

either for themselves or for anie others to their owne benefit tending anie way to the hurt of the Joyntstocke aforesaid but by their much paines, dilligence and industrie did greatlie further the same and further deposeth not.

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Ad 10 dicit et deponit that manie of the servants sent over in the articulate shipp the Affrica died at their first comeing over as this deponent well remembreth being an eie witnes thereof and beleveth that the names of them soe dyeing were as is mentioned in the articulate Account, and that the rest of the servants liveing most of them were weeke men and no waies able to defend the Fort against the Indians and in regard of the death of their servants as aforesaid and of the weaknes and disabilitie of those that lived, the said Claiborne was forced to hyer many servants for defence against the Indians and for to saile in these boates and for other occasions, which this deponent beleveth were necessarie for the Traid and plantation, the said Claiborne commonly takeing advice with the rest of his Companie in the supplies which he procured for the said traid and plantation, and this deponent beleveth and for the most parte knoweth there were such waiges received and paid as are sett downe in the accompts which this deponent hath sene and perused and that the said waiges were verie reasonable and that the servants well deserved such waiges by their labours and industrie, and that they could have gained more in Virginia with lesse paynes takeing, and this deponent and other traideres and planters that then hyred men paid as much or greater waiges, and that yt had (as this deponent beleveth) bene ympossible for the said Claiborne with lesse then 30 or 40. men at the least to have performed the said traid and plantation without the Freemen's assistance as aforesaid, And that it was most nedefull in the Monthes of March Aprill May and June for the traideing aforesaid to kepe at the least 3 boates traideing and to be well manned at the least with 5: 6: or 7: men in everie of them with gones, armes, ammuniton and other necessaries accordingly which the said Claiborne for the most parte did everie yeare as by the Accompts aforesaid appeareth, and further deposeth not.

Ad 11. Dicit et deponit That the Accompts articulate this deponent hath read, over with deliberation considered seriously upon yt in everie particular and beleveth that the same in the common estimation of men experienced in such affaires are true and just accompts and were soe paid and laied out and expended particulerly and for the use and benefit of the said Joyntstocke, and knoweth not anie thing therein written or conteyned but that which to this deponent's best Judgement were necessarie to be paid layed out and expended and for the severall uses in the said accompts respectively expressed and