

Transcription of John Ferrar's Marginalia in the Bodleian Library's Copy of William Bullock's *Virginia Impartially Examined*  
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This transcription of John Ferrar's marginalia in the copy of William Bullock's *Virginia Impartially Examined* . . . (1649) held by the Bodleian Library, Oxford, is designed to complement "William Bullock's 'Strange Adventure': A Plan to Transform Seventeenth-Century Virginia," which appears in the *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d Ser., LXI (2004), 107-128. It can be used in conjunction with the British Library's copy of *Virginia Impartially Examined*, which is available through Early English Books Online.

I prepared this transcript in Philadelphia, not Oxford. I worked from my first draft transcription, however, which was corrected by David Ransome, editor of the Ferrar papers. I am grateful to David for sharing his immense knowledge of John Ferrar's life and writing with me. Errors remaining are my sole responsibility. I prepared this transcript on a laptop computer, lacking the software necessary to render superscript and seventeenth-century symbols but possessing a determination to correct "misspellings." I employ the shilling, or virgule, symbol (/) to indicate a break in the line of Ferrar's handwriting. The position of handwritten symbols (ampersands and their variants) is announced by double brackets.



Bullock [p. 2]: "to the west it has no bounds, until you come to the West and South Sea, which is many miles over."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

The westerly sea is not / (as is too commonly believed / and we all abused by the / Spanishe cards and Mapps / for none else we have: / soe Farr from Virginia / as many thousand miles / or hundreds Either. nor / nor Sr F Drake was / iust opposite to the Backe / of Jeames River in Virginia / In a Country He Named / Nova Albion in 37 degres he their landed trimmed his ship tooke / possession of it in the Queees name stayed there five weekes time: went up in to / the Country found it good and Rich thousand of Fatt deere [[symbol]] the King and / peopell took him for a god would have him Dwell wth them Went Naked a good lovinge harmelesse peopell dwelt in Villages to / gether yeat / Yeat went Naked / Bowes and Arrowe they had: the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1578: he / departed thence an in 8 weeke throught an open sea he sayled / to the Molucca Iland in East Indies and soe home / for England by Cape Bona Spec: [[i.e., the Cape of Good Hope]] To this country of Nova Albion Can / not be above 8 or 10 / days Journy from the head of Jeames River parte by land parte by Rivers, inlets: Bays that will / leade to it from the Backe of the Mountayns beyond Jeames River Falls: What a mighty trade of / wealth and happines would this Discovery be to Virginia speedily to the East Indies throught the / Continent of Virginia to this West Sea or South West Sea: as benefisiall as the West Indies were

to / the king of Spayne: If the Virginia Planters had but the harts and beleife to adventure wth  
40 Foote and 30: Horse it were donn: for they want Nothinge to Effect it but Couradge and  
Will: what a Pitty Alas.

Marginalia, announced by the figure of a hand with a finger extended [p. 3]:

considered, this place may well deserve the name of the New-Paradice

Bullock, discussing marshes [p. 4]: “especially those that are seated above the flowing of the Salt water. But for as much as are downe within the flowing of the Salt water, it much like in health as here in England upon the Salt Marshes, which are subject to Agues and Fevers: the winter is not much above six weekes, which begins in December, and ends about the first of February.” Marginalia, announced by underlining:

But this for all that / hath binn said a / gainst it this 30 / yeares will not be / mended men will  
/ seate downe more / for commodiousness / then Health wch / is most absurde / In all the  
world / where Salte Creekes / are its not healthfull / Espetialy where wood / alsoe soe  
much/abounds

Bullock, discussing silk [p. 8]: “a piece of grogram was made of this silk grass, and presented to Queen Elizabeth.” Inked insertion: very trew

Marginalia at same point:

But greate is the negligence / that more is not sent home / for trialls in severall kinde

Bullock, arguing that Virginia has silk worms bigger than walnuts [p. 8]

Marginalia:

In the present plantation in / Virginia alsoe are the Silke / Wormes Found that live Feede /  
and Spinn Naturally In / the woods of them selves / A rare and hopefull thinge worthy of note

Bullock, arguing that Sir Henry Briggs has established that a South and West Sea lie behind Virginia [p. 9]

Marginalia:

And this hath binn / and is to this day the / greatest Error and damadge / that hath happened  
to / the Collony all this while / not to make this Soe Easy / Sure and most Rich / Discovery  
to a West Sea / or South Sea over the / hills: an 8 or 10 days / March naye it maybe / not a  
4 days Journy wth 40: or 50. Men / would fully dicover the / passadge to it Either / by  
Findinge the Sea at / hand or Such Rivers / and would presently / Carry them downe to / a  
Sea: And what is or hath binn all / there Spendinge there / time in Smokey Tobacco / and not  
to Spare Soe / many hands and harts / that might in Soe / Shorte a time discover / Soe Infinite

a Riches / to them all as a passage to a West Sea would / prove to them Is not/  
Tobacco a wirth indeed / thus to be sott them [[symbol]] / When allsoe it is known  
to all Men that Sr Fran. / Drake was in that West Sea iust opposite to the / Backe of Jeames  
River in 37 degges and tooke possession / of that Land Called it Nova Albion and From /  
thence Sayled to the East Indies, Moluco: Philipines / and soe to China and round the world.

Bullock, in the context of a discussion of Virginia's system of government and its failings [p.10]: "The Governour is commonly a stranger sent from England, and is to last but three yeares, in which time, he must not be blamed, if he doe his owne worke."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

Yea and Severley punished / alsoe by the good lawes / that once were maide / by the company  
1620 [[symbol]] / as maye appeare and had they binn kept Virginia Could not have / ninn  
wronged by any

Bullock, continuing on the deficiencies of short-term governors, specifically that governors can call trustees and debtors to council [p. 10]: "and all this well considered, hath gone a great way in the disease. For, by its Justice is stifled, and the Adventurer must never hope for Justice, since the Debtor is by the Governour's favour, made both judge and Party."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

Sr John Harvie whoe / was of Goundamars pro / curinge sent thether at / the Desolvinge of  
the / Company to ruine the / Poor plantation as he well nighe did [[symbol]] / of whome longe  
before / beinge a Vaine headed / man always and a / Fantasticke fitt for / any impression of  
gaine [[symbol]] / Beinge onc[e] at Venice in Company of man English Gentellmen and a grate  
/ Braggadotia Witty Mr John Lakes then maid to his face these Verses / he tellinge them that  
he Came out of England to goe serve the Persians [[symbol]] / Then said Lakes I make your  
Epithah: for then you must be killed [[symbol]] Here lyes Captayne Har: that Came from Farr  
to Serve the Persian / in his Warr: And was he not worse than a Turke that all Christendom  
Could not sett a worke?

Bullock, discussing the failings of government [pp. 9-10]: "the laws were bad and worse administered."

Marginalia:

This Capt: Harves Government / you must know [[symbol]]

Bullock [p. 11]: "From the very infancy of the Plantation, they have made Tobacco their staple."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

Not the Company ther / in an Error for lett all the world See their actions / and Instructions  
and the / Contrary wilbe found its / true Tobacco boore 5' [i.e. five shillings] / pound price  
made the / Planters madd upon it / and would not be beaten of it / doe all that Couldbe /  
donna and then fell that most iniuridious desolation of the Companye and soe / Still Tobacco  
bare the Bell / But Irones workes, Silke Salte / Corne Plow vines: Sawing / Mills [[symbol]]  
were Erected [[symbol]] / till all fell wth the Company to ruine: and then / the Collony was  
a preaye / to the Insuinge Governor / Sr John Har: [[symbol]] / whoe proved a Turk in /  
deede in Virginia [[symbol]]

Bullock, discussing treachery of Indians [p. 12]: "And whosoever shall reade the relation of the Massacre, set out  
1622, will find there is no danger in them, except you give them weapons, and stand still whilst they destroy  
you."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

But why doth not this Gent: / tell us of the latter Massah [i.e. massacre] / 1642 twenty yeare  
after it / as wth in a man slane as / many and they [i.e. 'the very'] Same way / and Manner of  
the Indian / frindshipp: it's a Riddell to me / he should not relate it alsoe / but he passeth it  
by as if only / the first had binn but not / the second the wch in respect / of there  
unthankfullnes to / God amongst there other Sinns but / that 'bove all did / Certainly bring  
it upon them / And not keepinge that / one day Every yeare upon / wch it first happened to  
/ give god thanks that all / were not killed this was / In[j]oynd the Collony to doe / yearly  
for Ever to Pre / serve in Memory god's deliverance and the more / wary taking heede of  
Indian / Frindshipp wch if it had Continued how Could that latter have / Ever happened iust  
in the same Manner and Number wth in a Few and / at same time of yeare as the First did  
befalle them: I pray god that / they have not forgot this last alsoe by not keeping a day wch if  
they doe not / Lett them take heed the third Blow pays not all home to pourpose / wch God  
diverte and Make the Collony thankfull Amen Amen Amen

Bullock [p. 13]: a second mischief befalling the colony was that the company laid plans for the creation of useful  
industries that rested on the skills of a particular artificer, and if he died so the scheme died.

Marginalia, announced by the symbol "{":

But the Company did / always Make provision / of 3 men to a worke

Bullock [p. 13]: a sixth mischief befalling the colony was that newcomers overextended their credit.

Marginalia:

This this [sic] too true and / is Virginia's bayne to / this day and the Old planters many of them  
/ to harde for new / commers

Bullock, introducing Section III of *Virginia Impartially Examined* in which he lays out a detailed plan to reform Virginia's government and judiciary [p. 14]

Marginalia:

This might well have / binn spared at / this time as things / stand and he not / to have maide  
new Government

Bullock [p. 14]: New England's soil is inferior to Virginia's

Marginalia:

Very trew

Bullock [p. 31]: New England has a superior carrying trade.

Marginalia:

What a Shame to / the Virginians [[symbol]]

Bullock, comparing Virginia's monoculture to Barbados' diversification [p. 31]

Marginalia:

Most true / and this is an Incouradge / ment for a removal / to the Southward but 40: or 50  
Miles / by land to Chawanoke River / wth Ease and / Safty donn by one / 100: persons

Marginalia, no obvious reference [p. 32]:

One hundred Sail of Ships

Bullock [p. 32]: Virginia would flourish if men were honest and if they produced a variety of crops.

Marginalia:

In this he is very right

Bullock, following a discussion of sugar and indigo, argues [p. 32]: they will not do the work, for first sugar canes and indigo seeds to plant must be brought from Barbados."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

Looke upon Barbados and See what they doe / this manifestly Contradicts all you say

[[and at the same spot]]

This is a littell to / peremtory A verdite / by his good Leave / the[y] will and shall make /  
Virginia initially happy / if but sett up speedily / it Can not be gaine said

Bullock, discussing the falling value of Indigo [p. 32, second page so numbered]

Marginalia:

Much in an Error / For hundred of the / present Barbados planters / will remove to Virginia  
/ there Iland soe over Charged / wth peopell and only / Expect a begininge ~ / the South to  
be maide by Virginia Planters / and then they Come / to them

[[and inked in at the end of the paragraph]]

more will be vented than Can be planted

Bullock on indigo and other commodities [p. 32]: "These are fine commodities for wise men to be doing with indifferent quantities, but not to be the staples that must do the work."

Marginalia, at underlining:

Never to greate feare it not

[[and inked in at end of sentence]]

You are much deseived

Bullock [p. 32]: production of Sassafras and other commodities would prove "them Drugges indeed" for poor men.

Marginalia, at underlining:

Not while you and / the next generation / are living these are / Camerall all men / know that  
Every / poore man Can not beginn it but men / of Estates may to there greate gaine

[[and comment inked in at the end of the sentence]]

men of Some Estate must doe it

Bullock, on mining [p. 32]: "mynes of Copper, Tinne, Iron and Lead...if we run greedily upon them, they may chance to bee too heavy for us, either in lifting or carrying. Wherefore my advice is, that these things may be stoln upon, at most leasure time."

Marginalia, at first instance of underlining:

Witty but not Sollide, nor true

Marginalia, at second instance of underlining:

Not soe for neither / the time nor Charge / is answerable by Farr to the greate / Proffitt by them to be raised in 2 / yeares time when but attempted: Noe noe too much time hath / binn lost already god knows and Virginias happiness lye in the Speedy / bringine them to pass [[gap]] 2 thousand pounds disbursed would in / one yeare Sett up the Irone workes and bring 2 thousand pound a / yeare proffitt Certainly [[symbol]]

Bullock [p. 33]: "And now will I think of silk, pot-ashes, Rape and walnut Oyl: and these are not very good staples. But yet when I consider, we are not all Pot-ashes not Oyl-makers, not Masters of the Silk-Worme mystery, nor can presently be at the charge, these are not such as must be built upon for the present Staples."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

Truly he Still runs / one in his Error in this / thing Espetially in that / of Silke so proper for that / Land soe hopefull soe / Easy of soe littell Charge / and time that I Cannot / but wonder soe wise a / man thus to over / shute him / selfe and the Mis / tery all men know it / but an Egg sett in Salte / donn by women and / Children wth noe labour / in a house in six weeks / time hinder noe other Commodity to plant or tend gaine nothing like / it Soe this Gentellman is / in this very much to / Blame and Indiscreete / And if it prove soe as / much hope is there beinge / Silke wormes Naturally found / to live, Feede, and spin / in the woods of Mulbery trees: What thinge Canbe / answerable to thus gaine / a littell time and triall / will produce greate / things in this kind.

Bullock, discussing Virginia's potential to grow corn, rice etc. and the necessity of Virginians learning to master the plough [p. 33] Comment, inked in main text:

I say god Speed the Plowe it will doe greate things alsoe but let not / other things be Slighted

Bullock develops his argument in favour of English cereals stressing especially that such production would increase trade between Virginia and England [p. 34], adding, "and it is not from the purpose to shew the failings of the first Adventurers for want of this foundation." This discussion concludes with Bullock's assertion that surviving records show that the first planters realized the possibilities inherent in growing corn and other staples but that the Company failed to exploit these opportunities.

Marginalia, announced by underlining and filling both margins and the bottom of the page:

For Antient Adventure[r]s and there Indeavors there Acts and Commands in setting up of all Stapell Commodities / this Gentellman is but in parte a knower of them: Lett the Bookes Speak for them in Print: But where as he [[follows?]] to charge them that they Failed in this noble and Needfull Designe of Corne and Plow Alas before he was / out of the Shell I must tell him that he Can not say soe much for it as they did; and they Lett the Planters / there know by these Actes of Court sent to them to allure and Invite them a / bove all things to the Plow / that if they would sett upon it here would be a Stocke and Banke of Mony presently rayed to the Vallue / of 100 Thousand pounds a yeare to take off From the Plantations all the wheate they Could Sowe at 5 s[hillings] / the Bushell and send Shippes to Fetcche it Constantly there wch should bringe them servants and layed hence / Corne for Spayn Canarys [[symbol]]: And what think you of this Was not the Earle of Southampton then in the right way thinke you to sett up the plow in Virginia 30 yeares a / goe: what more Could have binn done: And lett me tell you alsoe we had greate Incouradgment to / Invite the planters unto it more then this Gentellman Ever heard of for if he would he would here alsoe have put it in his booke as it deserved to / Incouradge all good honest Plowmen: it was in Breife this worthy the relation / Mr. Abram Peerce [i.e. Abraham Pierce] the Cape merchant in Virginia by his publique letter written to the Company read in open Courte That he had / maide triall and found to much wonder and to animate all men: that he sowed wheate in August, September, October / November, December and reaped good Cropps a gaine in Maye June, July August: Soe frutefull and fertell was Virginia. / And we not then reason to sett up the plow thinke you: And at same time Mr. Pory the Secretary there in Sr George Year[d][e]y's / time did by his letter to the Earle of Southampton affirme that the Governour Reaping Englishe wheate in June being / over Ripe much of it shad on the Land as they [[intending "they"]] Reaped it: and soe Falling upon the Ground wth / out any thing donn to it Sprunge up of it Selfe and grew all Winter well and In June Sr Gorge / caused it to be reaped and had a gallant Cropp of wheate of that that thus s[o]wed it / Selfe the summer / before and then this reaped all to thier wonderment hee a / gaine sett Virginia Corn upon that very land and / In October after had a good Cropp of Virginia Corne And saith Mr. Pory here by you maye see what Virginia is able to / produce if rightly husbanded it will saith hee doe Miracles and produce wonders [[symbol]]

Bullock advises prospective planters to board with an established planter [p. 37]. This will be cheap, he knows, because eight years ago Capt. Mathews and Captain Pierce offered to board bullock and his family for five pounds a head

Marginalia:

This is a Considerable thinge / and Commendable I would / it were more common there

Bullock discusses availability of land in Virginia [p. 37]

Marginalia:

Note this

Bullock advises prospective planters that their credit will be good while they are finding their feet but warns them not to "loiter out" their time "in good fellowship" [p. 37]

Marginalia:

But in this you must / be very wary how / you runn upon trust / the Old planters are some / of them too hard for / the New Commers

Bullock advises a newly arrived planter to enclose twenty-three acres and, providing he has two servants, "I doubt not, but the enclosing 23 acres will be done," between spring planting and autumn harvest [p. 38]

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

The thinge not difficulte to / inclose when you will find / trees growing orderly a / Nuff to be liveinge posts / and some sorte of yong / timber in Virginia Soe / ready and Easy – to / rive out that pale / and Raile may soone / be fitted and it is / much to be admired at / that this kind of / husbandry hath not / binn more used in / Virginia when Soe easily and Commodiously effected and Incloses soone maide to great advantage[[symbol]]

Bullock discusses rape seed [p. 43]

Insertion: coale seed above "rape seed"

Comment in margin:

Coleseed better

Bullock [p. 43]: "Thus having brought the Planter to happinesse in this life, I shall with some few admonitions shake hands and leave him to the God of mercies protection.

First, that God be by him and his Family truly served, and before and after work his blessing be duly implored.

Secondly, I shall advise him that he let not his mind rise with his riches, for that is the ready way to forget that God gave them, and to make them like the sweetest sinnes that delight the body, but poison the soul.'

Marginalia, at underlining:

A very good rule / and the only Sure way / of thriving for all men

Marginalia, announced by "{" and "}" enclosing Bullock's "secondly" above:

A second goode lesson

Bullock advises prospective planters not to use credit except where necessary [p. 43]

Marginalia:

This is wisdom

Bullock, discusses the best time to sail for Virginia and states "the ordinary time of going is about September, or October" [p. 46]

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

To late and makes / a winters Voyadge very / longe many times and / Dangerous: better to goe in July the begini[n]ge or 25 at Fardest

Bullock [p. 39 as printed; in effect, p. 47]: "This ships taking of men by the Pole [i.e. poll] is extremely unhealthy, for by this means to make the greater fraught they take so many, that their ship is pestured, and subject to diseases, which hath happened very often."

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

And to / greate a shame it is not / mended in its playne / truth noe other then / to take mens mony / to Carry them to / Sea to murther them there. God help [us?]

Bullock alleges that some passengers are bound thirty, forty, or even fifty miles from shore to prevent their escape. In consequence of which man arrive "sickly" [p. 39 as printed; in effect, p. 47]

Marginalia:

A lamentable Case / in winter [[symbol]]

Bullock advises prospective passengers to band together [p. 48]

Marginalia:

Good Counsell

Bullock proposes a better shipboard diet [p. 49]

Marginalia:

not a misse if good / Care be taken

Bullock [p. 49]: "in diet if the mind be satisfie[d], the stomach soon agrees."

Marginalia:

very true

Bullock's figures, demonstrating that he could victual 120 men for two months at 16 shillings a man per month and save 468 pounds [p. 49]

Marginalia:

960 – this way

492 – the other

468. he makes / saved by the triall [[or "hand"?]] but this / gentellman must acct to lay in for  
/ a 3 Moneth and / not for 2 moneth / Soe then 95 beinge deducted out of 468 / Rest but 373  
/ saved

Bullock alleges that there are only 250 horses in Virginia [p. 51]

Marginalia:

250 altered to 650 by John Ferrar, plus comment

But there in all in / Virginia now a / thousand horse / 30 Thousand / Peopell and / 60  
thousand / kine [[symbol]]

Bullock, printed side bar [p. 51]: "if you look into the books printed by the Virginia Company, in 1621 or 1622 you shall find that of 900 men transported in one fleet, in the time aforesaid there died but one."

Marginalia:

and this to / my knowledge is / most true but all / these Shippes weere / Victuled out at / the  
Company own / Charge and provision / maide by them for / the most parte soe / all was well  
Conditioned / and good allowance / maide[[symbol]]

Bullock argues that "honest" women in Virginia "may pick and chuse their husbands out of the better sort" [p. 54]

Figure of pointing hand inserted alongside this statement

Bullock, introducing Section VI on Indians, "The next in order is, how with God's assistance the Indians may be reclaimed; wherein I shall first begin with love" [p. 54]

Marginalia:

This passage of his is / truly and duly to / bee Considered / of by all in / Virginia

Bullock [p. 55]: "the Indians being a wild people and of a subtile and treacherous nature, as sad experience tells us we must not acquaint ourselves with them to trust."

Marginalia:

This hath binn the bayne of / Virginia in booth the / Massaker not strength / of Indians but  
Fraude / and too much trusting / them [[symbol]]

Bullock, introducing a lengthy discussion of how Indians might be subjugated, argues that some chiefs be made favourites and rewarded with privileges and honorifics [pp. 56-57]

Marginalia:

This thing thus / propounded by this / Gentelman: was the / Deliberation of the / Counsell  
and Company / 30 yeares a / goe in the time of the Government / heere of that Most Noble  
/ Earle of Southampton and / all this and much more / determined and Ordered / for the  
Civilizinge of / the Indians as / a matter of the greatest consequence [[symbol]] / But the  
desolving of the / Company by wicked / practizes overthrew all / this and other hopes.

Bullock, continuing his discussion of how to subjugate the Indians, suggests clothing some 250 Indians at public expense in order to encourage a market for English clothes among Indians that would in turn create trade relations. Bullock argued that the initial outlay would have to be met by white Virginians because Indians have "few valuable commodities to purchase them" [p. 58].

Marginalia, announced by underlining:

The Company did pick upon Silke grass and / the like that growes na / turally in there Country  
/ this was Easy for them / to gather and in Exchang / they should have what / they deseired  
soe in parte / to use them to a littell / paynes then all / kind of Beasts Skinns to / have of them  
and to / bringe all kinde of / Dyinge Rootes Berry [[symbol]] / all kind of Gummes [[symbol]]  
There a littell labor to / them and by and for / these have what / they deseired: alsoe / to take  
of there Corne though't loose [[i.e. "loss"]] weere by it to sell it a / gaine / Alsoe it was in

Consultation / by the Company that for / the Matter of Silke wormes / they might be brought / Easily to gather the Mulbery leaves and bringe them to the Englishe to Sell daly and / this for 5 or 6 weekes time when they most wanted Bread and Corne would be a / good bussiness to allowe them to some small paynes but this but a pleasure and / it was farther thought upon that these Indians might alsoe them selves in a shorte time Feed Silke wormes them selves: For house of Bouards / of Bords might be sett up in the woods (unto wch the Sawinge mills might be of Use) / and in them the Indian taught how to feed the worme wch presently he would doe / there beinge soe littell paynes in that worke but a pleasure rather: But there were some / of the Company had a Conceite that seing some wild Silke Wormes Bottomes were / found in Virginia Naturally upon the trees there in the Woods: That they / That they were of opinion the worme might be for most parte after it was hached and in 5 or 6 / days put upon the trees and leaves in the woods and soe live Feede, spinn of it selfe wth / out littell helpe of Man and Small tendance but Cheifely to keepe a way the Birds that doe / greedily / devoure the Silkeworme if they Can Come at her and this they Conceiv'd to be one maine / Cause that there was not plenty of Silkewormes Naturally in Virginia to be found but here / and there someone to be seine because the Birds devoured them and therefore thought it / was rather a wonder any worme Escaped them: But this triall and all other good proiects / perished at the Unfortunate desolution of the Company by Gundamors practize and others [[symbol]]

Bullock [p. 59]: "Thus I have done with the Indians: onely this take notice of, I do not advise that at any hand you suffer them to come into your house, or any further than your field or out-workinghouses . . ."

Marginalia:

Good Counsell / but this / was given / longe a goe but not followed

Bullock [p. 61]: planters should examine soil carefully before planting.

Marginalia:

Good Counsell

Bullock discusses clearing the soil, bringing over plowmen and husbandmen, and clearing land of trees [pp. 60-61]

Marginalia [p. 61r]:

The Company 30 yeares passed in the Earle of Southampton's time of Government then Inioyned all the Col / lony and planters that to the Intent that there might be wth small labor and paynes (wch the present / paucity of hands there Could not so well doe if they went the ordinary way to fell up trees by the Rootes to make / Cleare ground to plant in[[symbol]]) that they should all Barke Continually what Trees they Could a yarde a / bove ground / wch was

the Indian way to gaine by time what present strenght Could not doe: and soe thousand of Acres of Cleared ground / would be had presently to sett Corne Tobacco and other things For by this meanes the / leaves and Brances withered / presently and soe Drippinge and shawdinge did hurte what was planted amongst the trees / amongst the trees and in a short time the Bodys of the trees them selves would Rott and Rootes perishe or at least wise Easily by putting fyer to / them after 2 or 3 yeares Standing dry to be destroyed and Consum'd as they stand and Soe in time ground alsoe fitted for the plow and alsoe by this / meanes it was found that the Sun and wind Comming wth all it[s] force upon the ground the Land would bee much more fruitefull and Rich / and produce things to greate perfection [in] a shorter time and the Aire and Climate maid more pleasant and healthfull by much for already Countrys / Are not so healthfull as Champtions are and soe by this small labor thousands of Acres were to be Cleared by the / Command given there / and soe Virginia wth in / this 30 yeares would have / binn found wth Thousand / thousand Acres of / Cleared ground to the / Unspeakable benifit of / that Country and a / Few mens labors at / Certaine times would have / donn greate mattres in / this kind: But this / and many more most / needfull Commands were / all made Fruiteles by that most iniust / taking a way the / Companys patten at / that time by Gondamores and other mens most / wicked practizes / who knew the then / growth of that Plantation / might be feared would be / of danger to His Mayster's [[Master's? or possibly Majesty's]] West Indies by Sea and / land and there was alsoe / that noble designe one / Foote for the Discovery of the Western Sea by / land and removinge to the South River of Chawanoke to Plant Suger Indico. Cotton. Ginger; Vine. Silke Rice ollives [[symbol]] Captaine Daniell Tucker one Governor of Summer Ilands and an Old / planter in Virginia / designed for this happy plantation to the South 50 or 60 miles.

Bullock [pp. 62-63]: "Eleventhly, that they after all manner of [[page break]] slight Engines, that will save hand-labour, there being nothing dear in Countrey but labour"

Marginalia, at underlining:

This is a very good thing

Bullock comments on the headright system and states that the headright amounts to 50 acres [p. 63]

Marginalia:

100 acres is due

Bullock [p. 65]: “Those rich Mines of the West Indies were first offered by one man to Henry the seventh: but he not having faith enough to believe, or not willing to venture a little money to be satisfied of the truth, refused it: and after, it was offered by the same man to the then King of Spain [[double underline on Spain]] who hearkened to him; and all the world knows, that from this one mans motion, the Kings of Spain have within this 150 yeares received from thence many thousand millions of pounds: besides, it hath extreamly enriched the Gentlemen, and Merchants of that kingdom.”

Marginalia, announced by underlining and the figure of a pointing hand at the reference to Henry VII:

Nay lett the Noble queen Isabella have the Honour of it She did sett Columbus out / And soe gained those[[?]] Riches of West Indies: the king of Spayn was as wise as the king of England  
Marginalia, addressing the same passage, announced by } and “Note”:

Most true and I feare the / Englishe in Virginia now / have as littell Faith and / soe will have as greate / a losse as he had then / To them is propoun[d]ed the / Discovery of the West Sea on / the backe of Virginia in / 37 where Sr F. Drake was / This in 6 or 8 days Journy wth Ease and safty wth 50 foote and 30 horse / discovered parte by land parte / by Rivers lakes Inletts Bays / leading to it and then / from thence a Trade to / the East Indies Rich and / greate to be driven throught the Continent of Virginia [[symbol]]

Bullock: [p.65]: “But God, that is the Authour of all good things, hath not in in all this time been pleased to let any man looke further then [sic] Tobacco; and no man can say, but that he is now pleased freely to offer his blessings bestowed upon these Countries, in the riches thereof, to us, since all this time, there was never any man that had the heart to labour for the Generall good in this nature before.”

Marginalia, announced at underlining:

Sr by your good leave / this is a greate Mistake / if you speake of the time / past looke and see all / the Companys Orders Commands / there greate Expenc[e]s and / Actions in setting up of / Irone. the Plow. Corne / Silke Vines. Salte: Sope and Pott ashes: Tarr / Piche and what not all / and much more was in Action / in that Noble Earle of Southampto[n] / days then Governor heere / as all men knew 30 yeares / a goe this is truth undeniable as all men know and the only defailement / of all was only by the desolation of the Company whose patten was then / most uniuistly taken a way: By Gondamors procurement and the Spanish Faction and his Gould prevailed then to destroy Virginia the Prince / then unfortunately in Spayne: Soe all Concurred to poore Virginias overthrow: yeat god miraculous[s]ly hath kept it alive to this day.

Bullock [p. 65]: "I know being now againe alarm'd, will fiercely"

This passage is lined through as if with the intent of deletion.

Bullock announces where prospective settlers might find him [p. 66]

Marginal insertion, figure of a pointing hand

Letter draft and comments composed by Ferrar in endpapers of the Bodleian copy of Bullock's

*Virginia Impartially Examined*:

[[A begins]] This Booke should have goon to Virginia to a frind / there [[A ends]]

Sr I have sent you now this and an other Booke wch Came / forth last yeare the  
perusiall of wch Bookes may booth / in some things give you more Satis / faction than this /  
last each in there kinds/

But this Gentellman for his Matter of Discourse of Change of the Government & I  
take it was not at this time / proper nor [?] to have binn thus proposed [[B begins]] but he had  
/ his Excuse that Else he should not have binn permitted to goe [[B ends]]

He came safe to Virginia in September last but beinge / on the greate River in a  
Storme in a Small Boote it was over turned and he and others / throwne in to the Water and  
thought they / all gott to land yeat he wth in 14 days / after dyed [[figure "{" inserted here, see  
below]] by some water he had taken in / to his Body and soe to our much greife he / hath left  
his proiect of the Place to / others to Enterprize wch I pray god / they maye Follow as a thing  
of greate good and Gaine to all when you have / perused the booke[s] you will find much /  
worthy observation and some good direction/

But you maye observe he was Soe Sett upon his good Proiect of Plowinge as he  
wayved / the others Alsoe good things wch he ought / not to do for all might well have gone  
/ to gether hand in hand & [[C begins]] as good thinges ever doe: but Every man Comonly /  
playes his owne gaime and hath an / Eye cheifley upon it. [[C ends]]

[A] [B] and [C] were added at a later date

The symbol "{" at that point in the letter draft where Ferrar discusses Bullock's death directs  
the reader to the following discussion, same page, verso:

In A moneth time / and of 300: persons that / went in his Shipp he / lost but one in the /  
Voyadge / Landed all / well and in health and / they wanted nothing at / Sea At land he had  
/ before made such provision / as soe wise a man ought / to have done but failed / of Some  
frinds helpe there / at first arrival and / Soe poore Gentellman was / sorely put to it and forced  
to goe Seeke to buy Corne / him selfe in an open / Boate in Winter and by / ill weather Forced  
to lye in / the Cold Boate wth out any / Fyer or fitting Clothes tooke / Cold in 3 or 4 nights  
time / and soe fell sicke and / Dyed at Capt Mathewes Plantations [[symbol]]