

olic worship “as private as may be”?³¹ Or did he seize all opportunities to bring heretics into the fold? All that can be said with certainty is that he had piety, a well-trained intelligence, and an excitement for the adventure that must have made him an asset in the critical first decade of the Maryland enterprise.

The Servants

Apart from the gentlemen adventurers and the Jesuits, all but a handful of the passengers on the *Ark* went as indentured servants. The terms of service for the first expedition are unknown, but probably similar to those contained in the *Relation* of 1634.

Whatsoever husband-man, or other laboring-man, shall bee willing to goe to this Plantation, and to binde himselfe a servant there for five yeares, he shall be entertained (if he come within the limited time to the place appointed) upon these termes; that is to say; he shall be found sufficient meate and drink, and clothing, during the said terme: and at the end of the said terme, he shall have 50. Acres of good land conveyed to him, and his heires for ever, within the said Province, a whole yeeres provision of all necessaries according to the usuall custome of other Plantations.

And if hee bee either a sufficient Carpenter, Joyner, Brick-layer, Brick-maker, Mason, Wheele-wright, Cooper, or Ship-wright, in stead of these 50. Acres proposed, hee shall have 100. Acres of good land, at the end of his terme, and the rest of the aforesaid conditions, for three years service onely.

The term of service was three or five years depending upon the servant's qualifications.³² Whether the “land” given at the end of service meant land on the master's