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The Virginia Resolutions for Independence

As Passed by the Virginia Convention in Session at

Williamsburg, Va., May 15, 1776

The Virginia Resolutions for Independence, the sesquicentennial anniversary of which event is the occasion of today's celebration, were proposed by Thomas Nelson, represented the combined authorship of Edmund Pendleton and Meriwether Smith, and were most ardently championed by Patrick Henry. The Resolutions passed by the Virginia Convention in session in Williamsburg May 15, 1776, are as follows:

"Forasmuch as all the endeavors of the United Colonies, by the most decent representations and petitions to the king and parliament of Great Britain, to restore peace and security to America under the British government, and a reunion with the people upon just and liberal terms, instead of a redress of grievances, have produce if, from an imperious and vindictive administration, increasing insult, oppression, and a vigorous attempt to effect our total destruction. By a late act all these colonies are declared to be in rebellion, and out of protection of the British crown, our properties subjected to confiscation, our people, when captivated, compelled to join in the murder and plunder of their relations and countrymen, and all former rapine and oppression of Americans declared legal and just. Fleets and armies are raised, and the aid of the foreign troops engaged to assist in these destructive purposes. The King's representative in this Colony has not only withheld all the powers of the government there operating for our safety; but having retired on hoard an armed chin is from operating for our safety; but, having retired on board an armed chin is on a puration and savage war against us, temping our slaves, by every artifice, to resort to him, and training and employing them against their masters. In this state of extreme danger, we have no alternative left but an abject submission to the will of these overbearing tyrants, or a total separation from the crown and government of Great Britain, uniting and exerting the strength of all America for defense, and forming alliances with foreign powers for commerce and aid in war: Wherefore, appealing to the SEARCHER OF HEARTS for the sincerity of former declarations, expressing our desire to preserve the connection with that nation, and that we are

driven from that inclinatioon by their wicked councils, and the eternal laws of

self-preservation;
"RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the delegates appointed to represent this colony in General Congress be instructed to propose to that respectable body to declare the United States free and independent states, absolved from all allegiance to, or dependence upon, the crown or parliament of Great Britain; and that they give the assent of this colony to such declaration, and to whatever measures may be though proper and necessary by the congress for forming foreign alliances, and a confederation of the colonies, at such time, and in the manner, as to them shall seem best: Provided, that the power of forming the government for, and that the regulations of the internal concerns of each colony, be left to the respective colonial legislatures.

Resolved unanimously, That a committee be appointed to prepare a Declaration of Rights, and such plan of government as will be most likely to maintain peace and order in this colony, and secure substantial and equal liberty of the people.'

In obedience to instructions of the Virginia Convention in session in Williamsburg, as embodied in the Virginia Resolutions 1ax 15, 1776. Richard Hen Lee delphia June 7, 1776:

Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of a right ought to be, free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

"That it is expedient to take the most effectual measures for forming alliances. "That a plan of the confederation be prepared and submitted to the respective colonies for their consideration and approbation."

VIRGINIA BURGESSES ONCE FOREGATHERED IN HISTORIC COLLEGE

VENERABLE WREN BUILDING FITTING ANNIVERSARY SCENE

Oldest Academic Building in America will be Scene of Anniversary Celebration

Royal College of William and Mary," "scooping the world." The means Royal College of William and Mary, scooping the world. The life and scooping the world. The life and scooping the world. The life is Resolutions the session and made it a living reality" company the session and made it a living reality" company the session and made it a living reality. where the principal part of the annual where the principal part of the principal part of the annual where the principal part of the part of the part of the annual where the principal part of the par versary exercises will be field, represent the occasion of ments a distinguished authority on Resolutions on May 15, 1776, will be America today, having been designed responsible for the initial appearance today's celebration, as an event the origin of the famous document. by Sir Christopher Wren, famous of the document in the Gazette. English architect.

described the structure as "a rude, journal are the following facts: The misshapen pile, which, but for its Gazette as originally published by roof, would be taken for a brick Parks was a single sheet twelve kiln." Erected in 1693, Main Hall has inches by six in size, selling for fifbeen repeatedly burned, but has been teen shillings the year; in 1744 Parks restored on the same walls after each erected in the vicinity of Williams-

to the charter granted the College thus "publishing news of the colony by the reigning sovereigns of England was that the authorities must compose, deliver, and recite to the papers bearing the honored title of royal governor "two copies of Latin Gazette were published in Williamsverse annually."

by William Byrd of Westover, lie the succeeded her husband in the work. bodies of the Rev. James Madison, It is believed that Clementina Rind's once president of the College; Sir connection with the Gazette entitles John Randolph and his illustrious her to the distinction of having been sons, John and Peyton Randolph, and the first woman to edit a newspaper Lord Botetourt, beloved Colonial in the United States. At one time

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Gazette "Scooped World" On Famous Declaration

Jefferson's Influence Responsible for Initial Puplication of Famous Document

oldest paper, having been established in 1736, was the first newspaper in the United States to publish the The main hall of "their majesties' Declaration of Independence, thereby

Among the high lights in the Jefferson, however, is said to have checkered existence of the historic burg a mill in which he manufac-An interesting condition attached tured paper for his own consumption, on paper made in the colony." At one time during the Revolution three burg simultaneously, one of them by Under the chapel, which was built a woman, Mrs. Clementina Rind, who governor whose statue stands as a Thomas Jefferson was financially interested in the Gazette.

VA. RESOLUTIONS FIRED COURAGE OF COLONIAL PATRIOTS

THE ACTION OF VIRGINIA REASSURED VER NEIGHBORS

The Virginia Gazette, the South's Resolutions of Va. Covention Fraught With Momentous Consequences for Advancement of Liberty

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of our independence on ni Fourth Resoof July. Strictly speaking lutions introduced in lentinenthe Virginia Convention ha * con-

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Influence of Old Dominion **Dominated Patriot Counsels**

"You Draft the Declaration," said Adams to Jefferson. "A Virginian Should Do It."

"From beginning to end the Declaration of Independence was the work of Virginia. A Virginia planter (George Mason) conceived it; a Vir-The passage by Virginia Con-ginia lawyer (Thomas Jefferson) vention in session. Williamsburg drafted it; and a Virginia soldier

It was in Williamsburg that the celebrating the event today. quence for the concition and ad-inevitability of a break with Engvancement of liberty throughout the land was first seen with clearness Queen Anne in 1699 when the seat of world, since the action of the Vir- and confronted without fear. It was government in the colony was transginia patriots reached the Continen- in Williamsburg that the Continental ferred from Jamestown to Williamstal Congress at a critical juncture in Congress was memorialized to take burg, was for nearly a hundred years the deliberations of that body. In- official recognition of the encroach- intimately associated with all that telligence of the bold and confident ments of Great Britain and to make a was brilliant in colonial life, its move of Virginia, trasspiring at a declaration that the united colonies spacious halls having witnessed time when every colony was anxi- are and of a right ought to be free scenes memorable in the dramatic ously awaiting the at on of its and independent states. It was in story of advancement of freedom in neighbor, dispeiled and ing doubt Williamsburg, the boiling point of the new world.

and brought the wavering olonies to the Revolution, that the movement It was here that George Washing-"If we were a nation in antiquarians," says an America in the promulgation of the greatest deliver St. Pierre's message to the document of civil liberties known to Speaker of the Hamiltonians. document of civil liberties known to Speaker of the House of Burgesses.

"You draft the thing," John Adams Speaker, when the young Virginian, is reported to have told Jefferson, blushing like a school girl, had stam "not only because you can write ten mered out a sentence or two. "Yo tal Congress by Richard et ry Lee, times better than I can, but because modesty is equalled only by yo in accordance with instructus from you are a Virginian, and a Virginian valor!" Here the famous Commit ought to be head of this business." on Correspondence was origina stituted the official Decl ion of an incident that bespeaks the influ- here the historic Committee ence of Virginia.

COLONIAL CAPITOL SITE WILL WITNESS ANNIVERSARY EVENT

PLACE WHERE WASHINGTON MADE HIS BLUSHING DEBUT

House of Burgesses Witnessed Scenes Memorable in Dramatic Story of Freedom

The site of the first colonial capital of the Old Dominion, where the

The ancient capitol, erected by

"we should no doubt fir in incon-gruity in celebrating the priversary man, the Declaration of Independence. "Sit down! sit down!" cried the

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THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE 150 YEARS AGO

Whereas my wife Lucy has behaved in a very unfriendly manner to me, this is to forewarn all persons from trusting her on my account, as I will not pay any debts she may contract. I intend to leave the colony soon and to return in a few months.

JAMES ATHERTON.

Whereas, by woeful experience, I am convinced that by my own misapplication and inattention to my affairs I am reduced almost to beggary, I therefore request all persons connected with me, wither as creditor or debtor, to apply to me and settle with Mr. Bow Wyatt of this county, who is so kind as to undertake that business, and whom I have empowered to transact for me in the future.

EDWARD WYATT, JR.

Early Colonial Fairs Afforded Much Merriment

Notorious Greased Pig Offered as Prize in Amusing Fair Two Hundred Years Ago

"Going to the Fair" is not what it was in 1737. In that year the "Virginia Gazette" announced in its columns that a fair was to be held in Williamsburg twice every year, and that cash prizes would be awarded in hand was immediately seconded for the best display of cattle, horses, by Massachusetts, but for reasons of sheep and hogs.

"The fair is to hold three days and there will be horse racing and a variety of diversions every day, and the following prizes to be contended for: A good hat to be cudgelled for. A saddle to be run for-a handsome

bridle for the horse that comes in second and a min Even the most Puritan of horses could not fail to be inspired by the prospective satisfaction of vanity that the first two prizes offered, but what horse-however conscientious -would break a walk for the third? "A pair of silver buckles to be run for-by men from the College to the Capitol-a pair of shoes to him that comes in second, a pair of gloves to the third. A pair of pumps to be danced for by men."-and the origin of marathon dancing is blamed on the modern jazz age! "A handsome firelock to be exercised for. A pig with his tail soaped to be run after and given to the one who catches him and lifts him off the ground by his tail."

Dancing a Part of Colonial Education

Virginia Women

William and Mary College "for tyrannical governor. teaching the students and others to dance until his own dancing school the Middle Plantation, about eight statesman that as a beau brummel, be finished."

sure which asserted itself as soon as brutality. He was not permitted to intriguing datshter of Colonial days: the hardships incident to coloniza- answer for himself; his wife's ring tion were over. The English travel- was torn from his finger; he was such thought as occurred to me in er Burnaby wrote of Virginia women:

dancing, and indeed it is almost their Drummond was an educated Scotch- tolerably c ditable manner. But, only amusement. Girls and boys, men man of good family, who had served good God! lien I had an opportunand women capered fantastically in as sheriff and burgess for James City ity of vent g them, a few broken jigs and reels and turned their part- county and as the first governor of sentences, tered in great disorder, ners in the picturesque country North Carolina. He lived near Green- and interreted with pauses of undances or quadrilles, tripped through spring and had quarreled with common legth were the too visible the immensely popular Sir Roger de Berkeley over some land. In the be- marks of y strange confusion." Coverly-which under the name of ginning of his difficulties he was told Neverthess, the author of the the Virginia reel was the last dance that Berkeley had "put a brand on famous Diaration did not give up at every ball until long after the him"; and his reply was: "I am in his romanc pursuit until the fair Civil war-or courtesied low in the over my shoes, I will be in over my Rebecca d bestowed her hand on

VA. RESOLUTIONS FIRED COURAGE OF COLONIAL PATRIOTS

(Continued from page one) Independence of the United States of America.'

Despite the fact of the dominance of her influence in the agitation for separation, it would be quite inaccurate and absurd to suppose that Virginia exercised a proprietary right in the action for American independence. A number of the colonies, divining the unavoidability of an ultimate clash with England, had previously expressed a willingness to concur in any measure which Congress might think effective in promoting independence. But it remained for Virginia formally to initiate the movement. It remained for Virginia to express what the other colonies wanted to express, to do what the other colonies wanted to do but for various reasons were prohibited from doing.

As early as May 31, 1775, the patriots of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, had adopted resolutions pointing toward independence and forwarded them to their delegates in Congress, who considered it inadvisable, however, to lay them before that body. In July, 1775, Massachusetts had framed a new government in which the king was not recognized, and her example had been followed in January and March of that year by New Hampshire and South

This motion of Virginia in which independence and union went hand of patriotism, a number of the states demurred or opposed its passage. Nearly a month elapsed before a suftheir passage, so that a little more opposition might have postponed the nitely. ion of Independence indefi- pocket handkershiefs served he pur-

chanced to be absent from Congress were sent for, however, a number of delegates who had been negatively instructed obligingly absented themselves and eventually South Carolina changed her vote from negative to affirmative for the sake of unanimity, thus settling the question finally on July 2. The work was completed on July 4, when Jefferson's draft was adopted and published to the world, and the thirteen English colonies had become the United States of

First Governor of N. C.

"I Am In Over My Shoes, I Will be In Over My Boots," Declared Colonial Patriot

"Mr. Drummond, I am more glad Jefferson Anieved Little They are Inordinately Fond of Danc- to see you than any man in Virginia; Success as Beau Brummel you shall hang in thirty minutes. Thus did Sir William Berkeley greet Learning to dance was considered William Drummond, "the original an important part of education in the cause of Bacon's Rebellion," when colony. In 1716 permission was given the distinguished patriot was brought William Livingston to use a room in a prisoner into the presence of the

miles distant, and was tried before a as witnesseth the following descrip-Among other things brought over drumhead court-martial the next day tion, written by Jefferson himself, of by the Cavalier was a love of plea- under circumstances of the greatest his proposal of Rebecca Burwell, an stripped before conviction, was sen- as moving laurage as I knew how,

boots."

THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE 150 YE ARS AGO

Bed ford, April 6, 1775. Whereas my wife Frances has behaved in a very uncommon manner to me of la te, this is to forewarn all persons from having any dealings with her on my account, as I will not be inswerable for any debts of her contracting after this

JOHN STIFF.

My wife Elizab eth having shamefully neglected a nd laid aside the duties of a Christian and wife, I am constrained to give this public notice that I will not be bound by any contract she may make; and I hereby forewarn all persons whatever from trusting or crediting her on the strength of her connection with her much abitsed and injured husband.

CHOMAS CARTER.

Washington Sould Dance "Bread and Butter Ball"

"In Redeeming My Priwns I Had Several Kisses of the Lidies," Wrote a Guest Who Lidn't Dance

The saying that brave men make uncommonly dull fovers appears to have been contradicted in the case of the Father of His Country.

George Washington, inheriting a taste for dancing from his mother, who continued to dance even when expediency and not through a lack she was a grandmother, gives a laconic account in his diar, of a dance he attended in Alexandri, in 1760.

"It abounded in a great plenty of ficient number of colonies had in- bread and butter, some biscuits with dorsed Lee's resolutions to insure tea and coffee which the drinkers of could not distinguish from hot water sweetened. Be it remembe ed that

> that no apologies were made for either. I shall therefore distinguish this ball by the style of the bread and butter ball."

There is an account of a ball given in January, 1773, by Squire Richard Lee, of Lee Hall, which lasted four days, from Monday morning until Thursday night, when "upwards of 70 guests, quite waried out, departed though their host entreated them to stay longer."

All the guests it the balls did not dance, however, and there were games provided to amuse these. One straight-laced Fresbyterian whose Hanged at Williamsburg early training pevented him from taking part in the dancing, joined in the game of button," remarking later: "In redeming my pawns I had several kisss of the ladies."

Showed All the Smptoms of an Embarrassed Lovern Proposing to the Rebecca

Thomas Jeffirson appears to have Drummond was made to walk to been somewha more successful as a

"I had dresed up in my own mind "They are inordinately fond of tenced at 1 o'clock and hanged at 4. and expected to have performed in a

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Creative Power

-by Alogrady

HOUGHT, imagination and will are the three necessary factors in all creative work. Every masterpiece, whether it be a picture, fine building, a poem, or a business enterprise was in its beginning merely a thought in the mind of the genius who created it. Otherwise there could have been no achievement either in art, science or business.

We may liken the building of a great modern store to the production of a work of art, yet in one respect the store-unlike the masterpiece-may be compared to a living organism that grows from day to day, not only adding to its size, but to the vitality which is being constantly drawn from the mental forces of its creator. It is complete, yet always growing. It is like a living being in that its life is largely determined by its environment-in this case, upon the needs of the people who want to buy.

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Underground Passageways Are Intriguing Mystery

Subterranean Passageways Contrived to Afford Avenue of Escape In Time of Danger

Every now and then comes the reported discovery of a subterranean passageway around Williamsburg, and the impression that certain sections of the city are fairly honeycombed has existed immemorially.

The origin of these passageways is a mystery highly intriguing. One frequently hears absorbing tales of treasure trove and treasure chests, of mysterious chambers dark and abysmal, of enchanting wine cellars and of the rendezvous of buccaneers bold and bad, but the impression which generally prevails and which appears to be most susceptible to confirmation is that the tunnels were provided as an avenue of escape in case of Indian attack or other exigency of the troublous times.

Certain it is that the principal buildings of the colony were connected by a system of underground passageways, although the collapsing walls have rendered the location and extent of such passages impossible of determination, and an interesting paradox is found in the circumstance that the institution which was first established to provide instruction for the Indian youth should have thought it necessary thus to provide against the possibility of the red man's ingratitude. To an eminent degree the colonials were committed to the wisdom of the old saw: trust in God and keep your powder dry.

Matter-of-fact engineers of considerable reputation, however, have stated that the innumerable passageways about Williamsburg and the college were only a part of an extensive colonial sewerage system, thus deromanticizing the whole busi-

Romantic Virginia Order williamsburg

"Knights of the Golden Horse-Shoe Had Origin in Quaint Incident in Old Capital

Early one August morning in the gracious year of 1714 a picturesque party of young Virginians, with the gallant Governor Spottswood at their head, rode down the Duke of Gloucester street in Williamsburg with men, women, and children flocking to doors and windows and excitedly waving handkerchiefs as the brave cavalcade passed. Thus began the famous expedition of a famous Colonial Governor, Spottswood's adventurous trip across the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia.

All arrangements had been made, when it was suddenly discovered that the adventurers had neglected the matter of having their horses shod. Shoeing was unnecessary in the sandy region of eastern Virginia, but as the company intended to negotiate the narrow rocky pathways of the Virginia mountains it was immediately decided to have the animals properly shod.

The chronicler of the expedition describes the picturesque cavalcade followed by the pack-horses and servants, "rangers, pioneers, and Indians"; how they stopped to hunt game; bivouacked under the canopy of the open skies, laughed, jested, and regaled themselves with "Virginia wine, white and red, brandy, two kinds of rum, champagne and

To commemorate his long ride and to create the illusion of the knighterrantry of olden days when brave men went about in a tireless quest of adventure, the romantic governor determined to form a Virginia order of knighthood which should be called contemplate a journey through the the "Knights of the Golden Horse- country the foregoing should be seashoe" in remembrance of the belated soned with a proper admixture of shoeing of the horses in Williams- hills, holes, stumps, and rocks, and burg on the day of the departure.

FROM THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE 160 YEARS AGO

A hog was brought to Town this week from Sussex as a show, raised by Mr. Henry Tyler, who, though only four years old, is near three and one-half feet tall, about nine and one-half feet long, and it is supposed weighs near 1200 lbs. He much exceeds any animal of the kind ever raised on this continent, and indeed, we do not remember to have heard of any so large in England.

Belle Who Rejected Washington Repented

Boyhood Sweetheart Swoons Washington Returns In Triumph

"My daughter is accustomed to ide in her own coach. If that be your purpose, sir, you might as well

Such was the curt dismissal a lumbering, self-conscious boy received from the father of a famous Colonial belle in old Williamsburg. The boy in the story never attempted thereafter to placate the father, despite his infatuation for the daughter, but fate contrived in a rather amusing way to avenge the brusque dismissal of the bashful swain.

Years later, Williamsburg, the center of all that was brilliant and colorful in Colonial society, turned out to witness the triumphal procession of the rejected suitor, for George Washington, who was so unceremoniously dismissed by the father of Mary Cary, had achieved a signal victory over the British at Yorktown. He was now the man of the hour, and among those who scrambled to the doors and windows on old Duke of Gloveeste-setzer to witness the procession was Mary Cary, the object of Washington's puppy love" infatuation.

Washington caught sight of Mary Cary and cavalierly waved a salute with his sword, whereupon his former inamorata promptly swooned. Whether the swooning was spontaneous, or was inspired by the system of training young women received in an age when to swoon gracefully and opportunely was regarded as a social accomplishment, remains a matter of speculation.

An Englishman Comments On Virginia's Red Mud

Virginia Roads a Mixture of Glue, Putty, and Bird Lime, Declares an English Traveler

From the depths of a musty volume the leaves of which are tast yellowing with age comes the solution of a problem which has long baffled experts- the composition of the clay which has made the red hills of Virginia famous throughout the world. And the solution comes from the pen of an Englishman who visited Virginia in 1835 and sojourned through the central and northern sections of the state. The ingredients of Virginia clay, according to a disquisition on the subject which the Englishman prepared for Sovereign, are as fol-

Ordinary clay, one pound. Ordinary pitch, one pound. Bird-lime, six ounces. Putty, six bunces. Glue, one pound. Red lead, colouring, six ounces.

Not content with this analysis, the Englishman added the following comment: "For the benefit of those who

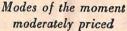
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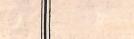
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WILLIAMSBURG, July 26.

Yesterday afternoon, agreeable to an order of the Hon. Privy Council, the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was solemnly proclaimed at the Capitol, the Courthouse, and the Palace, amidst the acclamations of the people, accompanied by firing of cannon and musketry, the several regiments of continental troops having been paraded on that solemnity.—The VIRGINIA GAZETTE, July 26, 1776.

TRENTON, July 8.

The DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was this day proclaimed here, together with the new constitution of the colony of late established, and the resolve of the Provincial Congress for continuing the administration of justice during the interim.

The members of the Provincial Congress, the gentlemen of the committee, the officers and privates of the militia under arms, and a large concourse of the inhabitants, attended on this great and solemn occasion. The declaration, and other proceedings, were received with loud ac- name.

The people are now convinced, of what we ought long since to have known, that our enemies have left us no middle way between perfect freedom and abject slavery.

In the field, we hope, as well as in council, the inhabitants of New Jersey will be found ever ready to support the freedom and independence the same with the Foxe's brains." of America.—The VIRGINIA GAZETTE, July 26, 1776.

NEW YORK, July 8.

On Wednesday last the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE was read at the head or each brigade of the continental army posted at and near New York, and everywhere received with loud huzzas and the utmost demonstrations of joy.

The same evening the equestrian statue of George III, which Tory pride and folly raised in the year 1770, was, by the sons of freedom, laid prostrate in the dirt, the just desert of an ungrateful tyrant! The lead wherewith this monument was made is to be run into bullets, to assimilate with the brain of our infatuated adversaries, who to gain a pepper corn have lost an empire. Quos deus vult perdere prius dementat.

A gentleman, who was present at this ominous fall of leaden majesty, looking back to the original's hopeful beginning, pertinently exclaimed, in the language of the angel to Lucifer, "If thou be'st he! but ah, how fallen! how chang'd!"—The VIRGINIA GAZETTE, July 26, 1776.

PHILADELPHIA, 9 July, 1776.

15 Yours of the 5th came to me on the 8th. You will see by this post, that the river is past, and the bridge cut away. The DECLARATION was vesterday published and proclaimed from that awful stage in the State-House yard; by whom, do you think? By the Committee of Safety, the feet his blood with "an incredible Committee of Inspection, and a great crowd of people. Three cheers number" or vermin of which he died. rended the welkin. The battalions paraded the Common, and gave us the feu de joie, notwithstanding the scarcity of powder. The bells rang all day and almost all night. Even the chimers chimed away. . . . -An extract from letter of John Adams.

PHILADELPHIA, July 6, 1776.

I hope we shall be a free and happy people, totally unfettered, and ing a charter to the college. Releas'd from the Bonds of Slavery. That we may be thus free, Congress have done, and will do, more to promote it. Inclosed you have the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, to which refer you. I write the Assembly, and it is the wish of Congress the DECLARATION may be proclaimed in the State of Massachusetts Bay. . . . - An extract from letter of John Hancock.

Dear Sir:

1 在旅游农业的17年1

PHILADELPHIA, July 5, 1776.

I have the pleasure to inform you that a determined resolution of the Delegates from some of the Colonies to push the question of Independency has had a most happy effect, and, after a day's debate, all the Colonies, excepting New York . . . united in a DECLARATION long sought for, solicited, and necessary—the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCY . . . New York will most probably, on Monday next, when its Convention meets for forming a Constitution, join in the measure, and then it will be entitled THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. . . . -Extract from letter of the end of the avenue as the Col-Elbridge Gerry.

FROM

THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE 190 YEARS AGO

"Whereas the gentleman who towards the latter end of the summer usually wore a blue Camlot coat lined with red and trimmed with Silver, a silver laced hat and a Turpee wig, has been observed by his Amoret, to look very languishingly at her, the said Amoret, and particularly one night during the last session of the Assembly, at the Theatre the said Gentleman ogled her in such manner as shewed him very far gone, the said Amoret desires the Gentleman to take the first handsome opportunity that offers to present himself on that abject.

N. B. She believes he has very pretty teeth.

Hiding Behind Petticoats Part of Bacon's Strategy

Governor Berkeley Declared Bacon's Profanity Caused God to Infect Him With Deadly Vermin

Hiding behind a petticoat has long been regarded as a practice altogether ignominious and cowardly, but no less a popular hero than Nathaniel Bacon resorted to the device as a part of his strategy in the famous rebellion associated with his

Toward the end of his spectacular ebellion, Bacon, by a singular coup, managed to block Governor Berkeley up in Jamestown, but "since the Lion's strength was too weak he thought it not amiss to strengthen

He therefore sent a party of horsemen and, either by persuasion or abduction (the chronicler does not state which), brought into the camp the wives of many of the men in

Even those best informed in miliary affairs were unacquainted with this method in war, and the historian laconically adds, "Whether it was these considerations (that they must be obliged to dart their weapons through their wives' breasts before they could come to pierce their enemies' side) or some others, I do their scabbords." At any rate, the ladies' white aprons did more to prevent a siege than all the guns of the rebels.

Death forced Bacon to surrender at last. Some say he died of pneumonia, but Governor Berkeley wrote in great satisfaction of his enemy's death that Bacon's oath, "God damn my blood!" which he swore a thousand times a day caused God to in-

DAMN YOUR SOULS! MAKE TOBACCO!"

Dr. James Blair, first president of the College of William and Mary, became irritated at the dilatoriness of the British government in grant-

"The people of Virginia have souls to save as well as the people of England!" Dr. Blair reminded Seymour, British attorney general.

"Damn your souls!" was the reply. "Make tobaccol"

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER IS MODEL FOR PENN. AVENUE

Duke of Gloucester, the principal street of Williamsburg and perhaps the most historic thoroughfare in the United States, was originally a bridle path through Middle Plantation, as the settlement was first called. The picturesque avenue was so admired by the founders of the national capitol, however, that they took it as their model for Pennsylvania, placing the capitol group at lege of William and Mary is placed.

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A COLONIAL CAPITAL RELIVES A DAY FROM THE CALENDAR OF ITS MEMORABLE PAST

Intimately associated with all that was brilliant and picturesque in colonial life, the ancient little city of Williamsburg, with its atmosphere that hints the lost radiance of an old regime, will today justify its historic designation as the Mecca of American patriots. A busy little town, the smallest and oldest corporate community in the State, will forget its modernity for a moment and re-live a day from the calendar of the ancient capital of the Dominion of Virginia. The pageantry of history will be hers once more. It will be a memorable day in a memorable place, and it would be ungracious indeed if the ancient capital did not appreciate most profoundly the honor accorded her on the occasion of the celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the adoption of the Virginia Resolutions for Independence.

Subject to minor changes that the exigencies of the moment may neces- Bruton on May 15, 1776 preceded by sitate, the program of exercises will six weeks the ringing of the Liberty be as follows:

The presidential party, accompanied by members of the congres-sional committee designated to take be transferred to the College of Wilpart in the celebratory exercises, will liam and Mary at the western end of arrive at Yorktown Friday night on Duke of Gloucester street. At 11 the yachts Sylph and Mayflower. o'clock the President will deliver an Mrs. Coolidge will accompany the address from a platform erected in President. Although it has not been the quadrangle between the wings of indicated what members of the cabi- the Sir Christopher Wren building, net will be present, President Hard- the oldest academic hall in America ing, on the occasion of his visit to Governor Harry Byrd of Virginia Williamsburg a few years ago, was will preside at the exercises. The accompanied by Secretaries Weeks, governors of the original thirteen Mellon, Hoover, Hughes, Bascom states or their personal representa-Slemp and Mrs. Harding, in addition tives will take part in the celebrato a corps of military and naval tion. Telegraphic communications aides. Senators Glass and Swanson from the governors who were unable to dispose of his property by lottery and Representative Montague of to come will be read as a part of the in order to recoup the fortunes Virginia will accompany the President aboard the yacht.

Program Begins on Capitol Site

Attended by members of the General Assembly of Virginia, and representatives from the College of William and Mary and the city of Williamsburg, the presidential party will arrive in Williamsburg at 10 o'clock Laws was conferred upon President forth the fact that Jefferson's forthis morning, proceeding to the site Harding and Governor Westmoreof the House of Burgesses at the land Davis on the occasion of the eastern end of the Duke of Glouces- presidential visit to the College a few ter street, where a portion of the years ago. so will be held The Dinginia Resolutions for Independence, the concluded in the forenoon, the Colanniversary of which is the occasion lege of William and Mary serving for the celebration, will be read on luncheon in the dining hall at 1 the site of the old capitol which wit- o'clock for the President's party, ofnessed their promulgation and adop- ficials of the State of Virginia and

lutions on May 15, 1776, was the oc- luncheon invitations. casion of great excitement in Williamsburg. Troops were drawn out and paraded up and down old Duke of Gloucester street; toasts were drunk, each accompanied by a discharge of artillery. Peopele flocked ing at the College for the gigantic drawn, in a great degree, from the excitedly to doors and windows to physical education and athletic fes- care of his private estate, hath watch the parade, or foregathered in tival over which the Queen of the found himself indebted to a large taverns to discuss the significance of May will preside. Six hundred stu- amount, inasmuch that the sale of a the bold action of the burgesses. dents will take part in the festival, great proportion of his valuable The British flag was removed from the capitol, and a continental hoisted especially colorful. in its place. Bells were rung, and general excitement prevailed.

The Bell That Didn't Crack

The old bell in the tower of Bruton Parish church that rang so long, so to accept the invitation of Dr. J. A. C. loud, and so resolutely, on May 15, Chandler to stay in the historic one hundred and fifty years ago, will President's House. The President ring again this morning-long, loud, will be compelled to return to Wash and resolutely. And the bells in the ington shortly upon the conclusion of old courthouse and the ancient Col- the exercises, it is stated. It is exlege of William and Mary will ring pected, however, that he will visit as they did before. And the dis- Jamestown prior to his return. charge of artillery and the tread of martial feet will not be lacking, since POCAHONTAS' VISIT EXCITES a regiment of soldiers from Fort Eustis will take part in the exercises.

Three flags will fly from atop the tower of old Bruton, oldest Protes- suing from a trivial first action may posed college. Locating the unfortant church in continuous use in be as amazing as it is unpredictable tunate pirates, he offered to secure America-a union jack between the is a commonplace fact. Thus a hisstars and stripes. The American flag torian tells humorously that William pounds, which sum being paid by the will fly today in easy confidence from and Mary College resulted from a pirates, the promised release was obdoors and windows that once knew corn-hunting expedition headed by tained and the money applied on the the gallant banner of the Mother Captain John Smith, inasmuch as country. The bell in the tower of Smith's capture led to the celebrated Bruton church is the same one that affair with Pocahontas, which in turn clamoured the news of the adoption led to Pocahontas' visit to England of the famous Resolutions one hun- as a result of which visit, sentiment dred and fifty years ago. It was cast was excited for the education and in London in 1761 and is famous in moral instruction of Indian youth, a of Mr. William Holt, near this city, Williamsburg as "the bell that didn't sentiment which crystallized and was safely delivered of two stout crack" when it rang for Independ- culminated in the establishment of boys and a girl, all well, and likely ence. The ringing of the bell in the College of William and Mary.

Bell in Philadelphia.

From the site of the House of Burpresent on the occasion.

Senator Borah May Speak

Senator Borah, of Idaho, and other members of the congressional delegation, may deliver brief addresses.

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The celebratory exercises will be tion one hundred and fifty years ago. of the United States, and other The adoption of the Virginia Reso- guests who have received special

Athletic Carnival in Afternoon

be made to Jamestown and York- of public service, during which his town, a great many visitors remain- attention has been necessarily withand the May Day exercises will be property will be necessary to pay

President Coolidge has stated that he would be unable to accept the in- Thomas Jefferson shall be and is spend Saturday night in the Gover-nor's manion, as he was also unable the settlement of his debts."

That the chain of consequences is-

FROM THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE 160 YEARS AGO

Thursday last arrived here Patrick Henry, Esq., Commander-in-Chief of the Virginia forces. He was met and escorted to town by the whole body of volunteers, who paid him every mark of respect and distinction in their power, in testimony of their approbation of so worthy a Gentleman to the appointment of that important trust, which the Convention has been pleased to repose in him.

We learn from good authority that General Washington, in a letter to his brother in Frederick county, says he expects to be at home in peace, by Christmas day.

Jefferson's Property Depleted by Hospitality

Was Permitted to Dispose of His Holdings by Lottery as a Last Resort

The quality of the old-fashioned hospitality, which has become so precious a tradition throughout the South, is revealed in the application of Thomas Jefferson to the General Assembly of Virginia for permission program. A number of executives which his long service to the State have signified their intention to be and his open-handed generosity had much depleted.

> It is traditional that Jefferson almost allowed his friends "to eat him out of house and home." Evidence of the meagre rewards of politics is afforded in the application for a special lottery permit, which sets tunes had been reduced partly by his long service to the State. To main-

as Jefferson did at Monticello, with the army of retainers and expensive formality that Colonial manners required, might well have reduced the means of one in better circumstances than Jefferson.

The General Assembly acted favorably on the application, as is indicated by the following entry:

"Whereas it is made known to the General Assembly that Thomas Jef-In the afternoon pilgrimages will ferson, after more than sixty years his debts:

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A single anecdote is sufficient to reveal the ingenuity and resourcefulness of Dr. James Blair, founder of the College of William and Mary. During his stay in England, Dr. Blair AN INTEREST IN EDUCATION heard of the capture of a number of pirates and immediately seized upon a plan of raising money for the protheir release for the sum of 300

From Virginia Gazette 150 Years Ago Birth

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Historians Differ on Date American Independence

To Celebrate July 4 Is to Celebrate an Error in History," States One Authority

Americans generally believe that the Declaration of Independence was adopted by Congress on July 4, which appears to be a misconception.

The clerk of Congress, in making up his rough records for July 4, left a blank space into which there was later pasted an engrossed copy of the document with the signatures of the delegates appended. This was subsequently written into the corrected minutes, making it appear that the Declaration had been adopted and signed on July 4, when, as a matter of fact, some of the men whose names appear on it were not in Congress on that date. It was not until August 2 that all members of Congress finally signed the historic document.

An opinion altogether contrary to this is entertained by a distinguished historical writer who insists that the Resolutions of Independence introduced in Continental Congress by Richard Henry Lee in obedience to instructions from the Virginia Convention in Williamsburg really constituted the Declaration of Independence, and that inasmuch as Lee's Resolution was finally passed on July 2, Americans who celebrate the Fourth of July are celebrating nothing more than an error in history.

Pineapple Was the Sign of Colonial Hospitality

Colonial Mansions Were Never Complete Without Picturesque Sign of Conviviality.

Whoever would know the society of the ante-bellum, a society of men and whose was read e peace the placid streams that separated their plantations, whoever has been intrigued by the glamor of the days "befo' de war," let him visit the picturesque old mansions of eastern Virginia which embody in their very being so much that was characteristic of the old regime.

A most interesting custom, and which in many instances has carried over to the present day, was that of placing a carved pineapple conspicuously above the entrance of a home as a token of hospitality. The origin of the custom is unknown, unless it was evolved from the circumstance that the pineapple was a rare delicacy of Colonial days and extremely difficult to obtain.

Whatever the origin may be, the mansions built during and immediately after the colonial period, such as Shirley, Westover, and Carter's Grove, would never have been concomplete without a replica of the luscious fruit above the door, "drank a pipe" of tobacco before gohospitality.

SKEDADDLE!

During 1862, when Williamsburg was in possession of the Federals, the "Virginia Gazette" was published under the new name, "Cavalier," with the motto "The Union forever and freedom for all." A portion of a roistering piece of doggerel that appeared in the "Cavalier."

"The shades of night were falling fast As through a Southern village passed, A youth who bore not over nice A banner with the gay device 'Skedaddle'.

His hair was red, his toes beneath Peeped like an acorn from its sheath, While with a frightened voice he sang could not accustom themselves to its A burden strange to Yankee tongue, use resorted to the practice of per-'Skedaddle'."

FROM THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE 175 YEARS AGO

Spottsylvania County, Va. ORDER BOOK 1749-55; p. 141 3 December, 1751. Ann Carrol and Mary McDaniel, senior, of Fredericksburg, being committed to the Gaol of this county by William Hunt Gent, on suspicion of Felony and Charged with robbing the cloathes of Mr. George Washington when he was washing in the River some tme last summer * * * it is ordered that the Sehriff carry Mary McDaniel to the Whipping post and inflict fifteen lashes on her bare back * * *, -so runs an entry in the records of Spottsylvania County for 1751.

World Regarded Virginia Land of Milk and Honey

Gold, Silver, Silks, and Spices, Riches of Cathay, Japan, and China, Promised

Gold, silver, silks, and spices; the riches of Cathay, Japan, and China. Such was the enchanting promise of magical wealth in store for Englishmen made by Brereton on his return from the first successful voyage of his countrymen to America in 1602. Brereton wrote the story of the journey when he got home, at the instigation of Sir Walter Raleigh to offer inducements to colonization, calling it "The Voyage to Northern Vir-

Brereton's enthusiasm in his theme was unbounded, and in his glowing account, America offered great wealth with little effort to all who desired to make the trip. "In mid May," he said, "we did sowe in this land (as for trial) wheat, barley, oats, and pease, which in fourteen aies were sprung up nine inches and more.'

The chief promise of America, however, was the easy passage it afforded to Japan, China, and Cathay. In his careless geography, the chronicler contrasts the hazardous voyages then being made by the English merchants into Persia by way of the north, through Russia into the Caspian sea with its many deaths, with the pleasant passage over and through America under a temperate and habitable climate, for even so he finishes, "it must fall out shorter than it seemeth, by false description of that continent, which doth not extend so farre into the West as by later navigators is found and described in more accurate charts."

"LEND ME THE MAKIN'S" AND "DRINKING A PIPE"

We are told that Sir Walter assuring those who pass by that a ing to the scaffold, to use a phrase hearty welcome and shelter were to then current. The Elizabethan combe had without the asking. It was monly invited his companions to the Colonial manner of hanging the "drink a pipe," a practice with them latch on the outside, the Southern preceding a meal, not as with us sign of conviviality and open-handed following it. The ancients would doubtless have wondered much at such modern smoker's jargon as "gimmee a draw" or "lend me the

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The stigma which attaches to snufftaking appears to be rather modern. In fact, in the time of Elizabeth the use of tobacco was generally affected by courtiers and diplomats, by court dandies and beaux of all degrees. Its vogue was greatest among the fashionable classes, with whom it became a notorious fad. It is said that aspiring courtiers generally cultivated the use of tobacco, and that certain unfortunate personages who fuming themselves with it instead.

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Hamestown Island Was at One Time a Peninsula

Receding Shoreline Leaves Lone Cypress as Picturesque Testimony of Relentless James

The results of procrastination are strikingly illustrated at Jamestown Island, world-famous as the Cradle taverns to discuss the significance of of the American Republic, where, the bold action of the burgesses. The owing to the tardiness of the government in constructing the necessary bulwarks against the encroachments of the mighty James, the shore line has receded at the rate of four feet a year since 1701, costing America twenty acres of its most sacred and historic ground.

covering the period between 1607-98 tecture in the Colonies. "It is a noble is available and the exact size and beautiful, and commodious pile; in conformation of the island are difficult of determination, but the visitor may vet discern, at low tide, evidence

of a gengra-hiclge.

palisades erected by the first settlers are yet to be seen at low tide stand- belonged to the house of burgesses ing at least 150 to 200 paces from the present shore," which apparently indicates that the first fortifications erected by the settlers were somewhere within the area now covered by water. Yonge, in his book dealing with the original site of Jamestown, gives the location of the fort built in 1670 as being 300 feet from the present shore of the island and it is not unreasonable to believe that, had the abrasion been allowed to continue unchecked, a comparatively short time would have sufficed for the annihilation of the island.

present shore line of the island is characterized the gentleman of the stands a majerat cypress, mute and glamorous and enchanted days "befo picturesque yet none the less indis- de wah." Proud of his ancestry, putable testimony of the greedy and proud of his state and of himself, the importunate James. "Our shippes doe Virginia gentleman doted on States' lie so neere the shoare that they are rights, blue blood and good liquor. moored to the Trees in six fathoms of water," wrote Master George tleman is perhaps his most pictur-Percy of the original landing.

INDIAN BRAVE TAKES

little about figures and could sel- the heart, Jefferson's romantic purdom count without the aid of their suit of Rebecca Burwell and Govfingers or some small objects. It is ernor Nicholson's passionate regard said that Powhatan, famous chief- for the daughter of Louis Burwell. tain, once dispatched one of his warriors to England to bring back to made a threat that if his inamorata him the exact number of white people in that country, on penalty of losing his head on his return.

"HA! I SMELL A RAT," ASSERTS PATRICK HENRY

"I smell a Rat!" said Patrick Hen-

COLONIAL CAPITOL SITE WILL WITNESS ANNIVERSARY EVENT

(Continued from page one) Safety was organized. It was here that Patrick Henry, "that lazy-looking young man," made his memorable "Caesar had his Brutus" speech. It was here that the famous Virginia Resolves, embodying the principle, "no taxation without representation," paved the way for the Bill of Rights, the Virginia Constitution, and eventually the Declaration of Independence. And it was in the ancient colonial capitol on May 15, 1776, one hundred years after Nathaniel Bacon had struck the first blow for freedom at Jamestown, that resolutions were adopted, declaring the colonies free and independent states and instructions were sent to the Virginia delegates in Continental Congress directthat body take a similar action.

The adoption of the Virginia Resolutions on May 15, 1776, was the occasion of great excitement in Williamsburg. Troops were drawn out and paraded up and down old Duke of Gloucester street; toasts were drunk, each accompanied by a discharge of artillery. People flocked excitedly to doors and windows to watch the parade, or foregathered in British flag was removed from the capitol, and a continental hoisted in ing link between Virginia's ancient its place. Bells were rung, and general excitement prevailed.

Situated at the eastern end of the historic Duke of Gloucester street, one mile from the College, yet facing it, the old capitol was described by No chart of the town and island Jefferson as the finest piece of archi-b fact it is the best and most com modious pile of its kind that I have ever seen or heard of," declared an of the old trestle br, inland just west the seat of government was transported by the seat of government was trans ferred to Richmond in 1780 the de- progress.

yarus . the stroyed by fire in 1832. The Speaker's chair and the stove that originally are now preserved in the State capitol at Richmond.

Colonial Gentleman Was An Ardent Swain the highway.

Famous Colonial Gallants Had a Fatal Weakness for the Widow's Blandishments

"If they shone in prosperity, much more they shone in adversity; if they bore themselves haughtily in their day of triumph, they have borne de-Several hunded yards from the feat with splendid fortitude." Thus

The gallantry of the colonial genesque trait His attitude toward women was one of unfailing consideration and respect, and that he was CENSUS OF ENGLAND a violent lover is illustrated by innumerable historic courtships such The American Indians knew very as Washington's various affairs of

Governor Nicholson is said to have married another he would cut the throats of three persons-the bridegroom, the minister performing the ceremony, and the judge issuing the license. Colonial gentlemen, moreover, appeared to have a predilection for widows, Washington, Jefferson, and Madison marrying the survivors

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The plan, for tion has yet which no vide an arch of the Union would ity for the e and emof the road, erecting on assigned to it Social significant of

According to plans te htatively advanced, the roadway off into sections one qua vould be laid in length on each side, one such section being alloted to e ach state for construction, mainlenas ice, and the erection of memorals that would enhance the interest a nd beauty of

The developmen of would not only im tin the scheme o the historic highway a color id distinctive appeal but would ay effect a national memorial ar, lying the interest of the von site of their t states in the n origin-the first permaneners settlement in the New Workein

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Tradition hat course of a ting Bruton Parish ting students, include son, fell aslee days locked in the which time they assi luously carved their names in e rood-work and discussed question etaining to religious freedom, a brtaining to reof the day.

POWHATAN SENDS OLD CLOTHES TO KING

"This is my country and I am as great a king as you." If you wish to see me come to my home," replied Powhatan, amous Indian chieftain, when he come to Jamestown was invited to sent him from Englaro receive gifts Captain John Smith'd. Accordingly Werowocomoco with a crown, scarry dramatically when he was asked of a former marriage and even the let robe, and other why he had not taken his seat in sustere Sir William Berkeley arrayed himself in his new robe. the federal Convention and helped to the charms of a young to make "a good Constitution instead widow, who outlived her second the redoubtable chieft ain gathered up to make "a good Constitution instead widow, who outlived her second his old clothing and directed that of staying at home and abusing the work of his patriotic compeers."

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Historic Courtship Has Parallel in Williamsburg

College Professor Had John Alden Romance In Quaint Old Williamsburg

"Speak for yourself, John!" is not the exclusive possession of New England, an anecdote of colonial known as "their Majesties' Royal Coldays revealing that Williamsburg lege of William and Mary." had the counterpart of John Alden in the Reverend John Camm, Professor of Divinity in the venerable College of William and Mary.

Romance came to the goodly parfifty-one, and then in a rather naive and writing master, 1729. and surprising manner, as the anecdote relates. Among the parishioners of the Rev. Mr. Camm was Miss Lord Botetourt in 1771. Betsy Hansford, whom he had baptised in his early rectorship of York Hampton parish.

A young friend who had stormed the citadel of Siss Betsy's heart System of study, 1779.

ich the parson very willtook. Having called upon the reluctant belle and exhausted his

eloquence in behalf of his young sity, 1779. friend, Mr. Camm as a last resort quoted the Bible as an authority, declaring that the Scriptures enjoined 1779. matrimony as one of the duties of life. But the parson's intercession was without avail.

"Go home and look up 2 Samuel XII, 7, and you will discover the rea son for my refusal," was Miss Hansford's parting reply.

The worthy parson returned home and, opening his Bible at the place designated, was amazed to find the words staring at him: "And Nathan said unto David, Thou art the man!' The sequel of the strange courtship is found in an account in the Virginia Gazette a short time thereafter, of the marriage of the Reverend John Camm and Miss Betsy Hans-there is much evidence to testify that ford. What the young man who had he was not unpopular with women sought the influence of the parson thought of the affair is not recorded.

WASHINGTON SETTLES A POINT WITH JEFFERSON

There is a tradition that Thomas nent patriot of the Revolution. Jefferson, upon his return from France, was protesting to Washington against the establishment of two houses in the legislature. The incident occured at the breakfast table, and Washington asked:

"Why do you pourthat coffee into your saucer?"

"To cool it, "replied Jefferson. "Even so," said Washington, "we pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it."

GOVERNOR SPOTTSWOOD

founder of the romantic order, the ever, she handed all her personal together." An Congress I never "Knights of the Golden Horse-Shoe," jewels, an assortment of great value, ferson undertutter three entences established the first iron works in to Jefferson, and begged him with America, thus receiving the name of tears in her eyes to use them in the "Tubal Cain" of Virginia. "Tubal Cain" of Virginia.

VIRGINIA BURGESSES ONCE FOREGATHERED IN HISTORIC COLLEGE

(Continued from page one) guardian of the ancient college.

A system of subterranean passageways formerly connected the building with principal points of the town, having presumably been provided as an avenue of es cape in the event of sudden Indian attack.

President Warren G. Harding, visiting Williams burg on the occasion of the installation of Dr. J. A. C. Chandler as president of the Collegia delivered an address on the site of today's exercises in which President Coolidge will participate.

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First and only American college to receive a coat-of-arms from the College of Heralds, 1694.

First college in the United States to have a full faculty, consisting of son after he had attained the age of a president, six professors, usher,

First college to confer medallic the only part prizes; the gold medals donated by

First college to establish an inter- tures, apears collegiate fraternity, the Phi Beta nate enough Kappa, December 5, 1776.

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Modern Languages, 1779. First college to become a univer-

First college to have a school of Municipal and Constitutional law,

First college to teach political Economy, 1779.

First college to have a school of Modern History, 1803.

Patriotic Woman Offered Her Jewels to Jefferson Bay. At the m

Woman of Williamsburg Thus Offered to Aid Depleted Fortunes of Patriot Leader

In spite of the fact that Thomas Jefferson failed miserably in gaining the affection of his beloved Rebecca, generally. A singular mark of admiration for him and of devotion to the struggle of the Colonies for independence is found in the conduct of the wife of Lieutenant Gilmer, a native of Williamsburg and a promi-

One night during the early days of the war Jefferson was visiting the Gilmers in Williamsburg. It had become increasingly hard for the patriots in different sections of the country to communicate with one along with another, and a secret means of inter- designated a f Massachusetts, who communication by private letter carriers had been established. Jefferson, the Declarat lember of the comwhose wealth had already been sadly said that Jeff with the drafting of depleted by his generous expenditure in the cause of independence, de- tion of Indep son was a miserable plored his want of funds to defray Parrott and vthor of the Declarathe expense of such correspondence. the commentlence talked like Poll "TUBAL CAIN" OF VIRGINIA At this point of the conversation, clared "duringte like an angel, was Mrs. Gilmer got up suddenly and left sat with himf Adams, who de-Governor Alexander Spottswood, the room. Returning quickly, how-heard Jefferson whole time I have

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ing his comforting "Drive on, " dam." as the waters by renlied the lady Surprised at he enten carriage. turned to her. r cook the colonel "Madam, I t

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