

place, they were attacked by the natives.— Several were wounded on both sides in the skirmish which ensued. Proceeding westward in quest of a place of settlement, they reached a peninsula on the north side of a spacious river called by the natives Powhatan, on which they unanimously resolved to plant their infant colony. On the 13th May they named the place Jamestown, and the river upon which it was situate, James River, in honor of their King.

1608—The first remittance made to England from an American colony, was two vessels loaded with a glittering dirt that was sanguinely expected to be gold dust, and some Cedar wood.

The celebrated Captain John Smith explored the Chesapeake bay and its inlets on both shores to the Susquehanna River.— Marshal in his history, says he sailed about 3000 miles in an open boat in doing so.— The maps and charts constructed by him during this exploration, were so accurate as to be used as the foundation of all subsequent delineations for 150 years. He was employed from the 24th July to the 7th September, exploring the upper section of the Chesapeake, and was the first white man that ever penetrated within the boundaries of the present state of Maryland.

1609. The company of proprietors in order to increase their number and means, peti-