

**COPPIE OF A LETTER FROM VIRGINIA, DATED 22D OF JUNE, 1607, THE COUNCELL THEIR TO THE COUNCELL OF VIRGINIA HERE IN ENGLAND.**

Within less than seven weeks, we are fortified well against the Indians, we haue sowed good store of wheate, wee haue sent yow a taste of Clappboord, wee haue built some houses, wee haue spared some hands to a discouerie, and still as god shall enable vs with strength wee will better and better our proceedinges.

We are set down 80 miles within a River, for breath sweetness of water, length navigable vpp into the country deep and bold channel so stored with Sturgion and other sweete Fishe as no mans fortune hath euer possessed the like. And as we think of more may be wishes in a River it will be found. The soil is most fruitful, laden with Oake, ashe, Walnut tree, Popler, Pine, sweet woods, Cedar and others yet with out names that yealds gumes pleasant as Franckumcense, and experience amongst us for great virtue in healing green wounds and aches, we ehtreat your succours for or second with all expedition least that all deuouringe Spaniard lay his rauenous hands upon these gold showing mountains, with if it be so enabled he shall neuer dare to thinck one:

Captaine Newporte hath seen all and knoweth all, he can fullie satisfie your further expectations, and ease you of our tedious letters, wee most humblie praie the heavenly Kings hand to bless of labours with such counsailes and helpes as we may further and stronger proceede in this our Kings and countries service.

James towne in Virginia this 22th of June Ano 1607.

Your poore friends,  
Edward Maria Wingfield, Bartholomew Gosnold,  
John Smith, John Ratcliffe,  
John Martine, George Kendall.

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2. After reading "Coppie of a Letter from Virginia." explain what the settlers had to do when they arrived in Virginia. Also, describe what they found in the "New World".

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