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Also Edward Turner Informs that having Conference of Late with the Doctor of Captain Harris,s Ship he the said Doctor told this Informer that he Saw the aforesaid Iohn Prior buy Deer Skins of the Indians at Westwood house.

The Examination of Dennis Huscula of S[t] Maries County Planter taken upon Oath made before his Honour the Chancellor this 5th Day of May 1682 by me Thomas Burford Attorney Generall as followeth—

The said Dennis being asked what he knew, and urged to Declare the whole of what he could say concerning Iohn Prior Merchant his purchasing of Skins of Indians or others Saith—

That he hath often been lately among the Indians, to buy skins of them, they did inform this Examinant that all they could gett they had lately Disposed of to s[d] Iohn Prior Merchant that keepeth Store at Westwood and to one Iames Smallwood of Charles County, and that this Examinant heard Captain Iames Bowling say that he heard M[r] Mudd say that he had seen Skins at Westwood Store—

Tho[s] Burford Att[y] Genll. Dennis the mark of × Husculough

The Examination of Patrick Innes Chirurgion of Captain Harris Master of the Ship Gerard now lying in Wicocomoco taken this 5th of May 1682 upon Oath before his Honour the Chancellor by me Thomas Burford Attorny Generall

Imp[rs] the said Jnnes being asked what he knew of one Iohn Prior Merchant now Residing at Westwood in S[t] Maries County concerning his buying of any Deer Skins of the Indians or others or what he said thereof to one Edward Turner—

Answered that he never Spoke to said Turner any word or Syllable concerning any Skins bought by said Prior of Indian or Indians nor directly or indirectly knoweth of any Such thing nor any for his use; and further knoweth not.—

Tho: Burford Att Gen[l] Patrick Jnnes

The Examination of Thomas Gerard Gent: taken upon oath made before his Honour the Chancellor the 5th of May 1682 by me Thomas Burford Attorney Generall as followeth

Imp[rs] the s[d] Thomas Gerard being asked what he knew concerning any Skins bought by one Iohn Prior Merchant now residing at the house of Said Gerard at Westwood of any Indian or Indians or others or by any other person for said Priors use—

Answered that he never saw him buy a Skin this Voyage of any Indian nor he never bought any for him, nor doth he know of any other Person that hath bought for said Priors use, nor knoweth any thing concerning the premisses

Tho[s] Burford Att Genl. Thomas Gerard—