

There were two main European colonies which pioneered the way for the U.S.A. These were Jamestown and the Massachusetts Bay colony. Of these two, Massachusetts was more suitable for living than Jamestown of Virginia.

In Jamestown, the weather was very humid and hot. This rotted the houses which the English built. But the English could build houses in Massachusetts because the air was dry and healthy. Jamestown was marshy and wet. Malaria infested mosquitos were everywhere and the water was murky, not very suitable for drinking. Opposing this, Massachusetts had clear water supply suitable for drinking and there was no problem of disease-carrying mosquitos. The economy of Virginia and Jamestown was unstable. Settlers came expecting to make quick fortunes and leave. They built unsturdy shacks and searched for gold which they would never find. On the other hand, families came from England and into Massachusetts expecting to live a full life, not temporarily. The government of the Virginia colony was almost neandrothal. Because of poor conditions, the government had to be reshaped and reformed constantly to keep it's inhabitants living. It also relied heavily on English rule to keep intact. In the Massachusetts Bay colony, the government did not have the extreme problems which Virginia was facing, therefore it was not as reliant on the English government as the Virginia colony.

The Virginia colony was not suitable at all for habitation as was the Massachusetts Bay colony. More factors worked against Virginia than for them. As a result, the Massachusetts Bay colony flourished while the Virginia colony diminished.