

Anketill upon his Table. And M^r Balley likewise did produce a Liber F F former Account of th^e yeare 1662, That to th^e best of my Remembrance was Ballanced by M^r Staplefort & signed by him, In w^{ch} s^d account was made mention of th^e paym^t of Brigantines seruants & Cattle & Plantāon, And further sayth th^t about Nouemb^r last M^r Anketill went from my howse in Company wth mee to Court, & when th^e Court was ended I hauing some busines up th^e Riuer, M^r Anketill [p. 91] desyred mee in my returne to call for him att his Brother Stapleforts, to goe home along wth mee w^{ch} I did. And being there I went into th^e howse & there Lay Bayles of Canuas & Drapery, And I asked M^r Staplefort whose they were? And hee answered they were M^r Bayles sent him out of New England, & further sayth not.

Elizabeth ffreeman aged 18 yeares or thereabouts sworne sayth, That when M^r Balley was att S^t Maries, M^r Staplefort being in his Bed in th^e morning & hearing as hee sayd a Tap drop in M^r Balleys Roome, Hee called one of his seruants named Humphrey Jones & bid him goe in att th^e window & open th^e Doore w^{ch} hee did. Then M^r Staplefort went in saying hee would see if all was well, Who came forth againe & shutt th^e doore, But whither hee brought any thing forth or noe this Depon^t knoweth not. further the night before her mistresse calling her to come in, shee did not goe p^rsently, But when shee did goe The Doore was shutt, & endeauouring to open th^e doore her mistresse held th^e Doore & asking who was there? told her shee could not come in yett, And then was M^r Staplefort in M^r Balleys Clossett th^t shutts wth a key, But what hee did there shee knoweth not. further this Depon^t sayth That M^r Staplefort called for nayles & caused th^e s^d window to bee mended, for feare any other should goe in. further That on th^e Twelwe of ffeb. last being Sunday M^r Staplefort tooke a Chest of his out of M^r Balleys Roome where was then three packs of goods, But att night shee did see M^r Staplefort rip up & breake open th^e packs of goods w^{ch} were in th^e s^d Balleys Hall, shee then looking in att th^e window of th^e s^d Hall; & further sayth not

M^r Thomas Sprigge aged 35 yeares or thereabouts sworne sayth, That uppon th^e 15th ffeb. 1664 M^r Balley came to mee wth a warr^t from th^e Gou^r to make search for some of Balleys goods, th^t were gone out of his howse The next day M^r Balley & I went ouer to M^r Stapleforts howse & when I came there I asked his wife for him & shee told mee shee did not know: yett afterwards shee went to th^e window & gaue mee a Letter th^t was there left for mee The Contents thereof was, That hee was gone abroad for 3 or 4 dayes. Then M^r Balley spoake to mee to doe my office & to make search for his goods & shewed mee a Little Roome. The Doore sodenly opened & out came M^r Staplefort & shutt th^e Doore after him & sayd What haue yo^w to doe wth Staplefort? I called him into th^e yard desyring him if it were possible to agree amongst themselues But it would not [p. 92]