

## Document A: "True Relation" (ORIGINAL)

Arriving at Weramocomoco [? On or about 5 January 1608], their Emperor proudly lying upon a Bedstead a foot high, upon ten or twelves Mats , richly hung with many chains of great pearls about his neck , and covered with a great Covering of Rahaughcums. At head sat a woman, at his feet another; on each side sitting upon a mat uppon the ground, were ranged his chief men on each side of the fire, ten in a rank , and behind them as many young women, each a great Chain of white Beads over their shoulders, their heads painted in red : and with such a grave and Magestic countenance, as draw me into admiration to see such state in a naked Savage .

He kindly welcomed me with such good words , and great Platters of sundry Victuals, assuring me his friendship, and my liberty within four days....He asked me the cause of our coming....He demanded why we went further with our Boat ....He promised to give me Corn , Venison, or what I wanted to feed us: Hatchets and Copper we should make him, and none should disturb us.

This request I promised to perform : and thus, having with all the kindness he could devise, sought to content me, he sent me home, with 4 men: one that usually carried my Gown and Knapsack after me, two other loaded with bread, and one to accompany me.

*Source: Smith's own words, from A True Relation of such occurrences and accidents of note as hath happened in Virginia Since the First Planting of that Colony, published in 1608.*