

P. R. O. Colonial Papers. improper trucke this deponent heard the said Claiborne find fault with, and say it came to above £300 sterling which some, if it had beene laid out in good Dutch Cloath such as part of the supplie that yeare was, and spanish Axes, of which this deponent never knew the said Claborne to have any that the Indians well liked This deponent verely beleeveth that it would have yielded to the value at least of £1500 sterling or more.

Ad 12. dicit et deponit That the said Claiborne did to this deponent's owne knowledge, bring to the said Iland divers Neate Cattle out of Virginia, to the number of 30 as this deponent thinketh, by reason there was soe great a number as 140 at least when the said Claborne went for England, and that the milke of the said Cattle was a great nourishment to the Inhabitants on the said Iland, both in sicknes and health, And that the said Claborne might have had (as this deponent verely beleiveth) 100<sup>lbs</sup> of Tobacco yearly for the milke of every Cow, and they the said freemen to have kept the said Cowes and att the end of the yeare to have restored the said Cowes with their encrease, and the like bargaine of lending hireing and restoring of Cattle is usuall in Virginia And that the Grasse on the said Iland, if it be not fedd it wasteth and burneth away And further deposeseth not.

Ad 13. Dicit et deponit That the said Claiborne did all the time of his trading there with the Indians want truckingstufte (to this deponent's owne knowledge, for he did trade for and with the said Claborne and hath often seene the Indians bring more Beaver to the Plantation and to their boates then they had trucke to buy it with And that the said Claborne did provide Pinnaces boates men and all things necessary thereunto acording as is mentioned in the said Accounts, and that the said Claborne if he had not wanted trucking stufte might have yearly bought (as this deponent beleeveth) att least twice soe much Beaver as he did or more with the same boates men and meanes, soe that the want of truckingstufte and the unnecessary providing of the said things in expectation of Trucke, was a great damage to the Jointstocke which damage hapned not by the default or neglect of the said Claborne as this deponent conceiveth And further deposeseth not.

Ad 14. Dicit et deponit That from time to time divers yeares during the said Claborne's abode upon the said Iland and Plantation, there was great want of Ammunition as Powder, shott and Gunns whereby the said trade was hindred and the people upon the said Iland were in great danger to be cutt off by the Indians, and were almost afraid to stirr out of doores, and the people did much complaine to the said Claiborne thereof, and that this deponent had his Plantation there cutt off by the Indians and a man and a child slaine by them and two