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could not as he veriey beleveth in the experience of men understanding in theis affaires be bought provided and performed for or with lesse or so little Chardge then the said Claiborne did, and that yf anie stranger had come thither unexperienced in theis affaires and had bene to pay for such labors as this deponent and others performed for the said Claiborne and are mentioned in the said accompts the said Plantation and traid could not have bene upheld and mainteyned for much more then is expressed in the said accompts All which the premisses this deponent averreth beleiveth he being all the tyme acquainted with those affaires and lived and was ymployed most of the tyme with the said Claiborne and was privie to the proceedings thereof And further deposeth that concerning the Trucking stuffe and the procede thereof mentioned in the twoe last pages of the said Accompts, he this deponent remembreth not justly being so long past the particuler quantities traided for yearly by the said Claiborne, Butt to his this deponent's best remembrance beleveth, that the first yeare Beaver 1632 bought after the fire which there happened, for tobacco and burnt trucke with other Trucke procured by the said Claiborne from Virginia and the dutch plantation was not above to this deponent's best remembrance 350 skinnes or nere thereabouts, And the second yeare beaver 1633 not above 900 or 1000 skinnes, At the buyeing of manie whereof this deponent was present, and the articulate dutch Cloth being but 19 pecs to the best of this deponent's remembrance, this deponent conceiveth that the same with the other Trucke which then the said Claiborne had could not amount unto above the number aforesaid of 900. or 1000. Beavers, and for all the yeares followeing this deponent was privie, and knoweth yt to be true that the traid did growe dearer and dearer, and the said Claiborne to this deponents knowledge did give greater raits and presents then he had done formerly to induce the Indians to sell their Beaver unto him, and this deponent knoweth yt to be true that the ordinarie price of beaver in the yeare aforesaid in Virginia among the English hath bene formerly 7<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>s</sup> or 9<sup>s</sup> a pound, and at this tyme about the same raits, And that the ymproper Trucke mentioned in the said accompts to the value of above £ 300. in dutch hoes, kettles, coats, blanckitts scrapers and such like would have yeilded much more in dutch Cloth. And further deposeth that severall sommes and disbursements laid out by this deponent and the said Claborne are not mentioned in the articulate second schedule which this deponent intendeth to demand and recover of the said Claiborne.

Ad 12. dicit et deponit, That the said Claiborne did carric and procure to be carried by the boates of this deponent and others into the Ile of Kent about 28. or 30. neate Cattell as is