

Liber A. The Dep<sup>n</sup> of Thomas Bradnox aged 40 yeares & upwards taken before the Gou<sup>r</sup> & Councell att a Cou<sup>r</sup>t held att S<sup>t</sup> Maries 7<sup>o</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> as followeth.

Prnt { Gou<sup>r</sup>  
C. G. Brent.  
Mr Tho; Gerrard } This Dep<sup>t</sup> sayth That sometime in the Winter, betweene Michaelmas & Christmas in the yeare 1644. Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Cleyborne (one of the Councell of Virginia) came uppon the Ile of Kent, bringing w<sup>th</sup> him in Tompson's Cock, & his owne Vessell, Ten or Eleauen persons; and stird up the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> Iland, together w<sup>th</sup> his owne forenamed Company, & seauen or eight other persons then newly arruyed from Chicacoan, to rise in armes agst the then there settled Gouvern<sup>t</sup> & by force of armes to take the howse of M<sup>r</sup> Giles Brent, then lyuing uppon the s<sup>d</sup> Iland. And uppon this designem<sup>t</sup> of taking the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Brents howse by force of armes as afores<sup>d</sup> & of taking the Iland from under the iurisdiction there settled as afores<sup>d</sup> himselfe w<sup>th</sup> the fores<sup>d</sup> parties marched in armes from one Edw: Commins howse, towards M<sup>r</sup> Brents howse about 3 mile, unto the howse of one John Abbotts. Where then the s<sup>d</sup> persons, before they would march further w<sup>th</sup> him, requyred to see the Authority by w<sup>ch</sup> hee was enabled to goe uppon the accōn then in hand. And hee shewed them a peice of parchm<sup>t</sup> & a Letter, w<sup>ch</sup> hee sayd was a Commis<sup>n</sup> & a Letter from the King. But the s<sup>d</sup> parties, or the greatest number of them (as it should seeme) doubting of the validity of his Authority, to iustify them in the s<sup>d</sup> accōn there gaue ouer the designe & left him. Whereuppon hee betooke himselfe to his Vessells & departed. And this is all (to his best memory) th<sup>t</sup> the Dep<sup>t</sup> can say of th<sup>t</sup> busines done att th<sup>t</sup> time. f<sup>urther</sup> hee depose<sup>th</sup> not.

Thomas T Bradnox

The Dep<sup>n</sup> of Tho: Bradnox aged 40 yeares & upwards taken before the Gouverno<sup>r</sup> & Councell as afore.

This Dep<sup>t</sup> sayth th<sup>t</sup> sometime in the yeare 1646, about or not long after Christmas, att M<sup>r</sup> Brents howse uppon the Ile of Kent, whereof Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Cleyborne had then possed himselfe, & his Cozen Tompson. That one Christopher Willin a Man then belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Cleyborne, told this Dep<sup>t</sup> th<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Cleyborne had Commis<sup>n</sup> from S<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Berkeley, to take the Ile of Kent, & such estate, as had formerly belonged to Cap<sup>t</sup> Cleyborne therein, into the s<sup>d</sup> Cleybornes posses<sup>n</sup>. And further th<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Cleyborne had Commis<sup>n</sup> sent him in th<sup>t</sup> p<sup>nt</sup> yeare, (if hee would haue accepted of it) to bee Gouverno<sup>r</sup> of Virginia. And That Sodenly after Cap<sup>t</sup> Cleyborne (then being uppon the Iland) drew the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> Iland, together w<sup>th</sup> about 20 persons, whom hee had brought out of Virginia w<sup>th</sup> him, into