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Thomas Hailes de Insul: Kant in provincia de Maryland etatis 34 Annor. aut eo cerciter natus infra pochiam de Wadlington in Com. Lincoln

Testis in hac parte productus Juratus et examinatus.

Ad 9. Articulum Dicit et deponit That all things therein conteyned are true.

Ad 10. Articulum Dicit et deponit, That many of the ablest servants sent over in the Articulate Shipp the Affrica, died in the said shipp and att theire first comeing over viz^t John Thompson, Phillipp Hamblin, John Dunne Christofer Fleming, John Butler and Thomas Tripland, and that most of them that remained were weeke men and not able to helpe themselves, much less to defend the Fort against the Indians, by reason whereof to this deponent's owne knowledge, the said Claiborne was inforced to hire this deponent and other free men to saile in the boates and for other occasions upon the said Plantation, and that it was necessary for the said Claiborne soe to doe, and that the wages paid this deponent and the other freemen and servants were reasonable and lesse then they could have had in Virginia, and that others that hired men paid as great or greater wages, and this deponent thinketh that it was impossible for the said Claiborne to have held or kept the said Plantation with 30 or 40 men newly come out of England, without the assistance of the said freemen, and that it is requisite in 4 months of the yeare att least viz^t March, Aprill, May and June for the said trade to have 3 or 4 Boates att a time, to goe a trading with, to the Indians, else it will scarce beare Charges and not be worth while, and them boates to be well maned with at least 6 or 7 men in each of them, else they are in danger to be cutt of by the Indians, and to this deponent's owne knowledge the Indians have served others soe, being but weekely maned with 4 or 5 men, and the said boates to have all things necessary about them as gunns and other ammunition, and that the said Claborne did everie of the said yeares and months aforesaid send out 3 or 4 boates well manned with 6 or 7 men att least, and with other things necessary for the said trade.

Ad 12. dicit et deponit That the said Claiborne did procure out of Virginia as this deponent beleeveth divers Neate Cattle to the number of 30 or thereabouts, and that the Milk of everie Cow was as nourishment to the servants there being att the first comeing some or other allwaies sicke and weake, and that this deponent or most of the said freemen on the said Iland would willinglie have given the said Claiborne above a 100^{lbs} of Tobacco yearely for the milke of everie Cow, and they the said freemen to have kept the said Cattle and att the end of