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by the supplies which the said Claiborne procured the said Plantation prospered very well, and to this deponent's owne knowledge better then ever any such Adventures ever did in those parts soe farr as this deponent ever heard, and that by reason of the Marylanders takeing away of the Pinnacle, boates and Trucke belonging to the said Plantation (to this deponent's owne knowledge) the Plantation thereby wanted Corne, and by reason the Marylanders killed 3 of the men viz<sup>t</sup> Leif<sup>t</sup> Warren, John Belson and William Dawson and by the want of a Patent, there hath ensued a great losse and damage to the said Joint-stocke and not (soe farr as this deponent knoweth) for want of Industry and care that the said Claiborne could use or procure.

Ad 16. Articulum dicit et deponit That (as this deponent verely beleeveth) noe other English that traded with the Indians in those yeares viz<sup>t</sup> 31: 32: 33: 34: 35: 36: et 37 made soe good voyages or gott soe much Beaver, with soe little Trucke and soe little supplies as the said Claiborne did in the foresaid yeares, and that as this deponent hath heard the Adventures to Charles River and Maryland, were not soe profitable to the Adventurers (as this deponent verely beleeveth) as this Plantation would have beene if the said Claiborne had had good supplies out of England, and had a Patent from the King to enjoy the same and further deposeth not.

Ad 17. Articulum dicit et deponit, That the Common Course of trading with the Indians (to this deponent's owne knowledge for he hath often beene with the said Claiborne a trading with them) is with great danger of their lives by reason they usually trade in Shallopps, with not above six or seven men in each of the said Shallopps, and that there wilbe sometimes at least 3 or 400 Indians about the Shalopp, and that some of the said Traders must stand upon their guard and other some looke to the trucke, and that the Indians come with Axes, Tomahawkes and Bowes and Arrowes with them, and that there is oftentimes great parte of the Trucke stole by the Indians and a good parte given for presents, and that the Indians wilbe very tedious in veiweing their Trucke, soe that it is impossible (as this deponent beleeveth and is Articulate) to keepe everie parcell asunder or keepe any certaine Account, only at the end of the voyage to see what is sold and what is left and what is gained and what lost.

Ad 18. Articulum dicit et deponit That he heard comonly reported the supplie that was sent over in February 1632 was not sufficient for the said trade, and that (to this deponent's owne knowledge there was great want of Trucke that summer following as alsoe of Ammunition as Powder, shott and gunns, alsoe men, boates, apparell and other necessaries, all which the