

## Supplies for Virginia Colonists, 1622 <sup>[1]</sup>

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*The first twenty years of the Jamestown colony were difficult; only about 20 percent of the earliest settlers survived. It was not only the problems that faced the colonists in the New World that led to this distressing statistic, but also a lack of preparation by those who chose to travel across the sea to begin life in the Virginia wilderness. Recognizing this as a threat to their hopes of a successful business venture -- more settlers meant more money -- the Virginia Company published this broadside, or poster, to educate settlers about the necessary materials to bring to Virginia.*

The Inconveniencies that have happened to some persons which have transported themselves from England to Virginia, without provisions necessary to sustaine themselves, hath greatly hindered the Progresse of that Noble Plantation: For prevention of the like disorders hereafter, that no man suffer either through ignorance or misinformation; it is thought requisite <sup>[2]</sup> to publish this short Declaration: wherein is contayned a particular of such necessaries, as either private Families or single persons shall have cause to furnish themselves with, for their better support at their first landing in Virginia; whereby also greater numbers may receive in part directions how to provide themselves.

### Apparell

Apparell for one man and so after the rate for more

	li.	s.	d.
One <u>Monmouth Cap</u>	00	01	10
Three <u>falling bands</u>		01	03
Three shirts		07	06
One <u>Waste-coate</u> <sup>[3]</sup>		02	02
One sute of Canvase		07	06
One sute of <u>Frize</u> <sup>[4]</sup>		10	00
One sute of Cloth		15	00
Three paire of Irish stockins		04	
Foure pair of shooes		08	08
One paire of <u>garters</u> <sup>[5]</sup>		00	10
<u>One doozen of points</u>		00	03
One paire of Canvase sheets		08	00
Seven <u>Ells</u> <sup>[6]</sup> of Canvase, to make a <u>bed</u> and <u>boulster</u> <sup>[7]</sup> , to be filled in Virginia		08	00
One <u>Rug</u> for a bed in 8.S. which with the bed serving for two men, halfe is			
Five Ells course Canvase, to make a bed at Sea for two men, to be filled with straw 4.S.		05	00
One course Rug at Sea for two men, will cost 6.S. is for one			
	04	00	00

### Victuall <sup>[8]</sup>

For a whole yeere for one man and so for more after the rate.

	li.	s.	d.
Eight <u>bushels</u> <sup>[9]</sup> of Meale	02	00	00

	li.	s.	d.
Two bushels of Pease at 3.S.		06	00
Two bushels of Oatmeale 4.S. 6.d.		09	00
One gallon of <u>Aquavitae</u> <sup>[10]</sup>		02	06
One gallon of Oyle		03	06
Two gallons of Vinegar 1.S.		02	00
	03	03	00

## Armes

For one man, but if halfe of your men have Armour it is sufficient, so that all have Peeces and Swords.

	li.	s.	d.
One Armour compleat, light		17	00
One long Piece, five foot or five and a halfe, neere Musket bore	01	02	
One sword		05	
One Belt		01	
One <u>Bandaleere</u> <sup>[11]</sup>		01	06
Twentie pound of Powder		18	00
Sixtie pound of shot or lead, Pistoll and Goose shot		05	00
	03	09	06

## Tooles

For a Family of sixe persons, and so after the rate for more.

	li.	s.	d.
Five broad <u>howes</u> at 2.s. a piece		10	
Five narrow howes at 16.d. a piece		06	08
Two broad Axes at 3.s. 8.d. a piece		07	04
Five felling Axes at 18.d. a piece		07	06
Two Steele Hand-sawes at 16.d. a piece		02	08
Two two-hand-sawes at 5.s. a piece		10	
One whip-saw, set and filed with boxe, file and wrest		10	
Two Hammers 12.d. a piece		02	00
Three shovels 18.d. a piece		04	06
Two Spades at 18.d. a piece		03	
Two <u>Augers</u> <sup>[12]</sup> 6.d. a piece		01	00
Six Chissels 6.d. a piece		03	00
Two <u>percurs</u> <sup>[13]</sup> stocked 4.d. a piece		00	08
Three <u>gimblets</u> <sup>[14]</sup> 2.d. a piece		00	06
Two hatchets 21.d. a piece		03	06
Two <u>froves</u> <sup>[15]</sup> to cleave <u>pale</u> 18.d.		03	00
Two <u>hand-bills</u> <sup>[16]</sup> 20. A piece		03	00
One Grindestone 4.s.		04	00
Nailes of all sorts to the value of	02	00	

Two pickaxes

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## Household Implements

For a Family of six persons, and so for more or lesse after the rate.

li. s. d.

One Iron Pot	00	07	
One Kettle		06	
One large frying pan	02	06	
One <u>Griddiron</u> <sup>[17]</sup>	01	06	
Two skillets		05	
One <u>Spit</u>		02	
Platters, dishes, spoons of wood		04	
	01	08	00

li. s. d.

For Sugar, Spice, and fruit at Sea for six men	00	12	06
So the full charge of apparell victuall, armes, tooles and household-stuffe, and after this rate for each person, will amoung unto about the sum of	12	10	
The passage of each man is	06	00	
The <u>freight</u> <sup>[18]</sup> of these provisions for a man, will be about halfe a Tun, which is	01	10	
So the whole charge will amount to about	20	00	00

Nets, Hookes, Lines, and a Tent must be added if the number of people be greater, as also some Kine. And this is the usuall proportion that the Virginia Company doe bestow upon their Tenants which they send.

Whosoever transports himselfe or any other at his owne charge unto Virginia, shall for each person so transported before Midsummer 1625 have to him and his heires for ever fifty Acres of Land upon a first, and fifty Acres upon a second division.

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