

Alto Edward Turner Informs that having conference of Late with the Doctor of Captain Harris, Ship in the said Doctor bid me Informer that he saw the aforesaid John Prior buy Deer Skins of the Indians at Westwood house.

The Examination of Dennis Muscula of St. 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 John 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 John Prior Merchant that keepeth Store at Westwood and to one James Smallwood of Charles County, and that this Examinant heard Captain James Bonding say that he heard Mr. Mudd say that he had seen skins at Westwood Store.

Tho. Burford Att^{ty} Gen^l.

Dennis ^{the name of Musculaugh}

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 Attorney Generall.

Imp^r. the said Innes being asked what he knoweth of one John Prior Merchant now Residing at Westwood in St. 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^{ty} Gen^l.

Patrick Innes

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^r. the Thomas Gerard being asked what he knoweth concerning any Skins bought by one John 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

Tho. Burford Att^{ty} Gen^l.

Thomas Gerard

John Prior utterly denyes having bought of any Indians or others any Skins this Voyage or having employed any person for that purpose, nor he any Deer Skins at all save only two which an Indian gave him, one of which he intended to cover his Chest, and the other he took the hair of to stuff his Saddle with.

He is referred to his further Examination in the Lower Court.