

modities and blessings therein. And first, for the first: Concerning our health, there is not any man amongst our company, that hath been sicke scarcely one day since he came, but hath bin able to follow his worke. The Climate differs but little from *England*, and I my selfe felt lesse cold heere this Winter, then I did in *England* the Winter before, by much. The ayre is sweeter: for I neuer smelt any euill saour in the Countrey, nor saw any venomous creature. Gods blessings vpon this Land are manifold: As for Wood and Water, it passeth *England*: the one most sweete in growing and burning, the other most pleasant to taste, and good to drinke. For in the Whitson-holydaies (I taking with me Master *Stoning*) did coast some ten miles into the Countrey, Westward from our Plantation, to make some discouery of the country and to kill a Deere; and being some 5. miles into the Land, where we lodged that night, we found much Champion ground, and good leuels, of one, two, three or foure hundred Acres together; and at the foote of each Mountaine and small hill, we alwaies met with a faire fresh River, or a sweete brooke of running water, whereof we freely dranke, and it did quench my thirst as well as any Beere, and much refresh't vs both, and neuer offended our stomackes at all. Wee travelled three dayes, but found no Deere saue their footings, which came to passe by meanes of a great fire that had burned the Woods, a little before, ten miles compasse. It began betweene *Formouse* and *Aquafort*: it burned a weeke, and then was quenched by a great raine.

I know not who, or what he was that gaue fire to it, but I thinke hee was a seruant hired by the deuill to doe that wicked deede, who (I do not doubt) will pay him for his worke. In the night, the Woolues being neer, did something affright vs with their howlings, but did not hurt vs: for we had dogs, fire and sword to welcome them. As for Beares, although there be many, they beare vs no ill will, I thinke, for I haue eaten my part of two or three, and takē no hurt by them. Foxes are here many, and as subtil as a Fox, yet wee coozened many of them of their rich coates, which our worthy Governour keepes carefully, as also of Cattagenas and Otters, whose coverings we preferue as fitting presents for greater persons. The Fowles and Birds of the Land are Partridges,