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supplies had bene sent out of England, and that notwithstanding the want of such supplies the meanes which the said Claiborne had procured would have uppheld and made the same thrive and become beneficiall to the Adventurers if the articulate Marielanders had not interrupted the said Claibornes proceedings and traid by reason the said Claiborne had not a patent under thee Broad seale of England, And this deponent verielly beleveth that yf such a patent had bene sent to the said Claiborne by his partners, the said Adventure in the Joynt stocke would have bene exceedingly beneficiall and profitable, and that for want thereof the Marielanders did much hinder the said Claiborne while he stayed upon the said Iland, and did more especially about Aprill and May in the yeare 1635 especially interrupt the said Claiborne's affaires, And did take the said Claibornes Boates and Pynnaces, wherof one Pynnace was this deponents then ymployed by the said Claiborne for the use of the said Joyntstocke into Patomecke River where the said Marielanders did severall tymes vyolently with armed men gonnnes and Indyans assault this deponent in his said Pynnace and boate and tooke this deponent and the said Pynnace with all the goods therein yet this deponent afterwards escaped with his said Pynnace, And this deponent knoweth that by reason of the said Marielanders takeing the said Pynnace and Boates of the said Claiborne and hindering of them in their traid, The Plantation and people upon the said Ile of Kent were putt to a great straitte and were starved in the Months of May and June in the said yeare 1635: About the latter end of which said month of June this deponent haveing escaped by great Chaunce as aforesaid did bring a supply of Corne to the said Plantation, without which Corne, this deponent cannot ymagine, how the people there should have lived but must have bene nere starved and fedd upon unwholsome food.

Ad 16. Dicit et deponit That he hath had long experience in the traid of Beaver in those parts and hath a great part knowen the traiding of the articulate Captaine Fleet and M<sup>r</sup> Hazmer and other traiders and knoweth that they were for the most parte still indebted to divers semen and that because of the great Chardgs and expencs which are necessarily laid out in mens waiges boats victualls trucke and other occasions And this deponent hath often heard that the Adventurers for the Trade of Beaver to Charles River and Marieland are no gayners but much out of purse, and beleveth that this Plantation and Traid would have bene profitable if a Pattent and Supplyes had bene procured and sent out of England as is articulate And further deposeth not.

Ad 17. Dicit et deponit that the manner and daunger of