



An early picture of Jamestown.

of our system of government by the people, for in choosing the lawmakers every freeman had a vote.

31. The Beginning of Slavery in Virginia.—Unfortunately, however, all men in Virginia were not to be free, for in the very year in which free government was established in the colony, twenty negroes were brought to Jamestown in a Dutch vessel and sold as slaves. Nobody thought there was any harm in this, for at that time negroes all over the world were bought and sold very much as horses were bought and sold. The negroes proved to be just the kind of workmen needed for the tobacco-fields, and slavery in Virginia grew as the cultivation of tobacco grew, and that was very fast indeed.

32. The Founding of Maryland.—By the time Virginia was well on its feet a sister colony began to be planted at the north not very far away. This was the colony of Maryland, which had its beginnings in 1634, when Leonard Calvert, with about two hundred colonists, landed on the banks of a small stream which flows into the Potomac River and began a settlement which was called St. Mary's. Leonard Calvert was the first governor of Maryland, but the real founder of the colony was George Calvert, who held the title of Lord Baltimore. This good and noble man was a Catholic, and he wished to worship