

Honus Van Eddan Demandant of Robt. Clarke 120. Feb. 13. 1644. for 100 lbm
wrest. to of Sheriff ret. Jun. Court next.

The Dep^t of Thomas Bradnor aged 40 years & upwards taken before
Gov^r & Councils etc, in Court held at S^t. Maryes 7th. Decemb^r. 1644. as follows.

This Dep^t saith that sometime in the winter, betwene Michaelmas & Christmas, in the year
1644. Capt. Will^m. Clayborne (one of the Council of Virginia) came upon the Isle of Kent
bringing wth him in Tompson's Schoone, & his owne Vessell, Ten or Eleven persons, and
thred up of Inhab^{ts} of the I^sland, together wth his owne forenamed Company, &
seuen or eight other persons then newly arrived from Chiacorn, to use in armes
agst^o of them then settled Govern^r. & by force of armes to take the house of M^r. Giles
Brent, then lying upon the I^sland. And upon this designe of taking the house
of Brent's house by force of armes as afores^d. & of taking the I^sland from under the
hand then settled as afores^d. himselfe wth a few^r parties, marched in armes from
Edw^{ard}. Commins house, towards M^r. Brents house about 3 miles, unto the house of
John Abbotts. Where then the I^sland persons, before they would march further wth him
requyred to see the Authority by w^{ch} hee was enabled to goe upon the I^sland
in hand. And hee showed them a piece of parchment & a Letter, w^{ch} hee sayd was
a Comis^o. & a Letter from the King. But the I^sland parties, w^{ch} a greater number of them
(as it should seeme) doubting of the validity of his Authority, to iustify them in the
I^sland then gave over the designe & left him. Whereupon hee betooke himselfe to
his Vessells & departed. And this is all (to his best memory) of the Dep^t can say
of busines done at the I^sland. Further hee deposed not.

Thomas T. Bradnor

The Dep^t of the: Bradnor aged 40 years & upwards taken before
Govern^r & Councils as afores^d.

This Dep^t saith that sometime in the year 1646, about or not long after Christmas, at
M^r. Brents house upon the I^sland of Kent, whereof Capt. Will^m. Clayborne had then
possest himselfe, & his Cozen Tompson. That one Christopher Wilkin a man then be-
longing to Capt. Clayborne, told this Dep^t of Capt. Clayborne had Comis^o. from S^t. Will^m.
Berkeley, to take the I^sland of Kent, & such other, as had formerly belonged to Capt.
Clayborne therein, into the I^sland of Claybornes possest. And further of the I^sland had
Comis^o. sent him in the past year (if hee would have accepted of it) to be Govern^r.
of Virginia. And that sodenly after Capt. Clayborne (then being upon the I^sland) de-
parted the I^sland of the I^sland, together wth about 20 persons, whom hee had brought out
Virginia wth him, into armes; & mustered them by Lieut^{nt}. Smith, & Peter Knight, in
a field, called Kent field, & then proposed to them, to goe downe in verlike manner
to assault, & take the house of Mary-Lund, & the fort at S^t. Maryes: Telling them
of first, if hee would goe wth them. Whereupon the I^sland Company offered to goe
him, persuaded by him, that hee had lawfull Authority thereunto. But after
embarkment of some of the provisions for this voyage were put aboard, some of the
Inhab^{ts}. before they would embark themselves, desired to be made acquainted.

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