

To the Dutch undoubtedly belongs the questionable Distinction of having introduced Negro Slavery into the Colonies, now the *United States of America*. "About the last

Smith's General History of Virginia, Ed. 1627, P. 126, *Richmond* Ed., II, 39. *of August*" (1619), says *John Rolfe*, the celebrated Husband of *Pocahontas*, writing from *Virginia*, "came

in a Dutch man of warre, that sold vs twenty Negars."* *Oldmixon* refers to the same Event, but leaves

* This Event is generally stated to have occurred in 1620; but a careful Perusal of *Smith* shows that it took place in 1619. Mr. *Bancroft*, *Hist. U. S.*, 1st Ed., I, 189, quotes *Beverley* as the original Authority for this Fact. *Beverley* only copied Capt. *Smith*, without acknowledging the Source of his Information; of which Circumstance Mr. *Bancroft* does not appear to have been aware.