

Development of England's Earliest Colonies

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The success of the British establishment and control of the continents of America was a high ordered approach. The British were able to control many colonies such as Georgia, Carolina, and Maryland. Virginia was the first colony of the British in America and was known due to its agricultural potential as it contained huge fertile tracks of land that the British colonizers utilized by carrying out plantation farming. However, after sometimes, the British realized that other European countries such as Spain and Portugal were importing Africans to work as slaves in their plantations. As purported by Joseph. Locke and Ben Wright “the Portuguese began purchasing slaves for export to the Atlantic islands to work on the sugar field” (Pg. 27).

As such, the British also started shipping Africans to acquire laborers in their plantations too. The slaves were recruited differently, in Virginia, they were poked and prodded to see if they were stronger enough to work in different plantations such as those of tobacco and sugarcane. After establishing the Virginia colony, the British went ahead and established other colonies such as the Massachusetts bay colony. The main people who occupied this colony were

mostly noble. Massachusetts was governed by New England and the region was also administered by the Massachusetts Bay colony.

The British puritans went to the northerner's colony with a different ideology of religious reasons. As purported by Joseph. Locke and Ben Wright "*religious motives directed the rhetoric and much of the reality of these colonies*" (pg. 60). In Virginia, the British were interested in economic welfare and motives but this was different when they went to the northern colonies. The occupants of Massachusetts were British who had been chased from England following the corruption that was recorded in the churches of England. These groups of puritans after settling in the northern colonies created a government that was termed as mayflower compact and it had no motherland control as compared to those other southern colonies that obtained directives and orders from the King of England.