

said Claiborne had could not amount unto above the said number of 900 or 1000 Beavers, and for all the yeares following this deponent knoweth that the trade hath growne deerer and deerer, and the said Claiborne did give greater rates and greater presents then formerly to induce the Indians to sell their Beaver unto him, and this deponent beleeveth that the ordinary prize of Beaver in the yeares aforesaid in Virginia betweene the English hath bene formerly 8^s or 9^s a pound, and att this time about 6^s the pound.

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Ad 12. dicit et deponit That the said Claborne did bring to the said Iland divers Neate Cattle out of Virginia to the number of 28 or 30 at least as this deponent beleeveth for ells such a stocke of Cattle as the said Claiborne had att his going of, of the said Iland being 150 at the least could not have bene soe soone raised with a lesse number, and the milke of the said Cattle was a great nourishment to the people on the said Iland both in sicknes and in health And that this deponent and most or all of the freemen on the said Plantation would have bene willing to have given above 100^{lbs} of Tobacco yearly for the milke of everie Cowe and they the said freemen to have kept the said Cows and att the end of the yeare to have restored the said Cowes with their encrease, the like bargaine of hiring, lending and restoring of Cattle is usuall in Virginia, And that if the grasse on the said Iland bee not fedd it wasteth, fadeth and burneth away, and is of noe value, And further deposeth not.

Ad 13. dicit et deponit That the said Claborne did most of the time of his trading with the Indians want truckingstufte especially the 2 first yeares after the said fire, and that the said Claborne told this deponent he did daylye expect to receive a supplie from his partners in England, and that the said Claborne thereupon did provide boates, men and all things necessary, And (as this deponent beleeveth) if the said Claiborne had not wanted truckingstufte the said two yeares being before the Marylanders came to Maryland, he might have yearly bought 3000 skinns at least more then he did with the same boates, men and meanes soe provided as aforesaid or with little more charge, soe that the want of trucking stufte and the unnecessary providing of necessaries in expectation of trucke was a great damage to the said Joint stocke and harmed not by any default or neglect in the said Claborne soe farr as this deponent could conceave, And further deposeth not.

Ad 14. dicit et deponit That all or most of the time of the said Claborne's abode on the said Iland after the foresaid fire, there was great want of Ammunition as Powder, shott and Gunns whereby the said Trade was hindred and the Plantation was in great danger to bee lost and the men cutt of by the