And for that flaxe and hempe which wee have fowed, it comes vp. and wee hope will thrive exceedingly well; I end with the foile, which is excellent, covered with store of large Strauberies, Raspices, Vines, Sassafras, Wall-nuts, Acornes and the like; and this in the wildest Woods too.

The mould is blacke a foote deepe, and then comes after a red Earth. All is high Wood, but in the *Indian* fields, which are fome parcells of ground cleered for Corne. It abounds with good springs, which is our drinke: Of beasts; I have seene Deere, Racounes, and Squirills, beside which there are many others, which I have not yet seene. Of Birds diversly-seathered there are infinite; Eagles, Bitternes, Herons, Swannes, Geese, Parteridge, Ducks, red, blew, partie coloured Birds, and the like. By all which it appeareth, the Countrie aboundeth, not onely with profit but with pleasure. And to say trueth, there wanteth nothing for the persecting of this hopefull plantation; but greater numbers of our countrey-men to enjoy it.

From S<sup>t.</sup> Maries in Mary-land, 27. May, 1634.

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