

their *bow and arrows*, which is their chief weapon of war; they are of a ready wit, and apt to receive instructions; *Fornication* they allow of, and upon the least offence the man turneth away his *wife*, and taketh another, and not regardeth his Children begotten by her, but leaveth them unto her care. In their *Religious Rites*, they observe several *Ceremonies*, and are said to worship the *Devil*, whom they greatly dread; their *Priests* are no better then *Sorcerers*, who strangely bewitch these silly Creatures; when any woman findeth her self quick with *child*, she keepeth her self chaste, or untouched by man, until her delivery; the like she observeth in her giving suck; a strange custom, and such as our *English Dames* would not well approve of. They believe the transmigration of the *Soul*, are very obedient and loving to their *Kings*, are much addicted to *dancing, sports*, and *recreations*, observing *Festival times*. In their *habit* they are not costly, a mean covering serveth them, yet do they besmear their faces with several colours by way of ornament: And when they go to war with one another, which is accustomed to them, they seldom give quarter to any, except *women and children*, whom they preserve for the encrease of their strength.

The English
inhabitation
New-York.

The English that inhabit in these parts for the present are not many, and do principally reside in *New-York*, first built by the *Dutch*, and called *New-Amsterdam*; a *Town* well seated both for *trade, security, and pleasure*, in a small *Isle* called *Mahatan*, regarding the *Sea*, and made so by *Hudsons River*, which severeth it from *Long-Island*, a place of great fertility, which said River is very commodious for *shipping*, being about two Leagues broad; The *Town* is large, containing about 500 well-built *Houses*, which are inhabited by the *English* and *Dutch*, who drive a considerable trade with the *Indians* for skins of *Eels, Deers, Bears, &c.* also for those of *Bever, Otter*, and other *Furrs*, and doth likewise enjoy a trade with the *English*. For *Civil Government* it hath a *Sheriff and Justices* of the *Peace* for their chief *Magistrates*, who are *English*; and for its further defence hath a strong *Fort*, called *James-Fort*, which is well maintained with *Men and Ammunition*.

Description
of Maryland.

MARY-LAND, a large and fertile *Province*, lying between 37 degrees 50 minutes, and 40 degrees of *Northern Latitude*; and hath for its bounds on the South, *Virginia*, (from which it is parted by the River *Potomack*, whose Southerly bank divides the *Province* from *Virginia*) on the East the *Atlantick-Ocean*, and *Delaware-bay*; on the North *New-England* and *New-York*; and on the West, the true *Meridian* of the first fountain of the River *Potomack*.

Ches-peack
Bay.

The Bay of *Ches-peack*, giving entrance to Ships into *Virginia* and *Maryland*, passeth through the heart of this *Province*, and is found Navigable near 200 miles, into which fall the Rivers of *Potomack, Patuxent, Ann-Arundel*, alias *Severn* and *Sasquehahanough*, lying on the West-side of the Bay; and to the East of the said Bay those of *Choptanke, Nantecoke, Potomoke*, and several other *Rivers* and *Rivulets*, to the great improvement of the soil; and beauty of the *Province*. And of late years since the felling of the *woods*, and the peoples accustoming themselves to *English dyes*, it is very healthful, and agreeable to the constitutions of the *English*, few now dying at their first coming, of the *Countries disease* or *seasoning*: and as to the temperature of *air*, the heats in *Summer* receive such seasonable allays from gentle breezes, and fresh showres of *Rain*; and the cold in *Winter* is of so little continuance, that the *Inhabitants* cannot be said to suffer by either.

The *Country* is generally plain and even, yet rising in some places, into small and pleasant *bills*, doth heighten the beauty of the adjacent *Valleys*.
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