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"Dysentery laid them low [settles up James town 1607-08] The
grim tumors, Ague and Fever, fell upon them,
settling their teeth chattering, their limbs quaking
with cold, then burning and parching their flesh
with maddening heat and racking their bones
with aching, and finally leaving them weak
of body and will, dispirited and miserable
and without nourishment or restoration.

The kind physicians Dr Thomas Wotton, and
the godly minister Remond Robert Hunt,
did all in their power to relieve and comfort
them, but their huts - hastily put up of green
timber thatched with reeds from the swamps
became houses of torture and death. "God
(being angry with us)" says Capt John Smith
"plagued us with such famine and sickness that

the king was scarce able to bury the dead."

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Lord Delawere in his report to the Va Company under
date of July 7, 1610 speaks of the "scarceness of the country"
and the colonists, one hundred & fifty being "lost and
at one time" and he is persuaded he would
have lost most of them had he not brought with
him good Dr Bohem and a store of medicines
which were already nearly exhausted" Col. Va. p 37.