



# BACON'S REBELLION

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# HISTORY

- ❖ “first stirring revolutionary sentiment in America” (Digital History)
- ❖ Occurred in 1676
- ❖ Involved the unrepresented backcountry farmers, indentured servants who didn’t own land, and the government
  - ❖ Needed protection from Indian raids for taking their land
- ❖ Nathaniel Bacon led the rebellion for these rights and had his group fight authority
- ❖ Treaty with Indians for land so that there was protection





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Being a full and true  
**ACCOUNT**  
OF THE  
**LIFE and DEATH**  
OF

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# DAMAGE DONE TO JAMESTOWN

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- ❖ Bacon's fighters burned down the center of Jamestown
- ❖ Looted the plantations and their owners that they didn't like
- ❖ And gave indentured servants the incentive of freedom if they joined the rebellion
- ❖ Governor William Berkeley went up against the rebellion and outlawed Bacon and his men
- ❖ Later during the fights, Bacon died of dysentery, causing the uprisings to die of without a leader



# EFFECTS OF THE REBELLION

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- ❖ Plantation owners were still afraid of another outburst from the indentured servants even after the fighting stopped
- ❖ Replaced servants with African slaves
- ❖ The population of slaves tripled from the time of the rebellion
- ❖ 1660- less than 1,000 slaves
- ❖ 1680's- 4,500-12,000 slaves
- ❖ 1677- a new treaty was made that opened up land for servants



# RELATION TO ENGLAND

- ❖ People came to America in order to be more liberated and to create smaller gaps between social classes.
- ❖ With the rebellion proved that these gaps were not getting any smaller.
- ❖ Whether in England or the Colonies, society was pretty much the same.
- ❖ They didn't intentionally want to be like England, but with their unwillingness to give people with lesser status good land, it proved that they still had similarities to England.