

ENGLISHMAN MARRIES VIRGINIA PRINCESS

There has been a wedding at James Fort in the colony of Virginia. Master John Rolfe, the same person that shipped tobacco to England last year, has married the Indian princess Pocahontas—the daughter of the great Chief Powhatan. The marriage has ended several years of warfare between the English settlers and the Virginia Indians.

It was with the thought of ending the war that Pocahontas was kidnapped by the English in the spring of 1613 and held for ransom. Powhatan, however, would not agree to all the English terms so his daughter remained with the English. Sir Thomas Dale, acting Deputy Governor and Marshal of the colony, had her carefully instructed in the Christian religion and after a time she decided to convert to Christianity. She was accordingly baptized and took the name Rebecca. It was during this time that she met John Rolfe. The two were married in the church at Jamestown this April.

We understand that Chief Powhatan did not attend the wedding. The bride was given away by her uncle; however, her father sent many gifts to the fort to signal his approval of the marriage. Now that there is peace in Virginia, perhaps the colony will grow and become prosperous.