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with lesse then 40 able men to have maintained the said Trade and Plantation as hee did without this deponent's and other freemen theire assistance, and that it was and is necessary in the Months of March, Aprill, May and June for the said Trade to keepe at least 3 boates a broad well manned with 7 or 8 men in each of them with Gunns, Armes and Ammunition, And that the said Claiborne (to this deponent's owne knowl-edge for he hath often beene a trading with the said Claiborne in the Boates) did yearely maintain 3 boates well manned as aforesaid, and further deposeth that he hath perused the Articulate second schedule and knoweth that all the servants therein mentioned were hired and imployed upon the said Trade and Plantation, and that the said servants received such wages of the said Claiborne as are mentioned in the said Accounts, most part thereof this deponent was privy unto and to the rest he beleeveth to be true, because he knoweth the like men cannot now there be hired att greater rates for their wages. And further deposeth not.

Ad 11. dicit et deponit That the Account hereunto annexed which this deponent hath read and considered over and over, and is as this deponent verely beleeveth a true and Just Account paid, laid out and expended for the use of the said Jointstock, and beleeveth that all things therein contained were necessarilie paid, laid out and expended, for the severall uses in the said Accounts respectively expressed and could not in the common estimation of men experienced in those affaires be bought, provided and performed for or with lesse charge, then the said Claiborne did, and that if any stranger had come thither, and paid for such labours as this deponent and others performed for the said Claiborne for nothing, the said Plantation and trade could not have beene upheld and maintained for Three times soe much in the said Accounts all which the premisses this deponent averreth he being all the time acquainted with those affaires and liveing all the while with the said Claiborne and privy to most of the proceedings, and further deposeth that concerneing the Truckingstufte and the proceeds thereof mentioned in the 2 last pages of the said Accounts, he remembreth not justly soe long past the particuler quantities traded for yearely by the said Claiborne, but to his best remembrance beleeveth that the first yeares Beaver 1632 bought for Tobacco and burnt Trucke with other Trucke brought by the said Claiborne from Virginia and the Dutch Plantation was not above 350 skinns or neere thereabouts, and the second yeares Beaver not above 900 or 1000 skinns, att the buying of many whereof, this deponent was present, and the said Dutch Cloath being but 19 peeces this deponent conceiveth that the same with the other trucke which then the