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Thomas Brereton brought before his Excellency the Governour and Councill Declared that being at the bay Side in Flints pound following with his Cozen John Shippley spyed Richard Clarke and Charles Harrison & Thomas Wintersell with a Negro man and Woman sitting by a fire they had made on the Banck and his Uncle Smith comeing thither they Invited them to his house having asked from whence Clarke came he Answered from Maryland and that he had bought a Plantation &c. was carrying his Negroes to make Corne in Carrolina and intended in the Sumer to fetch his wife and family said his name was Rober^t Garrett the other two went by the name of Thomas Wintersell and M^r Peters which last Pretended to be a School master.

They went up the Creek to his Uncle Smiths and stayed there four Days in which time it being discoursed the Declarant was going downe to Elizabeth River to gett a Passage on Board one W^m Borrows for New England Richard Clarke offered him a passage to Lin haven Bay which the Declarant accepted & went a Long with him and his Company in his Boate while Clarke was at his unckle Smiths the Declarant went to his unckle Sharpleys & Fetched all his Cloaths and put them in Wintersells Chest and before the Declarant went his
p. 56 Brother W^m Bereton came after him and stoped him and made him take his Cloaths out again and the Declarant did Intend to have gone to Somerset County with John Spry but the wind being at North west Clarke overperswaded him to goe with him and when they came to M^r Thomās Plummers at New point Comfort went up the Creeke to the house and Stayed thereabut four or five Days. And the wind blowing Fresh at North west and their Boate Little so that they were afraid to Cross Mopjoak Bay M^r Plumer was Perswaded to lend them his Boate in which they went to the mouth of Elizabeth River an there the Declarant saw a Boate that came towards them wherein was one Daniell Wells Thomas Brabatch a Saylor and a boy about fourteen years old gave Clarkes Boate hold of their Painter and seemed to be very glad to see them Wells Called Clarke by the name of Garrett both Boates went into Elizabeth River and Wells and his Company was taken up at Norfolk Towne by Major Bush & Cap^t Mason and Clarke Pleaded that Daniell Wells was an honest man and good liver.

The Boy had like to have betrayed them for he said he was a Womans Servant here. Wells said he was his Serv^t and bought him to assist designing to buy a Plantation and was
p. 57 Intended to gett a Plantation at News River in Carolina. There was a Letter of Marq. Sloop there & the Crew were afraid Thomas Brabatch and Wells Intended to cutt her loose