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and that such servants as remayned of the Joynt stocke were weake men as commonly all new men are the first yeare And their wayges were lesse then others would have given in Virginia; And that without the Freemens assistance 30. or 40. men could not have managed and kept the said Trade and Plantation and believeth that such boates and men were usually every yeare employed by the said Clayborne as is Articulate.

Ad 11. Dicit et deponit That he this deponent hath considered of the particulars in all the Accompts Articulate, and for the space of the two first yeares knoweth most of the particulars to be true out of his owne knowledge, and out of his experience in such affaires saith that he believeth the rest were soe layed out by the said Clayborne as is herein expressed and were necessary for the said Trade and Plantation And that such particulars as concerne this deponent and his servants are true as is herein set downe, And that any Stranger could not have accomplished that which the said Clayborne did with farr more expences And believeth that any indifferent men as have traded or ben employed to rayse plantations in thes partes of the World will approve of the said Accompts and generally believeth concerning all the said Accompts and the severall sommes therein mentioned for trucking stufte, servants apparrell, Boates, housekeepinge servants wayges Allowance to the Ministers, for gunns, ammunition, surgery, expences in jurnies, buying of hoggs, workinge tooles and other necessaries therein expressed were soe layed out by the said Clayborne in the said Plantation. And this deponent knoweth and hath herd the Traders say, That the Trade for Beaver and furs with the Indians hath proved dearer and dearer thes 4. or 5. yeares past But believeth that yf the said Capt: Clayborne had had trucke soone after the fire, yt had ben the onely tyme to gett monny because the Indians exceedingly seemed to love the said Clayborne and there were then few other Traders in those parts.

Ad 12. Dicit et deponit That the said Clayborne did carry upon the said Iland divers neate Cattle as is articulate which were sayd to be the said Claybornes Cattle before his arrivall in the Afryca, and that the milke of the said Cattle was a great benefit and nurrishment to the servants there boath in sicknes and in health, And believeth that the Freeman would have hired the said Cattle at the rates articulate and restored them and their Increase as is articulate and that the hire of Cattle for that rate is usuall in Virginia and that the grasse and food was of noe value unless the said Cattle had fedd yt and further deposeh not.

Ad 14. Dicit et deponit He knoweth That during the said