

A TRUE
DISCOURSE OF THE
PRESENT ESTATE OF VIR-
GINIA, and the successe of the affaires
there till the 18 of June. 1614.

TOGETHER.

WITH A RELATION OF THE
feuerall English Townes and fortes, the affu-
red hopes of that countrie and the peace
concluded with the Indians.

The Christening of *Powhatans* daughter
and her marriage with an English-man.

Written by RAPHE HAMOR the yon-
ger, late Secretarie in that Colony.

Alget, qui non ardet.



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LIAM WELBY dwelling at the signe of the
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of Richmond.*



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trey dishonoured, and these poore people, I haue the charge of ruined. And so I beseech you to answere or me, if you heare me taxed for my staying, as some may iustly do, and that these are my chiefe motiues God I take to witnesse. Remember me, and the cause I haue in hand, in your daily meditations, and reckon me in the number of those that doe sincerely loue you and yours, and vwill euer rest in all offices of a friend, to doe you seruice.

From Iames towne in Virginia
the 18 of Iune, 1614.

Thomas Dale.

To my verie deere and louing
Cosen M. G. Minister of the B. F.
in London. *H. Whitaker*

*S**In the Colony here is much better. Sir Thomas Dale our religious and valiant Geuernour, hath now brought that to passe, which neuer before could be effected. For by vvarre vpon our enemies, and kinde vsage of our friends, he hath brought them to seeke for peace of vs, vvhich is made, and they dare not breake. But that vvhich is best, one Pocahuntas or Matoa the daughter of Powhatan, is married to an honest and discreete English Gentleman Maister Rolfe, and that after she had openly*

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renounced her countrey Idolatry, confessed the faith of Iesus Christ, and was baptised; which thing Sir Thomas Dale had laboured along time to ground in her.

Yet notwithstanding, are the vertuous deeds of this worthy Knight, much debased, by the letters which some wicked men haue written from hence, and especially by one C. L. If you heare any condemne this noble Knight, or doe feare to come hitber, for those slaunderous letters, you may upon my word bouldly reprove them. You know that no malefactors can abide the face of the Iudge, but themselves scorning to be reprov'd, doe prosecute withall hatred; all those that labour their amendment. I marvaile much that any men of honest life, should feare the sword of the magistrate, which is unsheathed onely in their defence.

Sir Thomas Dale (with whom I am) is a man of great knowledge in Diuinity, and of a good conscience in all his doings: both which bee rare in a martiall man. Euery Sabbath day wee preach in the forenoone, and Chatechize in the afternoone. Euery Saturday at night I exercise in Sir Thomas Dales house. Our Church affaires bee consulted on by the Minister, and foure of the most religious men. Once euery moneth wee haue a Communion, and once ayeer a solemn Fast For me, though my promis of 3 yeers seruice to my country be expired, yet I will abide in my vocation
heere

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*here untill I be lawfully called from hence. And so
betaking vs all vnto the mercies of God in Christ
Iesus, I rest for euer.*

Virginia Iune 18. 1614.

Your most deere and louing cosen
Alex. Whitakers.

The coppie of the Gentle-mans letters
to Sir Thomas Dale, that after married Powha-
tans daughter, containing the reasons mou-
ing him thereunto.

John Rolfe

Honourable Sir, and most worthy Gouernor:
When your leasure shall best serue you to per-
use these lines, I trust in God, the beginning will
not strike you into a greater admiration, then the
end will giue you good content. It is a matter of no
small moment, concerning my own particular which
here I impart vnto you, and which toucheth mee
so neerely, as the tenderneffe of my saluation. How-
beit I freely subiect my selfe to your graue and ma-
ture iudgement, deliberation, approbation and de-
termination; assuring my selfe of your zealous ad-
monitions, and godly comforts, either perswading
me to desist, or encouraging me to persist therein, with
areligious feare and godly care, for which (from the
very instant, that this began to roote it selfe, with-
in the secret bosome of my brest) my daily and ear-
nest praiers haue bin, still are, and euer shall be pro-

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