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9. 1763

The Duty of Four & an Half
Pentum on Exports from Barba-
does & the Leeward Islands, was
granted in Perpetuity to King
Charles 2. by an Act of those
Islands in 1663, immediately upon
the re-vesting of those Islands in
the Crown, in consequence of the
Surrender of the Earl of Carlisle's
Patent. By the same Act all other
Payments, Rents, Duties & Mi-
sears are released to the Inhabi-
tants, the former Imposts repealed,
& their Estates confirmed to them
to be holden in common Socage.

The Preamble to the Grant of
the new Impost states the
expediency of providing a
Publick Revenue in some mea-
sure proportioned to the Publick
Expences; enumerates several
Articles of those ^{these} Expences, & in
consideration thereof, & of all
other Publick Charges incumbent
on the Government, makes the
new Grant.

By the English Act of 9 & 10.
W. 3. c. 23. this Barbadoes
Duty was, together with the
several other Branches of the
King's Revenue therein specified,
made a Fund for supplying
£500,000.

£700,000. Ann. for the King's Civil List: & the overplus of the Fund so composed, after satisfying that Sum, was restrained from being disposed of without authority of Parliament.

By the Act of 12 & 13 W. 3. c. 12. Instead of the payment of £700,000. Ann. out of the Produce of that Fund & the reservation of the Overplus for the disposition of Parliament, a specific Sum of £3700. Thous. was made payable out of the Excise Duties for Publick Uses, & the intire Residue of the Fund, composed of all the Branches before enumerated was appointed for the King's Civil List.

In 1701, when Queen Anne's Civil List came under the Consideration of the House of Commons a Petition was presented by the Agents, Planters & Merchants concerned in trading to Barbadoes, setting forth that the said Duty was granted by an Act of the said Island in 1663, for the Reparation & Building of Fortifications, & defraying all other publick Charges incident to the Government there, which had been collected by Officers appointed by the Commissioners of the Customs in England, & applied to other Uses; whereby

The Fortifications are run very much out of Repair, & other publick necessary Works are unbuilt, & their Magazine unprovided; so that, in case of a War, the said Island & all other the Sugar Plantations would be in danger of being lost, if an Enemy should attack it: & praying that the said Duty may be applied to the Use for which it was given, in order to the Defence & Security of the said Island.

This Petition was referred to the Committee upon the Civil List Act, & an Instruction was at the same time given to the Committee to consider of the best & most effectual Ways for the Preservation of the Island of Barbadoes & the Seeward Islands.

A Petition was also presented by the Earl of Hinnoul, setting forth that his Father had been seized in Fee of the Barbadoes & Carribbee Islands; & that upon the Surrender of his Title therein to the Crown, King Charles 2. granted him ~~£600~~ £600 Ann. for 5 Years & £1000. ~~£~~ Ann. after that Term to him & his Heirs, payable out of the Duty of 4 ¹/₂ % Centum arising within the said Island, to which the Petitioner is now intitled for a valuable

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consideration; & praying that he
may not be divested of his Right
to the said £1000. Fund. but
that the same may be secured to
him as the House shall think fit.

This Petition was also referred
to the same Committee; & another
Instruction also given that Pro-
vision should be made in the
Bill, that the Revenues of the
Crown therein mentioned, might
not be alienated.

Accordingly Restrictions were laid
by the Act upon the Power of
granting the Land Revenues: &
also upon the Power of charging
the several Branches appointed
to make up the Civil List. But
the Barbadoes Duty was no longer
continued among the Duties con-
stituting the Civil List: & there-
fore with respect to that Duty
a particular Address was pre-
sented to the Queen. For which
Address see Journals of the
House of Commons 24 March 1701
and for the Queen's Answer therunto
30th March 1702.

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Respecting Civil List