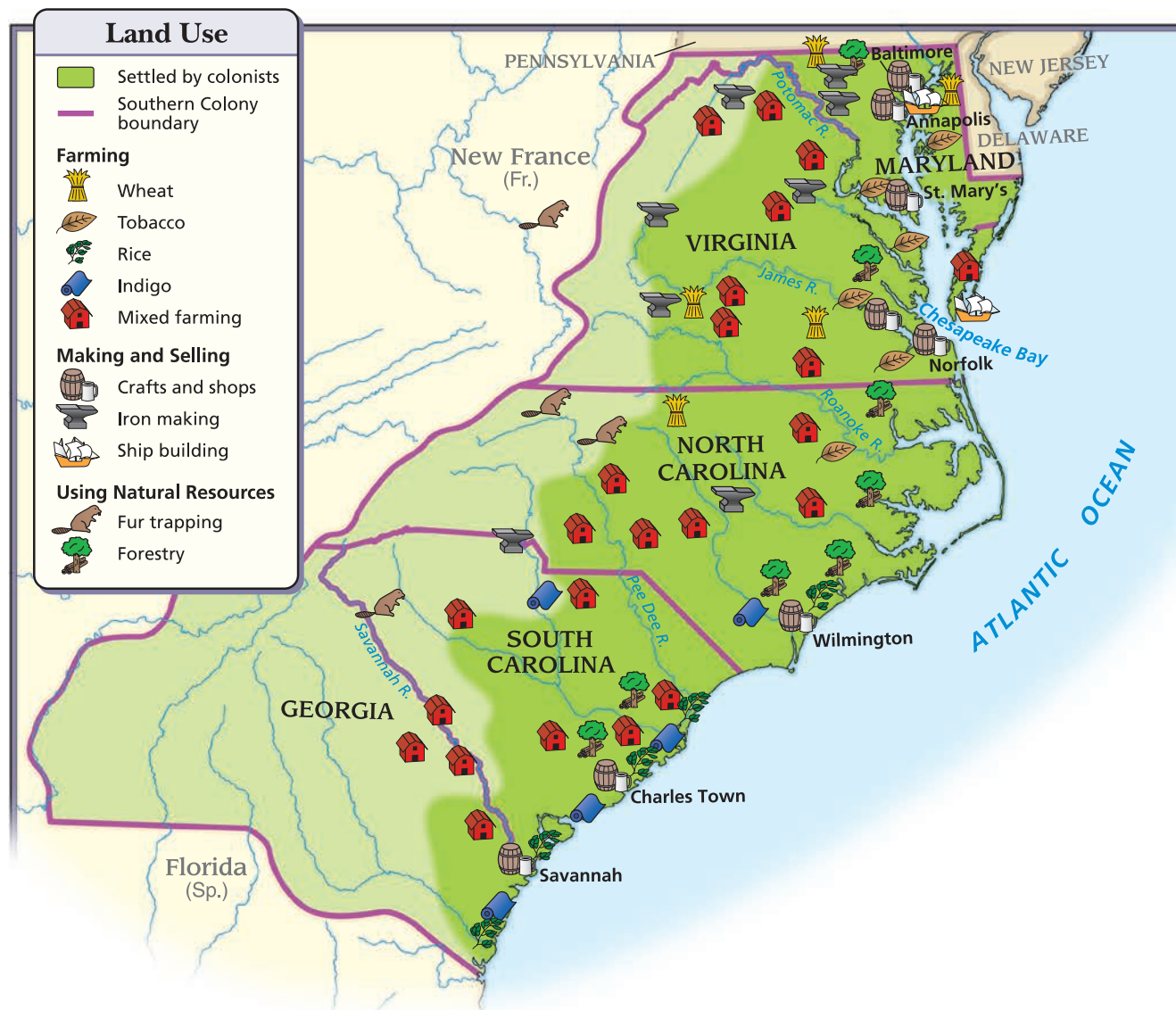
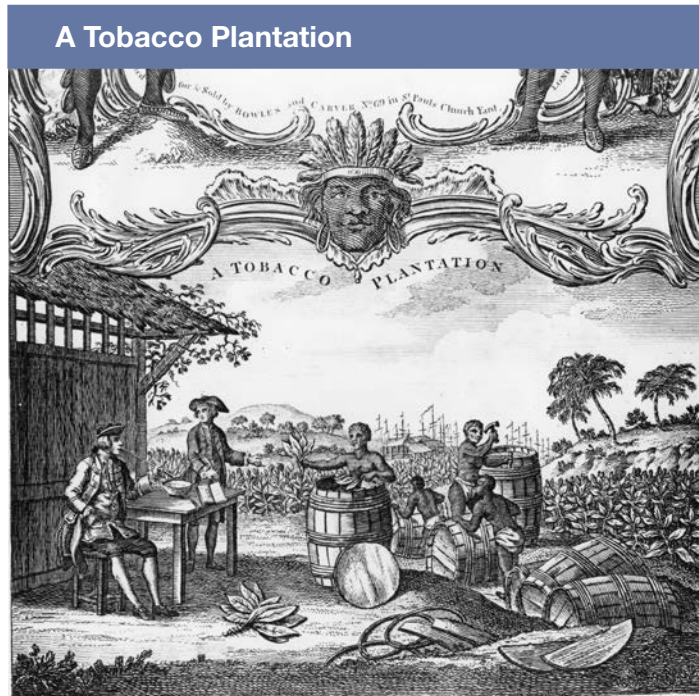


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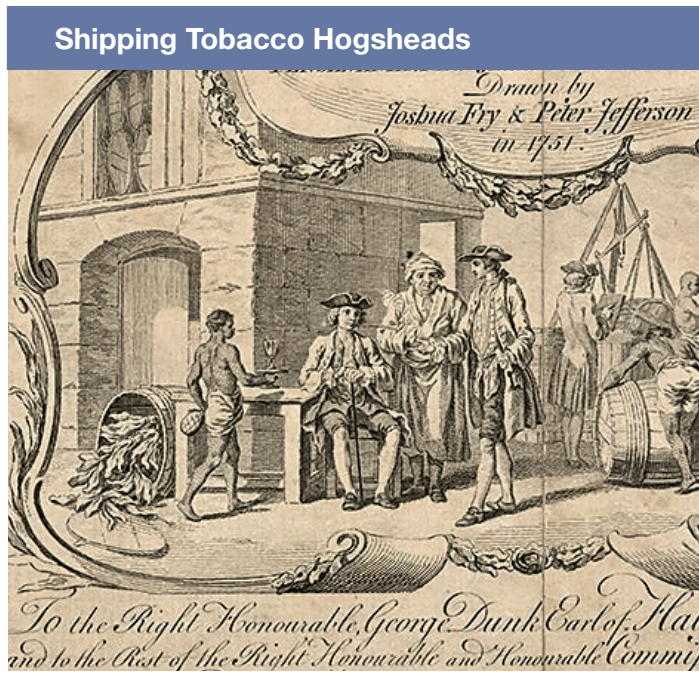


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Tobacco: Its History and Association
 Library of Virginia



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Southern Colonies Culture Document: The South Depends on Slavery

Reverend Peter Fontaine explains the reasons why southern states like Virginia believed that slavery was necessary and justified. European settlers like Fontaine realized that their prosperity was dependent on getting the cheapest work force possible. Most of them had no intention of doing what was viewed as slave labor.

Dear Brother M,

...To live in Virginia without slaves is morally impossible. Before our troubles, you could not hire a servant or slave for love or money. Unless one were robust enough to cut wood, to go to mill, to work at the hoe, etc., you must starve or take in some family where they both rob from you and half starve you. There is no price set for corn, wheat and other provisions. If one is forced to buy these things, the seller takes advantage of us. Therefore our people must purchase some slaves and land.

Furthermore, to hire a worker, white or black, if one can find one, costs fifteen pence per day, a bungling carpenter two shillings and six pence per day, before food and lodging. Even to hire a lazy fellow to get wood and water it would cost about 20 pounds per year. Add to this seven or eight pounds and you have a slave skilled as a carpenter or blacksmith for life.

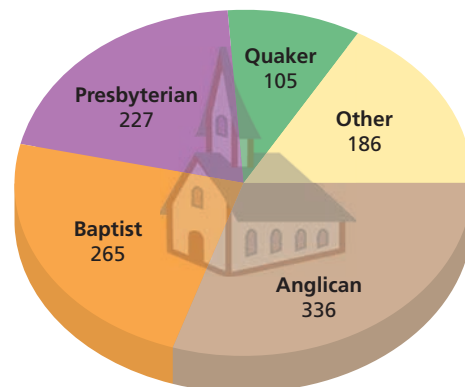
Peter

Memories of a Huguenot Family (1853)

Author: James Fontaine

Editor: Ann Maury

A Ballroom Scene in a Virginia Mansion



Total Houses of Worship: 1,119

**Religion in the
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