

Carpets

1774 In Paris there is a manufactory
of Carpets after the manner of Persia
and they are like the Carpets from
the Levant, velvety. It was established
by the Sieur Dupont, upholsterer
to King Louis XIII. Henry IV by
his warrant, dated 4 January 1608
settled them at first in the galleries of
the Louvre and Louis XIII gave them
in 1631 the house called Le Choumme
In 1635 the Sieur Dupont published
a treatise on the manufactory of
Carpets. Louis XIV gave them the
same privileges which were enjoyed by
the Gobelines. ~~These carpets imitated~~
~~from those of the Levant, are made~~
~~after the manner of Asiae. Other kinds~~
of carpets were made in Normandy
and Artois. The carpets imported into
France were from Persia and Turkey
Some of these are called Mosquets

and are sold by the piece These are
the most beautiful of all. Other large
ones are stiled Pic-carpets. The
most ordinary sort are called Cordene
A few carpets at this time were
made in Germany and England

1774 George III it was enacted that
if any person exports any such
tools or utensils as are commonly
used in the cotton or linen manufactures
or other goods wherein cotton or
linen are used or any part of such
tools or utensils he shall not only
forfeit the same, but also £ 200

Carpets were introduced about the
middle of the 18 century, and their use
for some time was far from general.
They were made to cover the centre of the
floor, the chairs and tables not resting on
but around it - The floor was sanded
1755 Mrs Franklin wrote to her
husband. - Philadelphia Vol 2. Westcott

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English settlement was made at Jamestown in Virginia. The condition of the English in the century which includes the early history of the American colonies, was devoid of comfort. The houses of the common people were many of them built of mud and wood, thatched with straw, and consisted of one room without division of stories. The floor was the bare earth or clay covered with ashes or straw. There were no carpets among the early Dutch settlers in New York until the period of the Revolution. The famous Captain Kidd, it is said, owned the first modern carpet in his best room, and the pirate's house was the best furnished in the town. It was from Turkey and resembled a large rug. The custom of sanding the floor of the principal room or parlor was universal.

The Netherlands did not encourage

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