

The Noble Appeal:

Establishing Truth in True Reports from the Early Modern Era

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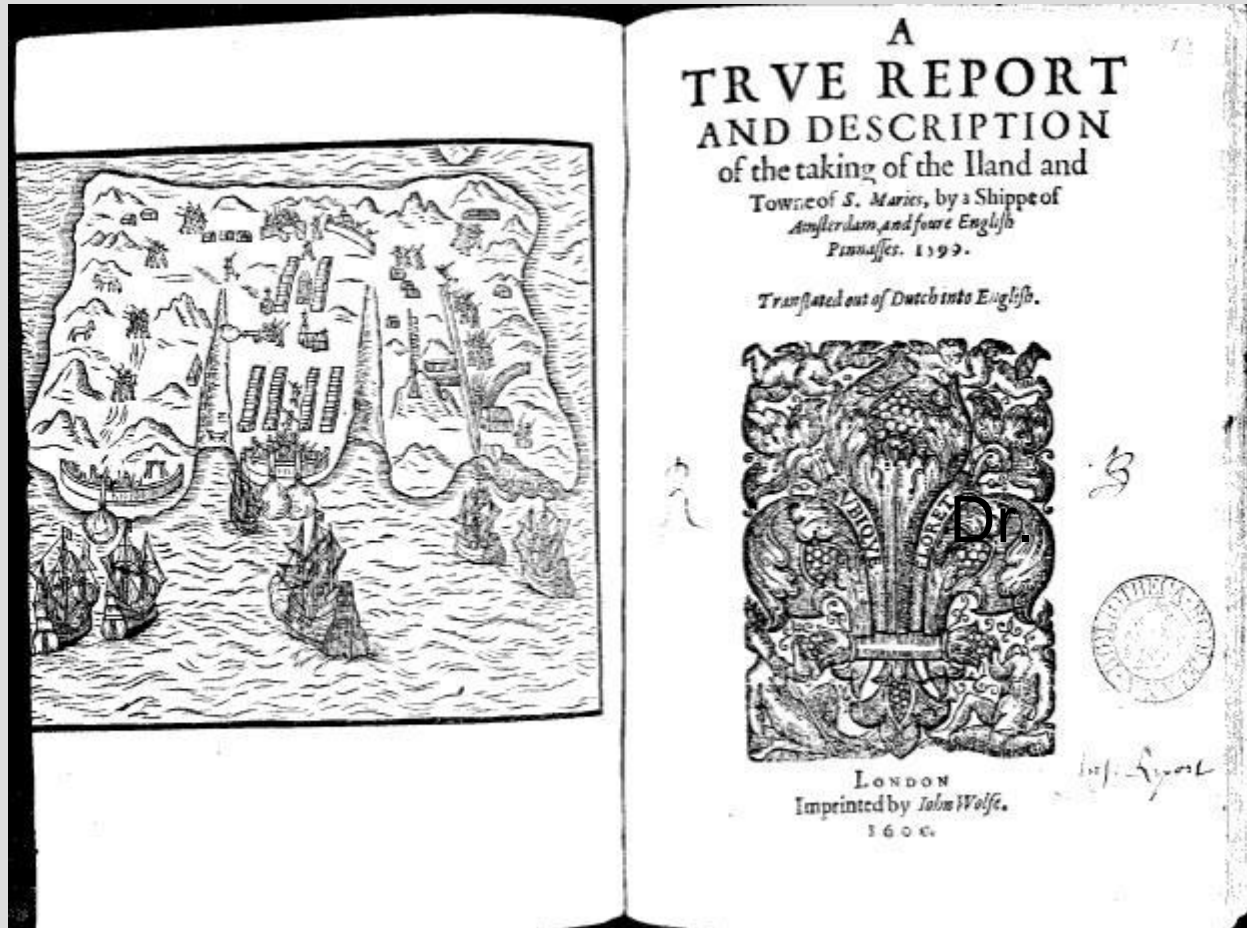
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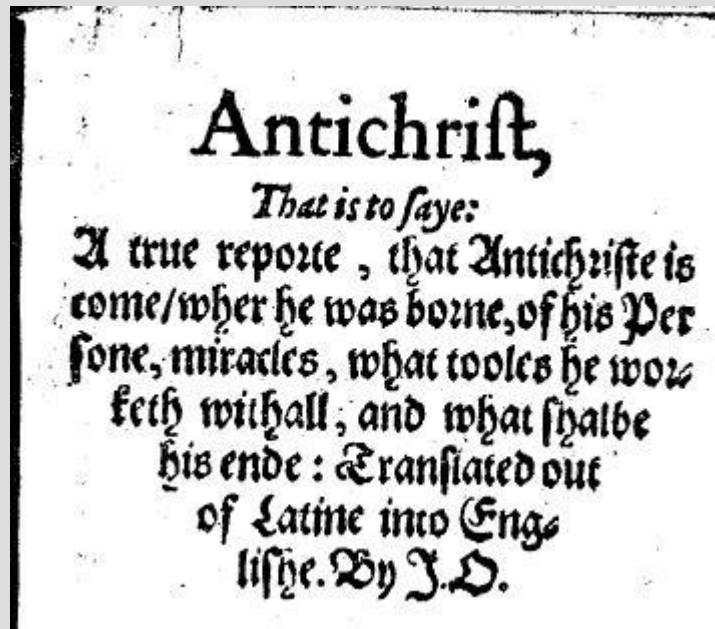


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Discover the power of ideas.

1550s



- Enforce the authority of the church

1560s

THE TRVE REPORT
of the burnyng of the Steple
and Church of Poules *2*
in London. *14.*
Jeremy. iii. 1. 7, 8.
I wpll speake suddenlye agaynst a nati-
on, or agaynst a kyngedome, to plucke
it vp, and to roote it out, and distroye
it. But yf that nation, agaynst
whome I haue pronounced, turne
from their wickednes, I wpll re-
pent of the plague that I thought
to bynge vppon
them.

- Establish validity of details

1570s

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¶ A true Reporte of the
taking of the great towne
and Castell of Polotzko, by the
King of Polonia.

¶ With the manner of the Assaults,
Batteries, Underminings, Skir-
mishes and Fyze woorkes, that
were there vsed, from the
11. of August to the 30
of the same Month.
1579.



- Showing the audience details

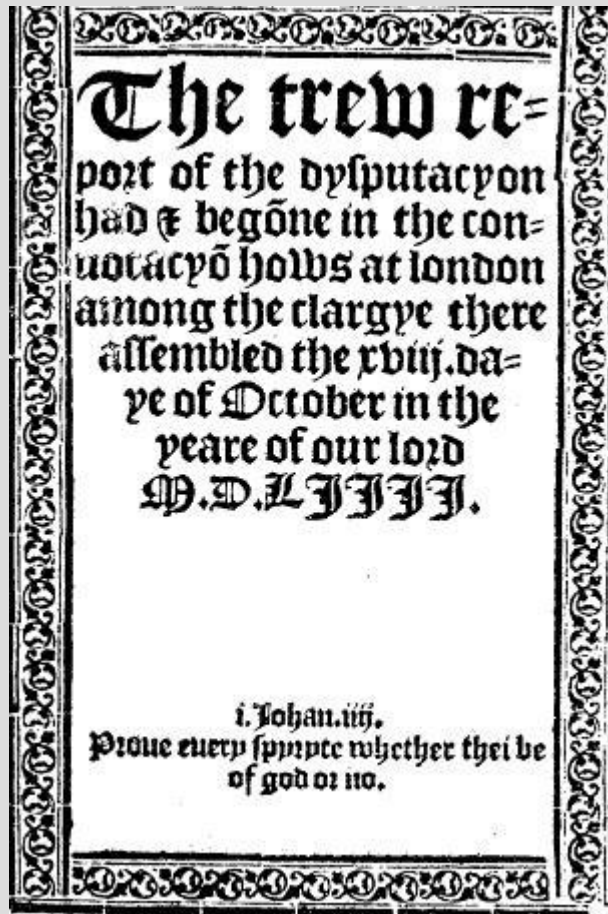
1580s and beyond



- Conquest and the New World

Early Reports:

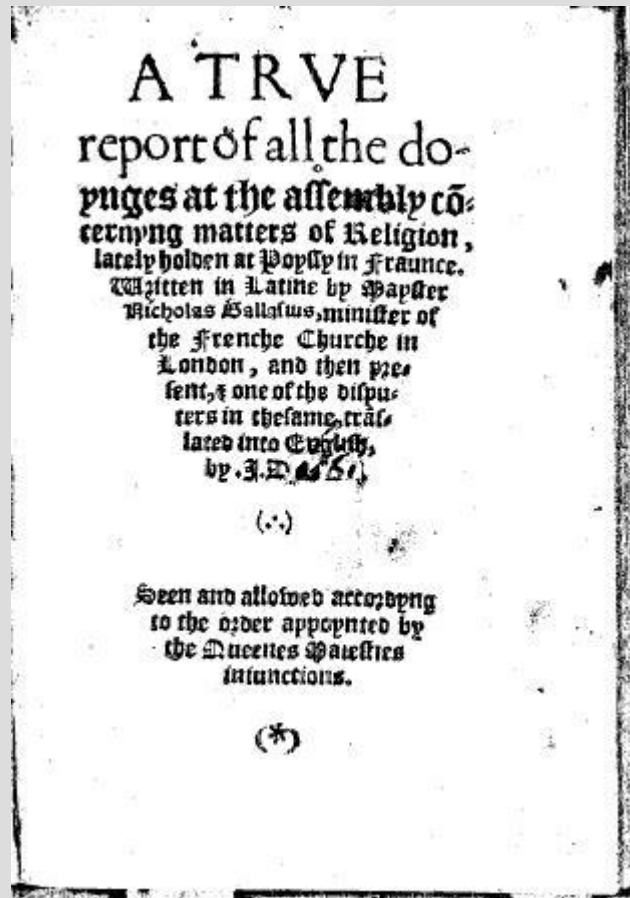
Archdeacon John Philpot v. Minister Nicolas des Gallars



- John Philpot
- Archdeacon of Winchester
- Winchester and London are both in Province of Canterbury

Early Reports:

Archdeacon John Philpot v. Minister Nicolas des Gallars



- Nicolas des Gallars
- Minister of French Church in London
- Foreign author writing from foreign land

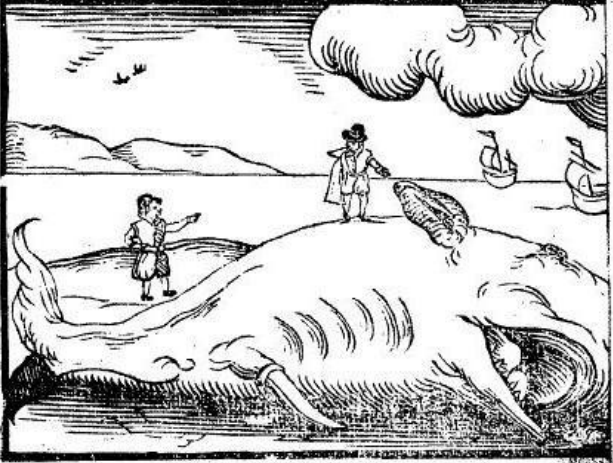
Strange Reports

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A
TRUE REPORT
AND EXACT DESCRIPTION
of a mighty Sea-monster, or Whale,
cast vpon Langar shore ouer against Harwich
in Essex, this present moneth of
Februarie 1617.

M. H. Holland

With a brieue touch of some other strange precedent and present occurrents.



LONDON
Printed for H. Holland and are to be sold by C. H. at the Globe in
Cornhill ouer against the Exchange. 1617.

- Eyewitnesses
- Lists of Details
- Images

Strange Reports

The true reporte of the forme and
shape of a monstros child, borne at Huche Horkeslepe, a village thye
myles from Colchester, in the Countye of Essex, the .xxi. Daye
of Apryll in this yeare. 1562.

O, prayse ye God and
blesse his name



His mightye hande hath
wrought the same.

- Religious context
- Specific location and name
- Moral of the story

Strange Reports

- List of Eyewitnesses



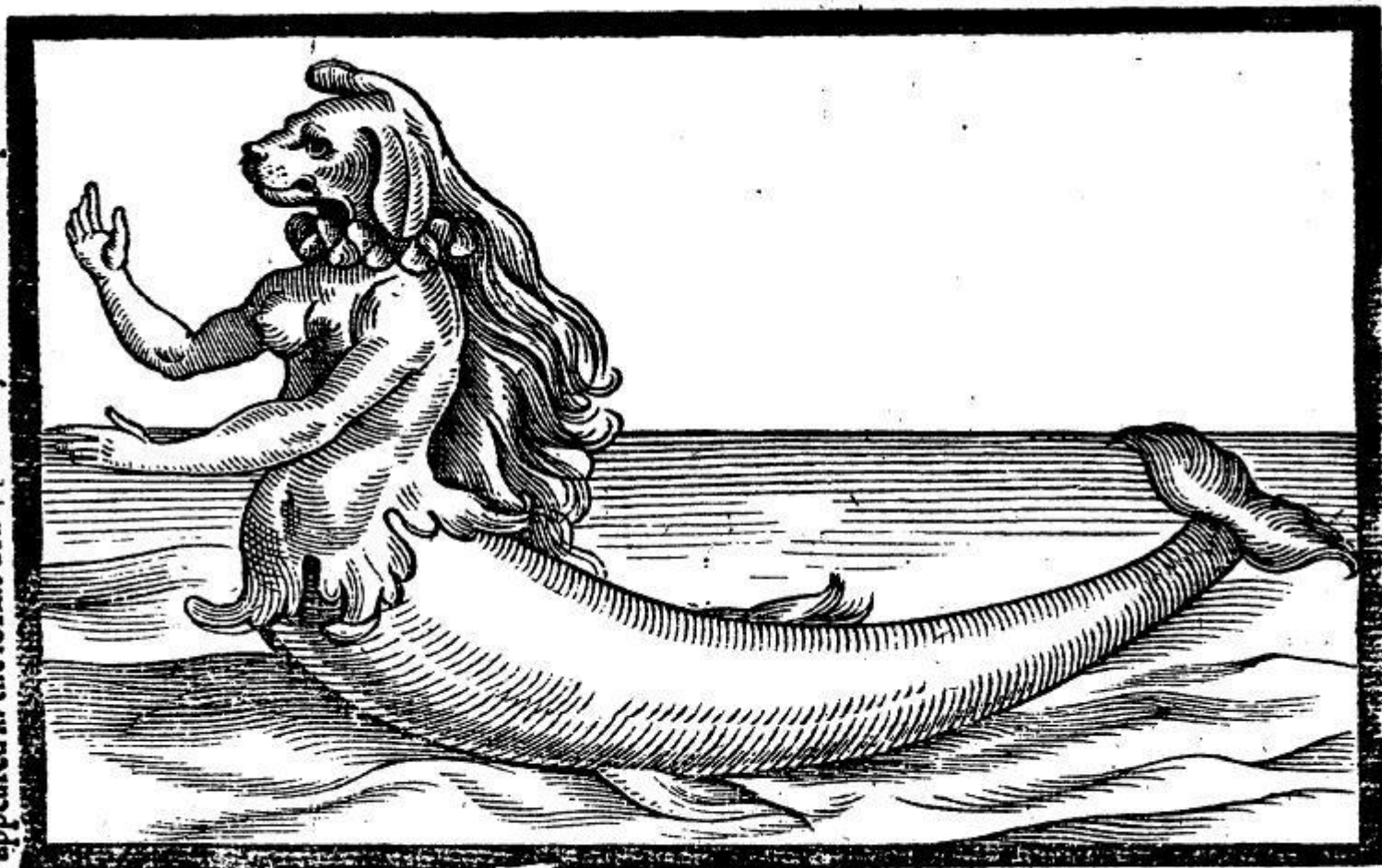
The Examiner *M. William Sandars* of Penden,
Examines.

<i>Thomas Raynold.</i>	}	<i>Alice Row.</i>
<i>William Raynold.</i>		<i>Ioane Moris.</i>
<i>John Raynold the elder.</i>		<i>Anne Moris.</i>
<i>John Raynold the younger.</i>		<i>Elinor Bullocke.</i>
<i>Dauid Moris Smith.</i>		<i>Kath rine Griphine.</i>
<i>Morish Webb.</i>		<i>Philip Day.</i>

Harry Mores of Mortas.
With many others, both of Penden and other places.

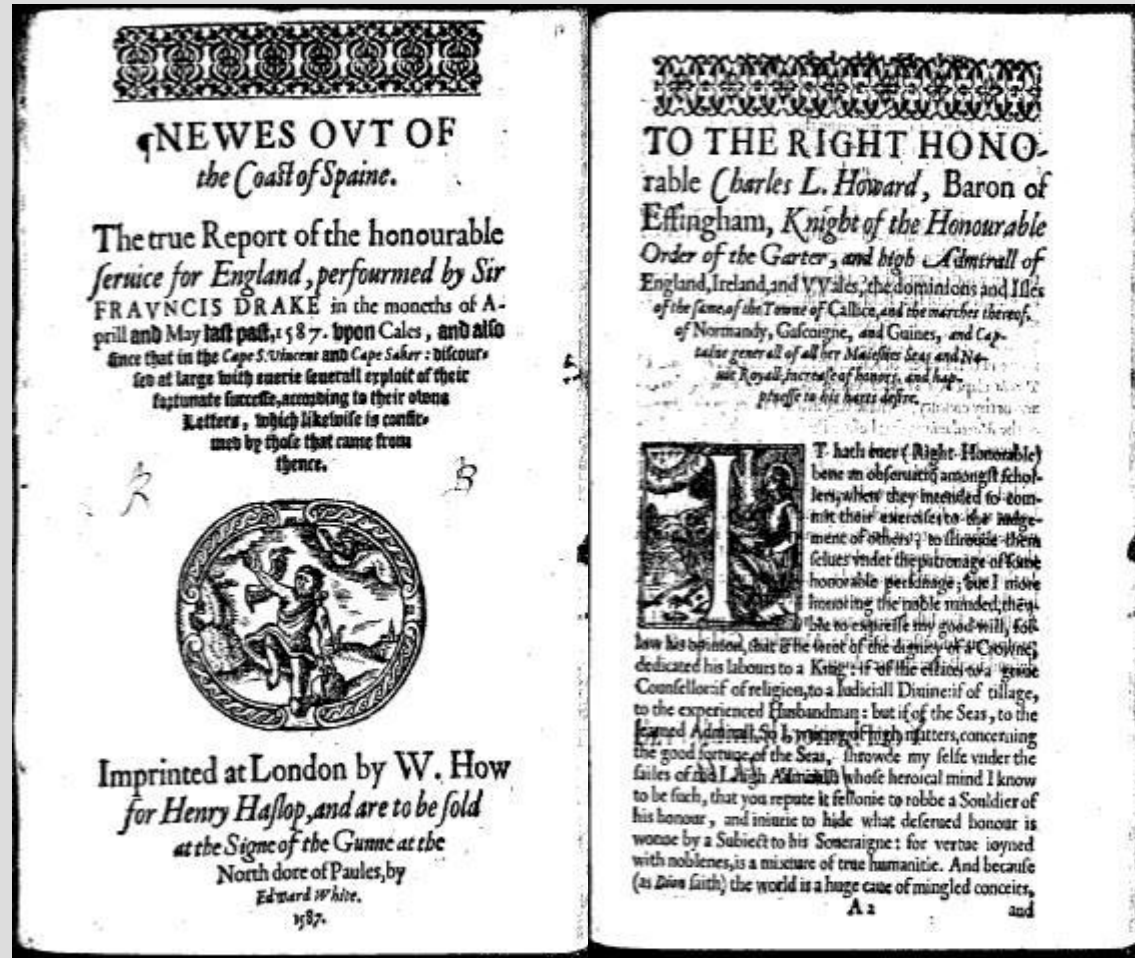
...because I know you want to see it rotated

A most strange and true report of a monstrous Fish, who
appeared in the forme of a Woman, from her waste vpwards.



Printed at London for W.B.

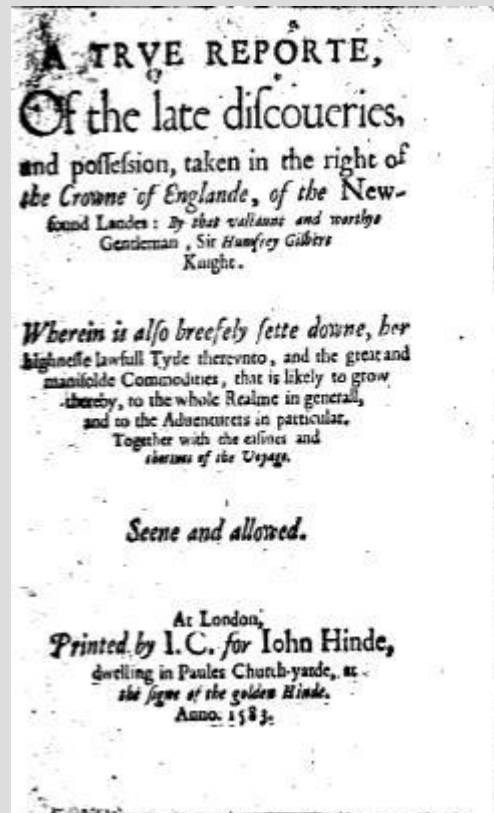
Distant Reports



- Epistle Dedicatory page for local support
- Lots and lots of details
- Confirming materials

Promotional Reports

- To promote the New World



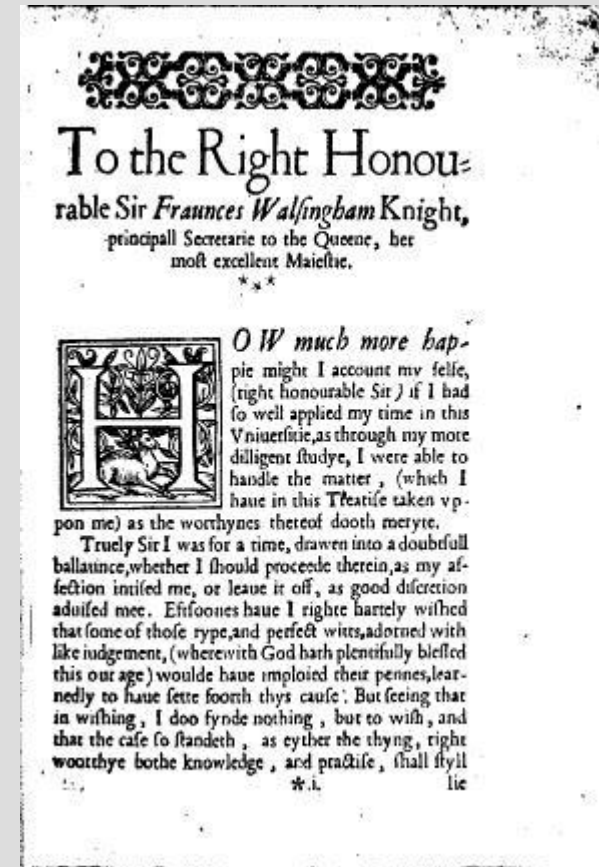
mighty GOD) to prooue that this voyage, late enterprised, for trade, traficke, and planting, in *America*, is an action tending to the lawfull enlargement of her Maiesties dominions, commodious to the whole Realme in generall. Profitable to the aduenturers in peticuler, beneficial to the Sa-uages, and a matter to be attained without any great dan-ger or difficultie.

The argu-ment of the Booke.

And lastlye (which moste of all is) A thing likewise tending to the honor and glory of almighty God: And for

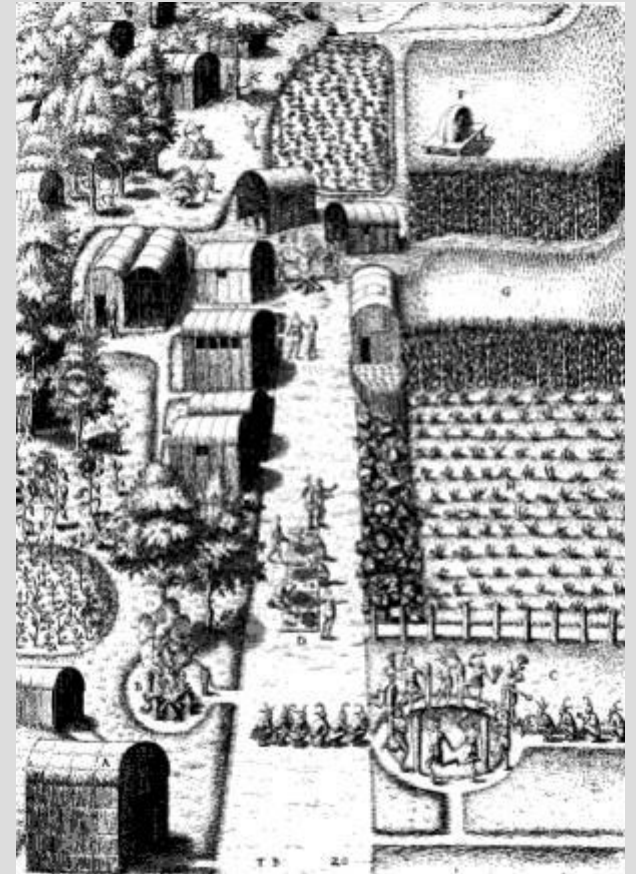
Promotional Reports

- Much support is needed to establish authority



Promotional Reports

...with images



Thank you

