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Indians, and that the Indians did often attempt the same, and that there came betweene 3 and 4 score Indians to the Fort with an intent as was informed them by other Indians, to cutt of the said Plantation, and that thereupon this deponent seeing the said Indians come to the Fort, and fearing to be cutt of by them, did cutt severall Loope hooles on every side and end of the houses on the said Plantation, which the said Indians seeing, asked this deponent the reason why he cutt the said hooles, to whome he answered to shoot out att, for he heard they had an intent and came thither to cutt of the said Plantation whereupon the said Indians imediately after their treachery being discovered departed, And that this deponent and other freemen and servants did much murmure and complaine to the said Claiborne for the want of the said Ammunition, and that the said Plantation is generally reported to be 50 leagues from the shipping in Virginia And that the said Claiborne did make severall Journies and often send thither to his great hindrance, and that the said Claborne did pay (as this deponent verely beleeveth for he often paid as much or more himselfe) two for one more then they cost in England, And that the said Claiborne paid the dearer because he deferred the buying of them till the last shipps comeing in, expecting supplies from his said partners, and that for the causes aforesaid every servant's apparell did yearely cost the said Claborne £5. 10. att least.

Ad 15. dicit et deponit That by the Industry and Care and by the supplies which the said Claborne procured the said Plantation thrived and prospered very well and as this deponent beleeveth better then ever any Adventures ever did in those parts, And that the interruption of the Marylanders, and their takeing of the boates and pinnaces belonging to the said Plantation, with the trucking stuffe and goods in the same by reason whereof the said Plantation wanted Corne and the people were in danger to be starved, alsoe their killing of three men viz^t Lief^t Raccleff Warren, John Belson and William Dawson and the want of a Patent, with the ill carriage of business by the said Capt: Evelin was the greatest cause of losse and damage to the Jointstocke and the overthrow thereof, and not by want of any Industry, care or meanes that the said Claborne could use or procure.

Ad 16. dicit et deponit That he this deponent hath often beene a trading with the said Claborne, when the said Claborne hath gott by trade with the Indians 5 skinns for one; more then M^r Harmer or Captain Fleet did, they being in the same bay a trading with the said Indians, and have told this deponent how many skinns they have gott. And beleeveth and hath heard that the Adventures for trade to Maryland and