

and Claiborne talke of them, and the said Thompson then found noe dislike therewith nor required any Account from the said Claiborne to be given for the said goods, but to this deponent's best remembrance was well content, he the said Claiborne should dispose of the said goods to the proper use of him the said Claborne, and further deposeth not.

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Ad 9. Articulum Dicit et deponit That to this deponents knowledge (he being one of the Freemen, that went upp with the said Claiborne to the articulate Iland) this Article is true and soe had and done as is articulate.

Ad 10. Dicit et deponit That the six servants mentioned in the Account articulate which this deponent hath seene and perused, died some comeing over in the articulate shipp, and some soone after their arrivall on the articulate Iland, and the rest of the servants then sent over were, (as commonly all new hands are) very sicke and weake and hardly able to defend themselves much lesse to defend the Fort against the Indians, and that therefore the said Claiborne was necessarily constrained to hire men to saile the boates, defend the Fort, and other occasions, and this deponent beleiveth that such wages were paid them by the said Claiborne, as are sett downe in the Account which seems to this deponent very reasonable, and that the said men which the said Claiborne then hired could have had more of other Planters, that then hired men, and that in the common estimation of men, it had beene a thing impossible for the said Claiborne with lesse then 50. or 40. men att the least to have managed the said Trade and Plantation, without the articulate Freemens assistance, which out of respective love to the said Claiborne went upp to the articulate Iland and planted there, and that it was and yett is necessary for the said Trade in the months of March, Aprill May and June, to keepe and imploy att least 3. boates abroad, and them to be well manned with 8. 7. or 6. men att the lest in each of them with gunns Armes Ammunition and other necessaries, which the said Claiborne allwaies did, during this said deponents aboad on the said Iland, which was the two first years and further deposeth not.

Ad 11. Dicit et deponit, That the articulate Account which this deponent hath perused over and considered, he verely beleiveth itt, to be a true and just Account paid, laid out, and expended by the said Claiborne for the use articulate, soe farr as they any way concerned him this deponent, and such servants as are sett downe in the said Account, during this deponents obaad there on the said Iland, were soe imployed as is articulate, and that the said Claborne did provide and manage his busines and affaires, with as little charge as any man could have done, And this deponent knoweth, that if the said Cla-