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of British intrenchments are still visible, and a monument commemorates the surrender. — From Yorktown the steamer ascends *Chesapeake Bay* to *Baltimore* (p. 268).

From Richmond to *Old Point Comfort*, see R. 67: to *Charleston*, see R. 71; to *Savannah*, see R. 74.

## 67. From Richmond to Norfolk and Old Point Comfort.

### a. By Steamer.

STEAMER down the James River to *Norfolk* and *Old Point Comfort* (116 M.) in 10 hrs. (fare \$1½). This is a pleasant and interesting trip. The steamers of the *Virginia Steamboat Co.* start on Mon., Wed., & Frid. at 7 a.m. and run to Newport News, Old Point Comfort, and Norfolk. Those of the *Baltimore Steam Packet Co.* ('Bay Line') leave on Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 3 p.m., calling at Old Point Comfort. Those of the *Old Dominion Co.* (for New York) leave on Mon. at 5 p.m. and call at Norfolk, but not at Old Point Comfort.

*Richmond*, see R. 66. The course of the *James River* is very circuitous and the direct distance from Richmond to its mouth is only about 7¼ M. The water is of a muddy brown colour, telling of the rich tobacco-growing soil through which it flows. Its ancient name was *Powhatan* (comp. p. 366).

Just below Richmond, on the left bank, is the site of Powhatan's home, where Pocahontas is said to have saved the life of Capt. John Smith. Several old iron-clad monitors are anchored here. — Farther on, on both banks, are earthworks of the Civil War.

7 M. (r.) *Drewry Bluff* (120 ft.), with remains of the old fortifications (see p. 369). — 8½ M. (l.) *Chaffin Bluff*, behind which lay *Fort Harrison* (p. 369). — 14 M. *The Dutch Gap Canal*, constructed by Gen. Butler to avoid the Howlett House Batteries, saves a detour of 5½ M. — 15 M. (l.) *Varina* was the home of Pocahontas and her husband John Rolfe. — 22 M. To the left, opposite *Turkey Bend*, rises *Malvern Hill* (p. 369). — Farther on (right) are the lowlands of *Bermuda Hundred*, where, in Grant's significant phrase, Gen. Butler was 'bottled up'. — 30 M. (l.) *Shirley*, a plantation still owned by the *Carters* (here pron. 'Cyarter'), one of the 'F.F.V.' (first families of Virginia).

— 32 M. (l.) *City Point*, at the mouth of the *Appomattox River* (p. 373), with the house of Dr. Epps, the headquarters of Grant in 1864-65. *City Point* is 12 M. from *Petersburg* (p. 373; railway). — 38 M. *Berkeley* (l.), with *Harrison's Landing* (p. 369), was the birthplace of the first *President Harrison* (1773-1841). — 39½ M. (l.) *Westover*, the former home of the Byrds and Seldens, is, perhaps, the finest old Colonial mansion on the James (comp. p. lxxxix). — 46¼ M. (r.) *Fort Powhatan*, a relic of the war of 1812. — 49½ M. *Brandon* (r.) and (53 M.) *Claremont* (r.) are good examples of Colonial houses. — 56 M. The *Chickahominy* (p. 369) joins the James.

68 M. (l.) *Jamestown*, the earliest English settlement in America, founded in 1607 by Capt. John Smith and Christopher Newport. The only remains of the ancient town are the tower of a ruined church

(in which Pocahontas was married) and a few tombstones. The river here expands into a wide estuary. Fleets of oyster-boats are seen.

80 $\frac{1}{2}$  M. *Deep Water Light*; 89 M. *Point of Shoals Light*.

101 M. **Newport News** (*Hotel Warwick*, \$4, R. from \$1), a flourishing little city, with 4449 inhab., large grain elevators, coal wharves, shipbuilding yards (dry-dock 625 ft. long), and iron-works. An electric tramway runs hence to Hampton and Old Point Comfort (p. 372). Steamers ply to Manchester (England) and many other ports. — We now enter **Hampton Roads**, one of the best harbours on the Atlantic coast. It was in these roads that the Confederate iron-clad *Virginia* (the old *Merrimac*) nearly annihilated the wooden fleet of the Union, until it was itself disabled by the opportune arrival from New York of the famous turret-ship *Monitor*.

110 M. *Old Point Comfort* and *Fortress Monroe*, see p. 372. To the N. (left) opens *Chesapeake Bay* (p. 273). — To reach Norfolk the steamer ascends the *Elizabeth River*, an arm of Chesapeake Bay.

116 M. **Norfolk** (*New Atlantic*, \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4; *Monticello*, new; *Norfolk*, \$2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; *Gladstone*, \$2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Brit. vice-consul, *Mr. Barton Meyers*), with 34,781 inhab., the second city of Virginia and excelled by Savannah alone among the Atlantic ports to the S. of Chesapeake Bay, was founded in 1682. The staples of its busy export-trade are cotton, coal, oysters, and early fruits and vegetables (strawberries, 'goubers' or pea-nuts, etc.). The city is irregularly laid out but contains some pleasant residence-quarters. A visit may be paid to one of the large *Cotton Compresses*, in which the bales of cotton are prepared for transport by being reduced by hydraulic pressure to one-fourth their original size. *St. Paul's Church*, dating from 1730, was struck by a British cannon-ball in 1776, but the one now resting in the indentation is not the original.

On the opposite bank of the Elizabeth (ferry) lies **Portsmouth** (*Madison Ho.*, \$2-4), a city of 13,268 inhab., with an excellent harbour. At *Gosport*, the S end of Portsmouth, is the *Navy Yard* (open 8-5), the most important in the country, with a huge dry-dock. To the N. is a large *Naval Hospital*. — The *Seaboard Air Line* runs hence to (79 M.) *Weldon* (where it connects with the Atlantic Coast Line, p. 384) and on to *Ratleigh* and *Atlanta* (see R. 69c.).

From Norfolk a short branch-line runs to (18 M.) *Virginia Beach* (*Princess Anne Hotel*, \$3-5), a seaside-resort on the Atlantic coast, surrounded by pine-forest. — The *Dismal Swamp* (see p. 373) may be easily visited from Norfolk. — *Currituck Sound*, 30 M. to the S. of Norfolk, offers splendid wild-fowl shooting. — Steamers ply from Norfolk to *Old Point Comfort* (p. 372;  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.; fare 25c.), *Yorktown* and *West Point* (p. 369), *Richmond*, *New York*, *Baltimore*, *Washington*, etc.

### b. Via Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad.

RAILWAY to (85 M.) *Old Point Comfort* in 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -3 hrs. (fare \$2.50). STEAM FERRY from (15 M.) *Newport News* to (12 M.) *Norfolk* in  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr. (through-fare \$2.50). — Norfolk is reached from Richmond by railway via *Petersburg* in 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. (see pp. 388, 373).

*Richmond*, see R. 66. The train runs to the S.E., down the peninsula between the *York River* and the *James River*, a flat region