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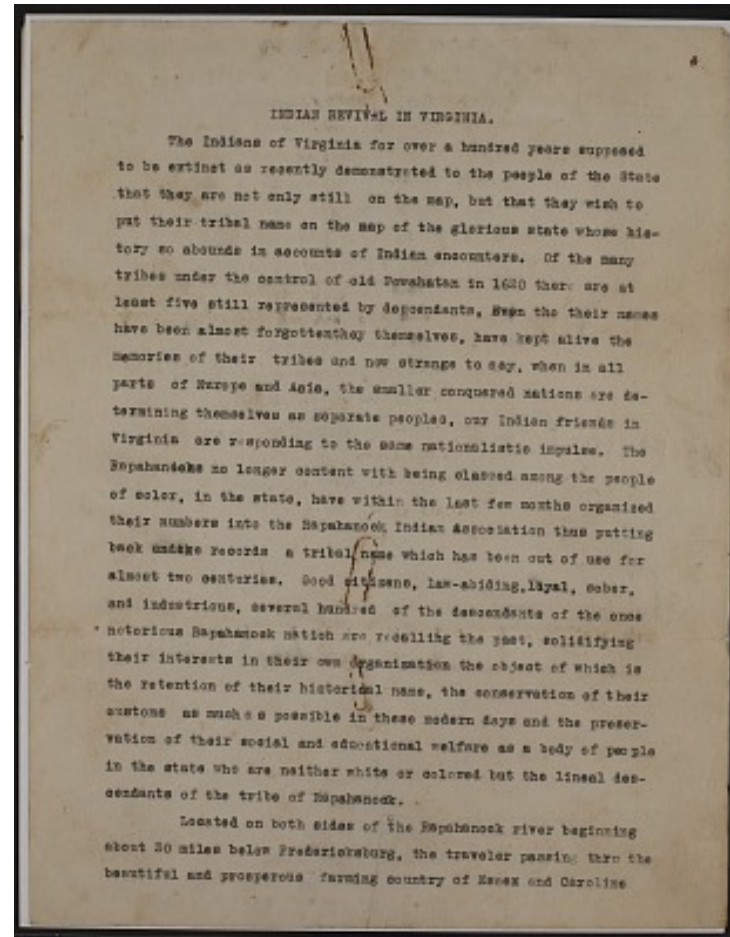
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## INDIAN REVIVAL IN VIRGINIA.

The Indians of Virginia for over a hundred years supposed to be extinct as recently demonstrated to the people of the State that they are not only still on the map, but that they wish to put their tribal name on the map of the glorious state whose history so abounds in accounts of Indian encounters. Of the many tribes under the control of old Powhatan in 1620 there are at least five still represented by descendants, even tho their names have been almost forgotten they themselves, have kept alive the memories of their tribes and now strange to say, when in all parts of Europe and Asia, the smaller conquer nations are determining themselves as separate peoples, our Indian friends in Virginia are responding to the same nationalistic impulse. The Rapahanocks no longer content with being classed among the people of color, in the state, have within the last few months organized their numbers into the Rapahanock Indian Association thus putting back under records a tribal name which has been out of use for almost two centuries. Good citizens, law-abiding, loyal, sober, and industrious, several hundred of the descendants of the once notorious Rapahanock nation are recalling the past, solidifying their interests in their own organization the object of which is the retention of their historical name, the conservation of their customs as much as possible in these modern days and the preservation of their social and educational welfare as a body of people in the state who are neither white or colored but the lineal descendants of the tribe of Rapahanock.

Located on both sides of the Rapahanock river beginning about 30 miles below Fredericksburg, the traveler passing thru the beautiful and prosperous farming country of Essex and Caroline



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