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Papers.

Ric: Thompson de Insul: Kant in provincia de Maryland etatis 27. Annor. aut eo circiter natus infra Civit: Norwich in Com. Norfolk.

Testis in hac parte productus Juratus et examinatus dicit et deponit.

Ad 9. dicit et deponit That the said Claborne procured divers Freemen to go up with him and plant upon the said Plantation by reason the servants belonging to the said Jointstocke was not of sufficient strength against the Indians who had lately cutt of a Plantation there and slaine 30 or 40 Dutchmen which lived not farr for thence, and sought and attempted to doe the like to the said Plantation, And that the said Claborne did hire and bring thither divers servants, this deponent being one of them The names of the rest are mentioned in the said Account, without the assistance of which said freemen and servants the said Plantation and trade could not have beene upheld and defended And that the said Freemen did not hinder the said trade or buy any beavers of the Indians for themselves, or did not hurt anything of the said Jointstocke but did very much further the same in goeing a trading for the said Claborne, and in many other particulars.

Ad 11. dicit et deponit That he this deponent hath considered and perused often over the Accompts articulate, and findeth that a great part of the disbursements therein mentioned to be paid laid out and expended by the said Claborne, are (to this deponent's owne knowledge) true and soe paid laid out and expended, as is sett downe in the said Accompts, and the residue thereof this deponent beleeveth to be true and very resonable and necessary laid out and expended for the use and benefit of the said Jointstock, and could not in the Common estimation of men experienced in those affaires be bought provided and performed for or with lesse Charge then is sett downe in the said Accounts, and this deponent being now a Trader with the Indians, and following the said Employments the said Claborne did, beleeveth that the said Claborne did manage the said Trade and Plantation with as little or lesse charge, as any man could possiblie have done, And further sayth that the severall somes in the said Accounts mentioned, for truckingstufte servants apparrell, boates, housekeeping, servants wages, allowance to the severall Ministers, gunns, Munitiion, Surgery, Expences in Journeys, buying of a stocke of hoggs, working tooles and other necessaries therein expressed were soe laid out by the said Claborne And that all the servants therein mentioned, were there imployed by the said Claborne, And further this deponent saith to the generall Account of the Truckingstufte and proceeds thereof mentioned in the 2. last pages of the said second schedule that he this deponent hath seene the