 1695/6 Feb 6. In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Answers of Richard Landford, William Barron, and Thomas Whitturme (Quaker merchants and owners of the Carolina Sloop), defendants, to the bill of complaint. Know nothing of Taddy's shipwreck, don't know whether he was ever in Carolina with part of a cargo, etc. Says Brewer and Skeeck were their factors in Carolina, and they would be glad to learn of any clandestine doings.
- 1696 May 30. In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Answers of Thomas Whitturme (Quaker merchant and part owner of the Carolina Sloop). Concerning Taddy's alleged rescue.
- 1696 In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Writ in Chancery (in Latin) for appearance of Thomas Whitturme, party to the suit.
- [1697?] In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Further bill of Taddy.
- 1696[7] Feb 10. In Chancery. James Taddy vs Richard Brewer et al. Answer of John Skeeck, master of the Carolina Sloop concerning the fate of Taddy's cargo (sarsaparilla, piemento, and indigo) meant to have been shipped from Carolina for Taddy's disposal in England.

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Reel no. Z.5.178N

X. 1650 Feb 21. In Chancery. Sir Anthony Ashley Cooper vs Martyn Noell. Answer of Noell acknowledging that he, for unnamed parties, contracted to go 1/6 part (£2,600) in a trading venture by the Globe, Michael Parke, master, Jonathan Andrews, treasurer of the venture. Acknowledges that Sir Anthony paid him £216/13/4, a twelfth part of one-sixth share, that the ship did go on her voyage (destination not stated) and returned to England. Denies knowledge of the account books, cargo (whether sugar, cotton, wool), etc. relating to the venture.

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C 7/426/112

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

X.

1657 May 30. In Chancery. Samuel Vassall et al vs Ellis Conliffe et al. Bill of complaint concerning Conliffe's disposal in Barbadoes of slaves belonging to Vassal's Guinea Company. Ship used in the venture, the Samuel of London.

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1657 Jun 11. In Chancery. Samuel Vassall et al vs. Ellis Conliffe et al. Answer of Conliffe and Thomas Gates denying any wrongdoing in disposing of slaves in Barbadoes belonging to the Guinea Company.

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C 7/494/42

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

Reel no. 2.5.178N

- 1665 Jun 12. In Chancery. Henry Vassall vs Francis Vassal. Bill of complaint concerning will and real property of John Vassall, son of Samuel. (Information makes clear some Vassall family relationships)
- 1666 Nov 30. In Chancery. Henry Vassall vs Francis Vassal. Answer of Francis Vassall concerning the will of John Vassal, son of Samuel.

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C 7/494/43

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

- 1668 Oct 24. In Chancery. Francis Vassall vs Thomas Williamson. Bill setting forth that on a voyage to Virginia in the winter of 1666-1667, his younger brother Henry died aboard the vessel after having made a will in favor of their father Samuel. Samuel then died, having made a will in favor of his daughter Mary Cliffe. She then died after having left her son Charles and Henry Vassall's son Samuel in custody of Thomas Williamson who improved the occasion by obtaining letters of administration cum testamento annexo when the vessel arrived at Virginia. Requests the court to put his nephews and their estates under his care rather than Williamson's.
- 1668 Nov 3. In Chancery. Francis Vassall vs Thomas Williamson. Plea and partial answer of Williamson setting forth his account of the sequence of events leading to his having in his custody the effect and minor heirs of Henry Vassall, Samuel Vassall, and Mary (Vassall) Cliffe, all of whom died enroute to Virginia in 1667.
- 1669 Apr 28. In Chancery. Francis Vassall vs Thomas Williamson. Answer of Williamson specifically relating to the probate in Virginia of the wills of Henry Vassall, Samuel Vassall and Mary (Vassall) Cliffe in 1667.
- 1669 Aug 16. In Chancery. Francis Vassall vs Thomas Williamson. Further answer of Williamson clarifying his account of the actions of the Governor and council of Virginia with respect to the estates of Henry Vassall, Samuel Vassall and Mary (Vassall) Cliffe in 1667.

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C 7/569/37

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

1694 Jun 12. In Chancery. Daniel Coxe vs John Dewilde.
Answer setting forth Dewilde's explanation of Coxe's
failed attempt to establish a pottery works in
West New Jersey during the years following 1688.
Dewilde and six other potters went to New Jersey to
man the works - their difficulties, etc.

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C 7/603/60

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Hamilton.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

1699 Feb 17. In Chancery. William Thornburg vs Robert Richardson et al. Bill complaining of injustice on the part of Katherine (Colleton) Richardson in the execution of the will of her father Sir Peter Colleton, one of the proprietors of Carolina (died 24 Mar 1694).

1700 Apr 8. In Chancery. William Thornburg vs Robert Richardson et al. Answer of Robert and Katherine (Colleton) Richardson defending her executorship of the will of her father, Sir Peter Colleton, one of the proprietors of Carolina (died 24 Mar 1694).

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C 8/243/16

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Mitford.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

1664 Oct 25. In Chancery. Ferdinando Gorges et ux vs Thos. Archdale. Bill complaining of breached marriage contract. Gorges married Mary, daughter of Thos. and Mary (Neville) Archdale, of Chipping Wycombe, Bucks. Gorges seeks rights by remainder to certain property settled on Mary (Neville) Archdale.

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C 8/535/2

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Mitford.

Reel no. Z.5.178N

*. 1695 May 30. In Chancery. Sir John Colleton et al vs
Richard Downes. Bill to recover property of the
late Lord Proprietor Sir Peter Colleton. Contains
family information on Colleton.

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C 8/568/62

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Mitford.

Reel no. 2.5.178N

1696 Dec 14. In Chancery. Sir John Colleton et al vs
Richard Downes. Answer of Downes concerning property
of the late Lord Proprietor, Sir Peter Colleton.
Contains family information on Colleton.

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C 9/186/67

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

- 1702 Jun 30. In Chancery. Daniel Coxe et al vs Sir Edmund Harrison et al. Bill brought by the eleven children of Dr. Daniel Coxe complaining that the trustees of the will of their maternal grandfather, John Coldham, had refused the trust and that their parents Dr. Daniel and Rebecca Coxe were receiving rents due to the complainants.
- 1703 Jul 3. In Chancery. Daniel Coxe et al vs Sir Edmund Harrison et al. Answers of Sir Edmund Harrison, Edmund Dethink, and Edmund Horseman, trustees of the will of John Coldham.
- 1703 Jun 30. In Chancery. Daniel Coxe et al vs Sir Edmd. Harrison et al. Answer of Daniel Coxe, doctor in physic, and Rebecca his wife.
- 1703 Jul 3. In Chancery. Daniel Coxe et al vs Sir Edmd. Harrison et al. Answer of Michael Watts, one of the trustees of the will of John Coldham.

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C 9/280/63

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. 2.5.179N

1700 Oct 24. In Chancery. Sir John and Ann Colleton
(minors) vs Robert and Katherine (Colleton) Richardson.
Answer to the bill of complaint concerning the
estate of Sir Peter Colleton, deceased, including his
share of Carolina.

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C 9/285/28

CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

- 1699 Nov 27. In Chancery. Nicholas Trott et al vs William Rhett et al. Bill of complaint alledging that Rhett, master of Trott's frigate the Providence, took a cargo of slaves, gold, ivory etc., to "Carolina" from Gambia, contrary to orders Rhett had received. (Trott then governor of Bahamas)
- 1699 Nov 27. In Chancery. Nicholas Trott et al vs William Rhett et al. Another copy of bill of complaint.
- 1699 Dec 12. In Chancery. Daniel Sindrey and Nicholas Trott et al vs William Rhett et al. Answer of Daniel Sindrey denying knowledge of whether Rhett sailed the Providence to Carolina without orders from the partners.
- 1699 Dec 18. In Chancery. Nicholas Trott et al vs William Rhett et al. Answer of Rhett explaining his actions in taking slaves etc. from Gambia aboard the Providence to Carolina.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

1706 Feb 22. In Chancery. Dr. Daniel Coxe vs John Hooke, Serjeant at law. Bill averring that Hooke, in 1685, purchased part of Coxe's West New Jersey proprietary (payment to be deferred as planters were secured), but that Hooke has avoided payment in full.

[1706] Jun 25. In Chancery. Dr. Daniel Coxe vs John Hooke, S.at L. Answer of Hooke, admitting that he, in 1685, purchased and in turn sold part of Coxe's West New Jersey proprietary in an effort to create a refuge for English Protestants from the increasing Roman Catholic threat. However, after the "happy Revolution" he decided to let part of the West New Jersey land be idle and increase in value, etc.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

*. 1684 Feb 22. In Chancery. Daniel Allen vs Richard Holder.
Bill of complaint concerning the insurance of the
vessel The Golden Fleece (Bannister, master), lost
on a voyage from London to Jamaica "by Pirates or
Enemies or Carried away lost & destroyed by ye
Barratry of ye Master & Marriners . . . "

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

1688 Nov 20. In Chancery. William Crabb vs Abigail Hollister. Bill praying restitution for 7,507 lbs of leaf tobacco sold by Crabb of Bristol to another Bristol merchant William Hollister, now deceased.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

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1686 Apr 1. In Chancery. Anthony Gerante de Pézante vs. Francis Fandell du Fresne. Bill complaining of abuse of Gerante's French patent for the manufacture of "Goldron," a superior caulking material of tar, pitch, and other materials which was resistant to heat and which protected vessels from worms. (Appears in Privy Council office registers as Anthony Gerente alias Clairant.)

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

1696 Jan 25. In Chancery. Thomas Horne vs William Thornburgh. Bill of complaint concerning the Barbadian estate of John Horne deceased in the hands of Thornburgh, his factor and agent. (No ref. to N.C., but Thornburgh was secretary to the Lords Proprietors.) EXAMPLE drawn from one of several Thornburgh cases involving Caribbean property.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

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X 1698 Jun 10. Bill in Chancery. Sir John Colleton, baronet, minor under the age of 21, and Ann Colleton, minor, by Thomas Gardner of London, their next friend, vs William Thornburgh. Charges Thornburgh (secretary to the Lords Proprietors) with fraud in the execution of the will of Sir Peter Colleton (dated 12 Jan 1693/4, and recited in part), and with diverting income from the estate which lay in London, Exeter, Devonshire, Carolina and Barbadoes. Implicates, as well, Robert Richardson, London merchant, partner to Thornburgh, and husband of Sir John's sister Katherine. Prays a decree requiring a final settlement of the estate.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

1700 May 17. Bill in Chancery. Nicholas Trott vs Thomas Amy. Alleges that Trott undertook to court Amy's daughter Anne with the agreed understanding that 1/8th of Carolina, worth £400 per annum, was to be her dowery. Amy agreed to settle on Trott a share originally belonging to the Earl of Clarendon, then to Seth Sothell, and finally settled on Amy by the Palatine, John Earl of Bath, on 29 Sep 1697. Trott married Anne on 26 Dec 1699, and Amy has ever since refused to make over the share. Prays a decree obliging Amy to make the conveyance to Trott.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

Reel no. Z.5.179N

1709 Dec 14. In Chancery. Peter Worthington vs William Bickerstaff and Joseph Parr. Bill concerning the estate of Peter Worthington, deceased, a Liverpool merchant importing tobacco in the Mulberry.

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CHANCERY. Chancery Proceedings, Six Clerks Series, Reynardson.

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- 1708 May 15. Bill in Chancery. Nicholas Trott, one of the eight Lords Proprietors and Palatine of Carolina vs. William Lord Craven, Palatine, Henry Duke of Beaufort, John Lord Carteret (an Infant by Grace Lady Carteret his Mother and Guardian), Maurice Ashley Esq., Sir John Colleton and John Archdale, six of the Lords Proprietors of the Province of Carolina, the said Lady Carteret and James Griffiths eight of the Defendants alleging that by a deed from Thomas Amy dated 21 Mar 1700, he became a proprietor of Carolina through the 1/8 share originally owned by the Earl of Clarendon, then by Seth Sothel and then by Amy. Since he is in his 44th year, and is the oldest of the proprietors, he should have the office and income of Palatine and should have custody of the proprietary records.
- 1708 Sep 8. Plea and Demurrer in Chancery by six of the Lords Proprietors to the bill of Nicholas Trott. Traces title of the Clarendon share and asserts that it is vested in Seth Sothel's half-brother, Edward Foster, not in Trott.
- 1708 Oct 21. (Further) Plea and Demurrer in Chancery of six of the Lords Proprietors to the bill of Nicholas Trott. Asserts that the later will of Seth Sothel leaving specified real estate and personalty in Carolina to Anna Sothel did not revoke or annul the earlier will leaving Sothel's share of Carolina to his half-brother Edward Foster.