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*Fredericksburg, Virginia*

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Chatham's pre-war prosperity depended on slavery. Dozens of slaves toiled in the fields and in buildings like this kitchen for little more than the clothes on their backs and the food on their plates. In 1805, some of Chatham's slaves rebelled, killing one white man and whipping their overseer. The authorities punished the rebellious slaves, executing one and sending the others away.