Video Transcript: Quotes from the Jamestown Settlers

George Percy: 00:03 "Now, all of us at Jamestown beginning to feel that sharp prick of hunger, which no man truly describe, but he which have tasted the bitterness thereof." — George Percy.

John Smith: 00:24 "There remain not past 60 men, women, and children, most miserable and poor creatures, and those were preserved, for the most part, by roots, herbs, acorns, walnuts, berries, now and then a little fish. Yea, even the very skins of our horses." — John Smith.

George Percy: 00:51 "Then, having fed upon horses and other beasts, as long as they lasted, we were glad to make shift with vermin, as dogs, cats, rats, and mice." — George Percy.

William: 01:13 "Our nets broken, the deer chased, our boats lost, our hogs killed, our trade with the Indians, forbidden. Some of our men fled, some murdered, and most, by drinking of the brackish water of James Fort, weakened and endangered. Famine and sickness, by all these means, increased." — William Strachey.

George Percy: 01:46 "Some were enforced to search the woods, and to feed upon serpents and snakes, and to dig the earth for wild and unknown roots, where many of our men were cut off of and slain." — George Percy.