

Liber B. Clifford informed the S^d Jones and Harwood, and told them he was a Sleep under the garden pailles, and these Depon^{ts} further Depose, that they doe not know of any threatning words or blows given or uttered upon his then return, or at any time to the Said Clifford by the Said M^r Brooke his Master or by any other, only that their Said Master, then openly in the house, and thereupon told the Said Clifford, that he would remitt that fault in hopes he would doe Soe noe more further at that time, Saying to him and the rest of his Servants there present that if he or any of the rest disliked of his Service, if they would make choice of any other whome they had rather Serve, he Should be willing of it or to that effect, fforther the Said William Jones Saith, that upon Munday Morning next following about one of the Clock before day the Said Clifford who then and usually lodged with him rising up out of bed, asked him this Deponent what time of night it was who answered him it was then too Soon to rise, whereupon he replied that he must goe to beat corn betimes or it would be night before he had done or to that effect, and Soe putting on his Cloaths went away, this Deponent then verily believing he went about his S^d Imploym^{ts} And all the Said Depon^{ts} Saith, that from the Said Munday Morning till thursday Morning next the Said Clifford was not heard of nor known by them or any other Soe far as they or any of them know what was become of him, tho' their Said Master's two Eldest Sons, went Several ways to look for him And that upon the Said Thursday Morning an Indian who then and now is employed by the S^d Master Brookes, brought intelligence as these Deponents were informed by those who understood his Language, that there was a man drowned not far from the house, Whereupon the Said Master Brookes himself went to See what was the Matter, and then called for these Depon^{ts} being then at work and the rest, who went thereupon to the place, where the Said Clifford lay drowned in the water upon his Belly with his feet to the

p. 296 Shorewards part of his body above the Water It being then as they conceive above Low water, the S^d Indian as they were informed having drawn him Somewhat nearer the Shoar then he was when he first found him, And the Depon^{ts} Jones and Harwood by their Said Master's appointment there drew him a Shoar and turned him upon his back having his Cloaths on, And thereupon their Said Master as he then expressed was not willing to have him further Meddled with till he had Sent to the Governor and his pleasure was known concerning him, but towards night the Same day he the Said M^r Brookes Sent to have the Said Clifford buried whereupon the Said William Jones and Anthony Kitchin together with Davy Bowen another of M^r Brookes's Servants went where the man lay and pulling