

and the right of the whole Iland with other Ilands thereunto belonging to £1500: And this deponent beleeveth that the freemen on the said Iland would all willinglie have agreed together and have bought the said Estate soe left by the said Claborne in the hands of the said Evelin, and would have given according to the rates above said and that within 2 yeares time.

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Ad 30. dicit et deponit That the said Evelin did in November 1637 come upp to the said Plantation and brought a Commission under the Colony Seale of Maryland, by vertue whereof the said Evelin was made commander of the said Ile of Kent, and did by vertue of his said Commission summon the Inhabitants and Freemen on the said Iland to appeare before him att the Fort, and did there in the presence of this deponent and the rest of the Freemen there assembled command the Patent of Maryland then brought upp with him by Mr Zachary Mattersedd gentleman of Maryland, but the said Freemen did not consent thereunto Att which time it was demanded of the said Capt: Evelin by Mr John Butler whether he were an agent for the said Clobery and Company or for the Marylanders, and that the said Evelin answered he was for both. This deponent going then out of the roome cannot further depose.

Ad 31. dicit et deponit That the said Evelin the same day and afterwards advised (in this deponent's hearing) the Inhabitants and Freemen that they should take heed what they sayd, saying further that it would be better to live under the Government of Maryland then under the Government of Virginia, because they might carry their Commodities and Pipestaves and other goods into what country they would, which the Virginians could not, and did persuade them by many other privileges and reasons especially to this deponent privately, saying that Tobacco did yield a good price in Holland and Spaine, And that the said Evelin, did, att the same time in this deponent's hearing command the said letter of Attorney from the said Clobery and Murhead should be there read, unto which Mr John Butler answered Capt: Evelin what needs that noe body doth interrupt you in the Marchants busines you have done alreedy and may doe what you please, none of us will meddle therewith or words to this effect, which speech of Mr John Butler, all the Inhabitants there present agreed, and further deposeth not.

Will: Coxe.

Recognit: coram me

Francis Wiat.
Sam: Mathews

Jurat: et examinat: in presencia mei,
et per me Will: Baulke notarii
publicum.

John Harvey.