


first that they might carry their Comodities to what Country they would, which the Virginians could not doe, and 2<sup>ndly</sup> that the said Claiborne's Commission was of noe force, but was for other places, as for Nova Scotia and other places neere New England, And that the said Evelin did att the same time command the letter of Atturney from Clobery and Murhead to be there read, unto whome M<sup>r</sup> John Butler answered, Capt. Evelin what needs that noe body doth interrupt or hinder you in the Marchants busines, you have done already and may doe what you please none of us will meddle therewith, or words to this effect to this deponent's best remembrance, which words of the said Butlers the said Evelin did not contradict, nor could not justly soe doe as this deponent beleeveth and further deposeth not.

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Ad 9. dicit et deponit that all things therein contained are true to this deponent's owne knowledge.

Ad 10. dicit et deponit That 6 of the servants sent in the shipp the Affrica died either comeing over or within 2 months after their arrivall on the said Iland viz<sup>t</sup> John Thompson, Phillipp Hamblyn, John Dunne, Christopher Fleming, John Butler and Thomas Tripland, and that most of them that remained were weake and sicklie men and not able to helpe themselves much lesse to defend the Fort against the Indians, and that the said Claiborne was therefore necessarily constrained to hire other servants and freemen whose names are mentioned yearly in the articulate second schedule to saile the boates and other occasions about the said Plantation, amongst whome this deponent was one of the said freemen soe hired, and that if it had not beene for the love and goodwill, which this deponent and other freemen did beare to the said Claiborne they would not have served for twice soe much to any other, as they did to the said Claiborne, and that by their labours they could have gained above twice soe much in Virginia, and that other Traders and Planters paid as great or greater wages, and that it had beene impossible for the said Claborne