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REGISTER OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,  
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Bond of Govert Loockemans and Cornelis Leendersen for goods  
brought over in the ship Coninck David

[1] [Before me, Cornelis van T]ienhoven, secretary residing in New Netherland [for the Chartered] West India [Company, in the presence of the] undersigned witnesses, [appeared] Govert Loockmans [and Cornelis Leendersen and acknowledged] for themselves, their heirs [and successors] that they had received from the hands of Jop Arentsen, [master of the] ship Coninck David,<sup>1</sup> all the goods and merchandise in good condition, except one hogshead of brandy and one ditto of mead, the damage to which is deducted from the freight, all according to the invoices thereof signed by Jop Arentsen, which are therefore returned to him.

The above named Govert Loockmans [and Corn]elis Leendersen also acknowledge that they are well and truly indebted to the afore[said] master for freight of the goods according to the bills of lading — first, thirty Carolus guilders for account of him, Loockmans; secondly, six hundred and seventy-four guilders for Gillis Verbruggen, and again seventy-five guilders for freight of brick and tiles, so that the whole sum, added together, amounts to seven hundred and seventy-nine guilders, from which is to be deducted the leakage from the hogsheads of brandy and mead, being thirty-five guilders, so that the sum which the master is still to receive at Amsterdam from

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<sup>1</sup> King David. The vessel sailed from the Texel on July 30, 1641, and arrived at Manhattan on Nov. 29, 1641. A journal of the voyage, kept by Anthony de Hooges, is printed in Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 581-603.

Mr. Gillis Verbruggen amounts to seven hundred and forty-four guilders net. They, the appearers, promise that the same shall be paid and satisfied, free of costs and charges, by Mr. Verbruggen aforesaid, for which and the fulfilment hereof they bind their respective persons and properties, movable and immovable, submitting the same to the Provincial Court of Holland and West Friesland and to all other courts, judges and justices. In testimony whereof this is signed by the appearers, together with Adriaen van Tienhoven and [        ], as witnesses hereto invited, the 7th of January A<sup>O</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Gouert Loockemans

Cornelis Lenders

Dirck Corssen Stam  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

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Bond of Dirck Corssen Stam to skipper Jop Arentsen for the payment of his board on the voyage to New Netherland

[2] [I, the undersigned] Dirck Corsen,<sup>1</sup> hereby acknowledge that I am well and truly [indebted to Jop Aertsen, skipper of the] ship C[on]nck Davit, [in the sum of        ] hundred and eighty-six Carolus guilders, computed at 20 stivers [the guilder], aris[ing from] board on said ship consumed with Abraham G[revenraet] on [the voyage] from Amsterdam to New Netherland. Therefore I, Dirck Corsen aforesaid, do promise that the above mentioned sum shall be satisfied and paid, free of costs and

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<sup>1</sup> The words "and Abraham Grevenraet" are canceled and "we" is changed to "I." The same change is made wherever the name of Dirck Corsen occurs in the original.

charges, by Mr. Hendric Grevenraet, merchant at Amsterdam, whenever the above named skipper or the lawful bearer shall present this [bond] to Mr. Hendric Grevenraet; for which and as further security I, Dirck Corsen, bind my person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to all courts, judges and justices, all without fraud, and in testimony of the truth this is signed by me and the witnesses hereto. Done in Fort Amsterdam, the 7th of January 1642, New Netherland.

Dirck Corssen Stam

Houert Loockemans  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

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Will of Jan Bartram, formerly lieutenant commander at Curacao

[3] [In the year after the birth] of our Lord and Savior [Jesus Christ, six]teen hundred [and forty-]two, [the sixth]<sup>1</sup> day of January, [before me,] Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] residing in New Netherland [for the] Chartered West India Company, in the presence of, and before the undersigned witnesses, [appeared] Jan Bartram, born at 's-Gravenhage, lying abed sick at the house of Barent Dircksen, baker, residing on the island of Manhattan, but in full possession of his memory and understanding as it seemed evident to us, who declared that he,

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<sup>1</sup> See power of attorney from Pieter Jurgens to Elias de Baet, dated July 4, 1642.

reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof, and wishing to anticipate all such uncertainty by certain testamentary disposition, of his own free will, with full knowledge and after due deliberation, without inducement, persuasion or misleading on the part of any person, has made and concluded, as he hereby does make and conclude, his testament and disposition of last will in the form and manner herein after written:

First, after expressly revoking all and every testament and other disposition which he, before the date hereof, has in anywise made, executed or granted, he first commends his soul, always and whenever it shall leave his body, to the infinite mercy of Almighty God, and his body to a Christian burial, in the hope of a glorious resurrection at the last day. And herewith coming to the disposition of all his possessions, means and effects, together with wages and earned monthly pay, all other profits and earnings and all such houses and lands as he, the testator, has lying at Lutjenburch<sup>2</sup> in the duchy of Holstein, the testator has bequeathed, made over and left, as he hereby bequeaths, makes over and leaves the same, to Catrina Lysinck from Coetsvelt,<sup>3</sup> his, the testator's, present wife, and that

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shown [ ]

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<sup>2</sup> Lütjenburg, a small city, a few miles east of Kiel, in Holstein.

<sup>3</sup> Koesfeld, in Westphalia.

<sup>4</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

out of all [ ]  
 Barent [ ]  
 Dircksen [ ]  
 Sergeant Rodolff [ ]

requesting and requiring [that every one shall acknowledge] this to be his last [will and testament and] requesting that this may [take effect and] after his death be observed and [fulfilled] before all courts, judges and [justices]. Furthermore, that she, Catrina Lysinc, after the testator's death shall be left in undisputed possession of all that shall belong to her under this will, without being obliged to render any statement or accounting thereof to any of the testator's relatives or friends.<sup>5</sup> In token and testimony of the honest truth this signed with his own hand and by the witnesses hereto invited, the day and year above written. Done as above.

Jan Bartram

1642

Sibet Clasen

This is the X mark of

Hendric Pietersen from Wesel

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witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>5</sup> Vrienden oft bekenden; literally, friends or acquaintances, but probably intended for "relatives or friends," the word vrienden being used in the sense of bloedvrienden, or blood relations.

Adoption by Pieter Wolphertsen van Couwenhoven of Aeltje Pieters  
as his child and heir

[4a] [I, the undersigned, Pieter] Wolphersen, [hereby] acknowledge for myself, [my heirs and] successors, that this day, date underwritten, I have adopted, as I do hereby adopt, Aeltje Pieters, my own daughter,<sup>1</sup> whom I have begotten and procreated by Maria de Truy, therefore promising from this date to do by the above named my daughter as a God-fearing father is bound and ought to do by his own and legitimate daughter. Therefore, I hereby discharge and release Cornelis Volckersen,<sup>2</sup> husband and guardian of the above named Maria de Truy, from all charges and responsibilities incidental to the bringing up of a child till she becomes of age, I, Pieter Wolphersen, promising to look after the child, to let her learn to read and to bring her up according to my means. Furthermore, if I do not beget any children by my present wife, the above named child shall be my rightful heir and inheritrix as if she were duly begotten in lawful wedlock; and if it happen that children be begotten by me and my wife, the above named Aeltjen Pieters shall receive like the legitimate children on my side a just child's portion of all such goods, means and effects as the Lord God Almighty shall be pleased to bestow upon me. Requesting that this may

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<sup>1</sup> At this point the words "of Cornelis Volckersen" are erased.

<sup>2</sup> Cornelis Volckertsen Viele, from Kniphuysen, or Kniphausen, in Oldenburg. He came to New Netherland at an early date and returned to Holland as a sailor on the ship Eendracht before December 1635. He afterwards settled as a tavernkeeper at New Amsterdam and married Maria du Trieux, the daughter of Philippe du Trieux. See N.Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, (1918) 49:224, 228.



have effect before all courts, I have signed this without fraud  
in the presence of the subscribing witnesses hereto invited.

Done the 7th of January 1642.

This is the X mark of Pieter Wolphersen

Jacob Couwenhoven

Philippe du Trieux

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Draft on Kiliaen van Rensselaer in favor of the skipper of the  
ship Coninck David

[4b] I, [the undersigned, Anthony de Hooges], hereby  
[acknowledge that this day, date underwritten, I] have [received  
from skipper Jop Arentsen], dry and in good condition, all the  
goods shipped by Mr. Kiliaen van Rensselaer in [the ship Coninck  
Davit], for the freight of which there shall be paid by the said  
Mr. [Rensselaer] to the above named Jop Arentsen the sum of  
[eight?] hundred and sixty-eight guilders, according to the bill  
of lading signed by the above named Jop Arentsen. The aforesaid  
Mr. Rensselaer shall pay for the board of Antony de Hogens, Jan  
[Ver]beeck, his wife, child and maid, Geertjen Nannex, her son  
and little daughter, Lucas Smits from Coerlant<sup>1</sup> and Jan Tenessen  
what is due to the skipper, to wit, for the ten above mentioned  
persons, each one hundred and twenty-six days, from the 23d of  
July 1641, when they came on board the ship, to the 29th of

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<sup>1</sup> Kurland, in the district of Gumbinen, East Prussia. See  
Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 615.

November last, when they landed at the Manhatans in New Netherland, at 7 stivers each per day, amounting in all to four hundred and forty-one guilders, and thirty-three guilders for freight of the chests of the people, according to Lincklaer's<sup>2</sup> signature. All this without fraud. In testimony whereof this is signed by Antony de Hooge and the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 7th of January 1642.

Antony de Hooges

Maurits Janse, witness

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Power of attorney from Rev. Everardus Bogardus to Wouter van Twiller to collect money from Jacobus van Curler

[5] [This day, date under]written, [before me, Cornelis van] Tienhoven, secretary [in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company], appeared Everardus Bogardus, minister here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, the Hon. Mr. Wouter van Twiller, late director general of New Netherland, in his name and on his behalf to collect, demand and receive from Mr. Jacob van Curler the sum of three hundred and sixty-three Carolus guilders, as appears from the obligation signed by the aforesaid Jacobus van Curler, dated the 28th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1641;<sup>1</sup> and whenever he, the attorney, shall have obtained and received the aforesaid sum, he shall have power to execute a receipt and discharge for the same; if necessary,

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<sup>2</sup> J. Lincklaen, a clerk in the warehouse of the West India Company at Amsterdam. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 567, and facsimile opposite p. 556 of that volume, where the name has been printed as Eincklaen.

<sup>1</sup> See N. Y. Col. MSS., 1:277.

institute and carry on legal proceedings in the matter, and furthermore, if it should please him, the attorney, substitute one or more persons [in his place] with the same or like power, he the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by the above named attorney or his substitute. In testimony whereof this is signed by the principal and the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 8th of January 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

E. Boghardus, Eccl. Manahat.

Harmannus A. Booghardy

Maurits Jans

} witnesses

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Lease from Andries Hudde to John Underhill of a house and plantation situated near Keskaechqueren, L. I.

[6] [Before me, Cornelis] van Tienhoven, secretary residing [in New Netherland for the General Chartered] West India [Company, appeared] Mr. Jan Onderhil, who acknowledged in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that he had leased from Mr. Andries Hudden his house and plantation situated on the flatland near Keskaechqueren,<sup>1</sup> on the conditions and terms hereinafter written, to wit:

Mr. Jan Onderhil shall have the use of the aforesaid house and tobacco house and may cultivate the land which is fenced and that which is unfenced for two consecutive years, beginning the first of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1642 and ending the first of May 1644, or,

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<sup>1</sup> Kes-ka-ech-que-rem, the council place. The exact location is uncertain. Cf. Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:4, 14, 36.

if it suits the said Onderhil to take possession before the first of May next, the term of the lease shall commence whenever he shall take possession and terminate precisely two years afterwards. For all of which the above named Mr. Jan Onderhil shall pay as rent yearly to the above named Mr. Hudden, or his agent, two hundred pounds of well cured tobacco. For all of which he, the lessee, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, under submission to the Provincial Court of Holland and West Friesland and all other courts, judges and justices, all without fraud.

The lessor further promises to leave to the lessee during the lease, the full possession and use of his house and tobacco house and of the land belonging to him, without in anywise obstructing him, unless he be necessitated to build elsewhere another house, that is to say outside of the present fenced land. Done the 16th of January 1642 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

John Vnderhill

A Hudde

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor: v: Tienh:, Secretary

Bill of sale from Isaac Allerton to Cornelis Leendersen and  
Govert Loockermans of the bark De Hoop

[6b] This [day, date underwritten], before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], appointed [secretary] in [New Netherland] for the [General Chartered] West India Company, [appeared] Isaack [Allerton, of the] first part, and Cornelis Leendersen and Govert Loockmans, jointly of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that they had agreed and contracted in all friendship about the purchase of the bark called De Hoop,<sup>1</sup> hitherto navigated by the aforesaid Mr. Allerton, and that on the conditions and terms hereinafter written, to wit:

Isaack Allerton aforesaid acknowledges that he has sold to Cornelis Leendersen and Govert Loockmans aforesaid, who also acknowledge that they have purchased, the aforesaid bark with the standing and running rigging and the boat, as good or as bad as it now sails with the vessel, together with the sails, hawsers, anchors, ropes, pot, kettles and all such other utensils as are at present used on said bark, without any exception, and that for the sum of eleven hundred Carolus guilders, the guilder reckoned at 20 stivers.

The above named Mr. Allerton shall have the use of the said bark until he shall have sailed from here to the Rodeberch,<sup>2</sup> [6b (2)] [where he is to remain one] or two days. [He shall then] sail back [to the Manhatans] and there remain [one or more days to unload] his goods, at the expiration of which lay

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<sup>1</sup> "Hope."

<sup>2</sup> Red Mount, now New Haven, Connecticut.

days the above named Mr. Allerton shall be bound to deliver the aforesaid bark in Matetusjes bay<sup>3</sup> to the above named Cornelis Leenderssen, who shall then also be bound to receive the aforesaid bark according to the inventory which shall be made out to-morrow, with express condition that Mr. Isaac Allerton, after the delivery of the bark aforesaid, shall have the privilege of loading in said bark, free of charge, for one voyage from the above named bay three lasts of goods, such as he may think proper, which goods, if God grant a safe voyage from the bay to the Manhatans in New Netherland, shall be discharged at the expense of Allerton in front of Fort Amsterdam or thereabouts. For all of which they, Cornelis Leendersen and Govert Loockmans, jointly promise to pay to the above named Isaack Allerton or his attorney, the aforesaid eleven hundred Carolus guilders, to wit, one just third part on the last of April next ensuing, the second payment of one just third part on the last of October next, and the third and last part on the last of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, and that upon [the express promise of him], Isaac [Allerton] that he shall deliver the aforesaid bark free [from] all claims and demands in the least which any one, no matter who he may be, may pretend to have upon the aforesaid bark, all according to the usage and custom of the sea, and for the fulfilment and better performance and security hereof, [we], Cornelis Leendersen and Govert Loockmans, jointly, each one for the whole and as principal, bind our

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<sup>3</sup> Massachusetts Bay.

persons and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the Provincial Court of Holland and West Friesland and to all other courts, judges and justices. In testimony and proof of the truth this signed by the respective parties and the witnesses hereto invited. Authentic instruments in debita forma having been requested, two copies of like tenor have been made hereof. Done the 20th of January 1642, on the island of Manhattan at the house of Govert Loockmans.

Dirck Corssen Stam, witness

Isaac Allerton

This is X the mark of

Govert Loockemans

Tymon Jansen, witness

Cornelis Leenders

Maurits Janse, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Jan Teunissen to build a house for Adam Roelantsen

[7] [This day, date under]written, before [me, Cornelis van Tienhove]n, secretary [in] New Netherland appointed [by the Gen]eral Chartered West India [Company], appeared Jan Teunessen, house carpenter, of the first part, and Adam Roelantsen from Dockum, of the second part, who before and in the presence of the undersigned persons acknowledged that they had amicably agreed and contracted about the building and construction of a house on the conditions and terms hereinafter written, to wit:

Jan Teunessen acknowledges that he has undertaken to build for Adam Roelantsen, who also acknowledges that he has engaged Jan Teunesen to build, a house thirty feet long, eighteen feet

wide, eight feet story under the beams, the end beams with corbels, all hewn square; the house [to be] enclosed all around with clapboards and covered with a good thatched roof, properly made, [and to have] a tight ceiling of clapboards, three four-light windows, two outer doors, a vestibule, a pantry, a bedstead, a cased-in stairway to the garret, the chimney with wood[en shaft] extending above the roof and a mantelpiece built around it, a passage way three feet wide, with a partition. Which house aforesaid, built and properly covered in the manner specified above, he, Jan Teunesen, promises to deliver on the first of next August for the sum of three hundred and fifty Carolus guilders, Holland currency, payable by Adam Roelantsen, one-half when the lumber for the above mentioned house shall be brought to the place where the house is to stand and the other half when the house shall be properly completed. Which [they, Adam Roelantsen and Jan Teunesen, promise to pay] and to make [ ], binding [therefor their persons] and properties, [movable and immovable, present] and future, [without exception], one for the fulfilment of [this contract] at his own expense and the other for the payment of the specified [sum]. In witness and token of the truth this is signed by the parties and the witnesses [hereto invited], the 7th of February A<sup>O</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Adam Roelants

Jan Tuens

Maurits Jansen, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary



Contract between Thomas Chamers and Nicolaes Boot to build a house and divide Boot's plantation

[8] Before me, Cornelis [van Tienhoven, secretary] in New Netherland [appointed] by the General [Chartered West India] Company, appeared Nicolaes Willem Boot and Tames Camers,<sup>1</sup> who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had contracted in manner as follows, to wit: Tames Camers shall build a house 32 feet long and 18 feet wide, on condition that Nicolaes Boot shall assist him during the construction. Parties shall defray each one-half of the expense of all the materials necessary for the building and the labor of one shall be counted against that of the other and neither shall demand anything of the other therefor, provided that the land which the governor of New Netherland has granted to Nicolaes and on which the aforesaid house is to be built, as well as the house aforesaid, shall belong to both parties, each party having a half share in the true and rightful ownership thereof; which land shall be divided by parties on the first of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1642. If Nicolaes Boot happen to incur any expense on the tobacco plantation, either in felling trees, splitting or setting posts, or otherwise, said Tames Camers must pay him one half, it being well understood that the crop which Nicolaes shall make next summer shall belong exclusively to him. In witness and token of the truth this is signed by parties. Done the 17th of February A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

Niclaes Willems Boodt

This is the X mark of Tames Camers

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Chambers. Cf. document # [17a].

Contract between Johannes Winckelman and Pieter Cornelissen and Abraham Clock for the erection of a farmhouse at Achter Col

[9] This day, [date underwritten, before] me, Corn[elis van Tienhoven, secretary residing] in New Netherland for the General [Chartered West India Company], and in the presence of the [undersigned witnesses appeared] Mr. Johannes Winckelman,<sup>1</sup> of the first part, and Pieter Cornelissen and Abraham Clock, jointly of the second part, who declared and acknowledged that they had amicably agreed and contracted on the terms and conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

Pieter Cornelissen and Abraham Clock promise and undertake together to make and build a farmhouse in the manner hereinafter described. The farmhouse aforesaid to be ninety feet long and twenty-four feet wide inside the posts; [the frame of] the house to consist of ten bents, which are to be set nine feet apart, the beams of the bents to be twenty-four feet long, nine inches thick and fourteen inches high; [the house to have] twelve and a half feet story under the beams and two side aisles (uytlaten) as long as the house, one being nine feet wide and the other ten feet wide, with three doors in each aisle, one at each end and one door in the middle of each side aisle; at the end of the building a large, wide door, consisting of two upper and two lower doors, and over the door an opening to pitch hay and straw in, and a square window on each side of the door aforesaid. The house shall be provided with attic joists and below in the

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<sup>1</sup> Johannes Winckelman was the agent of Meyndert Meyndertsen van Kerem, proprietor of the colony of Achter Col. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 527, note.

[ ] above with two lights [ ];  
on one side of the door a stairway is to be made straight [up  
to the] garret, with a door, all properly finished; the other  
gable truncated.<sup>2</sup>

The above named Pieter Cornelissen and Abraham Clock shall, when it is ready, deliver all the square timber needed for the house at the strand, whence Mr. Winckelman shall, at his own expense, have it hauled and brought to the place where the house is to be erected. The prepared timber being brought to the place where the house is to be built, he shall provide the aforesaid carpenters with proper food so long as they shall be busy building the said house and until everything shall be completed in proper manner. The rafters which shall be needed for the said house, Winckelman shall have cut and brought to the work at his own expense, he, Pieter Cornelissen and Abraham Clock jointly and severally promising to do and finish the aforesaid work agreed upon in proper manner according to the above specifications, for which he, Mr. Johannes Winckelman, promises to pay to the above mentioned carpenters one hundred and fifty Carolus guilders before the middle of next April and four hundred and thirty-five guilders when the work shall be completed and properly done in workmanlike manner, upon the joint promise of P[ieter Cornelissen and Abraham Clock that they shall] deliver [the aforesaid farmhouse] as specified above next [June?]

<sup>2</sup> d'ander gevel met een halve wolff; meaning, the other gable with a jerkin-head.

For the performance hereof and the security [of] the respective parties, [these] have been signed [by] them, [under submission] to all lords, [courts, judges] and justices. Done on the [island] of Manhattan, at the house of Jan Jansen Damen, the 21st of February A<sup>o</sup>. 1641,<sup>3</sup> in New [Netherland.]

Joannes Winckelman

Pieter Cornelisen

Abram Clock

Jan Jansen Damen, witness

This is W the mark of

Wybrant Jacobsen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bill of sale from Abraham Pietersen to Jacob Bouwensen of the grain sown on farms Nos. 5 and 6 on Manhattan Island

[10] [This day, date under]written, before [me, Cornelis van Tien]hoven, secretary [in] New Netherland [for the General] Chartered West [India Company], appeared [Abra]ham Pietersen, of the first part, and Jacob Bouwensen, of the second part, who before and in the presence of the subscribing witnesses acknowledged that they had amicably agreed and contracted together in manner and on the terms hereinafter written, to wit: Abraham Pietersen acknowledges that he has sold to the above named Jacob Bouwensen, who also acknowledges that he has purchased from Abraham Pietersen aforesaid, all the grain that he has at present sown in the ground on farms Nos. 5 and 6, belonging to the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, on the express condition that

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<sup>3</sup> This should be 1642.

he, the purchaser, shall perform and carry out the vendor's agreements and promises of the contract which he made with the director, and that in proper form; also [that he shall have?] all the farming implements and palisades which are at present on the said farms and in daily use, without any more. For all of which he, the purchaser, promises to pay to the vendor the sum of three hundred and seventy guilders, on the demand of the honorable director, who [ ]  
 has [ ]  
 him [ ]

[For all of which] they submit their pers[ons and properties], movable and immovable, present and future, to the Provincial Court of Holland and West Friesland and all other courts, tribunals and judges. Done the first of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in the public tavern.

Abraham Pieters Gesters<sup>1</sup>

Jacob Bouuers

Dirck Cossen Stam

This is the X mark of

Gerrit Janse from Swol, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The last part of the signature looks like "gesters," but may be intended for "gorter" (i.e. gortmolenaar, or grist-miller), as Abraham Pietersen was called in the lease of farm no. 6, according to O'Callaghan's translation of N.Y. Col. MSS., 1:175. He was evidently the same person as Abraham Pietersen, miller, who on Nov. 29, 1640, sued Hendric Harmansen for the surrender of farm no. 5 (N.Y. Col. MSS., 4:81), while the latter is by his signature firmly identified with Abraham Pietersen, the tavernkeeper, from Haerlem, who was the ancestor of the Van Deusen family in this country.

Agreement of Nicolaes Sloper to carry out George Baxter's terms  
of the contract of purchase of a plantation from Jan Schepmoes

[11] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary [in  
New Netherland for the General Chartered] West India Company,  
appeared Nicolaes Sloper, who promises fully to perform all  
such [conditions of the] contract of purchase as he, on the  
part of G[e]orge Baxter, made with Schepmoes;<sup>1</sup> the said Sloper  
also acknowledges that he has received everything according to  
the contract of purchase, wherefore he, Sloper, promises to  
deliver to Schepmoes all such goats as the above named Baxter  
has promised to deliver in payment of the plantation and that  
at the time specified in the contract made between Bacxter and  
Schepmoes. He, S[ch]epmoes, therefore discharges and releases  
the aforesaid Bacxter from now forth from all that he on his  
part has agreed to by contract, provided that Nicolaes Sloper  
shall perform the same, wherewith Schepmoes acknowledges that  
he is satisfied. And for the performance of the aforesaid  
contracts he, Sloper, binds his person and property, movable  
and immovable, present and future, under submission to all  
courts. Done the 5th of March A<sup>O</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

Nicholas Sloper

Maurits Jansen, witness

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<sup>1</sup> Jan Schepmoes. See contract of sale of August 20, 1641,  
in N.Y. Col. MSS., 1:264.

Exemplification of certificate of good conduct of Lieutenant  
Commander Bartram from the governor and council of  
Curaçao, W. I

[12] [We, the undersigned], do certify at the [request]  
of Jan Bartram, of the [Hague], that as long as he, [Bartram],  
has been [under] our command and served as Lieutenant-commander  
he has discharged his duty on expeditions and on guard and as  
commander in such a way that nothing is to be said in criticism  
thereof. We have therefore given these to him in testimony of  
the truth and to that end subscribed them with our several hands.  
Done this 20th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1641, in the fort at Curaçao. Was  
signed: Jan Claesen van Campen, P. Stuyvesant, Hendric Gerritsen,  
Cornelis Claesen Heeringh, Albert Jansen, Brian Newton, this is  
the X mark of Otto Jansen from Norden, this is the X mark of  
Mackum Marckrarly, Alexander Merchall, and Davit Eduwort. Lower  
was written: In my presence, and signed, A: Verellen, Secretary.

Upon collation, this is found to agree with the original  
by me, the undersigned, as secretary of the honorable Chartered  
West India Company in New Netherland, this 8th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1642,  
in Fort Amsterdam.

Witness my hand,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Permit for Jan Bartram to sail from the island of Curaçao in the ship De Witte Kloodt

Copy. The [ ]

[Jan Bartram shall repair in the ship] De Witte [Kloodt<sup>1</sup> to the] fatherland. Done this 20th of August] A<sup>o</sup>. 1641, in the fort [at Curaçao. Signed:] Jan Claessen van Campen [ ]

By order of [the governor and] council, signed:

[A: Verlellen], Secretary.

Upon collation, [this is] found to agree [with the] original by [me, the undersigned], the 8th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amst[erdam] in New Netherland.

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Herman Remschart and Albert Cornelissen respecting certain words which passed between Jacob Bouwensen and Johannes Winckelman

[13a] [Before me], Cornelis van [Tienhoven], appointed secretary in New Netherland [for] the Chartered West India Company, [appeared Herman Remsch]art, aged 49 years, and Albert Cornelissen, aged 26 years, who at the request of Jacob Bouwensen jointly testify, attest and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, that it is true that at the house of said Remshart some words passed between said Jacob Bouwensen and Johannes Winckelman, among others these: Said Winckelman said to Jacob Bouwensen, "I give you the sack; you do not suit me," whereupon Jacob answered, "I give you the sack also." All of which the deponents offer if necessary and required to confirm

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<sup>1</sup> The White Globe.



on oath, as every one is bound to testify to the truth, especially when requested so to do, the deponents declaring that they have done this to no one's benefit or injury, without fear or favor, or personal hatred of any one. Done this 8th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.<sup>1</sup>

By me, Herman Remschar[t]

Aelbert Conelissen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Will of Barent Dircksen van Norden and his wife

[13b] In the [name of God, Amen]. On the fifteenth day of March [in the year after the birth] of His only [begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus] Christ, sixteen [hundred and forty-two], before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], appointed secretary [in] New Netherland for [the General] Chartered West India [Company, residing] in Fort Amsterdam, [personally] appeared Barent Dircksen from Norden<sup>1</sup> [and Lysbet] Dirckx, his lawful wife, residing [here] on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland], both in bodily health, able to go about and in full possession and exercise of their faculties, understanding and memory as seemed evident to us, who declared that they, the testators, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty

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<sup>1</sup> This declaration was made in connection with a complaint brought by Johannes Winckelman against Abraham Pietersen for tampering with Jacob Bouwensen, his man servant, whom he had brought from Holland to superintend farm No. 5. See court proceedings of March 13, 1642, in N.Y. Col. MSS., 4:115.

<sup>1</sup> Norden, in East Friesland.

of the hour thereof, and wishing to anticipate all such uncertainty and unexpectedness by testamentary disposition, of their own free will, full knowledge and deliberate intention, without inducement, persuasion or misleading on the part of any one, have made and concluded, as they do hereby make and conclude, their testament and disposition of last will in manner and form hereinafter written, to wit: First, after express revocation and annulment of all testaments and other dispositions whatsoever which either of them before the date hereof may have anywise made, executed or given, they, the testators, commending their souls always and whenever they shall have left their bodies to the infinite mercy of Almighty God and their dead bodies to a Christian burial in the hope of a blessed and glorious resurrection on the last day and he, Barent Dircksen from Norden, above named, proceeding herewith to the disposition of his property, means and effects in New Netherland and such other goods as he has received or may yet receive by inheritance from his deceased relations, besides all other profits and gains, he, the testator, Barent Dircksen aforesaid, bequeaths, devises and gives, as he hereby does bequeath, devise and give, all of them to Lysbet Dircks, his, the testator's, wife here present, in case he, the testator, should first die and depart out of this sorrowful world, and that as a recompense for her, Lysbet Dirck's, faithful love and care which she has bestowed on him, the testator. And whereas the institution of heirs is the foundation of all wills, without which no will can exist, he, the testator, declares and nominates Femmetje Alberts, his niece,

at present the wife of Hendrick Westercamp, to receive after his, the testator's, death, out of the estate left behind, the sum of two hundred Carolus guilders, after the payment of which neither she nor any other of his, the testator's, blood relations shall have any further claim, all other property which he, the testator, shall leave behind [being bequeathed] to [the aforesaid] Lysbet [Dircks].

[In like manner] Lysbet Dircks, [wife of Barent Dircksen] from Norden, [coming to the] disposition of her property, movable and immovable, legacies and bequests, leaves to Barent Dircksen, her present husband, in case she die before her husband, the just half of the estate belonging to her, that is to say, after her death Barent shall take his half out of the entire estate and property left by her and the remaining half he, Barent Dircksen, shall fairly divide with the children of Lysbet Dircks by her first husband or her heirs; all of which she, Lysbet Dircks, bequeaths and makes over to him, Barent Dircksen, in recompense and gratitude for the fidelity and love he bears to her; they, the testators, wishing and desiring that the survivor of both of them, in the manner hereinbefore set forth, shall take, possess, use, dispose of and control as they please and judge best the property which they shall leave behind, without any contradiction or gainsay of any one. And they, Barent Dircksen and Lysbet Dircks aforesaid, declare this to be their testament and last will, wishing and desiring that the same may have full force and effect as such, or as codicil, gift among the living, in anticipation of death, or otherwise, as may be most acceptable, although all the requisite formalities may not be observed herein,

also notwithstanding some public law, acts, statutes, customs or ordinances, of what ever place they may be, should be contrary thereto, all of which, for so much as is [necessary], they hereby expressly render inapplicable and void, requesting that this be by me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary above named, reduced to writing and duly recorded and that one or more public instruments hereof in due form be issued and delivered to them. Thus done and executed and the record thereof signed by Barent Dircksen and Lysbet Dircks, with Maurits Jansen and Oloff Stevensen, commissaries, as witnesses hereto invited, besides me, the secretary, in New Netherland in Fort Amsterdam, the day and year aforesaid.

This is the X mark of Barent Dircksen from  
Norden, made by himself

This is the X mark of Lysbet Dirckx, made  
by herself

Maurits Janse	}	witnesses hereto invited
Oloff Stevensen		

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Tobias Tonissen and others about stolen hogs

[13c] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], appointed secretary [in New Netherland for the General Chartered] West India [Company], appeared [Tobias Tonissen, aged        years], Jan Tuenesen, [aged        years], [        ] aged [        ] years, and Willem [Fredricks], aged [        ] years, who [at the request] of Abraham Rycken jointly testify [and declare], as they hereby do in [place and with promise] of a solemn oath if [need] be, that it is true and truthful that they, the deponents, heard Jaques Bentyn say in front of their house that the stolen hogs which were shot in the wood were eaten at the house of him, Abraham Rycken. All of which the deponents declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm this by oath. Done the 27th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Tobias Tonissen, above named

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Power of attorney from Jan Cant to Maryn Adriaensen to act for him during his absence

[14] [This day, date underwritten], before me, [Cornelis van Tien]hoven, [appointed] secretary in New Netherland, appeared Jan Cant, to me, the secretary, well known, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Maryn Adriaensen, inhabitant here, to collect and receive in his name and behalf all such goods and merchandise as may be sent or consigned to him, the principal, here in his absence, in any ships from the fatherland; also to receive and demand all such letters as may be written to him, the principal; to open and read the same, provided that having opened and read

them he re-seal them and transmit them, if possible, to him, the principal. All of which aforesaid goods he, Maryn Adriaensen, or his substitute, is empowered to sell, trade or barter in the name of and for the principal and further to dispose thereof as he shall deem most advantageous and profitable for him, the principal, on condition that he, the agent, shall for his trouble receive the just half of the profit on the aforesaid goods, the other half being for the benefit of the principal, and whenever he shall have received any goods or merchandise to give the skippers or others a discharge for the receipt thereof, which shall be valid, and further in all things to act as if he, the principal, were present and might act himself in the matter; also to sue at law those who refuse to pay and to constrain them to pay, acting either as plaintiff or defendant and prosecuting the case to the end and, if necessary, to proceed to execution against the aforesaid persons, with the express stipulation between the principal and Maryn Adriaensen that Maryn shall at all times and whenever the principal shall desire or order it be bound to render a true and faithful account of his administration, for which he, Maryn Adriaensen, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, submitting the same to all lords, courts, judicatories and judges. Done the 27th of March 1642. This is

signed by the principal and Maryn Adriaensen, together with the witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam.

Jan Cant

Marynus Adriesen

This is the X mark of

Dirck Cornelissen van Wensveen, witness

Jan Delangee, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Declaration of Willem Fredricksen and others as to what happened at the Armepperahin kill in the course of the expedition against the Weckquaskeek Indians<sup>1</sup>

[15a] [Appeared before me], Cornelis van Tienhoven, appointed secretary in New Netherland [for] the General Chartered West [India Company, the undersigned who at the] request of Tobias Teunessen<sup>2</sup> declare and attest in place and with promise of an oath if need be that what follows is true and truthful.

Willem Fredricksen, aged 22 years, [Jan Backer aged     ] years, Gerrit Jansen, aged 23 years, and Hendric Jansen Carffanger, aged [     ] years, declared that when they came with the company of men to the kill named Armepperahin,<sup>3</sup> they marched across

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<sup>1</sup> Also printed in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 13:9.

<sup>2</sup> The original has: tobias p teunesz. That tobias teunesz is intended appears a few lines further down where the name pietersz is crossed out and teunesz substituted.

<sup>3</sup> The Sprain river, which rises back of Dobb's Ferry and empties into the Bronx. For an account of this unsuccessful expedition against the Weckquaskeek Indians, see J. R. Brodhead, History of the State of New York, 1:329-30, where the name of the kill is given as the "Armenperal."

with the advance guard, but that the ensign<sup>4</sup> halted with his men fully an hour and a half, notwithstanding they called out often enough, March on! 'Tis time! They marched on (after the ensign and his men had crossed the kill) and coming to a certain thicket, Tobias Teunesen said to the ensign and all the other soldiers: "Men, remain here; I shall go up to the huts and personally return to you; if not, go toward the strand. I shall give you a signal; then you can come up." All of which the deponents declare to be true in fact, persisting in their declaration, offering to confirm the same on oath and declaring that this is done not to favor or injure any one but to bear testimony to the truth, as every one is bound to do, especially when called upon to do so. Thus done the 7th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1642.

This is the X mark of William Fredricx

Jan Backer

This is the X mark of Gerrit Jansen

This is the X mark of Hendric Carffanger

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Power of attorney from David Provoost to Claes van Elslant to look after his plantation and affairs during his absence

[15b] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary in [New Netherland appointed] for the G[eneral Chartered West] India Company, appeared [David] Provoost, who [declared that he constituted Claes] van Elslant [his attorney with power] in

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<sup>4</sup> Ensign Hendrick van Dyck, who came to New Netherland in 1640; see Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., pp. 472-73.



[his, the principal's], name to inclose and to fence [the grounds] of his house and plantation [situated on] Long Island and to do the best he can [therein]. Also to [watch] and have supervision of the hogs which run on Huych Aertsen's [land] and to keep a good eye on the goats at the [ferryman's] and if he think proper to sell some of the hogs to his, the principal's, advantage. Likewise, if any goods come here from Holland for account of the principal, he may sell the same and dispose thereof, all to the best advantage of the said principal. Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 7th of April A<sup>O</sup>. 1642.

David Provoost

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Declaration of Jan Francen that Abraham Planck tore off a placard posted on the gate of Fort Amsterdam

[16a] [Before] me, Cornelis van Tienh[oven, secretary] residing in New Netherland for the Chartered West India [Company], appeared Jan F[ra]ncen from Rotterdam, soldier, aged about 24 years, who at the request of Cornelis van [der] Hoykens, fiscal, testifies and attests, as he hereby does, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be, that it is true and truthful that he on last Monday, the seventh of April, stood as a sworn soldier on guard in Fort Amsterdam where he, the sentinel, saw Abraham Planck tear off the placard which was posted on the gate of the fort, as he, Planck, was going out of the fort. All of which the deponent declares to be true and truthful. Thus done the 12th of April A<sup>O</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of

Jan Francen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Charter party of Willem Dircksen, skipper, about to sail to  
St. Christopher

[16b] This day, [date underwritten, before me], Cornelis van T[ienhoven, secretary] residing [in New Netherland, appeared] Willem [Dircksen, skipper under] God of the [ship                   ], [who] in the presence [of the undersigned witnesses] acknowledges that he has contracted [to load] and discharge [whatever goods] Jan Torner and Willem [Holmers] shall put on board, according to the [bills of lading] which he, the skipper, has signed; if God preserve him, to [pile them up] on the beach beyond high water, at the island of St. Christopher, in the Caribbees, where the skipper shall remain two days to unload and that in fair weather; for which freight, board and passage of Jan Torner and Willem Holmers and three other men with them, he, Willem Dircksen, must be satisfied and paid here in New Netherland, while he on his part shall be bound to have the said five persons properly provided with food like his own crew, to wit, three in the cabin and two between decks. For which parties submit their respective persons to the control of all courts and judges, without any exception. This is signed without fraud or deceit by the parties and the witnesses hereto invited this 4th of May A<sup>O</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

John Turner

Contract of Thomas Chambers to build a house for Jan Jansen  
Schepmoes<sup>1</sup>

[17a] [Tomas Cambers, an En]GLISH carpenter, promises [and agrees, if God] grant him health, [to] erect and build a [house], 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, enclosed all around and covered overhead with clapboards, tight against the rain; inside like the mason's house [with] a partition, a bedstead and pantry, two doors and one double and one single casement window. The carpenter shall furnish five hundred clapboards for the house; Schepmoes shall supply the nails, and board for the carpenter during the construction, which commences this day, for eight weeks, when the house, barring accidents, must be ready; and when it shall be entirely and properly finished, Schepmoes shall pay to Tomas Cambers, in~~ad~~addition to his board, the sum of one hundred and sixteen guilders, reckoned at 20 stivers to the guilder. For which the carpenter and Schepmoes bind themselves under submission to all courts, provided that the carpenter shall hew the timber to the best of his ability. Done the 6th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Tomas Cambers

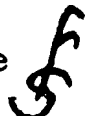
This is the X mark of Jan Jasen Schepmoes

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<sup>1</sup> Another translation of the main body of the contract is in Olde Ulster, 1905, 1:77-78.

Declaration of Dirck Hartoogsen respecting a quarrel between  
Catryna Leysinck and Sergeant Jacobsen

[17b] At the request [of Katrina Lysinck,<sup>1</sup> widow of] Jan Bartr[am], deceased, [Dirck] Hartoogsen, [declares and testifies, in place] and with promise [of a solemm oath if need] be, that it is true [and truthful] that she, Katrina, [requested Thomas] Jacobsen, sergeant, to go [ ], whereupon he, [the sergeant, gave for answer: "Do you think that] I honor you?" She, Katrina, said: "No, you need [not] honor [me].". The sergeant [asked:] "Why did you send your boy last Sunday [ ] with [ ]?" Thereupon, said Katrina spoke: "It is [a lie; I can prove by] witnesses that I did not say it." He, the sergeant, said: "Hold your tongue, or I shall say something else to you." Whereupon Katrina retorted: "Speak whatever you know." Then said the sergeant: "You d...d whore, shut up! or I shall say more." "Say on," said she. The sergeant said: "Your boy seeks to scandalize me." Katrina answered: "You lie like a villain when you say 'twas my boy." Finally the sergeant said: "Your late husband did not make your children;" and then threatened to strike her. Which the deponent offered to confirm under oath. Done the 7th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1642.

This is the  mark of Dirck Hartoogsen

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<sup>1</sup> She signs her name "Catryna lleysinck." She came from Coesvelt, or Koesfeld, in Westphalia, and married in July 1642, Pieter Jurgens, or Jordaensen, from Lübeck.

Contract of John and Richard Ogden of Stamford, Connecticut, to  
build a stone church at Fort Amsterdam

[18a]<sup>1</sup> Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], appointed  
secretary [in New Netherland] for [the General Chartered] West  
India Company, appeared the [Hon. Mr. Willem Kieft], churchmaster,  
[being requested by his] bretheren the churchmasters [of the  
church in] New Netherland, [to contract] in the name of all of  
them [for the building of a church.] Therefore, the appearer,  
as [representative of the churchmasters] has agreed and contracted  
with Jan Jogden and Ritsert Jogden, residents of Stantfoort,<sup>2</sup>  
about [the building] of a church in [manner and] on the conditions  
hereinafter written, to wit: The aforesaid Jan and Ritsert  
Jogden engage to build for the above named churchmasters a church  
of stone,<sup>3</sup> seventy-two feet long, fifty-four feet wide, sixteen  
feet high above the ground, all properly finished, durable and  
strong, so that no fault can be found with it. They shall them-  
selves be obliged to haul the stone necessary thereto and to  
bring it to the shore at the fort, from which place the church-  
masters shall at their own expense cause the same to be brought  
to the spot where the church is to be erected. The above named  
churchmasters shall furnish as much lime as shall be required  
for the construction of the aforesaid church, [but] the laying,  
hod-carrying and hauling of the stone for the church they, Jan  
and Ritsert Jogden, shall do at their own expense, provided that

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<sup>1</sup> On the preceding page appear the first lines of a slightly  
different draft of the same contract, which are canceled.

<sup>2</sup> John and Richard Ogden, of Stamford, Connecticut.

<sup>3</sup> Clipsteen, meaning undressed stone.

when the work shall be properly completed and finished, they shall be paid by the churchmasters aforesaid the sum of twenty-five hundred guilders, once, which shall be paid to them in money, beavers or merchandise; at which time, when the work shall be finished and properly and satisfactorily done and the churchmasters find that the said twenty-five hundred guilders have been well earned, the said churchmasters shall make them a present of one hundred guilders. They hereby also promise to lend the above named Jan and Ritsert Jogden a helping hand in whatever they may need, provided it can be done without detriment [to the interests of the Company], and in order that they may be able to haul the stone and deliver it at the strand in the quickest manner, the woodcutters' boat shall be loaned to the said Jan and Ritsert Jogden for a month or six weeks. They, Jan and Ritsert Jogden bind themselves and promise to complete the aforesaid contracted work, all without fraud or deceit. Done in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

Willem Kieft

John Ogden

Richard Ogden

Ghijsbert op<sup>e</sup> Dijck

Tho: Willett

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Lease of Domine's hook from Rev. Everardus Bogardus to Robert Bello and Marck Menloff

[18b] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary [in New Netherland] appointed by the [General Chartered] West India Company, appeared Everardus [Bogardus, minister] here, [of the first part], and Robbert Bello and Mer[ck Menloff], of the second part, who [in the presence] of the undersigned witnesses [acknowledge] that they have amicably agreed [and] contracted in the manner hereinafter written, to wit:

The aforesaid Robbert and Merck Menloff shall dwell and plant tobacco and corn on the hook called Domine's hook, where they shall build a small house twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide, enclosed on all sides by clapboards and covered with thatch, for which Everardus Bogardus shall pay said Robbert and Marck Menloff when the work shall be properly finished and completed, in addition to the fifteen hundred nails, the sum of eighty Carolus guilders once, the guilder reckoned at 20 stivers, and payable when next harvest they shall go to live in it, the lease to commence at that time and ending in the harvest A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, which makes four consecutive years. It is also most expressly stipulated that they shall work with all diligence and industry on the aforesaid land as all good laborers are bound to do. Furthermore, said Everardus Bogardus shall furnish said Robbert [and Marck] Menloff with 6 goats and [two sows] and one boar, of which animals they shall have the use for the aforesaid four years, provided that half the increase which God may grant shall belong to E. Bogardus and the other half to the lessees, and if it happen, which God forbid, that one or more of the aforesaid

goats or hogs come to die, Domine Bogardus shall have the choice from the increase to his full number and then as before stated the further increase is to be divided equally. They, the appearers, shall annually divide the increase, provided that the capital stock must always remain full as it will be delivered by Bogardus, and whenever they shall have divided, Everardus Bogardus shall be obliged to remove after the division the goats or the hogs within a month or two, provided that they shall then be at the risk of Everardus Bogardus. The lessees promise to erect a sufficient fence of palisades which at the expiration of the four years shall be valued by arbitrators and be paid for at such price to the lessees as the arbitrators shall consider the fence to be worth. It is also expressly covenanted that the valey<sup>1</sup> shall be reserved to the domine, who shall mow thereon where he pleases, and the hay which the lessor does not need shall belong to the lessees.<sup>2</sup>

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Discharge by Lambert Cornelissen Cool for his portion of his mother's estate

[18c] Copy

I, the undersigned, [Lambert Cornelissen], hereby [acknowledge] (before [the subscribing witnesses, at the request of] my father, Cornelis [Lambertsen,<sup>1</sup> here] present), that I

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<sup>1</sup> Also written vly; meaning a flat, or salt meadow.

<sup>2</sup> Not executed and canceled in the record.

<sup>1</sup> Cornelis Lambertsen Cool died before September 4, 1644, when the banns were published of Wilhem Bredenbent, young man of Ceulen (Cologne), and Aeltje Braconie, widow of Cornelis Lamberts. The name of Lambert Cornelissen's mother is unknown. See N. Y. Gen. Biog. Record, 1934, 65:16-19.



have been [fully paid and sa]tisfied for [the portion of] my [deceased mother's estate which] until now has been in the custody of my father and my step-[mother], Aeltien Braccongne, in witness whereof I have signed this and [promise to] hold myself satisfied in full, submitting myself to that end to all courts and justices. Thus done and signed the [       ] May 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland. And was signed with the following mark + , near which was written: This is the mark of Lambert Cornelissen. Lower appeared the following mark F , near which was written: This is the mark of Cornelis Lambersz. Was signed also, Maurits Jansen and Willem Kieft, both as witnesses.

Agrees with the original

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Hugh Duxdall and Michael Chatterton that Jan Haes called Nicolaes Tenner a rogue

[19a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Juw Doutel, aged [    ] years, and] Michiel Schaterton, aged 37 years, [who] jointly, at the request of Nicolaes Tenner,<sup>1</sup> declare, attest and testify, as they do hereby, in place and with offer of an oath if need be, that it is true that yesterday, being the 22d of May 1642, Jan Haes berated Nicolaes Tenner as a rogue and a villain, without his having given him, Haes, any provocation thereto, only, as they were sitting and frolicking together, Jan Haes, among other words,

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<sup>1</sup> He was apparently the same person as Nicolas Tenier, from Bergen op Zoom, who sailed from Holland as supercargo in the ship Prins Willem, in 1647. See letter from the Directors to Stuyvesant, dated Dec. 19, 1656, inquiring about his whereabouts and the state of his accounts. Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:375.

said: "You are a rogue and a double rogue." All of which the deponents declare to be true and that this is done by them to bear testimony to the truth. Done the 23d of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

Hugh Duxdall

Michaell Chattarton

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of sale of the plantation of the late Claes Cornelissen Swits from Harmen Meyndertsen van den Bogaert to James Smith and William Brown

[19b] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary [in New Netherland appointed] by [the General Chartered] West India Company, appeared Harman Meyndersen [van den Bogaert], Gems Smit and [Willem Brown, who] declared that they had jointly [agreed] about the purchase [of a certain house] and plantation situated on the is[land of Manhattan, heretofore] occupied by the late Claes Cornelissen, wheelwright,<sup>1</sup> for the sum [of one] hundred and sixty Carolus guilders, payable, the first half payment on the [10th of] May 1643, and the second just half payment on the 10th of May 1644, and that for all the right and title which the above named Harman Meyndersen, as co-heir of the aforesaid Claes Swits, deceased, may claim to the above mentioned house and plantation, for which the parties bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception,

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<sup>1</sup> Claes Cornelissen Swits, who was murdered in the summer of 1641 by an Indian of the Weckquaskeek tribe.

the purchasers especially mortgaging and offering the aforesaid house and plantation as security for the payment of the purchase money aforesaid, under submission to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties. Done the 30th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Harmannus A. Booghardij

James Smith

William Brown

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Bond of Jacob Bouwens to reimburse Johannes Winckelman for money to be paid by him to Philip Gerritsen

[20a] [I, the undersigned], Ja[co]b Bouwensen, acknowledge that I am [well and] truly indebted to Mr. [Johannes W]inckelman in the sum of ninety [Ca]ro[lus] guilders, reckoned at 20 stivers the guilder, arising from a certain debt which I owe Philip Gerritsen, tavernkeeper, which the said Mr. Winckelman is to pay on my account within one month from the date hereof. For the performance hereof I, Jacob Bouwensen, bind my person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all courts and judges. In testimony and token of the truth this is signed by me and the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 3d of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jacob Bauuns

Gijsbert op<sup>e</sup> Dijck, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Settlement of Annetje Jans upon her minor children by Roeloff Jansen, her first husband

[20b] In the year [after the birth of our Lord and] Savior Jesus [Christ, one thousand six hundred] and forty-two, personally came and [appeared before me, Cornelis van] Tienhoven secretary [in New Netherland], appointed [by the General] Chartered West India [Company], Annitjen Jans, formerly widow of the late Rouloff Jansen from Masterland, and at present wife of Everardus Bogardus, minister here, with the Hon. Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, and Mr. Johannes La Montangne, her chosen guardians herein,<sup>1</sup> who declared that in the month of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1638, before she, Annitjen Jans, had entered into the marriage state with her present above named husband, she had agreed with the guardians of the surviving legitimate children which the aforesaid Rouloff Jansen had in his lifetime procreated by her respecting their share of their deceased father's estate, which aforesaid contract was drawn up and written by the late Secretary Hudden,<sup>2</sup> and is at present not to be found in the old books, papers or registers. Wherefore, for the security of the aforesaid children and Annitjen Jans above named, she has caused this instrument to be drawn up as a supplement to the foregoing contract, and in case the latter happens to be discovered elsewhere, she Anna Jans, holds it as valid and of no less force than the present, on the condition that whenever this shall be

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<sup>1</sup> Annetje Jans's husband being himself a party to the contract, it was necessary for her to choose others to act as her guardians in the matter.

<sup>2</sup> Andries Hudde.

fulfilled, the other contract shall be null and void. First, [the said] Anna Jans [promises] to pay to the above mentioned minor children whenever they shall attain their majority, from her first available means, as their share of their deceased father's estate, the sum of one thousand Carolus guilders, Holland currency, to wit: To her daughter Sara Rouloffs, aged about sixteen years, two hundred guilders; to Trijntjen Rouloffs, aged thirteen years, two hundred guilders; to Sijtjen Rouloffs, aged eleven years, two hundred guilders; to Jan Rouloffsen, nine years old, two hundred guilders; and to Annitjen Rouloffsen, aged six years, a like two hundred guilders; which amounts for the five children aforesaid to one thousand guilders; on the express condition and stipulation that she, Anna Jans, and Everardus Bogardus, her present lawful husband, shall have the use of the moneys aforesaid, without interest, until the above named children shall become of age. She, Anna Jans, and Everardus Bogardus also promise, saving the children's property, to bring them up according to their means, to provide them with the necessary clothing and food, to keep them at school, to let them learn reading, writing and a good trade, all according to their ability; with which the above named children henceforth and forever [shall hold themselves satisfied, without] being able to claim [either from Anna Jans or from] her guardians, heirs [or assigns], on account of their father's [estate], anything more [than each the] aforesaid portion of two hundred Carolus guilders, which she, Anna Jans, assisted herein by her guardians aforesaid, and the said Everardus Bogardus promise fully to tender and to pay, free of costs and charges, without any exception or gainsay,

waiving therefore all exceptions of whatsoever nature which may in any way be contrary to this instrument. For the security and performance hereof we, Anna Jans and Everardus Bogardus, bind our respective persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, under submission to the Provincial Court of Holland and West Friesland and all other courts, judges and justices. In witnesse and token of the truth this is signed with our own hands. Done the 21st of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

Anna Ians

E. Boghardus

Willem Kieft

La Montagne

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Lease from Burger Jorissen to Willem Barentsen, Robert Edens and James Smith of his land and livestock on Long Island

[21] [This day], date underwritten, before me, [Cornelis va]n Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the Gen[eral] Chartered West India Company, appeared Willem Barentsen, Robbert Edens and Gems Smit, who acknowledge that they have agreed and contracted in the form and manner hereinafter written with Borger Jorissen, farrier, for the use of his land situated on Long Island, adjoining the land of Tymon Jansen. First the lessees shall have the use of as much of the aforesaid land as they shall be able to cultivate properly, for the term of three consecutive years, commencing on the day of All Saints A<sup>o</sup>. 1642

next and terminating on All Saints' day A<sup>o</sup>. 1645, on the express condition that Borger Jorissen shall pay the lessees for whatever they shall fence, palisade or build, whether a needful house, or a barn for the stabling of cattle, according to the then valuation by good impartial men. The lessees also acknowledge the receipt from the aforesaid Borger Jorissen of eleven goats and one buck, on condition that the owner at the end of the aforesaid years shall first withdraw eleven goats and one buck, and what shall then by the blessing of God be bred from them shall be equally divided by the lessees and Borger Jorissen, provided that the parties shall jointly incur the risk of death. And in case there be no increase at that time and any of the goats now delivered [happen to die], the half of the goats that shall have died must be paid for [by the lessees] at the rate of [ ]. [Furthermore, the] above named Borger [Jorissen shall deliver to the lessees] eight sows on hal[ves, and] on the same risk as the goats, [provided] that the increase shall each year be [divided] half and [half] by the parties. Thus done [and agreed without] fraud or deceit, in good faith, at the house of Borger Jorise [aforesaid on the] island of Manhattan, this 23d of June [A<sup>o</sup>.] 1642, and signed by parties.

This is the X mark of Willem Barentsen

This is the X mark of Robbert Edens

James Smith

This is the X mark of Borger Joris

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Will of Pieter Jacobsen and Gysje Pieters, his wife

[22] [in the year] of the birth of our Lord and Savior [Jesus Christ], one thousand six hundred and forty-two, the [ ] of June, new style, before me, C[orn]elis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Pieter Jacobsen from Rensborch<sup>1</sup> with Gysje Pitersen, his lawful wife, residing in Fort Orange, situated on the North River of New Netherland, both in bodily health, up and about and having full possession and use of their senses, memory and understanding, as seemed apparent to us, who declared that they, reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof, and wishing to anticipate all such uncertainty by certain testamentary disposition, have, of their own free will, full knowledge and deliberate judgment, without inducement, persuasion or misleading on the part of any one, made and concluded, as they hereby do make and conclude, their testament and disposition of last will in form and manner following, to wit: First, after express revocation and recalling of all testaments and other dispositions whatsoever which they, the testators, or either of them, may before the date hereof have in any wise made, executed or concluded, they the testators, commend their souls always and whenever they shall depart out of

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<sup>1</sup> Intended for Rynsburch, or Rijnsburg, a village near Leiden. See Early Records of Albany, 3:226, and Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 822, where the name of Pieter Jacobsen's wife is given as Gysje (Geesie) Barents, so that she was called Pieters after her husband. Another translation of the will is printed in Annals of Albany, 4:47-48.



their bodies to the unfathomable mercy of Almighty God and their bodies to a Christian burial, in the hope [of a glorious] resurrection at [the last day]. And both the testators coming herewith to the disposal [of] their goods, means [and] effects, movable and immovable, without any ex[ception, and] all other profits and gains, declare that they leave [and] bequeath the same to each other, the survivor to have the ownership of all the property which the testators shall leave behind, without [being obliged] to turn over anything to the blood relations of the one who dies first or to render any accounting to them of the property left behind, except that Pieter Jacobsen, in case his wife here present happens to die first, shall pay her daughter Annitjen Alberts, for her share of her mother's estate, twenty Carolus guilders and no more, the rest, whether on the one side or the other, remaining therefore without contradiction on the part of any one, for the behoof of the survivor of the two testators. And Pieter Jacobsen and Gysje Pieters<sup>2</sup> above named declare this to be their testament and last will, wishing and desiring that as such, or as codicil, gift among the living or in anticipation of death, or otherwise, as may be most suitable, it shall take effect and have its full force and be observed in all its parts, even though some required formalities may not be observed herein and notwithstanding the existence of any provincial laws or statutes or customs and ordinances of any place whatsoever which may be contrary thereto, all of which they for so far

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<sup>2</sup> The name Lysbet dircks is canceled and replaced by Gijsje peters.

as is necessary hereby expressly derogate and render void. They requested that this might be drawn up and recorded by me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary aforesaid, and that one or more public instruments thereof be made in due form and delivered to them. Thus done and executed by Pieter Jacobsen and Gysje Pieters in the presence of Bastiaen Crol, commissary at Fort Orange, and A. van Curler, witnesses hereto invited, who with me, the secretary, have signed this in the record. Done in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of  
Gysje Pieters, above named

Bastiaen Krol<sup>3</sup>

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Marriage contract of Catryna Leysinck, widow of Jan Bartram, and Pieter Jurgens providing for the support of the children of Catryna Leysinck by her first husband

[22b] In the year of our Lord [and Savior Jesus] Christ, one thousand [six hundred and forty-two], before [me, Cornelis van] Tienhoven, secretary [in] New Netherland, appointed by the [General] Chartered West India [Company], appeared Catrina Lysinck, widow of the late Jan Bartram, in his life time lieutenant commander [on the] island of Curaçao, with Everardus Bogardus, minister, and Arundt van Curlaer, secretary of Renselaerswijck, her chosen guardians herein, who declared that it is her intention to enter into the marriage state with Surgeon Pieter Jurgens, for which reason she has promised to pay to each of her children, Catrin[a] and Johanna Bartram, for their paternal estate, when they shall arrive at the age of majority, the sum

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<sup>3</sup> The other signatures are lacking.

of three hundred Carolus guilders on condition that they, Catrina Lysinck, the present bride, and Pieter Jurgens, the present bridegroom, shall be at liberty to use the aforesaid six hundred guilders, without interest, until the aforesaid children shall have attained their majority, with the express stipulation that they promise and shall be bound to bring up the children without touching the property and using no more than the interest of the aforesaid six hundred guilders, to feed and clothe the said children according to their means, to put them to school and to let them learn to read and write and to have them taught a good trade, all according to their means; to clothe them and to provide them with a proper maintenance and all that is necessary in all such manner and form as honest parents are bound to do and according to their ability can accomplish. She, Catrina Lysinck, assisted by her chosen guardians aforesaid, and Pieter Jurgens therefore promise that they will perform, observe and fulfil all that is hereinbefore written without any exception, binding therefor their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, waiving to that end all such exceptions as may in any wise conflict or interfere with these presents, all without fraud, under submission to the Provincial Court of Holland and all other courts, judges and justices, none excepted. In witnesse and testimony of the truth this is signed in the

record by Catrina Lysinc and her chosen guardians together with Pieter Jurgens, and by me, the secretary, the 2d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

Catryna lleysinck<sup>1</sup>

E. Boghardus, Eccl. Manahat.

Arendt Van Curler

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, secretary

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Power of attorney from Pieter Jurgens to Elias de Raet to receive money due the late Lieut. Jan Bartram by the West India Company

[22c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Pieter Jurgens, as husband of Catrina Lysingh, widow of the late Jan Bartram, in his life time former commander on the island of Curaçao, who in said capacity constituted, as he does hereby, the worshipful Mr. Elias de Raet [his attorney] with power in his name and on his behalf to collect and receive from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one thousand and thirty-four guilders, ten stivers and ten pennies, earned by Jan Bartram during his [service] at Curaçao, as appears by the account annexed, which sum is due him by virtue of a certain testament and last will executed by the late Jan Bartram in favor of

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<sup>1</sup> The name lleysinck is preceded by two or three letters which look like ba, or bar, and which are probably intended as the first letters of the name bartram.

Catrina Lysinc on the sixth of January last; and when the said Mr. de Raet shall have received and obtained the aforesaid sum from the honorable directors above named, he shall have power to execute a receipt and dispose in all things as time and circumstances may require, in such manner as the principal could or should do, were he present, provided that he, the attorney, shall be bound to render an account of all that is above written to the principal, who with Bastiaen Jansen Crol and Gysbert op Dyck has signed the original hereof. Done the 4th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1642 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Pieter Jordensen

Gijsbert op<sup>e</sup> Dijck<sup>1</sup>

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Account of Jan Bartram with the West India Company

[22c (1)] Copy DR.

Laus Deo A<sup>o</sup>. 1641 [on the island of Curaçao]

Johannes Bartram D[ebit]

20 August to Jems Cal . . . [for] wages [fl. 80:- ]

Ditto to balance to close this account [fl. 1034:10:10]<sup>1</sup>

[fl. 1114:10:10]

Was signed, Jan Claessen van Campen

[and] P. Stuyvesant

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[22c (2)] [Laus Deo A<sup>o</sup>.] 1641 on the island of Curaçao

[Credit]

[By wages] earned [by] him in the year 1639 fl. 257: 4:-

[Ditto] earned [by] him in the year 1640 fl. 474: -

fl. 731: 4

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<sup>1</sup> Not signed by Crol.

<sup>1</sup> See preceding power of attorney.

Due from the honorable directors for 7 months,  
 20 days' wages @ fl. 50 per month, earned by  
 him from the last of December when the books  
 were all closed for the second time to the date  
 hereof when he was discharged from his service  
 by the honorable director and council

fl. 383: 6:10 $\frac{2}{3}$

fl. 1114:10:10 $\frac{2}{3}$

After collating this is found to agree with the original  
 in fort Amsterdam the 4th of July 1642

By me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Pieter Jurgens, surgeon, to Maurits  
 Jansen to receive money due him by the West India Company

[22d] Before me, Co[rnelis van Tienhoven secretary in New  
 Netherland, [appointed] by the General Chartered [West India]  
 Company, appeared [Pieter] Jurgens, at present surgeon [ ],  
 who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses constituted  
 Maurits Jansen, late commissary of provisions, [his attorney]  
 and empowered him, as hereby does, in his name and behalf to  
 collect and receive from the honorable directors of the aforesaid  
 Company all such moneys as are due him, the principal, by said  
 gentlemen, as appears by the account hereto annexed, which sums  
 of money he, the principal, has earned in their honors' service  
 both on water and on land. On payment of the moneys mentioned  
 in the aforesaid account by the honorable directors to the  
 attorney, he, Maurits Jansen, may execute a receipt and discharge,

which shall also be valid, he, the principal, holding further as valid whatever shall be done herein by the attorney, who shall also have power to dispose in all things as if he, the principal, were present, and as he could or should do were he present, acting furthermore as the case may require, provided that he, the attorney shall be bound to render to him, the principal, a true account of what is afore written. An authentic instrument hereof being requested, the original entry in the record is signed by the principal, by Gysbert op Dyck and Bastiaen Crol as witnesses hereto invited, and by me, the secretary. Done this 5th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.<sup>1</sup>

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Declaration of Andries Jansen respecting an agreement between Mr. Moyer and Hans Hansen about the building of a yawl

[22e] Andries Jansen, carpenter, declares that Mr. Moyer made an agreement with Hans Hansen in the beginning of the year 1642 that he should make his yawl as wide as Fredric's yawl, rather wider than narrower, for Fl. 125.

July 11, 1642.

Andryes Jansen

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<sup>1</sup> Not signed.

Power of attorney from Abraham Jacobsen to his mother-in-law  
to receive money from the orphanmasters at Amsterdam

[23a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in New  
Netherland appointed by the General Chartered [West India] Company,  
[appeared] Abraham Jacobsen from Steenwyc, husband and guardian  
of Geertruyt Willems from Amsterdam, who in said capacity, in the  
presence of the undersigned witnesses, appointed and empowered,  
as he does hereby, Annitjen Gerrits, his mother-in-law, residing  
at Amsterdam, to collect and receive in his, the principal's,  
name from the worshipful overseers of orphans of the city of  
Amsterdam all such sums of money as are due to him, the principal,  
in the aforesaid capacity, from the above mentioned overseers of  
orphans; and whenever the aforesaid moneys shall be received by  
the aforesaid Annitjen Gerrits, she may execute a proper discharge  
for the payment, which shall also be valid and have effect before  
all courts, tribunals and judges, he the principal, holding as  
valid whatever shall be done in the matter by the aforesaid attorney,  
who shall also have power to act further as he, the principal,  
could or might do if he were present, doing in all things as the  
case may require or demand; she, the attorney, having power to  
institute legal proceedings, to ask judgment and as plaintiff or  
defendant to prosecute the case to the end, and furthermore to  
substitute one or more persons in her stead, provided that she,  
the attorney, shall be bound to render to the principal a true  
account of her administration. An authentic instrument hereof  
in due form was requested by the principal, who with Adriaen v[an]  
Tienh[oven] and Maurits Jans[en] has signed the original entry  
thereof in the record, the 14th of July 1642.

This is the X mark of Abraham Jacobsen

Maurits Janse, witness



Declaration of Pieter Jansen Groen regarding an assault committed  
on Ensign Hendrick van Dyck by Gerrit Dircksen

[23b] Before me, [Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary of New Ne[therland], appeared [Pieter Jansen Groen], surgeon of the ship [                      ], who testifies, attests and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be, [that it is true and] truthful that [he, the] deponent, sat [with] Ensign Hendric van Dyck in the cabin [of the aforesaid] ship, where Gerrit Dircksen, standing before the door, abused [the aforesaid] ensign as [an] informer, [saying] that he and the soldiers, [who] were informers, need not come on board, [but] that he, Gerrit Dircksz, who said that he was a merchant, had a right to come on board; that five or six times he came to the door to get near the ensign, but that each time the mate and the crew ordered him to go away, whereupon Gerrit Dircksz tore the said Ensign van Dyck's jerkin and rabat, without said ensign having given him, Gerrit Dircksz, any cause for striking and abusing him. All of which the deponent declares to be true, offering to confirm the same by oath if necessary and required. Done the 4th of August 1642.

Pieter Jansen Groe[n]

Power of attorney from Arent Corsen to Govert Loockemans to receive certain moneys from David Provoost

[24a] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appointed] by the [General Chartered West] India Company, appeared Arent Corsen, [who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses], constituted, as he hereby does, [Govert Loockmans his attorney with power to demand and] collect from Davit Proovoost all such [accounts] as he, the principal, has outstanding with the [said Provoost, who is] also to render to the above named Loockmans [a true] statement and account of his doings, and whenever he, Proovoost, shall have rendered to the attorney a due account and proof of his administration he, Loockmans, shall have power to grant in the principal's name and behalf a discharge and acquittance; he, Arent Corsen, aforesaid holding as valid what shall be transacted and done herein by Loockmans and in case the matter may require it the attorney shall have power in the name and behalf of the principal to sue the above named Proovoost at law and to [prosecute the case to the end], either as plaintiff or defendant, [the attorney] to have power also to substitute another [person in his place, clothed] with one and the [same authority]. Thus [done in Fort] Amsterdam, [New Netherland ] A°. 1642.

Power of attorney from Harman Meyndersen van den Boogaert to his brother-in-law to receive certain moneys in the province of Zeeland

[22b] [Before me], Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in New Netherland [appointed by the] General Chartered [West India C]ompany, [appeared] Harman Meyndersen van den [Bogaert], surgeon, well [known] to me, the secretary, [as husband and] guardian of Jelisjen Claes, from [Zierick]see, who in the presence of the [undersigned] witnesses has appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Symon Jansen [van] Schouw, his brother-in-law, residing at Amsterdam, to demand and collect all such sums of money as are due to him, the principal, in the capacity aforesaid, on a certain interest-bearing bond (rentebrief) of Claes Jan Neelen, or such other property as may remain to him in the capacity aforesaid in the province of Zeeland; all of which being obtained and received by his aforesaid brother-in-law, he shall have power to grant a discharge and acquittance for the payment, which shall also be valid before all courts, tribunals and judges, and in case the matter may demand it the attorney shall have power to institute legal proceedings and to prosecute the case to the end. Furthermore, the attorney shall have power to substitute another person in his stead, clothed with the same and equal authority, and the principal further [promises to hold as valid whatever] the attorney shall do herein, [who shall have power to do everything that the principal might or could do] were he present. [In witness whereof] the original hereof is signed by the principal and by] Maurits Jansen and Adriaen [van Tienhoven] as witnesses. [Done A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherla]nd.

Harman Meyndersen van den Booghaert

Maurits Janse, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Power of attorney from Frans Joosen to Tonis Cray

[25a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appeared Frans Joosen, from Bruges in Flanders, who constitutes Tonis Cray [his attorney] and empowers [him] to collect the share due him by the partners in the frigate La Garce, to wit, of the copper, Negroes, coral,<sup>1</sup> etc., which still remain undivided, with the understanding that whenever Tonis Cray shall receive his share, he shall have power to grant an acquittance therefor, doing further as circumstances may require. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Frans Joosen made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Edward Agerd to William Harle to collect his pay earned as a soldier in the service of the West India Company at Curaçao

[25b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appeared Eduwar[t] Adgert from London, soldier, who in presence of the undersigned witnesses, constitutes as he hereby does, Willem Harle [from] Middlesex, also a soldier, [his attorney], with power in his name and behalf to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred

<sup>1</sup> The original has korut, which is probably a mistake for korai, or korael though it is also possible that it is intended for korund, corundum.

and sixty-nine Carolus guilders and six stivers, due to him, Eduwart Adgert, by their honors aforesaid, as appears by the account from Curaçao hereto annexed; which aforesaid sum being paid by the above named honorable gentlemen to Willem Harle, he, the attorney, shall then have power to grant a receipt for the payment, which also shall be valid, he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done in the premises by the above named Willem Harle. Thus executed in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and [blank], witnesses invited hereto. Done the 5th of August 1642, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Edward Agerd

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

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Contract of sale between Adam Roelantsen and Ulderick Klein of a house occupied by the Company's Negroes and half the produce of the garden

[26a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in New Netherland appointed [by] the General Chartered [West India] Company, appeared [Ul]drich [Cle]en,<sup>1</sup> who declares that he deliberately purchased from Adam Roelantsen the small house in which the honorable Company's Negroes are now lodging, with the garden adjoining thereto, and half the vegetables which are growing at present in the aforesaid garden, (with the understanding that he, the vendor, delivers to him only the building and not the ground), for all of which he, the purchaser, shall pay to

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<sup>1</sup> Ulderick Cleen, or Klein, from Hessen, Germany, married on July 28, 1641, at New Amsterdam, Aefje (or Baefje) Pieters, from Amsterdam. He moved before Sept. 30, 1654, to Beverwyck, where he became the village cowherd. He died shortly after 1672. His widow afterwards married Jan Roelofsen de Goyer. See Early Records of Albany, 1:268, 430-31; Minutes of the Court of Fort Orange and Beverwyck, 1:182.

the said Adam Roelantsen from last Tuesday precisely every week one guilder for six months, which amounts to twenty-six guilders. On the expiration of the six months, said Uldrich Cleen shall pay in addition to the twenty-six guilders aforesaid sixty-four guilders more, so that the whole sum amounts to ninety guilders, and in case the purchaser remain in default of payment at the proper time, the vendor may re-enter into possession of the aforesaid house and garden. For all of which he, Uldrich Cleen, binds the aforesaid house and garden together with his person and all his other property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to all courts, tribunals and judges. Done the 8th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

Adam Roelants

Vlderick Klein

Maurits Janse, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Lease from Rev. Everardus Bogardus to Rufus Barton of land on the East river

[26b] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary [in New Netherland] appointed by [the General Chartered] West India Company, appeared E. Bog[ardus, minister here, and] Ruffus Bartem, who acknowledged that they had entered into the following contract, to wit: He, Ruffus Bartem, takes a lease of the land

situated [ ]<sup>1</sup> on the East river, belonging to him, Bogardus, for the term of five consecutive years, commencing on the first of September next and ending on the first of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, when the harvest shall be over, for which the lessee shall pay annually two capons as rent. It is also expressly covenanted that he, Bogardus, shall select and retain such part of the flat as he shall require for his use and the maintenance of his cattle. The house, which is to be built at the lessee's expense, shall be erected at the place to be indicated to the lessee. At the expiration of the term the lessee shall be paid for the house and the palisade by E. Bogardus according to appraisal by impartial men, the said lessee to have the preference [in renewing the lease] and the parties to give each other notice three months in advance. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties, this 14th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642.

E. Boghardus, Eccl. Manhat.

Rufus Barten

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declarations of Jacob Jansen and others respecting stolen money

[27a] [Jacob Jansen of A]msterdam, mate, sailing on board De Sevenster, aged 24 years, and Jan Jansen, aged 18 years, at the request [of Jacob] Roy, attest in place of an oath if necessary that it is true that Floor, the chief boatswain's mate of De Sevenster, said: "I know well who has stolen the gunner's money, but when nobody's named, nobody's blamed;" he, Floor,

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1 Word undecipherable.

saying that the person who had stolen the money had boasted of it in the tavern; which the deponents offer to confirm on oath. Done the 16th of August, in Fort Amsterdam.

Jacob Jansen

This is the X mark of Jan Jansen aforesaid

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[27b] Jan Kant, aged 33 years, and Marritjen Cornelis, aged 20 years, at the request of Jacob Roy, attest that Styntjen Pieters has said at the house of Jacob Roy that Hans Nicola, a soldier, being drunk, said to her, Styntjen Pieters: "Do you suppose that I have no money?" and had in his hand a leather purse full of money, with which he tapped on the bench. They, the deponents, offer to confirm this on oath. Done the 16th of August 1642.

Jan Candt

This is the X mark of Marritjen Cornelis

Styntjen Pieters declares that she saw and heard what is above written. Done the 22d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642.

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[27c] Floris Cornelise[n, chief boatswain's mate on board De Seven]ster, [at the request of Jacob] Roy, attests that Hans Nico[la, soldier, said] to him, the deponent: ["Do you think that I] have no money?" and exhibited a [leather purse] full of silver money, con[sisting of Spanish and] other coin. He further rattled with the rest which he, Hans Nicola, had in his pocket, [the deponent] not knowing how much [he had]. All of which the deponent declares to be true, offering to confirm this on oath. Done the 16th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642.

This is the X mark of Floris Cornelisen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary



[27d] Femmetjen Alberts, wife of Hendric Westercamp, at present in a state of pregnancy, at the request of Jacob Roy, gunner, attests, declares and testifies, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true that she, Femmetjen Alberts, saw that Hans Nicola, while sitting in his house, before the arrival of the ship De Houttuyn, had in his hand a little lock and exhibiting a certain piece of bent iron said: "I can easily open this little lock with it," whereupon he opened the lock, with these words, that he could open other locks with it also. All of which she declares to be true. Done the 16th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Femmitje Alberts

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. v. Tienh., Secretary

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[28a] [Anthony Fernando], [aged 26]<sup>1</sup> years, Jan Kant, aged 33 years, [Floris Cornelissen, aged] 24 years, Jacob Jansen, [gunner's mate of the ship D]e Sevenster, aged 24 years, [and Uldrich Klein, aged      years], who at the request of Jacob Roy, gunner, jointly attest, testify and declare that it is true and truthful that on the date underwritten Hans Nicola's wife came to the house of the aforesaid gunner to pay for some beer which she owed, having in her hand one shilling, consisting of three double stivers. The woman said: "See, I shall pay you with your own money that I have stolen from you." Whereupon

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<sup>1</sup> Thus in O'Callaghan's translation.

Jacob said: "Only a couple are coming to me," so that she still retained one double stiver. All of which the deponents declare to be true, offering to confirm the same on oath. Done this 16th of August 1642.

This is the X mark of Antony Farnando  
Jan Cant

This is the X mark of Floris Cornelisen  
Jacob Jansen  
Vlderick Klein

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Jan Pietersen from Housem that he delivered certain logs to Lambert Clomp

[28b] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary in N[ew Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India] Company, appeared Jan Pietersen from [Housem,<sup>1</sup> who at the] request of Mr. Smit<sup>2</sup> [testifies and declares] that he, the deponent, owed Nan Beets four logs, which logs she, Nan, assigned to Jan Pietersen, alias [Jan]maet,<sup>3</sup> and which were [delivered

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<sup>1</sup> Husum, in Schleswig.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Smith, who married Nan Beets, the widow of Thomas Beets, or Beeche.

<sup>3</sup> O'Callaghan's translation has: "alias Comrade Jan." "Janmaet" is a familiar appellation given to a sailor, corresponding to "Jack tar." This Jan Pietersen came from Amsterdam. He is also referred to as "Borsje," or "Borstje."

by him?] to Lambert Clomp,<sup>4</sup> his [brother-in-law?], which he, the deponent, offers to confirm under oath. Done the 17th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jan Pietersen from Housem

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Power of attorney from Director Kieft to Dirck Niesen of Amsterdam to receive from Balthasar Cramer of Dublin certain moneys furnished his son in France

[28c] [Before m]e, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary [in New Netherland] appointed [by the Gen]eral Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, [appeared the honorable] Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, who appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, Dirck Niesen of Amsterdam, merchant, in his name and behalf to collect, demand, and receive from Mr. Balthasar Cramer, merchant at Dublin, all such moneys as are due to him, the principal, on account of money advanced by the principal in France<sup>1</sup> to Mr. Cramer's son by his [Cramer's] order, and also on account of Spanish wines sold for the principal in Dublin by Mr. Cramer, who shall be bound to render to the attorney a final statement and account thereof, which being done and the money having been received,

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<sup>4</sup> Lambert Huybertsen Klomp.

<sup>1</sup> Before coming to New Netherland, Kieft was for some time engaged in business at La Rochelle, where he failed and his portrait is said to have been fastened upon the gallows. See H. C. Murphy's translation of Breeden-Raedt, in N. Y. Historical Society, Collections, 1857, ser. 2, vol. 3, p. 249.

he, the attorney, shall have power to execute a receipt and discharge for the payment; if necessary, he shall have power to institute and carry on legal proceedings in the matter before all courts, either as plaintiff or defendant, to take all necessary legal steps, to present his plea, to demand judgment and hear it pronounced, to cause the same to be executed or to object thereto and appeal therefrom and also to waive his right of appeal or to prosecute the appeal to the end, to substitute one other or more persons with like or limited power, and furthermore to do and perform all things in the premises which an attorney at law is allowed to do and which he, the principal, being present might or could do, even though it required fuller and more specific instructions than are herein set forth; promising to hold as good, firm and valid whatever shall be done and performed herein by the above named attorney and each person in particular, provided that the above named attorney remains bound to render and give a good and faithful account, proof and proper statement of his receipts, management and administration, all without fraud. In testimony whereof this is [signed] by the principal.

E. Boghardt

Maurits Janse, witness

Willem Kieft

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Declaration of Claes Carstensen that he saw a grindstone smuggled on board the ship Houttuyn

[28d] Claes Carstensen, aged [22 years,<sup>1</sup> declares at the request] of the fiscal, under offer [and promise of an oath, if necessary], that it is true [and truthful that] on this day, date underwritten, [he saw] a grind[stone] being hoisted or hauled with a [rope on] board the ship De Houttuyn, out of a small boat, but he does not know [who] did it. All of which the said Claes Carstensen declares to be true. Done the 21st of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Claes Carstensen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Lease from Barent Dircksen to Bout Fransen of the farm called Walesteyn

[28e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in New Netherland, appointed by the General Chartered [West India] Company, [appeared] Bar[ent] Dircksen, baker, and Bout Fransen, who acknowledged in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that they had agreed and contracted in manner hereinafter written, to wit:

Barendt Dircksen leases to Bout Fransen aforesaid, who also acknowledges that he has hired, the farm called Walesteyn, on the following conditions. Barent Dircksen shall deliver with the farm one gelding and one mare, four cows and four sows, whereof Barent Dircksen shall run the risk of death during the

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<sup>1</sup> Thus in O'Callaghan's translation.

term of the lease. Bout Francen shall have the use of the farm and cattle for six years or for four years, according as it shall be convenient or seem advisable to him, but Barent Dircksen shall be firmly bound for six years. For all of which Bout Francen shall annually pay to the lessor eighty pounds of butter and sixty schepels of grain, to wit, twenty schepels of wheat and forty schepels of rye, the increase [of animals] to be divided every two years, half and half. It is also expressly covenanted that Barent Dircksen shall deliver with the above named farm the necessary implements that are at present on the farm, the same to be appraised by impartial men, which implements, at the end of the term, shall be paid for according to the appraisal aforesaid or be returned in as good condition as they now are, and in case they should be worth more than the said appraisal, Barent must pay to the lessee such sum as shall correspond to their increase in value. In testimony whereof this is signed by parties the 26th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Barent Dircksen

Bout Fransen

George Spenser

Claes Jansen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Declaration of Andries Hudde that Nicolaes Willem Boot obtained goods from the public store to send to Virginia

[28f] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary in New Ne[therland appointed] by the G[eneral Chartered West India] Company, appeared Mr. Andries Hudden, who [at the request of] Nicolaes Willem Boot attested, [testified] and declared, as he hereby does, [with offer] and promise of an oath if necessary, [that it is] true and truthful that the deponent knows that Nicolaes Willem Boot aforesaid got some goods out of the store here and handed them to a certain Englishman to deliver them for him in Virginia. All of which the deponent declares to be true, offering, if necessary and required, to confirm this on oath. Done the 29th of August A<sup>O</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

A. Hudde

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Report of referees as to the value of improvements made on Varckens (Hogs) island by Jan Claessen Alteras

[29a] [Before] me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary [in N]ew Netherland, appointed [by the Ge]neral Chartered West India [Company, appeared] Cleas van [E]lsland[t, aged] 42 years, and Jan Damen, aged 35 years, who were chosen as impartial men on the part of the honorable Willem Kieft, director of New Netherland, and Jan Claessen Alteras, to view and appraise the house and goat pen, the garden, sowing, fences and the land which Jan Clasen at his expense has built, cleared and made on Varckens

island, <sup>1</sup> all of which they, the appearers, declare to be worth the sum of three hundred guilders, which must be made good and paid to Jan Clasen Alteras by the honorable director aforesaid on account of the West India Company. All of which the appearers declare they have found to be the value, according to the best of their knowledge. Done the 30th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

Claes van Elslant

Jan Jansen Damen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration of Catelina Trico and Sara Rappaille as to the conduct of Tryn Jonas, midwife, when sent for by Nan Beets

[29b] Catelina Trico, wife [of Joris Rappaelje], aged 37 years, who [at the request of the] fiscal declares and testi[fies, with promise] of an oath, if need be, [that Nan Beets on       ] day, when she came to the house of Hans Hansen, [said] that she was pregnant by Mr. [Smith]. Some time afterwards, Nan Beets was at the house [aforesaid], where [she was overcome by such nausea that she sent for Tryn Jonas, the midwife, in her, Catelina's [name?], which midwife came there and immediately went away again; also, that she never saw any child, but heard her say: "Mr. Smith wants me back for the sake of the child that

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<sup>1</sup> Literally "Hog Island;" afterwards called Mannings Island, and now Blackwell's Island. Cf. Cor. Jer. v. Rensselaer, p. 355n.



I am carrying." Done the 31st of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1642.

Sara Rappaelje, wife of Hans Hansen, testifies to the same effect. Done as above.

This is the *K* mark of Catelina Trico

This is the *S* mark of Sara Rappaelje

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from Michiel Kaiser to the wife of Jacob Jacobsen Roy to receive money due him by the West India Company

[29c] [Before] me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary [in] New Netherland appointed [by the] General Chartered West India Company, [appeared] Michiel Keyser from Leyden, who sailed in the year 1637 from Amsterdam on the ship Swol, and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Fokeltje Willems, wife of Jacob Jacobsen Roy, gunner here, to demand and collect for him from the honorable directors of the West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of thirty-six guilders earned by him on the island of Curaçao, as appears by the account hereto annexed; having received the money she, the attorney, may give acquittance for the payment, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done and performed herein by his aforesaid attorney.

In witness whereof he has signed this in the record together with Maurits Jansen and Ad. van Tien[hoven], witnesses hereto invited. Done the 1st of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642 in New Netherland.

Michiel Kaiser

Adriaen van Tienhoven }  
Maurits Janse } as witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from John Jenney to Isaac Allerton to collect moneys due him from various persons

[29d] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary [in New Netherland] appointed by [the General Chartered] West India [Company], appeared Jehan Jenny, [who constituted] and appointed, as he does [hereby], Isaac Allerton, [his attorney], with full power in his [name to] demand and receive from the hereinafter named persons all such sums as they owe to the aforesaid Jan Jenny. Whenever the attorney shall have received the moneys [he] shall have power to execute a discharge for the payment which shall be valid before all courts, tribunals and judges, none excepted; if need be he may sue the aforesaid [persons] at law, prosecute the case to the end and further do whatever he, the principal, were he present, might or could do, and if the case require it substitute another person with one and the same power, the principal holding as valid whatever shall be done herein by him, the attorney. Done the 7th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

List of those who are indebted to Jan Jenny [with the amounts] which Allerton, as attorney, is to demand and receive:

Andries Hudden . . . . .	fl. 130: -
Abraham Ryken . . . . .	37:19
George Rapaelje . . . . .	4:16
Abraham Nieuman . . . . .	10: -
Roelant Hackwaert . . . . .	4: -
Nicolaes Coorn . . . . .	4: -
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	fl. 190:15

All of which is due to him, Jan Jenny. [In proof] and witness of the truth [the above] power of attorney is confirmed and signed [by Jan Jenny].

John Jenney

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from John Jenney to Thomas Atkinson

[30a] With one and the same power Jan Jenny constitutes Thomas Atkenson [his attorney] to demand and receive from Tonis Kray the sum of nineteen guilders, for which on receipt of the money he may grant a discharge. Done the 7th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

John Jenney

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhouen, Secretary

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Bill of sale of a yacht from Dirck Corssen Stam to Maryn Adriaensen

[30b] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary [in New Netherland] appointed by [the General Chart]ered West India [Company], appeared Dirck Corsen Stam, who acknowledged that he had sold to Maryn Adr[iaensen] the yacht named [ ], <sup>1</sup> for the sum of eight hundred Carol[us guilders] payable to the vendor as he, A[driaen]ssen, shall agree with the director, who is to pay him [the vendor] in goods out of the store or in other commodities. The aforesaid Dirck Corssen Stam delivers this day to Maryn Adria[ensen] the said yacht with the standing and running

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<sup>1</sup> Missing from the manuscript.

rigging, anchors, ropes and furniture now belonging thereto and that with the distinct understanding and stipulation that he, Dirck Corsen, delivers the said yacht free and clear of any claims or demands whatsoever to be made thereon by any one, to which end he delivers to the purchaser with the yacht some papers written in the English language whereby it clearly appears whence and from whom the said yacht came and how it was conveyed from one person to the other. Therefore, he, Dirck Corsen, hereby releases and relinquishes his ownership of the above named yacht, vesting his title and interest therein in the said Maryn Adriaensen with all such power as he, the vendor, heretofore could pretend to have over the same, he, the vendor, promising to hold, and to cause to be [held], this his sale and conveyance firm, [binding and irrev]ocable [before all] lords, courts, tribunals and judges, [the parties submitting to] that end their persons [and properties] to the control of all courts, tribunals and judges, the purchaser for the payment [of the purchase money] and the vendor for the freedom from all claims on the yacht. In witness whereof this is signed by the parties respectively on the 7th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, on the island of Manhatans, at the house of Jan Snediger, in New Netherland. Two instruments of the same tenor.

Dirck Corssen Stam

Marin Adriaens

Jouweris Cornelis van Dowes

witnesses

Arent Corssen Stam

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Note of Abraham Planck in favor of [Adriaen van Tienhoven]

[30c] I, Abraham [Planck, acknowledge that I am well and truly] indebted [to Adriaen van Tienhoven?] or in [his] absence [to Cornelis van?] Tienh[oven in] the sum [of ], which I promise to pay [in beavers or?] money. Done the [September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642].

# Abram Planck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., secretary

Power of attorney from Jan Jansen to Wyntjen Pieters to collect  
his wages earned on board the ship Neptunes

[30d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhov[en], secretary in New Netherland, appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Jan Jansen Jongen, <sup>1</sup> from Amsterdam, who empowers, as he hereby does, Wyntjen Pieter[s], residing at Amsterdam, to demand and receive for him from the honorable directors of the said Company the sum of eighty-four guilders, two stivers, ten farthings, due him [by] the said gentlemen by balance of a certain account hereto annexed, signed by Hendric Gerritsen and Gillis Rost van Ceulen, which sum he earned on board the ship Neptunes. Said sum being paid to her, the attorney, she may execute a receipt which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding further as valid whatever shall be done herein by her. In testimony whereof this is signed by the above named Jan Jansen [and by] Adriaen van Tienh[oven] and Maurits Jansen, as witnesses hereto invited. Done the 11th of

<sup>1</sup> Literally: Jan Jansen, boy. Perhaps intended for Jan Jansen, junior.

[September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642 in] New Netherland. <sup>2</sup>

Adriaen van Tienhoven }  
Maurits Janse } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from Jan Willemsen Schut to Maurits Jansen of Haerlem to receive his share of his brother's estate

[31a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Jan Willemsen Schut, well known to me, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Maurits Jansen of Haerlem to demand and recover for him, the principal, from Annitjen Hendricx, widow of the late Egbert Willemsen, his deceased brother, the goods hereinafter specified. Having received the aforesaid goods, he, Maurits Jansen, shall have power to execute a discharge therefor, which shall be valid, the principal further holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted herein by the above named attorney, who shall have power to do everything that he, the principal, if present, could or might do. In witness whereof the original minute hereof in the record is signed by Jan Willemsen Schut and by Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jan Jansen Damen as witnesses hereto invited, the 12th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

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<sup>2</sup> Not signed by Jan Jansen.

1 black cloth mentle  
 1 purple coat  
 3 gold rings  
 1 silver key ring  
 1 ditto girdle and silver chatelaine  
 1 velvet bag; one bed and one pillow

Yan Wyllemsen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Jan Jansen Damen, witness

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Power of attorney from Hendrick [ ] to Steven [ ]  
 to collect his wife's inheritance

[31b] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary [in New Netherland] appointed by [the General Chartered] West In[dia Company], appeared He[ndrick ], to me, the secretary, well [known, who in] the presence of the undersigned witnesses has [appointed] and empowered, as he does hereby, Steven [ ],<sup>1</sup> residing within the city of Amsterdam, to demand and receive in the principal's name (in case it should please God to take his wife's father, named Adam Hendricksen, out of this sorrowful world into His eternal kingdom) all such property as after the death of his wife's father aforesaid shall by rightful inheritance belong to the principal in his capacity as husband of the daughter of the aforesaid Adam. And in that case the aforesaid Steven shall have power to put himself in the place of the principal, to have an inventory made of all the real and personal estate,

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<sup>1</sup> Blank in the original.

debts and credits, and in all things to act as he, the principal, if present, could or might do and, if the case requires it, the aforesaid Steven [ ] <sup>1</sup> may proceed at law against against those who require such action, prosecute the case to the end either as plaintiff or defendant and substitute one or more persons in his stead with the same and equal power; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done herein by the above named attorney. In witness whereof the original hereof is signed in the record by the above named principal and by Maurits Janse and Adriaen van Tienhoven as witnesses hereto requested, besides me, the secretary, the 12th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Maurits Janse, witness

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Power of attorney from Abraham Grevenraedt to Gysbert Opdyck to receive tobacco from Dirck Corssen Stam

[32a] [Before me], Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in [New Netherland appointed by] the General [Chartered] West India Company, appeared Abraham [G]rev[eraedt], who constitutes Gysbert Opdyck [his attorney] and empowers [him] as he does hereby to demand and receive in his name from Dirck Corssen Stam the sum of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three pounds of good tobacco according to the obligation signed by the above named Dirck Corssen Stam; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done herein by the aforesaid attorney. Done the 12th September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642 in Fort Amsterdam.

Abram Greveraedt

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Blank in the original.

<sup>2</sup> The original is signed with the principal's mark, without the name.



Agreement of Willem [ ] to serve Mr. La Montagne  
 [32b] Willem [ ] has bound himself out for] the  
 term of [ ] years, commencing on the] date [hereof], and this  
 [on condition that he agrees] to serve Mr. la Montagne [as a  
 servant] and [to perform all such work as] a good servant ought  
 to perform, [for which Mr. la Montagne] shall every three m[onths  
 or whenever the] servant needs it pay him his [wages], either  
 in beavers or in money. [Done this ] of September A<sup>o</sup>.  
 1642, in New [Netherland].

This [is the] X [mark of ]<sup>1</sup>  
 La Montagne

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Note of Job Aertsen in favor of Jan Claessen Damen

[32c] Copy

I, Jop Aertsen, skipper, <sup>1</sup> acknowledge that I am indebted  
 to Jan Klasen Damen in the sum of 24 guilders to purchase their  
 clothes <sup>2</sup> with it, [which sum I] promise to pay, and to pay at  
 the earliest on the 8th of January 1642. Signed: Jop Arentsen.

Upon comparison this is found to agree with the original  
 and is signed by the witnesses.

Maurits Janse, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

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<sup>1</sup> Name of servant not given.

<sup>1</sup> Job Aertsen, or Arentsen, was the skipper of the ship  
Coninck David, which arrived at Manhattan on November 29, 1641.  
 See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS, pp. 555, 581-603.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning, probably, clothes for the sailors.

Deed from Maryn Adriaensen to Jan Jansen Damen for a parcel of land in the smith's valley, Manhattan Island

[33] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary] in New [Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared] M[a]ryn Adriaen[sen], who in the presence of the under-[signed] witnesses declares and acknowledges that he conveys [to Jan] Jansen Damen a certain parcel of land situated in the smith's valley, <sup>1</sup> heretofore used by [He]ndrick Jansen, tailor, and that by virtue of the deed which the aforesaid Hendrick Jansen gave in favor of him, Maryn Adriaensen, on the 4th of January A<sup>O</sup>. 1642, and all this according to the contract of sale dated the 27th of August A<sup>O</sup>. 1641, <sup>2</sup> signed by the grantor and Jan Jansen Damen. He, Maryn Adriaensen, hereby establishes and places the above named Jan Damen, or whoever may obtain his right, in his estate, real and actual possession of the aforesaid parcel of land and gives him full authority to cultivate, occupy and use the said land as he, Jan Damen, might do with other his patrimonial lands and property, without the grantor having any further right to the aforesaid land from now on and forever, holding the parcel of land aforesaid free from all claims and demands to be set up by any one, whether by himself, his heirs, or successors, and all this in virtue of the conveyance made by the honorable director to Hendric Jansen and again by Hendrick Jansen to him, the grantor. In witness and testimony of the truth this is signed

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<sup>1</sup> Smits valley.

<sup>2</sup> See N.Y. Col. MSS., 1:266.

without fraud or deceit by the grantor the 20th of September 1642.

Marinnis Adriaesen

Jan Wyllemsen Scut, witness

Philippe du Trieux, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Maryn Adriaensen's receipt for the first payment on the land conveyed by him to Jan Damen

[I, Maryn Adriaensen, hereby acknowledge] that I have received to [my complete satisfaction from Jan Jansen] Damen [the sum of eight] hundred Carolus guilders, in satisfaction of the first [payment for the] land which the aforesaid Jan Damen [has purchased] from me, Maryn Adriaensen, wherefore I guarantee him against all further demands either on the part of myself or my heirs. In witness whereof this [is] signed in the register by me, Maryn Adriaensen, voluntarily and without persuasion, at the request of Jan Damen, the 20th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Marinnis Adriaesen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Substitution by Jan Hendricksen Cant of Hendrick van Dyck as attorney of Pieter Verlet and company

[34a] [Before] me, Cornelis van Tienh[oven, secretary] in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered [West India Company, appeared Jan Hendricksen] Cant, as attorney of the honorable Pieter Verlet and company, who by virtue and authority of the power of attorney given to him and brought with him <sup>1</sup> declares that he empowers and substitutes in his place Mr. Hendric van Dyc, ensign of the honorable Company here, in his name to collect and demand from Cornelis Tonissen, Lubbert Gysbertsen, Pieter Cornelissen, Harman Meyndersen and Arent van Curler all such sums of money as are due to him, Jan Kant, according to the obligations signed by the above named persons; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done herein by his attorney, who on receipt of the money may execute a discharge, which shall likewise be valid, and if the case require it sue the aforesaid persons and proceed in due form and either as plaintiff or defendant prosecute the case to the end, with power also, if necessary, to substitute another person in his place with equal or limited authority. Thus done and signed the 27th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

Jan Hendryck Cant

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> From Holland.

Bond of Thomas Baxter and John Oyen as sureties for John Brent

[34b] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], appointed secretary [in New Netherland], appeared [Thomas Backster and John Oyen], who [in the presence of the] fiscal and T[homas Willett, as witnesses hereto invited], voluntarily bind [themselves], as they do hereby, each one as surety and principal, for Jan Brent, and that for all such sums of money as he, Jan Brent, owes [to the] honorable Company and Mr. Heyl, which Company shall be preferred over all others, and in case the said Brent shall run away, they, the sureties, shall be bound to pay the honorable Company and Mr. Heyl, free of costs and charges, as much as the above named Jan Brent owes. In token of the truth we have signed this the 3d of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1642.

Thomas Backster

John Oyen

Cornelio vander Hoykens, fiscal, witness

Tho. Willett

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary <sup>1</sup>

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Settlement by Jannetje Mertens, widow of Jan Thomassen Mingael, on the children of her deceased husband of twenty guilders each in lieu of their share of their father's estate

[35a] [In] the year of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, anno one thousand six hundred and forty-two, the third of November, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. 2:147h and 4:157.

Company, appeared Jannetjen Mertens, widow of the late Jan Tomassen Mingal, at present bride of Jan Claessen van Meppelen,<sup>1</sup> master of the ship De Sevenster, and whereas she is bound to apportion to her legitimate children procreated by her above named deceased husband, namely, Thomas Jansen and her daughter named Jannitjen Jans, their share of their father's estate, and whereas she is a widow without means, yes, has more debts than effects, she, Jannitjen Jans,<sup>2</sup> settles on her aforesaid son and little daughter for their paternal property the sum of twenty Carolus guilders each, amounting for both the children to forty Carolus guilders. Wherefore Jan Claessen van Meppelen, at present bridegroom, promises whenever the aforesaid children shall become of legal age to pay to each the sum of twenty Carolus guilders, once, for their paternal portion, for which he, Jan van Meppelen, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts according to law. In witness whereof this is signed by van Meppelen and the witnesses the third of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Claessen van Meppel

Claes van Elslant, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before [me],

[Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Meppel, a city in the province of Drente, Netherlands.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning Jannitje, the widow of Jan Thomassen Mingael.

Lease to Christopher Foster of two oxen belonging to the West  
India Company

[35b] Before me, Cor[nelis van] Tienhoven, secretary of [New  
Netherland], appeared Nicolaes van Elslandt, who by authority of  
the honorable Director Kieft has let to Christoffel Faster, resid-  
ing on Long Island, two oxen belonging to the honorable Company,  
whereof the aforesaid Ch~~ri~~stoffel shall have the use until the  
middle of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, which oxen he shall properly keep and  
which shall be at his risk until the middle of next May. For the  
use of the said oxen he, Christoffel, shall pay thirty-eight  
English shillings, for which he binds his person and property,  
movable and immovable, present and future. Done the 4th of  
November A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

Christophor ffoster

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Lease of the farm of Everardus Bogardus to Richard Fowles

[36] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New  
Netherland appointed [by] the General Chartered West India Company,  
[appeared] Evera[rdu]s Bogardus, minister here, of the first part,  
and Ritchert Fouls, of the second part, who acknowledged that  
they had amicably agreed and contracted with each other in manner  
following, to wit: Everardus Bogardus leases his farm and farm  
house for the term of four years to Ritchert Fouls, who acknowledges  
that he has rented the same on the conditions hereinafter written.  
The lessor shall deliver with the aforesaid farm two milch cows,  
one heifer of two and a half years, one heifer of one and a half  
years, one bull calf of last May, one steer of May, two draft oxen

of four and a half years and one stallion colt of last May, of which [animals] each party shall own a half share. The minister shall also deliver all the necessary implements for the farm as good as they are to be had at the present time, which the lessee shall keep in repair at his own expense and at the expiration of the four years, commencing the 12th of November 1642 and ending the 12th of November 1646, deliver back with the farm in as good condition as they will be furnished now and whatever improvements they will have undergone must be paid for according to valuation by arbitrators and whatever wear and tear they may have received must be paid for in like manner. For which the lessee shall annually pay to the minister one third of the crop which God shall grant to the field; also 25 lb. of butter for the cows from the commencement of the lease; for the oldest heifer he shall pay nothing next year because the lessor shall receive one half of the milk [until?] the cows are dry; the second year and to the end of the term he shall annually [pay] 25 lb. of butter for [the same heifer?]; for [the youngest heifer, next year, when the heifer?] has calved, he shall pay 12 lb. of butter [the first year] and the remaining years annually 25 lb. of butter. The minister also leaves on the farm a mare which shall be for his exclusive use, only that [in the] winter the lessee shall duly fodder and water [the same] and take proper care of her; of all of which cattle parties shall each have half the increase for his share, the risk of death being also in common, but the number that is now delivered must first be made good out of the increase and then the remaining cattle shall be equally apportioned and divided. The lessee shall take care of the land and maintain the



fences at his own expense and at the end of the lease deliver everything in the condition in which it is now received; also, he shall use all possible diligence to clear the land. It is likewise covenanted that when the term is within six months of expiring, parties shall give each other notice in order that each may then do as he pleases. For which parties bind their persons and properties, submitting the same to the courts, according to law, the 12th of November 1642 in New Netherland.

Everhardus Boghardus

Richard Fowles

Cornelio van der Hoykens, fiscal, witness

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration by Pierre Pia and Jean St. Germain that they heard a gun fired by an Englishman at Mereychkawickingh and saw a hog shot

[37a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in New Netherland, in the presence of the honorable fiscal, appeared Piere Pia, [aged] 38 years, and Jean Germain, aged 35 years, who at the request of Michel Picet, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that they, the deponents, were last Thursday in the corn field at Mereychkawickingh, where they saw an Englishman with a gun an hour before sunset. A short time afterwards they, the deponents, heard the report of a gun and immediately after the shot was fired one of Michel's hogs came to the house, having been wounded by a bullet which was shot through and through. All of which the

deponents declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm this under oath if necessary. Done the 23d of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Pierre Pia

This is the W mark of Jan Ceno, alias St. Germain

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of sale between Hendrick Jansen and Willem Adriaensen of a garden, dwelling house and brewery at Manhattan

[37b] This day, date underwritten, [before] and in the presence of the [undersigned witnesses, Hendrick] Jansen, tailor, and Wil[1]em Adria[e]n[sen], cooper, [acknowledged that they had amicably] agreed and contracted on the following conditions and terms. First, Hendrick Jansen sells to Will[em] Adriaensen his garden dwelling and brewhouse, with all that fastened by earth and nail, together with the appurtenances of the said brewhouse, the purchase of which the aforesaid Willem Adriaensen acknowledges, for the sum of two thousand five hundred Carolus guilders, payable in three instalments, the first payment whereof, being the just third part, shall be made next summer when the first ship shall depart from here to the fatherland, and the second and third payments from year to year accordingly. He, the vendor, promises to deliver to the purchaser a proper deed when he shall have made the first payment, on condition that sufficient security be given by the purchaser for the remaining two payments. It is stipulated that twenty-five guilders for drink on the bargain shall be contributed by the vendor alone, without charging any part thereof

to the purchaser; for all of which the parties bind themselves according to law. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties on the 24th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, on the island of Manhattan.

Heyndryck Yansen

Willem Adryansen, cooper

H. van Dyck

This is the X mark of Wolphert Gerritsen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Walter Davel to fence the plantation of Tonis Cray

[38a] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienh]oven, secretary [in] New Netherland appointed by the General [Chartered West India Company, and in the pr]esence of the undersigned witnesses, [appeared Wauter Davel and Tonis Cray, who acknowledged that they had agreed] and contracted in [manner] as follows, to wit: He, Wauter [Davel, agrees] to fence the plantation of the above named [Tonis Cray, of such shape and] size as the same is situated on the island [of Manhattan, in the] following manner. The above named Wauter Davel shall [cut the posts] as heavy as a man can carry, seven feet [long, the] posts to be set twelve feet apart, and to have holes through them through which five rails, [one above the] other, shall be stuck in such [a way] that no hogs, cows or horses shall be able to come into the aforesaid plantation. All the timber having been cut and prepared, Tonis Cray shall haul it out of the woods at his own expense and deliver it where it shall be set up and used by Walter Davel; for which he,

Tonis Cray, shall pay for every two English rods of fence one week's board, lodging and washing, and if this does not pay for the labor he, Tonis Cray, shall pay three guilders for two English rods, with the proviso that if the said Walter be kept waiting for the hauling of the timber, Tonis shall pay him thirty stivers a day and board and employ him at such work as he pleases. For which parties bind their persons as provided by law. Done the first of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1642 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

The timber must be ready in the woods within four months.

This is the H mark of Walter Davel

This is the  mark of Tonis Cray from Venlo

This is the D A mark of Davit Andriessen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary


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Indenture of Gillis Jansen as farm servant to Cornelis Claessen Swits

[38b] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary] in New Nethe[rland, appointed by] the Ge[neral Chartered West India] Company, appeared [Gillis] Jansen from Brouwershaven, [

], who acknowledges that he has hired himself to Cornelis [Claessen Swits for the] term of six consecutive [years beginning] the tenth of October last past, to serve him, [Swits], during the [term] of his bounden service in all such [work as] relates to farming or wherein he, S[wits], shall wish to employ him; he, Gillis Jansen, promising to serve out his bounden time faithfully and diligently if God grant him health and life so long, for which services he shall annually receive

as wages the sum of eighty-three and one third Carolus guilders, amounting in six years to the sum of five hundred Carolus guilders, provided that the aforesaid Cornelis Claessen Swits promises to supply him, Gillis, during his bounden time with food, drink, washing and lodging, according to the usage and custom of farmers of this country. In testimony whereof this is signed by the above named Gillis Jansen and Cornelis Clase Swits, without fraud or deceit, this first of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the  mark of Gillis Jansen from Brouwerhaven  
Cornelis Clasen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Juriaen Hendricksen to build a house for Director Kieft at the Otterspoor

[39a] [This day, date underwrit]ten, before me, [Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary in New Netherland, [appointed] by the General [Chartered W]est India Company, appeared Jeuriaen Hendricksen from Osenbrugge, <sup>1</sup> [carpenter], to me, the secretary, well known, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he has undertaken, as he hereby does, to build <sup>2</sup> for the Hon. Willen Kieft, director general in New Netherland, a house at the Otterspoor, as follows. The house one hundred feet

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<sup>1</sup> Dutch name of the city of Osnabruck.

<sup>2</sup> At this point were to be inserted one or more words which were written in the margin and which are destroyed.

long; the barn fifty feet wide, twenty-four feet between the posts and two side aisles (uytlaten) running the entire length [of the barn], one nine and the other ten feet wide; the fore part of the house fifty feet long and twenty-four feet wide, with one partition and a double chimney, <sup>3</sup> all of which shall be of stone <sup>4</sup> and wherein he, Jeuriaen Hendricksen, shall make and lay the cellar and garret timbers with the necessary flooring; also the window and door frames and whatever else shall be necessary for the aforesaid building. Which aforesaid work being done and completed in proper fashion, he, the carpenter, shall receive from the above mentioned Mr. Willem Kieft, director aforesaid, the sum of six hundred Carolus guilders, once which aforesaid sum of six hundred guilders he hereby promises to tender and pay to Jeuriaen Hendricksen when the work shall be properly completed. All without fraud or deceit, this is signed in the record by the parties this 6th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

The carpenter is to build the aforesaid house this winter and shall be boarded as long as the work continues.

Willem Kieft

This is the X mark of

Jeuriaen Hendricksen, above named

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<sup>3</sup> Meaning a chimney on each side of the partition. The house, like practically all the Dutch farm houses of that period, consisted apparently of a combination of dwelling house and barn, all under the same roof, the front part of the building being used for dwelling purposes and the rear part as a stable for horses and cattle.

<sup>4</sup> steen; which in Holland would be understood to mean baksteen, or brick, but which here probably refers to stone.

Bill of sale of a horse from Cornelis van Tienhoven to  
Jeuriaen Hendricksen

[39b] Jeuriaen [Hendricksen from Osenbruch] acknowledges [in the presence] of Huych Aer[tsen from Rossum <sup>1</sup> and Claes van Elslant] that he has purchased from Cornelis van Tienhoven [a stallion] in his second year, [which said stallion] shall be fitted out by van Tienhoven [at his] expense and be at [said] van Tienhoven's risk, and must be delivered [by] the vendor on the first of May 1643, when Jeuriaen shall also be obliged to receive it; for which horse the purchaser is to pay the sum of two hundred Carolus guilders on delivery, to wit, on the first of May aforesaid, with the express stipulation that the purchaser shall give the vendor an order on the honorable director, with which parties are satisfied. Done the 6th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1642 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jeuriaen Hendricksen from Osenbruch

Cornelis van Tienhoven, vendor

Claes Van Elslant, witness

Huych Aertsen from Rossom, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelio van [der] Hoykens, fiscal of New Netherland

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<sup>1</sup> Rossum is a village in the Bommelerwaard, province of Gelderland.

Power of attorney from Tymen Jansen to George Grace to inquire whether any tobacco due to Dirck Corssen Stam was received in Virginia by the late Thomas Jansen Ses, agent of Tymen Jansen

[40a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered [West India] Company, [appeared] Tym[en] Jansen, ship carpenter, to me the secretary well known, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses constitutes and appoints, as he does hereby, Mr. George Grace [his attorney], with power in his, the principal's, name to demand and inquire how the matter stands between Dirck Corsen Stam and Thomas Jansen Ses, in his life time the principal's agent in Virginia, especially in regard to a certain note of hand in favor of Dirck Corsen Stam and payable by Captain Volte Brint <sup>1</sup> for the amount of sixteen hundred and thirty pounds of tobacco, which tobacco Thomas Jansen is said to have received an account of the above mentioned Tyman Jansen, who was paid here by Dirc Corsen with the understanding that if any tobacco had been received in Virginia, Dirc Corsen should receive the same, consequently that Dirc Corsen may claim the note of whoever has it; furthermore to demand the receipt which Tomas Jansen Ses has lawfully executed in the matter, in order that everything may appear clear. Therefore, the principal empowers the aforesaid Mr. Grace to inquire into and investigate the matter in all its parts, points and articles, whoever may be the person concerned; likewise, if the case should require it, to institute legal proceedings for the recovery of the [note] before the honorable the governor and council of Virginia and either as plaintiff or defendant to prosecute the case to the end, in order that the matter may be brought to a satisfactory conclusion and proof of the real truth may be furnished by legal

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<sup>1</sup> Captain Foulke Brent; see [77].



instruments; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done and performed herein by the attorney. In witness whereof this is signed in the [record] by Tymon Jansen and by [Gillis de Voocht] and Bysbert op Dyc as witnesses hereto invited, besides me, the secretary, the 1[2? of December A<sup>o</sup>.] 1642 in New Amsterdam in [New Netherland].

This is the X mark of Tymen Jansen above named  
Gillis de Voocht, witness  
Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Report of referees in the matter between Jacques Bentyn and  
Andrew Messenger and company

[40b] Isaac Allerton and Hendric van Dyc, ensign, having been appointed referees to examine the difference between Mr. Bentyn and Goodman Messingjour <sup>1</sup> and associates, therefore, they, as referees, having deliberately considered the matter, find it to be just that Mr. Bentyn shall pay to Messinjour and associates the sum of fifty Carolus guilders when the house shall be completed according to previous contract. Done the 12th of December 1642, in Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Andrew Messenger, afterwards a resident of Jamaica, L. I.

Declaration of Adriaen Claessen Swits and others that the beer obtained at Jan Snediger's was of short measure

[41a] [Adriaen Cl]aessen Swits, 20 years of age, testifies [at the request] of the fiscal that on the 19th of December he got beer at the house of Jan Snediger three different times. The first time he found it one pint short in hardly three pints, the second time it was found to be scarcely wine measure, and the third time it was found to be a gill short in three pints, the pint being wine measure.

Harman Myndersen declares that he also saw the beer measured, and Van Elslandt likewise.

Done the 20th of December 1642.

This is the X mark of Adriaen Clasen Swits  
Harman A. Booghardy

I, Claes van Elslant testify that the last three pints which were fetched from Jan Snedekes' were measured in my presence with a wine measure and that the three pints were a gill short in the measure.

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Promissory note of Gerrit Doman to the deacons at Fort Amsterdam

[41b] I, Gerrit [Doman, acknowledge that I am well and truly] indebted to [the deacons at Fort Amsterdam] in the sum of fifty [Carolus guilders], for money advanced [to me] by Oloff Stevensen; <sup>1</sup> which aforesaid sum I promise to pay free of [costs] and charges to the aforesaid deacons with interest at 8 per cent

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<sup>1</sup> Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt, who at the time was a deacon of the Dutch Reformed Church at New Amsterdam.

per annum; [and] for the performance hereof I bind my person and property, movable and immovable, without any exception. In testimony whereof this is signed by him Gerrit Doman, this 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Gerdt Doman

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Promisory note of Gerrit Doman to Hendrick van Dyck

[41c] I, the undersigned, Gerrit Domans, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Hendric van Dyck, ensign, in the sum of fifty Carolus guilders on account of money disbursed for a certain house which the aforesaid Douman purchased; which aforesaid sum I, Gerrit Douman, promise to tender and pay to the said Mr. van Dyck free of costs and charges, with interest at 8 per cent per annum, comencing from the date hereof. For security of which I, the undersigned, bind my person and property, movable and immovable, and generally all my other property, submitting to this end to all courts, tribunals and judges, none excepted. In testimony and witness of the truth this is signed by Gerrit Doman, the 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in Fort Amsterdam.

Gerdt Doman

Report of referees on a claim of Nicolaes Boet against Michel Picet for clearing land

[42a] [Jan Montf]oort declares that he, the appearer, and G[e]orge [Rapaelje] have examined what Nicolaes Boet has done on the land of Michel; therefore we, as referees, find that there is coming to Nicolaes Boet for clearing and preparing the land belonging to Michel Picet the sum of twenty-four guilders, which Picet ought to pay as it has been well earned on the land. Dated the 5th of January 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jan Montfoort

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Note of Bout Fransen in favor of Gysbert Rycken for goods received

[42b] Before me, [Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary in New [Netherland] appointed by the [General Chartered] West India Company, appeared Bout Francen, who acknowledged that he was well and truly indebted to Gysbert Rycken in the sum of seventy five Carolus guilders at twenty stivers each, arising from divers goods which the aforesaid Bout Francen has had and received to his satisfaction, payable as soon as it shall be possible; for which he, the appearer binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting to that end to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony and proof of the truth this is signed by the appearer and by Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witness hereto invited. Done the 20th of January A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Bout Frans

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond of Thomas Hall to Maryn Adriaensen for the payment of the purchase price of a plantation on Manhattan Island

[43a] [I, the undersigned], Thomas Hal, tobacco planter, acknowledge [for myself], my heirs and successors, that I am well and truly indebted to Maryn Adriaensen in the sum of one thousand Carolus guilders, arising from the purchase of the plantation situated on the island of Manhattan on the North River, heretofore cultivated by Hans Hansen; which aforesaid sum he, Tomas Hal, promises to pay to Maryn Adriaensen, or his order, free of costs and charges, without any exception, on the first of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, and that in money or goods to Maryn Adriaensen's satisfaction. For which he, Tomas Hal, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting to that end to all courts, tribunals and judges. Upon request an authentic instrument hereof is issued. In testimony and token of the honest truth, this is signed by Tomas Hal and the subscribing witnesses in Fort Amsterdam, the 23d of January A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, New Netherland.

Thomas Hall

Gillis de Voocht, witness

Adriaen van Tienh., witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Bond of Francis Lastley and John Seals as sureties for  
Thomas Hall

[43b] We, Francoys Las[tley and John Seals, bind] ourselves jointly and severally as sureties of Thomas Hall for the benefit of Maryn Adriaensen in the sum of one thousand Carolus guilders, a[rising] from the purchase of a plantation, [which sum of money] must be paid by the said Hal on the first of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1644; and in case the principal fails to pay, we, as sureties, are bound each for the whole and as principal for the payment of the aforesaid sum; all of which we request may be entered in the record. In testimony of the truth, this is signed by us in the presence of Gillis de Voocht and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses hereto invited. Done the 23d of January A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Francis Lastley

John Seals

Gillis de Vooght, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Contract of sale between Cornelis Dircksen Hooglandt and Willem Tomassen of a house and garden and 16 or 17 morgens of land together with rights of the ferry

[44] [In the year of] the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, anno one thousand six hundred and forty-three, the 24th day of January, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Cornelis Dircksen Hoochlandt, of the first part,

and Willem Tomassen, pilot of the yacht De Pauwe,<sup>1</sup> of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had amicably agreed and contracted together in the manner and on the terms hereinafter written:

Cornelis Dircksen sells to the above named Willem Tomassen his house and garden together with all that is fastened by earth and nail, situated on Long Island, and 16 or 17 morgens of land lying thereabouts with all the appurtenances thereof, as well as the ferry [rights] for the remainder of Cornelis' term, subject to the approval of the honorable director; and in case the director does not please to grant the ferry to the purchaser he, the purchaser, shall nevertheless adhere to the purchase of the house and its appurtenances, which above named Willem Tomassen also acknowledges that he has purchased the said house on the above conditions. For all of which the purchaser promises to pay to the above named Cornelis Dircksen the sum of twenty-three hundred guilders, in money or goods to the satisfaction of the seller, and whenever the purchaser makes payment to the seller, he, the seller, is bound immediately to make delivery and give a deed. For all of which the parties respectively bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting to that end to all courts, tribunals and judges. But delivery and conveyance can not be demanded before the payment of the above named sum. In testimony and token of the truth this is signed by the parties and by the witnesses hereto invited, the parties having requested an authentic instrument hereof in due

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<sup>1</sup> The Peacock.

form; all without fraud. Done the 24th of January A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, at the house of Jan Snediger.

Coernelis Diercksen

Wellell Tohansen

Willem Koster, witness

Gerreyt Dyrcksen Blaw, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Lease to Philip Gerritsen of the Company's house, to be used as a tavern

[45a] [This day, date under]written, before [me, Cornelis va]n Tienhoven, secretary of [the General] Chartered West India Company, appeared the honorable Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, and Philip Gerritsen from Haerlem, who declared that they had entered into and made a certain contract for the hire of the Company's house <sup>1</sup> on the following conditions.

The aforesaid director leases the said house to the above mentioned Philip Gerritsen, who also acknowledges that he has hired the same, for the term of six consecutive years, which term commenced on the first of January 1642, and will terminate on the first of January 1648; for which Philip Gerritsen promises to pay as rent to the honorable West India Company or their agent annually the sum of three hundred guilders, with the express promise of the director that so much of the Company's wines shall

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<sup>1</sup> Known as the Stads Herberg, or City Tavern, which in 1654 became the Town Hall. See J. H. Innes, New Amsterdam and its People, pp. 175-91. See also Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, History of the City of New York in the Seventeenth Century, 1:187, where the name of the lessee is confused with that of Philip Geraerdy, from Paris, the proprietor of the White Horse Tavern, who died in 1655.



be delivered to him, the lessee, as he will be able to retail, allowing the lessee a profit of six stivers on the quart, to wit, of brandy and Spanish wine, but on French wine not more than four stivers; also, that no wines shall be tapped and served to guests in the Company's cellar, which might tend to the lessee's detriment. The honorable director also promises at the first opportunity to have a well dug near the house and to have a brewhouse erected in the rear, or else to grant the use of the Company's brewhouse. [Furthermore], the director shall have a yard palisaded off in the rear of the house. In witness of the truth this is signed in the record by the above named honorable director and by Philip Gerritsen. Done the 17th of February A<sup>o</sup>. 1643 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Willem Kieft

Philippus Gerritsen

Anno 1647, January first, this contract was extended for six years by the honorable director Willem Kieft in favor of Adriaen Dircksen, who married the widow <sup>2</sup> of the late Philip Gerritsen, so that this lease expires on the first of January 1654.

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<sup>2</sup> Her name was Marritje Lievens. The banns of her marriage to Adriaen Dircksen are entered under date of July 23, 1645.

Lease of a plantation from Aeltje Jans to Marten Menlooff  
and Thomas Vaster (Foster)

[45b] Before [me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of] New  
Netherland, appeared Aeltje Jans, widow of [the late Jochem<sup>1</sup>]  
Cornelisen from Rotterdam, [with Aert]Teunessen, her chosen  
guardian, [of the first part, and] Marten Menlooff and Tomas  
Vaster<sup>2</sup> of the [second] part, who acknowledged [that they had]  
agreed [in] the following manner:

Marten Menloff and Tomas Vaster acknowledge that they  
have hired the plantation of the aforesaid Aeltje Jans, who also  
acknowldges that she has leased the same, for the term of one  
year, beginning on the date hereof and ending on the 16th of  
March A.<sup>o</sup> 1644, on which plantation 18 schepels of grain are  
already sown, of which the lessees must return twelve schepels,  
being her 2/3 share. The widow shall furnish the summer grain  
and again receive 2/3 as before, provided the lessees pay as  
rent 1/3 part of the crop which God shall grant to the field.  
The widow likewise delivers two milch cows, two oxen, and two  
heifers now one year old. The lessees shall pay for the milch  
cows 40 lbs. of butter during the year and shall receive half  
of the increase. The widow also delivers two sows, half the

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<sup>1</sup> Thus in O'Callaghan's translation. According to the marriage  
records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New York, the name  
should be Jan Cornelissen.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently intended for Thomas Foster

increase of which the lessees shall likewise receive. The lessees shall provide feed during the winter for the above named cattle and shall run half the risk of the two cows during the year.

Done this 16th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Netherland.

The boy Jan shall be at the service of the lessees on condition that they provide him with clothes and board; should the widow have need of him, she may employ the boy provided she board him.

This is the X mark of Aert Tonisen

This is the X mark of Aeltje Jans

This is the V mark of Tomas Vaster

This is the M mark of Marten Manlooff

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Deposition of Robert Penoyer respecting an attempt made on the life of Director Kieft by Maryn Adriaensen

[46a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secr]etary of New Netherland, [appeared] Robbert Penoyer, aged twenty-five years, who, at the request of Cornelis van [der] Hoykens, fiscal, testified, attested and declared, as he does hereby, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that it is true and truthful that on the 21st of March, it being Saturday afternoon, he heard Lysbet Tyse say in the tavern (after he had asked her twice what ailed her): "Robert, my husband wants to shoot the commander. Go and run after him!" which he, the deponent, immediately did, finding Maryn Adriaensen in the director's chamber with a loaded pistol that was cocked in his

hand. He, the deponent, drew the sword from Maryn's side and threw it upon the director's bed. All of which he, the deponent, declares to be true and truthful, declaring that this is done by him to bear testimony to the honest truth, without favor or malice toward any one, as every one is bound to do when called upon to do so. Done in Fort Amsterdam, the 22d of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, New Netherland.

Which the deponent  
has confirmed by oath.

This is the X mark of Robbert  
Penoyer above named

Date as above.

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Release of Jan Jansen Damen as bondsman of Hendrick Jansen for  
the payment of the purchase price of a house and land

[46b] I, Hendrick Jansen, [tailor], do hereby declare for myself, my [heirs and assigns], that I hereby release and discharge Jan Jansen Damen from all liability as surety on a bond signed by him at the request of Ma[ryn] Adriaensen, to wit, for the purchase of a house and land on the island of Manhatans, releasing him hereby, now and forever, from all future demands in the matter aforesaid. In testimony whereof this is voluntarily and of his own accord signed by Hendrich Jansen in the presence of the subscribing witnesses. Done the 20th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Netherland.

Heyndryck Yansen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Hans Stein Mallius' own hand, witness

Thomas Hall

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from David Provoost to Gillis Jansen Verbrugge  
to collect money from the estate of his wife's uncle

[47a] On the 28th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared David Provoost, commissary of the West India Company in New Netherland, known to me, the secretary, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he had appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, Gillis Jansen Verbrugge especially in the name of the principal to demand, receive and collect such moneys as belong to him, the principal, as husband and guardian of Margarita Gillis, by the death of his wife's father's brother, named Hendrick Jochimsen, in his lifetime a resident of France; also, if necessity requires it, to proceed before all lords, courts and tribunals; to litigate as plaintiff or defendant; to observe all days and terms; to produce evidence, to challenge and rebut testimony and state his conclusions; to demand and hear interlocutory or final judgment; to approve the same and have it executed or to appeal therefrom and to prosecute the appeal to the end, and in general to do all that he, the principal, might or and ought to do were he present; also, if the case require it, to substitute one or more persons [in his stead]. The principal promises and binds himself according to law to maintain and hold as valid whatever shall be done by the attorney or his substitute, without fraud, and requests hereof an authentic instrument. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland in the presence of Gillis de Voocht and Adr[1]aen van Tienhoven, the 30th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1643 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

David Provost

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Terms upon which Jochim Kiersted agrees to pay Jan Jansen Damen  
for a piece of armozine

[47b] <sup>1</sup> I, [Jochim Kiersted, acknowledge the receipt] from  
the hands of Jan Jansen Damen of a piece of armo[zine for which  
Kiersted is to pay] the sum of fl. 48 if he [sells] it, otherwise  
he is to return the piece. [The piece] being sold, he, Jochim  
Kirste[d], shall pay with hops, malt or [barley], at market prices.  
Done this 30th of March 1643, in New Netherland.

Joachim Kierstet

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Power of attorney from Hendrick Jansen to Gillis Pietersen to  
look after his affairs during his absence

[47c] I, Hendrick Jansen, hereby declare that I have empowered,  
as I do hereby, Gillis Pietersen <sup>1</sup> to do and deal in my name  
with my property as he shall find expedient, also placing him in  
my stead [with] full power to act in all things as if I were  
present, whereof he shall render account at his convenience;  
giving him further authority to make delivery of the house which  
I sold to Willem, the cooper, <sup>2</sup> and to demand the money accord-  
ing to the contract of sale. All of which [being] done, [I shall

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<sup>1</sup> The agreement is canceled.

<sup>1</sup> Gillis Pietersen was Hendrick Jansen's son-in-law. The  
power of attorney was given to him in view of Jansen's expected  
departure from the colony under sentence of banishment rendered  
by the court on November 27, 1642, for calling Director Kieft  
a villain. Jansen, however, did not leave till several years  
later. On June 17, 1643, he was given permission to remain in  
the colony to settle his affairs. He sailed in the summer of  
1647 in the ship Princess and is supposed to have perished in  
the wreck of that vessel.

<sup>2</sup> Willem Adriaensen; see contract of sale of November 24,  
1642, N. Y. Col. MSS., 2:37b.

hold as valid], but he shall not be at liberty to do anything without the knowledge and consent of my wife. Done the first of April 1643, in New Netherland.

Heyndryck Yansen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Deed from Jan Pietersen and Abraham Ryken to Michel Picet for a house on Manhattan Island

[48a] [We], the undersigned, Jan Pietersen and Abraham Ryken, hereby acknowledge for ourselves and our heirs that we have sold [to M]ichil [Picet], who also [acknowledges] that he has purchased, our house situated on the island of Manhattan, next to the house of Master Heyl, [transferring to him] the true and full ownership [thereof] for the sum of one hundred and fifty guilders, payable when the delivery takes place, which shall be immediately after the execution of these presents; wherefore we, the subscribers, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, convey to the aforesaid Michiel Pecet the said house, to wit, all that is fastened by earth and nail, renouncing the ownership of the aforesaid house and hereby giving the said purchaser full power, authority and commission to do with and dispose of it as he shall think proper. To this end parties bind their respective persons and properties, movable and immovable, one for the payment and the other for the delivery. All done without fraud in Fort Amsterdam the 4th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jan Pietersen

This is the X mark of Abraham Ryken

This is the X mark of Michil Picet

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., [Secretary]

Lease from Rem Jansen to Jan Lock and Jan Picces of a plantation  
on Long Island

[48b] This day, the 8th of April 1643, [in the presence] of Isaack Allerton, Remm[ert Jansen acknowledges] that he has leased to Jan Lock and [Jan Picces], who also acknowledge that they have rented, his plantation situated on Long Island, for three consecutive years, for which they are to pay to the lessor at the end of the three years one hundred and eighty guilders. The lessor shall deliver with the plantation three old and three young goats with one sow, on [condition of receiving] half the increase, but the risk of death shall be borne by the lessor, who shall also deliver four schepels of wheat. Should the lessees during the term of the lease improve the land considerably, either by building, fencing, clapboarding or otherwise, the lessor shall pay therefor according to appraisal by impartial men at the expiration of the lease. In testimony whereof this is signed by parties. Done on the date above written.

Rem Yansen

This is the X mark of Jan Lockh

This is the X mark of Jan Picces

Isaac Allerton, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary



Complaint of Pieter van der Linde and others about the dog of Nicolaes Sloper which roams the woods and kills their goats

[49a] [Pi]eter van [der] Linden, aged 48 years, Barent Dircksen, baker, aged about 43 years, and Tonis Cray, aged 42 years, jointly complain to the honorable fiscal as follows:

That Nicolaes Sloper has long since been ordered by the honorable director and council of New Netherland to kill or do away with his dog, because the dog was in the habit of killing boats and bucks, which order the above named Sloper has not obeyed, so that said Sloper's dog and the miller's dogs <sup>1</sup> have bitten and devoured many goats and bucks, said dogs going daily hunting in the woods. The persons aforesaid offer to confirm this by oath and request that provisionally the aforesaid dogs may be done away with. Done the 9th of April 1643.

Pieter Linde

This is the X mark of Barent Dircksen

This is the X mark of Tonis Cray of Venlo <sup>2</sup>

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration of Philip Gerardy respecting a wound he received at night from Jan Jansen Damen after conducting him home

[49b] Philip Gerraerdy <sup>1</sup> from Paris, lying abed sick [and wounded], deposes at the [request] of the honorable fiscal, Van der Hoykens, that last Monday night, sometime between twelve and one o'clock, he went with Jan Damen to conduct him home. Having

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning probably, the dogs of Abraham Pietersen, the miller.

<sup>2</sup> A city on the Meuse, in the province of Limburg, Netherlands.

<sup>1</sup> Philip Gerardy was the keeper of the White Horse tavern at New Amsterdam.

come there (after Jan Damen's servant man had threatened to shoot him with a pistol), Jan Damen told his servant to go to sleep, who said, I will not. Finally, the above mentioned Jan Damen and Dirck, his servant, began to fight, the man having a knife and Jan Damen a scabbard. Said Jan Damen falling backward, he, the deponent, having his drawn sword in his hand for the purpose of separating them, kept the servant from Jan Damen, who got up and ran into the house. He immediately came again out of the house with a knife and as it was very dark, Jan Damen struck him, the deponent, under the shoulder-blade. The aforesaid Philip Gerardy also declares that he is not aware that he, the deponent, and Jan Damen ever in their lives had any personal grudge or quarrel and that this accident occurred suddenly and without intention on the part of Jan Damen. He, the deponent, also requests the fiscal not to molest Jan Damen on that account. Done the 11th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

John Lightfoote

This is the  mark of Touchyn Briel

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration of surgeon Hans Kierstedt as to the nature of Philip Gerardy's wound

[50a] Hans Kirsteede, surgeon, residing on the island of Manhattan, declares at the request of the honorable fiscal, Van [der] Hoykens, that he found Philip Geraerdy wounded close to the spine, on the right side, between the short ribs and the shoulder-blade, the cut running upwards toward the shoulder without

penetrating or being fatal at present. All of which he declares in the presence of the subscribing witnesses to be true, offering if necessary to confirm the same under oath. Done the 11th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643 on the island of Manhattan in New Netherland.

Hans Kierstedt

John Lightfoote

This is the X mark of Touchyn Briel

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration of corporal Thomas Broen that Dirck Cornelissen took away his hat and nailed it on a post

[50b] At the request of Cornelis [van der Hoykens], fiscal, Thomas Broe[n, corporal], aged 31 years, testifies that he was on duty when Maryn <sup>1</sup> was placed in confinement for the ugly assault made on the honorable director; that one Dirck Cornelisen, carpenter, came by who took off his, Broen's, hat while he was standing on guard, saying: "You are a servant of the Company; I will pledge the hat for drink;" and took it away with him. Also that he nailed the hat on a post in front of his house and put a stone inside the hat. All of which he offers to confirm by oath. Done the 11th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Tomas Broen

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup>. Dyck, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Maryn Adriaensen, who on March 21, 1643, made an attempt on the life of Director Kieft.

Contract of sale of a house in the Smith's valley from Laurens Cornelissen to Frederick Lubbertsen

[51a] [Louweris Cornelissen] sells his house standing in the Smits [valey], <sup>1</sup> with all that is fastened by [earth] and nail, to Fredric Lubbersen, who also acknowledges that he has purchased the same for sixteen hundred guilders, payable in three instalments, to wit: parties say that the director has promised to give at the first opportunity a bill of exchange for six hundred guilders; if the said director remain in the country this year, four hundred guilders more in merchandise shall be furnished; the remaining six hundred guilders Fredric shall pay in two years. April 14th.

Louweris Cornelissen

Frerick Lubbertsen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Receipt of Frederick Lubbertsen for the house sold to him by Laurens Cornelissen

[51b] I, Fredrick Lubbersen, hereby acknowledge that Laurens Cornelissen has duly turned over to me agreeably to our contract the house standing in the Smits valey purchased from him, Laurens Cornelis, except that Laurens Cornelissen must still deliver as many brick as will be necessary for an oven in which one can conveniently bake one and a half schepels of grain. In

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<sup>1</sup> Smith's valley.

testimony whereof this is signed by me in Fort Amsterdam the 29th of May 1643, New Netherland.

Frerick Lubbertsen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Settlement by Geertruyt Jacobs, widow of Gerrit van Vorst, on her children of their portion of their father's estate

[51c] In the year of our Lord [and Savior Jesus Christ, one] thousand six hundred and forty-three, [on the 16th] day of April, before me, [Cornelis van] Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Geertruy[t] Jacobs from Emmenes, <sup>1</sup> widow of the late Gerrit van Vorst, with Oloff Stevensen, commissary of the store, and Hendric Kip, tailor, both residents here, her chosen guardians in this case, who declared that she intended to enter into the holy state of matrimony with Rouloff Jansen from Norway, for which reason she promised, as she does hereby, to pay to both her minor children, Jan Gerritsen and Jacob Gerritsen van Vorst, for their patrimonial estate, when they shall have attained their majority, to each the sum of seventy-five guilders; and if it should happen that one of the two children died before reaching his majority, it is expressly stipulated that she, Geertruyt, and he, Rouloff Jansen, shall pay to the survivor as his paternal inheritance a double portion, being one hundred and fifty Carolus guilders, provided that she, Geertruyt Jacobs,

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<sup>1</sup> Eemnes, a village in the province of Utrecht, near Amersfoort.

the present bride, and Rouloff Jansen, the present bridegroom, shall have the use of the aforesaid money without interest until the above named children are of full age. They, the bride and bridegroom, also promise to bring up the children, keeping their capital safe and not touching more than the interest; furthermore, that they will rear the children decently, send them to school and have them taught reading, writing and a good trade, as decent and God-fearing and honest parent are bound to do, but all according to their means and no more, doing what [51c (2)] they may expect to justify before God and honest men. They Geertruyt Jacobs and Rouloff Jansen, promise to perform and fulfil this in whole or in part, without any exception which may in any wise contravene this, all without fraud, for which they bind their persons and properties, present and future, without any exception, subjecting and submitting the same to the Provincial Court of Holland and to all other courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by Geertruyt Jacobs, Rouloff Jansen, and her chosen guardians, and by me, the secretary, in the record. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland the day and year above written.

Gerttruit Jacop from Emmenis

Rolof Jansen Haes

Hendrick Hendricksen Kyp

Oloff Stevensen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Bond of Abraham Planck for the payment of money due to the West  
India Company

[51d] I, the undersigned, Abraha[m Planck], hereby acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to the honorable directors of the West India Company in the sum of one thousand and thirty-two guilders, thirteen stivers and ten pennies, which money I promise to tender and pay free of costs and charges and that with interest at eight per cent per annum, redeemable interest; <sup>1</sup> and for additional security Jan Damen and Cornelis van Tienh[oven] offer themselves as sureties and co-principals for the [payment of the] above mentioned sum, on condition that as long as Abraham Planck pays the interest punctually, the principal and sureties shall not be troubled or applied to for the capital. For all of which the principal and the sureties bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting to all courts, tribunals and judges. Done the 27th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Abram Planck

Jan Jansen Damen

Cornelis van Tienhoven

} sureties

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Paid, the 20th of December 1646 <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Losrente; meaning that the obligation to pay interest is not perpetual, but may be ended at the option of the debtor by the payment of the debt.

<sup>2</sup> The bond is canceled in the record.

Mortgage by Abraham Planck to Jan Damen and Cornelis van Tienhoven of Paulus Hook as collateral security for the payment of the debt mentioned in the preceding bond

[52a] [I], Abraham Planck, acknowledge for myself, my heirs and assigns that on the date underwritten I have transferred and conveyed as I do hereby to Jan Damen and Cornelis van Tienhoven the Paulus Hook [together with the] house [and] all the appurtenances and dependencies thereof, in virtue of the patent granted by the honorable director and council of New Netherland. Wherefore he, Planck, from this date cedes and relinquishes the ownership of the above mentioned Paulus Hook, transferring and conveying all and singular the premises to and for the behoof of Jan Damen and Tienhoven aforesaid until he, Plank, shall have released them from their suretyship on a certain bond executed in favor of the West India Company, or shall have paid the same. Done the 27th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Abram Planck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Note of William Welles and others in favor of Director Kieft

[52b] We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we are well [and truly] indebted to Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, in the sum of five pounds, ten shillings, English, for freight <sup>1</sup> for which the director has made himself responsible, and also in thirteen guilders, ten stivers, for thirteen and a half schepels of salt received from the aforesaid director; which

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<sup>1</sup> vracht; which may mean either freight, or passage.



aforesaid sum we, the undersigned, promise to pay free of costs and charges in grain when it shall this year be mowed and threshed. In testimony whereof this is signed by us, the undersigned, under submission to all courts and judges. Done the 29th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

William Welles <sup>2</sup>

Williame Harcke <sup>3</sup>

Robert X Terry his marke

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Lease from Abraham Planck to Cornelis Arissen of Paulus Hook

[53a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, [ap]peared Abraham Planc of the first part and Cornelis Arissen of the second part, who acknowledge that they have agreed and contracted with each other in manner hereinafter written, to wit: Abraham Planc leases to Cornelis Arissen, who also acknowledges that he hires, Paulus Hook with the house and garden belonging to him, Planck, for the term of six consecutive years, beginning the first of May 1644 and ending the first of May 1650; on which Paulus Hook Abraham Planck shall have a barn built at his expense, the roofs of which house and barn Cornelis Arissen must keep tight. Said lessee shall pay as rent the first year one hundred guilders and the remaining five years annually

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<sup>2</sup> Name crossed out. On the side is written: Willem Welles has this day paid his third part, amounting to twenty-two guilders, sixteen stivers and 2/3 part of one stiver. This day, 28 August 1646. Witness my hand, Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary.

<sup>3</sup> Name crossed out. Underneath is written: Willem Harcke has paid.

one hundred and sixty guilders if Jan Pottagie <sup>1</sup> continues to reside at the Hook, but if said Pottagie leaves, the lessee shall pay during the aforesaid five years one hundred and eighty guilders; provided that at the expiration of the lease all that the lessee shall have done, either in clearing or fencing, shall then belong to the proprietor, without any compensation therefor. In testimony of the truth, this is signed by parties the 20th of April 1643 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Cornelis Arissen  
Abram Planck

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Deposition of Samuel Chandler as to what he heard Hendrick Jansen, the tailor, say about Director Kieft

[53b] Samuel Chandelaer, aged 33 [years, testifies] and declares at the request of the fiscal that it is true and truthful that on the 20th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1643 he heard Hendric, the tailor, say at his house: "People ought to send the Kivit <sup>1</sup> (meaning thereby the director) to Holland in the ship De Pauw and give him a letter of recommendation to Master Gerrit, whom he would willingly send a pound Flemish in order that he should let him die like a nobleman. <sup>2</sup> All of which the deponent declares to be true and truthful, declaring that he had done this to bear

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<sup>1</sup> Claes Jansen, alias Jan Pottagie. See lease to him from Abraham Isaacksen Planck for land at Paulus Hook, dated October 21, 1638, in N. Y. Col. MSS., 1:60b.

<sup>1</sup> The Dutch name for the bird known in English as the pewit. It is used as a play on the director's name in connection with the name of the ship, which means "The Peacock."

<sup>2</sup> Meaning that Hendrick Jansen was willing to give a pound Flemish to have Kieft beheaded, instead of having him put to death by hanging, like common people. Master Gerrit was the public executioner, or "Jack Ketch," of Holland.

witness of the truth, which every one is bound to do, especially when requested so to do. Done the 6th of May 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Which he, the deponent, has confirmed by oath before the honorable director and fiscal, the 6th of May 1643.

This is the ~~X~~ mark of Samuel Chandelaer

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Inventory of the estate of the late Jonas Bronck <sup>1</sup>

[54] Inventory of the [goods and] effects found [at the house] of Teuntjen Jeuriaens, <sup>2</sup> widow of the late Jonas Bronck, residing at Emaus <sup>3</sup>

#### Books

1 Bible, folio	<u>De vier uysterste vande doot</u> <sup>7</sup>
Calvinus, <u>Institutie</u> , folio <sup>4</sup>	Two <u>Schatcamers</u> (Treasures), small
Bullinger <sup>5</sup>	folio
Schultetus, <u>Dominicalia</u> <sup>6</sup>	Petrus Apianus <sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Other translation in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:42-44, and John O. Evjen, Scandinavian Immigrants in New York, pp. 175-79.

<sup>2</sup> Anthonia Slachboom, or Slaghboom. She married in 1643 Arent van Curler and died in December 1676. See Minutes of the Court of Albany, Rensselaerswyck and Schenectady, 1675-80, 2:185, 188, 195, and Dutch Settlers Society of Albany Yearbook, 1927-28, 3:12-15, 29; 1932-34, 8-9:10.

<sup>3</sup> Emmaus, Bronck's farm, between the Harlem and the Bronx Rivers, in what is now Morrisania.

<sup>4</sup> Apparently the Dutch edition of Calvin's Institutes, entitled: Institutie, ofte onderwijsinghe in de Christelijcke Religie, Dodrecht, 1578.

<sup>5</sup> Heinrich Bullinger, Swiss reformer, 1504-75; author of First Helvetian Confession of faith, 1536; Second Helvetian Confession, 1566; Perfectio Christianorum, and other religious books. A popular Dutch work was: Huysboeck, vijf decades, dat is, vijftich sermoenen van de voorneemste hooftstukken der Christelijcke Religie, w. pl., 1568, which may be the work referred to in the inventory.

<sup>6</sup> A book of Homilies by Abraham Schultens, or Scultetus.

Moleneri, <u>Praxis</u> , quarto	Danish child's book
1 German Bible, quarto	1 book called <u>Veertich taffereelen</u>
<u>Seespigel</u> , folio 9	<u>des doots</u> , by Symon Golaert <sup>11</sup>
1 Psalter, Luther's translation	Biblical stories
Sledanus, folio 10	Danish calendar
Danish chronicle, quarto	't <u>Gesicht des grooten Seevaerts</u> <sup>12</sup>
Danish law book, quarto	A collection of 18 old printed
Luther's whole catechism	booklets by divers authors,
't <u>Lof Christi</u> (The praise	both Dutch and Danish
of Christ), quarto	17 manuscript books, which are old

<sup>7</sup> The four last things, being a Dutch translation of Gerardus de Vliederhoven, Quatuor novissimorum liber, de morte videlicet penis inferni, iudicio et celesti gloria quem plerique cordiale compellant, a 15th century work of which there are many Latin editions. The first Dutch edition was printed at Gouda in 1477.

<sup>8</sup> Probably the famous Cosmographia of Petrus Apianus, printed at Landshut, 1524, and at Antwerp in 1529, 1539, 1545. He also wrote: Astronomicum Caesareum, Ingolstadt, 1540/41, and Inscriptiones sacrosanctae vetustatis, Ingolstadt, 1534.

<sup>9</sup> Willem Jansz Blaeu, Zeespiegel, Amsterdam, 1623, 3 vols. folio. A famous sea atlas, reprinted in 1626 and 1638.

<sup>10</sup> Johannes Sleidanus, 1506 (1508?) -56; author of De statu religionis et reipublicae Carolo V. Caesare commentarii. Strassburg, 1555. Until the end of the 18th century this was the chief source for the history of the Reformation.

<sup>11</sup> Probably Simon Goulart, the younger, a Walloon minister, born at Geneva, October 2, 1575 (?), died at Frederikstad, March 19, 1628 (?).

<sup>12</sup> J. H. J. van der Ley, 't Gesicht des grooten Zeevaerts, Franeker, 1619, obl. quarto. A sea atlas and work on navigation in which the author made use of a newly invented and ingenious way of finding the exact longitude and latitude, which attracted much attention at the time.

[11] pictures, large and small 19 pewter plates  
 3 guns 12 ditto, large and small  
 1 musket 7 silver spoons  
 1 rapier <sup>13</sup> with silver mounting 1 silver cup  
 1 Japanese cutlas 1 silver salt cellar  
 1 dagger with silver mounting 1 ditto little tray  
 1 suit of black cloth 4 tankards with silver chains <sup>14</sup>  
 1 pair of black gloves 2 mirrors, one with an ebony  
 1 black satin suit frame and the other with a  
 1 old slashed satin doublet gilt frame  
 2 old suits of Leyden grosgrain 6 little alabaster saucers  
 1 blue damask woolen shirt 3 iron pots  
 2 hats 3 brass kettles  
 1 black cloth mantle 1 ditto skimmer  
 1 gold signet ring 1 extension table  
 1 old mantle of colored cloth 1 chest containing various  
 6 old shirts pieces of porcelain  
 a few panes of window glass  
 a lot of old iron

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<sup>13</sup> pederm, intended for pidarm, a short, stiff rapier.  
 See De Oude Tijd, 1869, 1:124.

<sup>14</sup> keden; an old form for keten, chain.

1 stone house <sup>15</sup> covered with tiles	1 ox plow } with 1 foot plow } appurtenances
1 barn	1 iron harrow
1 tobacco house	1 dray ( <u>blockwagen</u> )
2 hay barracks	2 sickles
2 five-year old mares	2 new scythes
1 six-year old stallion	1 old ditto
1 two-year old ditto	23 new axes
1 yearling stallion	4 old ditto
2 mares of one year	2 hoes
5 milch cows	2 carpenter's axes
1 two-year old cow	3 ditto adzes and some other carpenter's tools
1 yoke of oxen	3 beds and 6 pairs of sheets
1 bull	4 pairs of pillows
3 yearling heifers	4 tablecloths
4 bull calves of this year	
hogs, number unknown, running in the woods	16 or 17 napkins 1 small brewing kettle
6 schepels of wheat	} sowed on the farm in the cleared land
66 ditto of rye	
3 ditto of winter barley	
7 schepels of peas	

3 half-leggers <sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> 1 steenen huys; which may mean a brick house.  
<sup>16</sup> 1 legger arrack = 153.75 gallons.

1 half-vat

3 tubs

1 hogshead

1 churn

3 milk tubs, old and new

4 malt vats

5 old empty grain tubs

All of which is thus found and inventoried at the house aforesaid by Teuntjen Jeuriaens above mentioned and Pieter Bronck, in the presence of Everardus Bogardus, minister, and Mr. Jochim Pietersen Kuyter, both chosen and invited hereto as guardians of the aforesaid Teuntjen Jeuriaens, the 6th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Netherland, at the house above mentioned.

teyntien jevriaens

peter bronk

E. Boghardus

J. P. Kuyter

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Jacob Jacobsen Roy as to his debts

[55] Jacob Jacobsen Roy, [lying sick in bed], declares that he is indebted to the fo[llowing persons]:

To Dirck Cornelissen, carpenter, [the sum of] three hundred guilders

To Hendrick Westercamp, two hundred guilders

To Teunes, the mason, eight guilders

Due him from Martin, his ~~servant~~, seven guilders

He declares that he owes the above and does not know of anything more. This 9th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in the house of Jacob Roy, on the island of Manhattan, and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses. <sup>1</sup>

Jacob Reyntye        }  
Jan Snideker        } both as witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Lease from Cornelis van Tienhoven to Cornelis Jacobsen Stille of a farm near the Smith's valley

[56] This day, date underwritten, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, Cornelis van Tienhoven of the first part and Cornelis Jacobsen Stille of the second part have amicably agreed on the terms and conditions hereinafter written. Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, leases to the above mentioned Cornelis Jacobsen, who also acknowledges having hired, his farm situated on the island of Manhattan at the Smits valey, <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Not signed by Jacob Roy, who was probably too feeble to sign. See his will on p. [58a].

<sup>1</sup> For location of this farm, see J. H. Innes, New Amsterdam and its People, pp. 314-15, and sketch maps opposite pp. 1 and 279.



for the term of six consecutive years, provided that parties shall be at liberty to terminate the lease at the end of three years. Cornelis van Tienhoven delivers with the above mentioned farm the land properly set off with posts and rails, which land the lessee shall be bound to deliver back at the end of three or six years properly fenced for cattle; also two mares and one two-year-old stallion, the risk of death of which shall be incurred in common and the increase equally divided between the parties every three years, provided that as many horses as are now delivered shall first be set aside at the choice of the lessor and that then the increase shall be divided half and half. The secretary shall be bound to have a [hay] barrack of five posts erected on condition that the lessee shall bring the timber to the building. It is likewise stipulated that the lessee shall every year in summer clear a piece of land and let it lie fallow as a farmer should. Furthermore, the lessee shall inclose within his palisades the land which at present lies [unfenced] between the Smits valey and the height, and cultivate the same, and should any more land be added to farm it shall in like manner be fenced and tilled by him. For all of which the lessee shall pay annually a rent of two hundred and fifty Carolus guilders and ten schepels of good barley, or the true value thereof, the lease to commence when this harvest, anno 1643, the grain shall be off the field, and to terminate three or six years from that date, the parties binding their persons and properties as provided by law. Done the 13th of May 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

The risk of the stallion shall be borne by Cornelis van Tienhoven until he be used by the lessee, or at the longest until the grain is in the barn.

Cornelis van Tienhoven

This is the x mark of Cornelis Jacobsen Stille

Cornelis Clasen

This is the X mark of Cornelis Cornelisen

} witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Testimony of sergeant Jeuriaen Rodolff and other soldiers respecting the killing of Dirck Stratemaker and his wife by Indians at Pavonia

[57a] [W]e, the undersigned, sergeant, cadet and soldiers, attest and testify at the request of Cornelio van [der] Hoykens, fiscal, that on the [26th] <sup>1</sup> of February A<sup>o</sup>. 1643 (in the morning, after they, according to instructions, had beaten a party of Indians at Pavonia, in the rear of Egbert Woutersen's), Dirck Stratemaker, <sup>2</sup> his wife and some Englishmen came to the place where the dead were lying, in order to plunder maize or something else. The said deponents attest, in place and with promise of a solemn oath, that they warned the above mentioned Dirck Stratemaker and his wife and said, "Go home." Whereupon Dirck aforesaid answered: "There is no danger; even there were a hundred Indians, they would do me no harm." Whereupon they, the deponents, left and pursuant to their instructions went towards Egbert's house.

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<sup>1</sup> See N. Y. Col. MSS., 4:161.

<sup>2</sup> Literally: Dirck, the street paver.

Having come there, they heard a cry. The sergeant ordered some of the troop thither, where they found the above mentioned Dirck wounded (who eventually died of his wound) and his wife dead. They rescued the Englishmen, who had only one gun among them.

Thomas Willit declares that the above mentioned Dirck was asked: "Why did you not come with us when we warned you?" He gave for answer: "I would indeed have run away, but I did not like to leave my poor wife." All of which the deponents declare to be true and truthful. Done the 18th of May 1643, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jeuriaen Rodolff, sergeant  
 Pierre Pia, cadet  
 Tho. Willett

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Contract of sale between Albert Cuyne and Isaac Allerton and  
 Govert Loockemans for a house and two lots on the Heereweg  
 on Manhattan Island

[57b] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary [of New Netherland], residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Alber[t Cuyne], of the first part, and Isaac Allerton and Govert Loock[emans], of the second part, who declared that they had amicably agreed and contracted with each other in manner hereinafter written, to wit:

Albert Cuyne sells to Isaac Allerton and Govert Loockmans, who acknowledge that they have purchased, the house of Albert Cuyne with two lots and whatever is fastened by earth and nail, for the sum of three hundred and fifty Carolus guilders. Therefore the above mentioned Albert Cuyne cedes and conveys to the behoof of the above mentioned Allerton and Govert Loockmans the said house

and two lots, standing and lying on the great highway on the island of Manhattan, together with all the right, title and interest therein which the grantor, or any one for him may in any wise claim, surrendering and relinquishing hereby the ownership of the land and house aforesaid. To which end we, Albert Cuyun for the delivery, and the purchasers for the payment, bind our persons and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting to all courts, tribunals, and judges. Done the 19th of May 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of  
Albert Cuyun, aforesaid.

Isaac Allerton  
Gouert Loockemans

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Will of Jacob Jacobsen Roy, gunner

[58a] [Ja]cob Jacobsen Roy, gunner, lying sick in bed at the house of Hendric Westercamp, baker, declared in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that in case it should please the Almighty to take him from this his sickness and wound out of this sorrowful world into His everlasting kingdom, he appointed and empowered Jacob Reynsen and Teunes Jansen, sailmaker, to sell after his death his, the principal's, house standing and situated on the island of Manhatans, next to Jan Schoenmaker's, at such price as they, the executors, shall judge to be for the best advantage of the principal's wife and to turn over to her the money which shall be found to be in excess of the principal's debts. Furthermore, they, the executors, shall have power to investigate all debts and claims and to settle accounts with

every one with whom he, Jacob Roy, has anything outstanding, he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done or transacted herein by the above mentioned Jacob Reynsen and Tonis Jansen, on condition that if the principal die, the executors shall not sell the house before the arrival of the first ship or letter. Thus done by the principal who requests that after his death this may take effect before all courts, tribunals and judges. Done the 19th of May 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland. <sup>1</sup>

Pierre Pia  
Ulderick Klein } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Deed from Laurens Cornelissen to Frederick Lubbertsen of his house and lot in the Smith's valley (Incomplete)

[58b] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-three, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appeared Laurens Cornelissen, who declared that he hereby conveys, cedes and transfers to Fredrick Lubbersen his house and lot containing three hundred and fifty-seven [square] rods, nine feet, two inches and five grains, extending in length along the highway, with an outhook to Tienhoven's land, fifty rods, seven feet, one inch and five grains; in front of the house seventeen rods in breadth...<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Not signed by Jacob Jacobsen Roy.

<sup>1</sup> Not finished and canceled in the record. See contract of sale for the same house in N. Y. Col. MSS., 2:51a.

Receipt of Laurens Cornelissen for the first payment on the house  
sold to Frederick Lubbertsen

[59a] I, the undersigned, Laurens [Cornelissen], do hereby [acknowledge] for myself, [my heirs] and successors that I have received from Fredrick Lub[bertsen] the sum of one thousand guilders, in part payment for the purchase of the house which the said Fredrick bought from me, standing in the Smits Valey, wherefore I do hereby release him from [all] future demands for the sum aforesaid, it being the first payment. Done the 30th of May 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Louris Cornelis

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Lease from Johannes la Montagne to Bout Francen of the farm  
Vredendael

[59b] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. La Montangne, councilor of New Netherland, of the first part, and Bout Francen from Naerden, of the second part, who acknowledge that they have amicably agreed and contracted together about the hire of the farm called Vredendael, <sup>1</sup> situated on the island of Manhattan, on the conditions and terms hereinafter written:

Mr. La Montangne leases the above mentioned farm to Bout Fransen above named, who also acknowledges that he has rented the said farm, for the term of three consecutive years commencing on the date hereof and ending the 14th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, with which farm Mr. La Montangne delivers all that is specified in

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<sup>1</sup> Literally: "Peace dale." The farm was situated at the north end of the present Central Park, New York City.

the inventory hereto annexed. In regard to the cattle mentioned in the [invent]ory, the lessee shall restore them to the lessor at the expiration of the lease in such number and condition as now received, and then the increase which shall be bred by God's blessing from said cattle is to be divided half and half, it being well understood that the lessor shall first withdraw his number. The lessee shall during the aforesaid lease keep in proper repair the house, barrack and barn, together with everything that is delivered with the farm, and surrender it again to the proprietor at the end of the term in the same condition as now received. The lessee shall also be bound during the lease to cultivate the land diligently and at the expiration of the term to deliver it back properly fenced, when thirteen morgens of it must be sowed as he now receives it, to wit, with rye, barley and peas. Bout Fransen shall likewise be bound to pay strict attention to the orchard, so that the trees belonging to the proprietor may not be destroyed by cattle or otherwise. Parties shall during the lease share in common the risk of the death of the cattle, and if any die, the loss must be made good from the increase, so that the capital stock may remain complete. The lessee shall annually pay for said farm and cattle as rent fifty schepels of rye, sixteen schepels of barley, and ten schepels of peas; for the cows shall be paid as rent [the first year] twenty pounds of good butter for each cow; the second and third year twenty-five pounds of butter for each animal. For the performance and security of all that is above written Wessel Eversen offers himself as surety and principal, and specially for the sum of three hundred and fifty Carolus guilders advanced by Mr. La Montangne to the lessee,

which must be paid within one year from date, the same being for the wages of a servant man, board and security for the first year's rent, the servant's wages amounting to one hundred guilders. To which end the aforesaid Bout Francen and Wessel Eversen, each as principal, submit to all courts, tribunals and judges, placing under the control thereof their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception. Thus done and contracted on the farm Vredendael and to that end signed in the record by the parties, the surety and the witnesses hereto invited, together with me, the secretary, the fourteenth day of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, on the island of Manhatans, in New Netherland.

La Montagne

Bout Frans

This is the X mark of

Wessel Eversen, surety

Cornelio vander Hoykens, fiscal, witness

Cornelis Piters, witness

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#### Inventory of Vredendael

[60a] Inventory of the goods and effects delivered by Mr. La Montagne to Bout Francen for the behoof of the farm Vredendael.

The farmhouse, barn, a barrack of four posts, cook house and  
hog pen

1 boat with two oars

1 wagon, nearly new

1 foot plow with appurtenances, in working order

1 ditto iron harrow



1 six year old stallion  
 1 six year old mare  
 1 stallion colt between one and two years old  
 1 filly of ten weeks  
 3 milch cows, square (3 melck coven viercant)  
 1 heifer of 14 months  
 1 yearling bull  
 4 sows } from one to two  
 1 boar } years old  
 1 new mash tub containing one hogshead  
 1 three-pronged fork  
 1 two-pronged fork  
 rope harness for two horses, in good condition  
 1 fan  
 1 peck measure bound with iron  
 1 iron bound churn  
 2 milk tubs  
 1 butter tub  
 1 new tub holding one half hogshead  
 1 water pail  
 1 oak chest  
 3 good scythes with snaths  
 3 Flemish scythes, good and bad  
 2 handles  
 3 pickaxes, one of English make  
 1 hand cross cut saw

4<sup>1</sup> iron wedges  
 1 buttermilk tub  
 1 half barrel with a brass faucet  
 1 herring barrel  
 4 ferrules for scythe blades  
 4 ditto for Flemish scythes  
 4 mattocks  
 2 bill hooks  
 2 new axes  
 1 currycomb; 1 iron ladle to melt lead  
 1 iron spade  
 1 pewter tankard; 1 pewter mug  
 1 large pewter basin  
 1 ditto platter  
 1 copper kettle  
 1 grindstone  
 1 wheelbarrow  
 1 25-rung ladder  
 2 millstones, dressed and grooved  
 1 jackscrew for the hay barrack  
 1 auger  
 1 carpenter's adze  
 1 pruning knife  
 1 hand saw  
 1 trowel  
 2 bits

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<sup>1</sup>/Cipher indistinct; in the margin is written four.

2 iron ferrules for a wooden maul

1 gun

1 iron bolt, 1½ feet long

All of which above mentioned [effects] I, Bout Francen, acknowledge having received from Mr. La Montagne, promising to deliver them back to the aforesaid La Montagne or his order in the same condition at the expiration of our contract, or in default thereof, the value thereof or other articles of the same quality.

Bout Frans

Cornelis Pitters, witness

Mr. La Montagne discharges and releases Bout Francen from the aforesaid contract and his brother-in-law <sup>2</sup> from his obligation as surety. Said Bout Francen has delivered the farm back to Mr. Montagne the 27th of September 1643.

La Montagne

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Note of Evert Pels in favor of Jan Jansen Damen

[60b] I, the undersigned, Evert Pels, residing in Renselaerswyck, promise for myself, my heirs and successors that I will honestly satisfy and pay to Jan Jansen Damen the sum of one hundred and ninety guilders, nineteen stivers, ten pence, which money the aforesaid Jan Damen has paid on my account to the company for Wolphert Nys. I promise to pay the same on demand. Done the 15th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Evert Pels <sup>1</sup>


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<sup>2</sup> Wessel Eversen.

<sup>1</sup> Here follows the first part of a power of attorney from [ ] van Vechten to Hendrick Kip, which is canceled.

Contract of Wolphert Nys to serve Evert Pels and his wife for  
two years

[61a] I, Wophert Nys, from the bishopric of Vol, <sup>1</sup> hereby acknowledge that I have of my own free will and deliberate choice bound and hired myself to Evert Pels and his wife, residing in Renselaerswyck, for the term of two consecutive years, commencing on the date hereof. He, Wolphert Nys, promises while in the service of the aforesaid Evert Pels to demean and conduct himself diligently, honestly and faithfully as a faithful, honest and decent servant is bound and ought to serve his master and mistress, and that in such work and employment as Evert Pels shall please to command; for which honest and upright service he shall annually have and receive as wages the sum of one hundred and fifteen guilders, whereupon I have already received from the above mentioned Evert Pels the sum of one hundred and ninety guilders, nineteen stivers, ten pennies, which he shall deduct from my first earned wages. In testimony whereof this is signed by Wolphert Nys in presence of the witness. Done the 15th of June 1643.

This is the  mark of Wolphert Nys

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> uyt t'Stift vol. According to a contract in volume 3, folio 135a, the bishopric of Vol lies in Hessenlant. It is probable, therefore, that Fulda is intended.

Indenture of Albert Cornelissen to Cosyn Gerritsen, wheelwright

[61b] Albert Cornelissen hires hi[ms]elf to Cosyn Gerritsen to make wheels and wagons [and] whatever is connected therewith, for [the term] of one year commencing on the date hereof; and if they should not agree together, he is to be released at the end of six months; for which he is to be paid in addition to his board, per annum, by Cosyn Gerritsen, one hundred and ten guilders, and fourteen days are to be allowed in harvest time when Albert shall be at liberty to seek his own advantage. The 15th of June 1643.

Aelbert Cornelissen

This is the X mark of Cosyn Gerritsen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Lease from Arent van Curler to Thomas Spicer of the farm of the late Jonas Bronck

[62a] Mr. Arent van Curler, secretary of Renselaerswyck, of the first part, and Tomas Spycer, of the second part, have [in the manner] and on the terms hereinafter written amicably agreed and contracted as follows:

Arent van Curler leases the farm called [ ]<sup>1</sup> to Mr. Spycer above mentioned, who also acknowledges that he has rented the same, for the term of five consecutive years, with which farm the aforesaid van Curler delivers as appears from the inventory a house, tobacco house, barn and hay barrack, as well

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<sup>1</sup> Name left blank. The reference is to the farm of Jonas Bronck, deceased, called "Emmaus." Cf. Inventory on [54].

as implements and cattle, according to the inventory. In regard to the cattle, the risk of their dying during the term of the lease shall be in common, it being understood that if any of the animals be wounded or killed by the Indians, the lessor alone shall incur the risk, provided the lessee proves the fact; and at the end of the first three years, half the increase above the capital stock shall be equally divided and distributed between the parties. The term of the lease shall begin on the first of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, and end A<sup>o</sup>. 1648, when the lessor shall first of all take out his number of animals in such condition as now delivered, and the remainder which by God's blessing shall be bred shall be divided and distributed half and half by them.

The lessee shall for each of the five milch cows annually pay twenty lbs of good butter; for the three heifers he shall the first year they have calved be free from butter rent, but the second year he must likewise give twenty pounds of butter for each.

The lessee shall keep in good repair the buildings and implements according to the inventory and at the end of the lease deliver them back in the same condition as he now receives them.

For all of which the lessee shall annually pay as rent, in addition to the butter, one hundred and five schepels of barley or rye, and at the end of the lease leave the field sowed with twenty-five schepels of grain as now received, as more fully appears by the inventory. Furthermore, if at the expiration of the lease it should appear that any noticeable and suitable improvement had been made on the farm, the lessor shall pay therefor

according to the decision of arbitrators conversant with such matters. For all of which the parties bind their respective persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same according to law. Done the 25th of June 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Tho. Willett, witness

Arent van Curler

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Thomas Spicer

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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### Inventory of the Farm

[62b] Inventory of what Mr. Corler delivers with the above mentioned farm to Mr. Spycer and which at the expiration of the five years he is to return in the same condition as now received.

1 stone house ( <u>steenen huys</u> ) <sup>1</sup>	6 schepels of wheat	} sowed
1 barn	66 ditto rye	
1 tobacco house	3 ditto winter barley	
2 hay barracks ( <u>bergen</u> )	1 meat barrel	
2 five year-old mares	3 milk tubs	
5 milch cows	1 churn	
2 draft oxen	1 plowshare	
1 bull	6 scythes, good and bad	
3 yearling heifers	3 new scythes	
3 bull calves of this year	1 small sleigh	
2 plows	2 sicles	

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<sup>1</sup> In Holland this would ordinarily mean a baksteenen huys, or brick house.

2 harrows	4 mash-tubs
2 pairs of beams and scales	2 water pails
3 grain scythes	1 yoke
3 grass scythes	1 baker's trough
1 cutting bench	4 casks with iron hoops
3 flails	10 dry vats ( <u>droge vaten</u> )
5 rakes	1 merchandise chest ( <u>cargasoen</u>
1 wagon	<u>cas</u> )
1 sleigh	2 cribs
1 wheelbarrow	1 boat and sail
1 handbarrow	

Thus delivered and received and in witness thereof

signed:

Thomas Spicer

Tho. Willett

Adriaen van Tienh.

} witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Lease from Abraham Rycken to William Hutchinson of his Long Island farm near Remmert Jansen

[63a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Abraham Ryken, of the first part, and Willem Hutskensoon, <sup>1</sup> of the second part, who declared that they had agreed in manner and terms hereinafter written, to wit:

Abraham Ryken rents his land to the above mentioned Willem Hutskensoon, who acknowledges that he has hired the same, situated on Long Island near Remmert Jansen's land, which lease shall

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<sup>1</sup> William Hutchinson.



commence next Amsterdam fair, <sup>2</sup> and terminate on Amsterdam fair A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, it being three consecutive years. The lessee shall pay the lessor this year for the grain that is sowed on the aforesaid land fifteen schepels of grain and the remaining years nothing, on condition that at the expiration of the lease Willem Hutkensoon shall leave on the aforesaid land, to secure the same, good posts and rails in such numbers that arbitrators conversant with such matters shall judge them, standing in the ground, to be worth one hundred and eighty guilders; which posts and rails being properly set shall at the expiration of the three years be the property of the owner, and the lessee shall have no right to claim anything for them; only, if he clears more land than will be enclosed within the aforesaid fence, it shall belong to Abraham Rycken also. He shall likewise build the backhouse at his own expense and not claim anything for it at the end of the years. Done the 2d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Willem Hutkensoon

This is the X mark of Abraham Rycken

Adriaen van Tienh. }  
Oloff Stevensen } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> September 22, 1643.

Declaration of Cornelis Leendertsen and others as to the tare  
of a sugar box

[63b] This day, the 3d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the Chartered West India Company, appeared Cornelis Leendersz van Veer, aged [ ] years, Maurits Jansen, <sup>1</sup> aged 25 years, and Andries Rouloffsz, chief boatswain, who has charge of the weighhouse here, who at the request of Jan Jeuriaensz jointly attest and declare that they, this day, saw weighed in the Company's warehouse an empty sugar box, weighing two hundred and twenty pounds, which sugar box Jan Jeuriaensz said was in Holland charged to his account at one hundred and forty pounds tare. All of which we, the deponents, declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm the same by oath if necessary. Done in Fort Amsterdam, the day and year above written.

Mouris Jansz

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Marriage contract of Brant Peelen and Marritje Pieters, widow  
of Claes Pietersen

[64] [In the year after the] birth of our Lord and Savior [Jesus] Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-[three], before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, personally came and

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<sup>1</sup> The word Nieukerck is canceled after the name. Maurits Jansen's family name was Van Broeckhuysen. He was a cousin of Kiliaen van Rensselaer. Cf. [92a], and Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., p. 810.

appeared Brant Peelen of Nykerck, <sup>1</sup> widower of the late Lubbertje Wouters, and Marritjen Pieters, widow of the late Claes Sybrantsen, with Jan Schepmoes, her chosen guardian herein, who declared that they intended to enter together into the holy state of matrimony, for which reason and purpose he, Brant Pelen, the present bridegroom, from his first available goods, means and effects, promises to pay in advance to his three children by his first wife the sum of three thousand Carolus guilders, to wit: To his daughter Lysbet Brants one thousand guilders; to Geert Brants one thousand guilders; and to Gerritjen Brants a like one thousand guilders. She, Marritjen Pieters, present bride, promises to pay and turn over to each of her two children, named Sybrant Claesen and Aeltjen Claes, as their paternal inheritance and estate, the sum of two hundred guilders, once, which aforesaid four hundred guilders he, Brant Pelen, shall be at liberty to use for four consecutive years without interest, and if he, Brant Pelen, use the aforesaid money any longer, he shall annually pay as interest of the hundred guilders five per cent, but with the express condition and stipulation that they, the bridegroom and bride, remain bound to bring up the youngest child, Aeltjen Claes, without touching her property, to clothe her, to send her to school and to let her learn reading, writing and a good handicraft, in such manner as honest parents ought and should do and they are bound to do before God and men.

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<sup>1</sup> Brant Peelen was engaged in January 1630 by Kiliaen van Rensselaer as a farmer in Rensselaerswyck for the term of four years. He died before May 1, 1644. His daughters Lysbet and Gerritje Brants came over in 1642 in the ship Waterhondt. See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 806, 822.

In this their marriage contract it is with the will and consent of the said bridegroom and bride also expressly agreed and stipulated that, having considered that nothing is certain but death and nothing more uncertain than the hour thereof, and therefore wishing to provide against all such uncertainty of death by this their joint will, they, the bridegroom and bride, both declare that whenever it shall please Almighty God, the creator of heaven and earth (whom they pray that it may be His divine will to bless them in this their marriage in such way as may be necessary for them here temporarily and hereafter eternally, Amen), to call either of them first out of this world, the survivor shall remain in full control and possession of all the temporal estate which God has granted, or shall grant, in this world jointly to the said bridegroom and bride, it being well understood that there shall be no difference in regard to the property, the property of each, being held by them both in common, being put down as of equal value, as no inventory is made on either side and the property on both sides is accepted as of the same value. All of which is thus concluded and contracted by both of them after mature deliberation, it being their wish and request that this shall take effect after the death of either of them.

It is further covenanted that whenever either of them dies, a proper inventory shall then be made of all the property which they shall possess at the time, in order that the rightful heirs may obtain their share, and whenever the survivor shall have departed out of this sorrowful world, the lawful heirs on both sides shall then equally divide and each side receive a like portion of the estate; likewise, that the survivor shall be bound

to invest the capital as profitably as possible, expecting God's blessing, but shall not needlessly or improperly squander the same. If this occur, those interested therein shall be at liberty to interfere, and that with cause and good reason.

Wherewith he, Brant Pelen, bridegroom, and she, Marritje Pieters, present bride, conclude their marriage contract and request that this may have effect and be valid before all lords, courts, judges and justices, to this end waiving all exceptions, none excepted, which may in any wise contravene these presents, binding themselves likewise according to law for the payment of the sums of money promised to their children on either side. In witness whereof this is signed by them respectively, together with Everardus Bogardus and Hendric Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 3d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Brant Peelen

This is the X mark of Marritje Pieters

Ian Iansen Scepmoes

Everhardus Boghardus  
Hendrick Hendricksen Kijp } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of William Robbertson to build a house for Tymen Jansen

[65] Willem Rob[bertsen agrees to build] and erect [a house for Tymen Jansen], twenty feet wide and 12 feet [clear under the beams], <sup>1</sup> of square timber, with an extension on the side of ten

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<sup>1</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

feet in width, and the roof to be constructed of hewn rafters and laths. Roelent [Hackwaert] shall assist in sawing the beams and Pieter Schoorste[en]<sup>2</sup> shall draw the heavy timber and bring it to the place of building, provided that Tymen shall furnish board for the said Willem Robbertsen as long as the work shall last; for which Tymen promises to pay fifty guilders when the work shall be completed and if it be well done, a small present. Parties hereby acknowledge that they have contracted as above, this 5th of July 1643, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Willem Robbertsen

This is the X mark of Tymen Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Lease of a plantation from Isaac de Forest to John Denton

[66a] [Isaac de Foreest and Jan] Denten<sup>1</sup> have agreed as [follows]: Ja[n De]nten shall reside three years on his plantation, commencing the first of October 1643 and ending the first of October 1646. Isaac delivers with the plantation fourteen goats and bucks and four sows of this year; the risk of death of the stock shall be in common and the increase over and above the present number of animals shall be equally divided. Each shall receive half the produce of the plantation and bear half the expense. In the planting season Isaac shall furnish

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<sup>2</sup> Probably the same person as Pieter Andriessen, Schoorteenveger, or chimney-sweep. See Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:49, 63, 140, 141, 142, and the Index to that volume, where he has been confused with Peter Caesar Alberto, alias Mallemocque, mentioned on pp. 34, 47, and 381.

<sup>1</sup> John Denton?

the lessee with a man and have the land plowed in the fall, for which the lessee shall pay him the following year when the crop is in the barn. Done the 6th of July 1643.

Isaack de Forest

John Deett[on]

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Contract of sale between Jan Francen and Jan Jacobsen of a house and plantation on Manhattan island

[66b] [Before] me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Francen of [Rotterdam], who declared that he had sold, as he does hereby, to Jan Jacobsz, <sup>1</sup> who also acknowledges having purchased, a house and plantation situated on the island of Manhatans, for the sum of three hundred and twelve guilders and ten stivers, once, which aforesaid sum he, the purchaser, promises to pay on account to the Company; wherefore the grantor cedes and conveys, as he does hereby, to the aforesaid Jan Jacobsz the house and plantation aforesaid and the appurtenances thereof, to that end relinquishing the ownership of the aforesaid house and plantation. For the performance of what is hereinbefore written the parties bind their persons under obligation as provided by law. Done the 6th of July 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the mark X of Jacobsz above named

This is the mark X of Jan Francen of Rotterdam

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Jan Jacobsen from Vreeland.

Note of Hendrick Huygen, commissary of the crown of Sweden, in favor of Willem Turck

[67a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hendrick Huygen, commissary of the illustrious crown of Sweden, who acknowledges that on account of the said crown he is truly indebted to Willem Turck, supercargo on the ship De Swarte Raven, in two hundred and ten and one-half beavers, being for goods and merchandise, the receipt whereof to his satisfaction and contentment before the execution hereof the aforesaid Huygen acknowledges, as more clearly appears by the account thereof; which said two hundred and ten and one-half beavers I, Hendrick Huygen, promise to pay on demand to the above mentioned Willem Turck, or his order, free of costs and charges, without any exception, binding therefor my person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, nothing excepted, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by him, Huygen, and the witnesses, the 7th of July 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Hendrick Huygen

Cornelio van der Hoykens, Fiscal, witness

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup>. Dyck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary



Declaration of Cornelis Pieters as to his good treatment while  
in the service of David Pietersen de Vries

[67b] Before me, Cor[nelis van Tienhoven], secretary of New Netherland, appeared [Cornelis Pitors], soldier, about 24 years of age, [who at the request] of David Pietersen attests and declares that when he was in the service of the above mentioned David Piet[ersen] he and all the other servants did receive proper food, such as bread, beef and pork, butter and milk, all according to the circumstances; he, the deponent, also declares that he well knows that one Cristoffel Laurens has carried away tobacco out of the Company's ware house, without David Pietersen's knowledge. All of which the deponent offers to confirm on oath. Done the 28th of July 1643, in Fort Amsterdam.

Corneles Pitors

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Depositions of Rouloff Barentsen and others respecting an  
altercation between Ridder Evertsen and Abel Reddenhasen

[68a] [Rouloff Barentsz] of Tonsborch, <sup>1</sup> aged about [ ] and twenty years, attests at the request of the fiscal that last Saturday afternoon Ridder Eversz, being drunk, came to the house of Abel Reddenhasen, where some words passed respecting a dog belonging to Master Hans. <sup>2</sup> Ridder dunned Abel for tobacco, who said that he would satisfy him the next day. Ridder, however, called Abel a rogue and ran after Abel Reddenhasen into the house

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<sup>1</sup> Tönsberg, a seaport town of Norway, 47 miles south west of Oslo.

<sup>2</sup> Surgeon Hans Kierstede.

to beat him, but [in doing so] Ridder fell down on the floor, where Abel slapped him three or four times with the palm of his hand. In running into the house, Ridder struck his head against the post of the door, so that it bled. All of which the deponent offers to confirm on oath. Done the 3d of August 1643.

This is the X mark of Bouloff Barendsz

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[68b] Rouloff Andriesz of Masterlandt, <sup>1</sup> aged about 30 years, who at the request of the fiscal attests that last Saturday he saw that Abel and Ridder Eversz had words, but saw no weapons. He also says that he was intoxicated and declares that he knows nothing more. Done the 3d of August 1643.

This is the X mark of Rouloff Andriesz

Acknowledged before me

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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[68c] Tomas Bacxter, aged [ ] years, attests and declares at the request of the fiscal, instead of and with promise of an oath if need be, that last Saturday he saw a dog bite, or attempt to bite, Ridder Eversz, who threw a stone at it, which stone fell near Abel's house, whereupon Abel came out with his sword in his hand and asked why Ridder threw a stone at the dog. After some further words, Abel Reddenhasen ran toward his house; Ridder following him into his door, he cut Ridder Eversz twice with the sword, drawing blood. <sup>1</sup> Ridder Eversz had no arms at all. Done the 3d of August 1643.

Thomas Backster

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary


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<sup>1</sup> The old Dutch name of Marstrand, a seaport town of Sweden, on an island in the Cattegat, 20 miles northwest of Göteborg. Cf. Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 56, note.

<sup>1</sup> At this point the words "once on the head and once in the hand," are crossed out.

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[68d] Willem Harmen attests that in passing he heard some words between Abel and Ridder Eversz, which he did not understand; also, that he saw Abel strike Ridder Eversz with his fists while standing at his, Abel's, door and declares he knows nothing further. Offers to confirm the above on oath and adds that Abel chased the said Ridder on the road with a naked sword. Done the 3d of August 1643.

This is the mark  of Willem Harne

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Letters of administration granted to Jan Laurensen and Gerrit Rieversen on the estate of Willem Cornelis Coster, murdered by the Indians

[69a] <sup>1</sup> Willem Kieft, director general, and the council of New Netherland, make known:

Whereas Willem Cornelis Coster has been murdered by the Indians called Wappings, who dwell on the North river about half way to Fort Orange, which Indians above mentioned have much of his goods which he had with him, and Willem Coster having still some affairs unsettled here and in the colony of Renselaerwyck, we have thought it proper to authorize and empower some qualified person to settle the affairs of the deceased Coster here in New Netherland, so that his partners and widow may receive their share of whatever is remaining. Therefore, we, observing the

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<sup>1</sup> The original of this instrument is missing. The translation follows O'Callaghan's with slight variations.

fitness of Jan Laurensen, his nephew, and Gerrit Rieversen, men of good repute, have constituted [them administrators] and empowered them, as we do hereby, to demand and collect all whatsoever debts the above mentioned Coster deceased has outstanding in this country from all such persons as have had any dealings with the above mentioned Coster; which Jan Laurensen and Gerrit Riversen above mentioned in the said matter shall have power to sue before all courts, judges and tribunals, to grant receipts, and further in all things to do as the case shall require, also to substitute another or more persons; and this on condition that the administrators shall be bound to render true account of their administration to the deceased Coster's partners, widow and friends. Done in Fort Amsterdam, the 7th of August 1643 in New Netherland.

Willem Kieft

By order of the honorable director general and council of New Netherland.

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Note of Jochim Kaljer for the balance of the purchase price of a house and plantation on Long Island

[69b] <sup>1</sup> I, the undersigned, Jochim Kaljer, acknowledge that I am indebted to [ ] in the sum of ninety-five guilders, being a balance of the purchase price of a house and plantation situated on Long Island, which aforesaid sum I, Jochim Kaljer, do promise to pay the next Amsterdam fair, free of costs and charges, submitting to that end my person and property,

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<sup>1</sup> The original instrument is missing. The translation, with the exception of one or two minor changes, follows O'Callaghan's.

movable and immovable, to the control of all courts. Done the 8th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jochim Kaljer

Juryaen Blanck, witness

To my knowledge,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Jan Karstensen to serve Remmert Jansen as a blacksmith

[70a] [I, Jan Karstensen], acknowledge that I have voluntarily and deliberately hired and bound myself as a blacksmith to Remmert Jansen for the term of eight months, beginning on this date and ending the sixteenth of April 1644; for which he shall receive twelve guilders per month, promising to conduct himself faithfully and diligently in his work as a blacksmith. Done the 16th of August 1643.

This is the X mark of Jan Karstensen

Ben Yansen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Appointment of Benjamin Pauwely to act with Thomas Hall and Richard Lots as administrator of the estate of Francis Lasley

[70b] We, Willem [Kieft, director general, and the council of] New Netherland, make known:

Whereas Francis Lasle has recently departed out of this world, leaving debts and claims and various property such as furniture, a house, a plantation, grain and tobacco, we have thought it advisable, in order that his surviving widow, children

or heirs may receive whatever shall be found remaining, to appoint and authorize a suitable person to take care and charge of the property of the said François Lasle, deceased. Therefore, we, observing the fitness of Benjamin Pauwely, have appointed and authorized him, together with Tomas Hal and Ritchert Lots, to take good care of the property belonging to him Lasle and to act and proceed in the matter according to law, provided that he, the administrator, shall be bound to render account of his administration. Done in New Amsterdam, the 29th of August 1643, in New Netherland.

Willem Kieft

By order of the honorable director general and council of New Netherland.

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Barent Dircksen and others that the hogs of Pieter van der Linden have destroyed the garden of Tonis Cray

[71a] [Barent Dir]c[ksen, ba]ker, Jan Eversen, [and Jan] Cornelissen from Rotterdam testify at the request of Tonis Cray that the hogs of Pieter van [der] Linden have largely destroyed the plantation of maize and garden produce, so that it is almost worthless. He, Tonis Cray has had the fences inspected by Willem, the under-sheriff, <sup>1</sup> who passed them as constituting a sufficient protection.

Abraham Pietersen, the miller, likewise declares that last Sunday afternoon he heard Tonis Cray say to Pieter van der Linden's wife: "Yoke your hogs, and I shall not complain of all the loss

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<sup>1</sup> Willem Bredenbent.

I have suffered." Done the 26th of August 1643.

This is the X mark of Barent Dircksen, baker  
Jan Eversz Swol

This is the X mark of Jan Jan from Rotterdam <sup>2</sup>  
Abraham Pietersen

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Lease from Michel Picet to Tonis Cray of a house near the fort  
on Manhattan Island

[71b] [I], Teuni[s] Cr[ay, acknowledge that I have hired  
from] Michil Picet his house [situated near] Fort Amsterdam on  
the [island of Manhattan], for the term of one year commencing  
next Monday, being the 30th of August, [for] which I, Tonis Cray,  
shall pay as rent the sum of forty guilders, to wit, twenty  
guilders down next Monday when the lease commences, and the  
remaining twenty guilders when the year shall have expired; on  
condition that if Teunes Cray does not pay the twenty guilders  
next Monday, this contract shall be null and void. Also, if  
necessity require it, on account of enemies, Indians, or other  
untoward circumstances, Michil Picet shall be allowed to lodge  
in said house with his family and baggage, free and without  
objection from Tonis Cray, without deduction of rent. Likewise,  
Tonis Cray shall at his expense be bound to erect a stockade in  
the rear of the house, to lay in wood. Tonis Cray shall also  
plaster the house and make the roof tight, once, at his own  
expense. Thus done in good faith, the 28th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

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<sup>2</sup> A mistake for Jan Cornelissen from Rotterdam.



This is the X mark of Tonis Cray

This is the X mark of Michil Picet

Meichel Marchan[d]

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Captain Blauwvelt to Jacob Stoffelsen to recover Negro women who ran away from the ship La Garce

[74c] Willem Blauvelt, captain of the frigate La Garce, empowers Jacob Stoffelsz to act in regard to the Negro women who ran away, or are concealed, as if he were present. Done the 8th of October 1643.

Wyllem Blawfelt


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Power of attorney from Wybrant Harmansen to Waraer Francen to receive money due him by the West India Company

[72a] [Before me], Cornelis van Tien[hoven, secretary] in New Netherland appointed by the General [Chartered] West India Company, [appeared] Wybrant Harmansen, seaman on board the Neptunes lying in the roadstead here, who appoints and empowers as he hereby does appoint and empower, Waraer Francen in his, the principal's, name to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and three guilders, fourteen stivers, ten pennies, due him as balance of the annexed account, on receipt of which Werner Fransen shall execute a discharge; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done and

transacted herein by the principal. Thus done and signed in the record the first of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the  mark of Wybrant Harmansen

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Agreement of Pieter Colet regarding the purchase of Adriaen Pietersen's house and plantation on Manhattan Island

[72b] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary of New [Netherland], appeared [Pieter] Colet, who [acknowledges that he] has [bought] of Adriaen Pietersen [ ] his house and plantation situated on the island of Manhattan, on the North river [of] New Netherland, and that for the sum of three hundred and fifty guilders, payable when Piter Colet shall have gathered the first crop from the field, if it be feasible and possible for him, or otherwise the second crop. In witness whereof this is signed by Piter Colet. Done the 2d of September 1643.

This X is the mark of Adriaen Pietersen

Pieter Kolet

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Hendrick Pietersen and Adriaen Reyniersen respecting a conversation between Thomas Teunissen and Marten Cruger about the price of beaver

[73a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary [of New] Netherland, appeared Hendrick Pietersz from Hasselt, aged about forty years, and Adriaen Reyniersz, smith, aged 43 years, who jointly, at the request to Tomas Teunesz, attest and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if need be, that it is true and

truthful that Tomas Teunesz at the house of Marten Cruger asked the said Cruger: "At what price do you accept the beavers?" He answered: "At eight guilders." Teunes Tomasz <sup>1</sup> said: "Not for ten guilders." All of which the deponents declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm the same. Done the [ ] of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam.

Aernt Reinsen

This is the X mark of Hendric Pietersz from Hasselt

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Inventory of personal property

[73b] In[ventory taken at the] house of [ ] <sup>1</sup>  
the 4th of September 16[43]

24 pairs of coarse white linen stockings

6 linen breeches, coarse stuff

1 little chest with old rags and linen cloth

a bolster

1 pillow

1 green blanket

1 old black hat

1 ditto English cap

1 ditto cloth night cap

In unstrung wampum, seven guilders, ten stivers

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<sup>1</sup> So in the original.

<sup>1</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

1 packge of wampum containing one hundred and eight guilders  
 225 whole beavers; also 5 of Wessel, <sup>2</sup> Oloff <sup>3</sup> 23  
 47 half-beavers  
 26 otters

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Receipt of David Pietersen de Vries for a power of attorney from  
 Jacob Stoffelsen to collect money in Holland in payment of  
 a note

[74a] [I, Dav]it Pie[ter]sen de Vries, acknowledge that I  
 have received from the hands [of] Jacob Stoffelsen a power of  
 attorney to collect from Claes Jacobsen of Schagen the sum of  
 six hundred and sixty-six guilders, ten stivers, from which sum,  
 when received by me, I shall deduct for my own account one hundred  
 and seventy-nine guilders, which the aforesaid Jacob Stoffelsen  
 owes me, Davit Pietersen, according to the obligation, so that  
 there will remain for him four hundred and eighty-seven guilders;  
 which four hundred and eighty-seven guilders I, Davit Pietersen,  
 promise to pay to the aforesaid Jacob Stoffelsen, or his order,  
 when Claes Jacobsen shall have paid me [the amount of] the power  
 of attorney, free of costs and charges, without any exception.  
 Done the 3d of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, in New  
 Netherland.

Davidt Pietterssen de Bries

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> Wessel Gerritsen?

<sup>3</sup> Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt.

Certificate of part ownership of Jacob Stoffelsen in the privateer  
La Garce

[74b] We, Capt[ain W]illem Albertsen Blauvelt and [Antoni Crol] <sup>1</sup> of the frigate La Garce, binding ourselves for all the other participants, hereby acknowledge that as part owner and contributor toward the fitting out of the aforesaid frigate we have accepted and admitted the person of Jacob Stoffelsen, who has contributed and paid in the sum of three hundred and fifty guilders, which is received and accepted by us as a just tenth share of the equipment of the aforesaid frigate, for which we promise to give him, Jacob Stoffelsen, good satisfaction in every respect, binding to that end our persons and properties and especially the frigate and the appurtenances thereof. In testimony and token of the truth this is signed. Done the 8th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Wyllem Albertsoon Blawfelt

Antoni Crol

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Jan Laurensen to Teunis Jansen to collect debts due to him and the late Willem Coster

[75] I, Jan Laurensz, empower Teunes Jansz, sail maker, to demand and collect in my name from all persons who are indebted to me according to the writing handed to him, Teunes Jansz; likewise, by virtue of the acte <sup>1</sup> granted me by the director general

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<sup>1</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

<sup>1</sup> See letters of administration, dated August 7, 1643, on [69a].

and council of New Netherland to collect the balance due to Willem Coster, deceased, and that in such manner as I, being present myself, could or might do. In testimony whereof this is signed by him the 8th of October 1643, in New Netherland.

Jan Louresen

This is the X mark of Davit Waterduve, witness

This is the X mark of Tymen Jansz, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Indenture of service of Robert Cook to Arent van Curler

[76] I, Abraham Nieuwman, guardian of Robbert Koeck, bind the aforesaid Robbert Koec to visit <sup>1</sup> for the term of one year, commencing on the date hereof, for which service, if faithfully performed, the boy shall receive as an annual wage, over and above his board and clothes, the sum of forty guilders. He, Robbert Coec, promises to conduct himself diligently and faithfully in the service of Arent van Curler. In witness whereof this is signed by him, Abraham Nieuman, and by Robbert Coek, the 9th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Abraham Newman

Roburtt Cooke

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<sup>1</sup> At this point the words: "the colony of Rensselaerswyck and to serve Arent van Curler" seem to be omitted. The original reads: ben verbindende den voors. Robbert Koec om te besoecken den tijt van een jaer, which Dr. O'Callaghan translates: "bind the aforesaid Robbert Koec as an errand boy for the term of one year."

Declaration of George Grace regarding a note of Captain Foulke Brent in favor of Dirck Corssen Stam which is said to be in possession of the heirs of Thomas Oldens

[77] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared G[e]orge Grace, about fifty years of age, who at the request of Tymen Jansen attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and if thereto required, that one Willem Wyman, former servant of Mr. Tomas Oldens, residing in Virginia, administrator of the estate of the deceased Tomansen Ses, <sup>1</sup> told him that there is a note signed by Captain Foulke Brent for 1600 lb. of tobacco remaining unpaid in the hands of the heirs of the above named Mr. Oldes, which is said to have been received from Mr. Dirck Corsen. <sup>2</sup> All of which the deponent attests to be true and truthful. Done the 12th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

*Gr* mee, George Grace

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from Dirck Cornelissen from Wensveen to Wouter van Twiller to collect money from the West India Company

[78] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, s[ecretary] of New Netherland, appeared Dirck Cornelisz from Wens[veen], known to me, the secretary, who in the presence of the undersigned witness appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Wouter van Twiller, late director here, in his, the principal's, name to demand and

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Jansen Ses; see [40a].

<sup>2</sup> Dirck Corssen Stam, supercargo of the ship Rensselaerswyck, which sailed from Amsterdam on September 25, 1636. See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., p. 343.

collect the sum of three thousand, seven hundred and seventy-one guilders and fourteen pennies, due the principal by balance of the annexed account from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam; which aforesaid sum being received by the above named Mr. van Twiller, he is empowered to grant a discharge and, if the case require it, to do herein as the principal, if present, might or could do. In confirmation hereof, the original draft in the record is signed by Direk Cornelisz and the witness hereto invited. Done the 3d of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Dirck Cornelisz

Gillis de Voocht, witness

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Deposition of Richard Aesten and others as to pumpkins stolen on the land of Anthony Jansen from Salee by the crews of the Sevenster and the privateer La Garce

[79] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the undersigned witnesses, who at the request of Antony Jansen from Zale attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath, that it is true and truthful that yesterday, about noon, the crews of the Sevenster and of the privateer <sup>1</sup> went together on the land of Antony Jansen from Zalee, situated in the bay and there, as an Englishman who is a sailor on one of the said ships said, took fully 200 pumpkins. The deponents asked what they were doing there and they answered: "We are in search of the hogs on Coney Island; <sup>2</sup> if we find the

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning the privateer La Garce.

<sup>2</sup> Konynen Eylant.



hogs, we shall take them all away with us." Thereupon the deponents replied: "Those that run there are Lady Moody's hogs." "Then we shall not go there," said the sailors. Done the 13th of October 1643.

This is the R mark of Ritschert Aesten <sup>3</sup>

This is the A mark of Ambroisus Lonne

This is the X mark of Ritchert Stout

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Deposition of Simeon Hobbens and others as to provisions on board the ships La Garce and Sevenster

[80a] <sup>1</sup> We, the undersigned, attest that there is not on board the frigate La Garce more than one half barrel of cabbages, there being about 20 or 30 head therein, among these are small cabbages not bigger than a fist; and about 70 pumkins and a few turnips, 16 fowls for the Sevenster and her crew, without having injured or taken any other animals.

By me, Symeon Hobbens

Ary Leendersen, pilot of La Garce

This is the mark X of Philip Jansen

This is the mark X of Abraham Jansen

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<sup>3</sup> Richard Austin?

<sup>1</sup> The original of this deposition is missing. The translation follows O'Callaghan's.

Receipt of Everardus Bogardus for money paid by Jan Laurensen

[80b] <sup>1</sup> I, the undersigned, Everardus Bogardus, minister, hereby acknowledge that I have received from Jan Laurensen the sum of three hundred Carolus guilders, hereby releasing him from all future claims. In testimony is this signed by me. Done the 14th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

E. Boghardus

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Note of Johannes Winckelman, agent of the proprietors of the colony of Achter Col, in favor of Jan Vigne for moneys disbursed in wintering cattle

[81] <sup>1</sup> I, the undersigned Johannes Winckelman, agent of Messrs. the proprietors of the colony situated behind the Col, <sup>2</sup> hereby acknowledge that on the 14th of February 1642 I received from Jan Vienje the sum of one hundred and sixteen guilders, which moneys were employed in the service of Messrs the proprietors in paying for the wintering of their cattle at the bay; hereby promising in the aforesaid capacity to tender and pay the aforesaid one hundred and sixteen guilders, being loaned money, according to law, free of costs and charges, without any exception.

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<sup>1</sup> The original of this receipt is wanting. The translation follows O'Callaghan's.

<sup>1</sup> Original missing. The translation follows O'Callaghan's. See also [85b].

<sup>2</sup> Referring to what is known as the colony of Achter Col, which extended on the west bank of the Hudson river from about Caldwell, Rockland County, New York, to near Hoboken, New Jersey. The colony was granted to Meyndert Meyndertsen van Keren and others. Godard van Reede, lord of Nederhorst, and plenipotentiary at the peace of Westphalia in 1648, appears to have been the principal proprietor and in consequence the colony is occasionally referred to as that of the lord of Nederhorst. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 527, note. See also New York Historical Society, Collections, 1913, 46:98-99.

In testimony and proof of the truth this is signed by Johannes Winckelman and the witnesses hereto invited, the 16th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Johannes Winckelman

Phlipe Grace

Arendt van Curler

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Thomas Farrel of Bristol to serve Thomas Hall

[82] [I, Tomas Fare]<sup>1</sup>, of Bristol in Old England, [acknowledge] that I was bound for [ ]<sup>1</sup> consecutive years to serve Fransoys Lasle, deceased, and that inasmuch as he has died, I now bind myself to serve Tomas Hal two consecutive years, begining on the date hereof, and that in all such work and duties as the aforesaid Tomas Hal shall wish to employ me, in which service I promise to conduct myself diligently and faithfully as an honest servant is bound to do toward his master; for which I, Tomas Farel, at the expiration of the two years, shall receive as wages from Tomas Hal, who also promises to pay therefor, the sum of fifty Carolus guilders, in addition to board and clothing.

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<sup>1</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

In witness whereof and token of the truth this is signed by me.  
 Done the 19th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New  
 Netherland.

This is the X mark of Tomas Farel  
 Thomas Hall

Richard Cluff, witness

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Abraham Jacobsen to Hendrick Jansen to  
 collect moneys from the orphan masters at Amsterdam

[83] [This day, date] underwritten, before [me, Corn]elis  
 van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by [the]  
 General Chartered West India [Co]mpany, chamber at Amsterdam,  
 appeared Abraham Jacobsz from Steenwyck, husband and guardian of  
 Geertruyt Willems from Amsterdam, who before and in the presence  
 of the subscribing witnesses acknowledges, as he hereby does,  
 that he has received from the hands of Hendric Jansen, tailor here,  
 the sum of eight hundred and seventy-seven guilders, on condition  
 that the said Hendric Jansen may demand, collect and receive back  
 the aforesaid sum from the worshipful orphan masters of the city  
 of Amsterdam, the same being due by their worships to him, Abraham  
 Jacobsz, in the capacity aforesaid, from the estate of his wife's  
 deceased father, named Willem Clasen, clothier.<sup>1</sup> Wherefore he,  
 Abraham Jacobsz, hereby constitutes the aforesaid Hendrick Jansen  
 [his attorney] and fully empowers him to demand and collect from

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<sup>1</sup> laken bereyder, i.e. one who dresses cloth, a fuller.

the worshipful orphan masters at Amsterdam the said sum of eight hundred and seventy-seven guilders, with the interest accrued since June last past; which moneys being received by him, Hendric Jansz, or his attorney, from the worshipful orphan masters at Amsterdam, <sup>2</sup> he is authorized to execute an acquittance therefor, which shall serve as a valid discharge, he, Abraham Jacobsz, thereby holding himself as fully paid and satisfied and releasing the worshipful orphan masters from future demands, promising that neither he nor his heirs shall ever trouble their worships anymore; further confirming and ratifying whatever shall be done or transacted herein by Hendric Jansz or his attorney. Thus done and signed by Abraham Jacobsz from Steenwyck and the witness hereto invited, the 20th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Netherland.

This is the  mark of Abraham Jacobsz above named  
Heindrick Jansen, smith

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Jan Warrensens and Hans Nelisen, two soldiers,  
respecting an attack made by Indians on the colony of  
Achter Col

[85a] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary in  
[New] Netherland appointed [by the General] Chartered [West India]  
Company, appeared Jan Warrensens, aged twenty years, and Hans  
Nelisen, aged thirty years, both soldiers in the service of the

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<sup>2</sup> A marginal note reads: On account of the badness of the paper I enter the remaining part of the document on another sheet. At the top of the next sheet [84] is written: [Continuation] of the power of attorney from Abr[aham Jacobsen to Hendrick Jansen], tailor.

above mentioned Company, who at the request of Mr. Johannes Winckelman and Cornelis Jansen Coelen, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that it is true and truthful that they, the deponents, (being five soldiers strong), having been commanded by the Hon. Director Willem Kieft to defend the colony of Achter Col, a very heavy attack was made on the house by the Indians in the night between the seventeenth and the eighteenth of September. We, the deponents, being strong five soldiers, five boys and one man who belonged in the colony, defended ourselves until the Indians shot the house, in which we were obliged to defend ourselves, on fire over our heads, when we were forced to abandon the house in consequence of the heat and were only barely able to save ourselves in a canoe, taking with us, of all the goods that were there, only our fire-arms. All [of which they declare to be true], offering to confirm the same on oath. Done the 30th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the mark of [Jan] Warrensen

Hanns Niellszen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond of Johannes Winckelman in favor of Jan Vigne for moneys  
disbursed in wintering cattle

[85b] I, the undersigned, Johannes Winckelman, agent of Mynder Meynderts van Keren, hereby acknowledge that on the 14th of February A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, I received from Jan Vienne the sum of one hundred and sixteen guilders, which moneys were employed in the service of the honorable masters <sup>1</sup> in paying for the wintering of the cattle at the Bay. I hereby promise in the capacity aforesaid to tender and pay the aforesaid one hundred and sixteen guilders, being loaned money, free of costs and charges, for which, in the capacity aforesaid, I bind my person and property, movable and immovable, without any exception. In testimony and proof of the truth this is signed by Winckelman and the witnesses, the 31st of October 1643.

Joannes Winckelman

Willem de Key

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Johannes Winckelman in favor of Jan Jansen Damen

[86a] [I, the undersigned, Johannes Winckelman, agent of Myndert Meynderts van K]eren, hereby acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Jan Jansen Damen in the sum of forty-three guilders, fifteen stivers, as appears by the account thereof; which aforesaid sum I promise in the aforesaid capacity to tender

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<sup>1</sup> The proprietors of the colony of Achter Col. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 527, note.

and pay free of costs and charges, without any exceptions; binding to that end my person as by law provided. Done the 31st of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Netherland.

Joannes Winckelman

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Power of attorney from Cornelis Jansen Coelen to the director and council of New Netherland to remove and take care of the goods remaining in the colony of Achter Col

[86b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary appointed in New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Jansen Coelen, who appoints and empowers, as he hereby does, the honorable director general and council of New Netherland to remove all the goods which may yet remain in the colony of Achter Col and to take the same under their care until further orders from the proprietors of said colony. Done the 2d of November 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Cornelis Jansen Coelen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Receipt of Albert Cornelissen for payment by Hendrick Jansen of money due him by the proprietors of Achter Col

[86c] [I, Albert Cornelissen, acknowledge that I am fully] satisfied and paid by [Hendric] Jansen, tailor here, the sum of [one?] hundred and thirty-two guilders, which was due me by the honorable proprietors [of the] colony of Achter Col, as appears by the account which was sent over by the said Hendric Jansen, said account having at the bottom a power of attorney signed by me to collect the amount aforesaid in the fatherland. Wherefore



I hereby release the aforesaid gentlemen from any further claims in the matter aforesaid. Done the 2d of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Aelbert Cornelissen

Cornelis Jansen Coele, witness

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of skipper Ridder Eversen about a cask of merchandise which he was obliged to throw overboard

[86d] I, Ridder Eversen, master of the yacht Real, <sup>1</sup> acknowledge that I received from Oloff Stevensen, commissary of the store, a cask of merchandise, to carry the same to Jan Jansz, <sup>2</sup> commissary at Fort Nassau, which cask he, the skipper, declares he was obliged in a violent storm to throw overboard with many other goods. Done the 3d of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

Ridder Eversen

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Declaration of Pieter Cock and Roeloff Jansen that since the destruction of Achter Col by the Indians there has been no chance to inspect the place

[87a] <sup>1</sup> Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Cock, aged 30 years, and Rouloff Jansen, aged 20 years, both well known to me, the secretary, who at the request of Cornelis Jansen Coelen attest, testify and declare, as

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<sup>1</sup> Probably so named for Reynier Reael, one of the directors of the Dutch West India Company.

<sup>2</sup> Jan Jansen van Ilpendam.

<sup>1</sup> Other translation in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 13:17.

they do hereby, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be, that it is true and truthful that since the colony of Achter's Col was burned by the Indians, there has been no opportunity to inspect the place to see what the condition might be, in consequence of the great number of Indians, who burn and kill everything they can lay hold of in the woods, on water, or elsewhere. The deponents declare this to be true and truthful and that this is done by them to bear witness of the truth, without [fear of] favor. Done the 3d of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This P K is the mark of Pieter Kock, witness  
 Rolof Jansen Haes, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Jan de Visser regarding his release from the  
 service of Johannes La Montagne and entrance into the  
 service of the Company

[87b] I, J[an de Visser, declare that after I had] served Mr. La Montagne [a little more] than two years, I requested the said La Montagne in a friendly manner to be allowed to leave his service in order to enter that of the Company, in which service I have continued to this day. Done the 3d of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

This is the X mark of Jan de Visser, made by himself  
 Willem de Key, witness

Power of attorney from Richard Rely to Jeronimus La Croix to receive moneys from the West India Company

[87c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Ritchert Rely <sup>1</sup> of London, who came over in the year 1642 on the ship De Melckmeyt, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jeronimus La Croix, junior, to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of seventy-eight guilders, due him by balance and remainder of the account hereto annexed; on receipt of which moneys by Jeronimus La Croix above mentioned, he may execute a discharge, which shall be valid; the principal holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted herein by the attorney. Done the 4th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, N. N.

This is the R R mark of Ritchert Rely  
Cornelio van[der] Hoykens, fiscal, witness

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Will of Pieter Bronck

[88a] [In the year] after [the birth] of our Lord and Savior Jesus [Christ] one thousand six hundred and forty-three, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appeared Pieter Bronck, [of sound] body, up and about and in full possession of his memory and understanding, who declared that he, reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof and wishing therefore to anticipate all such uncertainty of death by testamentary disposition, has of his own free will,

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Riley?

true knowledge and deliberate intention, without inducement, persuasion or misleading on the part of any one, made and confirmed, as he hereby does make and confirm, this his testament and last will, in the manner and form hereinafter written:

First, after revoking all and whatsoever testaments and other dispositions which he before this date may in any wise have made or executed and then proceeding to the terms of his [present] testament, he, Piter Bronc, bequeathes and devises to Engeltje Mans all such goods and chattels as he shall leave behind after his death. As regards his father, mother, or other friends, they are far from here, and if there be anything, they can not come here. Willing and requesting that this after his decease may take effect before all courts and judges. Done the 4th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

P. Bronc

Cornelio van [der] Hoykens, fiscal, witness

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List of provisions furnished to the yacht Real

[88b] Inventory of provisions furnished by Commissary op Dyck to the yacht Real going to Amsterdam

1643	29 schepels of peas	fl. 89: -
4 Nov.	154 loaves of rye bread	30:10
	460 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of pork @ 5 stivers	115: 2: 8
	32 loaves of wheaten bread	11: 4
	300 lb dried fish	36: -
	883 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of beef @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ stivers	198:15 $\frac{3}{4}$
	841 lb of hardtack	126: 3
	9 cans of Spanish wine	75: -

26 lb of tallow @ 2½ stivers	7:15
25 lb of cheese @ 6 stivers	7:10
8 cans of train oil @ 10 stivers	4: -

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Together with 20 beavers and ten bear skins whereof the skipper shall render an account to the directors.

I, the undersigned, Ridder Eversen, master of the yacht Real, acknowledge the receipt of the above specified provisions from the hands of Commissary Op Dyck to mess the crew on the voyage to the fatherland. Done the 4th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

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Note of Johannes Winckelman to Philip Gerritsen, innkeeper of the city tavern, for board, etc.

[89a] [I, Johannes Winckel]man, agent of [Meyndert] Meyndersz van Keren, hereby acknowledge that I am truly indebted to Philip Gerritsz, landlord of the public tavern <sup>1</sup> at the Manhatans, in the sum of one hundred and thirty-two guilders, four stivers, for board, etc., received at his house by me, Winckelman, and the people of the colony of Achter Col, which aforesaid sum shall be paid by Messrs the proprietors of the colony of Achter't Col, or from the effects thereof. In testimony whereof this is signed

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<sup>1</sup> The total should be fl. 701: - :4

<sup>1</sup> De gemeene lants harbarge.

by me in the presence of the undersigned witnesses. Done the  
12th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Joannes Winckelman

Gysbert op Dyck

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of sale between Harck Sybesen and Barent Dircksen of a  
house and lot near the fort on Manhattan island

[89b] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary of New  
Netherland, [appeared Harck Sybesen], <sup>1</sup> who acknowledged that he  
had sold to Barent Dircksen his house and lot, with all that is  
fastened by earth and nail, of such size, be it large or small,  
as the same lies and is computed to be, [the purchase] of which  
aforesaid house and lot lying on the island of Manhattan, near  
Fort Amsterdam, Barent Dircksen also acknowledges for the sum of  
one hundred and seventy-five guilders, and a half barrel of beer  
as a treat, to be paid two weeks from this date, when the delivery  
of the house and appurtenances shall take place. In witness where-  
of this is signed by the parties and the witnesses, the [       ]  
of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in New Netherland.

It is agreed that if either party backs out and cancels the  
sale, he shall pay a half barrel of beer.

This is the X mark of Barent Dircksen

This is the X mark of Harck Sybesen

Sibet Clasen

This is the X mark of Albert Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Harck Syboutsen, an early settler of Newtown, L. I.

Declaration of Claes van Elslandt and others that they saw the woman residing on Old Jan's plantation drive the Company's cattle into the swamp

[90a] [Before me], Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary [of New] Netherland, [appeared] Claes van Elslandt, aged 44 years, Cosyn Gerritsen, aged 36 years, and Gerrit Jacobsen, aged 19 years, who at the request of the honorable fiscal, Van [der] Hoykens, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that it is true and truthful that they, the deponents, having been sent by the honorable director to find the cattle belonging to the Company and others, came to the plantation of Old Jan by the swamp, where they saw the woman residing on Old Jan's plantation drive the cattle with a stick into the said swamp, so that the cattle were in it up to their backs, but as the cattle were strong and well in flesh, they finally got through the swamp. All of which the deponents declare to be true and truthful. Done the [blank] of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Claes van Elslant

This is the X mark of Cosyn Gerritsen

Gerrit Jacobsen

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Agreement of Willem Turck to collect money from Philip Geraerdy from the West India Company

[90b] I, Willem Turc[k, supercargo] of the ship De Swarte Raven, acknowledge that [I have received] from the hands of Philip Geraerdy an account against the West India Company of two hundred and one guilders, three stivers, to collect the same from it. When the money shall be received by Willem Turc, he shall, if he

returns to New Netherland, invest the same in goods according to the order given him, which goods shall then be at the risk of Philip Geraerdy; but if said Willem Turck should not return to this country, he shall retain the money received by him in his custody, subject to the order of Philip Geraerdy. Done the [blank] of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Willem Turck

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Deposition of Jan van Ditmersen and Cornelis Jacobsen in regard to leather stolen by Roelant Hackwaert from Laurens Duyts

[91a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienh[oven, secretary] of New Netherland, [appeared] Jan van Ditmersen, aged 36 years, and Cornelis Jacobsen, aged 34 years, who on the requisition of the fiscal attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and requested thereto, that it is true and truthful that Laurens Duyts came to their house and said he had lost some leather, and saw a piece of leather which he said was his, said leather having been brought by Roelant Hackwaert to Jan van Ditmersen to have his shoe mended. He, Roelant Hackwaert, came next day to Jan van Ditmersen's and said: "Do not sole my shoe with that leather; were it under it, I should cut it off." Laurens Duyts, who came into the house, said: "That is my leather." Jan van Ditmersen asked Roelant Hackw[aert: "How] came you by it?" He said: "I have stolen it." Done the [ ] of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

Jan van Ditmersen

This is the X mark of Cornelis Jacobsen



Note of Willem Turck for wheat received from Jan Damen for the use of the ship Swarte Raven

[91b] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary of [New Ne]therland, appeared Willem Turck, who acknowledged that he had received from Jan Damen on account of Mr. Piter Gabri's son and Coenraet Coymans the sum of sixty-six guilders in wheat, for the behoof of the ship De Swarte Raven. I promise that the above mentioned sum shall be paid by my employers. Done the 26th of November 1643.

Willem Turck

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Return by court messenger to a writ of attachment of a power of attorney given by Cornelis Jansen Coelen to the director and council of New Netherland

[91c] Philip de Truy, court messenger, has this day in the name of Johannes Winckelm[an] attached the power of attorney granted by Cornelis Jansen Coelen to the director and council of New Netherland, in behalf of Meyndert Meyndersen van Keren and himself as well as his creditors, leaving nevertheless the colony <sup>1</sup> and the goods which are still there in the care of the Company, and also the power of attorney aforesaid. This day, 26 November 1643.

Philippe du Tryeux, messenger

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The colony of Achter Col. See [86b].

Note of Maurits Jansen van Broeckhuysen in favor of  
Jan Jansen Damen

[92a] [I, Ma]uris [van] Broeckhuysen, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Jan Jansen Damen in the sum of twenty-eight guilders, at twenty stivers apiece, Holland currency, to be paid to Jansen Damen, or to Gosen Barentsen residing at Utrecht in the Stoeltjen,<sup>1</sup> or to the bearer hereof. Done in New Netherland the 23d of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643. Was signed:  
Maurits van Broeckhuysen.

Upon collation this is found to agree with the original,  
the 27th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, by me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from Philip Gerritsen, tavern keeper, to  
Willem Turck, to collect moneys from the proprietors of  
Achter Col

[92b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Philip Gerritsen, tavern keeper here, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Willem Turck in his, the principal's, name to collect and receive from Meyndert Meyndersen van Keren, or the patroons of the colony of Achter Col, the sum of one hundred and thirty-two guilders, four stivers, due him, the principal, as appears by the note annexed; <sup>1</sup> on receipt of which money by Mr. Turck, he may execute a discharge, acting in all things as he, Philip Gerritsen, might or could do were he present; which

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning at the sign of "The little chair."  
<sup>1</sup> See [89a].

said attorney shall also have power to institute legal proceedings in the matter aforesaid before all courts, tribunals and judges, wherever it may be necessary, and if needed to substitute one or more persons with one and the same power. The original record hereof in the protocol is signed by Philip Gerritsen and the witnesses, the 27th of November 1643, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Philippus Gerritsen

Gornelio vander Hoykens, witness

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Note of Johannes Winckelman in favor of Dirck Cornelissen for wages earned in Achter Col

[92c] I, Johannes Winckelman, attorney of Myndert Meyndertsen van Keren, acknowledge that I am indebted to Dirck Cornelis, carpenter, in the sum of twenty-five guilders for wages earned by him in building a chimney in the colony of Achter Col, which is to be paid by the proprietors of the aforesaid colony. Done the 27th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1643.

Joannes Winckelman

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Inventory of the estate of Hans Nelissen

[93a] Specification and inventory of the property belonging to Hans Nelisz, deceased on the 18th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, and thus found at his house

The small house and garden, fenced

1 chest

1 half-worn cloth coat

1 pair of duffel stockings

Some old rags, of no value

1 canvas bedtick stuffed with straw  
 1 barrel of pork  
 Some old papers  
 1 inkstand and a little powder and ball

This was found at the house of Hans Nelisz in the presence of Jeuriaen Otsen.

Jurryan Otsen

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Note of Tonis Nyssen to Cornelis Dircksen Hoochlant

[93b] I, the undersigned, Tonis Nysz, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Cornelis Dircksz Hoochlant in the sum of four hundred Carolus guilders, arising from the purchase of cows which I have received to my satisfaction, promising to pay one-half next May and the other half in May 1645, free of costs and charges. In witness whereof this is signed by Tonis Nysz. Done the 21st of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of  
 Tonis Nysz, above mentioned


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Declaration of Evert Cornelissen regarding the ownership of property left him by his brother Laurens Cornelissen

[93c] Ever[t Cornelissen] d[eclares at the request of the] honorable fiscal that all the property [which his] brother Laurens Cornelissen left him belongs to the freighters and not to his brother, including the house of Fredric Lubbersen as well as the brandy and other goods; only, Evert Cornelissen declares that the yacht De Juffrou is his own and that his brother has no interest therein. All of which he is ready to confirm by oath. Done the 22d of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in the fort.

Power of attorney from Gerrit Wolphertsen to Andries Hudde to receive his wife's share of the estate of her father, Cornelis Lambertsen Cool, deceased

[93b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gerrit Wolphersen, husband and guardian of Aeltjen Cornelis, daughter of Cornelis Lambersen Cool, deceased, who in said capacity appoints and empowers Mr. Andries Hudden in his, the principal's, name to demand and collect from Aeltjen Brackoengne, widow of the late Cornelis Lambersen Cool, all such part and portion of the property left by Cornelis Lambersen Cool as belong to him, the principal, in his capacity as aforesaid. Also, that the attorney above mentioned shall have power to aid in settling and liquidating all accounts, debts and claims which the deceased Cornelis Lambersen may have elsewhere outstanding, to the end that the heirs of Cornelis Lamberrsen Cool may receive their due and that every one who has any claim against the estate may be paid. He, the principal, declares that he will hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and transacted [in the settlement of the] estate by the attorney, who shall also have power to institute and carry on legal proceedings before all courts, tribunals and judges and to substitute in his stead one or more persons with like or limited power, doing in all things as the principal, were he present, should or might do; provided that the attorney shall remain bound to render an account of his administration to the principal. To which end this is signed in the original record by the principal and witness hereto invited, the 30th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

This is the  mark of Gerrit Wolphersen

Willem de Key, witness

Protest by director and council against the fiscal for neglect of duty

[93e] <sup>1</sup> We, Willem Ki[eft, d]irecto[r general, and the council of] New Netherland, to you Cornelis [van de]r Hoykens, fiscal and schout of New Netherland:

Whereas many complaints are heard daily of thefts, robberies, shooting of hogs and goats and other depredations, and the same are increasing every day, yes, from all appearances will shortly lead to public plundering and highway robbery, so that it is even to be feared that people will murder one another, and all this because no delinquents are arrested, prosecuted or punished; [whereas] also divers ordinances have from time to time been published here to prevent such scandals as much as possible, but no effort is made to put the laws into execution and therefore all disorders have full swing; [whereas] furthermore judgment has been rendered and orders have been issued to receive the Company's duties and these also have remained unexecuted; and [whereas] divers people have died or been killed by the Indians, of whose estates no proper inventory or settlement has been made; and whereas these are all matters that concern your office and no one is at fault but yourself, since the commonalty generally complain <sup>2</sup> that they are put off with words and that nothing further is done; and you furthermore throw the blame on the director for not giving you men to assist you;

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<sup>1</sup> O'Callaghan's translation is printed in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:52-53.

<sup>2</sup> At this point the following words are canceled: "that if they prefer any complaints to you in the evening, you are intoxicated, and in the morning".

Therefore, you are hereby commanded to attend in every way to the duties of your office according to your bounden duty, in order that justice may not wholly fall into contempt; and in order that you may not present the excuse that you are not supported by enough men, we assure you (as heretofore has been repeatedly done) that the director and council and all the soldiers are at your service to uphold you; furthermore that your deputy sheriff and the provost with all the Negroes are at your command; and if you remain in default, we protest against all damages, mischiefs, losses and injuries which may result therefrom, intending to remain innocent thereof and to make such provision in the matter as we shall deem proper. <sup>3</sup>

The fiscal gives for answer that he has from time to time done his best and performed his duty to the best of his ability. This day, 5 January 1644.

The director and council reply that the general complaint shows the reverse and they protest as hereinbefore written. Thus done in the presence ... <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> At this point the following paragraph is canceled in the Dutch record: "We also have assurance that you atrociously slander the director before numerous company and the entire watch at the guard house, saying that he is a rascal and a thief; that he drinks himself full every day with Mr. La Montagne and then shuts his room tight; that he steals the Company's beavers and sends them over; that he buys a great deal and does not charge it all to his account; that he has ruined the country and that the director now wants you to save it; that you well know who buys the hides, etc., and many other calumnies which you according to your oath should punish. Therefore, we require that you prove all this or that you suffer the penalty provided therefor."

<sup>4</sup> Not completed.

Agreement between Aeltje Brackogne and her sons-in-law regarding  
the settlement of the estate of the late Cornelis Lambertsen  
Cool

[93f] In the year after the birth [of our] Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 1644, on the 5th of January, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, came and appeared Aeltjen Brackongne, widow of the late Cornelis Lambersen Cool, of the first part, and Gerrit Wolphersen and Claes Jansen from Emden, each of whom married a daughter of the late Cornelis Lambersen Cool, of the second part, who acknowledged that in love and friendship they had agreed and covenanted respecting the division of the goods and chattels which the aforesaid Cornelis Lambersen left behind, on the following conditions. First, the parties acknowledge that they have divided and apportioned the movable and immovable property, of which each has received his due share. Secondly, Aeltjen Brackongne promises to pay the aforesaid Cornelis Wolphersen and Claes Jansen, in addition to their aforesaid portion, the sum of two hundred Carolus guilders, wherewith they, Gerrit Wolphersen and Claes Jansen acknowledge that they are fully satisfied and paid for their portion of their wives' deceased father's estate. It is also expressly stipulated that Aeltjen Brackongne shall pay all the debts of the above mentioned Cornelis Lambertsen Cool and that she shall likewise receive all the outstanding debts due him, [the debts] on both sides being offset one against the other. It is furthermore stipulated that the property and lands at Gouwanes shall remain undivided until through the mercy of God the lands there may be used, when the parties shall enter upon the partition thereof.



To which end and for the security of this [agreement] this is signed by the parties on both sides in the presence of the undersigned witnesses. Done on the date above written, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Aeltjen Brackongne

This is the X mark of Gerrit Wolphersen

This is the X mark of Claes Jansen from Emden

Huych Aertsen van Rossom

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Will of Hans Hendricks

[93g] In the year of our Lord and [Savior] Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-four, at the house of Adam Roelantsen, of Dockum, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, came and appeared Hans Hendricx, of Traecx in Holstein, who, though lying wounded in bed, was in full possession of his memory, speech and understanding, as appeared evident to us, and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that, reflecting on the certainty of death and uncertainty of the hour thereof and in order to forestall all such uncertainty, he commends his soul to the protection of God and his body after his death to a Christian burial. He, the testator, being furthermore desirous to dispose by last will of all his means and effects which Almighty God has bestowed upon him on this earth, he bequeaths

and leaves by an irrevocable will to Mr. Jochim Pietersz <sup>1</sup> and his wife the just half of his goods which he shall leave behind and the other half to his comrade Pieter, provided that they shall pay to his brother or others of his, the testator's, friends or relatives from his, the testator's, property the sum of six Carolus guilders. Concluding herewith his last will and testamentary disposition, revoking all previous wills or dispositions by last will which may have been executed or made by him before the date hereof in favor of any one in the world, he, the testator, requests that this may take effect and be valid before all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony and proof of the honest truth this is signed by the witnesses hereto invited, the 18th of January 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Cornelio vander Hoykens, fiscal

Adam Roelants, witness

Jan Dircksz

Jan Evertsz Bout

} witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declarations of Michiel Tadens and Jan Jacobsen, witnesses for the prosecution, respecting the wounding of Hans Hendricks by Jacob Hendricks of Dort

[93h] Declaration made at the request of the fiscal by Michiel Tadens, of Iderstee, <sup>1</sup> aged 20 years, that he, the deponent,

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<sup>1</sup> Captain Jochim Pietersen Kuyter. Hans Hendricks was his servant. See next document.

<sup>1</sup> Eiderstedt, a peninsula on the west coast of Sleswick, on the north side of the estuary of the Eider.

this day, while standing near Mr. Melyn's house, heard Hans Hendricx, servant of Mr. Jochem Pietersen, ask Jacob Hendricx, of Dort, <sup>2</sup> to put him on board, whereupon Jacob of Dort answered: "I put no muffs <sup>3</sup> on board." Thereupon words arose between them and finally they commenced fighting with knives, but Jacob of Dort drew his knife first. Hans Hendricx said: "Let us cut at each other." Thereupon both sides made some cuts with knives and finally Jacob of Dort first made a stab and wounded Hans Hendricx, as appears by the wound. All of which Michiel Tadens offers to confirm by oath. Done the 18th of January A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Mechgeil Tadens

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Jan Jacobsen respecting the wounding of  
Han Hendricks

[94a] Declaration made at the request of the honorable fiscal by Jan Jacobsen, of Haerlem, aged 29 years, that on the 18th of January 1644 he saw Hans Hendricx, servant of Jochem Pietersen, and Jacob Hendricx, of Dort, fighting with knives in front of the house of Monsieur Melyn, but does not know the origin of their quarrel. While fighting, Hans Hendricx said: "Don't stab, but cut!" Whereupon Jacob of Dort, he then having the cut in the face, said: "I shall hit you all right" and at the same

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<sup>2</sup> Dordrecht, Netherlands.

<sup>3</sup> Mof; a term of contempt used in Holland to designate a german.

instant made a thrust and wounded Hans Hendricx, as is evident, notwithstanding he, the deponent, did his best to prevent it, whereby he too received a cut in the skirt of his doublet. All of which the deponent offers to confirm by oath. Done the 18th of January 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jan Jacobsen of Haerlem, aforesaid  
Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Cornelis Willemsen and Laurens Pietersen, witnesses for the defendant, respecting the wounding of Hans Hendricks by Jacob Hendricks of Dort

[94b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Willemsen, aged about 35 years, and Laurens Pietersen, aged 28 years, who jointly, at the request of Jacob of Dort, attested, certified and declared, as they hereby do attest, certify and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if need be and required, that they, the deponents, on the 18th instant, in the afternoon, saw Hans Hendricx and Jacob of Dort fighting together near the house of Mr. Melyn, without knowing however who provoked the quarrel. During the fight, Hans Hendricx drove him, Jacob of Dort, into the water up to his knees and while he was in the water, half stumbling, Hans Hendricx cut him, Jacob of Dort, in the face. Then, as [Hans Hendricks] came toward the aforesaid Jacob, the said Jacob wounded him, Hans Hendricks. All of which the deponents declare to be true and truthful. Done the 20th of January A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in New Netherland.

Cornelis Willemsen

This is the X mark of Laurens Piteresen  
Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration as to the estate left by Pieter Lievesen, deceased

[95a] [At the request] of the honorable Fiscal Vander Hoykens the undersigned persons attest and declare that on the 25th of January 1644 the fiscal was at the house of Lambert van Valckenborch, where Pieter Liveness lodged in his lifetime, and inquired for the goods of said Pieter Liveness, whereupon Lambert van Valckenborch answered that there was nothing left of the goods of the above mentioned Pieter Liveness, as he had long before also declared to the fiscal and the witnesses. Done the 25th of January 1644, in New Netherland.

Oloff Stevensen

Gysbert op Dyck

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Declaration of Surgeon Van den Bogaerdt and Willem de Key respecting an assault committed by Black John on Ensign Van Dyck

[95b] Before [me, Cornelis van Til]enhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Harmen Meyndersen van den Bogaert, aged 30 years, and Willem de Key, aged 19 years, who at the request of the fiscal attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that it is true ~~that~~ they, the deponents, yesterday evening, between the hours of six and seven, at the house of Philip Geraerdy, saw and heard Black Jan say to Ensign Van Dyck: "Brother, I drink to you!" To which the ensign answered: "Brother, I thank you." Instead of handing over the can, Black Jan struck the ensign with the can on the forehead, so that the blood flowed, saying, "That is Munnekedam fashion," and then threw the ensign over on his back. And all this happened without their having any dispute

or words with each other. All of which they offer to confirm.  
Done the 27th of January A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

Harmannus A. Booghardy

Willem de Key

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven

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Declaration of Pieter van der Linde and Hendrick Pietersen  
respecting the shooting of a hog in the woods

[96a] Declaration made at the request of Barent Dircksz, baker, by Pieter van [der] Linde, as follows. Yesterday, he was out shooting deer on the island of Manhates. Not having got any, he returned to his plantation, where he heard a shot in the direction of the woods, whereupon he resolved to go thither. He there found in the snow the tracks of two persons, which he followed, and found a hog shot dead, the ball having entered at one ear and come out on the other side. He, Pieter van [der] Linde turned back and reported the matter to Barent Dircksz' men, who went with him into the woods. He, the deponent, and Hendrick Pietersz went to the hog and Karsten Pietersz and Cornelis Willemsz took another road to find those who had shot the hog. He, Pieter van [der] Linden, followed the track to about one hundred paces from Tomas Atkins' house,<sup>1</sup> but Hendric Pietersz says that the footsteps led to the threshold of the house. All of which he, the deponent, and Hendric Pietersz declare to be true. Done the 27th of January 1644.

Pieter Linde

Hendrijck Pettres

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The name of Joris Homs is crossed out and that of Tomas Atkins substituted.

Declaration of Remmert Jansen and Rouloff Jansen Haes as to a debt claimed by Penedict Hendricks from Hillegont Joris

[96b] Declaration of Remmert Ja[n]sen, aged 25 years, and Rouloff Jansen, aged 21 years, who at the request of the fiscal declare that on the day before Benedic[t] Hendricx went out with his troop they heard said Benedict Hendricx say that Hillegont Joris owed him over eighty guilders. All of which they declare to be true. Done the 28th of January 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland. Which the deponents have confirmed by oath before the fiscal.

Rem Yansen

Rolof Jansen Haes

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Protest of the director and council against Andries Rouloffsen, chief boatswain, for neglect of duty

[97a] We, Willem Kieft, director general, and the council of New Netherland, to you, Andries Rouloffsen, chief boatswain:

Whereas the Company's property is greatly neglected and no proper care is taken thereof by you; therefore, we do hereby command you to perform your bounden duty; [to see to it] that all equipment be properly administered, whereof you must render a good account; also, that all vessels be kept in good repair. And in default thereof we protest against all loss and damage which the Company may thereby suffer, [intending] to recover the same from you.

The chief boatswain answers that he has done his duty and that nothing shall be wanting on his part.


The director and council protest as before, saying that the case appears to be otherwise.

Protest of the director and council against Tymen Jansen, ship carpenter, for neglect of duty

[97b] We, Willem Kieft, director general, and the council of New Netherland, to you, Tymon Jansen, ship carpenter:

Whereas complaints are daily made to us that you do not properly repair the vessels and that the skippers must sail them year in year out (among others the yachts Amsterdam and Prins Willem) without being able to keep anything dry in the cabin, in consequence of which the yachts suffer great damage, which can be prevented by a little labor; therefore, we do charge you herein to perform your bounden duty, so that the Company may not suffer any loss and you be free from blame. In default whereof, we protest against all loss and damage which the Company thereby will suffer, intending to recover the same from you.

Tymen Jansen says he has done his best and can not know when a vessel is leaky unless those in charge of her inform him of the fact; also, that nothing can be effected without means.

The mark  of Tyme Jansen

The director and council protest as aforesaid and say that it appears otherwise by the vessels.

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Bond of John Forbes in favor of Claes Carstensen for the balance of the purchase money of a plantation on Long Island

[97c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Forbus, who acknowledged that he was well and truly indebted to Claes Carstensen in the sum of one hundred and fifty-five guilders, it being the balance due on the plantation on Long Island; which sum the aforesaid Jan Forbus promises to pay as soon as he shall be able to plant and then it shall be paid out of the crop. For the payment hereof he,



Jan Forbus, binds his person and the above mentioned plantation.  
In witness whereof this is signed by Jan Forbus. Done the 29th  
of January 1644.

John Forbes

Gysbert op Dyck, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Declaration of Marten Ael and other soldiers that they had been  
sent away by Jochem Pietersen from his plantation to Manhattan

[98a] Marten Ael, corporal, Gregoris Pietersz, Boy Jansen,  
Dirck Teunesen, Tomas Vaster and Willem Gerritsz, all soldiers,  
hereby attest and declare that last Tuesday four soldiers went  
from Jochim Pietersz's <sup>1</sup> to the Manhates. He, Jochim Pietersz,  
seeing that no other soldiers came, ordered the aforesaid corporal  
and soldiers to make ready to go to the Manhates, without the  
said deponents having given him, Jochim Pietersz, any cause.  
All of which they offer to confirm on oath. Done the 12th of  
February 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Gregors Pitterszen

Marten Ael

Boye Jansen

This is the X of Dirck Teunesz

This is the X mark of Tomas Vaster

This is the X mark of Willem Gerritsz

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning Captain Jochem Pietersen Kuyter's plantation,  
called "Zegendael," along the Harlem river, which was shortly  
afterwards destroyed by the Indians.

Declaration of Egbert van Borsum and other skippers, exculpating  
Tymen Jansen from wilful neglect of duty

[98b] We, Egbert van Borsum, Barent Jacobsz, Wessel Eversz and Antoni Fernandus, masters of the yachts Prins Willem, Amsterdam, St. Martyn and De Vreede, attest and declare, at the request of Tymen Jansen, ship carpenter, that during our skipper-ship he has worked on our boats and yachts and repaired what was necessary, but that sometimes he lacked materials, so that he could not properly repair the vessels. All of which we declare to be true, offering to confirm this. Done the 19th of February A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Egbert van Borsum  
Baerent Jacobsz Cool

This is the mark X of Antoni Fernandus

This is the X mark of Wessel Eversz

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Jan Pietersen about slanderous words spoken by  
Jan Snediger to Marritke Lives

[99a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Pietersz, alias Jan Maet, <sup>1</sup> aged about 33 years, who at the request of Marritjen Lives attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that it is true and truthful that last Monday,

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<sup>1</sup> A common nickname for a sailor, corresponding to "Jack Tar." In O'Callaghan's translation it is rendered as "Comrade John," and in the calendar entry for this document as "Friend John."

about four o'clock in the afternoon, Jan Snediger said to Marritjen Lives: "You old whore, I do not furnish lodgings to any villains or thieves, as you do." Whereupon Marritjen said: "You lie like a villain." All of which he offers to confirm on oath. Done the 2d of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jan Pitzersz

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Cornelis Cornelissen and other soldiers regarding the destruction of Jochem Pietersen Kuyter's house by the Indians

[99b] This day, the 9th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the hereinafter mentioned persons who (each for himself) at the request of Mr. Jochim Pitzersz Kuyter, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that their declaration is true.

Cornelis Cornelisz of Utrecht, aged 22 years, says that he stood sentry on the night of the 5th of March in front of the house of the said Jochim Pitzersz, <sup>1</sup> it being about two hours before daybreak, near the corn rick, about 50 paces from the barn, when he, the deponent, saw a burning arrow, the flame whereof was as blue as that of sulphur, coming from [a spot] about 20 paces from the house and passing between the dunghill and the

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning the house on the plantation known as "Zegendaal," which stretched along the Harlem river from about the present 127th to 140th streets. See J. H. Innes, New Amsterdam and Its People, p. 108.

cherry tree, which arrow fell on the thatched roof of the house, and owing to the strong wind the house soon got on fire and burned to the ground. Immediately after he heard the report of a gun from the same direction that the arrow came from. Also, that the English soldiers during the fire would not come out of the cellar, where they had been sleeping, and remained therein till the house was destroyed, so that they received no assistance whatever from the English.

Jan Hageman, aged 22 years, declares that during the fire the English soldiers did not come out of the cellar, to render any assistance, before and until Mr. Jochim Pietersz's house was burned down to the ground.

Piter Jansen, aged 24 years, declares that during the time Jochim Ptersz's house was burning, the English soldiers did not come out of the cellar where they slept, until the house was entirely burned to the ground.

Jacob Lambertsz of Hilversom, aged 20 years, declares at the request as above that on the 5th of March last, about two hours before daybreak, while going the rounds about Mr. Jochim Pietersz's house, he saw, on turning around, a burning arrow, the flame whereof was as blue as the flame of sulphur, pass between the dunghill and the cherry tree, which burning arrow fell on the ridge of Mr. Jochim Ptersz's house, which, in consequence of the violent wind and the huge flame, burned to the ground. While the house was on fire he, the deponent, heard the report of a gun, which they suspected was fired by the Indians, whom in the morning they still heard shouting and shooting. During the afore-said fire the English soldiers remained in the cellar, without offering any assistance.

Dirck Gerritsen, aged 20 years, declares that the English soldiers did not come out of the cellar as long as the above mentioned house was on fire and that, owing to the huge blaze, he, the deponent, narrowly escaped with his life.

All of which they, the deponents, each in particular for himself, offer to confirm on oath, declaring that they do this to bear witness to the truth, without favor or prejudice to any one. Done the day and year above written, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland. <sup>2</sup>

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Protest of the fiscal of New Netherland against the erection of a fort on Beeren Island and counter protest of Nicolaes Coorn <sup>1</sup>

[100a] I, Cornelio van [der] Hoykens, fiscal of New Netherland, to you, Nicolaes Coorn, quartermaster on the part of Mr. van Renselaer in his colony:

Whereas I am certainly informed that you intend and have received orders from your honorable patroon to establish yourself with your men on Beeren Island, three [Dutch] miles below Fort Orange, and to erect a fort there, for which you have brought with you the cannon that is to be planted thereon; and whereas this expressly conflicts with the Freedoms granted to the patroons, inasmuch as a colony may not extend more than four miles along one bank, or two miles on both sides of a river, as appears by

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<sup>2</sup> Here follows a declaration, signed by H. van Dyck and Claes van Elslant, stating that on March 21, 1644, Cornelis Cornelissen of Utrecht and Jacob Lambertsz, at the request of Mr. Jochem Pietersz, confirmed their above testimony before Hendrick van Dyck and Claes van Elslant; which declaration is canceled in the record.

<sup>1</sup> Printed in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:55-56.

Article 5,<sup>2</sup> and Beeren Island [lies] fully two miles and more outside the limits of the colony, and [you] even [intend] to erect there a fortress which can command the river and shut off Fort Orange, all of which tends to the ruin of the Company and the diminution of their honors' rights;

Therefore, I request to know what power and order to do this you have from the honorable directors and, in default thereof, I most expressly forbid you to erect or construct any fortification outside the limits of the colony of Renselaerswyck and if, notwithstanding, you proceed, I protest against all damage, injury and loss which may result therefrom, the same to be recovered from you or whom it may concern.

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[100b] I, Nicolaes Coorn, quartermaster of Renselaerssteyn for the Hon. Kiliaen van Rensel<sup>r</sup>., hereditary commander of the colony on this North River of New Netherland, under the supreme jurisdiction of the High and Mighty Lords the States General of the United Netherlands and the Chartered West India Company, and as his vice-commander in his place, notify you, Corn. van [der] Hoykens, fiscal of New Netherland, that you shall not undertake to hinder me, to frustrate the projected design on Beyren Island, or to commit any molestation (the High and Mighty Lords the States General and the Chartered West India Company having granted him, the patroon, the perpetual and hereditary right [transmittable] by will to enlarge, fortify and strengthen his said colony, as

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<sup>2</sup> See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., pp. 139 and 167, note.

appears), <sup>1</sup> and that for any offense which may occur in consequence you, Corn. van [der] Hoykens, fiscal, will be held responsible and in case of damage I, Nicolaes Coorn aforesaid, protest that the proceedings against me must be argued and settled by the honorable Company and the patroon, inasmuch as the undertaking is intended to prevent the canker of free traders from entering his colony.

The fiscal, Cornelio van [der] Hoykens, persists in his interdict and protests as before. Done, Manhatans, the 18th of March 1644, in New Netherland.

Cornelio van der Hoykens, fiscal  
Nicolaes Koren

David Provoost, witness

Oloff Stevensz, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Johannes La Montagne and Philippe de Remier respecting the testamentary disposition of his property made by Jan Manje, lying wounded at Stamford

[101a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Johannes La Montagne, councillor of the said place, and Philip Dorme, aged 34 years, <sup>1</sup> who at the request of Marta Chombar, widow of the late Jan Manje, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if need be and required, that it is true and truthful that Jan Manje at Stamford,

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<sup>1</sup> See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 139-41, 337-39.

<sup>1</sup> The italicized words were added in the margin.

being wounded, requested and charged him, the deponent, to tell his son-in-law, Piter, the Italian, <sup>2</sup> that the above mentioned Marta Chombar, his wife, should remain in full possession of all the property they might jointly possess, without being disturbed about it by his son-in-law as long as she lived. All of which they offer to confirm. The 11th of March A<sup>O</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

La Montagne

Ph[ilip]pe X de Remier

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Nicolaes Coorn and others respecting a disturbance made at the city tavern by Captain John Underhill and other Englishmen

[101b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Nicolaes Coorn, 38 years of age, Hans Kirstede, about 32 years of age, Jan Jacobsz, about 30 years of age, and Gysbert op Dyck, 37 years of age, who on the requisition of Cornelis van der Hoykens, fiscal, jointly attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that they, the deponents, on the evening of the 15th instant, were invited with their wives to the public tavern of Philip Gerritssen, innkeeper, where about an hour after supper there came in Jan Onderhil with his lieutenant, Bacxter, and the drummer, to whom the above mentioned Philip Gerritssen said:

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<sup>2</sup> Peter Caesar Alberto.



"Friends, I have invited these persons here with their wives; I therefore request that you will betake yourselves to another room where you can be furnished with wine for money." They finally did so after many words. Having been gone a short time, said Jan Onderhil and his company, who had then been joined by Tomas Willet, invited some of our, the deponents', company, to have a drink with them, which was done. Gorge Baxter, by Onderhil's orders, came and requested that op Dyck would please to come and join them, which he refused. Whereupon he, Onderhil, and his companions with drawn swords knocked to pieces all but three of the mugs which hung from the shelf in the tavern, as may be seen by the marks which remain in the shelf and by the cuts and hackings in the posts and doors; furthermore endeavoring by force, having drawn swords in their hands, to come into the room where the invited guests were. This was for a long time resisted by the landlady with a leaded bludgeon and by the landlord by keeping the door shut, but finally Jan Onderhil and his aforesaid companions, in spite of all opposition, came into the room, where he made many unnecessary remarks, Captain Onderhil having his sword in his right hand and the scabbard in the left, the blade about a foot out of the scabbard, which said Jan Onderhil, holding his sword as described, said to the minister: "Clear out of here, or I shall strike at random." <sup>1</sup> Presently, some English soldiers came likewise, to assist him, we suppose, whereupon the above

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<sup>1</sup> At this point the words: "Thomas Willet also asked the minister, Do you want to take Op Dyck's part?, then come outside," are crossed out.

mentioned Onderhil and his companions become guilty of gross insolence, so that the fiscal and the guard were sent for and, these having arrived, the English and the above mentioned Onderhil were ordered to depart. They refused to do this, saying to the minister: "If the director comes here, 'tis well; I would rather speak to a wise man than to a fool." <sup>2</sup> And in order to prevent further and more serious mischief, yes, even bloodshed, we broke up our pleasant party before we had intended. All of which we declare to be true. Done this 17th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Jan Jacobsz

Niclaes Koren

Gysbert op Dyck

Hans Kierstedt

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Protest of Pieter Wyncoop, supercargo of the Wapen van Rensselaerswyck, against the fiscal for unloading the vessel, with the fiscal's answer

[102] I, Piter Wyncoop, supercargo on the ship called 't Wapen van Renselaerswyck, in charge of the goods laden therein, and on behalf of the honorable patroon Kiliaen van Renselaer, do protest against the honorable Van der Hoykens, fiscal, on account of the injury and violence done to me in unloading the ship, as if the patroon aforesaid must be affronted, which greatly tends to inflict shame, reproach and damage upon the honorable patroon, who is the oldest patriot of the country. I say, one ought to

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<sup>2</sup> In the margin is written: The witnesses say that they did not hear this.

unload and confiscate such ships as come here without commission and do their trading and thereby bring New Netherland and its officers into disrepute, but not a patroon who stakes so much on his colony and on New Netherland. Therefore, I say once more, I, Piter Wyncoop, protest against you, the honorable Van der Hoykens, fiscal, and demand from the honorable director and council of New Netherland satisfaction for the loss and violence committed in unloading the ship 't Wapen van Renselaerswyck'. Done at Manhatans, this 18th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

The fiscal answers that he has followed his orders and instructions and has used no violence.

Pieter Wyncoop

Cornelio van der Hoykens, fiscal

Willem de Key  
Ysebrant Clasen } both witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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[103] The fiscal further declares and gives for answer to the unreasonable protest of you, Pieter Wyncoop, that no injury or violence was committed against you, nor any affront was offered to Mr. Van Renselaer, but, rather, that you were guilty of the most unreasonable conduct one could ever imagine, to wit, that you refused to let the Company have fifty pairs of shoes, to be paid for, at such a price as you yourself would demand, in silver, beaver, or seawan, notwithstanding you were several times, in all friendliness, requested to do so by our director, as the safety of this country depended upon it; for it appears that with

a few shoes such a number of soldiers were fitted out as have slain five hundred of our enemies. On the contrary, you would not even come to discuss the matter, when messengers were sent to you and made use of such unseemly language as your patroon himself would not care to utter. The reason became afterwards known to us, namely, that you sell your goods to others of our poor inhabitants with horrible usury, namely, at fourfold the cost and more, which you would not have dared to ask of the director and is also contrary to your patroon's orders. And whereas I was informed for a certainty that there were many smuggled goods on board the ship, I have, pursuant to the orders of the honorable directors and a warrant from the council here granted to me, inspected your ship and discharged some goods and found a large quantity of powder and guns, which had not been entered with the Company and which were not mentioned on the manifest. And whereas these goods are contraband and would apparently be sold to the Indians, which is forbidden on pain of the gallows, this is a matter of serious consequence, as more fully appears from my complaint in the suit thereof.

As to the allegation that I ought to confiscate others ships, which come here without a permit from the Company, I have done my best therein, but that the skipper, like a rascal, in spite of the attachment, sailed away, I could not prevent. However, I have not neglected to prosecute my case against him and even obtained a judgment of confiscation of his ship and cargo wherever he may be found.

And whereas you are continually carrying on business with private traders and take them with you up the river, which is

expressly against your master's orders, as the said honorable patroon sent this ship to this country for the purpose of keeping the free traders out of his colony, wherein we are willing to co-operate, just as we have always been ready to assist the colony of Renselaerswyck, as from time to time has been manifest and will also be acknowledged by the people, whom even in the early part of the winter we supplied with a sloop and 75 pounds of powder, although there was nothing we could spare less than powder on account of the perilous war we are waging with the Indians; so that we do not, as you assert, seek to affront Mr. Van Renselaer, but on the contrary try to assist him and to advance his colony. And whereas you yourself, therefore, are frustrating and defeating his laudable purpose by taking private traders with you into the colony, although a yacht has been offered to you by our director, without expense to the patroon, I declare that it will be impossible to prevent other private traders from sailing thither and that I disclaim all responsibility for it. I also deny that any damage has been caused to you by my men in inspecting the ship. If you think that you have any cause of action against me, you can seek redress from the courts; I am willing. Furthermore, I protest against all trouble, mischief, damage and loss which may result herefrom. Done the 22d of March, at Manhatans, in Fort Amsterdam, 1644.

Cornelio vander Hoykens, fiscal

I, Pieter Wyncoop, will answer this when I arrive in the colony of Renselaerswyck.

Gysbert op Dyck, witness

David Provoost, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Willem de Key, in the absence of the secretary

Dated as above.

Contract of Carel Staets to serve Hendrick Pietersen alias  
Kint int Water for one year

[104] I, Carel Staets, of Amsterdam, acknowledge that I have of my own free will hired myself to Hendrick Pietersen, Kint int Water, for the term of one year, on condition of receiving therefor, in addition to board, six guilders a month and besides that, when the year expires, one pair of stockings and one pair of shoes. In token of the truth, this is signed by Carel Staets and Hendrick Pietersz. Done in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland, the 22d of March 1644.

This is the X mark of Carel Staets

This is the X mark of Hendrick Pietersz, Kint int Water

Receipt of Pieter Wyncoop for gun powder delivered by  
Fiscal Van der Hoykens

[104b] I, the undersigned Piter Wyncoop, supercargo of the ship named Renselaers Wyck, acknowledge that I have received from Cornelio van der Hoykens, fiscal of New Netherland, eighteen kegs of gunpowder, by order of the Hon. Director Kieft, and that without prejudice to the fiscal's right and claim to the said powder, promising to answer in due form the fiscal's action instituted against me. Done the 23d of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644 in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Pieter Wyncoop

E. Boghardus }  
Tho. Willett } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Note of Jan Haes in favor of Steven Jongh

[105a] I, Jan Haes, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Steven Jongh <sup>1</sup> in the sum of seventeen guilders, Holland currency, which I promise to pay to the aforesaid Steven Jongh, or his order, free of costs and charges, without exception. Done the 23d of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

This is the I H sign manual of Jan Haes  
aforesaid, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Protest of the fiscal against Govert Loockermans' trading with the Indians at the South River

[105b] I, Cornelio van der Hoykens, fiscal general of New Netherland, notify you, Govert Loockmans, that you shall not presume to trade with the Indians at the Company's trading post where Commissary Jan Jansen van Ilpendam is accustomed to trade, situated on the South River of New Netherland, and in case you do act, or have acted, contrary hereto on this voyage, I protest against you for [recovery of] the loss and damage which the Company shall suffer thereby.

Bond of Thomas Badgehott to John Evance of New Haven for the repayment of money loaned to him, binding the King's Head tavern in London as security

[105c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Tomas Badgehott, <sup>1</sup> planter on the island of

<sup>1</sup> Stephen Young?

<sup>1</sup> The name is also written Bagehott and Badger.

Manhatans, son of Jan Badgehoot, knight, in his lifetime a resident of London, in old England, who in the presence and before the hereinafter mentioned witnesses acknowledged that before the execution hereof he had to his full satisfaction and contentment received from Jan Evance, <sup>2</sup> merchant residing at New Haven, in New England, the sum of forty pounds sterling, for which forty pounds sterling the aforesaid Tomas Badgehott promises to pay within ten following months from the date hereof the sum of fifty-five pounds sterling to the aforesaid Jan Evance, his heirs, successors or assigns. Furthermore, in case the aforesaid Tomas Badgehott should through letters of recommendation or credentials from the aforesaid Jan Evance come to borrow in any place more money than the sum above mentioned, he shall give notes therefor and pay for every forty pounds sterling which he shall receive fifty-five pounds sterling, and the payment of said money must likewise be made within ten months from this date, and not from the date of receipt. Tomas Badgehott expressly promises, if the money already received by him from Jan Evance, or hereafter to be received on his order, be not punctually paid within ten months from the date hereof, that then the aforesaid Tomas Badgehott shall be bound to pay ten pounds annually as interest, and that as long as the money shall remain unpaid. For further security and payment hereof he, Tomas Badgehott, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, and

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<sup>2</sup> John Evance was a London merchant who at an early date came to the colony of New Haven. He was at different times chosen a deputy to the General Court.



especially a tavern called The King's Head, standing in Bishops-gate street, London, of which tavern the aforesaid Jan Evance, or whoever shall receive his order, may have the use until Tomas Badgehott or his heirs shall have fully discharged and paid the debt; he, Tomas Badgehott, for the performance hereof of subjecting and submitting himself to the control of all courts, tribunals and judges, holding himself as condemned to pay the disbursed moneys and premium thereon free of all costs and charges to Jan Evance or his order. In witness whereof this is signed by Tomas Badgehott as principal and Isaack Allerton and Tomas Willet as witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland, the 25th of March A<sup>O</sup>. 1644.

Thomas Badgehott

Isaac Allerton

Tho. Willett

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Thomas Hall and Thomas Goodman to construct a rail fence for Jan Damen

[106] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appeared Tomas Hal and Tomas Goetman, who acknowledged that they had contracted to set up for Jan Damen two hundred and fifty rods of posts and rails, the posts to be placed from eleven to twelve feet apart, five rails one above the other, so close and tight that hogs, goats and other cattle can not pass through, all good and strong work, which must be completed before May. Jan Damen shall cart the

posts and rails from the strand of Juffrau's valley, or thereabouts, to the place where they are to be put and in addition to the hauling Jan Damen shall pay for every rod aforesaid thirty-five stivers in current payment at the rate charged at present in New Netherland. In witness whereof this is signed by parties. Done the 26th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Thomas Hall

Thomas Goodman

Jan Jansen Damen

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Release by Peter Caesar Alberto for his wife's share of the estate of her father, Jan Manje

[107a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cecer Albarto, who in the presence of the underwritten witnesses acknowledged that before the execution hereof he had been fully paid and satisfied by Marta Combaer, widow of the late Jan Manje, the share and right which he, Cecer Albarto, as husband of Judic Jans, daughter of the above mentioned Jan Manje, could claim in and to the estate of his wife's father. For greater security and in witness of the truth he, Cecer Albarto, has caused this to be drawn up, promising that the aforesaid Marta Combaer will henceforth and for ever be free from molestation in regard to the matter aforesaid on the part of himself, his

heirs or successors. Thus done and signed by Cecer Albarto and the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 31st of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the ~~X~~ mark of Piter Cecer Albarto <sup>1</sup>  
David Provoost, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Mortgage of Claes van Elslant's house near Fort Amsterdam to  
David Provoost to satisfy a judgment

[107b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Nicolaes van Elslant, who in the presence and before the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that he was well and truly indebted to Mr. Davit Provoost in the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine guilders, it being the balance of a certain obligation amounting to two hundred and fifty-nine guilders heretofore executed in favor of Davit Provoost; which one hundred and sixty-nine guilders above mentioned he, Elslant, promises to tender and pay to the aforesaid Mr. Provoost of his order within six months from this date, free of costs and charges, without any exception, as legal judgment has been given in the aforesaid case, with power of execution. For the greater security hereof he, Elslant, conveys to and for the behoof of the aforesaid Davit Provoost his house standing near Fort Amsterdam, with the appurtenances and dependencies thereof, in true and real ownership, until the time when the aforesaid Elslant shall have fully

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<sup>1</sup> The name Piter is crossed out.

satisfied and paid Mr. Provoost to his content, accepting without contradiction the judgment against him in the matter aforesaid. Wherefore he, Elslant, submits his person and property, movable and immovable, and especially the above mentioned house, to the control of all courts and judges. Done the 4th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Claes van Elslant, principal

Cornelio van der Hoyken, fiscal, witness

Gysbert op Dyck, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Discharge of Isbrant Clasen and Harman Arentsen from the service of patroon Kiliaen van Rensselaer

[108a] Anno Domini 1644

By virtue of the contract made by the honorable patroon Kiliaen van Renselaer with Nicolaes Coorn <sup>1</sup> and his men, I, the undersigned, without ground for complaint, discharge Isbrant Clase and Harman Arentsen, of Bremen, to tend to their affairs outside of the said patroon's colony or the place of their destination, inasmuch as they have taken a dislike to their service and I do not wish to retain any one against his will. Done at Manhatans in the year above written on the 6th of March, new style, and the original was signed: N. Koren.

Upon collation, in presence of the undersigned witness, this is found to agree [with the original], the 6th of

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<sup>1</sup> Nicolaes Coorn was commissioned by the patroon as commander and commis on Rensselaers Steyn, August 26, 1643. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., pp. 680-81.

April A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland

Oloff Stevensen

Witness my hand,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Lease by William Smith of Stamford of certain cattle and other animals belonging to Hans Hansen and George Rapalje

[108b] Willem Smith, residing at Stamford, acknowledges that he has received the following animals from Hans Hansen and Gerge Rapalje on the following conditions, to wit: If said animals arrive at Stamford healthy and strong and remain in health, he, Willem Smith, promises to restore the said animals within a year from date at Stamford, provided that the increase shall be divided half and half. It is also stipulated that Hans Hansen and Gorge Rapalje shall run the risk of death of the animals, but if they happen to die through the neglect of Willem Smith, he must pay for them.

The following are the animals delivered by Hans Hansen

Two milch cows, one of which is with calf

One ox of last year

One heifer of last year

One bull calf of 1644

One heifer calf of 1644

Two mares, one of six and the other of four years

four sows

The following are the animals delivered by Gorge Rappaelje

Two milch cows

Two heifers of 1644

One heifer of 1644

He, Willem Smith, binds his person and property, submitting the same to all courts. Done the 23d of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Willem Smith

John Underhill

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Declaration of Cosyn Gerritsen regarding Sybolt Clasen's offer to pay Cornelis Lambersen Cool for boards

[109a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cosyn Gerritssen, about thirty-six years of age, who at the request of Sybolt Clasen attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemm oath if need be and required, that it is true and truthful that about Easter, A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, Cornelis Lambersz Cool came to the house of the deponent and asked the aforesaid Sybolt Clasen for the payment for six boards, who gave for answer that he was ready to pay in case the aforesaid Cornelis Lambersz would pay for the half-barrel of beer, which Sybolt said was still due. Furthermore, that the aforesaid Cornelis Lambersz said: "I can get the three boards from Harman Bastiaensz whenever I please." All of which the deponent declares to be true, offering to confirm the same on oath. Done the 13th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Cosyn Gerritsz, made by himself

Sibet Clasen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Note of Elbert Elbertsen in favor of Jan Jansen Damen

[109b] I, the undersigned, Elbert Elbertsen of N[ieuwerkerck], acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors that before the execution hereof I received from Jan Jansen Damen the sum of one hundred and twenty-five guilders in wampum, at six [beads] for one stiver, for which I promise to send him, Jan Damen, within two months from this date good winter beavers at six guilders apiece; for which I, Elbert Elbertsen, bind my person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting to all courts, tribunals and judges. Done the 14th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Elbert Elbertsen

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Receipt of Lysbet Tyssen for the balance of the purchase money of land near the Smith's valley sold by her husband Maryn Adriaensen to Jan Jansen Damen

[110a] <sup>1</sup> I, the undersigned, Lysbet Tyssen, wife of Maryn Adriaensen, in the absence of my above mentioned husband, acknowledge in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that I have received from Jan Jansen Damen before the execution hereof the sum of three hundred Carolus guilders, it being the last payment on the land which my above mentioned husband sold to the above mentioned

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<sup>1</sup> The original of this document is wanting. The translation, with the exception of minor changes, follows that made by E. B. O'Callaghan.

Jan Damen, situated about the Smith's valley, therefore releasing said Jan Damen from all future claims. Done the 14th of May 1644, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Lysbet Tyssen, made by herself

Gysbert op Dyck }  
 Willem de Key } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Receipt of Jan Jansen Damen for 18 beavers paid him by  
 Lysbet Tyssen for a small plot of land

[110b] <sup>1</sup> I, the undersigned Jan Jansen Damen, acknowledge that I have truly received from Lysbet Tyssen, wife of Maryn Adriaensen, eighteen beavers for a small lot of land which is now enclosed by her, therefore releasing her from all future claims, the 24th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam.

Jan Jansen Damen

Gysbert op Dyck }  
 Willem de Key } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary


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<sup>1</sup> The original of this document is wanting. The translation, with the exception of minor changes, follows that made by E. B. O'Callaghan.



Declaration of Cornelis Cornelissen that Jochem Pietersen Kuyter had permitted him and several soldiers to go to Manhattan shortly before Kuyter's house was burned by the Indians

[110c] <sup>1</sup> Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Cornelissen, of Houten, aged about 23 years, who at the request of the honorable Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, attests, and declares that it is true and truthful that he, the deponent, some time before the house of Jochem Pietersen Kuyter was burned, not knowing the precise day, asked permission of Jochem Pietersen to go to Manhatans, who granted his, the deponent's, request. He, the deponent, told the above mentioned Jochem Pietersen: "Here are two or three soldiers who would like to accompany me." To which Jochem Pietersen made answer: "If the two or three soldiers go with you, all of them might as well go away." All of which the deponent has confirmed before the fiscal, the 19th of May 1644, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the  mark of Cornelis Cornelissen, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Indenture of Marritje Hans, daughter of Hans Jansen, to Philip Gerritsen, tavern keeper

[111a] This day, date underwritten, Hans Jansen, father of Marritjen Hans, of the first part, and Philip Gerritssen, tavern keeper, of the second part, acknowledge that in the manner and

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<sup>1</sup> The original of this document is wanting. The translation, with the exception of minor changes, follows that made by E. B. O'Callaghan. See [98a] and 99b].

on the conditions hereinafter written they have made and entered into the following contract. The aforesaid Hans Jansen, father and guardian of Marritjen Hans, his daughter, acknowledges that he has bound his aforesaid daughter to Philip Gerritssen aforesaid for the term of three consecutive years, beginning on New Year A<sup>o</sup>. 1645 and ending on New Year A<sup>o</sup>. 1648, in order during the aforesaid time to serve the said Philip Gerritsz or his wife. Philip Gerritsz acknowledges that he has engaged the said Marritjen to serve him for three years, in return for which he shall properly provide her during the said three years with board, lodging and the necessary clothing, and also have her taught sewing, in such a manner as a father should or might do with his child, all however according to his circumstances. Thus done the 23d of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Philip Gerritsen

This is the H I mark of Hans Jansen, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Indenture of service of Maria, a young Negro girl, to  
Nicolaes Coorn

[111b] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Nicolaes Coorn, residing in the colony of Renselaers Wyck, who acknowledged that he had accepted and this day received from the Hon. Willem [Kieft], director general of New Netherland, Maria, daughter of Big Pieter, being a young Negro girl belonging to the honorable West India Company, for the term of four consecutive years, during which said time the above mentioned Maria shall remain in the

service of the aforesaid Nicolaes Coorn, on condition that he shall provide her with food and clothes. At the expiration of the aforesaid four years, Coorn shall be bound to restore the aforesaid girl, if she be living, to the honorable director above mentioned, or to his successor. In witness whereof this is signed by Nicolaes Coorn. Done the 25th of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

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Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Jan Jansen Schepmoes to Cornelis Antonissen to collect Aeltje Claes' portion of her father's estate

[112a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary residing in New Netherland on the part of the General West India Company, appeared Jan Jansen Schepmoes as guardian of Aeltjen Claes, surviving minor daughter of Marritjen Pitters, who in the aforesaid capacity appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Cornelis Antonisz, <sup>1</sup> residing in the colony of Renselaers Wyck, to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the heirs of the late Brant Pelen, <sup>2</sup> residing in the colony aforesaid, all such portion of the estate of the deceased Brant Pelen as is due to the above mentioned Aeltjen Claes, as may more clearly appear from the will, a copy of which is in the possession of the said Cornelis Antonisz; which attorney shall have power to institute

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<sup>1</sup> Cornelis Antonissen van Schlick, from Breuckelen; see Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 255-56, 809.

<sup>2</sup> Brant Pellen, from Nykerck, one of the first settlers of Rensselaerswyck. See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., p. 806.

legal proceedings in the aforesaid colony, appearing in the matter aforesaid as party to the suit, whether in prosecuting or defending the same, and to carry on the suit there to the end; to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, and furthermore to substitute one or more persons with equal or limited power, doing in all things whatever the case may require and what the principal, were he personally present, might or could do, which said principal will hold valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by the attorney. In witness whereof this is signed in the record by Jan Schepmoes and the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 14th of June 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Yaenisen Sepmoes

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Receipt of Augustin Herrmans and Laurens Cornelissen, agents for Pieter Gabri and sons and Coenraet Coymans, for moneys paid them by Director Kieft

[112b] Before me, Cornelis v[an Tienhoven], secretary of New Netherland, appeared [Augustin] Harmans and Laurens Cornelisz,<sup>1</sup> attorneys of Messrs. [Pieter] Gabry and sons and Coenraet Coeymans, merchants in Amsterdam, who acknowledged in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, that they had received to their full satisfaction and content from the honorable Willem Kieft, director general for the honorable West India Company in New Netherland, the sum of two thousand six hundred and twenty-two guilders, nine stivers, in beaver at eight guilders each, in payment of a bill of exchange dated the 3d of November 1643, drawn by the above mentioned Mr. Kieft in favor of Messrs. Piter Gabry and sons and

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<sup>1</sup> The words: and Laurens Cornelisz are inserted in the margin.

Coenraet Coymans above mentioned, on the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, which bill of exchange was not accepted by the above mentioned gentlemen, and was therefore returned protested. He, Augustyn [Harmans], and Laurens Cornelisz, <sup>1</sup> attorneys of their principals above mentioned, promise that they will nevermore demand payment of or trouble the above mentioned Mr. Kieft or his successors in the matter aforesaid, much less permit others to do so, either directly or indirectly, in or out of court, in any manner or under any claim or pretext whatsoever; they, the appearers, binding therefor their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, and submitting them all or the choice thereof to the control of all courts and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by Augustyn Harmans and Laurens Cornelissen and the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 29th of June A<sup>O</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Augustin Herrmans

Louweris Cornelisz

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Power of attorney from Cornelis Maessen to Jan Jansen Damen  
to sell grain

[113a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Masen, residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, who declares that he has empowered Jan Jansen Damen to sell in the principal's name all such grain as belongs

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<sup>1</sup> The words: and Laurens Cornelissen are inserted in the margin.

to him, Cornelis Masen, and lies in the loft of G[e]orge Rappaelje, and that to the best advantage of the principal, who shall hold as valid whatever Jan Damen shall do in trading with and disposing of the grain. Done the 29th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Cornelis Maesz

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Cornelis Melyn and his wife that they purchased certain goods from Laurens Cornelissen, skipper of the Maeht van Enckhuysen

[113b] At the request of Cornelio [vander Hoykens], fiscal of New Netherland, Cornelis Melyn, aged 44 years, attests and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that it is true and truthful that he on the 20th of June last bought from Laurens Cornelisz, master of the ship De Maeht van Enckhuysen, a barrel of train oil for eight beavers.

At the request as aforewritten, with offer of an oath, Jannitjen Melyns, wife of Cornelis Melyn, attests that on the date above mentioned she bought from the said Laurens Cornelisz some pieces of lace amounting to between eighty and ninety guilders.

All of which they offer to confirm under oath. Done the 29th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Cornelis Melyn <sup>1</sup>

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The document is signed "Corneillis melyn," although elsewhere he signs "Cornelis melyn."

Declaration of Pieterje Jans and Annetje Buys that Hillegont Joris denied that Laurens Cornelissen was the father of her child

[114] Before me, Cornelis va[n Tienhoven], secretary of New Netherland, appeared [Pietertjen Jans], wife of Claes Jansen Buyter, aged [about] 36 years, and Annitjen Buys, wife of Jan Snediger, aged 42 years, who at the request of Laurens Cornelisz attest, testify and declare, as they hereby do in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and thereto required, that it is true and truthful that they came to the house of Hillegont Joris, who was then delivered of a young daughter. In the presence of the woman in the tavern and Borger's wife <sup>1</sup> they, the deponents, asked who was the father of the said little girl, whereupon she, Hillegont Joris, answered: "Jan, the pilot of the Sevenster, is father of this daughter." She, Hillegont Joris, being asked whether Laurens Cornelisz was not the father of the aforesaid child, she protested against it and sufficiently swore to it that she had never had any carnal conversation with the aforesaid Laurens Cornelisz and that he had never sought such from her. The deponents offer to confirm the same. Done the 9th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Annityen Buys

Petertyen Yans

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The wife of Borger Jorissen.

Further evidence to disprove the charge that Laurens Cornelissen was the father of Hillegont Joris' child

[115a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Marritjen Lives, aged 38 years, and Engeltje Mans, aged 20 years, wife of Borger Jorisz, who at the request of Laurens Cornelisz attest, declare and testify, with promise and offer of an oath, that it is true that they, having heard that Hillegont Joris was confined of a daughter, immediately went thither, finding Annitjen Ruys, Pieterjtjen Jans and some other women there, who said to them, the deponents: "Guess who the father of this child is!" Thereupon the deponents answered: "Jan, the pilot of the Sevenster." Whereupon Hillegont Joris immediately said: "That is true, Jan is the father of the child." Which they offer to confirm. Done the 1st of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Marritjen Lives, made by herself

This is the X mark of Engeltjen Mans, made by herself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

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Declaration of Arent Corssen that Cornelis Groessen, supercargo of the Maecht van Enckhuysen, had complained to him of ill treatment by the pilot of said vessel

[115b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Ar[ent Corssen] of Amsterdam, aged about 30 years, who at the request of Laurens Cornelissen attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of an oath if need be and thereto requested, that it is true that the supercargo, named Cornelis Groesz, divers times told the deponent at



the Texel, in England, and on the voyage thence, that the pilot <sup>1</sup> of Laurens Cornelisz had treated him, the supercargo, ill. Also that he, the supercargo, said: "Before I will go again with the pilot, I had rather go ashore from the ship than to be so ill-treated as I have been by the pilot; unless some change for the better take place." Done the 1st of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in New Netherland.

Arent Corssen

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Marriage contract of Pieter Linden and Marta Chombaer, widow of Jan Manje

[116] On the first of July, in the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-four, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary residing in New Netherland on the part of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Piter Linden, a native of Belle <sup>1</sup> in Flanders, widower of Elsje Barents, deceased, of the first part, and Marta Chombaer, of Nieukerck <sup>2</sup> in Flanders, widow of Jan Manje, deceased, of the second part, who declared that they intended to enter into the holy state of matrimony, praying Almighty God, the Creator of Heaven and earth, to bless them temporarily and hereafter eternally for the salvation of their souls, Amen. Therefore they, the bridegroom and bride, declare that jointly, of their own free will and consent, without any

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<sup>1</sup> Jacob Egbertsen, pilot of the Maecht van Enckhuysen; see [117b].

<sup>1</sup> Belle, the Flemish name of the town of Bailleul, in French Flanders.

<sup>2</sup> Neuve-Eglise, in West Flanders, Belgium, a few miles N. E. of Bailleul.

persuasion, they have made and concluded this, their marriage contract, in manner and on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit: Whenever God Almighty shall take one of them out of this sorrowful world, the survivor shall remain in full possession of all the temporal property, means and authority which they shall then be found to have, whether movable or immovable, present or future by inheritance from relatives, or the property to which they still have a claim in Flanders, above or below the ground. They, the bridegroom and bride, therefore request that this, their marriage contract, shall after the death of either of them have [full force] and effect before all courts, [tribunals] and judges, without any exception. [In witness] of the truth this is signed in the record by the said bridegroom and bride and the witnesses hereto invited. Done as above, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Pieter Lynde

This is the X mark of Marta Chombaer, widow of the late  
Jan Manje

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Testimony in action for damages against Nicolaes Coorn for firing on Loockerman's vessel when passing Beeren island

[117a] <sup>1</sup> At the request of Govert Loockemans [appeared] the witnesses hereinafter named, to wit, Cors Pitzers, aged thirty-three years, Harman Arentsz of Bremen, aged 38 years, Cornelis Mauritsz Bout, aged 27 years, Willem Pitzers, aged 20 years, Johannes Verbrugge, aged about 20 years, Harman Douwes, aged 26 years, Harman Bastiaensz, aged 25 years, Jacob Jansen,

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<sup>1</sup> Also printed in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:57-58.

aged 23 years, and Elbert Elbersz, aged 24 years, who jointly and severally attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be, that it is true and truthful that Govert Loockmans in company with the deponents sailed from Fort Orange in the yacht De Goede Hoope. Passing by Beeren island, where Nicolaes Coorn keeps his residence in the name of the patroon Renselaer, the above named Nicolaes Coorn called to Govert Loockman as he sailed along: "Strike!" Who answered: "For whom shall I strike?" Coorn thereto replied: "For the stapleright of Renselaerswyc." To which the above mentioned Govert Loockmans answered: "I strike for no man save the Prince of Orange and those to whom I am subject." Whereupon Nicolaes Coorn immediately fired a canon. The first shot went through the mainsail and cut one of the shrouds, a halyard and a seizing; the second shot with ball missed; the third shot, fired by an Indian from a gun loaded with ball, passed through the prince's flag, about a foot above the head of the above mentioned Loockmans who was holding the flag in his hand. Notwithstanding all this Loockmans sailed down and pursued his voyage without firing back or using any other force. All of which we, the undersigned deponents, declare to have thus happened in fact and to be true, offering to confirm this by oath; also, that this is done by us in order to bear testimony to the truth, without fear or favor, personal hatred or benefit to any one. Done on board the yacht De Goede Hoope, lying in the roadsted in front of Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 5th of July 1644.

This is the X mark of Cors Pitzersz, above named

This is the X mark of Harman Arentsz

This is the X mark of Cornelis Mauritsz Bout

Harmen Douuesz

Harmen Bastiaens

Jacop Jans

Jan Verbrughen

Elbert Elbertsen

Willem Pieterse de Groodt

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Arent Corssen and Jacob Egbertsen that they never heard Laurens Cornelissen speak disrespectfully of Director Kieft

[117b] We, the under[signed] Arent [C]or[ssen of] Amsterdam and Jacob Egbertsz [of \_\_\_\_\_], <sup>1</sup> pilot of the ship De Maec[ht van] Enckhuysen, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if n[eed] be and required, that they, the deponents, neither in Holland, nor during the voyage from Holland to New Netherland on board the ship De Maecht van Enckhuysen, nor elsewhere on shore, ever heard Laurens Cornelisz, skipper of the aforesaid ship, speak disparagingly of Mr. Willem Kieft, at present director of New Netherland, in regard to any trading, or riding in and out <sup>2</sup> which was done or carried on by the above mentioned director at Rochelle in France. Also, that they have not heard Laurens Cornelisz on board the said ship say the least thing prejudicial to the director in regard to other matters. All of which they, the deponents, offer if necessary and requested to confirm under oath, declaring that

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<sup>1</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

<sup>2</sup> Apparently having reference to smuggling, or robbery.

they do this only to bear witness of the truth, which every one is bound to do, especially when requested to do so, without fear or favor. Done the 7th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Arent Corssen

Jacop Egbertsen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration of Tryntje Jonas that Hillegont Joris first declared that Jan, the pilot, and afterwards that Laurens Cornelissen was the father of her child

[118a] [Tryntje]n Jonas, [midwife of] New Netherland, declares and testifies at the request of Laurens Cornelisz that she was called by Ruyter's wife to attend Hillegont Joris, where being come, she, the midwife, found that Hillegont Joris had been delivered of a young daughter so that she, the midwife, had no occasion to assist her. She then asked Hillegont Joris who was the father of the child, to which she answered the deponent: "Jan, the pilot, is father of the child." But towards evening, being again asked, Hillegont Joris said: "Laurens Cornelisz is father of the child." All of which she, the deponent, declares to be true and truthful, offering to confirm the same on oath. Done the 7th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Tryntjen Jonas made by herself  
Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Juriaen Blanck and Thomas Willett respecting the  
purchase of malt from Laurens Cornelissen

[118b] [Before] me, [Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary of New Netherla[nd], appeared [Juriaen] Blanck, aged twenty-eight [years], [and] Tomas Willit, aged twenty-three [years], who jointly and severally, at the request of Laurens Cornelisz, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solem oath if need be and required, that it is true that they, the deponents, on the fourth day after the arrival of the aforesaid Laurens Cornelisz here, purchased from Augustyn Heermans a last <sup>1</sup> of malt, at two guilders the schepel, and as Laurens Cornelisz had promised malt to divers persons, he could not well consent that we should have the last. Finally we, the deponents, kindly requested Laurens Cornelisz to give us instead of others the preference and to let us have the malt, to which he agreed; wherefore we, as a reward, presented him with a beaver skin and not in order that he should give us the malt a stiver cheaper than it was sold to us by the merchant in his absence. All of which they, the deponents, offer to confirm by oath. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 7th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

Juryne Blanck

Tho. Willett

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis Van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> One last = 108 schepels, or 82.5 bushels.

Declarations of Pieter Jansen and Richard Clouff that Sir Edmund Plowden owns a half interest in a bark

[119a] [Pie]ter Jansz [of                      ]ant, aged about 22 years, testifies at the request of Mr. Moor <sup>1</sup> that being in the year 1643 on the river named Roppenhaninck, <sup>2</sup> in Virginia, he heard one Mr. Middello say that the bark now belonging to Pitter Lourensz and Mr. Trochmarten, <sup>3</sup> then navigated by said Middello, was the property of Sir Edman Pleydoen, knight, <sup>4</sup> to wit, the half of the bark and two tuns of meal loaded in said bark on account of the knight. Which the deponent offers to confirm by oath. Done the 7th of July 1644.

Pieter Jansen

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[119b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Ritchert Cloff, who at the request of Mr. Eduwart Moor attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that it is true that Sir Edman Pleydoen, knight, residing in Virginia, purchased from Philip Weyt <sup>1</sup> in Kiketan, <sup>2</sup> to wit, the just half of the bark which now at present is navigated by Pieter Lourensz

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<sup>1</sup> Edward Moor; see next declaration.

<sup>2</sup> Rappahannock.

<sup>3</sup> John Throckmorton.

<sup>4</sup> Sir Edmund Plowden, Lord Earl Palatine, Governor and Captain General of the province of New Albion; see Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 1:289; 2:82, 92.

<sup>1</sup> Philip White.

<sup>2</sup> Kikotan, one of the four corporations into which the colony of Virginia was originally divided, extending from the southern boundary of James City to the Chesapeake Bay. See P. A. Bruce, Institutional History of Virginia, 2:291-92.

and Mr. Troohmorten, with two tuns of meal. All which he, the deponent, offers to confirm by oath. Done the 7th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Richard Clouff

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Declaration of Philippe de Remier and other soldiers that  
Jochem Pietersen Kuyter sent them away from his  
plantation to Manhattan

[119c] Bef[ore me], Corne[llis van Tienhoven], secretary in New Netherland, appeared [Philip] Dormiere, aged about 34 years, [John] Detton, aged 26 years, Tomas Coninc and Hery Willems, all soldiers, who at the request of the honorable Mr. Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that before the expedition to Stamfoort <sup>1</sup> took place Jochim Puetersz, at whose place we were in garrison, sent us to the Manhatans, saying that he had no further need of us, wherefore we went to the fort and reported the matter to the director. All of which the deponents declare to be true. Done the 8th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Philippe X de Remier

This is the X mark of Tomas Coninc

John Dvtton

This is the X mark of Herry Willemsen

This declaration was confirmed  
by oath before the fiscal.

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<sup>1</sup> Stamford, Conn.



Power of attorney from Egbert van Borsum to his brother Cornelis van Borsum to collect his share of his father's and mother's estates

[119d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, residing at Fort Amsterdam, appeared Egbert van Borsum, skipper of the yacht Prins Willem, well known to me, the secretary, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Cornelis van Borsum, his, the principal's, brother, residing at Amsterdam, to demand and receive in his name from the principal's guardians all such effects as belong to him by inheritance from his deceased father, named [J]an van Bor[sum, and] his deceased mother, named Jannitje [A]rents, in their lifetime residing at Emden, and as remain in the custody of his aforesaid guardians. And when the moneys shall have been received by Cornelis van Borsum from the hands of the principal's guardians, he may execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid; he, Egbert van Borsum, promising thereafter not to trouble or molest his guardians in regard to the property inherited from his deceased parents aforesaid and releasing them from all further claims, whether by himself, his heirs, or successors. Moreover, the attorney shall have power to carry on legal proceedings in the matter aforesaid before all courts, tribunals and judges, wherever it may be necessary and whether as plaintiff or defendant; to prosecute the case to the end, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, and furthermore to substitute one or more persons in his place, doing in all things as the case may require and as he, Egbert van Borsum, were he present, could or might do; [the principal] holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by the above mentioned attorney, provided that he remain bound to render to

the principal an accounting of his administration. In testimony whereof the original entry in the record has been signed by Egbert van Borsum and the witnesses hereto invited and by me, the secretary, an instrument in due form being requested hereof. Done the 8th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the mark of  Ebgerit van Borsum

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Declaration of Director Kieft regarding the payment of a protested bill of exchange

[119e] Whereas Laur[ens Cor]nelisz, [skipper of the ship De Maecht] van Enckhu[ysen], and Mr. August[yn Meermans] have presented to [me] a protested bill of exchange for 26[22 guilders, 9] stivers, <sup>1</sup> signed by me for [goods] received by and furnished to the Company's servants here, which bill of exchange was protested by the honorable directors, and although I was not bound to make good said bill here inasmuch as it concerns the Company and not me and it was expressly agreed with Mr. Willem Turck that the money was to be received in Holland, yet have I nevertheless been willing to do as much as was possible for me and have paid here the above mentioned sum to the said persons in beavers at eight guilders apiece. And whereas they are still not satisfied therewith, claiming exchange, re-exchange, damages and interest, I therefore say, I am ready to pay all at Amsterdam, provided they credit to my account the beavers which they have received on board ship in payment and sell the same to my best advantage

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<sup>1</sup> See Receipt [112b].

and at my risk. They, the receivers of said bill, will please answer immediately; if not, I shall consider that I am not bound to make good any damage or loss and I shall hold myself henceforth released from all claims in relation to this matter.

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Receipt of Gerrit Vastrick for fifty beavers from Marten Kregier to be sold in Holland for his account

[119f] [Before me], Corneli[s] van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gerrit Vastrick of Amsterdam, supercargo on the yacht Prins Maurits, who in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses <sup>1</sup> acknowledged that before the execution hereof he had received from Marten Kregier, residing in New Netherland, fifty good and well conditioned beaver skins, on bottomry and risk of the sea. The aforesaid Gerrit Vastrick promises, if God the Lord grant him a safe voyage, to pay for the aforesaid beavers in the city of Amsterdam the sum of five hundred Carolus guilders, which moneys he, Vastrick, shall put out at interest for the benefit of the above mentioned Marten Kregier in a good and secure place where he, Kregier, will be able to get the money at his convenience. For the performance whereof and as security he, Gerrit Vastrick, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done the 15th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Gerrit Vastrick

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The witnesses are not named.

Protest of Director Kieft, as agent of Wouter van Twiller, against  
Claes van Elslandt for neglect to account for Van Twiller's  
property in his hands

[119g] Whereas I, W[illem Kie]ft, direc[tor general] of New  
N[etherl]and, attorney [of] Mr. Wouter van Twiller, Have [ ] <sup>1</sup>  
repeatedly pressed you, Claes van Elslandt, for an account and  
statement of the property of said Mr. van Twiller, even threaten-  
ing to imprison you or to send you over in a ship, and whereas  
you do not come to any end [in the matter], but only put [me] off  
with lies from day to day; therefore, I hereby warn and order  
you to close the account by to-morrow, in order that the property  
of the said Mr. Twiller may be turned to advantage; in default  
whereof I protest against all loss and damage, which shall be  
recovered from you forthwith, while in addition you shall be  
dismissed from the Company's service as a useless person.

Claes van Elslandt gives for answer that he will have the  
account ready by to-morrow.

In default whereof the honorable director protests as before.  
Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland the 15th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

Claes Van Elslant

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Power of attorney from Govert Loockemans to Willem de Key to  
sue Nicolaes Coorn for damages

[120a] <sup>1</sup> Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, appointed  
secretary of New Netherland, appeared Govert Loockemans, who  
appoints and empowers, as he hereby does, Willem de Key to demand  
and collect in his, the principal's, name from Nicolaes Coorn

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<sup>1</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

<sup>1</sup> The original text of this document is wanting. The  
translation follows with slight variations that made by  
Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan.

the claim which he, Govert Loockemans, has against the above mentioned Coorn for the affront and wrong done him, as appears by the affidavit thereof. The attorney is also empowered to sue at law and to act as if the principal were present. Dated the 16th of July 1644, in New Netherland.

Gouert Loockemans

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhouen, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Govert Loockemans to Oloff Stevensen and Jacob Wolphertsen van Couwenhoven to manage his affairs in his absence

[120b] <sup>1</sup> Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, appointed secretary in New Netherland, appeared Govert Loockermans, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Oloff Stevensen and Jacob Wolphersen to take charge in his absence of his house, yacht and the appurtenances thereof and of everything whatsoever that might be unloaded here, to sell or barter the same if necessary, doing therewith as if he, Govert Loockemans, were present. Date the 16th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Gouert Loockemans

Willem de Key, witness

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<sup>1</sup> The original text of this document is wanting. The translation follows with slight variations that made by Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan.

Bill of sale from Oloff Stevensen and Jacob Wolphertsen, agents of Govert Loockemans, to Geerloff Tadicksen and Menrdric Ryff of a half interest in the yacht De Hoop

[120c] <sup>1</sup> Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Oloff Stevensen and Jacob Wolphertsen, attorneys of Govert Loockemans, who acknowledge that they have transferred to Geerloff Tadicksen and Hendric Ryff the half of the yacht De Hoop and its appurtenances, and that in true and rightful ownership; for which he, Govert Loockemans, has received payment by an account which they, the purchasers, have against the Company; and in case the account be not paid at Amsterdam, the yacht shall be the owner's security and he may repossess himself thereof as his own. In witness whereof this is signed the 18th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jacob Couwenhoven

Oloff Stevensen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Deed from Geertje Nanninx to Cornelis Melyn of a house and lot on the East river near Fort Amsterdam

[121a] [Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary of New Nether]land, appeared Geertjen] Nanninx, widow of the late Abel Reddinhasen, who acknowledged that she had sold [to] Cornelis Melyn [her] house and lot situated on the East river near Fort Am[sterdam], being bounded westward by the ground of the said Melyn and eastward by Burger Jorisz, and this for the

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<sup>1</sup> The original of this document is wanting. The translation, with slight variations, follows that made by Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan.

sum of two hundred and fifty Carolus guilders, of which sum she, Geertjen Nannings, acknowledges the receipt this day from the aforesaid Cornelis Melyn in payment for the above mentioned house and lot.

Wherefore I, Geertjen Nanninx aforesaid, do transfer and convey the above mentioned house and lot in full and free ownership to Mr. Melyn or those who may obtain his right, promising therefore nevermore to trouble him under pretext of any claim, whether on the part of myself or my successors, and requesting therefore that this may have effect before all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, even though all formalities be not observed herein. Done the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Geertjen Nanninox, made by herself

Willem de Key, witness

Gysbert op Dyck, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Mortgage by Jannetje, wife of Thomas Broen, to Isaac Allerton of a house on the island of Manhattan, near the fort

[121b] [Before me], Corn[elis van] Tienhoven, [secretary] of New Netherland, [appeared Jannitjen] Broen, wife of ~~Tomas~~ Broen, who conveys to Mr. Isaac Allerton her house standing on the island of Manhattan, near Fort Amsterdam, and occupied by Piere Pia, and that until Tomas Broen shall have paid the above

mentioned Allerton the sum of two hundred and nine guilders, fifteen stivers, as appears by the note. Dated the 25th of July A°. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the mark X of Jannitjen Broen

This is the mark of Philippe du Tryeux, messenger <sup>1</sup>

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Contract of sale from Jan Jacobsen to Lambert van Valckenburg of a house and plantation on Manhattan Island with 25 morgens of land adjoining

[121c] Lambert van Volackenborch, soldier, acknowledges that he has purchased from Jan Jacobsz his plantation and the house standing thereon, situated on the island of Manhatans, for the sum of sixty-five guilders in money, or beavers, or [other] payments; which [said] Jan Jacobsz also acknowledges that he has sold the aforesaid house and plantation to Lambert aforesaid for the above mentioned sum and that with the twenty-five morgens of land adjoining, the payment for which, if he, Jan Jacobsz, departs on the Blauwen Haen, is to be made before her departure, or else in eight or ten days from the date hereof. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties. Done the 29th of July A°. 1644.

This is the X mark of Lambert van Valckenb[orch]

This is the X mark of Jan Jacobsz

Balteser Lauresz

This is the X mark of Hendric Ptersz

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<sup>1</sup> There is no mark, properly speaking, and the entire line seems to have been written by du Tryeux.



Power of attorney from Jan Jansen of Puerssel to Pierre Pia to collect wages earned as a soldier in the service of the West India Company

[122a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [secretary] in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Jan Jansen of Puerssel,<sup>1</sup> who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declares that he has appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Piere Pia to demand, collect and receive for the principal from the honorable the directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and thirty guilders due him, Jan Jansen of Buerssel, by their honors and earned by him at Fort St Louis de Marinhã,<sup>2</sup> as appears by the annexed account; which sum aforesaid being had and received from their honors by Piere Pia, he is authorized to execute a receipt therefor which shall be valid before all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be transacted herein by Piere Pia, who is to do in everything as he might or could do if he were present. In witness whereof the original minute hereof in the record is signed by the principal and by Adriaen van Tienhoven and Willem de Key as witnesses hereto invited, an authentic copy hereof being requested. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 10th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

This is the X mark of Jan Jansen of Puerssel,  
made by himself

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<sup>1</sup> The clerk first wrote "Buerssel" and then changed it to "puerssel." The name may refer to a place by the name of Purcell, which has not been identified, or perhaps to Piershil, in the province of Zuid Holland, Netherlands.

<sup>2</sup> Sao Luiz de Maranhão, on the island of Maranhão, off the north coast of Brazil.

Will of Pieter Jansen with power of attorney to Jan Jansen Schepmoes to manage his property during his absence

[122b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Jansen from Gorcum who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Jansen Schepmoes in his, the principal's, absence, here in New Netherland to manage and to take care of the said principal's house and lot situated on the island of Manhatans, to occupy the same or to have it occupied, or to lease it and to receive the annual rent which it might yield, doing therewith as he, Pieter Jansz, could or might do were he present.

Furthermore, whereas the aforesaid Piter Jansz intends to go to sea with Captain Blauvelt and persons run great danger on such voyages, therefore, reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof and hence wishing to provide for his last will by testamentary disposition, he first commends his soul, whenever it shall depart from his body, into the hands of God Almighty and his body to a christian burial, for which reasons he appoints Jan Jansz Schepmoes, or his successors, his heirs to all his property which he, Pieter Jansz, shall leave behind here in New Netherland, to wit, the house and lot according to the patent, situated on the island of Manhatans, as well as all that he shall earn on his present intended voyage. Concluding herewith his testamentary disposition and last will he, the testator, requests that after his death these presents may take effect before all lords, courts, [tribunals] and judges and [be carried out] in full, desiring that Jan [Schepmoes] shall not be troubled or sued by any one on account thereof. The aforesaid Pieter Jansz also revokes all other previous testaments, donations,

or other instruments which may have been made or executed by him before the date hereof. Thus done in presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Willem de Key, invited as witnesses hereto. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 12th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

This is the X mark of Piter Jansz above mentioned, made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Paulus van der Beeke to Jeronimus La Croix, jr, to collect money from the West India Company

[122c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Paulus vander Beeke, of Bremen, who sailed out in the ship De Vergulde Snoeck<sup>1</sup> and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Jeronimus La Croix, the younger,<sup>2</sup> at Amsterdam, to demand and collect in his name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of four hundred and thirteen guilders, eighteen stivers, five pennies due to him, Paulus vander Beeke, by the above mentioned gentlemen, as appears by the three accounts hereto annexed, earned by him on the island of Curacao and the yacht Neptunes; which sum aforesaid being received by Jeronimus La Croix from the honorable

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning: "The Gilded Pike."

<sup>2</sup> Jeronimus La Croix had been in the service of the West India Company at Fort Orange. In 1634-35 he accompanied Surgeon Harmen Meyndertsen van den Bogaert on his journey into the Mohawk and Oneida country. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 271.

directors he may execute a receipt, which shall be valid before all courts, tribunals and judges, he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be transacted and done in the matter by the aforesaid attorney, who is to do all that the principal might or could do were he personally present. In witness whereof the original hereof in the record is signed by Paulus vander Beeke and by Adriaen van Tienhoven and Willem de Key, as witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 13th of September A<sup>O</sup>. 1644.

Pawlus Van der Becke

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

[Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary]

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Note of Paulus van der Beeke authorizing Jeronimus La Croix, jr., to apply the money to be collected by him from the West India Company to the benefit of William de Key

[123a] I, the undersigned, Paulus vander Beeke, acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors that I am well and truly indebted to William de Key, of Haerlem, in the sum of four hundred and thirteen guilders, eighteen stivers and five pennies, in payment of which I have given him three accounts which must be paid at Amsterdam by the directors of the West India Company and for which I have executed a power of attorney in his favor; therefore, by his order, I have empowered Jeronimus de La Croix, the younger, to collect the money and to apply it to the benefit of William de Key. In witness whereof this is signed by me in

the record, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 13th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

Paulus Van der Becke

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor[nelis van Tienhoven, Secretary]

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Power of attorney from Hendrick Jansen to Gillis Pietersen  
to collect debts due in New Netherland

[123b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary residing in New Netherland for the Chartered West India Company, appeared Hendrick Jansz, tailor, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers Gillis Pietersz van [der] Gouw,<sup>1</sup> house carpenter, residing on the island of Manhatens, in the name of and for the principal to demand, collect and receive from all persons all such debts or moneys as are due to him, the principal, by any one here in New Netherland. Furthermore, the aforesaid Gillis Pietersz shall transact all other affairs here of the principal, demand what is due him and pay whatever claims any person may have against Hendrick Jansz, so that the attorney is empowered to act in the principal's affairs with or without legal proceedings, doing in all things as he, Hendrick Jansz, could or might do were he personally present. Likewise, he may substitute in his place one or more persons with the same power; he, Hendrick Jansen, further holding as valid whatever the aforesaid Gillis Pietersz may do or transact in the matter aforesaid. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 17th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

Hendryck Yansen

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From ter Gouw, or Gouda, province of South Holland, Netherlands.

Contract of sale of a house, brewery and garden on Manhattan  
island from Hendrick Jansen to Burger Jorissen

[124] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hendrick Jansen, tailor, of the first part, and Burger Jorisz, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had amicably entered into and concluded the following contract, in the manner and on the terms hereinafter set forth, to wit:

Hendrick Jansen sells to Burger Jorisz, who also acknowledges that he has bought, the house situated on the island of Manhatans, the garden (the garden fruits excepted) and the brewhouse with the appurtenances which at present are used at the brewery for brewing, together with all that is fastened by earth and nail. For which dwelling-house, brewery, implements and garden the aforesaid Burger Jorisz shall pay to Hendrick Jansen or his order the sum of once nineteen hundred Carolus guilders, in three instalments: the first payment, being six hundred guilders, shall be made on All Saints' day next; the second payment of seven hundred guilders falls due on All Saints' day A<sup>o</sup>. 1645; the third and last payment of six hundred guilders will fall due on All Saints' day A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. And for further security of the payment of the above mentioned nineteen hundred guilders appeared Tymon Jansz and Lambert Huybersz Mol, who, each one for the whole, offer themselves as sureties and co-principals for the buyer. Therefore, he, the buyer, for the payment and he, the seller, for the delivery, together with the sureties above mentioned, bind their persons and properties, moveable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to the Provincial Court of

Holland and to all other courts, tribunals and judges. In witness of the truth, the original record hereof is signed by Hendric Jansen, the seller, and Burger Jorisz, the buyer, with the sureties above mentioned and the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Hendryck Yansen

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Transfer of service of Joris Pentoor from John Willcox to  
Thomas Hall

[125a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Jan Willekock who, in the presence of mr. Dalin and Adriaen van Tienhoven, hereby makes over and transfers to Tomas Hal, Joris Pentoor, of Hitland, <sup>1</sup> his servant, for the term of six years and eight months, to serve and acknowledge as his master the aforesaid Tomas Hal during the said time in all work en employment to which he shall be put, without any objection or contradiction, provided that Tomas Hal comply with what is promised the servant in his indenture by Wilcoc. Wherefore he, Willekock, relinquishes his claim to the aforesaid Joris Pentoor and transfers the same to Tomas Hal aforesaid. In witness and in token of the truth this is signed in the record by Jan Willekock and the above mentioned witnesses and by me, the secretary, the 16th of September A<sup>O</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the I W mark of Jan Willekoc, made by himself  
Jn<sup>O</sup> Dolling

Adriaen van Tienh., witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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The Dutch name for the Shetland Islands.

Note of Thomas Hall to John Willcox for the transfer of his  
servant man, Joris Pentoer

[125b] I, the undersigned, Tomas Hal, acknowledge that I  
am well and truly indebted to Jan Willekock in the sum of eight  
pounds sterling, the same being for the transfer of a servant  
man named Joris Pentoer; which sum the aforesaid Tomas Hal promises  
to pay, free of costs and charges, to the above mentioned Jan  
Willekock, or his order, six months after date, one-half in  
seaweed and the other half in grain. For the fulfilment and greater  
security [hereof] he, Tomas Hal, binds his person and property,  
movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception,  
submitting the same to the control of all lords, courts,  
tribunals and judges. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland,  
the 18th of September A<sup>O</sup>. 1644.

Thomas Hall

Attest: Jn<sup>O</sup> Dolling, witness

Adriaen van Tienh., witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from William de Key to Jeronimus La Croix, jr,  
to collect money from the West India Company

[126a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of  
New Netherland, appeared Willem de Key, late supercargo on board  
the Neptunes, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses,  
appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jeronimus La Croix,  
the younger, residing at Amsterdam, to demand and collect in his  
name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India  
Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and sixty-  
six guilders, five stivers, earned by him on the ship Neptunes,



Jan Symonsz, master; which aforesaid sum being received from the above mentioned directors by La Croix, he is empowered to execute a discharge, acting therein as he, the principal, could or might do, were he present, [the principal promising to] hold valid what shall be transacted and performed herein by the attorney. To this end <sup>1</sup> the original record hereof is signed by Willem de Key and the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 20th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644. <sup>2</sup>

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Power of attorney from Cornelis Groesens to Cornelis Melyn to obtain a patent for a piece of land on Manhattan Island bought from John Underhill and to pay for the same

[126b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Groesen, supercargo on board the Maecht van Enckhuysen, who appoints and empowers Cornelis Melyn to demand and receive in the name of the principal from the director and council a patent for a certain piece of land sold by Jan Onderhil to the above mentioned Groesen, situated on the island of Manhatans, and further to dispose [of the same], all according to the orders of the above mentioned Groesen, as if he were present; and to pay the money according to the contract of sale. Done the 20th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

The purchase money amounts to two hundred guilders, to be paid by Cornelis Melyn to Jan Onderhil, as follows: twenty-five guilders immediately and the balance next May 1645.

Cornelus Groesens

Willem de Key, witness

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

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<sup>1</sup> Apparently intended for: In witness whereof.

<sup>2</sup> Not signed.

Bond of Gillis Pietersen for the payment of a fine imposed on  
Hendrick Jansen and the ransom of the latter's wife

[127a] I, the undersigned, Gillis Pitzersz, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to the fiscal general of New Netherland, on account of Hendrick Jansz, tailor, my father-in-law, in the sum of three hundred and seven guilders, thirteen stivers, it being a fine which my father-in-law, Hendrick Jansz aforesaid, is condemned to pay, as appears by the judgment. I promise to pay the above sum in eleven weeks from date. Also, in two hundred and thirty-four guilders, arising from goods which the Company disbursed for the ransom of Tryntjen Scheerburch, wife of Hendric Jansen above mentioned, which two hundred and thirty-four guilders I, Gillis Pitzersz, promise to pay in six weeks after date. For all of which I, Gillis Pitzersz, bind my person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all lords, courts and judges. In witness and token of the truth this is signed by Gillis Pitzersz and the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of September 1644.

Jelis Pietersen

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness


Willem Ereidenbent

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Abraham Jacobsen to the Rev. Everardus Bogardus to settle the estate of his deceased wife, Geertruyt Willems

[127b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Abraham Jacobsz, of Steenwyck, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Everardus Bogardus, minister here, to make for the principal in his absence an equitable division of the property of Geertruyt Willems, his deceased wife, belonging to him, the principal, and to her heirs, and that according to the inventory thereof; to sell the goods, to collect the money, and further to do what he, Abraham Jacobsz, could or might do were he present; to call in the outstanding debts and also to pay the claims against the above mentioned estate; he, the principal, holding valid all that Everardus Bogardus shall further do, transact and perform in the above mentioned matter. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 29th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

This is the  mark of Abraham Jacobsz, made by himself  
Willem de Key, witness

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

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Permit from the Amsterdam chamber of the West India Company to Adriaen Blommert to sail with the ship Prins Maurits to New Netherland

[128a] The directors of the West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, have covenanted and agreed with Adriaen Blommert that he shall be at liberty to sail with a certain ship called Prins Mourits from here direct to New Netherland, situated within the limits of the charter, <sup>1</sup> without previously touching at any other

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Charter of the West India Company, granted June 3, 1621; printed in Dutch and in English translation in Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., pp. 86-115.

place, and there to discharge and dispose of his laden goods as he shall think best; on condition that on conveying them inland from one place to another, whether it be within the Company's jurisdiction, or to the English, he shall pay all such internal duty as is already imposed thereon in this country, as well as that which may be imposed by the governor and council there before the arrival of the ship; that he shall be bound to bring all his goods into the storehouses of the Company here, to be there inspected and, being stamped with the Company's mark, to convey them on board, having first promptly paid to the Company sixteen per cent of the true value of the aforesaid goods, over and above the custom house fees.<sup>2</sup>

Also, that he remains bound, on arriving there, to discharge all his goods into the Company's warehouses at the Manhatans, without removing them or any of them again on board out of the warehouses there and promptly to pay there to the director one per cent of the true value thereof, bringing with him a proper receipt for the payment. Furthermore, he must come with his ship and return cargo to this country to the place whence he departed and discharge the goods into the Company's warehouse and pay to the chamber here eight per cent of all the return cargo and goods for the homeward voyage, in addition to the custom house fees. All on pain of forfeiting the ship and goods in case the above mentioned Adriaen Blommert or any of his men shall be found to have acted contrary hereto, and with this reservation also, in order to prevent all future differences with one another, that in case it should happen that the cargo which he takes with him could not be wholly disposed of in New Netherland and he be obliged to proceed to the English Virginias, he shall then be bound to pay to the Company here on all the

<sup>2</sup> Licenten ofte Convoyen; see Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 95.

tobacco procured in trade in New Netherland, the English Virginias or else where, as import duty on said tobacco, one and one quarter stivers per pound, in addition to the eight per cent duty hereinbefore mentioned. Likewise, he shall be bound to take on board a supercargo who according to his rank shall be accommodated in the cabin at their expense, his wages remaining at the charge of the Company. All on the penalty aforesaid and submission to all courts and judges. All signed with his own hand, honestly and in good faith, at Amsterdam, this 3d of October anno 1644. Was signed: Adriaen Blommert.

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Bond for the performance of the terms of the sailing permit issued to skipper Adriaen Blommert

[128b] Pursuant to the permit dated the 3d of October 1644, granted by the directors of the West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, to Adriaen Blommert, master of the ship called Prins Maurits, to sail from here direct to New Netherland, which has been read to us and examined by us to our satisfaction; [in order] that he shall observe the contents thereof and comply with all its provisions, we, the undersigned, jointly and severally in solidum become sureties for the principal in case said Adriaen Blommert or any of the sailors or ship's crew under his command should in going or coming from New Netherland wrong or cause damage to the Company or theirs, promising to save and keep harmless the said Company from all claims and demands against all and every person. For the performance of the aforesaid agreement, we the undersigned, bind our persons and properties without any exception,

submitting the same to all courts and judges and waiving the beneficium ordinis divisionis et excusionis, acknowledging that we are informed of the effect thereof. In witness whereof this is signed with our own hands, at Amsterdam, the 29th of September 1644. Was signed: Charles Gabry and Mourits Reyersen.

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Mortgage from Pieter Jansen to Jan Schepmoes of his house  
on Manhattan island

[129a] I, the undersigned, Pieter Jansen of Gorcom, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Jan Schepmoes in the sum of three hundred and fifty Carolus guilders. As security for the aforesaid sum the appearer transfers to Schepmoes the ownership of his house, with power to sell the same and whatever it brings in excess of the three hundred and fifty guilders shall be to the advantage of Pieter Jansen. Moreover, if the house shall happen to burn or be destroyed before being sold, or if shall not be sold but remain standing, then the above mentioned Piter Jansz shall have the right to take back the house when he returns from the voyage, on condition of paying Schepmoes the 350 guilders aforesaid, and if the house burns down, then Piter Jansz shall nevertheless be bound to pay Schepmoes or his order, wherever he may be. This takes effect on this date and Schepmoes may immediately sell the house, or rent it. And it is also expressly covenanted that the rent which it shall yield each year shall belong to Schepmoes, who is to receive it as interest of the above mentioned sum. Done the 10th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

This is the X mark of Piter Jansz, made by himself  
Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Declaration of Isbrant Claessen and others respecting the firing  
on Govert Loockemans's sloop when passing Beeren island <sup>1</sup>

[129b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of  
New Netherland, appeared Isbrant Claesen, aged 44 years, Lubbert  
Jansen, aged 43 years, and Jan Tomasz, aged about 40 years, who  
jointly and severally, at the request of Nicolaes Coorn, officer  
in Renselaerswyck, attest, testify and declare, in place and with  
promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true that some time  
ago Govert Loockmans came sailing from above near Beren island,  
when Nicolaes Coorn had a blank shot fired as a warning. Govert  
sailing on, Nicolaes Coorn above mentioned hailed and said,  
Strike.<sup>1</sup> To which Govert made answer: "For whom shall I strike?"  
Nicolaes Coorn said: "For the right of Renselaerswyck." Govert  
spoke: "I strike for no man but the prince and the lords whom I  
serve." Then the requirant <sup>2</sup> let fly a shot behind the bark.  
Govert Loockmans cried: "Fire, you dogs; may the Devil take you!"  
Then Officer Coorn fired a shot which passed through the sail.  
All of which they, the deponents, offer to confirm. Done in Fort  
Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 7th of October 1644.

Isebrant Clasen  
Lubbert Jansz  
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<sup>1</sup> Also printed in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:58.

<sup>2</sup> Meaning Coorn, the defendant in a suit for damages, at whose  
request the declaration was made.

Note of Anthony de Hooges in favor the West India Company

[130a] I, Anthony de Hoges, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to the West India Company in the sum of seven hundred and eighty-six guilders, thirteen stivers, on account of Maryn Adriaensz, for which reason his account in the Colonists' Book No. E is closed as paid. I promise to pay the aforesaid sum to the Hon. Director Kieft free of costs and charges, without any exception. All in good faith, without fraud, this is signed by me, de Hoges, the 17th of October A<sup>O</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Antony de Hooges

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Note of Anthony de Hooges in favor of the wife of Maryn  
Adriaensen

[130b] I, Antony de Hoges, acknowledge that I am indebted to Lysbet Tysen, wife of Maryn Adriaensz, in the sum of fifty-five guilders, four stivers and two pence, which I promise to pay to her in beavers at fl.6 apiece. Done the 17th of October 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Antony de Hooges

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Contract of sale between Rut Arentsen and Arent Reyniersen of a  
house and lot on the great highway on Manhattan island

[130c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Rut Arentsen of the first part and Arent Reyniersz, smith, of the second part, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that they had agreed and contracted respecting the purchase of the house and lot situated on the island of Manhatens, on the great highway, on the



conditions hereinafter written: Rut Arentsen sells to Arent Reyniersz his above mentioned house and Arent Reyniersz acknowledges that he has bought the above mentioned house and the lot thereto belonging, according to the patent, for the sum of two hundred and fifty guilders, payable in three instalments, to wit: one third A<sup>o</sup>. 1645 on Amsterdam fair day; one third on Amsterdam fair day A<sup>o</sup>. 1646; the third and last part of the above mentioned two hundred and fifty guilders must be paid on Amsterdam fair day A<sup>o</sup>. 1647. It is also agreed, if the buyer is not punctual in paying, that the seller shall be at liberty to take back the house, on condition that the buyer shall pay a proper rent, and that from the time he, the buyer, shall take possession of the house. The seller may continue to live in the house until the last payment shall be due and paid. To which end the aforesaid parties bind their persons and properties, present and future, submitting the same to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof the record hereof is signed by the parties and the witnesses hereto invited and by me, the secretary. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 17th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1644.

Aernr Reinnsen

This is the X mark of Rut Arentsen [ ] <sup>1</sup>

Hans Kierstedt, witness

[ ], <sup>2</sup> witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> In O'Callaghan's translation, the name of the seller is given as Rutgert Arentsen van Seyl.

<sup>2</sup> Name destroyed.

Draft of Arent van Curler on the owners of the ship het Wapen van Rensselaerswyck in favor of Jan Jansen Damen

[131a] I, the undersigned, Arunt van Curler, hereby acknowledge that I am indebted to Jan Jansen Damen, or his order, on account of the ship 't Wapen van Renselaerswyck<sup>1</sup> in the sum of one hundred and fifty-nine guilders for one fat ox and one fat hog delivered for the use of the above mentioned ship; which aforesaid sum of one hundred and fifty-nine guilders I, Arent van Curlaer, request the owners of the said ship to be pleased to pay to Jan Damen or his order. Done the 19th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Arendt Van Curler

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Declaration of Pieter Hartgers that Philip Gereerdy had refused to give security for wine bought from Augustyn Herrmans but promised to pay for them

[131b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Hartkens, who at the request of Augustyn Heerman attests, testifies and declares in place of an oath that he heard Philip Gereerdy say that Augustyn Heerman has asked security for the wines, to which he had given for answer that he would give no security but could easily pay for what he had bought. All of which he offers to confirm, the 22d of October 1644.

Pieter Hertgers

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<sup>1</sup>  
Arent van Curler sailed for Holland on this ship shortly after having married the widow of Jonas Bronck; see Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., pp. 717, note, and 818.

Declaration of Abraham Jacobsen that Isaac Abrahamsen had said that he and Philip Geraerdy were to have the wine of Augustyn Heermans and take it to the south

[131c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Abraham Jacobsz of Steenwyck, who at the request of Augustyn Heerman attests in place and with promise of an oath if necessary and required that it is true that he, the deponent, heard that Isaac Abrahamsz was asked in the Company's cellar, who was to have the said Augustyn's wine? To which he gave for answer: "Philip at the 'Wooden Horse' <sup>1</sup> and I are to have the wine and we shall take it to the south." All of which he declares to be true. Done the 20th of October A<sup>O</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Abraham Jacobsz

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Will of Jonas Jonassen, formerly in the service of the West India Company in Brazil

[131d] Jonas Jonasz, of Utrecht, who came out in the ship Aron, of Amsterdam, desires that after his death Dorete Jonas, his sister, to be inquired for outside the Weert gate <sup>1</sup> at Utrecht, shall inherit his wages and earnings gained by him in the service of the West India Company, an account whereof is at present kept at Brazil or Marion. <sup>2</sup> Done the 22d of October 1644.

This is the X mark of Jonas Jonasz

Willem de Key

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<sup>1</sup>  
Philip int Houte Peert.

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<sup>1</sup>  
Buyten de Weert poort; one of the outer wards of the city of Utrecht.

<sup>2</sup>  
Probably referring to Marañon, or Maranhão, a maritime province in the north of Brazil.

Declaration of Symon Wolters and other soldiers as to the  
testamentary disposition made by Hans Meyster in favor of  
Hans Boer

[132a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Symon Wolters, Tomas Hendricx and Tobias  
Esaias, all soldiers, who at the request of Hans Boer attest,  
testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath  
if necessary and required, that it is true that Hans Meyster,  
of Duringe, <sup>1</sup> also a soldier, lying sick abed on the 21st instant  
bequeathed and left to Hans Boer, his said comrade, all his  
earned monthly wages which are due to him from the West India  
Company, as appears by the account; also his clothes and wearing-  
apparel. All of which the deponents declare to be true, wherefore  
the original record hereof is signed by the deponents, the 26th  
of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Symon Wolters

This is the X mark of Tobias Esaias, made by himself

This is the X mark of Tomas Hendricx

Acknowledged before me,

Corn[eli]s [va]n Tie[n]hoven], Se[cr]e[tary]

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Bill of sale from Geerloff Tadicksen and Hendrick Ryff to  
Jochem Kierstede of a half-interest in the bark De Hoop

[132b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of  
New Netherland, appeared Geerloff Tadicksz and Hendrick Ryff,  
who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses transfer and

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<sup>1</sup>  
Intended for Thüringen, or Thuringia, Germany. See ~~ms~~ [140b].

convey to Jochem Kiersteede the half of the bark called De Hoop, bought by the grantors from Jacob Wolphersz and Oloff Stevensz, attorneys of Govert Loockmans, with one-half of the sails, anchors, cables, standing and running rigging, together with everything else in which they have a half-interest, and that in true ownership; they, the grantors, promising to hold the half of the aforesaid bark free from all claims which any one may make thereto. In case Govert Loockmans should not be paid in Holland in the name of the grantors and should wish to lay claim to the bark, he, Loockmans, must hand back the account which he received in payment of the bark to Jochim Kiersteede, who shall have the right to demand the payment thereof from the directors at the chamber at Amsterdam. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 27th of October 1644.

By Geerelof Tadicksen of Haerlem

This is the X mark of Hendrick Ryff, made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhouen, witness

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Power of attorney from Michiel Jansen to Arent van Curler to settle his accounts with the patroon of the colony of Rensselaerswyck

[133a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Michiel Jansz, residing in the colony of Rensselaerswyck,<sup>1</sup> who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoint and empower, as he does hereby, Mr. Arent van Curler to

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Michiel Jansen from Schrabbeckercke; see Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS. p. 818. The settlement of his accounts, which was repeatedly ordered by the court of Rensselaerswyck, apparently did not take place until 1650.

settle and liquidate in his name with the patroon of the above mentioned colony all such accounts as he, the principal, has open and outstanding with the patroon; leaving and trusting the matter absolutely to Mr. Corlaer above mentioned, he, the principal, [promises] to hold valid whatever may be done and transacted by the above mentioned attorney, provided he does what the principal could or might do were he present; with power also to substitute one or more persons and to do all that the matter may further require. The original record hereof is signed by the principal and the witnesses hereto invited, the 4th of November 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Machghyel Jansz

Cornelio vander Hoykens, witness

Willem de Key, witness

[Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhouen, Secretary]

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Power of attorney from Captain Willem Blauvelt of the privateer  
La Garce to Director Kieft to receive his share of the  
proceeds of the cruise

[133b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Willem Albersen Blauvelt, captain of the frigate La Garce, who appoints and empowers Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, or his successor, to demand and collect in his name from Symon Joosten, agent of the owners of the above mentioned frigate, all such share as belongs to him, Blauvelt, of the goods which remain in Symon Joosten's hands. The honorable director above mentioned or his successor shall have power to demand the said share in case Symon Joosten happen to depart or to die before he, Blauvelt, shall have returned here. If it

happen that the said Blauvelt should die, the honorable director or his successor shall retain the goods in his hands, as well as his share of the frigate and of the prizes which she will make on the voyage, until claimed, to wit, by his wife, Dorete Blauvelt, residing at London, or by his son, Antony Blauvelt, to whom or their order he, the director, or his successor, may pay and turn over the moneys realized from the goods, which is his, the principal's will and request. In testimony whereof this is signed by him, Blauvelt, and the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland the 16th of November 1644.

Wyllem Blaufelt

Willem de Key, witness

Geo. [Baxter]

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Receipt of Jacob Stofflesen for various pieces of plate left in his care by Jan Jansen of St Obyn

[134a] I, Jacob Stoffelsen, of Ziericksee, <sup>1</sup> acknowledge [that I have received] from Jan Jansen, of St Tobyn, <sup>2</sup> one silver beaker, one silver pitcher, <sup>3</sup> one gold hat band, one silver spoon, the value of the whole amounting to about one hundred and ten pieces of eight. In case Jan Jansen should happen to die on the voyage, the aforesaid Jacob Stoffelsz shall transmit said silverware

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<sup>1</sup> Zierikzee, a city in the province of Zeeland, Netherlands; not "Lake Zurich," as stated in a note in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:18.

<sup>2</sup> Elsewhere written St Obyn and intended for Saint-Aubin. See Early Records of Albany, 1:245, where under date of April 13, 1657, mention is made of skipper Jan Van St. Aubin as sailing from Fort Orange.

<sup>3</sup> Lampet.

to his father, named Jan Jansaer, residing at Casant,<sup>4</sup> binding therefor his person and property, movable and immovable, submitting the same to the control of all courts. Done the 17th of November 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jacob Stoffelsz,  
made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Note of Isaac Allerton in favor of the owners of the ship La Garce

[134b] I, Isaack Allerton, acknowledge that by balance of accounts I am well and truly indebted to the owners of the Garce in the sum of five hundred and thirty-four guilders, twelve stivers, this being for the purchase of sugar received to my satisfaction. I promise to pay the said sum on demand, free of costs and charges, without exception. In testimony whereof this is signed by me, Isaac Allerton, the 17th of November 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Isaac Allerton

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Cadsant, or Kadzant, a village in the province of Zeeland, Netherlands.



Joint will of Antony Crol and Philip Jansen Ringo, part-owners  
of the ship La Garce

[134c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Antony Crol and Philip Jansz, who declared that as friends and partners they had agreed and covenanted as follows: If it should please Almighty God during this voyage to call one of them out of this world, the survivor of them shall receive and possess in [full] ownership his share of the ship and other profits which they may make on the voyage; and in regard to what they leave in this country, Antony Crol's part shall go to his brother, and Philip Jansz' part shall go to Antony, provided that he give two hundred guilders to the poor. In witness whereof this is signed the 18th of November 1644.

Antoni Crol

[Phil]yp Y[ansen Rin]go

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Agreement of Antony Crol and others, part-owners of La Garce,  
to provide for Cornelis Doeke during his illness and to pay  
his surgeon's fees

[135a] We, the undersigned, Antoni Crol, Cristiaen Fittersz, Abraham Jansz, Philip Jansz and Jan Jansz, co-partners of the frigate La Garce, promise and bind ourselves, of our own free will, to support and provide the person of Cornelis Doeke, at present wounded by a chamber, <sup>1</sup> with all necessary maintenance, until he, Cornelis Doeke aforesaid, shall be cured of his wound and restored to his former health. We also promise to pay the surgeon his fees. In witness whereof this is signed by us the 26th of

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<sup>1</sup>

Kamer; an upright mortar for salutes.

November 1644, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Antoni Crol

Carystaen Pyeter[sen]

This is the X mark of Abraham Jansz

This is the X mark of Jan Jansz

Philip Jansen


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Joint will of Abraham Jansen and Symon Joosten, part-owners  
of the ship La Garce

[135b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, and the witnesses hereto invited, appeared Abraham Jansen and Symon Joosten, known to me, the secretary, both being part-owners of the frigate La Garce, who, from motives of friendly and brotherly affection, declare that of their own free will, without persuasion or misleading of any one, they have made the following disposition in regard to their temporal goods which they have here in New Netherland and in the fatherland, as well as their share in the frigate. First, they commend their souls whenever they shall depart from their bodies to Almighty God and their bodies to a Christian burial; then, coming to [the disposition of] their goods and effects above mentioned, it is their express will and desire that the survivor of them shall own and possess all goods and effects which they shall leave behind, together with the profit which they shall acquire on this voyage. Revoking all previous testaments, donations and instruments of last will heretofore made by them excepting only the will drawn and witnessed by Adriaen van Tienhoven, supercargo, dated the 4th of October 1644, which shall remain in force, they, the testators, request that after

their deaths this may have effect and be valid before all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by them, the testators, and the witnesses hereto invited the 26th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

By me, Symaen Joosen

This is the  mark of Abraham Jansz, made by himself

Carystysen Pyetersen }  
Antoni Crol } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Report of referees in a case of dispute between Mr. Moor and Mr. Wederley, respecting a bark

[135c] Whereas Captain Jan Onderhil and Isaac Allerton have been authorized by the director and council of New Netherland to settle and decide, according to the best of their knowledge, the case of Mr. Moor <sup>1</sup> and Mr. Wederley; therefore, they declare after mature deliberation that they find it to be [just] that half the bark shall remain Mr. Moor's, provided he pay here to Mr. Wederley two hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco, or the value thereof, leaving him, Mr. Wederley, to settle his affairs with the knight

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<sup>1</sup>  
Edward Moor.

In Virginia,<sup>2</sup> inasmuch as [ ]  
to bring[ ] from England,

In testimony whereof this signed by us, the 26th of  
November 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

John Vnderhill

Isaac Allerton

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Declaration of Marten Ael and Abraham Newman that Jochem  
Pietersen Kuyter had gone to Manhattan with two soldiers  
when his house was burned

[135d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of  
New Netherland, appeared Marten Ael, sergeant, aged about forty  
years, and Abraham Nieuman, soldier, aged 34 years, who at the  
request of the Honorable Mr. Willem Kieft, director general of  
New Netherland, jointly attest, testify and declare that they  
lay in garrison at Jochim Pietersen's when his house burned  
down, at which time his servants stood sentry, there being in  
all four soldiers and five farm-hands, two of whom were thrashers.  
Jochim Pietersen had gone to the Manhatans and had taken with  
him two soldiers. All of which the deponents have confirmed on  
oath before the fiscal, the 29th of November 1644, in Fort  
Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Marten Ael, sergeant

Abraham Newman

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Sir Edmund Plowden; see [119a-119b].

Bond of Hans Hansen to Cornelis Maessen for wheat delivered to him

[136a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hans Hansen, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Cornelis Maersen, <sup>1</sup> residing in the colony of the Hon. Patroon Renselaer, in the sum of two hundred and fifty guilders, arising from the purchase of one hundred schepels of wheat delivered to him, Hans Hansen, by Jan Damen, before the execution hereof; which aforesaid sum he, Hans Hansen, promises to pay on the first of April next A<sup>o</sup>. 1645. For further security and the performance hereof, free of costs and charges, he, Hans Hansen, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by Hans Hansen and the witnesses hereto invited, this 9th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the H mark of Hans Hansen,  
made by himself

This is the X mark of George Rapalje,

made by himself as witness

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup>  
Cornelis Maessen, the ancestor of the Van Buren family. See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 181, 807.

Bond of George Rapalje to Cornelis Maessen for wheat  
delivered to him

[136b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of  
New Netherland, appeared Gorge Rapalje, who in the presence of  
the subscribing witnesses acknowledges that he is well and  
truly indebted to Cornelis Maersen, residing in the colony of  
the Hon. Patroon Kiliaen van Renselaer, in the sum of two hundred  
and fifteen guilders, arising from the purchase of eighty-six  
schepels of wheat delivered to him, Gorge Rappalje, by Jan Damen,  
before the execution hereof. Which aforesaid sum he, Gorge  
Rappalje, promises to pay on the first of April next, free of  
costs and charges, without any objection. As security [for the  
performance] hereof the above mentioned Gorge Rappalje binds his  
person and property, movable and immovable, present and future,  
without any exception, submitting the same to all lords, courts,  
tribunals and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by  
Gorge Rapalje and the witnesses, the 9th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1644,  
in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Gorge Rapalje,

made by himself

This is the H mark of Hans Hansen,

made by himself as witness

William de Key, witness

[Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tien]hoven, Se[cretary]

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Declaration of Gysbert de Wit that powder was smuggled on board  
the ship St Pieter

[136c] Gysbert de Wit, aged fifty years, attests, testifies  
and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if

necessary, at the requisition of the fiscal, that he, the deponent, being on board the ship before Durickerdam, <sup>1</sup> saw Jan van Hoorn's sloop bring to the ship St Piter six kegs of powder which were not entered at Amsterdam, and in his opinion they are hidden aft, under the tiller, where there is a hole. The deponent offers to confirm this. Done the 13th of December 1644, on the island of Manhatans, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Gysbert de Wit,  
made by himself

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Declaration of Thomas Dammon regarding powder that was  
smuggled on board the ship St Pieter

[136d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the Chartered West India Company, appeared Tomas Damen, who in the presence of Isaac Allerton attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that he, the deponent, saw six kegs of powder brought in a sloop to the ship St Piter, which kegs, as it was raining, were placed in the forecastle. The skipper and pilot, coming on board, stowed them away aft in the ship, quite low, covering the kegs with boards and putting there on cases and a quantity of other goods. He, the deponent, arriving here before the Manhatans on said ship, went aft below to get his things that were there and found that the cases and goods were gone. Feeling for the kegs, he found them still in the same place. The deponent also testifies that on the voyage he saw the cook, the supercargo and Cornelis de Boer go down with a marking pot and the cook had carved the Company's mark on a

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<sup>1</sup>  
Durgerdam; a village near Amsterdam, on the north side of the Y.

bellow, in order that they might the better imitate it. The supercargo marked one case; the remainder were ankers of brandy. All of which the deponent offers to confirm. Done the 13th of December 1644, Manhatzns in New Netherland.

[Th]o[ma]s Dammon

Is[aac] Allerton, witness

This affidavit is confirmed on oath in court.

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Contract of sale from Burger Jorissen to Cornelis Melyn of  
a house and lot on Manhattan island

[137] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Burger Jorisz, of the first part, and Mr. Cornelis Melyn, of the second part, who in the presence and before the undersigned witnesses acknowledged and declared that they had voluntarily and deliberately entered into and made together the following contract, in manner and on the terms hereinafter written. Burgert Jorisz acknowledges that he has sold to Cornelis Melyn, who also acknowledges that he has bought of Burger Jorisz, his house and lot situated on the island of Manhatans, on the East river, between said Melyn and the great tavern, and that of such dimensions, be the same more or less, as the above mentioned lot is described in the patent granted on the 28th of April A<sup>O</sup>. 1643, by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland to Borgert Jorisz; with all that is fastened by earth and nail and the appurtenances and dependencies thereof. For which house and lot he, Cornelis Melyn, promises to pay the vendor, Burger Jorisz, the sum of nine hundred and fifty guilders, to wit: one hundred and fifty guilders immediately in



part payment of the said nine hundred and fifty guilders; six months after the delivery, which shall take place after the expiration of Augustyn H[ee]rmans's lease, the purchaser shall pay to the vendor four hundred guilders, and the balance[

For all of which the parties bind] <sup>1</sup>  
 their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, the vendor for the delivery of a clear title and the purchaser for the payment of the said purchase money, submitting to that end to the provincial Court of Holland and to all other courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof two copies of the same tenor have been made hereof and this is signed in the record by the parties in the presence of Willem de Key and Gysbert Opdyck, witnesses hereto invited. Done the 15th of December A<sup>O</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Burger Jorisz, made by  
 himself

Cornelis Melyn

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary.

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Deed from Burger Jorissen to Cornelis Melyn for the house and lot mentioned in the preceding contract of sale.

[138] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-four, on the 17th of December, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Burger Jorisz, farrier, inhabitant here,

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<sup>1</sup>  
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who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he had conveyed in true and free ownership to Mr. Cornelis Melyn his house and lot situated on the island of Manhatens, as he hereby does transfer and convey the above mentioned lot (and house) by virtue of the patent and conveyance granted by the director and council of New Netherland, dated the 28th of April 1643. Wherefore he, Borger Jorisz, places the said Cornelis Melyn, or whoever may acquire his title, in his estate, real and actual possession of the above mentioned lot and house, giving him, Melyn, irrevocable power, authority, etc., to do with and dispose thereof as he might do with his other patrimonial effects, without the grantor retaining any right or title thereto (the contract of sale being satisfied), but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. In testimony whereof the original hereof is signed in the record by Burger Jorisz and by Willem de Key and Gysbert Opdyc as witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 17th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, stilo novo.

This is the X mark of [ ]<sup>2</sup>

On the 18th of March 1661, the burger Joris  
annexed signature was affixed  
by Borgert Jorisse, which  
we witness

De Sille  
N. Beyard

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Bond of Aert Evertsen to Richard Heyts for the purchase of  
his house

[138b] Before me appeared Aert Eversz, mariner, who  
acknowledged that he had purchased from Ritchert Heyts his house

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The words "authority, etc. ..." are inserted in the margin.

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Name not given. Evidently, Burger Jorisen could not write in 1644, but signed his name in 1661.

for seventy guilders, payable one-half next January and the other half in May, provided that Ritchert deliver the patent to him, the purchaser; for which he, the purchaser, binds his person and property according to law. Done the 19th of December 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Aert Eversz,  
made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Copy of a note from Arent Corsen Stam to Augustyn Herrman  
[138c] Copy

I, the undersigned, hereby promise that I shall pay to Augustyn Herman in good seawan as soon as I return with Frederick Lubbersz from this voyage to the north the sum of thirty-one and a half guilders, I say fl. 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ , for passage<sup>1</sup> from Holland hither, and in witness that I intend to keep this my promise as a man of honor, I have subscribed and signed this note with my own hand. Done at the Manhatans, the 2d of September 1644, in New Netherland. Was signed: Arent Corsen Stam.

Upon collation this is found to agree  
with the original, the 30th of December  
1644, by me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup>  
De vracht, literally, the freight.

Power of attorney from Augustyn Herrman to George Grace to collect the amount of the preceding note

[138d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Augustyn Heerman, merchant residing here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses empowered, as he hereby does, Mr. Gorge Graes to demand and collect in his name from Mr. Arent Corsen the sum of thirty-one and a half guilders, due him, the principal, as appears by the note signed by said Arent Corsen. On receipt of this sum by Mr. Graes, he is empowered to give Arent Corsen a discharge therefor, which shall be valid; he, the principal, holding as valid what shall be done by the above mentioned Mr. Graes. Done the 30th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Augustin Herrman

Cornelio vander Hoykens, witness

Gysbert op Dyck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of sale between Thomas Willett and Cornelis Teunissen of Gorcum of a house and lot next to the city tavern, with mortgage of the premises by Cornelis Teunissen

[138e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Tomas Willit, who sells to Cornelis Teunesz of Gorcum, who also acknowledges the purchase, a lot and house situated on the island of Manhatszns, adjoining the public tavern, <sup>1</sup> for the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five guilders,

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<sup>1</sup> Lants harberge; literally, the land's tavern, meaning the tavern of New Netherland, otherwise called the Stads herberg, or city tavern.

payable in three instalments, to wit: three hundred guilders the last of May next; the second payment, also of three hundred guilders, in July 1645; and the third and last payment of one hundred and seventy-five guilders to be made on the first of January 1646. For the payment of the above mentioned sum the purchaser specially mortgages the said house and furthermore all his other property, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of January 1645.

Coernelis Tonisen

Tho: Willett

Cornelio vander Hoykens } witnesses  
Juryan Blanck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Notice of appeal from the judgment of the director and council against the master of the ship St. Pieter

[139a] This day, the 3d of January 1645, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Symon Jansen of Durickerdam, late master of the ship St. Piter, who in the presence of the subscribing witnesses declared that he appeals from the judgment rendered by the director geneal and council of New Netherland against the aforesaid Tymon <sup>1</sup> Jansz or [the] owners [of] his [vessel] and that to such court or judges in the United Provinces as the owners shall think proper to carry the

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<sup>1</sup> Thus in the original.

case against the honorable West India Company. Thus done and  
 appealed on the day and year above mentioned. The original hereof  
 is [signed] in the record by the aforesaid Symon Jansz and [ ]<sup>2</sup>

Symen Janssen

Oloff Stevensz, witness

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Roelant Hackwaert to Claes Jansen to  
 collect his debts

[139b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of  
 New Netherland, appeared Roelant Hackwaert, who empowers Claes  
 Jansz, baker, to collect all his outstanding debts and, if  
 there are any debts to be paid, Claes may pay them out of what  
 he receives. In witness whereof this is signed by Roelant  
 Hackwaert. Done the 3d of January 1645.

This is the X mark of Roelant Hackwaert

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> The names of the witnesses have been left blank.

Affidavits secured by the fiscal against Barent Jorissen Tourbay  
on a charge of assault

[139c] Information taken by Fiscal van [der]  
Hoykens respecting the offense committed by  
Barent Jorisz Tourbay, a soldier of Captain Jan  
de Vries' company, on last Monday evening,  
after mounting the guard.

Marten Ael, sergeant of the above mentioned company, declares  
at the request of the fiscal that, seeing that Barent Jorisz had  
drawn his naked sword and intended to cut or stab Piere Malefan,  
who defended himself with the musket which he had in his hand,  
the sergeant aforesaid immediately ran toward them and wrested and  
took away the sword from Tourbay, commanding him further to go to  
his quarters. Whereupon the aforesaid Barent Jorisz said: "You  
are only my sergeant, du bist mein Gott nicht." About noon on the  
same day, at the guard house, he heard Tourbay say: "If the captain  
or the ensign call me a dog or bearskinner, I, Tourbay, shall cut  
their throats."

Jan Schut, of Lubeck, aged about 20 years, a soldier in Jan  
de Vries' company, declares at the request of Fiscal van [der]  
Hoykens that on Monday last, it being the 2d of January, in the  
evening, after mounting the guard, Tourbay asked him for [his]  
sword [which] he refused), in order to fight Sergeant Marten Ael  
with it, he having taken away Tourbay's sword. Captain de Vries  
thereupon came and gave Tourbay a blow, commanding him further to  
go home, to which Tourbay gave for answer: "You are my captain, you  
are not my God." He, the deponent, by order of the captain, went  
to his quarters.

Jan Jansen van [den] Ham, corporal of Jan de Vries' company, declares at the request of the fiscal that he saw Barent Jorisz Tourbay last Monday, it being the 2d of January, in the evening, after mounting the guard, ask Jan Schut for his sword to fight the sergeant with it, and further heard Tourbay say: I don't care a rap about you, sergeant, the captain, the ensign and all the rest." All of which . . . <sup>1</sup>

Willem Smit, soldier in Captain Jan de Vries' company, declares at the request of the fiscal that on the 1st of January 1645, before the preaching, Tourbay struck him with a cutlass, although he, Smit, did not draw his sword, Willem Smit having merely said to Tourbay: "You fellows go and drink the wine which belongs to us in common. I ought also to have a share of it." Which words were all that caused the quarrel. Meanwhile abusive language was used on both sides and without making any resistance, only parrying the blow, he was wounded in his hand and left arm.

Hendrick Willemsen, soldier in Jan de Vries' company, declares at the request of the fiscal that, standing before the guard house, he saw from afar that Tourbay struck Willem Smith with the flat of the cutlass, but he could not see anything else.

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Certificate by the administrators of the estate of Francis Lastley of the amount due to Isaac Allerton

[139d] Tomas Hal and Ritchert Cloff, administrators of the estate of François Lasle, deceased, have adjusted accounts with

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<sup>1</sup> The sentence is not completed.



Isaack Allerton and found that the above mentioned Lasle was by balance of accounts indebted to Allerton in the sum of seven hundred and nineteen guilders, two stivers, net. In witness whereof this is signed by them, the 10th of January 1645.

Thomas Hall

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Declaration of Egbert van Borsum as to a quarrel between  
Catelyn Trico and Surgeon Paulus van der Beeck

[139e] Egbert van Borsum, aged about 30 years, at the request of Catelyn Trico, attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that Catelyn came to the house of Master Hans <sup>1</sup> and asked Master Pauwel: <sup>2</sup> "Why do you beat my daughter?" He, Pauwel, answered: "You lie." She replied: "You lie like a villain and a dog." She, Catelyn, raising her hand, Master Pauwel struck Catelyn and then called her a whore and a wampum thief, which she called people to witness.

This is the X mark of Egbert van Borsum

Willem de Key

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Declaration of Leendert Arentsen and Barent Jacobsen as to food  
supplied to Jan Jensen Schepmoes and family on board the  
Dolphyn in 1638

[139g] <sup>1</sup> Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Leendert Arentsz, aged forty-four years, and Barent Jacobsz, aged thirty-four years, who at the request of

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<sup>1</sup> Surgeon Hans Keirstede.

<sup>2</sup> Surgeon Paulus van der Beeck, or Becke.

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<sup>1</sup> [139f] is a canceled bond of Isaac Allerton for 3750 guilders in favor of the owners of the frigate La Garce, dated Jan. 10, 1645, which with the exception of the date and the amount agrees with the bond printed on the next page.

Jan Jansz Schepmoes jointly attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that it is true and truthful that they arrived here in the year 1638 in the ship Den Dolphyn, on board of which were then also Jan Schepmoes, his wife and two children, of which children during the voyage one received half rations and the younger, being a sucking babe, never received any ship's food. All of which they, the deponents, offer to confirm. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 12th of January 1645.

This is the X mark of Leendert Arenden

Barent Jacobsz Cool

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Isaac Allerton in favor of the owners of the frigate  
La Garce for sugar.

[140a] <sup>1</sup> I, Isaac Allerton, hereby acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to the owners of the frigate La Garge <sup>2</sup> in the sum of three thousand seven hundred and seventy-three guilders, fourteen stivers, the same being for the purchase of sugar, which sum I, Allerton, promise to pay, free of costs and charges, without any objections, in two instalments, to wit: one thousand guilders eight days after Allerton shall have returned from the north, and the balance next July, out of which sum above mentioned twenty-five guilders shall be paid to the poor. For the fulfilment hereof, the above mentioned Allerton binds his person

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<sup>1</sup> See note under [139f].

<sup>2</sup> This should be La Garce.

and property, movable and immovable, present and future under submission to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done the 18th of January 1645 in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Isaac Allerton

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration of Daem Hendricksen and Symon Woutersen as to the testamentary disposition made by Hans Meyster in favor of Hans Boer

[140b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Daem Hendricksz, <sup>1</sup> from Os, aged twenty-five years, and Symon Woutersz, from Nus, aged about forty-three years, who jointly attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that it is true and truthful that Hans Meyster, from Turingen, a soldier in Captain Jan de Vries' company, lying sick in bed, but of sound memory and understanding as it appeared to us, desired that after his death Hans Boer, from Tegervelde, <sup>2</sup> his comrade, should by way of testamentary disposition receive his monthly wages which are due him by the honorable West India Company and were earned by him in Brazil, Marínjan, <sup>3</sup> and New Netherland; which the deponents declare to have been his last will and desire, offering to confirm the same if necessary. Done the 21st of January 1645, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. [145c], where his name is given as Dom Hendrickx. See also [132a].

<sup>2</sup> Tegerfelden, near Zurzach, canton Aargau, Switzerland. Hans Boer's real name was probably Bauer.

<sup>3</sup> Maranhão, or Maranham, Brazil.

This is the X mark of Daem Hendricxsz, made by himself

This is the X mark of Symon Wouersz, made by himself

Cornelio vander Hoykens, fiscal, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Jan Evertsen Bout and Jan Jansen Damen  
to Isaac Allerton to sell the ship St, Pieter

[140c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in  
New Netherland, appeared Jan Evertsz Eout and Jan Jansz Damen,  
who appoint and empower, as they do hereby, Isaac Allerton  
in their names to sell in New England the ship St. Piter, of  
44 to 45 lasts burthen, three years old, with all her appurtenances  
according to the inventory hereto annexed. The said principals  
promise to deliver with the ship a good letter from the honorable  
director general and council of New Netherland that they deliver  
the said ship free from any claims and whenever the attorney shall  
have sold the aforesaid ship, the purchasers, or any one in their  
name, bringing with him the purchase money in funds current here  
in this country, can receive the aforesaid ship, the principals  
holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter by the  
aforesaid Mr. Allerton. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland,  
the 26th of Janyary 1645.

Jan Evertsz Bout

Jan Jansz Damen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven

Bond of Isaac Allerton as security for a debt due by Edward Moor

[140d] <sup>1</sup> I, Isaack Allerton, bind myself as surety and co-principal for Eduwart Moor in the sum of eight hundred guilders, the same being the balance of the purchase money of the bark St. Martyn, on condition, if the Honorable Director Kieft will not let him, Moor, pass and does not demand or require any surety, this bond shall be null and void. [Allerton] being held as surety, the above mentioned bark will be his security. For all of which Mr. Moor submits his person and property to all courts. Done the 28th of January 1645.

Isaac Allerton

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Assignment by Adam Brouwer to Geurt Servaessen of his claim  
on the West India Company

[141a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Adam Brouwer, from Ceulen, <sup>1</sup> a soldier (sailed A<sup>o</sup>. 1641 in the ship Swol to Brazil for the chamber of Amsterdam; his supercargo was Willem de Haes), who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses assigns and transfers in full and free ownership to Guert Servaes, living at Amsterdam in Papenbrugh alley, his wages earned in the service of the honorable directors of the West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, at Marinhã, <sup>2</sup> amounting to the sum of one hundred and eighty-nine guilders, which

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<sup>1</sup> The bond is canceled in the record.

<sup>1</sup> Cologne, Germany

<sup>2</sup> Maranhão, or Maranhã, Brazil.

said sum of one hundred and eighty-nine guilders he requests the honorable directors to be pleased to pay to the aforesaid Geurt Servaes at Amsterdam. The said sum having been paid, he, Adam Brouwer, frees the honorable gentlemen from all demands hereafter to be made on that account by himself or any of his heirs. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of February 1645.

This is the AB mark of Adam Brouwer aforesaid

Willem Bredenbent

Fauwlus Van der Becke

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary <sup>3</sup>

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Power of attorney from Adam Brouwer to Geurt Servaes to collect wages due from the West India Company

[141b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Adam Brouwer, from Ceulen, a soldier (sailed A<sup>o</sup>. 1641 in the ship Ewol to Brazil for the chamber of Amsterdam), who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Geurt Servaes, at Amsterdam, [residing] in Papenbrigh alley, in "The Whalebone," to demand and collect in his name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, all such sums of money as are still due to him, Adam Brouwer, by their honors [and were] earned in Brazil, where he received no settlement, having been ordered to proceed to Marinhau. On payment of said moneys by the honorable directors, the aforesaid Geurt Servaes may [in token] of the receipt execute a discharge,

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<sup>3</sup> The document is canceled. See next power of attorney.

which shall be valid, the principal promising to hold valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by the attorney. The original hereof in the record is signed by Adam Brouwer and the witnesses hereto invited, the 21st of February 1645, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the AB mark of Adam Brouwer aforesaid

Willem Bredenbent

Pauwlus Van der Becke

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of sale from Hendrick Jansen to Adam Brouwer of a house and garden on Manhattan island

[141c] On this day, date underwritten, Hendrick Jansen from Jeveren, locksmith, and Adam Brouwer have in love and friendship, in the presence of the witnesses hereto invited, agreed and contracted about the purchase of a certain house and lot for a garden situated on the island of Manhatans, formerly occupied by Jeuriaen Roodolf. Hendrick Jansen from Jeveren sells the aforesaid house and lot to Adam Brouwer above mentioned, who also acknowledges that he has bought the same, with all that is fastened by earth and nail, in true and full ownership, on which house and garden Adam shall pay within three months from date twenty-five guilders, which shall be the last payment. In witness and token of the truth this is signed by the parties and the witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of February 1645.

This is the AB mark of Adam Brouwer

Heindreick Jansz

Willem Breidenbent

Pauwlus Van der Becke

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Dominicus Cryger and Hans Jelissen that the  
captain of the St. Pieter broke bulk at the Bermudas

[141d] Domminicus Crigier, supercargo, and Hans Jelisz  
van [de] Wyer, skipper, on the requisition of fiscal van[der]  
Hoykens, attest and testify, in place and with promise of a  
solemn oath if necessary and required, that it is true that they  
lay with the ship De Eendracht at the Bermudas where the yacht  
St. Piter, of which Symon Jansen of Durikerdam was master, arrived,  
which skipper broke bulk there and exposed his goods for sale,  
of his own free will, without persuasion or constraint on the  
part of the governor of the place. All of which they, the  
deponents, offer if need be to confirm on oath, declaring  
further that this is done by them for the sake of bearing witness  
of the truth, which every one is bound to do when required. Done  
in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 23d of February 1645.

Dominus Cryger, supercargo

Hans Lielessen vande Weier

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary



Deposition of Tys Gerbrantsen retracting a former declaration that the captain of the St. Pieter was forced to break bulk by the governor of the Bermudas

[141e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Tys Gerbrantsz, from the Streeck,<sup>1</sup> chief pilot of the ship De Eendracht, who in presence and before the undersigned witnesses, at the request of Fiscal vander Hoykens, attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary and required, that he, at the request of Symon Jansz of Durickerdam, late master of the ship St. Piter, did, while drunk, make a declaration that the above mentioned skipper was forced by the governor of the Bermudas to break bulk and to offer his goods for sale; which declaration he, the deponent, hereby renounces and retracts, inasmuch as they made him sign it when he was drunk and he does not know what he has signed, holding the same to be null and void. On the contrary, every friendship was shown to the above mentioned skipper and there was no dispute, except about the hides which he bought from Jacksen. All of which he offers to confirm. Done the 24th of February 1645, in Fort Amsterdam.

Tys Garbranstse

Jan Huebertsen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

This declaration has been confirmed  
by an oath taken before the honorable  
director and council of New Netherland.

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<sup>1</sup> Uyt de streeck; referring to what is known as De Lange-Streek, a series of villages extending from Enkhuizen, in the province of North Holland, west to Hoogcarspel.

Assignment by Symon Woutersen to Seger Teunissen of wages due  
to Hans Haen

[142a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Symon Woutersz, of Nus, a soldier, who hereby  
assigns and makes over to and for the behoof of Seger Teunesz an  
account [of wages] earned by Hans Haen, from Hessenlandt, in the  
service of the honorable West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam,  
amounting to the sum of two hundred and twenty-one guilders, due  
to him, Symon Woutersz, according to the annexed will, provided  
that there shall first be deducted from the aforesaid sum what by  
will is allowed from it to the poor. He, Symon Woutersz,  
acknowledges that he has been fully satisfied and paid before the  
execution hereof by the above mentioned Seger Teunesz. In witness  
whereof this is signed in the record by Symon Woutersz and the  
witnesses hereto invited, the first of March 1645, in Fort Amsterdam  
in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Symon Woutersz

Cornelio vander Hoykens, witness

This is the AB mark of Adam Brouwer, witness

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Assignment by Tobias Rem to Seger Teunissen of his wages earned  
as a soldier in the service of the West India Company

[142b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Tobias Rem of Lynvoort, <sup>1</sup> a soldier in Captain  
Jan de Vries' company, who hereby assigns and makes over to Seger  
Teunesz, in true ownership, his account hereto annexed, amounting  
to the sum of one hundred guilders, eighteen stivers, earned by  
the above mentioned Tobias Rem in Marinhau in the service of the

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<sup>1</sup> Lemforde, in Hanover(?).

honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company at Amsterdam, provided there be first deducted from the above mentioned sum the price of an overcoat received by him, Tobias Rem, on board the Blauwe Haen. Therefore, he requests that the balance of the money may be tendered and paid to Seger Teunesz as he, the principal, acknowledges that he has been satisfied and paid in full before the execution hereof; therefore releasing the honorable directors above mentioned from all further claims. In witness whereof the original record hereof is signed by the principal and the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Tobias Rem

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Power of attorney from Jan Evertsen Bout to Jan Jansen Damen to sell his share in the ship St. Pieter

[142c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Eversz Bout, who empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Jansz Damen Bout, who empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Jansz Damen to sell his interest in the ship St. Piter to whoever he shall think expedient and fit, revoking the power of attorney given to Isaac Allerton,<sup>1</sup> as the term of notice has expired, [the principal] further holding as valid whatever shall be done by Jan Damen. Done the [                      ]<sup>2</sup> of March 1645, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jan Evertsz Bout

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> See [140c].

<sup>2</sup> Date not given.

Declaration of Jan Evertsen Bout and Claes Jansen regarding the  
burning of Jochem Pietersen Kuyter's house

[142d ] Jan Eversz Bout, aged about forty-four years, and Claes Jansz, baker, aged about thirty-six years, testify at the request of Mr. Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, before the honorable fiscal, that on the 7th of March last, we heard an Indian named Ponkes, say of his own free will in the Indian language (which we perfectly understood) that the Indians, our enemies, did not burn Jochim Piltersz' house and that no Indian was ever heard to say so, although, as he said, whenever they have done any mischief, they boast of it, but that as far as the Indians know, the Dutch themselves burned and removed the house, for fear of being killed there. All of which the depon[ents...] <sup>1</sup>

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Declaration of Willem Breidenbent regarding the opening of  
certain cases in the warehouse by Pieter van den Bergh

[142e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Willem Bredenbent, deputy sheriff, who at the request of Willem de Key attests and declares, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that Piter vanden Bergh came into the warehouse (packhuys) and said he was authorized by the director to open the cases there containing the duffels, which he, Piter vanden Bergh, did in presence of the deponent. All of which the deponent declares to be true. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 8th of March 1645.

Willem Breidenbent

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<sup>1</sup> The remainder of the document is destroyed.

Declaration of Ponkes, an Indian of Marechkawick, regarding the  
burning of Jochem Pietersen Kuyter's house

[142f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Ponkes, an Indian of Marechkawieck, who has been  
among the Indians, our enemies during the war, and who on the 7th of  
March last, in the presence of Jan Eversen Bout, Fredric Lubbersz  
and Cors Piterzen, inhabitants here, and before the honorable fiscal,  
voluntarily made a statement in his own tongue, which tongue and  
statement of the Indian above mentioned the aforesaid persons declare  
fully to understand. wherefore they, the deponents, declare that on  
the 7th of March last they heard the statment made by the Indian,  
who said that the Indians, our enemies, did not set Jochim [Pie]tersz'  
house on fire, the more so as they inquired among themselves who  
might have done it and were not able to learn that those who burned  
the house were Indians, notwithstanding the fact that the Indians  
when they commit any outrage boast of it and think that they have  
done a good and great thing.<sup>1</sup> All of which the deponents declare  
to have heard from the Indian in the Indian language, offering to  
confirm the same. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the  
9th of March 1645.

The deponents refused to sign in the presence of the council  
and the undersigned witnesses, in whose presence they acknowledged  
that they had heard the foregoing from the Indian. Done as above.

Philippe du Tryeux

Willem Breidenbent, under-sheriff

Daniel Kaggen

Before me, who also understand the Indian language  
and likewise heard the same from the Indian,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Here follows: "but as far as the Indians know at present the owner  
himself set fire to the house and fled for fear of being killed,"  
which words are canceled in the original.

Declaration of Jan Jansen of Ham that sergeant Marten Ael left his house and lot on Manhattan Island to Marten Crigier

[142g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Jansz, of Ham, corporal in Johan de Vries' company, who at the request of Marten Crigier attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that it is true that sergeant Marten Ael lying in bed wounded in the night between the 5th and 6th of March, in full possession of his understanding and memory, of his own free will left, devised and bequeathed his house and lot situated on the island of Manhatens to the above mentioned Marten Crigier, and whereas he, the deponent, and Marten Crigier were that night alone with him, the deponent ran for sergeant Douman and Hudden also to have a knowledge of it. Coming there, Marten Ael was quite weak and could not speak and finally slept in the Lord. All of which the deponent declares to be true and that this is done by him to bear witness of the truth, without benefit or detriment, particular hatred or favor to any one. In token of the truth this is signed by the deponent in presence of the fiscal and moreover confirmed by oath. Done the 10th of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1645, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jan Jansz, made by himself  
Cornelio vander Hoykens, fiscal

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Assignment by William Smith to Fredrick Jansen of his wages due from the West India Company

[143a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Willem Smit, of Schrepseker, <sup>1</sup> who hereby

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<sup>1</sup> Shropshire, England.

assigns and makes over to Fredrick Jansz, of Flensborch,<sup>2</sup> his pay earned by him at Fort St Louis de Marinhã<sup>3</sup> in the service of the honorable directors of the West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, amounting to the sum of two hundred and twenty-one guilders, due to him according to the annexed account. The appearer acknowledges in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that he was fully paid and satisfied in regard to the aforesaid account before the execution hereof, wherefore, whenever the honorable directors shall have paid and satisfied the aforesaid sum to Fredrick Jansz above named, he releases them from all further demands by himself, his heirs, or successors. In witness whereof this is signed by the appearer and the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 10th of March 1645, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Willem Smith, made by himself

This is the P mark of Robbert Onferre,<sup>4</sup> made by himself

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Philip Gerritsen in regard to beavers delivered by Abraham Planck to Hendrick Roesen in payment for duffel

[143b] Philip Gerritsen, of Haerlem, tavern keeper, lying sick in bed, yet in full possession of his speech and memory, in the presence of the Hon. Fiscal vander Hoykens and Arent Reyniersen Smith, at the request of Abraham Planck, testifies, declares and certifies for the just truth, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, that in the year 16[ ], shortly after the Waterhont had arrived, he, Philip Gerritsz, assisted Abraham Planck

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<sup>2</sup> Flensburg, a town in Schleswig, Germany.

<sup>3</sup> São Luiz de Maranhão, Brazil.

<sup>4</sup> Robert Humphrey.

in carrying a parcel of beavers which were due to Hendrick Roesen from him, Planck, for duffel purchased from said Roesen, and carried them to the secretary's house in the fort, where Roesen was residing and then did receive the beavers from Planck. All of which the deponent declares to be true and that this is done by him to bear witness of the truth, which every one is bound to do especially when requested, without malice or favor to any one. In testimony whereof the original record is signed by the deponent and the witnesses. Done the 15th of March 1645, at the house of the deponent on the island of Manhatans.

Philippus Gerritsen

Cornelio vander Hoykens, witness

[A]rent Reinrsen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declarations of Tobias Esaiassen and other soldiers respecting  
a goat found on the shore

[143c] Tobias Esaiasz, native of Utrecht, 22 years of age, a soldier in Captain Jan de Vries' company, being in garrison at Egbert Woutersz', declares that about thirteen days ago cadet Robbert Calo came along the strand and said to the soldiers at Egbert's that a goat was lying dead on the shore, whereupon he, Tobias Esaiasz, Tourbay and Tomas Tomasz went thither and fetched the goat, which was not yet dead, and ate all but a small portion of the meat. When they reached the goat, they found her badly bitten in the back of the body, so that she could not walk. He also says that he has no knowledge whatever of any other goats. This then is the declaration made by Tobias Esaiasz at the request



of the fiscal. Done the 28th of March 1645, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Tobias Esaiasz

Tomas Tomasz, native of Delft, twenty years of age, a soldier in Captain Jan de Vries' company, and Barent Jorisz, a soldier, being in garrison at Egbert Woutersz', declare at the request of the fiscal that about 10 or 13 days ago, the cadet came from the fort along the strand and there found a goat bitten almost to death, of which he informed him, Tomas Tomasz, Tourbay and Tobias Esaiasz. They immediately went thither and fetched the goat and ate the meat, except a small portion. They also say that they know of no other goats. Done the 28th of March 1645, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the T mark of Tomas Tomasz

Barent Jorson

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Lease of a house on the main highway at Manhattan from Jan Schepmoes to Gerrit Douman

[143d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gerrit Douman, who acknowledges that he has rented from Jan Schepmoes a house and lot, standing and situated on the main highway (groote heerewech), for the sum of forty-eight guilders a year, the lease to commence on the first of May next and to end on the first of May 1646. The sum of twelve guilders shall be paid to the lessor every quarter of the year and if the

house requires repairs, the lessee may make them with the knowledge and consent of the lessor, provided that Schepmoes shall have to bear the expense thereof. In witness whereof this is signed by the lessee in the presence of Willem de Key.

Gerrit Doman

1645

Willem de Key, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary <sup>1</sup>

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Declaration of Willem Breidenbent that Elsjen Gosens acknowledged that Abraham Planck had paid her in full for duffel, etc., bought from her late husband

[144a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Willem Bredenbent, deputy sheriff, who at the request of Abraham Planck attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that he, the deponent, repeatedly heard Elsjen Gosens, widow of the late Hendrick Roesen, say that Abraham Planck had fully satisfied and paid her for the duffels and other things received from her deceased husband. The deponent declares this to be true and says that he has done this to bear witness of the truth and not to favor or wrong any person. In testimony whereof this is signed by the deponent the 30th of March 1645, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Willem Breidenbent, under-sheriff

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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The Lease is canceled in the record.

Declaration of Gerrit Vastrick and Gysbert de Leeuw that they heard  
Burger Jorissen say that the cloth in the public storehouse  
belonged to Pieter van den Bergh

[144b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary, appeared  
Gerrit Vastrick and Gysbert de Leu, ensign, who at the request of  
Willem de Key attest and declare for the just truth, in place and  
with promise of an oath, that last Saturday, at Schepmoes' house,  
they heard Borger Jorisz say that the cloth, which was in the store-  
house belonged to Piter vanden Berch, as he, vanden Berch, had told  
him so. All of which they offer to confirm if necessary. Done  
the 30th of March 1645, in Fort Amsterdam.

Gerrit [Va]str[ick]

[Gysbert de Leeu]

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Gysbert de Leeuw that Pieter van den Bergh claimed  
that the cloth in the storehouse belonged to him and his  
partners

Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary residing in New  
Netherland, appeared Gysbert de Leuwe, ensign, who at the request  
of Willem de Key attests, testifies and declares, in place and with  
promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true that a considerable  
time ago, Pieter vanden Berch came one Sunday morning to his, the  
deponent's, house, bringing for the deponent two writing pens, when  
he, the deponent, asked the above mentioned vanden Berch if the  
cloth in the storehouse was his, to which vanden Berch gave for  
answer that the cloth did belong to him and his partners. All of

which the deponent offers to confirm. Done the 30th of March  
A<sup>o</sup>. 1645, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Gysbert de Leeu

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Copy of a note of Gysbert Lubbertsen

[144c] Copy

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I duly owe the bearer  
hereof forty-three and a half beavers. In witness of the truth  
I have signed this with my own hand. Done the 26th of May 1637.  
Signed, Lubbert Gysbertsen. Lower was written: Paid hereon  
fifteen beavers.

After collating this is found to agree with the  
original, the 10th of April 1645, by me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Pierre Malenfant to Seger Teunissen  
to collect his wages from the West India Company

[145a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Pierre Malenfant, from Reen <sup>1</sup> in Bretaingne  
cadet in Captain Johan de Vries' company, who in the presence of  
the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers Seger Teunesz,  
master of the yacht De Eendracht, in his, the principal's, name  
to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the Chartered  
West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred  
and thirteen guilders, sixteen stivers, due to him, the principal,

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<sup>1</sup> Rennes, capital of the department of Ille-et-Vilaine, France.

by their honors according to the account hereto annexed, earned by him at St. Louis de Marinhau; for which above mentioned sum he, Piere Malenfant, acknowledges that he received before the execution hereof from the above mentioned Seger Teunesz clothing and other necessaries to the above mentioned amount. Wherefore he, Piere Malenfant, requests the honorable directors above mentioned to give and pay the above mentioned sum to Seger Tonisz, who then shall have power to execute a discharge upon receipt, he, the principal, holding as valid what shall be done and transacted by his attorney in the above mentioned matter. Thus done and signed by Piere Malefan and by Gysbert de Leuw, ensign, and Willem de Key as witnesses hereto invited, the 11th of April 1645, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pierre Mallanfan <sup>1</sup>

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Assignment by Jacob Hendricksen to Seger Teunissen of his claim against the West India Company

[145b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Hendricksz, from Benschop, a soldier of Captain Johan de Vries' company, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses assigns and makes over, as he does hereby, to Seger Teunesz, master of the Eendracht, his account [of pay] earned by him [in the service] of the honorable directors of the West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, at Fort St. Louis de Marinhau, amounting to the sum of two hundred and twenty-one guilders, for which sum the appearer acknowledges that he has been

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<sup>1</sup> Other signatures destroyed.

fully satisfied and paid by Seger Teunesz aforesaid in cloth, linen and other necessaries. Wherefore he, the appearer, respectfully requests the honorable directors that their honors may be pleased to pay the said two hundred and twenty-one guilders to Seger Teunsz, who is empowered to give a discharge on receipt of the same, the appearer promising nevermore to trouble their honors for the above mentioned sum. It is further agreed, if the honorable directors aforesaid refuse to pay the said sum, Seger Teunesz shall retain a lien on the monthly pay which the appearer shall receive in New Netherland. Thus done and signed in the record by Jacob Hendricksz, together with Gysbert de Leuw, ensign, and Willem de Key, the 11th of April 1645, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Ja[c]ob [Hend]ricksz

Gysbert de Leeu

[Willem de Key]

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Assignment by Dom Hendricksen to Seger Teunissen of his claim against the West India Company

[145c] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary residing in New Netherland, appointed by the Chartered West India Company, appeared Dom Hendrickx<sup>1</sup> from Os, a soldier in the company of Captain Johan de Vries, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, declared that he had assigned and made over, as he hereby does, in true ownership, to

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<sup>1</sup> In [140b] his name is given as Daem Hendriexsz.

and for the behoof of Seger Teunesz, master of the yacht De Eendracht, his account [of pay] earned by him [in the service] of the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber of the Maes, in Fort St. Louis de Marinhau, amounting to the sum of two hundred and twenty-one guilders, six stivers, for which he, the appearer, acknowledges that he has received to his full satisfaction from Seger Teunesz as much cloth, linen and other necessaries as the sum in the above mentioned account amounts to. But it is to be noted that sixteen guilders for a cloak<sup>2</sup> are to be deducted. Therefore, the appearer requests the above mentioned gentlemen to pay the remaining money, according to the account to Seger Teunesz, who is empowered to grant their honors a receipt on payment. It is likewise stipulated, if their honors do not pay this account, that Seger Teunesz shall retain a lien on the monthly wages already earned or still to be earned by the appearer in New Netherland. Thus done and signed by Dom Hendricksz, besides Gysbert de Leu and Davit Provoost, as witnesses hereto invited, the 11th of April 1645, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.<sup>3</sup>

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Bill of sale of the yacht St. Pieter from Jan Jansen Damen and Jan Evertsen Bout to John Dolling

[145d] This day, the 12th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1645, new style, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Jansen Damen, who has a power of attorney from Jan Eversz Bout, of the first part, and Jan Dollingh, an English

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<sup>2</sup> Casack; a cassock, or military cloak.

<sup>3</sup> Signatures destroyed.

merchant, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledge that in love and friendship they have agreed and contracted in manner and on the terms hereinafter written.

Jan Damen sells the little ship St. Piter to the above mentioned Jan Dolling, who also acknowledged that he has purchased the same, with standing and running rigging and further all her appurtenances, according to the inventory thereof, except one hawser, which through misunderstanding has been put in the inventory, and that for the sum of four thousand and fifty Carolus guilders, two thousand guilders payable cash when the delivery takes place, to wit, one thousand guilders in good wheat at forty-five stivers a schepel, and one thousand guilders in money, seawan or such other payment as the honorable director shall be satisfied with. The remaining two thousand [and fifty?] guilders must be paid by the purchaser, Jan Dollingh, precisely on the first of July next, old style, for which said two thousand [and fifty?] guilders the aforesaid Dollingh shall before the delivery of the above mentioned ship be obliged to furnish a sufficient guaranty or surety to the full satisfaction of the above mentioned Jan Damen and Jan Eversz Bout. As security for the performance hereof, the parties respectively bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, the vendor for the delivery, and the purchaser for the payment, under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges. Thus done in good faith without guile or deceit, and signed in the record by Jan Damen and Jan Dollingh, together with Willem de Key and Davit Provosst as witnesses herto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in



New Netherland, the day and year above written.

Jan Jansz Damen

Jn<sup>o</sup> Dolling

Davit Provoost, witness

Willem de Key, witness

Gysbert op Dyck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Assignment by Jochem Paschen to Seger Teunissen of his claim  
against the West India Company

[146a] Before me, appeared Jochem Paschen, from Dresden, <sup>1</sup>  
corporal, who in the presence of the witnesses hereto invited  
declares that he assigns to Seger Teunesz his account [of wages]  
earned by him in the service of the honorable directors of the  
Chartered West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, at Fort St. Louis  
de Marignan, amounting to the sum of one hundred and forty guilders,  
two stivers, which above mentioned sum he, the appearer, requests  
the honorable directors to be pleased to pay to the above mentioned  
Seger Teunesz, who has given the appearer here in New Netherland  
in payment the value of the said account in cloth, linen and  
necessaries. The appearer promises, in case the honorable directors  
should not pay the account above mentioned, that the wages which  
he, Jochem Paschen, shall earn in New Netherland shall be Seger  
Teunisz' security. In witness whereof this is signed in the record  
by Jochem Paschen and Willem de Key and [blank], witnesses hereto  
invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 12th of  
April 1645.

Jochem Paschen <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Dresden, Germany

<sup>2</sup> Other signatures destroyed.

Deed from Jacob Jacobsen Roy to Cornelis Arissen of half his lot on the island of Manhattan

[146b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Jacobsz Roy, gunner, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, in virtue of the patent granted to him, Roy, on the ninth of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1644 by the director and council of New Netherland, transfers and conveys, as he does hereby, to Cornelis Arisz from Utrecht, in true, full and lawful ownership, the just half of the lot situated at the Manhatans, between the land of Jan Snediger and Tryntjen Jonas, containing twenty-two rods, three and one-half feet, being the westerly half or part of the entire lot mentioned in the aforesaid patent. Wherefore he, Jacob Roy, places the above mentioned Cornelis Arisz, or whoever may obtain his right, in his estate, real and actual possession of the above mentioned lot, containing twenty-two rods, three and one-half feet; consequently giving him full power to do with and dispose of the said lot as he could with his other patrimonial lands and effects, without the grantor retaining any right or title thereto, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever for the behoof as aforesaid. In witness whereof the original entry hereof in the record is signed by Jacob Roy and by Willem de Key and Gysbert Opdyck, as witnesses hereto invited. Done the 14th of April A<sup>o</sup>. 1645, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jacob Roy, made by himself

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Will of John Seals

[146c] In the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-five, on the seventeenth of April, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland,

appeared Jan Celes, <sup>1</sup> who, being wounded and lying sick abed, but of sound memory and understanding, declared in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that he, reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour therefore and wishing therefore to anticipate all such uncertainty of death by testamentary disposition, commends his soul after his death into the hands of Almighty God and his body to a christian burial. Proceeding then to the disposal of his goods and effects, he declares it to be his last will that after his death Tonis Nysen, his brother-in-law, <sup>2</sup> shall first take out of the estate the just half of all the goods and effects which he shall leave behind. The other half, his wife, Marritjen Robbers, shall take to herself and have the use of until she remarry or die, provided that in case she remarry, the property may not be used up, diminished or alienated by her husband or herself, but she shall be entitled only to have the use of the income thereof during her life, the principal remaining intact and reverting after her death<sup>3</sup> to Tonis Nysen or his children or heirs, without said Marritjen Robberts' relatives being allowed to take possession of the aforesaid property; only, she shall then have power to leave by will two hundred guilders out of the said estate to whoever she pleases. He, Jan Celes, requests in the presence of all these bystanders that this, being his last will, may take effect after his death before all lords, courts tribunals and judges. Done the day and year above written.

<sup>1</sup> John Seals.

<sup>2</sup> swager; which may mean son-in-law as well as brother-in-law.

<sup>3</sup> The words "provided that in case she remarry ... after her death" are written in the margin, to take the place of "in case she marry, she, Marritjen, shall restore all the property, of which an inventory is to be made, to Tonis Nysen or his children, except two hundred guilders, which she may keep for her benefit, and in case she does not marry, the property...", which words are canceled.

This is the signature of Jan Seles  
S John  
made by himself

Thomas Hall

This is the X mark of Cosyn Gerritsz

This is the X mark of Hendrick Pittersz

Abraham Watson

This is the X mark of Jeurien Feratel

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Assignment by Gregor Fischoen to Rivert Symonsen Pillis of his  
pay due from the West India Company

[147a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Griger Pischoen, from Rosenbergh, who in  
the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he assigned,  
as he hereby does, to Rivert Symonsz Pillis, at Enckhuysen, his  
account [of pay] earned by him at St. Louis de Marinhau in the  
service of the honorable directors of the Chartered West India  
Company at Amsterdam, amounting to the sum of one hundred and nine  
guilders, for which sum he, the appearer, acknowledges that he has  
been fully satisfied and paid before the execution hereof by the  
aforesaid Rivert Symonsz. He, the appearer, therefore gives full  
power of attorney and authority to present the above mentioned  
account to the honorable directors, to demand and receive the one  
hundred and nine guilders from their honors and to give a receipt  
for the payment, [the attorney] doing in all things what he, the

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<sup>1</sup> The words "Rivert Symonsz Pillis, at Enckhuysen" are substituted  
in the margin for "Pieter Jacobsz, from Hoorn."

the appearer, were he present, could or might do. It is also expressly stipulated, if the honorable directors refuse to pay the aforesaid sum to Rivert Symonsz, or his order, that he shall retain a lien on the monthly wages which the appearer shall earn in New Netherland. In witness whereof this is signed in the record by Griger Pischoen [and by] Willem de Key and Tonis Kray, as witnesses hereto invited, the 18th of April 1645, in Fort Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Griger  
Pisschoen, made by himself

Willem de Key, witness

This is the X mark of [Tonis Kray from Venlo]

[Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary] <sup>2</sup>

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Assignment by Johannes Markus to Rivert Symonsen Pillis of his  
pay due from the West India Company

[147b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Johannes Markus, from Dort, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses makes over and assigns his account, amounting to the sum of two hundred and twenty-one guilders (from which are to be deducted sixteen guilders for a cloak and one pair of stockings), to Rivert Symonsz Pillis, residing at Enckhuysen, for which sum the appearer acknowledges that he is fully satisfied and paid by Piter Jacobsz. Therefore, the appearer appoints and empowers the aforesaid Rivert Symonsz to demand and collect the above mentioned remaining money from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company,

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<sup>2</sup> Signatures of Kray and van Tienhoven supplied from O'Callaghan's translation.

chamber of Zeeland; on payment of the account, Rivert Symonsz may give a receipt therefor, the appearer holding as valid whatever shall be done by the attorney. It is likewise stipulated, if the account be not paid by the directors, that Rivert Symonsz shall retain a lien on the principal's monthly pay earned or to be earned in New Netherland. The original entry hereof in the record is signed by the principal and by Willem de Key and Claes Jansz as witnesses. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Johannes Markus,  
made by himself

Willem de Key, witness

Cl[aes Jansen]

[Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary] <sup>1</sup>

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Declaration of Adam Mott regarding a debt due by William Lachem  
to Thomas Spicer

[147c] At the request of Tomas S[py]se[r], Adam Mott, about twenty-three years of age, attests and declares that some time ago, about July last, he heard Willem Lachem say that he owed the above mentioned Tomas Spyser fifty guilders or thereabouts. All of which he, the deponent, declares, in place of an oath, to be true, offering to confirm the same. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by Adam Madt, the 23d of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1645, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Adam Mott

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Signatures supplied from O'Callaghan's translation.

Release of all demands from Pieter Rouloffsen to Andries Hudde

[147d] I, the undersigned, Piter Rouloffsen, hereby acknowledge that I am fully satisfied and paid by Mr. Andries Hudden according to the contract which I made with the aforesaid Hudden at Amsterdam, wherefore I hereby release him henceforth and forever from all claims on the part of myself, or my relatives and heirs. In witness whereof this is signed by me, Piter Rouloffsz, in the presence of Jacob Kip, witness.

This is the X mark of Piter Rouloffsz,  
made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tie[nhoven, Secretary]

Declaration of Nicolaes Coorn regarding a statement made by Wilcock that a gold mine of which the Dutch were in search belonged to the crown of Sweden

[147e] Nicolaes Coorn, officer <sup>1</sup> in the colony of Renselaerswyc, certifies at the request of the fiscal that Jan Jansen Cuyper told the deponent in conversation that, being in a tavern where there were many persons, he heard in the course of various conversations that Wilcock said to a Swede: "The mine or gold mine which the Dutch have been in search of does not belong to the Dutch, but to the crown of Sweden." All of which he, Nicolaes, declares to be true. Done the 23d of October 1645.

N: Koorn, officer of the colony of Renselaersw[yc]

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

<sup>1</sup> Nicolaes Coorn was on August 26, 1643, commissioned commander and commis of Rensselaers Steyn. Shortly before the date of this document he had succeeded Adriaen van der Donck as officier, or sheriff, of Rensselaerswyck. See Minutes of the Court of Rensselaerswyck, 1648-52, pp. 10-11.

Promisory note of Andries Hudde in favor of ~~Rev.~~ Everardus Bogardus

[147f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Andries Hudden, who in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Everardus Bogardus, minister here, in the sum of once six hundred Carolus guilders, for moneys disbursed, which the aforesaid Andries Hudden acknowledged before the execution hereof to have been thankfully received by him in the year 1637. He, Hudden, promises faithfully to tender and pay the above mentioned six hundred guilders to the said Bogardus, free of costs and charges, without any exception, in two years from date, provided that all such note as was given by the aforesaid Hudden before the date hereof, in the year above mentioned, a year, more or less, not being counted, amounting to si~~x~~ hundred guilders ... <sup>1</sup>

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Power of attorney from Edward Hutchinson to Thomas Willett to receive £200 from John Coggens

[147g] Before me, [Cornelis van Tienhoven], secretary in [New Netherland], appointed by the [General Chartered] West India Company, appeared Eduwart H[utchinson], who, in the presence of the undersigned [witnesses] declares that he appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Tomas [Willett] to demand and collect in his, the principal's, name from Jan Coggens the sum of two hundred pounds sterling due to him, the principal, by the above mentioned Coggens, as appears by the note therefor; on receipt of which sum above mentioned by the attorney, he is empowered also to execute a

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discharge, which shall be valid; and in case he, Coggens, refused to pay the above mentioned money to the attorney, he is authorized to sue him at law, and to prosecute the case there either as plaintiff or defendant to the close, in order that the principal may obtain his due. To that end he, Tomas Willet, shall have power also to sue and to cause to be attached all such moneys or goods as he, Coggens, may have outstanding here in New Netherland or elsewhere, and likewise to substitute one or more persons in his stead, acting in all things as shall be found consistent with law. Done the 27th of November 1642, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Edward Hutchinson

William Collins

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary <sup>1</sup>

Note of Thomas Baxter in favor of Richard Brudnell

[147h] [I, Thomas Bacxter, acknowledge] that [this day, date underwritten], I have duly received from Ritchert [Brudnell] the sum of eight pounds sterling for [John Brent], cooper, which I declare shall serve as payment on his part, as [agreed upon]. All of which, I, [the said] Tomas Bacxter, acknowledge and in witness of the truth I have signed this in the presence [of the] honorable fiscal Vander [H]oykens. Done in Fort Amsterdam, this 24th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1642, in New Netherland.

Tho: Backster

Cornelio vander Hoykens, fiscal, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This document is erroneously entered in the calendar under date of November 27, 1645. It should follow after 2:37b.

<sup>1</sup> This document should follow 2:37b. Cf. N.Y. Col. MSS. 2:34b; 4:138, 144-45, 157.

Contract of sale of a house and lot on Manhattan island from  
Dirck Volckertsen to Govert Aertsen

[148a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, [s]ecretary of New Netherland, appeared Dirck Volckertsen, an inhabitant here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he has sold to Govert Aertsen, who also acknowledges that he has bought, the house and lot belonging to him, Dirck Volckertsz, standing and situated on the island of Manhatans, where the lot of Dirck Cornelisen adjoins on the west side and that of Jan Damen on the east side, and that as large or as small as the house and lot lie within the fences, with all that is fastened by earth and nail, on condition that the vendor shall be at liberty to remove six apple trees of his choice and carry them where he pleases. Also, all of the produce of the garden shall remain at the disposal of the vendor, but the purchaser may have what he needs of the vegetables for himself and his partner and a good friend at the time of the Amsterdam fair and not before. For which house and lot the above mentioned Govert Aertsen promises to pay the sum of three hundred and twenty-five guilders down at the Amsterdam fair next, when the delivery shall be made. Which being done, the vendor promises said house and lot with a proper deed, free from any claims or demands which might be made by any one in the world, all exactly as the purchaser himself [obtained the lot by] patent. In witness and token of the truth, this is signed by the respective parties to the knowledge of the undersigned witnesses, the [<sup>1</sup> in] N[ew] Amsterdam in New Netherland.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The 22d of September.

<sup>2</sup> Date and signatures destroyed.

Lease of a farm on Long Island from Anthony Jansen to Edmund Adley,  
with inventory of live stock and implements delivered

[148b] Before me, [Cornelis] van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Antony Jansen van Zalee, who in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter mentioned declared and acknowledged that he had leased his farm, situated beyond the Narrows, on Long Island, <sup>1</sup> to Edman Adley, who also acknowledged that he had hired it, for the term of four consecutive years, commencing on the 2d of Last September and ending on the 2d of September 1650. Furthermore, Antony Jansen shall be bound to have a house built, fit to live in, and the lessor <sup>2</sup> shall cause the arable land to be inclosed once for all with posts and rails, which fence Edman remains bound to deliver back at the expiration of the four years as good as it will now be delivered, or at least tight, and the lessee promises to keep the said fence and house in repair at his own expense during the lease. The lessee shall annually pay as rent of the above mentioned farm, cattle and implements which Antony now delivers the sum of two hundred guilders the first year, and two hundred and fifty guilders every year for the succeeding three years, with five pounds butter annually. The other property which Antony Jansen now delivers, as per the subjoined inventory, Adley is bound to restore at the end of the lease, when the number of cattle that the lessor now delivers shall first of all be deducted, and then the increase shall be divided equally, between the lessor and lessee. It is also expressly stipulated that the risk of the cattle shall be shared in common, both by the lessor and the lessee, during the lease and if any of the cattle happen to die, the loss must first of all be made good from the increase...<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> door de hooften opt lange Eylant.

<sup>2</sup> The original has huerder, lessee, which is evidently intended for verhuerder, lessor.

<sup>3</sup> Remainder of the document destroyed.

## Inventory

Inventory of the goods, implements and animals delivered by Antony Jansen, lessor, to Edman Adley, lessee, who acknowledges that he has received the same and promises to deliver them at the expiration of the lease in accordance with the preceding contract, to wit:

One stallion 12 years old; one stallion of 3 years

One mare of 4 years. Edman shall pasture one stallion colt and two bull calves during the four years, even though the colt grows up and the calves become oxen, because Antony receives so little butter; of which colt and calves the lessee runs no risk, unless the animals be lost through the lessee's neglect.

Two cows in good condition

Two new plows and appurtenances; one wagon with appurtenances

One harrow with iron teeth, two spades, two **scythes**

Three Flemish scythes and snaths, one hand saw, one iron sledge-hammer

One iron maul, one churn with fixtures, one axe

One cream pot, two pails, one hand mill

One winnowing basket, one pitchfork, three spading forks

One manure fork, three halters and a long rope, being a hay-wagon rope

One grindstone, one carpenter's adze, one ditto axe

One sickle, one boat hook, two augers, one long gun

Anthony promises to furnish as much seed as he shall be able

In witness whereof this is signed by parties, the 6th of  
September 1646, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Edman Adley, made by himself

This is the X mark of Antony Jansen van Zalee, made  
by himself

Cornelio vander Hoykens, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt and Rouloff Jansen  
Haes that Claes Jansen Calff paid the customs duties on a  
case of beavers shipped to Holland

[148c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Mr. Oloff Stevensen, commissary of cargoes,  
and Rouloff Jansen Haes, receiver of the honorable West India  
Company's duties here, who at the request of Claes Jansen Calff  
attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn  
oath if need be and required, that said Claes Jansen in our  
presence packed two hundred and ninety-eight whole and four half-  
beavers in one case, No. 13, marked thus: H v B C I, and consigned  
to his wife, Steventje Cornelis, residing at Amsterdam, the duties  
on which beavers were paid by Claes Calff to the Company's receiver,  
the same being shipped in the ship De Jager, lying ready to sail,  
whereof Willem Tomassen is master, said case of beavers to be  
delivered, if God grants him a safe voyage, at Amsterdam, to his,  
Claes Calff's, wife above mentioned. All of which the deponents  
declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm this on oath.  
In witness whereof the original record is signed by Oloff Stevensz

and Rouloff Jansen in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Gysbert Opdyck, the 7th of September 1646 in Fort New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Oloff Stevensz

Roloff Jansen Haes

Gysbert opē Dyck  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bill of sale from the owners of the frigate La Garce to Christiaen Pietersen and his partners

[148d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the owners of the frigate La Garce, namely, Willem Albertsen Blauvelt, captain of the same, Antoni Crol, Symon Joosten, Abraham Jansz, Hendrick Arentseb, Jan Jansz, Jacob Stoffelsen, Hendrick Jacobsen and Philip Jansen, who jointly and severally, in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses, acknowledged that they had publicly sold in Fort Amsterdam the above mentioned frigate to Cristian Piterzen and his co-partners and acknowledged that they were fully satisfied and paid therefor before the execution hereof. They therefore promise that they will nevermore trouble the aforesaid Cristiaen Piterisz or his co-partners in regard to the above mentioned frigate and declare that they have no further claim whatever to the said frigate. In witness whereof this is signed by the owners in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Wyllem Blawfelt

Antoni Crol

Philip Jansen

This is the X mark of Philip Jansen, <sup>1</sup> made by himself

This is the X mark of Hendrick Arentsen, made by himself

Note from Pietertje Jans, wife of Claes Jansen Buyter, in favor of Isbrant Dircksen Goethart for merchandise

[148e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Pietertje Jans, wife of Claes Jansen Buyter, who acknowledges that she is well and truly indebted to Isbrant Dircksen Goethart, or the rightful bearer hereof, in the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight guilders, arising from the purchase of merchandise which she, Pitertje Jans, acknowledges that before the execution hereof she received into her hands and possession from the aforesaid Isbrant Dircksz Goethart. Wherefore she hereby promises to pay the aforesaid sum to the aforesaid Goethardt or his order in good, whole, merchantable beavers, on demand, as soon as Claes Jansen, the aforesaid Pitertjen's husband, shall have returned home, and that free of costs and charges, without any exception, confessing judgment now and forever. In witness and token of the truth this is signed by Pitertje Jans, wife of Claes Jansen Buyter, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, the 15th of September A<sup>O</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Pitertje Jans, made by herself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Apparently a mistake, either for Abraham Jansen, or for Jan Jansen.


Contract of sale of a parcel of land on the East river on Manhattan island from Govert Loockermans and associates to William Coulder

[148f] On the fifteenth of September in the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-six, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Govert Loockmans and Dirck Cornelissen, of Wensveen, having power of attorney from their co-partners residing in Holland, who declared in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that they had sold to Willem Goulder a parcel of land situated on the island of Manhatans, on the East river, bounded to the westward by Mr. Allerton and Philip de Truy; extending from the neight next to the strand along said Allerton's and de Truy's land in length twenty-eight rods to the cripplebush; in breadth along the cripplebush eighteen rods, one foot; thence toward the height by the strand in length thirty rods along the land of Loockmans and associates; and in breadth along the strand on the height eighteen rods, one foot; which parcel of land contains in all five hundred and twenty-four rods, five feet; for which Willem Goulder shall pay to the vendors the sum of two hundred guilders in three instalments, to wit: one third part the 15th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1647; one third part the 15th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1648, and[the last third part] the 15th of September 1649, each time in such money as is current here. They, the vendors, hereby declare that they transfer the above mentioned parcel of land to the said Willem Goulder by virtue of the patent granted to him, Loockmans, and his co-partners by the honorable director and council, conveying the same to him and his successors after him, and they declare, provided they receive the aforesaid purchase money, for which this land remains mortgaged until payment is made in full, that they relinquish the ownership thereof and that neither they, nor their co-partners, for whom they,



the vendors, are responsible, nor their heirs, shall claim any right, title or interest in or to the above mentioned parcel of land; only that the aforesaid Goulder shall be bound to pay to the directors such taxes and charges as shall hereafter be imposed by them on the land, according to the patent and deed granted by the honorable director and council of New Netherland. In witness whereof the original record hereof is signed by Govert Loockmans and Dirck Cornelissen in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip as witnesses, the 15th of September 1646, New Amsterdam.

Govert Loockermans

This is the mark  of Dirck Cornelisz, made by himself

Will. Goulder

Jacob Hendricksz Kip }  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Contract of sale of a parcel of land on the East river on Manhattan island from Govert Loockermans and associates to George Clair

[148g] On the 17th day of September in the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-six, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Govert Loockmans and Dirck Cornelisz, of Wensveen, having power of attorney from their co-partners residing in Holland, who declared in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that they had sold to Gorge Cleer<sup>1</sup> a parcel of land situated on the island of Manhatans, on the East river, at the point of touching the flat called Wolphert's flat, situated east of a certain depression, the parcel of land being from the height into the depression to the

<sup>1</sup> George Clair?

said flat in breadth fourteen rods and extending thence in length to the end of said point thirty and one-twelfth rods; for which parcel of land the above mentioned Gorge Cleer is bound to pay to the vendors in three instalments the sum of two hundred guilders, to wit: on the 17th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1647 a just third of the above mentioned sum, A<sup>o</sup>. 1648 one third, and A<sup>o</sup>. 1649 on the 17th of September the last third part. They, the vendors, declare that they convey the said parcel of land to the above mentioned Gorge Cleer by virtue of the patent granted by the honorable director and council to him, Govert Loockmans, and his co-partners, conveying the same to him and his successors after him and they declare, provided they receive the aforesaid purchase money, for which the land remains mortgaged until it is fully paid, that they relinquish the ownership thereof and neither they, nor their co-partners, for whom they, the vendors, are responsible, nor their heirs, shall claim any right, title or interest in or to the above mentioned parcel of land; only it is stipulated that the above mentioned Gorge Cleer, or his successors, shall be bound to pay to the directors such taxes as shall hereafter be imposed by their honors on the land. In witness and token of the truth the original record hereof is signed by Mr. Govert Loockmans and Dirck Cornelisz in presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, hereto invited as witnesses, the 17th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Govert Loockermans

This is the X mark of Dirck Cornelissen, made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven }  
 Jacob Hendricksz Kip } witnesses

Lease from Govert Loockermans and associates to Hendrick Pietersen  
of a parcel of land on Manhattan island near Besterveer's  
cripplebush

[148h] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Govert Loockmans and Dirck Cornelisz, of  
Wensveen, having power of attorney from their co-partners residing  
in Holland, of the first part, and Hendric Piteresen, of Hasselt,  
of the second part, who before and in the presence of the undersigned  
witnesses acknowledge that in love and friendship they have entered  
into and concluded with each other the following contract on the  
terms and conditions hereinafter written, to wit: The aforesaid  
Govert Loockmans and Dirck Cornelissen lease to Hendric Piteresen,  
who also acknowledges that he has rented, their land situated on  
the Manhatans, near Besteveer's cripplebush, together with the  
dependencies thereof, for the term of ten consecutive years, com-  
mencing on the first of March A<sup>o</sup>. 1647 and ending in March A<sup>o</sup>. 1657,  
during which aforesaid ten consecutive years the lessee shall have  
the use of said land on paying therefor annually as rent to the  
lessors or their order the just one-fifth part of all the grain  
that shall be grown on the aforesaid land, and eight fowls. The  
lessors shall be holden before next spring to have the aforesaid  
land fenced off with a protective fence for cattle, which fence  
the lessee must keep in repair during the term of the lease at his  
expense and at the expiration of the lease deliver back in good  
condition, tight against cattle; which aforesaid contract the  
respective parties declare to have been made and concluded by them  
without fraud or deceit. In witness whereof this is signed by them  
in the presence of Jacob Kip and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as  
witnesses hereto invited, and they request that **two** copies hereof

of the like tenor may be expedited in due form. Done the 18th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Govert Loockermans

This is the X mark of Dirck Cornelisz, made by himself

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Substitution by Gerrit Douman of Govert Loockermans as attorney for Elke Jans to collect money from the West India Company

[1481] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary residing in New Netherland, appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Gerrit Douman, sergeant here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses substitutes, as he hereby does, by virtue of the power of attorney given him on the 16th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1645 by Elke Jansen, of Veenwolde, hereto annexed, Mr. Govert Loockmans, merchant of the ship De Jager, to demand, recover and collect in his name from the honorable directors at the chamber at Amsterdam the sum of two hundred and sixty-seven guilders, fifteen stivers, earned by the above mentioned Elke Jansen on the island of Curaçao, and in addition sixteen guilders earned by the same on the ship De Blauwe Haen, as appears by the annexed accounts, on payment of which sum by the honorable directors at the chamber aforesaid, the above mentioned Govert Loockmans may execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid; he, Gerrit Douman, holding as valid what shall be done in the premises his above mentioned substitute, and in case it happen that the matter require more special authority than is herein set forth, the above mentioned Loockmans may further act therein as he, Gerrit Douman, were he present might or could do, who promises to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done herein by the substitute. Thus done

and signed in the record by Gerrit Douman, and by Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, as witnesses, the 17th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Netherland.

Geerrit Doman

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Substitution by Gerrit Douman of Govert Loockermans as attorney for Pieter Jansen to collect money from the West India Company

[148j] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appeared Sergeant Gerrit Douman, husband and guardian of his wife, Jelletje Sybrants, who in the aforesaid capacity, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses (by virtue of the power of attorney given by Piter Jansen, of Gorcum, to Jelletje Sybrants, dated September 8, 1646, and signed in the record), substitutes and empowers Mr. Govert Loockmans, merchant on the ship De Jager, to demand and collect in his, Douman's name, in the aforesaid capacity, from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of six hundred and thirty-three guilders due by their honors to the said Piter Jansen, as will more fully appear from the annexed account and assignment and is also mentioned in the above mentioned power of attorney. On payment of which said sum by the honorable directors to the aforesaid Loockmans, he may execute a receipt therefor to their honors, which shall be valid. He, Gerrit Douman aforesaid, promises to hold and to cause to be held good, binding and valid whatever shall be done in the matter by his above mentioned substitute, who is to act herein as he, being personally present, might or could act. Thus done and signed in the record by Gerrit Douman and by Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 17th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Gerrit Douman

Contract between Isbrant Dircksen Goethart and Harman Douwesen  
regarding a cargo of merchandise to be purchased in Holland

[148k] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Isbrant Dirckesen Goethardt, of the first part, and Harman Douwesen, residing here, of the second part, who declared that in love and friendship they had agreed and contracted with each other in manner and form hereinafter written: First, Isbrant Dircksen aforesaid shall be bound to send from Holland, after his arrival there, to the aforesaid Harman Douwesen, by the first and best opportunity of ships, a cargo amounting, inclusive of duty, convoy charges and average, to the sum of one thousand guilders, the risk of which capital of one thousand Carolus guilders from Holland hither shall be incurred by the aforesaid Isbrant Dircksen, for which Harman Douwesen must pay him here, over and above the capital and interest, the sum of thirty Carolus guilders if the cargo safely arrive in New Netherland; which aforesaid cargo, amounting with the duties to one thousand guilders, being come here in New Netherland and delivered into his, Harman Douwesen's, hands, the said Harman Douwesen shall have the use of said goods and capital for two consecutive years, or as long thereafter as with mutual consent they shall further agree, the two years commencing on the day that the bills of lading are signed, provided that he shall have to pay therefor to Isbrant Dircksen, or his order, precisely every year, five hundred guilders in beavers, as interest of the aforesaid one thousand guilders. It is expressly stipulated that Harman Douwesen must pay here for his account the duty on the beavers which Goethart shall receive annually in payment, without Goethart being obliged to give any part thereof. And if it should happen that any loss occur to the above mentioned

capital or the interest thereof, at sea or elsewhere, either on the voyage hither, or from here to Holland, parties shall be bound to bear the same together. In witnesses whereof this is signed by parties in the record, and they request that two copies hereof of the same tenor be delivered to them, in the presence of the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 17th of September 1646, in New Netherland.

Isbrant Dircksz Goethart

Harmen Douues

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Declaration of Tryntje Hans respecting a fight between Jan the cooper and another man who was wounded in the scuffle

[1481] Tryntjen Hans, wife of Hans Nicolaes, aged about 36 years, at present pregnant, certifies at the request of the fiscal, on her conscience, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, that it is true that in the night between the 17th and the 18th of September there was for full two hours a great uproar at the house of Hendric, the smith,<sup>1</sup> and that about between twelve and one o'clock in the night Jan, the cooper,<sup>2</sup> sprang out of the above mentioned house and the wounded man (whose name she does not know) came out after the cooper. The aforesaid Jan said to the wounded one: "If you are an upright fellow, now stand by your statements." She, the deponent, declares she then saw the above mentioned Jan, the cooper, and the wounded man grapple with each other and fall to the ground. The smith's daughter, standing in the doorway, said: "Jan, don't draw you knife." The cooper answered:

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<sup>1</sup> Hendrick Jansen, smith,

<sup>2</sup> John Brent, cooper?

"I have no knife." She heard the wounded man say: "I have enough," and Hendric, the smith, himself pulled the cooper off the wounded man outside the door. Afterwards Jan went into the house. About a half hour later the wounded man came to the door and begged Hendric to let him in, saying: "I have had enough;" which was refused. She, the deponent, not wishing to hear the wounded man's words and entreaties any longer, shut her door. This the deponent declares to be as true and certain as that God will make her a happy mother. The 19th of September 1646.

This is the X mark of the wife of Hans Rodesroch

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Declaration of Remmert Jansen respecting the wounding of a man  
by Jan the cooper

[149a] Remmert Jansen, smith, aged about 30 years, testifies at the request of the fiscal that about between twelve and one o'clock of the night between the 17th and the 18th of September he heard moaning outside his door, Oh! my, Oh! my, **without knowing who** it was, and remained in his bed. Declares that he knows no more. All of which he is prepared to confirm by oath. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 19th of September 1646.

Rem Yansen

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Power of attorney from Isbrant Dircksen Goethart to Jan Lourensen Appel to collect moneys due to him in New Netherland

[149b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Isbrant Dircksen Goethart, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Lourensen Appel, from Graft, <sup>1</sup> to ask, demand and

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<sup>1</sup> A village about midway between Alkmaar and Purmerend, in the province of North Holland, Netherlands.



collect in the name and on behalf of the principal all such moneys as are due to him, Isbrant Dircksen Goethart, in New Netherland by divers persons. On payment thereof to the aforesaid attorney he, Jan Louwerensen, may execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid. Furthermore, if any of the goods belonging to the principal, or consigned to him, marked , be sent after this date, the attorney may receive and dispose of them according to verbal agreement; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter by the aforesaid Jan Lourensz, who if necessary is to proceed at law and to sue, doing whatever the case may further require. In witness whereof this is signed by Isbrant Arentsz, <sup>2</sup> in the presence of the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 19th of September 1646.

Isbrant Dircksz Goethart

Abraham Planck  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Mutual release by Isbrant Dircksen Goethart and Cornelis  
Cornelissen Backer of all claims in regard to goods imported  
by them

[149c] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Isbrant Dircksen Goethart and Cornelis Cornelissen Backer, who declare that they

<sup>2</sup> Thus in the original.

in company have imported here in New Netherland per the ship St. Jacob merchandise representing a certain amount of capital respecting which they, the appearers, have this day entered into an amicable and friendly agreement and arrangement, having separated and divided the same this day in such a way that they, the appearers, both declare that they are satisfied and contented therewith. Therefore, they thank each other for all kindnesses, so that neither one has anything in the least to claim or demand of the other in regard to the capital aforesaid, but both of them are in every way satisfied, the respective parties promising nevermore to trouble one another or their successors after them in relation to this matter. In token of the truth, this is signed in the record by the above mentioned Isbrant Dircksen and Cornelis Cornelissen Backer in the presence of Jacob Hendricksen Kip and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses hereto invited, and two copies of like tenor are made hereof and one is handed to each of the parties, the 19th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, New Netherland.

Isbrant Dircksen Goethart

This is the X mark of Cornelis Cornelissen  
Backer, made by himself

Abraham Planck  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Adriaen Pietersen to Jan Jansen to receive money coming to him by the death of his brother and other effects left in the care of an aunt in Holland

[149d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Adriaen Pietersen, of Alckmaer, residing here at present, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses

appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, his brother-in-law, Jan Jansen of Brest, in his, the principal's, name to demand, ask and collect from his guardian, Jan Jansen, dwelling at Huysweert,<sup>1</sup> outside of Alckmaer, such sum of money as belongs to the aforesaid principal by inheritance from his late brother, named Isbrant Pitzersz, who died in the East Indies; also to collect from his, the principal's, aunt, named Anmitje Cornelis, widow of the late Jan Voorin, residing at Alckmaer, on the corner of the Cleyne Nieuwelandt, all of his clothing, bedding and whatever else he left in the house there and to bring the same to New Netherland. On the receipt of all this by Jan Jansen, he may execute a receipt for it, the principal holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter by his above mentioned attorney, or his substitute. In witness whereof the original hereof in the record is signed by Adriaen Pitzersen in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 20th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

By me, Adriaen Pietersz, of Alckmaer

Jacob H. Kip  
Adriaen v. Tienh. } witnesses

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Note of Frederick Lubbertsen to Jan Jansen of St. Obyn for sugar

[149e] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Fredric Lubbersz, inhabitant here, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Jan Jansen of St. Obyn<sup>1</sup> in the sum of six hundred

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<sup>1</sup> Huiswaard, a hamlet just north of Alkmaar, province of North Holland, Netherlands.

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<sup>1</sup> Correction in the margin for "of Vlissingen," meaning Flushing, in the province of Zeeland, Netherlands.

and sixty-three guilders for the purchase of sugar which the above mentioned Frederick Lubbersz received into his possession before the execution hereof; which sum he, Fredrick Lubbersen, promises to pay to the above mentioned Jan Jansen, or his order, precisely on the twentieth of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in good, whole beavers, if the purchaser have them, and when the purchaser pays he shall not be at liberty to give in payment more than twelve half-beavers in the whole lot. All of which the purchaser, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, promises to pay promptly at the above mentioned time, free of costs and charges, without exception. In testimony and token of the truth this is signed the 20th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Netherland.

Fredrick Lubbertsen

Willem Blawfelt

witnesses

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

This note was paid to me, the undersigned, the 25th of May 1648.

This is the X mark of Jan Jansen of St. Obyn, made  
by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The note is canceled in the record.

Note of Frederick Lubbertsen to Hendrick Arentsen for sugar

[149f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Fredrick Lubbersen, inhabitant here, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Hendrick Arentsen in the sum of six hundred and sixty-three guilders, arising from the purchase of sugar which the above mentioned Fredrick Lubbersen received into his possession before the execution hereof. Fredrick Lubbersen promises to pay the aforesaid sum to the said Hendrick Arentsz, or his order, free of costs and charges, without exception, in nine months from date, being the 20th of June 1647, and that in good, whole, merchantable beavers, as two referees shall judge proper. All of which the purchaser has signed in the record, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, the 20th of September 1646, at the Manhatans in New Netherland.

Fredrick Lubbertsen

Wyllem Blawfelt

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

This note is paid to Hendrick

Aertsen and accordingly canceled by

his order this last of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1650.

Jacob Kip

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Inventory of effects left by Jan Jansen of St. Obyn at the house of Frederick Lubbertsen in the care of Jacob Wolphertsen

[149g] Inventory taken at the house of Fredrick Lubbersen of the goods delivered by Jan Jansen of St. Obyn to Jacob Wolpherszen, residing here, and left with him to be kept for Jan Jansen until he shall return here or send an order from Holland, when Jacob Wolphersz shall restore the goods

he now receives.

One large silver goblet<sup>1</sup>

One silver bowl, weighing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb

One plated cocoanut with a foot

One hat band with gold tassels; one gold ring

In divers pieces forty-seven ells of fine and coarse linen

One bed sheet

One broadcloth suit

One handkerchief with lace border

One pair of linen drawers

One black hat; one valance for the chimney

One Spanish cotton petticoat

One small tortoise-shell box

Eleven ells of canvas;<sup>2</sup> some old miscellaneous articles

Received in Seewan the sum of five hundred and sixteen  
guilders, five stivers

Five hundred and forty-four guilders in divers notes, which

Jacob Wolphersen may collect and which belong to

Jan Jansen and Hendrick Arentsen, each the just half

Also eighty-three guilders, ten stivers in seawan, which

belong to Hendrick Arentsen alone

I, Jacob Wolphersen, acknowledge that I have received all  
the above mentioned articles from the hands of Jan Jansen  
aforesaid in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, to keep  
the same for the said Jan Jansen at his risk, whether of fire,  
enemies, thieves or accidents, and to restore them to him on his

<sup>1</sup> kelck; literally, chalice.

<sup>2</sup> cleverdoeck; a light canvas used for sails.

return to New Netherland, or to such person as shall have his order, barring accidents. In witness whereof this is signed by Jacob Wolphersz in the presence of witnesses. Done in New Netherland the 20th of September, 1646.

Jacob van Couwenhouen

Frerick Lubbertsen }  
Christisen Pietersen } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Gerrit Douman to Govert Loockermans to collect money from the West India Company due to Jacob Naviere

[149h] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Sergeant Gerrit Douman, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby (in virtue of the order granted to said Douman by the director and council of New Netherland, dated the 21st of September 1645<sup>1</sup>), Mr, Govert Loockmans, merchant on the ship De Jager, to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of six hundred and seven guilders, eighteen stivers, twelve pennies, earned by Jacob Naviere, who died here on the 29th of July 1645, as appears by the account annexed; on receipt of which sum by the aforesaid Loockmans, or his substitute, he may execute a discharge therefor, he, Douman, holding as valid whatever Loockmans shall do in the matter above mentioned. Thus done and signed in the record by Gerrit Douman and by Gysbert op Dyc and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses hereto invited, the 21st of September 1646,

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<sup>1</sup> On September 21, 1645, the director and council allowed Gerrit Douman to take copy of the account of Jacob Naviere, of whom he claimed to be heir and to collect the amount from the West India Company. See N.Y. Col. MSS., 4:235.

in New Netherland at Fort Amsterdam.

Gerrit Doman

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck }  
Adriaen van Tienh. } witnesses

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Power of attorney from Adriaen Dircksen to Govert Loockermans to receive money due him by the West India Company

[1491] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Adriaen Dircksen, from Maersen, assistant, who in the presence of the underwritten witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Govert Loockmans to ask, demand and receive in his name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of seven hundred and seventy-one guilders, seventeen stivers, eight pennies due him by their honors as per balance of the account annexed. On payment of which sum by their honors, Mr. Loockmans may execute a receipt therefor, [the principal] holding valid whatever shall be done by the aforesaid Loockmans in the matter above mentioned. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by Adriaen Dircksen and by Gysbert op Dyc and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses hereto invited, the 21st of September, 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Adriaen Dircksen Coen

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck }  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses


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Power of attorney from Adam Brouwer to Govert Loockermans to receive money due him by the West India Company

[149j] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Adam Brouwer, from Cologne, a soldier who sailed for the Chamber of Amsterdam to Brazil in the year 1641,



in the ship Swol, of which ship Willem de Haes was merchant, and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Govert Loockmans, merchant on the ship De Jager, to demand and collect and receive from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company one hundred and eighty-nine guilders, earned by him, Adam Brouwer, of their honors at Fort St. Louis de Marinhan, as appears by the account annexed; on payment of which sum by the honorable directors to the above mentioned Loockmans, he is empowered to give a receipt therefor which shall avail. He, the principal, promises to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done in the matter by his attorney. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of September 1646. The original record hereof was signed by Adam Brouwer and by Adriaen van Tienhoven and Gysbert Opdyck as witnesses.

This is the  mark of Adam Brouwer, made by himself  
 Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck  
 Adriaen van Tienhoven } both witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Cornelis Cornelissen Backer to Jan Laurensen Appel to collect money due him in New Netherland

[149k] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Cornelissen Backer, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Laurensen, from Graft, in his, the principal's, name and absence to ask, demand and collect here in New Netherland all such outstanding debts as are due here to the principal, on receipt of which he may execute a discharge.

[The principal] further [promises] to hold valid whatever shall be done in the matter by Jan Lourensen, who may also sue at law if necessary. Done the 24th of September 1646, at New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Cornelis Cornelissen

Backer, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Receipt of Joseph Brewster for 29 pounds of beaver due to his father by Thomas Baxter

[150a] I, the undersigned, Joseph Brusto, acknowledge that before the execution hereof I have been fully satisfied and paid by Tomas Bacxter the sum of twenty-nine pounds of beaver, which the aforesaid Bacxter owed my father, Francis Erusto, according to the note given therefor, which note is torn up and canceled. I therefore release him from all further claim. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of October 1646.

Joseph Brewster

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from Edward Agerd to Isaac Allerton to collect money from Pieter van der Linden

[150b] Eduwart Agert appoints and empowers Isaac Allerton to demand and collect from Pitter vander Linden the sum of one hundred guilders due him, Ager, by said de Linden, according to the contract made on the 22d of August 1645; on payment of which sum by Piter van[der] Linden to said Allerton, he is empowered to give a receipt therefor, which shall avail, [the principal] holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter. This day, the 4th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, at New Amsterdam.

Edward Agerd

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Declaration of Symon Dircksen Pos that he had no knowledge of  
any goods being consigned to him by Jan van Hardenbergh

[150c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Symon Dircksen Pos, aged 46 years, who at the  
request of Fiscal Vander Hoykens attests, testifies and declares,  
in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, that it  
is true that he, the deponent, had not the slightest knowledge  
that Mr. Jan van Hardenbergh, merchant in the city of Amsterdam,  
on the 24th of August 1646, by the ship St. Piter, whereof Symon  
Jansen of Durigerdam<sup>1</sup> was master, had consigned to him, the  
deponent, some four cases of duffel, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, much less  
ever had or saw any private letters about them from said  
Hardenbergh. Furthermore, that no bills of lading have ever been  
sent to him here to demand the aforesaid cases from the skipper,  
and he, Pos, further declares that he never asked Mr. Hardenbergh  
to send him any duffels, nor made any contract or agreement  
concerning them. All of which the deponent declares to be true,  
offering to confirm this by oath if necessary. Done the 4th of  
October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Symon Dircksz Pos

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Durgerdam, a village at the mouth of the IJ, a few miles N.E.  
of Amsterdam.

Declaration of Isaac Allerton and Edward Agerd that Isaac Abrahamsen fulfilled his contract with Laurens Laurensen

[150d] At the request of Isaack Abrahamsen, Isaac Allerton and Eduwart Ager attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true and truthful that the above mentioned Isaack Abrahamsen has fully satisfied his contract with Laurens Laurensen. Furthermore, that is known to the deponents and that they heard Laurens Laurensen say in their presence, at the South river, to Isack Abrahamsen that he would like to be taken with his goods, which he had loaded in Isaac's ship, to Fort Nassau and that he promised that as soon as he arrived there and his goods which he had shipped in Isaack's yacht were sold, said Isaack should receive the just half of the profit on the said goods, according to the contract made with skipper Seger. Done at New Amsterdam, the 8th of October 1646.

Isaac Allerton

Edward Agerd

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. Van Tienhouen, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Pieter Jonassen Bronck to Burger Jorissen to collect debts due to him in New Netherland

[150e] Before me, Cornēlis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Bronck, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Borger Jorissen to ask, demand and collect in his, the principal's name such debts as the aforesaid Piter Bronck has outstanding in New Netherland; also, if any goods or letters should be sent to him, the principal, from Holland by any ships, the aforesaid attorney shall have power to demand and receive them from such persons as may bring over said goods or letters and to give a discharge in due form on receipt thereof; furthermore, to sue at

law if necessary and to substitute one or more persons in his stead, doing in all things as the principal could or might do were he present; and he, Piter Bronck, promises to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by the attorney or his substitute. This day, the 9th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Netherland.

Pieter Joonason Bron[ck]

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Agreement between Antony Crol and Philip Jansen regarding their trading with certain goods for joint account

[150f] We, the undersigned, Antony Crol and Philip Jansen, <sup>1</sup> have as good comrades in the presence of the subscribing witnesses agreed in the following manner:

First, Philip Jansen acknowledges that he has in his hands the following capital stock belonging jointly to him, Crol, and Philip Jansen, each [owning] the just half, whereof Philip Jansen promises to render a true account to the above mentioned Crol, or his order, to wit: 1460 lb of sugar, with the boxes, fl. 490; debts collectable fl. 421 in seawan; 33 whole beavers; seven pots of syrup.

Antony Crol takes with him to Holland two hundred and fifty-five whole beavers, one hundred and thirty-one half-beavers, and fifty-two thirds, which beavers also belong to Philip Jansen in partnership, and Antony Crol remains bound to render an account of his administration.

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<sup>1</sup> Philip Jansen Bingo, see [150h].

It is expressly stipulated that each of the partners must bear his own expenses of everything as far as he is personally concerned, without being at liberty to charge them to the other's account.

In witness whereof this is signed by them in the record and two copies of like tenor are made hereof, the 17th of October 1646, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Philip Jansen

Antoni Crol

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Bond of Dirck Claessen Boot to Gysbert Cornelissen from Weesp for tavern expenses

[150g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Dirck Clasen Boot, of Munnikedam, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Gysbert Cornelissen, from Wesop,<sup>1</sup> or his heirs, in the sum of two hundred and eighty-four Carolus guilders for consumed liquors and victuals, which sum he, Dirck Clasen, promises to pay within one year from date or, if he does not return here from his voyage to the West Indies with the frigate La Garce within the aforesaid time, he shall have another year's time and, if he happens to return here within the specified time, the aforesaid Dirck Clasen shall be bound to tender and pay the above mentioned sum here free of costs and charges. Furthermore, the aforesaid Dirck Clasen promises that if he should happen to die on the voyage the most readily available means and effects which he, Dirck Clasen, shall leave in the fatherland shall be Gysbert Cornelissen's or his

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<sup>1</sup> Gysbert Cornelissen was a tavernkeeper in Rensselaerswyck. See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 769, 833. Wesop is an old form for Weesp, a small city 8 miles S.E. of Amsterdam.

order' security. As security for the performance hereof the aforesaid Dirck Clasen Boot binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to the control of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by Dirck Clasen Boot, as principal, and by Fiscal Cornelio van[der] Hoykens and Augustyn Heerman, as witnesses, the 17th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, at New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Dirck Clasen Boot

Cornelio vander Hoykens, witness

Augustin Herrmans, witness

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Will of Philip Jansen Ringo

[150h] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-six, the 18th day of October, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Philip Jansen Ringo, from Vlissingen,<sup>1</sup> who declared that reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof and therefore being desirous to anticipate such uncertainty by certain testamentary disposition, he first commends his soul when it shall be separated from his body into the hands of Almighty God and his body to a christian burial. He, the testator, after revoking all other previous testaments, codicils, donations and other instruments of last will which have been made by him before the date hereof, coming then to the disposal of his means and effects which Almighty God has granted him in this world, he, Philip Jansen aforesaid,

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<sup>1</sup> Flushing, province of Zeeland, Netherlands.

gives and bequeathes to Antony Crol, his partner, all his means and effects which they have together in company, according to the agreement thereof mutually signed, dated the 17th of October. Therefore he, the testator, declares his last will and testamentary disposition to be that his above mentioned faithful friend and partner shall after his death possess all the means and effects which as above mentioned belong to them in company, those which Antony Crol now takes with him to Holland as well as those which Philip Jansen retains here. He, the testator, expressly stipulates that after his death Antony Crol shall pay to the poor two hundred guilders out of the testator's property which he shall leave behind. He, the testator, requests that after his death this his testament and last will may take effect before all courts. In witness hereof signed by Philip Jansen and the subscribing witnesses, the 18th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Philip Iansen

Adriaen van Tienhoven }  
 Jacob Hendricksz Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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### Will of Antony Crol

[1501] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-six, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Antony Crol, from Amsterdam, who declared that reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof, and therefore being desirous to anticipate such uncertainty of death



by certain testamentary disposition of last will, he, the testator, first commending his soul when it shall have left his body into the hands of Almighty God and his body to a christian burial, he, Antony Crol, declares that he revokes all former testaments, codicils, donations and other instruments of last will which may have been made by him, the testator, before the date hereof. He, the testator, then coming to the disposal of the means and effects which Almighty God has given him in this world, he, Antony Crol, above named, gives and bequeathes to Philip Jansen Ringo, his partner, in recompense for the fidelity and friendship received from him, all the means and effects and cash which the above mentioned Philip Jansen has of his, the testator's, in New Netherland, as more fully appears from the agreement thereof, signed the 17th of October last past. Furthermore, Antony Crol gives and bequeathes to his above mentioned partner the sum of three hundred guilders which are due to him, the testator, by Piter Willemsen, in the "Olyffbergh," on Corte Lely street, at Amsterdam. The testator expressly stipulates that after his death his partner shall turn over to the poor the sum of one hundred guilders. The testator requests that this his testament and last will may after his death take effect before all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by Antony Crol and the witnesses, the 17th of October A<sup>O</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Antoni Crol

Adriaen van Tienhoven

witnesses

Jacob Hendricksz Kip

Bond of George Holmes and George Clair to pay money to Richard Lattyn on account of Lawrence Turner

[150j] We, Gorge Homs and Gorge Claer, each individually as principal, promise to pay on account of Laurens Turner to Ritchert Lattyn, or his order, the sum of thirteen pounds sterling, in three instalments, to wit: five pounds sterling on the 20th of March 1647; five pounds sterling on the 20th of March 1648; and three pounds sterling on the 20th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1649, being the last term. For the payment of the aforesaid sums we, Gorge Homs and Gorge Cleyr, each for the whole as principal, bind our persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all courts. In witness whereof this is signed by Gorge Homs and Gorge Cleer, each as principal, in presence of Nicolaes Loper and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 18th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Gorge Homs, made by himself

This is the X mark of Gorge Cleyr, made by himself

Nicholas Sloper }  
Jacob Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary<sup>1</sup>

Bond of Nicolaes Sloper and Lawrence Turner to reimburse George Holmes and George Clair for any payments to be made to Richard Lattyn

[150k] We, Nicolaes Loper and Laurens Turner, promise jointly and severally, in case G[e]orge Homs and G[e]orge Clair be called upon by Ritchert Lattyn to pay the thirty<sup>1</sup> pounds sterling which said Homs and Cleer have agreed to pay as sureties on account of

<sup>1</sup> The bond is canceled.

<sup>1</sup> This should be: thirteen; see preceding bond.

Laurens Turner, that we, each of us for himself as principal, promise to repay the above mentioned sum to Homs and Cleer above mentioned. In witness whereof this is signed by Sloper and Turner, who for the restitution of the aforesaid sum severally bind their person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts. This day, the 18th of October 1646, New Netherland.

Nicholas Sloper

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhouen, Secretary

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Agreement of Cornelis Groesens to reimburse Jan Snediger for his expenses in building a house for him on Manhattan island, the house and lot being mortgaged as security

[151a] This day, date underwritten, before me, the secretary, appeared Cornelis Groesens, who declared that he had given orders and instructions to Jan Snediger to build on the lot belonging to him, Groesens, situated on the island of Manhatans, for which building Jan Snediger is to advance the money, on condition that in satisfaction of the loan Groesens, on his return here, shall pay the principal which Jan Snediger shall have advanced and proper interest thereof; and in case Snediger be not paid by Groesens, Snediger shall have a lien on the house and lot above mentioned. This day, the 20th of October 1646, in New Netherland.

Cornelis Groesens

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Power of attorney from Hay Jansen to Augustyn Herrman to collect debts due in New Netherland

[151b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hay Jansen, master of the ship St. Jacob, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Augustyn Heerman on his behalf to demand payment of and to collect all such debts as he,

the principal, has outstanding here in New Netherland, according to the particular instructions to that effect handed to Mr. Augustynes; also, if it be necessary, to carry on legal proceedings, whether as plaintiff or defendant, and to prosecute the case to the end, with power to substitute one or more persons and on payment to execute a discharge, which shall be valid; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter by his aforesaid attorney. This day, the 20th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Hay Jansen

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Bond of Dirck Claessen Boot to Sander Leendersen for the payment of 113 guilders for board

[151e] I, the undersigned, Dirck Clasen Boot, from Munnekedam, hereby acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors, that I am well and truly indebted to Sander Leendersen, residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, in the sum of one hundred and thirteen guilders, for board, which sum above mentioned I, Dirck Clasen, promise to pay to the above mentioned Sander Leendersen, or his order, within one year from date; but if he, [Dirck Clasen], should not return within one year from his voyage to the West Indies with the frigate La Garce, he shall have another year's time, and if it happen that I, Dirck Clasen, should return here within the time afore mentioned, I shall then be bound truly to tender and pay the aforesaid sum; and if the said Dirck Clasen should die on his proposed voyage, the most readily available goods and effects which he, Dirck Clasen, shall leave in the fatherland shall be the said Sander Leendersen's, or his order's, security. For further security and payment hereof Dirck Clasen binds his person and property, movable and immovable,

present and future, without any exception, under submission to all courts. In testimony whereof this is signed by Dirck Clasen and witnesses, the 24th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Dirck Claesen Boot

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Dirck Claessen Boot to Willem Teller for the payment of  
204 guilders for board

[151d] I, the undersigned, Dirck Clasen Boot, from Munnekedam, hereby acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors, that I am well and truly indebted to Willem Tailler, residing in Renselaer's colony, in the sum of two hundred and four Carolus guilders for board, which above mentioned sum I, Dirck Clasen, promise to pay to the aforesaid Willem Teller, or his order, within one year from date or, if I should not return within the year from my voyage to the West Indies on the frigate La Garce, I shall have another year's time, and if it happen that I, Dirck Clasen, return here within the time afore mentioned I shall then be bound faithfully to tender and pay the aforesaid sum and, if the said Dirck Clasen should die on this his proposed voyage, the most readily available goods and effects which he, Dirck Clasen, shall leave in the fatherland shall be the said Willem Tailler's, or his order's, security. For further security and fulfilment hereof, Dirck Clasen binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, none excepted, thereto submitting to all courts. In testimony whereof this is signed by Dirck Clasen and witnesses the 24th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646,

New Netherland.

Dirck Claesen Boot

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhouen, Secretary

Contract of sale from Volckert Evertsen to Cornelis Maesen of a house and plantation on Manhattan island

[151e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Volckert Eversz, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he has sold to Cornelis Maesen, who also acknowledges that he has bought, the house and plantation on the island of Manhatans, as large or as small as the same is situated on the island of Manhatans, at the North River, next to the land of Mr. Wouter van Twiller and Tomas Hal, for the sum of seven hundred and fifty guilders, payable in two instalments, to wit: the first half in May next ensuing, and the second payment on the 24th of October 1647; for which the parties bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception. Done the 24th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Volckert Eversen promises to Cornelis Maesen a deduction on the last payment of eighty guilders for grain.

This is the X mark of Volckert Eversz,

made by himself

Cornelis Maesen

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from John Dolling to Augustyn Herrman to collect moneys due by the West India Company to Isaac Boere, with blank form of substitution by Augustyn Herrman

[151f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Jan Dollingh, attorney of Isaack Boere, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declares [as follows]: Whereas Willem Cornelissen Oldemarckt, late master of the ship De Blauwe Haen, has paid here in New Netherland to the above mentioned Dollingh, attorney of Isaack Boere, all such moneys as the aforesaid Isaack Boere has earned on the island of Curaçao from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, as per the account and assignment thereof, and whereas the honorable directors aforesaid have heretofore failed to pay the said account to the aforesaid Willem Cornelisen, because of some difference between the said Oldemerckt and the said directors, wherefore the said Willem Cornelisen has caused sufficient protest to be made against the appearer, therefore the appearer declares that he is moved thereby to empower Mr. Augustyn Herman, in place of the aforesaid Oldemarckt, to ask, demand and collect from the above mentioned directors all such moneys as have been earned by Isaack Boere, together with all such moneys as the appearer has earned from them at Curaçao and on the ship De Blauwe Haen, as will appear by the accounts thereof. On payment and satisfaction of both accounts by the honorable directors, Mr. Augustyn Herman, or his substitute, may execute a receipt therefor, [the principal] holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter by the aforesaid Augustyn or his substitute. The original hereof in the record is signed by Jan Dollingh and the witnesses, the

29th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jn<sup>o</sup> Dolling

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

### Substitution by Augustyn Herrman

Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Augustyn Heerman, who by virtue of the power of attorney dated the 29th of October, given him by Jan Dollingh, substitutes [ ]<sup>1</sup> in his, the appearer's, stead to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company all such sums of money as are due to Isaack Boere and to him, Jan Dollingh, according to the accounts thereof in the custody of Willem Cornelisen Oldemarckt; on payment of which moneys he, the substitute, is empowered to execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid. The original hereof in the record is signed by Mr. Augustyn Heerman and witnesses, the 29th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Netherland.

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### Bond of Heindrick Jans in favor of Isaac Allerton

[151g] I, Hendrick Jansen, acknowledges that before the execution hereof I received from Isaac Allerton the sum of three hundred and eighty guilders in cash, which money is loaned to me, Hendrick Jansen, in good faith. Therefore, I promise to pay the sum above mentioned free of costs and charges to the aforesaid Allerton, or his order, within six months from this date, at the

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<sup>1</sup> Name not given.



latest, and if it pleases Allerton I shall be bound to pay on demand, free of costs as hereinbefore stated. As security [for the performance] hereof he, Hendric Jansen, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by Hendric Jansen and witnesses, the last of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Netherland.

Heindrick Jans

Gysbert de Leeu }  
Oloff Stevensen } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhouen, Secretary

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Inventory of the estate of Aeltje Jans, deceased

[15lh] Inventory of the goods and effects left by Aeltjen Jans, deceased, as found at the house of Cornelis Cornelisz, the 2d of November 1646

3 milch cows  
1 yearling heifer  
1 yearling bull  
1 half-year old steer  
4 hogs of one year  
2 shoats of half a year  
1 old cow, slaughtered  
2 barrow hogs in the sty  
1 old feather bed  
2 coverlets, half worn  
2 old curtains

Some old clothes for the children which they take with them

- 1 black cloth skirt, half worn
- 1 little black silk mantle with a pair of sleeves
- 1 old petticoat of changeable silk
- 1 pair of old sleeves
- 1 old silk apron
- 1 brocade jacket (caffa borst)
- 1 cambric ruff

Some old linen, consisting of diapers, etc., given to the children

- 2 chests
- 3 old chairs
- 2 copper kettles
- 1 pewter bowl
- 2 large pewter platters
- 2 small ones
- 7 wooden dinner plates
- 2 copper pans
- 1 iron ladle
- 6 pewter spoons
- 1 skimmer
- 1 pewter mug
- 2 copper candlesticks
- 1 green earthen colander
- 1 water pail
- 1 small brass kettle without handle
- 1 gridiron, with an old pot hanger
- 1 pothook with chain
- 2 small milk tubs
- 1 buttermilk tub and a churn, which belong to Cornelis

1 egg basket  
 1 old plow and plowshare, with a colter  
 1 wagon  
 1 stallion, about 4 years old, left to compensate for the loss of  
     cattle which she had on the farm  
 1 cupboard  
 1 baking trough  
 1 English axe  
 2 old dry casks  
 2 old bags  
 2 branding irons<sup>1</sup>  
 1 old broken iron pan  
 1 old looking-glass  
 1 pair of wooden scales  
 2 old cushion covers and one lamp

All of which we, the undersigned, have thus found at the house  
 on the day above mentioned. In witness whereof this signed:

Cornelio vander Hoykens, Fiscal

Jan Jansz Damen, witness

This is the X mark of Hendric van Doesburg, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Maerten Aertsen in favor of Govert Aertsen

[1511] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New

<sup>1</sup> brandysers; which may also mean: andirons.

Netherland, appeared Marten Arensen, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Govert Aertsen or his order in the sum of two hundred and forty-five guilders, two stivers, for money loaned and advanced, of which the appearer acknowledges the receipt in full before the execution hereof; wherefore he, Marten Arensen, promises to pay the sum above mentioned free of costs and charges next April, and in case the appearer does not pay it in beavers at the aforesaid time he shall be bound to pay the said principal sum with the interest thereof in Holland. For the fulfilment hereof Marten Arensen binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts. In testimony whereof this is signed by Marten Arensen and the witnesses hereto invited, the 9th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Maerten Aersoon

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Bill of sale from Symon Joosten to Govert Aertsen and Philip Jansen of the yacht De Liefde

[152a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Symon Joosten, producing power of attorney from his partner Abraham Jansen, which Symon Joosten declared that he transferred and conveyed, as he does hereby, in full and true ownership, to and for the behoof of Govert Aertsen and Philip Jansen, the yacht or bark now called De Liefde ( by virtue of the document signed by Jacob Stoffelsen); wherefore he, Symon Joosten, henceforth and forever relinquishes the ownership of the aforesaid bark. He therefore promises nevermore to molest or trouble the

above mentioned Govert Aertsen and Philip Jansen about the bark, but to aid in protecting them against all persons who hereafter may claim or pretend to have any right of ownership to the said bark. Thus done and conveyed the 13th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Symen Joosten

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Jan Teunissen, schout of Breuckelen, to erect a house for Gerrit Douman, sergeant

[152b] Gerrit Douman, sergeant, and Jan Tonissen, schout of Breuckelen, have this day agreed and contracted in manner as follows, to wit: Jan Tonissen promises to cut at Breuckelen,<sup>1</sup> or wherever he can best do so, the following timber and to properly hew and deliver the same out of the woods near the ferryman on the strand, [namely], the timber for a house 40 feet long, [consisting of] seven bents, three posts to each bent; the beams twenty-two feet long, extending four feet through; four casement window frames; three door frames; one little window in the garret; all the rafters and those needed for binding-rafters to be split; the beams to be squared, ten by seven inches. All of which timber being brought to the strand on the other side, Doeman shall be bound to have the same hauled and carried to the place of building at his own expense. When the above mentioned timber shall have been brought there, Jan Teunesen shall erect the frame and the roof, but Douman shall furnish the nails. For all of which Gerrit Douman promises to pay on account of the Company to Jan Teunesen for labor when the job is completed the sum of one hundred and sixty-five

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<sup>1</sup> The name Marechkawiec is crossed out.

guilders. Jan Teunesen promises to deliver on the strand all the timber in the month of April next and to raise it as soon as Douman shall have hauled and brought it to the work. In testimony whereof is signed by parties the 22d of November 1646, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Tuenissen

Gerrit Doman

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

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Contract of Jan Teunissen to furnish Adam Roelantsen with  
wainscoting and window frames for a house

[152c] Jan Teunesen, schout of Breuckelen, promises to deliver to Adam Roelantsen during the present month of November fifty-one leaves of wainscoting, of which he acknowledges that he has already received the value, being fifty-six guilders; also to make a casement window frame and to hang therein [the blinds?] and two window sashes, for which Adam shall supply the nails and wainscoting, and the header and trimmers for the chimney, eight by six inches thick. Furthermore, to deliver ultimo December next, three or four days not being counted, 75 leaves of wainscoting, 10 feet long, as they come from the saw and of good wood. For all of which wainscoting and framework Jan Teunesen acknowledges having received payment before the execution hereof from Adam Roelantsen and he promises to keep his word and agreement as an honest man should. Done the 22d of November 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jan Tuenissen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Contract of sale from Pieter Wolphersen van Couwenhoven to Arnoldus van Hardenbergh of his house and lot on Manhattan Island

[152d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Wolphersen, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he has sold to Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenbergh his house and lot standing and situated on the Graft on the island of Manhatans, with all that is fast by earth and nail, except the furniture, for the sum of once sixteen hundred guilders, to be paid by Hardenbergh to Piter Wolphersen [as follows]: six hundred guilders cash in current seawan; and the remaining thousand guilders Mr. Hardenbergh aforesaid promises to pay to Piter Wolphersen in such goods as he, Hardenbergh, now has or is now expecting from Holland and as may suit the aforesaid Piter Wolphersen, and that at the market price. And in case Mr. Hardenbergh has no goods now, or should not receive any from Holland after this date that are serviceable to Piter Wolphersen, Hardenbergh may pay the vendor in current seawan. It is stipulated that Pieter Wolphersen shall tongue and groove the garret [floor boards] at his own expense; in the fore part of the house (voorhuys) erect the partition right through, with two small dors in it, and in the back room [build] a bedstead. Which house and lot the aforesaid Piter Wolphersen transfers and conveys in full, true and free ownership (according the ground brief granted to Pieter Wolphersen by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, dated the 2d of April 1645) to the above mentioned Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenbergh, who also acknowledges that he has this day received and accepted the aforesaid house and lot at his charge and risk. And it is further agreed that Piter Wolphersen may remain in the aforesaid house until next May; and if it happen, which God Almighty forbid,

that during the time Pieter Wolphersen remains in said house with his family and boarders there should occur any accident of fire through the carelessness of any of his household, boarders or himself personally, Piter Wolphersen remains bound to repair the damage, be it great or small, to the house. For all of which the parties bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges. In witness whereof this is signed by the parties and the witnesses hereto invited, the 24th of November 1646, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Piter Woeluersen

Arnoldus van Hardenberch

Jacob Kip, witness

J. Rodenb[urg], idem

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of sale from Nicholas Stillwell to Jan Jansen Schepmoes of his house and lot on Manhattan Island, in exchange for Schepmoes' plantation

[152e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Nicolaes Stillewel, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declares that he has sold to Jan Jansen Schepmoes his house and lot heretofore occupied by Ensign Gysbert de Leuw, situated on the north side of the Graft, on the island of Manhatans, and promises to deliver a proper deed and conveyance of the aforesaid house and lot. In payment for said lot and house Jan Jansen Schepmoes promises to deliver to the said Nicolaes



Stillewel his plantation, heretofore occupied by Nicolaes Sloper, situated on the island of Manhatans, near Gorge Homs' plantation, of which plantation Schepmoes also promises to deliver a proper deed in due form; the parties declaring that they have made and concluded this contract together in good faith, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses. It is stipulated that Nicolaes Stillewel must move out of the house next May day. If said house should burn down before May, Schepmoes retains his plantation. Done the 25th of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the N mark of Nicolaes Stillewel

Ian Iansen Scepmoes

Gysbert de Leeu

This is the X mark of

Gorge Homs

} witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bill of sale of a Negro from Frederick Lubbertsen to Richard Lord

[152f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Fredrick Lubbersen, who declared that he had sold to Ritchert Lord a Negro named Antony, which Negro he, the vendor, hereby conveys and transfers in true ownership to the above mentioned Ritchert Lordt, who shall have power to employ the said Negro during his life time in all such work as the said Ritchart Lordt shall think proper. He, Fredrick Lubbersen, declares that from now on he reliquishes all ownership of said

Negro. In witness whereof this is signed by Fredrick Lubbersen and the witnesses hereto invited, the 28th of November 1646, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Frerick Lubbertsen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Settlement of the estate of Gerrit Wolphertsen van Couwenhoven, deceased

[152g] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Wolphert Gerritsen, father of Gerrit Wolphertsz, deceased, Jadob Wolphersen and Piter Wolphersen, brothers of the aforesaid Gerrit Wolphersen, deceased, and jointly guardians of Gerrit Wolphersz' children, of the first part, and Elbert Elbertsen, the present husband of the widow of the deceased aforesaid, of the second part, who in the presence of and before Everardus Bogardus, minister of this place, and Mr, Jochim Piterzen Kuyter declared that in all love and friendship they had agreed and covenanted with each other regarding the means, house, lands, cattle and all other property left by the aforesaid Gerrit Wolphersen, on behalf of the surviving children, named Willem Gerritsz, at present ten years of age; Jan Gerritsen, aged seven years; Neeltjen Gerrits, aged five years, and Marrtijen Gerrits, aged two and a half years; in the manner and on the terms hereinafter written, after an estimate had first been made of the existing property and of the

debts and credits. First, parties agree that the above mentioned Elbert Elbertsen, present husband and guardian of Aeltjen Cornelis, surviving widow of the late Gerrit Wolphersen, shall remain in full possession and ownership of all means and effects, movable and immovable, which the above mentioned Gerrit Wolphersen has left behind. Also that he can demand and receive all outstanding debts and pay all debts contracted by the late Gerrit Wolphersen in his lifetime, without the above mentioned surviving children hereafter making any claim whatever to the above mentioned property, or being responsible for the debts contracted by their late father. Elbert Elbertsen remains bound and obliged, if God spares the lives of the aforesaid children, to bring them up without touching their property, to let them learn to read and write and a good trade, and that until they arrive at full age or are married, all according to his station, circumstances and means; and whenever the aforesaid children shall, each of them severally, arrive at full age, or enter into the married state, he, Elbert Elbertsen, promises to pay in cash, without any deduction or charge, to Willem Gerritsen, in lieu of his paternal property, the sum of two hundred guilders once; to Jan Gerritsen, three hundred Carolus guilders (the reason why this Jan Gerritsen draws and is allowed one hundred guilders more, is because he is not possessed of as good health as the other, and is weak in his limbs and to all appearances will not be a strong man); to Neeltjen Gerrits the sum of two hundred Carolus guilders, and to Marritjen Gerrits a like two hundred guilders; which moneys being paid at the time above mentioned without

contradiction by Elbert Elbertsen to the above mentioned children, they are debarred from all further claims on account of their paternal inheritance, namely, touching the estate left behind. For all of which parties bind their persons and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting themselves to that end to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed without fraud, persuasion or deception in good faith, in the presence of Everardus Bogardus, minister, and Mr, Jochim Piteresen, as witnesses and arbitrators herein, the [                      ] A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Wolphert Gerritsen,

made by himself

Jacob van Kouwenh[oven]

Pieter Wolfersen

Elbert Elbertsen

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Contract of sale of a house and lot on Manhattan Island from  
Leendert Arenden to Tonis Nyssen

[152h] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Leendert Arenden, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he had sold to Tonis Nyssen his house and lot, standing and lying on the great highway (groote heerwech), opposite the honorable Company's garden, as large or as small as the same is bounded according to the ground brief dated the 22d of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1645, which house and lot Tonis Nyssen also acknowledges having bought from the aforesaid Leendert

Arenden for the sum of one hundred and sixty guilders, of which thirty-five guilders are payable cash, the receipt of which thirty-five guilders before the execution hereof the aforesaid Leendert Arenden acknowledges. The remaining one hundred and twenty-five guilders must be paid by Tonis Nysen after seven consecutive months from the date hereof shall have passed, to wit, after the expiration of the said seven months Tonis shall pay to Leendert Arenden each month twenty-five guilders, so that the remaining sum must be entirely paid in one year from date. In witness whereof two copies hereof of the same tenor are made and the original in the record is signed by the parties in the presence of the witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the first of December A<sup>O</sup>. 1645, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of

Leendert Arenden, made by himself

This is the X mark of Tonys Nyssen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary<sup>1</sup>

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Lease of a farm on Manhattan Island to Egbert Woutersen

[153a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared [ ]<sup>1</sup>, of the first part and Egbert Woutersen of the second part, who in the presence of

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<sup>1</sup> Not signed by the witnesses.

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the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that they had agreed and contracted together in the manner hereinafter written:

[ ] leases to the aforesaid Egbert Woutersen, who also acknowledges that he has hired, [ farm, situated on the island of Manhatans, for the term of five consecutive years, which lease commenced last Amsterdam fair and terminated at Amsterdam fair A<sup>o</sup>. 1651. [ ] now delivers with said farm one stallion about five years old, one mare five years old and three milch cows, the receipt of which animals he, Egbert Woutersen, acknowledges, provided that the risk of death shall be in common. And if it should happen, which God forbid, that one or more of the above mentioned animals came to die, the lessee must first of all make the stock complete out of the increase and at the expiration of the said five years the remainder of the increase shall be equally divided and apportioned. The lessee has also on said farm an ox about three years old, a bull of two years and two heifers of this year 1646, which belong in common to the lessee and the lessor and shall remain there until further agreement. For which farm the aforesaid Egbert Woutersen promises to pay to the lessor annually as rent the sum of two hundred Carolus guilders and to draw wood six days each year and to deliver annually twenty pounds of butter for each cow. It is also stipulated, if one of the cows remain barren next summer, that the lessee shall not pay any butter as rent for her that summer, but in such case shall remain bound to pay only the above mentioned rent for the two cows. It is likewise agreed, if the lessor and the lessee think it necessary that a new roof be put or laid on the house, that the lessee and the lessor

shall each have to bear one-half of the expense, and that parties shall give each other a half-year's notice before the expiration of the lease. In witness and token of the truth this is signed by parties the first of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Egbert Woutersen,  
made by himself

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Deed from Adam Roelantsen to Govert Aertsen of a house and lot  
on Manhattan Island

[153b] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland, appeared Adam Roelantsen, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses declared that he had transferred and conveyed to Govert Aertsen in true and absolute ownership a lot and house standing and situated next to Philip Geraerdi's lot, in virtue of the patent granted by the honorable director and council of New Netherland to Adam Roelantsen, dated the seventh of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1643, with all the right, title and interest which he, Adam Roelantsen, has in and to the aforesaid house and lot. It is stipulated that Govert Aertsen shall be bound to pay whatever the lord<sup>1</sup> may hereafter demand in the way of taxes and charges. Wherefore the grantor places the aforesaid Govert Aertsen in his estate, real and actual possession of the aforesaid house and lot, with power to dispose thereof as he, Govert Aertsen, shall think proper and expedient; he, the grantor, promising furthermore to free the said house and lot from all claims to be made thereto by any one, delivering the

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<sup>1</sup> De heer; meaning the overlord, in this case the director and council of New Netherland or the directors of the West India Company.

same free from all incumbrances. In witness whereof this is signed by the grantor and the witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Adam Roelants

Laurens van Heusden

witnesses

Jacob H. Kip

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Jan Golsten to Hendrick Antonissen to collect money from the Groningen chamber of the West India Company

[153c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Golsteyn, from Londen,<sup>1</sup> who sailed in the ship Groeningen in December A<sup>o</sup>. 1644, and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Hendric Antonissen to ask, demand and collect from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Groningen, the sum of one hundred and seventy-six guilders earned by him on the ship T'Amandare; also all such sums of money as are still due to the principal from their honors for services in Brazil, as will appear from the account thereof heretofore handed by the principal to Sicke Gillis; on payment of which account by their honors he may execute a receipt therefor, the principal holding valid whatever shall be

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<sup>1</sup> Probably intended for Lunden, in Dithmarschen, Holstein.



done in the matter by the above mentioned attorney. The original record hereof is signed by the principal and the witnesses hereto invited the 5th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Golsten

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhouen, Secretary

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Articles of copartnership between Augustyn Herrman and Captain Blauwvelt in the privateer La Garce

[153d] We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have agreed and contracted to invest on profit and loss in the frigate La Garce the sum of seventeen hundred and seventy-three guilders, of which Mr. Augustyn invests a just sixth part<sup>1</sup> in the name of Willem Aelbertsen Blauvelt, who acknowledges that he has received the aforesaid sum from Augustyn Heerman and promises, if God the Lord grant him, Captain Willem Albertsen, one or more prizes, whether large or small, during the voyage, to deliver to the aforesaid Mr. Augustyn or his order a just sixth part of the captured goods out of his one-eighth share. And if it happen, which God forbid, that the bark be lost, the aforesaid Mr. Augustyn shall have no claim against Captain Blauvelt. Thus done and signed the 4th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Augustin Herrman

Wyllem Blawfelt

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> The secretary first wrote: a just sixteenth part.

Articles of copartnership of Director Willem Kieft and ten other persons in the privateer La Garce

[153e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the honorable Willem Kieft, director general of New Netherland, being in said capacity on account of the aforesaid Company a part-owner in the frigate La Garce, who acknowledges that with all the persons hereinafter mentioned he invests in said frigate a just one-eighth part; Jan Damen in like manner a just eighth part; Jacob Wolphersen the sum of fifteen hundred guilders; Marten Crigier a just sixteenth part; Jacob Stoffelsen eleven hundred guilders; Hendrick Jacobsen Pater Vaer one eighth part; Hendrick Arentsen the sum of thirteen hundred guilders; Captain Willem Albertsen Blauvelt a just eighth part; Cristiaen Piteresen Rams fourteen hundred guilders; Willem de Key one just sixteenth part; Adriaen Dircksen a just thirty-second part. Which aforesaid sums and shares the above mentioned persons, as joint owners, have severally contributed and invested on profit and loss, and this is executed and signed in order that hereafter they may make use thereof and know what each owner is entitled to receive as his profit on the money paid in. In witness and token of the truth this is signed by the above mentioned owners, the 4th of December 1646, in New Netherland.

Jan Jansz Damen

Martin Cregier

Jacob van Coouwenhoven

Adriaen Dircksen Coen

Willem de Key

Christyaen Pyeters

Wyllem Blawfelt

This is the X mark of Hendric Arentsen

This is the X mark of Hendric Jacobsz p: vaer

This is the X mark of Jacob Stoffelsen

Acknowledged before me,

C. v. Tienh., Secretary

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Receipt of Hendrick Arentsen for 300 guilders paid by Jacob  
Wolphertsen on account

[153f] I, the undersigned, Hendrick Arensen, hereby acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors the receipt in my hands from Jacob Wolphersen, before the execution hereof, of the sum of three hundred Carolus guilders in cash, which said sum of 300 guilders he, Jacob Wolphersen, has paid me on account of what he owes me or has from me in his possession. Therefore, I release the aforesaid Jacob Wolphersen from all further claims in regard to the aforesaid sum. In witness whereof this is signed by Hendric Arensen and witnesses, the 4th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Hendric Arentsen,  
made by himself

Willem de Key, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond of Jan Jansen Schepmoes in favor of Hendrick Jacobsen Patervaer

[153g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Jansen Schepmoes, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Hendrick Jacobsen Patervaer in the sum of three hundred and eleven Carolus guilders, ten stivers, which sum the appearer promises promptly to tender and pay on the demand of the above mentioned Hendric Jacobsen in beavers at the current market price, free of costs and charges, without any exception. In witness of the truth this is signed by the aforesaid Schepmoes, who as security hereof binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to the control of all courts. This day, the 5th of December 1646, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Yan Iansen Scepmoes

Adriaen van Tienhoven  
Arnoldus van Hardenberch } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Corn<sup>o</sup>. van Tienh., Secretary<sup>1</sup>

Will of Hendrick Jacobsen Patervaer

[153h] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hendrick Jacobsen Patervaer, from Langedyck,<sup>1</sup> who intends to sail to the West Indies on the frigate La Garce, and as men on such a voyage are exposed to many perils, the

<sup>1</sup> In the margin is written: This was paid to Patervaer by Schepmoes the 17th of August 1649 and therefore canceled.

<sup>1</sup> Langedyck, a village near Alkmaar, province of North Holland.

aforesaid Hendric Jacobsz declares that, reflecting on the certainty of death and uncertainty of the hour thereof and wishing therefore to anticipate all such uncertainty of death by certain testamentary disposition, he, the testator, therefore gives and bequeathes to Abraham Jansen Schepmoes the sum of three hundred and eleven guilders, ten stivers, which Jan Jansen Schepmoes, father of the aforesaid Abraham Jansen, owes to the said Hendrick Jacobsz, as appears by the bond dated the 5th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646; which sum the aforesaid Abraham Jansen, after the decease of the said Patervaer (if he should die on his West India voyage) shall be authorized to claim from his above mentioned father and take possession of as his own property. In token of the truth this is signed by Hendrick Jacobsen and by Arnoldus van Hardenbergh and Adriaen van Tienhoven as witnesses hereto invited, the 6th of December 1646, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Hendric Jacobsen,  
made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Arnoldus van Hardenberch, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary<sup>2</sup>

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Power of attorney from Abraham Martensen to Jan Willemsen Bos to collect wages from the West India Company

[1531] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Abraham Martensen, from Amsterdam, who in

<sup>2</sup> The will is canceled in the record.

the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Willemsen Bos in his, the principal's, name to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and forty guilders, earned by the principal on board the ship T'Amandare. On payment of this sum by their honors to the attorney he, Jan Willemsen Bos, may execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by Jan Willemsz Bos. The original hereof in the record is signed by the principal in the presence of Abram Planc and Adriaen van Tienhoven, the 6th of December A<sup>O</sup>. 1646, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Abram Martensen<sup>1</sup>

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Power of attorney from Reynier Dominicus to Jan Willemsen Bos to collect money from the West India Company

[154a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Reynier Dominicus, from Swynhil,<sup>1</sup> who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Willemsen Bos to ask, demand and collect in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and thirty-one guilders, sixteen stivers, earned by the principal on board the ship Tamandare. On payment of said money by their honors to the attorney he, Jan Willemsen Bos, may give a receipt therefor which shall be valid, he, the principal, further approving whatever his

<sup>1</sup> This power of attorney is canceled.

<sup>1</sup> Swinhill, a village in Lanarkshire, Scotland.

attorney shall do in the matter above mentioned. The original hereof in the record is signed by the principal in the presence of Gorge Bæxter and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses, the 6th of December 1646, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Reinier Domennickes

Geo. Baxter  
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Jan Willemsen Bos and Abraham Martensen that they built a house for Dirck Holgersen on Long Island

[154b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Willemsz Bos, aged 25 years, and Abraham Martensen, aged about 25 years, carpenters, who at the request of Dirck Holgersen declare before the fiscal that they, the deponents, built for Dirck Holgersen a house on Long Island, to which house they made four projecting eaves.<sup>1</sup> This the deponents offer to confirm. Done the 6th of December 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Jan Wylmsen Bos

This is the X mark of Abraham Martensen,

made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Swepen. The meaning of this word is uncertain. The house may have been built in Norwegian style, with wide projecting eaves, or with galleries.

Bill of sale of a yacht from Thomas Hall and Jan Pietersen to  
Hendrick Jansen and Jan Martensen

[154c] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Tomas Hal and Jan Piteresen, both inhabitants here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that of their own free will and after mature deliberation they transferred and conveyed in true and real ownership their yacht De Hoop, at present lying before Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, with her standing and running rigging and further as they, the appearers, convey and deliver the same to Hendric Jansen and Jan Martensen, which persons may take possession of and use the said yacht as they might do with other, their own and lawfully acquired goods. They, the appearers, promise to deliver the said yacht, as they do hereby, free from all claims which might be made or set up thereto by any one in the world. In witness and proof of the truth this is put in writing and signed in the record by the appearers in the presence of Aryaen van Tienhoven and Jacob H. Kip, requested to be witnesses hereto, the 11th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Amsterdam in New Netherland.

The payment for the yacht must be made immediately in two pieces of duffel at four guilders the yard and the rest in seawan.

This is the X mark of Jan Piteresz,  
made by himself

Thomas Hall

Adriaen van Tienh[oven]

witnesses

Jacob H. Kip



Sublease of a farm on Manhattan Island from Michiel Jansen to  
Thomas Hall

[154d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Tomas Hal, who takes over from Michiel Jansen  
the farm belonging to the honorable West India Company, situated  
on the island of Manhatans, for the term and on the conditions  
agreed to by Michiel Jansen with the Hon. Director Willem Kieft,  
according to the contract dated the 16th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, which  
contract the aforesaid Tomas Hal promises to carry out in full in  
such a manner that the honorable director will be satisfied and  
that Michiel Jansen shall not have to bear any of the charges  
thereof. And in case Tomas Hal fails in any wise fully to perform  
the said contract, he Tomas Hal, shall be ready at the will and  
pleasure of Michiel Jansen to surrender the aforesaid farm and to  
deliver it back again to Michiel Jansen, if Michiel Jansen desire  
said farm, and that without having recourse to any legal proceedings  
about it. As security for the performance of what is above  
written said Tomas Hal binds his person and property, movable and  
immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all courts.  
In witness whereof two copies of the same tenor are made at the  
request of the appearer and Michiel Jansen, whereof one is to be  
handed to each of them. Done the 14th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in  
New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Thomas Hall

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Jacob Hendricksz Kip


Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Michiel Jansen and Jan Pietersen that a piece of duffel purchased by Thomas Hall was short of measure

[154e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Michiel Jansen, aged 36 years, and Jan Pietersen van Hoesen, aged 40 years, both inhabitants here, who at the request of Tomas Hal attest, testify and declare in place and with promise of an oath, if necessary, that it is true that they, the deponents, were requested by Tomas Hal to come to his house, where the deponents saw the measuring with a good and correct ell of a piece of duffel which the aforesaid Tomas Hal had received from Hendrick Jansen and Jan Martensen and which had never been cut, as could be seen at both ends. On the lead was marked in figures, not stamped but scratched, that the aforesaid piece of duffel was thirty-nine and one-quarter ells long, but in the presence of the deponents and of, me, the secretary, it was found to be long thirty-six ells and five-eighths of an ell, so that it was found to be two ells and five-eighths short. This the deponents offer to confirm by oath if necessary and this is done by them in order to bear witness to the truth, which every one is bound to do when required. In token of the truth this is signed by the deponents, the 14th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Machghyel Jansz

This is the  mark of Jan Piteresen, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary

Bond of Augustyn Herrman as surety for Adriaen van der Donck

[154f] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Augustyn Heerman, who binds himself as surety and principal for Mr. Adriaen van der Donck in the sum of sixty guilders, which are allowed the aforesaid van der Donck by agreement between [him and] Philip Jansen Ringo on account of Antony Crol, being a certain balance due on two masts, on condition that if it can hereafter be proved that the above mentioned Antony Crol paid the said van [der] Donck for the two masts, then the surety above mentioned hereby promises to tender and pay to the aforesaid Philip Jansen the aforesaid sixty guilders, free of costs and charges. In witness whereof this is signed by Mr. Augustyn Herman as surety in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, the 14th of December 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Augustin Herrman

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Jacob Hendricksz Kip

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Lease of a farm by Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt, agent of Wouter van Twiller, to Geurt Coerten and Wouter Aertsen

[154g] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Oloff Stevensen, agent of Mr. Wouter van Twiller, who in the capacity aforesaid leases the farm belonging to the aforesaid Mr. Twiller,

situated on the island of Manhatans, near the land of Cosyn and Volckert Evertsen, to Geurt Coerten and Wouter Aertsen, who in the presence of Jan Damen and Cosyn Gerritsen, witnesses hereto invited, also acknowledge that they have hired the said farm for the term of six consecutive years, commencing the first of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646 and ending the first of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1652. For which land belonging to said farm the lessees promise to pay as rent annually the sum of two hundred and fifteen guilders. The lessor promises to have the new plantation, or the land on which the Negroes dwell, cleared at his expense and made fit for the plow, which land the lessees may take possession of in the year 1647, when the maize is ripe. The lessor remains bound also to have a well dug near the house at his expense and furthermore to do everything appertaining thereto, on condition that the lessees shall haul the timber for the well to the spot. The lessor delivers to the lessees two mares nine years old, one mare two years old, three milch cows and one heifer in its second year, which animals are delivered sound and in good condition to the lessees, on condition that from this date, at the expiration of every three years, the number of the above mentioned cattle being first withdrawn by Oloff Stevensz or Wolter van Twiller's agent, the increase which through God's blessing shall be bred from said animals shall be equally divided; and it is understood that the risk of death among the old animals shall be borne in common, and the number delivered is to be first completed from the increase and the remainder then divided. The lessees promise to

pay annually as rent of each milch cow twenty pounds of butter and when the heifer shall have calved as much butter rent annually as for a cow, to wit, twenty pounds of butter. The lease of the cattle is for six years, commencing the 1st of May 1647 and ending the 1st of May 1653. The lessees shall be bound to accept the dwelling house as it shall be delivered by the lessor, entirely completed and tight, and promise to keep the roof of the house tight and to fence the land at their expense, which fence, in as good or bad condition as it shall be found at the expiration of the six years, shall belong to Mr. Wouter van Twiller. The lessor remains bound, the last year before they leave the farm, to sow twenty-four achepels of winter grain in the ground, which shall belong to Mr. Wouter van Twiller. In token of the truth this is signed by the parties in the presence of the above mentioned witnesses, the 17th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam.

O. Stevensz

This is the X mark of Geurt Coerten, made by himself

This is the X mark of Wolter Aertsen, made by himself

Jan Jansz Damen, witness

This is the X mark of Cosyn Gerritsz, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. v. Tienh., Secretary

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Receipt of Jan Heyn and Evert Cornelissen for money paid by  
Gysbert Opdyck on account of Mr. Wytingh

[154h] We, the undersigned, Jan Heyn and Evert Cornelisz,<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The name of Evert Cornelisz is substituted for that of Laurens Cornelisz.

hereby acknowledge that we have received from Mr. Gysbert Opdyc the sum of fifty-seven guilders, twelve stivers, on account of Mr. Wytingh, discharging therefore the aforesaid Gysbert Opdyc from all further claims. In witness whereof this is signed by us the 18th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Heyn

Evert Cornelisz

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of Reynier Dominicus to build a farm house for Cornelis van Tienhoven

[1541] Reynier Dominicus agrees to build and erect at his own expense for Cornelis van Tienhoven a house, 30 feet long on the inside, 20 feet wide on the inside, having on one side an aisle 8 feet wide, right through; the story in the fore part of the house to be 9 1/2 feet high and in the rear part of the house 12 feet high, consisting of five bents with corbels and one without; purlins and posts as required for the building; strong split rafters for the entire roof of the house and the roof frame to be tied by collar beams; the frame work belonging to the chimney; in the fore part of the house a door casing with two lights and a door; a casement window with two blinds; in the partition a door frame and a door; in the rear a door frame with two lights; a bedstead in the aisle; the beams 10 inches high and seven inches thick. Reynier Dominicus is to deliver all the square timber needed for the house and everything being well hewed and planed must erect it where required, provided that Tienhoven

must deliver all the boards and wainscot needed for the doors and blinds, together with the nails and hardware, and shall cause the lumber to be drawn to the work. On the completion of all that is above mentioned Tienhoven promises to pay for the aforesaid job the sum of one hundred and thirty (130) guilders. This day, the 20th of December 1646, in New Amsterdam.

Reynier Domennickes

Cornelis van Tienhoven

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Lease from Cornelis van Tienhoven to Crigier Pisker and Gerrit Serdts of a parcel of land at Breuckelen, Long Island

[154j] This day, date underwritten, Crigier Pisker and Gerrit Seers have in the presence of the undersigned witnesses leased from Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, a parcel of land, as large or small as it may be, situated at Breuckelen on Long Island, for the term of four consecutive years, which shall begin on the first of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647 and end on the first of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1651, during which said time the lessees shall not have to pay any rent, but be free; only, if in the meantime any acknowledgment must be made to the overlord, the lessees shall be bound to pay it. In compensation for being allowed to cultivate the land rent-free, the lessees promise thoroughly to clear the maize land in the aforesaid allotment within the period of the aforesaid four years, so that the plow may run over it everywhere and it can be plowed. Should there be any large stones that two men can not move, the lessees may let them lie, but the smaller stones they must remove from the land. The lessees shall be bound to cut from

the stumps, to burn and to remove from the land within the aforesaid time all the trees which are standing in Tienhoven's allotment, in consideration also for not having to pay any rent, but they shall be at liberty to leave the stumps; for all of which they shall at the end of the four years be entitled to receive from Tienhoven or whoever may obtain his interest one hundred Carolus guilders, over and above the exemption from rent and free dwelling. The lessees shall at their own expense maintain and put up the post and rail fence that is now set up or shall be erected by order of the schepens, whether in front, in the rear, or at the sides, and at the termination of the lease they shall deliver the same back in good condition as a protection against cattle, which fence shall be the property of the lessor, without his having to pay anything for it. They shall properly occupy the house according to their circumstances, keep it weather-tight during the lease and at the expiration thereof deliver it back in tight condition. And in case the house, through the neglect or inattention of the lessees, should be destroyed by fire, the lessees shall be bound to repair the damage, but they shall not have to bear the damage caused by enemies or other mischance, after having first with others, their neighbors, defended the house to the best of their ability. The lessees shall during the aforesaid term of the lease not be at liberty to sublet the place to any one without the consent of the lessor, much less be allowed to move away from it, and in case it be found that the lessees have in any manner failed to observe this their aforesaid contract, the lessor shall have the right to bring an action therefor against the lessees. Thus done in good faith, two copies



of the same tenor being made hereof. Actum, the 26th of January 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Crigier Pisker, made by himself

Gerryt Serdts

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck  
Jacob Hendricksz Kip } witnesses

Cornelis van Tienhoven, as principal and secretary

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Promise of Lucas Rodenborch, director of the island of Curaçao, W.I., to guarantee the master of the ship Het Wapen van Nieu Nederland against loss and damage for having broken bulk at Curaçao

[154k] Copy

Whereas I had little or no provisions or clothing for the maintenance of the Company's servants here and the private flute called 't Wapen van Nieu Nederlandt, whereof Jan Claessen Smal is master and Mr. Willem de Key free merchant, arrived here on the 14th of September, being short of water and wood, I made a contract and trade with the said master and de Key aforesaid and purchased from them some provisions and merchandise, the quantity whereof will appear from the account to the honorable directors, on condition that I should guarantee them against loss and claims for having broken bulk or cargo here, as they were bound for New Netherland.

Therefore, I hereby declare that they have in every respect followed our orders in trading and disposing of their goods here at this place and I therefore promise to free them from all loss and claims. In witness of the truth I have issued to them this certificate signed with my own hand. Done at Curaçao, in Fort

Amsterdam, this 2d of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed: L: Rodenborch.

After collation, in the presence of Laurens v. Heusden and G. Opdyck, witnesses hereto, this is found by me, the secretary, to agree with the original, dated and signed as above. The 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Note of Captain Jacob Loper in favor of Willem de Key

[155a] Copy

I, the undersigned, Jacob Loper, captain-lieutenant of the company of the honorable director at Curaçao, acknowledge that I am indebted to Mr. Willem de Key in the sum of one hundred and twenty-five Carolus guilders and nineteen stivers, which sum of fl.125.19 I promise to pay to the aforesaid de Key, or his order, when he shall have returned with the ship from New Netherland, or, in case of my departure, he is to apply to the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, for payment of the above. In witness of the truth I have signed this with my own hand. Done at Curaçao, in Fort Amsterdam, this 1st of October 1646. Was signed: Jacob Loper.

After collation in the presence of Laurens van Heusden and Gysbert op Dyck, witnesses hereto, this is found by me, the secretary, to agree with the original, signed and dated as above.

The 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

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Note of Pieter Eversen in favor of Willem de Key

[155b] Copy

I, the undersigned, Piter Eversen from Stavoren, having sailed as trumpeter in the year 1638, in the yacht Neptunes, acknowledge that I have received from Mr. Willem de Key in divers goods needed by me the sum of one hundred and fifty-one guilders, eleven stivers, six pennies, which sum of fl.151.11.6 I request the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, to be pleased to pay to the worthy Willem de Key above mentioned, or his agent, in deduction of the monthly wages due me, which shall avail their honors as good payment. In witness of the truth this was signed with this sort of mark X, near which was written: The mark of Piter Eversz; Jacob Loper and Piter Hendricksz, as witnesses.

After collation in the presence of Laurens van Heusden and Gysbert Opdyc, witnesses hereto, this is found by me, the secretary, to agree with the original, dated and signed as above. The 27th of December 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Note of the director and council of Curaçao in favor of Willem de Key

[155c] Copy

I, the undersigned, Luycas Rodenborch, provisional director of the Curaçao islands, and the council, on the part of the West India Company, acknowledge that we are indebted to Mr. Willem de Key in the sum of five thousand two hundred and fifty Carolus guilders for goods, provisions and merchandise delivered by him, which sum of 5,250 guilders we, the director and council, promise to pay in horses or salt, the horses at one hundred and fifty guilders apiece and the salt at thirty guilders a last,<sup>1</sup> to be delivered on board. It is also stipulated, if the island should be captured by any enemy, that the aforesaid de Key or his agent is to demand payment from the directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam. For the performance of what is above written we, the director and council, bind the property of the Company here. In witness of the truth we have signed three notes of the same tenor, one being paid the others to be of no value. Done on the island of Curaçao, in Fort Amsterdam, the 1st of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Signed: L: Rodenborch, Jacob Loper, Jan Clasen Bel, Laurens Cristiaensen, with this X mark, Carel Verbrugge, Piter Hendricksz.

After collation in the presence of Laurens van Heusden and Gysbert Opdyck, witnesses hereto, this is found by me, the secretary, to agree

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<sup>1</sup> One last = 82.5 bushels.

with the original, dated and signed as above.

The 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort  
Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck<sup>2</sup>

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Note of Lucas Rodenborch, director of Curacao, in favor of  
Willem de Key

[155d] Copy

I, the undersigned, Luycas Rodenborch, provisional director of the Curacao islands, acknowledge that I am indebted to Mr. Willem de Key in the sum of one hundred and seventy Carolus guilders, which sum of fl.170 I promise to pay to the aforesaid de Key, or his order, when he shall have returned with the ship from New Netherland, or, in case of my departure, he is to apply for payment of the above to the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam. In witness of the truth I have signed this with my own hand. Done at Curacao, in Fort Amsterdam, this 1st of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed: L: Rodenborch.

After collation in the presence of Laurens van Heusedn and Gysbert Opdyck, witnesses, the foregoing is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

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<sup>2</sup> Two other copies of this note are found in New York Colonial MSS., vol. 2, pp. 1551 and 155m.

Note of Lucas Rodenborch, director of Curaçao, in favor of  
Willem de Key

[155d] Copy

I, the undersigned, Luycas Rodenborch, provisional director of the Curaçao islands, acknowledge that I am indebted to Mr. Willem de Key in the sum of one hundred and seventy Carolus guilders, which sum of fl. 170 I promise to pay to the aforesaid de Key, or his order, when he shall have returned with the ship from New Netherland, or, in case of my departure, he is to apply for payment of the above to the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam. In witness of the truth I have signed this with my own hand. Done at Curaçao, in Fort Amsterdam, this 1st of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed: L: Rodenborch.

After collation in the presence of Laurens van Heusedn and Gysbert Opdyck, witnesses, the foregoing is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Note of Carel van Brugge, commissary at Curaçao, in favor of  
Willem de Key

[155e] Copy

I, the undersigned, Carel van Brugge, provisional commissary on the island of Curaçao, acknowledge that I am indebted to Mr. Willem de Key in the sum of one hundred and twenty Carolus guilders, which sum of fl.120 I promise to pay to the aforesaid de Key, or his order, when he shall have returned with the ship from New Netherland, or, in case of my departure, he is to apply to the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, for payment of the above. In witness of the truth I have signed this with my own hand. Done at Curaçao, in Fort Amsterdam, this 1st of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed: Carel van Brugge.

After collation in the presence of L. van Heusden and G. Opdyck, witnesses hereto invited, the foregoing is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 27th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

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Note of Borger Staman in favor of Willem de Key

[155f] Copy

I, the undersigned, Borger Staman from [ ]<sup>1</sup>,  
cornet, who sailed in the year 1637 as a soldier in the yacht

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<sup>1</sup> Manuscript destroyed.

[ den Halrinck], acknowledge that I have received from Mr. Willem de Key divers goods which I needed, amounting to the sum of seventy-seven Carolus guilders, eight stivers. I request the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, to be pleased to pay the same to the worthy Willem de Key above mentioned, or his order, in deduction of the monthly wages due to me, which shall avail their honors as good payment. In acknowledgement of the truth I have signed this with my own hand. Done at Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam, this 29th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed: Borgert Staman, Jacob Loper and Piter Hendricksz, witnesses invited hereto.

After collation in the presence of L. van Heusden and Gysbert op Dyck, witnesses hereto, this is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 27th of December 1846, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

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Note of George Johnes in favor of Willem de Key

[155g] Copy

I, the undersigned, Joris Jonnasz, corporal of the cavalry of Biumorres, engaged in the year [ ]<sup>1</sup> by the honorable Jacob Pitzersz Tolck and the council of Curaçao, acknowledge that I have received from Mr. Willem de Key divers goods which I needed, amounting to the sum of one hundred and thirty-six Carolus

<sup>1</sup> Date not given.



guilders, five stivers, which sum of fl. 136. 5, I request the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, to be pleased to pay to the worthy Willem de Key, or his order, in deduction of my earned monthly wages, which shall avail their honors as good payment. In acknowledgment of the truth this is signed by my own hand. Done at Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam, the 29th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed: George Johnes, Jacob Loper and Piter Hendricxsen, witnesses hereto invited.

After collation in the presence of L. van Heusden and Gysbert Opdyc, witnesses, this is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 27th of December 1646 in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

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Note of William Hays in favor of Willem de Key

[155h] [Copy]

[I], the undersigned, Willem Hays from Bar[ry's] court,<sup>1</sup> chief surgeon appointed in the year 1641 by the honorable director Jan Claessen van Campen and the council at Curaçao, acknowledge that I have received from Mr. Willem de Key divers goods amounting to the sum of two hundred and eighteen Carolus guilders, sixteen stivers, which I request the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, to be pleased to pay to the worthy Willem de Key, or his order, in deduction of my earned monthly wages; which shall avail them as good payment.

<sup>1</sup> Barry's Cove, near Clonakilty Bay, County Cork, Ireland; or, perhaps, Barry's Head, near Cork Harbor.

In acknowledgment of the truth this is signed by my own hand.  
 Done at Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam, this 29th of September 1646.  
 Was signed: Willem Hays, Jacob Loper and Carel van Bruggen,  
 witnesses.

After collation in the presence of L. van Heusden  
 and Gysbert Opdyck, witnesses hereto invited, this  
 is found to agree with the original, signed and  
 dated as above. This 28th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

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Note of Albrecht Hendricksen in favor of Willem de Key  
 [1551] Copy


I, the undersigned, Jacob<sup>1</sup> Hendricksen from Haerlem,  
 horseman, who sailed as a soldier in the year 1638 in the yacht  
Sparamundj,<sup>2</sup> acknowledge that I have received from Mr. Willem  
 de Key divers goods which I needed, amounting to the sum of one  
 hundred and fourteen Carolus guilders, two stivers, which sum  
 of one hundred and fourteen guilders, two stivers, I request  
 the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company,  
 chamber of Amsterdam to be pleased to pay to the worthy Willem  
 de Key above mentioned, or his order, in deduction of the monthly  
 wages due me; which shall avail their honors as good payment.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This should be Albrecht; see below.

<sup>2</sup> Sphaera-Mundi.

<sup>3</sup> Here some words were written above the line, at the top of the  
 page, which are no longer legible.

In acknowledgment of the truth I have signed this with my usual mark. Done in Fort Amsterdam on the island of Curaçao, this 29th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed with this  mark, besides which was written: The mark of Albrecht Hendricksz; Jacob Loper and Piter Hendricksen, witnesses.

After collation in the presence of L. van Heusden and Gysbert Opdyc, witnesses hereto invited, this is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 28th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

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Note of Willem Jonassen in favor of Willem de Key

[155j] Copy

I, Willem Jonassen, horseman, from Herfoort,<sup>1</sup> who sailed as a soldier in the year 1639, in the yacht De Griffioen, acknowledge having received from Mr. Willem de Key various goods needed by me, amounting to the sum of one hundred and sixteen Carolus guilders, eighteen stivers, which sum of fl.116.18 I request the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, to be pleased to pay to the worthy Willem de Key aforesaid, or his agent, in deduction of the monthly wages due me, which shall their honors as good payment. In witness of the truth, I have signed this with my usual mark. Done in Fort Amsterdam on the island of Curaçao, this 29th of September 1646.

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<sup>1</sup> Herford, Westphalia; or Hereford, England?

After collation in the presence of L. van Heusen and G. Opdyck, witnesses hereto invited, this is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 28th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Note of Pieter Hendricksen in favor of Willem de Key

[155k] Copy

I, the undersigned, Pieter Hendricxsz, ensign, from Denmark, who sailed as a soldier in the year 1639 in the yacht De Liefde, acknowledge having received from Mr. Willem de Key divers goods needed by me, amounting to the sum of one hundred and twelve guilders, nineteen stivers; which sum of fl.112.19 I request the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, to be pleased to pay to the worthy Willem de Key aforesaid, or his agent, in deduction of the monthly wages due me, which shall avail their honors as good payment. In witness of the truth, I have signed this with my own hand. Done at Curaçao, in Fort Amsterdam, this 29th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Was signed: Piter Hendricxsz. As witnesses: Jacob Loper and Carel van Bruggen.

After collation in the presence of Laurens van Heusden and Gysbert Opdyck, witnesses, this is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above. The 28th of December A<sup>o</sup>. 1646, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Laurens van Heusden

Gysbert op<sup>e</sup> Dyck

Bill of sale of the ship Amandare from Directors Stuyvesant and Kieft to Thomas Broughton

[156a]<sup>1</sup> ... and shall work on said ship four or five days and help to fit out the ship again from the effects mentioned in the inventory above mentioned. And whereas the purchaser is in want of seafaring persons, the honorable general will place a mate and six seamen on board the Amandare who, with the help of God, shall assist in conveying the ship, which must depart in eight days from date, to Boston, provided that the purchaser shall provide a pilot to pilot the ship in port. The wages of the said mate and sailors shall be paid by the honorable West India Company, but their board shall be provided by the purchaser, who must feed the said mate and six sailors until they shall embark at Boston in the ship De Groote Gerrit. The honorable vendors and Mr. Tomas Bratton, as purchaser, promise that each of them shall pay to the poor of this place twenty-five guilders. For greater security and the performance of this contract Mr. Isaack Allerton, inhabitant here, and Mr. Tomas Willit, residing at New Plymouth in New England, each for the whole, offer themselves as sureties and co-principals with the purchaser for the payment of the above mentioned ten thousand guilders within the time aforesaid, to which end they, Isaac Allerton and Tomas Willit, bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, submitting the same to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed in the presence of the

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<sup>1</sup> The first part of this bill of sale is wanting.

honorable generals above mentioned, by Mr. Bratton, as principal, and by Mr. Isaac Allerton and Mr. Tomas Willit, as sureties and co-principals, before the subscribing witnesses, the last of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Thomas Broughton

P. Stuyvesant

Isaac Allerton

Willem Kieft

Tho. Willett

Brian Newton

Augustin Herrman

} witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Willem de Key and Jan Claessen Smal to Isaack Allerton to sell in Virginia a shipment of horses from Curaçao

[156b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Willem de Key, merchant here and Jan Claesen Smal, master of the ship 't Wapen van Nieu Nederlandt, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had empowered, as they hereby do [empower], Mr. Isaack Allerton, in their, the principals', names and to their profit and benefit to sell in Virginia twenty or twenty-five Curaçao or Aruba horses. In case, before the arrival of Jan Smal, with the aforesaid ship in Virginia, the aforesaid Mr. Isaack Allerton should, in the absence of Jan Smal, make any contract in Virginia, said Allerton must include in said contract a reservation that the sale shall be null and void if the horses happen to die on the voyage, or the ship be wrecked, in order that the principals may not be subject hereafter to any trouble on that account; and if

the aforesaid Issack Allerton act agreeably to the orders of the principals, they shall hold as valid whatever shall be done by said Allerton. The ship having arrived in Virginia with the horses, the horses, as sold by the attorney, shall be delivered by the skipper, Jan Smal, and the payment for them received by him in his ship. In witness whereof this is signed by the principals in the record, the 5th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam.

Jan Kalessen Smal

Willem de Key

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Power of attorney from Sander Leendersen to Michiel Jansen to collect money from the West India Company

[156c] Before me, [Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary]<sup>1</sup> of New Netherland, appeared Sander Leenderssen, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he had empowered, as he does [empower] hereby, Michiel Janssen, inhabitant here, in his, the principal's, name to demand and collect all such moneys as are due the principal by the honorable Company; on payment of which moneys to Michiel Janssen, or his substitute, he may execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid, [the principal] holding also valid whatever shall be done in the matter. Dated the 10th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Sander Lenrsen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Johannes Rodenburg, witness

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## Will of Jan Dircksen from Amsterdam

[157a] On the 12th of June in the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand and forty-seven, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Jan Dircksz from Amsterdam, master carpenter, who sailed in said Company's service in the ship Swol, and who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that it was his intention to dispose by form of testamentary disposition and last will of his temporal estate and effects which God Almighty had granted him in this world. Therefore, the aforesaid testator, lying sick in bed at the house of Gorge Rapalje, chief boatswain, being in full possession of his memory and understanding as it appeared to us, declared that he, having reflected on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof, and wishing therefore to anticipate all such uncertainty by certain testamentary disposition and thus proceeding to the disposal of his means and effects, he, the testator, orders and directs that after his death, out of his monthly wages which he has earned in the service of the honorable West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, there be given and paid to the poor of the Reformed Church at Amsterdam the sum of two hundred guilders; to Jannitje Tielmans, his, the testator's, sweetheart or betrothed, he gives and bequeathes the sum of two hundred and fifty guilders, provided she has remained unmarried and a spinster to this date. He, the testator, likewise gives and bequeathes to Geertjen Dircksen,



his only sister, the remainder of his earned monthly wages, provided that the aforesaid Geertjen, his, the testator's, sister, shall pay from the balance of his monthly wages all the expenses of his burial, etc. In case the above mentioned Jannitjen Tielmans be married or deceased, he, the testator, provides and directs that his above mentioned sister shall receive the two hundred and fifty guilders. In like manner, if the testator's sister above mentioned should have died before the date hereof, or when this will shall be produced in Holland, the aforesaid moneys must be deposited in the name of her children who, when they come of age, shall pro rata share and receive the same with the interest thereof. He, the testator, also gives and bequeathes to Jan Jansen Gorter, weigh-house porter of the Withoede Veem,<sup>1</sup> all the goods which belong to the testator and are in his, Gorter's, possession, according to the inventory thereof in the hands of the said Jan Jansz Gorter. In like manner he, Jan Dircksen, gives and bequeathes to his comrade Jan Claessen from Bellicum all the property which he shall leave behind here in this country. Finally, the testator commends his soul after his death to the hands of God and his body to a christian burial and requests that his testament and last will may have effect and be valid before all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, especially as he, the testator, revokes all previous testaments, codicils, or donations, which heretofore

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<sup>1</sup> White Hat Association; one of the various small organizations of members of the weigh-house porters' guild, which were established at an early date for purposes of cooperative work and mutual benefit and which were distinguished by the color of the hats worn by them.

may have been made or executed by him, in whatever form or manner they may have been made or written. In token of the truth this is signed by the above mentioned Jan Dircksen from Amsterdam with his own hand, although lying in bed, in the presence of Commander Jelmer Tomasz and Paulus Leendertsz, naval store keeper, Hans Kirsteede and Willem Heys, surgeons, the day and year above written, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Dirckxen

Jelmer Thomas

Pouwelis Lendersen van die Grist

Hans Kierstedt

William Heays

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Jacob Roy and others as to disrespectful remarks made by Jan Snediger when they were about to fire a salute for Director Stuyvesant

[157b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Roy, gunner, aged about 42 years, Hendrick Westercamp, aged 37 years, and Baltasar Laurens, aged about 30 years, who at the request of the Hon. Fiscal van Dyck jointly attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solem oath if necessary, that it is true and truthful that on Monday last, being the tenth of June, toward evening, when the honorable general was crossing [the river] in returning from Long Island and they, the deponents, were getting ready the gun on the bastion of the fort, Jan Snediger's wife, standing in her

garden, asked if the gunner would fire, who answered, Yes. Jan Snediger, sticking his head out of the back door of his house, said: "Fire, and the devil take you!" [All of] which the deponents declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm this [declaration] on oath. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 13th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the X mark of Jacob Roy, gunner

Hinrich Westkamdpt

Baltzer Louretzsen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Contract of Cornelis Segersen to deliver wheat and oats to  
Director Stuyvesant on account of Adriaen van der Donck

[157c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Segersz, residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, who agrees and binds himself to deliver, next harvest, without fail or exceptions, to the Hon. General Petrus Stuyvesant, on account of Adriaen vander Donck, three hundred schepels of wheat and one hundred and fifty schepels of oats. For greater security Mr. Antony de Hoges, secretary of Renselaerswyc, offers himself as surety for the [performance of the] above promises. In testimony whereof this is signed by the principal and the surety in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 14th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Cornelis Zegers Zoon

Antony de Hooges, as surety

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Agreement of Jan Clasen Doomer and Nanninck Jansen not to sell the duffels received from the Company to any English people or inhabitants of New England

[157d] We, the undersigned, Jan Domer and Nanninck Jansen, promise that we will not sell the duffels which we have received in payment from the Company to any English people or inhabitants of New England, except Indians. This day the 14th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Jan Clasen Doomer

Nanninck Jansen

Permit to Jean Labatie of Fort Orange to build a house within the fort and to brew therein

[157e] Whereas Jean La Battie, master carpenter, has had a request presented to us that he be permitted to erect a house inside of Fort Orange and to brew therein without having it interfere with the Company's work, promising to pay therefor annually to the honorable Company six merchantable beavers;

Therefore, the same is granted and permitted to him hereby, to wit: that he shall be at liberty to brew in the house built by him there and to enjoy the ground of the house as long as the honorable Company shall retain possession of Fort Orange and as long as the Company's work while he, La Battie is in its service, shall not be neglected by the brewing, and this on condition of paying the Company annually six merchantable beavers. This day, the 15th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Declaration of Harmen Meyndertsen van den Bogaert and others  
respecting an attack by the Raritan Indians

[157f] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, that in the year 16[ ],<sup>1</sup> being in the Company's service, we were at the request of the Indians called the Raritangs sent to trade with them by the Hon. Director Willem Kieft. On our coming with the yacht De Vreede to the usual trading place, the said Raritangs, instead of showing the customary friendship and disposition to trade with our people, began to scoff and having brought squirrels on board which they offered to sell to Cors Pitzersz they at the same time slapped his face with them. They came on board in large numbers, all armed with tomohawks, rapier blades and other weapons, wherefore we, the deponents, on account of the narrowness of the stream, were compelled to float down a little ways, where we anchored. The Raritangs, seeing this, followed in canoes; they came over, all lusty fellows, lifted the kedge and ranged a canoe at each side of the yacht and wanted to tow us back to the above mentioned place, making much trouble, so that we were on our guard and kept close watch of our arms. The Raritangs tried to compel us to put them ashore, which we refused to do, saying: "You have canoes, go ashore in them." Finally, seeing us on our guard, they dared not make any further attempt. They carried off our canoe against our will, which we could not get back because they were so numerous. Then, at the opportune moment, God the Lord sent a violent storm of wind, thunder, lightning and hail stones, whereby we got away and they on both

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<sup>1</sup> Date not given.

sides could not prevent us from doing so with their arrows, although the kill is very narrow. All of which the deponents, at the request of the Hon. Willem Kieft, attest to be true and truthful, offering to confirm the same on oath if necessary. This day, the 17th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Harman: A: Bogharde, commissary

Harmen Douuesen

This is the mark of Cors Pitzersz, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Paulus Leendersen van der Grist that in a voyage from Curaçao he had by stress of weather been obliged to put into Ireland and to sell tobacco there consigned to Amsterdam

[157g] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Paulus Leendersz, formerly master of the ship Neptune and afterwards of the Groote Gerrit, who at the request of Franck Bruyn and Jan Porter attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that he, the deponent, by order and with the consent of Mr. Rodenborch, provisional director on the island of Curacao, did in the month of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1645 load in his aforesaid ship Neptunes, on account of the said Franck Bruyn and Jan Porter, eighteen hundred and thirty-three pounds of good, merchantable tobacco, in order to deliver the same, subject to such freight charges as were

stipulated by contract, in the city of Amsterdam, to be there disposed of, after payment of the freight, to the satisfaction and best advantage of the owners. But that through contrary winds and shortage of provisions during the voyage from the island of Curaçao to Amsterdam he was compelled to put into Ireland and for lack and want of other effects was obliged to dispose there in the dom Haven<sup>1</sup> of the aforesaid tobacco for necessary provisions which were needed for the honorable Company's service and the preservation of the ship Neptunes under his command. Whereof he, the deponent, has also rendered good account and proof to the honorable board of accounts of the Chamber of Amsterdam, in accordance with the annexed copy furnished the freighters, which account he also declares was accepted by the above mentioned board of accounts, the tobacco being computed at 9 stivers a pound, and acknowledged to be satisfactory before he, the deponent, received his earned monthly wages, his discharge and payment. All of which the deponent offers to confirm by oath if necessary and required. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 19th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Pouwelis Lendersz van die Grist

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Copy With the Neptunes, in Ireland

Account of some tobacco belonging to the freemen of Curaçao, one named Franck Bruyn and the other Jan Porter, the tobacco amounting to eighteen hundred and thirty-three pounds:

<sup>1</sup> Cork Harbor?

To the pilot, for bringing [the ship] in and out, one cutlass

First to the nobleman	810 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	lbs
To Bruyn Jansen, for his account	263	"
For a hog purchased	24	"
For a barrel of beer	21	"
For 331 lbs of butter	150	"
For 4 tuns of beans, each 13 lbs	52	"
For 1 barrel of salt	32	"
For 164 lbs of pork	42	"
For 1120 lbs of beef	220	"
For daily expenses while I was on shore with my men and the boat	50	"
For sundries here and there	50	"
For 11 lbs of candles	20	"
For 355 lbs of fresh bread	70 <u>1804<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub></u>	"
To shortage in weight	29	"

Was signed: Paulus Leendersz van die Grist

Upon collation this is found to agree with  
the original, signed as above, the 24th of  
June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Netherland.

C. van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Carsten Jansen Almussen to Augustyn Herrman  
to collect wages from the West India Company

[157h] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New  
Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company,  
appeared Carsten Jansen Almussen from Housem,<sup>1</sup> cooper, who sailed  
out in the year 1644 for the chamber at Amsterdam in the ship

<sup>1</sup> Husum, in Schleswig.



De Melckmeyt, and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Mr. Augustyn Heermans, merchant here, in his, the principal's, name to ask, demand and collect from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of forty guilders, earned by him from their honors as cooper on the ship De Melckmeyt, according to the annexed account. Upon receipt of said sum by the attorney or his substitute from their honors above mentioned, he shall have power to execute a discharge for it, which shall be valid; he, the principal, approving whatever shall be done or transacted in the matter by the above mentioned Augustyn or his substitute. In token of the truth the original hereof in the record is signed by Carsten Almussen from Housem, with Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 19th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the  mark of Carsten Jansen Almussen,  
made by himself

Adriaen v. Tienhoven }  
Jacob Hendricksen Kip } witnesses

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Agreement between Capt. Jeremiah Clerk and Jan Doomer about the payment of a note given by Doomer in favor of Capt. Clerk

[158a] This day, date underwritten, in the presence of Davit Provoost and Jan Trockmarten, witnesses hereto, Captain Jeremias Clerck and Jan Domer amicably agreed and covenanted in the manner and on the terms hereinafter written. Whereas Jan Domer signed at Boston a note dated the first of September 1646, in favor of the aforesaid Jeremias Clercq, amounting to sixteen pounds sterling, and was sued by Captain Smith in Fort Amsterdam on the island of

Manhatans for payment of said note, with the result that he, Domer, was condemned by the director and council of New Netherland to pay Captain Smith five pounds sterling, six shillings, leaving a balance of eleven pounds; therefore, the parties above mentioned have agreed that the aforesaid five pounds, six shillings, shall be paid in cash by Domer, with the express stipulation and agreement that neither Captain Clercq, nor Captain Smith, nor any one else in the world in their names, shall have a right to call upon the said Jan Domer in any part of New England, Virginia, or elsewhere for the aforesaid balance of £11 sterling, or to attach his person, bark, merchandise or crew who accompany him.

Therefore he, Jeremias Clercq, from now on annuls and cancels the aforesaid note as if it had never been made or written and shall endeavor to recover the balance of the money from Captain Smith, with the understanding that if said Smith does not pay him, Clercq, that he, Clercq, retains his right of action against Jan Domer for the eleven pounds sterling, but that he shall not be allowed to trouble or molest, much less to sue him in any place in America except only on the island of Manhatans before the honorable general and council there residing. It shall also be endorsed on the note that the same is annulled by Captain Clercq in all parts of New England, Virginia and so forth; only, in case he be not paid by Smith afore mentioned, he may prosecute his right of action and claim in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland. Thus done and signed by parties in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, the 19th of June 1647, in New Amsterdam.

Jeremy Clerk

Jan Doomer

John Throckmortayn, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Huygen Broers to collect wages from the  
West India Company

[158b] Appeared before [ ]<sup>1</sup> of New  
Netherland, Huyge Broers from Doccum, cook's mate on the ship  
De Princes, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses  
appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, [

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receive from the honorable directors of the General Chartered  
West India Company the sum of seventy-one guilders, eight stivers,  
earned by the principal ...<sup>2</sup>

Deed from Gillis Pietersen to Sara, wife of Thomas Hart, of a  
house and lot south of Fort Amsterdam

[158c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared this day, date unwritten, Gillis Pitzersz  
van der Gouw,<sup>1</sup> who in the presence and before the undersigned  
witnesses, in virtue of the patent granted to him by the honorable

<sup>1</sup> Blank in the original.

<sup>2</sup> Original not finished and canceled.

<sup>1</sup> Meaning: Gillis Pietersen from Gouda, in the province of  
South Holland.

director general and council of New Netherland dated the 4th of July 1645, transfers and conveys in full ownership a house and lot standing and situated southwards of Fort Amsterdam, where Dirck Cornelisz adjoins on the east and Jeuriaen Blanck on the west side; which said lot he, the grantor, conveys in full and true ownership to Sara Hart, wife of Tomas Hart, who shall have power to dispose of the said house and lot as she might do with her other patrimonial lands and effects, without the grantor, in the capacity above mentioned, reserving or retaining any interest or claim of ownership therein, but [ on the contrary ] declaring that he desists therefrom henceforth and forever, provided that said Sara Hart or her successors shall pay to the honorable directors all such taxes as shall be demanded. In testimony whereof this is signed by Jelis Pitzers in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland, before and in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, the 24th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jelis Pietersz

Jan Golsten

This is the X mark of Andries Roulofsz, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Promisory note of Egbert Woutersen to Dirck Cornelissen for  
carpenter's wages

[158d] I, the undersigned, Egbert Woutersen from Iselsteyn, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Dirck Cornelissen from Wensveen in the sum of one hundred and eighty-four guilders

for wages earned by said Dirck Cornelisz in building, which said sum Egbert Woutersz aforesaid promises well and truly to tender and pay, free of costs and charges, without any exceptions, with interest at eight per cent per annum, which interest shall be due next Christmas, as the money will then have been one year in the hands of Egbert Woutersz above mentioned according to the account. It is agreed that the said Egbert Woutersz shall have the use of the aforesaid money until Christmas A<sup>o</sup>. 1648, when it is promised the principal with the accrued interest will be promptly paid. As security for the performance hereof the above mentioned Egbert Woutersz binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception. Thus done and signed without fraud or deceit by Egbert Woutersz in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, witnesses. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 26th of June 1647.

This is the X mark of Egbert Woutersz,

made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven }  
 Jacob Hendricksz Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Mortgage of a house and lot purchased by Sara Hart from Gillis Pietersen

[158e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Sara Hart, wife of Tomas Hardt, who before

and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that she had bought from Gillis Pitzersz a house and lot standing and lying on the island of Manhatans, southward of Fort Amsterdam,<sup>1</sup> for the sum of six hundred Carolus guilders, payable in beavers, in two instalments, to wit: three hundred guilders within twelve consecutive months from date; a like three hundred guilders, also in beavers, to be paid precisely on the 26th of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1649, or in default thereof the above named Gillis Pitzersz or his agent shall have power to seize and resell the aforesaid house and lot at the expense and loss of the above mentioned Mrs. Sara Hart, or her successors. Therefore, the aforesaid house and lot remain especially pledged and mortgaged for the payment of the purchase money and in addition thereto she, Sara Hart, as further security, submits her person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception to the control of all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof the original hereof in the record is signed by Sara Hart and [ ]<sup>2</sup>

This S H is the mark of Sara Hart, made by herself

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Power of attorney from Albert Govertsen to Dirck Volckertsen to receive moneys from the West India Company

[158f] This day, date underwritten, before me, [

],<sup>1</sup> appeared Albert Govertsz from Souwater, who appoints

<sup>1</sup> See deed of June 24, 1647, in [158c]

<sup>2</sup> Names of witness and date omitted.

<sup>1</sup> Name not given.

and empowers, as he does hereby, Dirck Volckersz to ask, demand and collect all such moneys as are already due or may hereafter become due to the above mentioned Albert Govertssen from the honorable directors, all of which shall after his death belong to Dirck Volckerssen. Thus done without fraud or deceit in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, this 2d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Albertssen,<sup>2</sup> made by himself  
Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

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Power of attorney from Abraham Staets to Lucas Smith to receive money from the West India Company

[158g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Abraham Staets, an inhabitant of the colony of Renselaerswyck, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Luycas Smith<sup>1</sup> to ask, demand and collect in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and thirty guilders due him, the principal, by their honors, as appears by the annexed account; on payment of which money by their honors to Luycas Smith, he shall have power to grant a receipt therefor, the principal further holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter by the attorney. The original

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<sup>2</sup> Thus in the original.

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<sup>1</sup> Lucas Schmidt, from Johannsburg, East Prussia. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., pp. 615, 826.

hereof is signed in the record by Abraham Staets in the presence of the witnesses hereto invited. Done the 2d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Abram Staas

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Jacob Hendricksz Kip, witness

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Contract of sale of land at Amersfourt (Flatlands), L.I., from  
Wolphert Gerritsen to Teunis Cornelissen

[158h] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Wolphert Gerritsz, who sells to Teunes Cornelissen a piece of land containing fifty-two morgens, situated on Long Island, at the north end of the flat of Amersvoort, which above mentioned fifty-two morgens Teunes Cornelisz also acknowledges having bought from Wolphert Gerritsz for the sum of five hundred guilders, payable fifty guilders on next All Saints' Day; one hundred and fifty guilders on All Saints' Day A<sup>o</sup>. 1648; one hundred and fifty guilders on All Saints' Day A<sup>o</sup>. 1649; and one hundred and fifty guilders on All Saints' Day A<sup>o</sup>. 1650, this being the last payment. The above mentioned Wolphert Gerritsz promises to deliver to the purchaser a written deed in proper form of the said parcel of land; the purchaser promises, after receipt of the deed, to tender and pay to the vendor the aforesaid purchase money, free of costs and charges, without contradiction or exceptions, on the days it is due. As security for the performance of what is hereinbefore



written the parties bind their respective persons and properties, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties on the 4th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the X mark of Wolphert Gerritsz, made by  
himself

This is the X mark of Teunes Cornelisz, made by  
himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bill of sale of pork from Richard Lord to Adriaen de Keyser

[1581] Ritchert Lordt, residing on the Varse Reviere,<sup>1</sup> sells to Adriaen de Keyser, commissary, for account of the Chartered West India Company, a quantity of pork, deliverable on the fourth day of July next, at five stivers a pound, payable by said Mr. de Keyser in salt, which salt shall be delivered one-half here and the other half at Boston, in New England, at the market price in Boston and at which the Company's salt shall be sold there. Thus done and signed the 3d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

A. Keyser

Richard Lord

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<sup>1</sup> Intended for the Versche Rivier, meaning the Fresh River, or the Connecticut River.

Receipt of Thomas Broughton for the ship Amandare

[158j] I, the undersigned, Tomas Broughton, acknowledge for myself and as attorney for my co-owners and partners that I have duly and promptly received and obtained possession from the Hon. General Petrus Stuyvesant of the ship T'Amandare, arrived here from Brazil, according to the bill of sale and the inventory dated the last of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.<sup>1</sup> Wherefore I remain bound to satisfy and pay the said bill of sale on the day it is due, without objection. Thus done and signed the 5th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Thomas Broughton

Carel van Brugge, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, Secretary

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Thomas Topping and Robert Coe to deliver provisions in part payment of the ship Amandare purchased by Mr. Broughton

[158k] We, Tomas Toppingh and Robert Coe, residing at Heemstede,<sup>1</sup> promise and bind our persons and property that we will deliver in the month of October next, in part payment of the ship Tamandaree,<sup>2</sup> for account of Mr. Broughton, three thousand guilders' worth of provisions, such as pork, beef, peas, flour and butter, at the price agreed upon with Mr. Broughton on the last of May; for which provisions the aforesaid Broughton has promised to send us commodities. And in case the aforesaid Broughton remains in

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<sup>1</sup> See [156a].

<sup>1</sup> Hempstead, L.I.

<sup>2</sup> Intended for 't Amandare, or the Amandare.

default we, the undersigned, are released from this our promise and bond. In testimony whereof this is signed by us, the subscribers, in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, witnesses hereto invited. Done the 6th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam.

Tho. Topping

Robart Coe

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Power of attorney from Captain Jacob Loper to Nicolaes van Lit to receive moneys from the West India Company

[1581] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Jacob Looper from Stockholm, who sailed in the ship Swol in the year 1643 as commander and captain-lieutenant, and who, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Nicolaes van Lit, trustee of the poor-house <sup>1</sup> at Amsterdam residing, to ask, demand and collect in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of five hundred and forty guilders, sixteen stivers, which were received by the principal from the Honorable General Petrus Stuyvesant in goods and cash for his personal use at divers times here in New Netherland as well as in Curaçao and elsewhere, upon the promise that he would repay the same out of the monthly wages already earned by him from the honorable directors. On payment

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<sup>1</sup> Huyssitten meester.

of the said sum by the honorable directors above mentioned to the said Mr. Nicolaes van Lit or his substitute, he is empowered to execute a receipt for the same in due form, the principal further holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter by the attorney or his substitute, who is to act herein as the principal could or might do were he present, an authentic instrument hereof being requested. Thus done and signed in the record by the above mentioned Jacob Loper in the presence of Jacob Kip and Davit Provoost, witnesses hereto invited, the 6th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Jacob Loper

David Provoost, witness

Jacob Hendricksz, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Deed from Gillis Pietersen van der Gouw to Pieter Ebel of a house and lot situated south of Fort Amsterdam

[158m] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gillis Piterssen van der Gouw, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declares that he conveys and transfers in true, free and absolute ownership to Piter Ebel a lot and house standing and situated southwards of Fort Amsterdam, which lot was granted to him, Gillis Piterasz, by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland on the fourth of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1645 (Piter Ebel shall have no claim to the lot taken off from this lot by the honorable director and

council, situated eastwards of Gillis Pitzersz and conveyed to Cors Pitzersen), by virtue of which patent he, Gillis Pitzersz, conveys and transfers the sail lot, as large or as small as it may be, to the aforesaid Piter Ebel, giving him power in his stead to build on, occupy and use the said lot as he could with other his patrimonial lands and property, without the grantor retaining or reserving any interest therein or claim of ownership thereto, but from now on and forever relinquishing the ownership of the said house and lot. The grantor also delivers and conveys the said house free from any lien or claim to be made thereto by any one in the world. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by Gillis Pitzersz and the witnesses, the 6th of July A<sup>O</sup>. 1647, in Fort New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jelis Pieterz

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

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Promisory note of Thomas Broughton to Director Stuyvesant

[158n] I, the undersigned, Tomas Broughton, promise to pay to the Hon. General Petrus Stuyvesant when the ship Amandaree shall have arrived at Boston, for the skipper, mate and sailors of the honorable West India Company on the ship Amandare ...<sup>1</sup>

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Deed from Cornelis Melyn to Jacob Loper of a house and two lots on the East river

[158o] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Melyn,

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<sup>1</sup> This promisory note is not finished and canceled.

an inhabitant here, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declares that he has voluntarily and deliberately conveyed and transferred, as he does hereby, to Jacob Loper, his son-in-law, in true, lawful and absolute ownership a certain house and two lots, as large or as small as they may be, lying and being situated on the East river, and that he therefore places the above mentioned Jacob Loper, captain-lieutenant at Curaçao, in his estate, real and actual possession of the aforesaid lots and house, standing and situated between the Company's house and the lot sold by said Melyn to Seger Tonissen. Therefore, the aforesaid Cornelis Melyn declares that he substitutes the said Loper in his place and title of ownership, which ownership he, the grantor, relinquishes from now on forever, without retaining or reserving any right, title or interest therein. Wherefore he, Jacob Loper, or those who hereafter shall obtain his right, promise to pay to the honorable directors all such charges as their honors shall think proper. In testimony and token of the truth this is signed by the above mentioned Cornelis Melyn and the subscribing witnesses, the 11th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Cornelis Melyn

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration by Symon Roodt and others that two Minqua chiefs stated that the Swedish governor on the South river had offered to sell them arms and ammunition and had asked permission to erect a trading-house

[158p] We, the undersigned, all understanding the language of

the Minquas, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if need be, at the request of the honorable director general of New Netherland, Curaçao, etc., in the presence of the said honorable general and the late director, Willem Kieft, that it is true and truthful that this day, being the 13th of July 1647, there came to the house of his honor aforesaid two chiefs of the Minquas, named Aquariochquo and Quadickho, who in token of friendship and for the continuation of mutual trade gave a small present and declared in our presence that the commissary of Johan Prins, the Swedish governor residing at the South river of New Netherland, had said to them that he could sell them powder, lead and guns enough, but that the Netherlanders, being poor, could not do so. The aforesaid chiefs said that the Swedish governor had also informed them that the Netherlanders were bad and the Swedish good men. The said governor had also asked permission of them to set up a trading-house in their country, which request they had rejected and refused. All of which we declare we have heard from the above mentioned chiefs at the house of the honorable general, offering to confirm this on oath if necessary. Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 13th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This *SR* is the mark of Symon Roodt, made by himself

This *t* is the mark of Jan Andriessen, made by himself

Adriaen Dircksen Coen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Symon Coerbrander relative to an assault committed  
by soldiers on Hans KriECKmayer

[159a] Symon Coerbrander of Depmel,<sup>1</sup> a soldier, declares at the request of the Hon. Fiscal van Dyc that on the 14th instant, about seven or eight o'clock in the evening, Frans Stolp, a fellow soldier, hacked with his naked cutlass into the fence on the road near Cornelis Volckertsz' house. Corporal Casper passing by said: "Brother, instead of cutting palisades, you might better strike against a man." Whereupon Hans Reyger, Gabriel Martens and Casper Steen metselaer<sup>2</sup> likewise drew their swords and Hans KriECKmaeyer was stabbed by the aforesaid Frans Stolp. All of which the deponent offers to confirm. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 16th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the mark S K of Symon Coerbrander, made by  
himself

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Declaration of Forje Paradou relative to the assault on Hans  
KriECKmayer

Forje Parradouw de la Violette, a soldier, declares at the request of the Hon. Fiscal van Dyc that he, the deponent, on the 14th instant was taking a walk and saw Frans Stolp, Hans Reyger, Gabriel Martensz and Casper Steen metselaer,<sup>1</sup> having their drawn

<sup>1</sup> Detmold, Germany.

<sup>2</sup> Literally: Casper, stone mason, but intended for Casper Steinmets, commonly referred to as Casper, the sergeant.

<sup>1</sup> Casper Steinmets.



swords in their hands and standing all in jest with their weapons against one another. He, the deponent, says that Frans Stolp wounded Hans Krickmeyer<sup>2</sup> and that he did not see Hans Krickmeyer draw his sword. Which he offers to confirm. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 16th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the X mark of Forje Parodou, made by himself

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Power of attorney from Harck Sybesen to Claes Jansen Calff to receive moneys from the West India Company

[159b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Harck Sybesen from Langedyck,<sup>1</sup> ship carpenter, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Claes Jansen Calff to ask, demand and collect in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and fifty-three guilders, fourteen stivers, eight pennies due him, the principal, and earned in New Netherland, as appears by the Book of monthly wages, No. F, folio 23. On receipt of said moneys from their honors by Claes Jansen Calff he shall have power to grant a discharge therefor, which shall be valid, [the principal] holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter by the aforesaid attorney.

<sup>2</sup> The clerk first wrote: He, the deponent, said that he did not see who wounded Hans Krickmeyer, only that Hans Krickmeyer said he was wounded by Frans Stolp.

<sup>1</sup> Langedyck is a small village near Heereveen, in the province of Friesland, Netherlands. Harck Sybesen, or Siboutsen, was one of the early settlers of Newtown, L.I. See Rate List of Newtown, 1675, in Doc. Hist. N.Y., 2:466. See also James Riker, Jr., Annals of Newtown, p. 36, where he is erroneously given as "a native of Languedoc, in the south of France." His sons moved to Westchester county and assumed the name of Krankheydt, afterwards corrupted to Kronkhite and Cronkhite.

The original hereof in the record is signed by Harck Sybesen and the witnesses, the 17th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Netherland.

Harck Sybetsen

Jacob H. Kip, witness

David Provoost, witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Report of referees in the dispute between Augustyn Herrman, attorney of Catrina Verlet, and David Provoost regarding certain legacies

[159c] We, Willem Turck, Arnoldus van Hardenbergh and Govert Loockmans, free merchants, having on the 11th of July instant been requested by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland to examine as arbitrators and impartial men the claim of Mr. Augustyn Hermans, as attorney of Catrina Verlet, residing at Amsterdam, and the counter claim of Mr. Davit Provoost regarding certain legacies amounting to the sum of four hundred and ten guilders, sixteen stivers, and also a certain one hundred guilders which the aforesaid Davit Provoost has received in cash from the aforesaid Madam Catrina Verlet, for which one hundred guilders Davit Provoost says he signed and handed to the aforesaid Catria Verlet a draft in her favor, payable by Hendrick Woutersz Terbrugh, for one hundred and eleven guilders (the eleven guilders being put in the draft in addition before the delivery of the one hundred guilders), which said one hundred and eleven guilders the said Madam Verlet was to do her best to collect, with the proviso that if the said draft was not paid he, Provoost, remained bound to tender and pay the one hundred guilders received by him, saving his action against Hendrick Woutersz Terbrugh, to

which end and as further security for the aforesaid Madam Catrina Verlet he, Provoost, executed a simple note for one hundred guilders, without any promise of interest, with the payment of which note he could suffice. Therefore, the matter and writings on both sides having been examined by us, the arbitrators and impartial men, we, according to the best of our knowledge, find it to be just and proper that the aforesaid Provoost shall remit by the ship De Princes the aforesaid four hundred and ten guilders, sixteen stivers, and the interest thereof for five years, at five per cent, the remaining or additional years being fixed for the sale of the property and collecting the money, so that the sum above mentioned amounts with the interest to five hundred and twenty-three guilders, sixteen stivers, which with the above mentioned one hundred guilders amounts altogether to six hundred and twenty-three guilders, sixteen stivers, and that payment shall be made from his earned monthly wages due him by the honorable West India Company. It is also agreed that if any one should attach his wages and therefore payment could not be made, Provoost remains bound, when advice thereof comes hither, to pay the principal here in New Netherland, and the interest at five per cent is to be calculated from that time. It is further stipulated that if hereafter it appear that David Provoost be bound to pay interest on the above mentioned one hundred guilders, advice whereof is expected by the next arrival of vessels, the interest thereof at 5 per cent shall be paid by Provoost above mentioned from the date of the aforesaid note, the original or authentic copy of which must

be sent hither.

Furthermore, Mr. Augustyn, as attorney, remains bound to give security here, if Madam Catrina Verlet, or any one on her behalf, should have received the aforesaid one hundred and eleven guilders from Hendrick Woutersz Terbrugh, for the payment of the same here in New Netherland, free of costs and charges; if not, to return his draft.

In regard to the other two hundred guilders about which the parties could not agree and no sufficient evidence was presented before us, we have left the same undecided, as the parties may bring suit before the honorable general and council. Thus then on this day the parties have agreed in the presence and according to the decision of us, the arbitrators, wherefore we, the arbitrators and referees request that this our award may be ratified by the honorable general and council. Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 17th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Willem Turck

Arnoldus van Hardenberch

Govert Loockermans

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Antenuptial agreement of Marritje Symons, widow of Surgeon Pieter Vreucht, and Symon Joosten, providing for the widow's children by her first husband

[159d] On the 19th of July in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-seven, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam,

appeared Marritjen Symons from Amsterdam, widow of the late master Piter Vreucht, surgeon, assisted by Jacob Wolphersz and Piter Wolphersz, her chosen guardians in this matter, who declared that she intended to enter into the holy state of matrimony with Symon Joosten, young man from Merelbeecke, in Flanders, and therefore is inclined according to her means to settle on her two children named Susanna Vreucht and Willem Vreucht their patrimonial property, so that hereafter they may not set up any greater or lesser claim. She, the appearer, further declared that she proceeded herein according to her ability and conscience and that she is not able to allow the aforesaid children more than twenty-five guilders each. Wherefore she, Marritjen Symons, promises to pay to each of her aforesaid children, when he or she shall have arrived at the age of majority or is married, as their paternal inheritance the sum of twenty-five guilders, reckoned at twenty stivers the guilder, and that free of costs and charges. She, Marritjen Symons, and Symon Joosten, her present bridegroom, also promise, saving the sums above mentioned, to bring up the aforesaid children, to clothe them, to provide them with all necessaries and to support them according to their means and if possible and feasible to have them taught reading and writing and a good trade and furthermore [to do by them] as time and circumstances according to their station shall permit; promising fully to perform and execute this contract, if God spare them life, all under binding obligation according to law. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by Marritjen Symons and her present bridegroom and chosen guardians, in the presence of Paulus Leendersz van die Grist and A. Keyser, witnesses hereto invited, the 19th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the M mark of Marritjen

Symons, made by herself

Jacob van Couwenhoven

Pieter Wuoluersen

Symon Joosten

Pouwelis Leendersz van die Grist

A. Keiser

Acknowledged before me,

[Cornelis] van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Jan Stevensen, schoolmaster, to Lucas Smith  
to receive the balance of his wages from the West India Company

[159e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Jan Stevensz from Haerlem, schoolmaster here,  
who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and  
empowers, as he does hereby, Luycas Smith, known to me, the secretary,  
to demand, ask and collect in his, the principal's, name from the  
honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company in Amsterdam  
the sum of seven hundred and forty-seven guilders, two stivers,  
12 pennies, due him, Jan Stevensz, by balance and remainder of his  
account according to the Book of Monthly Wages No. F, folio 34,  
earned in the service of their honors in New Netherland. On payment  
in full of said sum by the honorable directors above mentioned to  
Luycas Smith, or his order, he is empowered to execute a receipt  
therefor, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding further  
as valid whatever shall be done and transacted by the attorney or  
his substitute, who is to do herein as he, the principal, were he  
present, could or might do. The original hereof in the record is  
signed by Jan Stevensz in the presence of Jacob Kip, witness hereto

invited, the 20th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Stevensz

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Cornelis Jansz, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of John Dolling and others of a visit at the tavern  
in company of Fiscal van Dyck

[159f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Jan Dollingh, aged thirty-two years, who at the request of the Hon. Director General Petrus Stuyvesant attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true and truthful that he, the deponent, about eleven o'clock yesterday night, between the 21st and 22d of July, was taking a stroll with master Willem,<sup>1</sup> Jacob, the steward, and Hendrick Eldersz, commissary, through the village of New Amsterdam, where they met Hendrick van Dyc, fiscal, who asked them whence they came. They answered, they were taking a walk. Fiscal van Dyck thereupon said: "I know that you come from the tavern. Come with me, we shall go in there again." And finally he, the fiscal, knocked at the door of Gerrit, the miller, who would not open. A man named Mattys Cappata opened the door. On entering the aforesaid fiscal called for wine and a gill of brandy was tapped. Having taken a drink he went away, saying: "Be merry together; I shall presently join you again." Mr. Willem

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<sup>1</sup> Surgeon Willem Hays.

and Dollingh above mentioned remaining there, the aforesaid fiscal returned toward dawn, very drunk, and remained until daylight. All of which the deponent declares to be true, being ready to confirm the same on oath. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 22d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Jn<sup>o</sup> Dolling

Hendrick Eldersz attests that he met the fiscal and on his invitation went to Gerrit, the miller, tavern-keeper, to have a drink of beer. The fiscal pointed out where it was, he, the deponent, remaining outside, taking no notice whether the fiscal went in or not, but hearing in passing that the fiscal said he would soon join them again. This day, the 22d of July 1647.

H. Ellersen

Willem Heays also testifies that the foregoing is true and that Fiscal van Dyck said: "You people will pay for what the fiscal drinks this night." Date as above.<sup>1</sup>

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

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Transfer from Christiaen Pietersen Rams to Harmen Meyndertsen van den Bogaert and Cornelis Antonissen of his share in the frigate La Garce

[159g] This day, the 22d of July, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cristiaen Piteren Rams, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses conveys and transfers, as he does hereby, to and for the joint behoof of

<sup>1</sup> This declaration of William Hays is canceled. See other declaration in [1601].



Marman Meyndersen vanden Bogaert, commissary of Fort Orange, and Cornelis Antonisz, all his, the appearer's, rights and interest which he as a partner holds in the frigate La Garce, the sum paid in amounting to fourteen hundred<sup>5</sup> guilders net. The aforesaid Cristiaen Rams declares that he relinquishes his said interest henceforth and forever and therefore vests his title and interest as to the aforesaid share in the ship in the above mentioned Harmanus Bogardus and Cornelis Teunisz, who also accept the same and who shall bear the risk and enjoy the profit. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by Cristiaen Rams and the subscribing witnesses the day and year above written, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Christiaen Pietersen Rams

Jacob H. Kip, witness

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Power of attorney from Lucas Gerritsen to Nicolaes van Lit to receive moneys from the West India Company

[160a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Luyckas Gerritsz from Amsterdam, who sailed a mariner in the year 1646 on the ship De Princes, Captain Jelmer Tomasz, [master], for the account of the chamber of Amsterdam, and who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Nicolaes van Lit, at Amsterdam, to ask and receive in the principal's name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of fifty-seven guilders, two stivers, earned by him, the principal, on the ship De Princes, as appears by the annexed account. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the said

honorable directors to the attorney, he or his substitute is empowered to grant a receipt therefor in due form, which shall avail their honors as good payment. He, the principal, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid all that his aforesaid attorney or his substitute shall do and perform in the matter, they to do therein as he, were he present, could or might do. Thus done and signed by the principal in the presence of the subscribing witnesses. Done the 22d of June A<sup>O</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

By me, Luycas Geere[tsen]

Jacob Hendricksz Kip, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Fredrick Lubbertsen for the payment of money disbursed by Cornelis van Tienhoven

[160b] I, the undersigned, Frederick Lubberssen, inhabitant of the island of Manhatans, hereby acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors that I am well and truly indebted to Cornelis van Tienhoven, at present secretary in New Netherland, in the sum of nine hundred Carolus guilders for disbursed and advanced moneys received by me to my content and satisfaction before the execution hereof. I therefore promise to tender and pay the aforesaid sum to the above mentioned Tienhoven or his order, free of costs and charges, in three instalments, to wit: A<sup>O</sup>. 1648, on

the 22d of July, three hundred guilders; A°. 1649, on the 22d of July, three hundred guilders; and A°. 1650, on the 22d of July, the last three hundred guilders. For greater security and the performance hereof I bind myself and specially mortgage all my movable and immovable property, present and future, and further submit to all courts and judges. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by Frederick Lubbersz in the presence of the witnesses the 23d of July A°. 1647, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Frerick Lubbertsen

Jacob H. Kip, witness

1649, Fredrick Lubbersz has paid hereon the sum of three hundred guilders. Two payments still remain due.

1651, May 16, the remaining two payments due on the dates above mentioned were received by Corn. van Tienhoven's wife, as appears by the discharge granted by them. Therefore, this bond is canceled by their order.<sup>1</sup>

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Declaration of Harmen Meyndertsen van den Bogaaert respecting Fiscal van Dyck's conduct toward him in Marten Cregier's tavern

[160c] Harman Meyndersen vanden Bogaert, commissary, testifies at the request of the Hon. General Petrus Stuyvesant that some time ago, the precise day he does not know, Fiscal van Dyc came into Marten Crigier's tavern saying to the deponent: "What the devil are you doing here? Betake yourself immediately up the river; I order you to do so." He, Harman Meyndersz, answered he had nothing to do with the fiscal's order and could not depart until the honorable

<sup>1</sup> The bond is crossed out in the record.

general gave orders. Which he declares to be true and truthful, offering to confirm this on oath. This day, the 23d of July 1647.

Harman: A: Bogharde

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of George Woolsey that Fiscal van Dyck accepted a bribe from Thomas Willett to let his bark sail without inspection

[160d] At the request of the Honorable Director General Petrus Stuyvesant and the council of New Netherland G[e]orge Wolsey, aged about twenty-six years, from Yarmouth in Old England, attests, testifies and declares in the presence of Captain Lieutenant Nuton<sup>1</sup> and Jan Claessen Bol, captain of the ship De Princes, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be, that on Saturday last Fiscal van Dyck came on board Mr. Tomas Willit's bark to inspect it and [he, the deponent,] heard the above mentioned Mr. Willit say at Mr. Isaac Allerton's house that because he must be away he had presented the above named Fiscal van Dyck with a beaver, in order that he would not lose his time by clearing things away and in order that the fiscal would be content to let him sail unhindered; which beaver he, G[e]orge Wolsey, placed in the hands of the said fiscal himself. The deponent, in the presence of the aforesaid councilors, declares this to be true and offers to confirm the same on oath. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 23d of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Joris Woolsey

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

<sup>1</sup> Captain Bryan Newton.

Declaration of Isaac Allerton that he heard the Swedish governor at the Delaware say that he had paid John Wilcox in full

[160e] At the request of Cornelis Teunesen, Isaack Allerton, an inhabitant here, attests, testifies and declares that about a month ago he was at the South and there heard the honorable governor residing there for the Crown of Sweden say orally that he had fully satisfied and paid Jan Wilcox for both what he had received from Wilcox himself and what Cornelis Tonissen had left with him on said Wilcox's account. Which Isaack Allerton is at all times ready to confirm. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 23d of July A<sup>O</sup>. 1647.

Isaac Allerton

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh., Secretary

Declaration of Barent Jansen and Hans Jansen that at the beginning of the war of 1643 they had with Melyn's consent gone to Long Island to take some maize belonging to the Indians

[160f] At the request of the Honorable Fiscal Van Dyck, Barent Jansz from Ocholm,<sup>1</sup> aged about thirty-six years, and Hans Jansen from Noordtstrant attest, testify and declare that it is true that they, the deponents, in the year 1643, at the beginning of the war, asked Cornelis Melyn's consent to take from Long Island some maize belonging to the Indians, whereupon Melyn said, "If you wish to do so, you may do so;" but he charged the deponents not to take away any maize if Indians were there. They, the

<sup>1</sup> Ockholm, in Sleswick.

deponents, sailing across with some soldiers, heard Indians, wherefore they did not bring back any maize and returned home; only, to the best of their knowledge, the soldiers had a little bag of maize in the canoe. The deponents offer to confirm this under oath if necessary. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 23d of July 1647.

This is the B I mark of Barent Jansen, made by himself

This is the H I mark of Hans Jansz, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

C: van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Nicolaes Coorn to Claes Jansen Calff to collect money and an inheritance in Holland

[160g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Nicolaes Coorn, residing in Renselaerswyc, well known to me, the secretary, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Claes Jansen Calff to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from Susanna Franse (well known to him, Claes Jansen), at Dordrecht, the sum of ninety-five guilders. Furthermore, the aforesaid Claes Calff is also authorized to ask and receive all such goods, moneys and effects as may have been left and belong to him, the principal, by inheritance from his deceased mother Janneken Kassers, matron of the hospital at Steenberg. On receipt of the above mentioned ninety-five guilders and the aforesaid inheritance he, the attorney, shall have power to give a receipt in due form to those who at present have all such moneys in their possession; the principal holding further as valid

whatever shall be done in the matter by the aforesaid Claes Jansen Calff, who, if necessary, may also go to law and sue and prosecute the case to the end, either as plaintiff or defendant, hear judgment pronounced and appeal therefrom, with further power to do so as the principal might or could do were he present and, if necessary, to substitute one or more persons with similar power. He, Nicolaes Coorn, promises to hold and cause to be held as valid whatever may be done and transacted in the aforesaid matters by the above mentioned Claes Calff or his substitute. Done in Fort Amsterdam, in the presence of Jacob Kip and [blank], as witnesses hereto invited, the 25th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

N: Coorn

Jacob Kip, witness

Cornelis Anthonnisen van Schlick

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from Claes Jansen to Govert Aertsen to collect wages from the West India Company

[160h] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Claes Jansen from Emden, baker, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Govert Aertsen to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of seven hundred and eleven guilders, four stivers, four pennies,<sup>1</sup> earned from their honors by the principal in New Netherland

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<sup>1</sup> This amount is substituted for "six hundred and sixty-two guilders, seventeen stivers."

by baking, according to the account hereto annexed. On payment of the said sum by the honorable directors above named, the aforesaid Govert Aertsen from Purmerent, or his substitute, may execute a discharge, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding further as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the premises by the aforesaid Govert Aertsen, or his agent. Thus done and signed in the record by Claes Jansz in the presence of Jacob Kip and Symon Dircksen Pos, as witnesses hereto invited, the 26th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Claes Jansen,

made by himself

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Symon Dircksz Pos

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Declaration of William Hays respecting a visit paid at the tavern in company with Fiscal van Dyck and others

[1601] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Willem Heays from Barriscourt, surgeon, aged about thirty-four years, who at the request of the honorable director general and council attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be and required, that between the 21st and 22d of July, at about eleven o'clock at night, he, the deponent, was taking a walk through the city of New Amsterdam with Hendrick Ellersz, Jacob, the steward, and Mr. Dollingh, when they met Fiscal van Dyck, who asked them whence they came. To which they answered they were taking a walk. The fiscal replied: "I know where you come from; you come from the tavern.



Come with me, we shall go in there again." Finally, the fiscal knocked at the door of the tavernkeeper, Gerrit the miller, who would not open. At last the door was opened by Mattys Capata. The fiscal, on entering the house, called for wine, so that a gill of brandy was tapped. After the fiscal had taken a drink, he went out, saying: "I shall soon join you again; be merry together." He, Willem Heays, and Jan Dollingh having remained there, the fiscal returned toward dawn, being pretty drunk, and said: "You people must pay for what the fiscal spent tonight." The deponent declares all this to be true, offering to confirm it at all times on oath. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

William Heays<sup>1</sup>

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Substitute power of attorney from Cornelis Cornelissen Backer to Hendrick Jansen to receive money for Teunis Andriessen from the West India Company

[160j] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Cornelisz Backer from Purmerent, attorney of Teunes Andriesz from Amsterdam, at present pilot on the yacht De Liefde, who declares that by virtue of the power of attorney given to him, the appearer, by the aforesaid Teunis Andriesz on the 9th of April last, he substitutes Handrick Jansen, tailor, to ask, demand and receive

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. Declaration in [159f].

from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of eighty-two guilders, sixteen stivers, earned by the aforesaid Teunes Andriessz, according to the account hereto annexed. On payment of the said sum by the honorable directors to the aforesaid Hendrick Jansen, he shall have power to execute a receipt therefor, he, Cornelis Backer, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the premises by his aforesaid substitute. The original hereof in the record is signed by Cornelis Cornelisz Backer in the presence of the witnesses, the 26th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Cornelis Cornelisz

Backer, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Contract of sale of a house and lot on Manhattan island from  
Jan Pietersen to Egbert van Borsum

[160k] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Jan Piteresen from Housem, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that he had sold his house and lot standing and lying on the island of Manhatans, northward from the point of the little cape,<sup>1</sup> where the land of Jochem Kirsteede

<sup>1</sup> Noortwaert van de punt vant Capsken.

adjoins to the southward, to Egbert van Borsum, who also acknowledges the purchase of said house and lot, for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five guilders, payable in three instalments, to wit: the first payment, of a just third part, amounting to one hundred and twenty-five guilders, within fourteen days from now; the second payment of one third part within a year from date; the third and last payment on the 29th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1649; and that free of costs and charges, without exceptions. Which aforesaid house and lot the above named Jan Pietersz delivers free from any claims, relinquishing henceforth and forever whatever right or title he has thereto. For the payment the purchaser binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without exception, submitting the same to the control of all courts. In witness whereof this is signed by Jan Piterzen and Egbert van Borsum, the 29th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the X mark of Egbert van Borsum, made by himself

This is the X mark of Jan Piterzen, made by himself

This is the X mark of Jan Jacobsen, made by himself

Jacob H. Kip, witness

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Bond of Jonathan Brewster of New Plymouth to Willem Turck for duffel cloth delivered to him

[1601] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Jonatan Brewst, residing at New Plymouth in New England, who acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Mr. Willem Turck, merchant, at present residing here in New Netherland, in fifty-one whole and one half good, merchantable, winter beavers, arising from the purchase and delivery of one

hundred and three ells of duffel cloth, the receipt of which from the hands of the aforesaid Mr. Willem Turck before the execution hereof the said Mr. Brewst acknowledges. The aforesaid Mr. Brewst promises to pay and to deliver the said fifty-one whole and one half beaver skins here on the island of Manhatans, free of costs and charges, without contradiction or exceptions, on the first of November next and as security for the payment of the aforesaid beaver skins the said Jonatan Brewst binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by the aforesaid Mr. Brewst, the 29th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

By me, Jonnatha[n] Brewster

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Rev. Johannes Backerus to Jacob Jansen Twiver or in his absence Lambert Cornelissen Scheltes to collect salary due him by the West India Company

[161a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Johannes Backerius, minister here on the island of Manhatans, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jacob Jansen T'wiver, residing in the Wieringer Waert, or in his absence to Lambert Cornelisz Scheltes, residing in the Heere Huygewaert,<sup>1</sup> to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of four thousand and hundred and fifty-four guilders, one stiver, earned by him on the island

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<sup>1</sup> Wieringerwaard and Heer Hugowaard are both polder districts in the northern part of the province of North Holland, Netherlands.

of Curacao, together with four hundred guilders earned by the aforesaid Domine Backerius on the ship De Princes, as per the accompanying account. On payment of said moneys by the aforesaid directors to Jacob Jansz Twiber or Lambert Cornelisz above named, or any one substituted by either of them, he shall have power to execute a receipt for the same, he, Domine Johannes Backerius, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted by one of the above named attorneys or his substitute in the matter above mentioned, wherefore he, Domine Johannes Backerius, consents that an authentic instrument hereof be made and delivered. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland in the presence of Jan Helt and Jacob Kip, my clerk, witnesses hereto invited, who with the principal have signed the original minute hereof in the record, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Johannes Backerus

Jan Helt }  
Jacob Kip } witnesses

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Note of Jan Jansen from Rotterdam to Hendrick Jansen, smith, for board, with power of attorney to collect the amount at Amsterdam

[161b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Jansz from Rotterdam, cooper, who in the presence of the subscribing witnesses acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Hendrick Jansen, smith, in the sum of one hundred and eight guilders, five stivers, for board received at the house of Hendrick Jansz; which aforesaid sum the above named

Hendrick Jansen, or his order, may ask, demand and receive, with power to substitute some one else to do so, at Amsterdam on Calver street, at "The Three Peddlars" (the name of the person residing at "the Three Peddlars" being unknown to the appearer). The above named Jan Jansen likewise promises, in case the money at Amsterdam in the said "Three Peddlars" has been collected by his wife and therefore is no longer due, that he, Jan Jansen, will pay and tender the same free of costs and charges, without exception, submitting to this end to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Thus done in the presence of Jacob Kip [ and ], as witnesses hereto invited, who have signed the original record with Jan Jansz, the 2d of August A<sup>O</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the + mark of Jan Jansen, made by himself

Jacob H. Kip, witness

David Provoost, witness

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Assignment by Sergeant Gerrit Douman to Govert Loockermans of Jacob Naviere's account against the West India Company

[161c] I, Gerrit Douman, sergeant, have by assignment made over and transferred to Mr. Govert Loockmans the account [of wages] earned by Jacob Naviere of the honorable West India Company, amounting to the sum of six hundred and seven guilders, eight stivers, twelve pennies, which account I have here ceded to him for four hundred and fifty guilders, which he, Mr. Loockermans, has paid me here. It is therefore expressly stipulated and agreed that in case the said account be not satisfied and paid in full

by the honorable directors of the West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam he, Gerrit Douman, promises to return and repay to the aforesaid Mr. Loockermans here in New Netherland the sum of four hundred and fifty guilders disbursed by him, with the interest computed at ten per cent per annum, free of costs and charges, without exception, the money being advanced in cash on that condition. For the performance and greater security hereof the aforesaid Gerrit Douman binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by Gerrit Douman in the presence of Jacob Hendricksen Kip my clerk, and [ ], witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of August A<sup>O</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Gerrit Doman

Jacob H. Kip, witness

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Power of attorney from Dirck Dircksen to Hendrick Jansen to collect wages due him by the West India Company for services in Brazil

[161d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Dirck Dircksz from Bremen, who sailed in the year 1639 for the chamber at Hoorn in the ship Groot Hoorn, and who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Hendrick Jansen, tailor, to ask, demand and collect from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Hoorn, the sum of one hundred and one guilders earned from their honors by him, Dirck Dircksen, in Fort St. Louis de Marin,<sup>1</sup> as appears by the account hereto annexed. On receipt of said moneys from their honors

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<sup>1</sup> São Luiz de Maranhão, or Maranham, Brazil.

by the above mentioned Hendrick Jansen, he may execute a discharge therefor and release their honors from future claims, and if the above named Hendrick Jansen shall deem it expedient, he is empowered to substitute another in his place who shall have power to do all things that the above mentioned Hendrick Jansz or the principal, were he personally present, could or might do. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the  mark of Dirck Dircksz, made  
by himself

Jacob H. Kip, witness

This is the H D mark of Andries Tummelinc, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Egbert van Borsum to his brother Cornelis van Borsum to collect wages due him by the West India Company

[161e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Egbert van Borsum, master of the yacht Prins Willem, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, his brother Cornelis van Borsum, mirror maker, residing in the sign of the Gilded Mirror on Egelantier's canal at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and collect from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of seven hundred and forty-seven guilders, eighteen stivers, eight pennies, as appears by the Book of Monthly Wages, No. F, and the annexed account, which above mentioned sum



the principal earned of the said directors in New Netherland. The attorney may execute a receipt in due form, which shall be valid, he, the principal, promising to hold valid and to cause to be held valid all that his aforesaid brother and attorney, or his substitute, shall do and perform in the matter aforesaid. Thus done and signed in the record by Egbert van Borsum in the presence of Jacob Hendricksz Kip and Jan Domen, witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the † mark of Egbert van Borsum, made by himself  
 Jacob Hendricksz Kip, witness  
 Jan Doomen

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Power of attorney from Evert Duyckinck to Hendrick Jansen to collect money due him by the West India Company

[161f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Evert Duykingh, late assistant and now a freeman, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Hendrick Jansen, tailor, to demand and collect in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of six hundred and seventy-five guilders, ten stivers, earned by him, Evert Duyckinck, in New Netherland of the said directors, as per balance of the annexed account in Book No. F. On receipt of this sum from their honors by the above mentioned Hendrick Jansen, he shall have power to execute a receipt in due form therefor and release their honors from future claims, he, the principal, promising to hold valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid

by the above named Hendrick Jansen or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by Evert Duykinck in the presence of Jacob Kip and Davit Provoost, witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Everdt Duyckinck

Jacob H. Kip, witness

David Provoost, witness

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Power of attorney from Willem de Key to Hendrick Jansen to collect from the West India Company money earned by Samuel Dougan in Brazil

[161g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Willem de Key, merchant here, who by virtue of the assignment or transfer dated October 1, 1646, appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Hendrick Jansen, tailor, in his, the rpincipal's, name to demand and collect from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and forty-three guilders, eighteen stivers, earned from their honors by Samuel Dougan in Fort St. Louis de Marinhã,<sup>1</sup> as appeared by the annexed account. On receipt of the said sum by Hendrick Jansen or his attorney, they shall have power to execute a receipt therefor and guarantee their honors against future claims. Thus done and signed by Mr. de Key in the presence of Jacob Hendricksz [

], as witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of August 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Willem de Key

Jacob Leendersen van de Grift

I São Luiz de Maranhão, Brazil.

Power of attorney from Willem de Key to Gerrit Arentsen to collect from the West India Company money earned by Laurens Ackerman in Brazil

[162a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Willem de Key, merchant here, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Gerrit Arentsen to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name on account of Laurens Ackerman from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and twenty-three guilders earned by the above named Laurens Ackerman in Fort St. Louis de Marinharn, as appears by the account and assignment annexed. On payment thereof, the above mentioned Gerrit Arentsz is empowered to execute a receipt therefor; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be performed in the case by the above mentioned Gerrit Arentsz. Thus done and signed in the record by Mr. Willem de Key and Jacob Kip [ and                      ], witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Willem de Key

Jacob Leendersen van de Grift

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Power of attorney from Robert Humphrey to Gerrit Arentsen to collect wages earned by him in the service of the West India Company in Brazil

[162b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Robbert [t] Unfre of Cornarwen, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Gerrit Arentsen to ask, demand, receive and collect in his name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and thirty-six guilders due to and earned by him

from their honors in Fort St. Louis de Marinhm, as per the account annexed. On payment by their honors of the moneys above mentioned, the attorney shall have power to execute a receipt therefor, which shall avail; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be performed in the case by the above named Gerrit Arentsz or his substitute. Thus done and signed in Fort Amsterdam by Robbert Unfre and Jacob Hendricksz Kip and Abraham Planck, witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Netherland.

This is the *R* mark of Robbert Unfre, made by himself  
 Abraham Planck } witnesses  
 Jacob K. Kip }

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Power of attorney from Laurens Christiaensen to Gerrit Arentsen to collect wages earned by him in the service of the West India Company in Brazil

[162c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Laurens Cristiaensz from Copenhagen, who declares that he empowers, as he does hereby, Gerrit Arentsz, merchant at Amsterdam, to demand and receive from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company in Amsterdam the sum of five hundred and twenty-four guilders earned by the above named Laurens Cristiaensz in Fort S. Louis de Marinhm, as per the annexed account. On payment of said moneys by their honors the attorney shall have power to execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid, the principal further holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter by Gerrit Arentsz or his

<sup>1</sup> Probably intended for Robert Humphrey of Carnarvon, Wales.

order. Thus done and signed by Laurens Cristiaensz in the presence of Jacob Kip and [ ], as witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

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Power of attorney from Gerrit Hendricksen to Gerrit Arentsen to collect wages earned by him as a soldier in the service of the West India Company in New Netherland

[162d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gerrit Hendricksz from Holden<sup>1</sup> or Hoepten, late a soldier, now a freeman, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Gerrit Arentsen, merchant at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and receive in his name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of three hundred and forty-five guilders, eight stivers and eight pennies earned by him in New Netherland, as more fully appears by the account annexed. On payment of which moneys by their honors to the above named Gerrit Arentsz, or his attorney, he shall have power to guarantee their honors against future claims. Thus done and signed by Gerrit Hendricksz in the presence of Jacob Kip [ and ], witnesses hereto invited, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

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Power of attorney from Jacob Luyersen to the wife of Symon Jansen Breet to collect money from the West India Company

[162e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New

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<sup>1</sup> Perhaps intended for Holten, a village in the province of Overysel, about 12 miles east of Deventer. Not unlikely, the former soldier was the same person as Gerrit Hendricksen from Deventer, who in May 1646 married at New Amsterdam Marie Lamberts, spinster, born in New Netherland.

Netherland, appeared Jacob Luyersz from Wageningen,<sup>1</sup> who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Aeltje Symons, wife of Symon Jansen Breet in Amsterdam, in his, the principal's, name to ask, demand and receive from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and fifty guilders, seven stivers, fourteen pennies earned in New Netherland from their honors by the above named Jacob Luyersen, as per account annexed. Whenever their honors aforesaid shall have paid the said earned monthly wages to the above named Aeltje Symons or her substitute, she or he may execute a receipt therefor. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the X mark of Jacob Luyersz,  
made by himself

Jan Louresen }  
Jacob H. Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

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Power of attorney from Jan Nagel to Augustyn Herrman to collect wages earned by him as cadet in the service of the West India Company in New Netherland

[162f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Nagel from Limburgh,<sup>1</sup> late cadet and now a freeman, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Augustyn Herman, merchant here, to ask, demand and receive

<sup>1</sup> The word "Marinhan" is crossed out. Jacob Luyersen, or Luursen, was the ancestor of the Kuykendall family. Wageningen is a village on the Rhine, about 10 miles west of Arnhem, in the province of Gelderland, Netherlands.

<sup>1</sup> He married in 1652 Grietje Dircks, widow of Jan Schut, and died before May 1658, when his widow married Barent Gerritsen.

in the principal's name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and twenty-two guilders, three stivers and two pennies due him, the principal, by their honors as per balance and settlement of the account annexed and earned in New Netherland. On receipt of the aforesaid sum of money by the above named Mr. Augustyn Herman, or his substitute, he is empowered to execute an acquittance therefor, he, Jan Nagel, promising to hold and cause to be held as valid whatever shall be done and transacted herein by the above named Mr. Augustyn or his substitute. Done and signed by Jan Nagel in the presence of Jacob Kip and [

], witnesses invited hereto, the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>, 1647, in New Netherland.

Jan Nagel

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Jan Jansen Damen, witness

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Note of Willem Pietersen in favor of Pieter and Hendrick Jansen Cool for money loaned to him

[162g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Willem Piteresen from Bolsaert,<sup>1</sup> mason in the service of the Chartered West India Company in New Netherland, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Piter and Hendrick Jansen

<sup>1</sup> Probably intended for Bolsward, a small city in the province of Friesland.

Cool in the sum of one hundred and eighty-six guilders, which money the above mentioned Willem Pietersz declares was by the above mentioned persons loaned and paid to him here in good faith and in cash before the execution hereof. Wherefore he, the appearer, promises well and truly to tender and pay to the above named Piter and Hendrick Jansz, or to one of them, the above mentioned one hundred and eighty-six guilders in the city of Amsterdam in Holland, free of costs and charges, without any exceptions. For further security of the above mentioned money the above named Willem Piteresen binds his person and property, movable and immovable, and specially the monthly wages earned by him which are due him by the honorable West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, submitting to that end to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof this is signed in the record by Willem Piteresen himself and by Jacob Kip and [ ], as witnesses hereto invited, the 3d of August A<sup>O</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Willem Pietersz,  
made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

David Provoost

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary



Note of Pieter Ebel in favor to Gillis Pietersen for the balance of the purchase price of a house

[162h] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Ebel, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledges that he is well and truly indebted to Gillis Piteresen van der Gou<sup>1</sup> in fifty good merchantable beaver skins on account of the purchase of a house standing and situated southward of Fort Amsterdam on the island of Manhatans; which fifty beaver skins the appearer promises to tender and pay to the above named Gillis Piteresen or his order, free of costs and charges, without contradiction, in two payments, being the balance of the purchase money, to wit: twenty-five good beavers in the month of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1648; the last twenty-five beavers in like manner in the month of June A<sup>o</sup>. 1649. For payment and security hereof the appearer binds his person and property, movable and immovable, and especially the house and lot above mentioned, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts. In testimony whereof this is signed by Piter Ebel in the presence of Jacob Kip and Jan Stevensz, witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 3d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the P.E mark of Piter Ebel, made by himself  
Jan Stevensz

Jacob H. Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning Gillis Pietersen from Ter Gou, or Gouda, in the province of South Holland.

Power of attorney from Frans Bruyn and Jan Porter to Matthias van Riethoven to collect moneys from the West India Company

[1621] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Frans Bruyn and Jan Porter, both at present inhabitants of New Netherland and formerly soldiers on the island of Curaçao, who appoint and empower, as they do hereby, Matias van Riethoven, merchant at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and receive in the name and on behalf of the principals from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, all such sums of money as the above mentioned principals have earned on the island of Curaçao, as can be seen on the books at Amsterdam and as the accounts prove. Furthermore, the above mentioned Mr. Matias van Riethoven has power to ask and receive from the said directors the value of eighteen hundred and four and one-half pounds of tobacco, shipped by the above mentioned Frans Bruyn and Jan Porter in the year 1645 in the ship Neptunes, whereof Paulus Leendersz was master, which said master, on account of lack of provisions, according to his affidavit dated the 19th of June,<sup>1</sup> took said tobacco and with it brought provisions and other necessaries for the ship Neptunes and the crew in Ireland. On payment of said wages and the value of the above mentioned 1804½ lbs of tobacco, computed at nine stivers a pound and accepted at that price by the board of accounts as appears by Paulus Leendersz' affidavit, by the

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<sup>1</sup> See [157g].

above mentioned directors, the aforesaid Mr. Mathias van Biethoven shall have power to execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid; they, the principals, holding valid whatever shall be done in the matter by the aforesaid attorney. Furthermore, if the case require it, he, the attorney, may substitute one or more persons in his place who with the attorney shall have power to sue and plead at law before all such judges as the necessity and circumstances of the case may demand; to prosecute the case to the end, either as plaintiff of defendant; to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom; acting in all things as they, Frans Bruyn and Jan Porter, could or might do were they present, even though the case should require fuller and further authority and orders. Thus done and signed in the record by Frans Bruyn and Jan Porter, with Jacob Hendricksen Kip and Laurens van Heusden<sup>2</sup> as witnesses hereto invited, the 3d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the F B mark of Frans Bruyn, made by himself

This is the + mark of Jan Porter, made by himself

Laurens van Heusden

Jacob H. Kip, witness

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Power of attorney from Captain Johan de Fries to Michiel Jansen and Symon Joosten to look after his free Negroes during his absence

[162j] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Captain Johan de Fries, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Michiel Jansz and Symon Joosten,

<sup>2</sup> The name of Johannes van der Burch is crossed out and Laurens van Heusden is substituted.

both inhabitants here, to have supervision over the principal's free Negroes and Brazilian woman during his absence and to see that they are justly treated<sup>1</sup> until such time as the aforesaid Jan de Vries shall wish to make other disposition in the matter. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 3d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

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Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Protest of Jan Laurensen Appel, attorney of Isbrant Dircksen Goethart, to the curators of the estate of the late Seger Tonissen for non-payment of a bond, with the answer thereto

[162k] I, Jan Laurensen Appel, attorney of Isbrant Dircksz Goethart, inform and serve notice on you, Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenbergh, Piter Bruynsen and Piter Jacobsz Marius, appointed curators of the estate left by the late Seger Tonisz in this country, that the said Isbrant Dircksen has handed me, Jan Laurensen, a bond of Seger Tonissen, written and signed by himself, dated the 16th of September 1646, amounting to the sum of nineteen hundred guilders; also a note of the aforesaid Seger Tonisz wherein he promises to pay in addition to the above mentioned sum twenty guilders monthly as interest of the whole sum. And whereas I have repeatedly applied to you for payment in this country out of the said estate, the more so as the debt was contracted here, so that in my opinion it is but just that

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<sup>1</sup> The words "to have supervision over ... and to see that they are justly treated" are substituted for "to take, put to work, or to board and lodge with others, as they, the attorneys, shall see fit."

the above mentioned bond should be promptly satisfied and paid, therefore I request and desire that you be pleased to pay the above mentioned nineteen hundred guilders with the interest thereon; or, in default thereof, I protest against loss and damage already suffered or which hereafter may be caused or suffered by your refusal.

Jan Louresen Appel

The curators above mentioned, appearing at my, the secretary's, office, give for answer that they are following the order of the director and council and request copy. Thus done in the presence of Piter Jans Cool and Hendrick Jansz Backer, as witnesses, this 14th of August A<sup>O</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pieter Janssen Cool

Heindrick Jansen Backer

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of John Wilcox that he was present when Isaac Allerton executed a receipt for a payment made by Robert Cocxsell

[1621] Jan Wilcox, 33 years of age, at the request of Isaack Allerton, attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true and truthful that he, the deponent, was present at Elsburgh<sup>1</sup> when Isaac Allerton executed a receipt whereby he acknowledged having been paid by

<sup>1</sup> Probably referring to Elsenburgh, alias Salem, N.J. See Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 12:610.

Robbert Cockxel what he individually owed to the above named Allerton. He offers to confirm the same on oath. Date the 7th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the I W mark of Jan Wilcock

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Power of attorney from Jacob Stoffelsen to Symon Dircksen Pos to receive money due to him from the West India Company

[162m] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Stoffelsen from Ziericksee,<sup>1</sup> who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Symon Dircksen Pos to ask, demand and receive in his name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company the sum of two hundred and ninety-one guilders, which sum is due to him by balance from their honors, as is to be seen on the books kept in the time of the former director, Twiller, which money Claes Jacobsz at Schagen was authorized to receive and which two hundred and ninety-one guilders he is now advised remain yet unpaid. On payment of said money by the honorable directors to the above named Symon Pos, he is authorized to give a receipt therefor, [the principal] holding valid whatever shall be done in the matter by Symon. Thus done and signed in the record by Jacob Stoffelsz in the presence of Michiel Jansz and Jacob Kip, witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 8th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the X mark of Jacob Stoffelsen, made by himself

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<sup>1</sup> Zierikzee, a city on the island of Schouwen, province of Zeeland, Netherlands; not "Lake of Zurich," as given by B. Fernow in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:18.

Machghyel Jansz }  
 Jacob Hendr<sup>r</sup> Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Johannes Riger to Jan Vigne to receive money due him by the West India Company for services in Brazil

[162n] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hans Reyger from Norenborch,<sup>1</sup> a soldier who sailed in that capacity in the ship Bonte Lam, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Vienje, residing at Utrecht, to ask, demand and receive in his name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of eighty-five guilders earned in Fort St. Louis de Marinhau in the service of the said director, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of said sum by their honors to the above mentioned Jan Vienje, he is authorized to execute a receipt for it in due form, [the principal] holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter by the above named Jan Vienje or his substitute. Thus done and signed by Hans Ryger with Jacob Kip and Andries Timmelinc, as witnesses, the 8th of July A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Johanes Riger

This is the H D mark of Andries Temlyn, witness, made by himself  
 Jacob Kip, witness

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<sup>1</sup> Nürnberg, Bavaria.

Power of attorney from Hendrick Jansen to Geurt Servaessen to collect at Amsterdam money due him by Jan Jansen from Rotterdam

[163a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hendrick Jansen, smith, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Geurt Servaessen, residing in Papenbroeck alley at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and collect in his, the principal's, name in "The Three Peddlars" on Calver street, Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and eight guilders, five stivers, by virtue of the note and order given therefor by Jan Jansz from Rotterdam, cooper, dated the 2d of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647. If the said sum be not paid in "The Three Peddlars" he, Geurt Servaessen, is authorized to apply to the above named Jan Jansz, cooper, and demand and collect the full payment. Also if need require, he may sue at law and prosecute the case to the end. He may likewise, if necessary, substitute one or more persons; he, Hendric Jansen, holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter by his above named attorney or his substitute. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 9th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Heindrick Jans

Jacob H. Kip, witness

David Provoost, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Jesse La Montagne to Coenraet van Ceulen to receive money due him by the West India Company

[163b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jesse La Montagne, assisted by his father and guardian, Mr. Johannes La Montagne, councillor in New



Netherland, who declared in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that he appointed and empowered, as he hereby does [appoint and empower], Mr. Coenraet van Ceulen, merchant at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and receive in the name and on the behalf of the above mentioned Jesse La Montangne from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of nine hundred and forty guilders, ten stivers, earned by the above mentioned Jesse La Montangne from their honors in New Netherland as appears by the annexed account and the Book of Monthly Wages, N.<sup>o</sup> F, p. 51. On payment of said sum of nine hundred and forty guilders by the above mentioned directors to the above named Mr. Coenraet van Ceulen or his substitute they may execute a receipt therefor in due form, he, Jesse La Montangne, promising with his father and guardian, who assists herein, to hold and cause to be held as valid all that the above mentioned Mr. van Ceulen or his substitute shall do or transact in the matter, even though it should require more specific and ample powers than are herein mentioned. Thus done and signed in the record by Jesse La Montangne, assisted by Johannes La Montangne, his father and guardian, in the presence of [

], as witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 9th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

La Montagne

Jesse Lamontangne

Augustin Herrman, Testat.

Jn<sup>o</sup> Dolling

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Dirck Cornelissen Hoochlandt to Volckert  
Douwesen to receive money due him by the West India Company

[163c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Cornelis Dircksen Hoochlandt, who appoints and  
empowers, as he hereby does, Volcker Douwesen, baker, residing in  
Hasselaer's alley at Amsterdam, to demand and receive from the  
honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company,  
chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred Carolus guilders due  
to him the principal by their honors and to have it entered as  
paid on the debit side of the Colonists' Book, N.<sup>o</sup> F, folio 173.  
On receipt of which above mentioned one hundred guilders from  
their honors by the above named Volckert Douwesen, he is authorized  
to execute in the name and on the behalf of the above mentioned  
Cornelis Dircksz a discharge for the same; he, the principal,  
further holding as valid whatever shall be done and performed in  
the case by his above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done  
and signed by Cornelis Dircksz Hoochlant in the presence of [

] witnesses hereto invited, in Fort  
Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 10th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

By me, Coernelis Diercksz Hoochlandt

Jacob Hendricksz Kip, witness

Mattheus Capito

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Power of attorney from Mattheus Capito to Sytje Harmans to receive  
money due him by the West India Company

[163d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Mattys Capito, late supercargo on the ship  
Swol and now at present a free man, who appoints and empowers, as

he does hereby, Sytje Harmans, residing at Amsterdam on the Nieuwesyts Achter Burghwal, next to the sign of "The Gilt Pitcher," to ask, demand and receive in the name of the principal from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of seven hundred and forty-five guilders, one stiver and eight pennies earned by him, Mattys Capita, from their honors on the ship Swol, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of the aforesaid sum by their honors to the above named Sytje Harmans, or her order, she may execute a receipt therefor and guarantee their honors against all further demands, he, the principal, further holding as valid whatever shall be done or transacted in the matter by the attorney or her substitute. Thus done and signed by Mattys Capita and [ ], witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 10th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Mattheus Capito

Willem de Key

Jacob Hendricksz Kip, witness

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Power of attorney from Dirck Cornelissen from Wensveen to Rev. Everhardus Bogardus to receive money due by the West India Company to Tryn Jonas, his deceased mother-in-law

[163e] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Dirck Cornelissen from Wensveen, as husband and guardian of Marritjen Jans, daughter of Tryn Jonas from Masterland, in her lifetime midwife here in New Netherland, and in said capacity as heir of the above named Tryn Jonas he, the appearer, declared that he appoints and empowers,

as he does hereby, Everardus Bogardus, minister, to demand, collect and receive from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and forty-five guilders, two stivers, eight pennies, earned in her lifetime by the above named Tryn Jonas of their honors above mentioned, as appears on the Book of Monthly Wages, N<sup>o</sup>. F, folio seventeen. On receipt of the above mentioned sum by Everardus Bogardus, he is authorized to execute a discharge therefor in the name and on the behalf of the above named Dirck Cornelisz, in the capacity above mentioned, and guarantee their honors against future claims, he, the principal, therefore promising to hold and to cause to be held valid all that shall be done and transacted in the case by the said Domine Bogardus, who shall also have power to substitute one or more persons with like authority. Thus done and signed by the above named Dirck Cornelisz in the presence of [ ] , as witnesses hereto invited.

This is the † mark of Dirck Cornelisz, made by himself  
 Jacob Kip, witness  
 Christiaan Pietersen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Jacob Hendricksen Kip to his uncle Harman Hendricksen Drooch to receive money due him by the West India Company

[163f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Hendricksen Kip, at present assistant in the service of the honorable West India Company here, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, his uncle, Harman

Hendricksz Drooch, residing at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of three hundred and seventy guilders, seventeen stivers, eight pennies, earned by him, Jacob Hendricksen Kip, of the above mentioned directors in New Netherland as appears by the account annexed. On payment of said sum by their honors to the attorney, he may execute a receipt in due form therefor and guarantee their honors against future claims and, if the case require, the above named Harman Hendricksz shall have power to substitute one or more persons and to do what the principal might or could do were he present. Thus done and signed in the record by Jacob Hendricksz Kip in the presence of [ ], as witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jacob Hendricksz Kip

Augustin Herrman

Adrianus vander Donck

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Power of attorney from Cornelis Claessen Swits and wife to Willem Kieft to receive and sell property belonging to them in the province of Zeeland

[163g] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Claessen Swits with his wife Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels from Renferskerke,<sup>1</sup> who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses appoint and empower, as they do hereby, the Honorable Willem Kieft, late director general of New Netherland, in their names and for them to

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<sup>1</sup> A small village on the south side of the island of Schouwen, in the province of Zeeland.

demand, collect and recover from Stoffel Bartolomeusz Swartbeck, their guardian residing at Brouwershaven,<sup>2</sup> [the following]: First, on behalf of the above named Ariaentje Cornelis Trommels to demand the transfer and conveyance of three gemeten<sup>3</sup> of arable land situated in Zeeland (within the land of said Stoffel Bartholomeusz), belonging to her, Adriaentje Cornelis, by the will of her aunt Marritje Leenders Buys, which three gemeten of arable land the said Mr. Kieft is authorized to take possession of, to cause to be sold, [thereof] to collect and receive the money, and to transfer and convey to the purchaser by virtue hereof, and further to do whatever else the case may require. The said Mr. Kieft may likewise demand, collect and receive all that is due the aforesaid Cornelis Claessen Swits from his guardian, the said Stoffel Bartolomeusz Swartbec, or whoever the said guardian has put in possession of the principal's property, together with the accrued interest thereon; and in case the said principals' guardian should refuse to deliver and pay to the attorney or his substitute the property of Cornelis Claesz Swits and Adriaentje Cornelis Trommels, his wife, he shall have power to institute legal proceedings, prosecute the case to the end, hear judgment pronounced, appeal therefrom, and do whatever they, the principals, could or might do were they present, even though the case required more specific and ample power than is herein set forth. Furthermore, he shall have power to execute a discharge in due form upon receipt, which shall avail the said guardian or those who are now in possession of the property

<sup>2</sup> A city on the north side of the island of Schouwen.

<sup>3</sup> One gemet = about 1/2 morgen, or nearly one acre.

as proof of proper payment, they, Cornelis Claesse Swits and his wife Adriaentje Cornelis aforesaid, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter by the said Mr. Kieft or his substitute. Thus done and signed by the principals in the presence of Jan Viente and Philip Dormier, as witnesses invited hereto, the 14th of August A<sup>O</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Cornelys Clasen Wits

This is the X mark of Ariaentje Cornels Tromnells, made  
by herself

Flip Remier

J. Vinje

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from the curators of Claes Cater's estate to Pieter Jacobsen Marius to collect debts due to said estate

[164a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Dommer and Nanninck Jansen, appointed curators of the estate of Claes Cater, deceased, who in their aforesaid capacity appoint and empower Piter Jacobsz Marius in their names to demand and collect all debts due to Claes Cater, deceased, at New Haven, Stamford, Milford, Onckeway and Long Island, and from every one in particular who is indebted to the late Claes Cater, and when the same shall be satisfied and paid the above named Piter Jacobsz is authorized to execute a receipt therefor in due form; they, the curators, holding as valid whatever shall be

done and performed by their said attorney both in and out of court. Thus done and signed in the record by Jan Dommer and Nanninck Jansen, this 13th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jan Doomer

Nanningh Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Richard Smith to Isaac Allerton as security for a debt due to Allerton by John Wilcox, with counter bonds by Willem Tomassen and John Wilcox

[164b] I, Ritchert Smith, undersigned, resident of New Netherland, offer and bind myself and all my property as surety and principal for Jan Wilcox in the sum of eighty-five guilders which Isaac Allerton's servant demands on behalf of his master from the aforesaid Wilcock, saying that this debt arises from salary paid to Nidt Ager,<sup>1</sup> who traded at the South river as factor for his master and the said Wilcoc in company, on condition that the above named Allerton show and prove that he advanced eighty-five guilders for Wilcox to the said Ager for selling Wilcox's goods on the South river. This being proved, he shall be prepared to pay. Dated the 14th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Netherland.

Richard Smith

[164c] I, Willem Tomassen, master of the ship De Valckenier, bind myself as surety for Jan Wilcox to Ritchert Smith in the sum of eighty-five guilders, on condition that if said Smith be

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<sup>1</sup> Ned, or Edward, Ager.



ordered by the council to pay Allerton, I shall then repay said money to Smith. In witnesses whereof this is signed by me.

Willem Tomassen

[164d] I, Jan Wilcox, bind myself as surety for Willem Tomassen, master of the Valckenier, who has become surety for me to Mr. Smith in the sum of eighty-five guilders claimed by Mr. Allerton; and in case Allerton obtain judgment for the said eighty-five guilders and the same are paid by said Smith, who shall then seek to recover them from Willem Tomassen, then, when Willem Tomassen, shall have paid said Smith, I, Wilcox, promise to repay the said money free of costs and charges to Willem Tomasz, without contradiction, binding therefor all my property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 14th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

This is the mark I W of Jan Wilcox, made by himself

Richard Smith

Jacob H. Kip

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Arnoldus van Hardenberg as surety for Mr. Richard Smith

[164e] Copy

Whereas Kees de boer<sup>1</sup> claims one hundred and sixty guilders from Mr. Wilcox, or in his absence from Mr. Smith, I, the undersigned, become surety for the aforesaid sum of one hundred and sixty guilders

I Cornelis, the farmer.

and promise to hold the said Mr. Smith free from all claims. Done at Manhattan, the 14th of August 1647, in New Netherland.

Was signed: Arnoldus van Hardenberch

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declaration of Claes Jansen Kalf and Adriaen Jansen that Adam Roelantsen was thrown out of the tavern by order of Fiscal van Dyck

[164f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Claes Jansen Calff, aged about thirty years, and Adriaen Jansen from 't Ooch,<sup>1</sup> aged about 26 years, who at the request of Adam Roelantsen attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that it is true and truthful that yesterday evening Fiscal Hendrick van Dyck told Adam Roelantsen in the tavern to keep watch before the door. Some time afterwards the aforesaid Adam Roelantsen came in and the fiscal said to him: "What are you doing here? Why don't you keep watch?" To which Adam answered, there was nothing to watch. The fiscal, replying, said: "You are my servant, you must keep watch," and at the same time struck said Roelantsen twice with the back of his hand<sup>2</sup> and called out: "Throw the blackguard out of doors!" Thereupon the aforesaid Adam Roelantsen was thrust out of doors. All of which the deponents declare to be true and truthful. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 14th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

<sup>1</sup> Colloquial name for the village of Calandsoog, or Kallantsoog, on the North Sea coast, province of North Holland.

<sup>2</sup> The word hand is substituted for vuyst, fist.

Claes Jansen Kalf

Aderyan Jansz

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Power of attorney from Gillis Pietersen to his father-in-law  
Hendrick Jansen to collect certain debts in Holland

[164g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gillis Piterzen vander Gouw,<sup>1</sup> who appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, his father-in-law, Hendrick Jansen, residing at ter Gouw, to ask, demand and collect in the principal's name and on his behalf all such effects and credits as the aforesaid Gillis Piteresz has outstanding in the fatherland, consisting of interest bearing bonds and whatever else they may be called, and in whoever's custody the said effects and moneys may be, without exception. In all of which said matters in which the principal is concerned, wherever in the fatherland it may be, his father-in-law above mentioned is authorized to demand the principal sum and interest and, if necessary, to institute and carry on legal proceedings for the recovery before all lords, courts, tribunals and judges, wherever the above named attorney shall deem it necessary and expedient; also to substitute one or more persons as the case may require, who shall also have power to prosecute the case at law if necessary and either as plaintiff or defendant to carry on the case or cases to a termination, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, doing in all things as the principal, were he present, might or could do, with power

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning from ter Gouw, or Gouda.

also to execute a receipt in due form for moneys received, he, the principal, promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall done and performed in the premises by his above named father-in-law. Thus done and signed in the record by Gillis Pietersen vander Gouw, in the presence of Jacob Kip and Sergeant Daniel Litscho, as witnesses hereto invited, the 14th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jelis Pieters

Daniel Litscho }  
Jacob H. Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Thomas Hall to Willem de Key

[164h] I, the undersigned, Tomas Hal, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Mr. Willem de Key in the sum of four hundred Carolus guilders for moneys loaned and disbursed, which sum I promise faithfully to tender and pay to the above named Mr. de Key, free of costs and charges, on the last of May next in good, whole, merchantable beaver skins at eight guilders apiece; he, Tomas Hal, offering as security, in case he should fail to pay, a note payable by Cornelis Maessen, residing in Renselaerwyc, dated the 21st of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1646. Furthermore, the above mentioned Tomas Hal specially binds and mortgages all his other property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting to that end

to all courts and judges. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland,  
the 14th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Tomas Hall<sup>1</sup>

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Receipt of Pieter Jansen Cool for money received from the curators  
of the estate of Claes Cater, deceased

[165a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van  
Tienhoven, secretary, appeared Pieter Jansen Cool, who acknowledged  
that he had received from the curators of [ the estate of ]  
Claes Cater, deceased, the sum of thirty-seven guilders, 10 stivers,  
which sum the aforesaid Claes Cater owed to Gerrit Symonsen,  
the appearer's brother-in-law. And whereas there appeared here  
nothing but a writing of Gerrit Symonsz, he, the appearer, promises  
to guarantee the curators above mentioned until the debt be approved  
by the widow and heirs of the aforesaid Claes Cater, or, if the  
contrary can be shown to be the case, he, the appearer, promises to  
restore the money now received by him free of costs and charges.  
Without fraud or deceit this is signed the 14th of April 1647,<sup>1</sup>  
in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pieter Janssen Cool

David Provoost, witness

Jacob Hendricksz Kip, witness

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Power of attorney from Jan Cornelissen from Hoorn to Jan Jansen to  
receive money from his guardian, Jasper Claessen, at Hoorn

<sup>1</sup> The bond is canceled in the record.

<sup>1</sup> Apparently a mistake for the 14th of August 1647. See the dates  
of the preceding and following documents.

[165b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Cornelissen from Hoorn, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Jansen, cheesemonger, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from Jasper Claessen, residing on the Drieboomde Singel,<sup>1</sup> outside the Koepoort,<sup>2</sup> at Hoorn, in Holland, guardian of the said Jan Cornelisen, the sum of one thousand and thirty-five guilders and twelve stivers, the receipt of which in cash and goods before the execution hereof from the said Jan Jansz here in New Netherland the principal acknowledges. Wherefore he, Jan Cornelisz aforesaid, gives full power and authority to ask and receive from his, the principal's, above named guardian the aforesaid money, from the first penny to the last, promptly on the first of May A<sup>o</sup>. 1649. And if the said Jasper Claessen should fail to pay promptly on the day above specified, the said Jan Jansen, cheesemonger, or his attorney, may cause the lands and effects in Holland belonging to the above named Jan Cornelisz to be sold for the aforesaid sum of one thousand and thirty-five guilders, twelve stivers and recover the amount out of the proceeds. To that end he is authorized to sue and proceed at law before all courts and judges if necessary, to the final termination of the case, and to execute in due form a discharge on receipt and payment of the money, doing in all things whatever the case may require, although it may demand fuller and more specific authority than he is herein set forth, with power to do whatever he, Jan Cornelisz, were he present,

<sup>1</sup> An avenue just outside the city, so named because it was originally lined with three rows of trees.

<sup>2</sup> Cow gate.

could or might do. In testimony whereof the original record is signed by Jan Cornelisz from Hoorn himself and the witnesses hereto invited, the 4th of October A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jan Cornelisz van Hoorn

Jh<sup>o</sup> Dolling }  
 Jacob Kip } witnesses

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Power of attorney from Catalyn van Straseele, widow of Jan Jansen van Ilpendam, to Johannes de Laet to collect money due her deceased husband by the West India Company

[166a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Catalyntje van Strassel,<sup>1</sup> widow of Jan Jansen Ilpendam, deceased, who appoints and empowers the honorable Mr. Johan de Laet, director of the West India Company, to ask, demand and receive in her, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, all such sums of money as her deceased husband has earned from said directors as commissary at Fort Nassau, appears by the Book of Monthly Wages, N<sup>o</sup> F, now transmitted by the ship De Princes. Furthermore, the above mentioned Mr. de Laet shall have power to take care of and attend for her, the principal, to the accounts kept by her deceased husband as commissary at Fort Nassau, on account of which he was prosecuted here by Fiscal vander Hoykens before the director and council of New Netherland and finally deprived of his office, as more fully appears by the papers in the suit. The said Mr. Johan de Laet shall have power to institute and carry on legal proceedings in the matter before all

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<sup>1</sup> Probably intended for van Straseele, a family name mentioned by Johan Winkler, Oud Nederland, p. 216, as occurring in French Flanders and being deprived from the village of Strazele in that region.

such judges as need shall require or his honor shall deem proper, and before them prosecute the case to the end as plaintiff or defendant, hear judgment pronounced and appeal therefrom; with authority also to substitute one or more persons with one and the same power. And in case the above named attorney receive the deceased Jan Jansen Ilpendam's monthly wages, he may execute an acquittance therefor and guarantee the honorable directors against future claims, doing whatever she, the principal, could or might do were she present, even though the case require fuller and more specific power than is herein mentioned. She, Catalyntje van Strassel, promises to hold and cause to be held firm and valid all that the attorney or his substitute shall do or perform in the case. Thus done and signed by Catalyntje van Strassel in the presence of Mr. Augustyn Heerman and Jan Vienje, witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in Netherland, the 16th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

By me, Catelyn van Straseelle

Augustin Herrman, testat.

J. Vinje

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Power of attorney from Symon Joosten to Captain Johan de Fries to receive certain property in the hands of Barrebar Harmans at Flushing

[166b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Symon Joosten from Marrelbeeck,<sup>1</sup> an inhabitant here, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Captain Johan de Fries to demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from Barrebar Harmans, residing on Vrouwe street at Vlissingen,<sup>2</sup> all

<sup>1</sup> Probably intended for Merkelbeek, in the province of Limburg, Netherlands.

<sup>2</sup> Flushing, in the province of Zeeland.



goods and effects belonging to the principal which he may have in his hands, nothing excepted. On receiving and obtaining possession of the same, he, the said Captain Johan de Fries, shall have power to execute a discharge, which shall be valid; he, the principal, holding valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter by the attorney or his substitute, who also, if necessary, shall have power to institute legal proceedings and to prosecute the case to the end, doing furthermore what he, Symon Joosten, might or could do were he present. Thus done and signed by Symon Joosten in the presence of [

], as witnesses invited hereto, the 16th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Symen Joosen

Willem de Key

Jacob Kip, witness

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Deed from Thomas Robertson to George Wolsey for a house and plantation at Flushing, L.I.

[167a] I, Tomas Robbertsen, have sold to Gorge Wolsey a house and plantation standing and situated in Flushing, the metes and bounds whereof may be seen in the book of the town of Flushing, together with all the grain that is now on it and all the appurtenances thereof that are fastened by earth and nail, for the sum of one hundred and thirty guilders, which is now paid to me. Wherefore I convey and transfer the said land and house to the said Wolsey and his successors, [to have and to hold the same] in true and lawful ownership. In token of the truth this is signed by Tomas Robbersen in presence of Jan Damen as witness, the 16th

of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the mark TR of Tomas Robbersen, made  
by himself

J. Vinje, witness

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Bond of Catalyn van Straseele, widow of Jan Jansen van Ilpendam,  
in favor of Jan Snediger

[167b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Catalyntje van Straessel, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that during the lifetime of her husband, Jan Jansen Ilpendam, deceased, she had duly received from Jan Snediger in goods and cash the sum of seven hundred and seventy guilders, fifteen stivers, which said sum she, Catalyntje van Strassel, declares and promises shall be tendered and paid, free of costs and charges, by her or her heirs, out of her, the appearer's, property and the estate of the late Jansen Ilpendam, her deceased husband, or out of all such goods and effects as may accrue to her or her deceased husband elsewhere by inheritance, descent or will. For greater security the above named Catalyntje Strassel binds and specially mortgages all her property and the estate of her deceased husband, together with all such goods and effects as are due to her or her deceased husband anywhere by will, inheritance or descent. Thus done in the presence of Mr. Adriaen de Keyser, commissary, Piter Antony and Isaac de Foreest, witnesses hereto invited, the 19th of August 1647, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

By me, Kally<sup>1</sup> van Straseells

A. Keyser

Pieter Anthony

Isack de Forest

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienh., Secretary

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Bond of Catalyn van Straseele, widow of Jan Jansen van Ilpendam,  
in favor of Hendrick Hendricksen Kip

[168a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Catalyntje van Strassel, widow of the late Jan Jansen van Ilpendam, and acknowledged that she had received and obtained from Hendrick Hendricksz Kip the sum of seventy-nine guilders, sixteen stivers, an account whereof the aforesaid Ilpendam, deceased, in his lifetime received; which sum the said Catalyntje van Strassel promises to pay, or that it shall be satisfied and paid out of her and her deceased husband's goods and effects, binding and specially mortgaging to that end all her property and the estate of the aforesaid Ilpendam, together with what may accrue to him or to her, Catalyntje van Strassel, elsewhere by will or inheritance, out of which he, Hendrick, may at all times seek to indemnify himself; submitting the same to all courts. Thus done at the house of Isaac de Forest in New Amsterdam, in the presence of Mr. Adriaen de Keyser, commissary,

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<sup>1</sup> Intended for Kalijne, a Flemish form of Catalyn, or Catharina.

Piter Antony and Isaac de Forest, witnesses, who have signed the original hereof in the record with Catalyntje van Strassel, the 19th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Netherland.

By me, Kaly van Steellee

A. Keyser

Pieter Anthony

Isack de Forest

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Bond of Catalyn van Straseele in favor of Dirck Cornelissen from Wensveen

[168b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Catalyntje van Strassel, who acknowledges that she is well and truly indebted to Dirck Cornelisz from Wensveen in the sum of two hundred and twenty guilders for rent and board received at the house of Dirck Cornelissen by Jan Jansen Ilpendam and the aforesaid Catalyntje, which sum she, Catalyntje, promises shall be paid with her other debts out of her estate and all other property and inheritance belonging to her, Catalyntje, and Jan Jansen Ilpendam, which she offers as security therefor. Thus done and signed in the presence of Hendrick Hendricksz Kip and Isaack de Foreest, on the island of Manhatens, the 19th of August A<sup>o</sup>. 1647.

Catlyn van Straselle

Hendrick Hendricksen Kyp

Isack de Forest

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Reconveyance by Thomas Baxter to Isaac Allerton of his half-interest in a boat

[169a] I, the undersigned, Tomas Bacxter, hereby acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors, that, having become indebted to Isaack Allerton, I am at present unable to pay him. I have therefore conveyed and transferred back, as I do hereby, to the aforesaid Isaack Allerton my half-interest in the lighter for which the debt was incurred and that in full payment of what I owed him up to this date,<sup>1</sup> whereby the contract made by us last winter is now at an end and annulled. Done the 21st of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Thomas Backster

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Bill of sale from Petrus Stuyvesant to Stephen Goodyear, deputy governor at New Haven, of the Company's ship Swol

[169b] On the 21st of September, in the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-seven, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary in New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the honorable and valiant Mr. Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland, Curacao and the islands thereof, of the first part, and Mr. Steven Goudjer, deputy governor and merchant, residing at the Roode Berch, called by the English New Haven, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned

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At this point the following words are canceled: "it having been stipulated that the profit and loss and the expenses connected with the aforesaid lighter were to be shared equally by Mr. Isaack Allerton and Tomas Bacxter. In witness whereof this is signed and sealed with our seals in the."

witnesses, declared that they had voluntarily, without persuasion or inducement, amicably entered into, made and concluded together the following contract in the manner and on the terms hereinafter written.

The said general sells for the account of the directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the ship Swol with standing and running rigging, sails, anchors, cables and all that further appears by inventory, good and bad, as the ship aforesaid now lies and can be seen, to the said Mr. Steven Goudjer, deputy governor, who also acknowledges that he has bought the ship above mentioned according to the inventory placed in his hands, in such condition, good or bad, as the said ship now lies in the roadstead and has been inspected by him, the purchaser, for the sum of nine thousand Carolus guilders, if twenty iron cannon shall be delivered with her, and seven thousand guilders if only ten iron guns be delivered with the ship Swol, it being left to the option of the purchaser whether he is to receive ten or twenty iron guns with the ship and the appurtenances mentioned in the inventory and to make payment accordingly as hereinbefore mentioned.

The purchaser remains bound to receive the ship and the appurtenances specified in the inventory here in the roadstead in front of Fort Amsterdam and to execute an acknowledgment of such receipt, taking the ship and all that belongs to her at his risk from the hour that the delivery shall be made, the above mentioned

general being bound only to furnish a sufficient crew to assist in conducting the ship Swol by the inner way<sup>1</sup> to New Haven, placing a person over them in command. And as the general incurs and will run no risk in the least of said ship on the voyage from here to New Haven, the above named Mr. Goudjer shall provide at his expense a pilot in whose charge the entire ship, cargo and appurtenances shall be, which pilot shall have the command in tacking, veering, turning, sailing, getting under way and hearing to during the voyage; and if it should happen, which God forbid, that any accident overtook said ship, the honorable general shall not have to suffer anything on that account, but the loss shall be borne wholly by the purchaser.

Mr. Steven Goudjer promises to furnish provisions necessary for the ship's crew on the voyage to the Roode Berch and in addition to pay here in this country to the honorable General Petrus Stuyvesant, or his order, the sum of nine or seven thousand guilders, as mentioned above, to wit: one fourth in good peas, one fourth in good wheat receivable at New Haven, both the peas and the wheat at thirty-nine stivers a schepel, and the remaining two fourth parts in white strung seawan, computed at six beads for a stiver, of which  $2/4$  parts 1500 gl. shall be delivered in beef and pork, as the animals hang on the hook, at New Haven, where the director general shall send a person to inspect and receive the same if approved and to ship the same to him, namely, between

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<sup>1</sup> Meaning through Hellgate and the sound.

this date and the last of May next, when the last payment must be made. For greater security and fulfilment hereof Isaack Allerton offers himself as surety and co-principal, providing that in case the purchaser remain in default of payment, the surety shall be held responsible for the purchase money. For the performance of this contract he, the purchaser, as principal, and Mr. Isaack Allerton, as surety and co-principal, bind their respective persons and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed the day and year above mentioned by the general, by Mr. Goudjer, as purchaser and principal, and by Mr. Isaack Allerton, as surety and co-principal, in the presence of Paulus Leendersen, naval storekeeper, and Carel van Brugge, as witnesses.

P. Stuyvesant

Stephen Goodyear

Isaac Allerton

Carel van Brugge

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Power of attorney from Isaac Allerton to John Ogden and Richard Cloff to collect debts due him by Luys Hulen

[169c] I, Isaack Allerton, empower and appoint Jan Oghden and Ritchert Cloff to collect the debts which are due me by Luys Hulen, with power to prosecute at Law and to do in all things as I might or could do were I present. Done the 22d of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam.

Isaac Allerton



Contract of sale of a plantation on Manhattan island from Pieter  
van der Linden to Elcke Jansen

[169d] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Elke Jansen from Veenwolden, who acknowledged that he had purchased the plantation of Piter vander Linden situated on the island of Manhatans, which said plantation with all that is fastened by earth and nail Piter vander Linden also acknowledged having sold to said Elcken Jansen, for the sum of four hundred guilders, payable in three years, to wit: one third on the last of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1648, if Elken Jansen can manage to do it; one third A<sup>o</sup>. 1649; and the last payment, making the aforesaid four hundred guilders, on the last of November A<sup>o</sup>. 1650. The aforesaid plantation shall be conveyed and transferred in full and free ownership by him, Piter vander Linden, to the said Elken on next New Year's day A<sup>o</sup>. 1648, when, but not until then, said Elken may take possession of and claim title to the property, the land and buildings aforesaid remaining mortgaged for the payment of the purchase money aforesaid. In testimony whereof this is signed by parties in the presence of Luycas Pietersen as witness, the 29th of September 1647, in New Amsterdam.

Pieter Lynde

Elcke Yansen

Lukas Pietersz

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Andries Hudde to Arnoldus van Hardenberg  
and Pieter Cornelissen to sell a plantation on Long Island

[170a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New  
Netherland, appeared Andries Hudden, commissary at the South  
River, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Arnoldus  
van Hardenberch and Piter Cornelisz in his name to sell and convey  
all such plantation as the said Mr. Hudden owns, situated on Long  
Island over against the Manhatans, and that with all the rights  
granted to him, Hudden, by deed; he, the principal, promising to  
hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and  
transacted in the matter by the above mentioned attorney or his  
substitute, who are to do therein as the principal might or could  
do were he present. Thus done and signed by the principal, the  
30th of September A<sup>o</sup>. 1647, in New Amsterdam.

A. Hudde

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

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Declarations of William Cock and others that George Holmes' wife  
accused the wife of Robert Butler of having an illegitimate  
child

[170b] Willem Cock, 27 years of age, attests at the request  
of Robbert Bottelaer that last Saturday afternoon the wife of  
Gorge Homs said that Robbert Bottelaer's wife was a whore and that  
she had a whore's child. Willem Cock offers to confirm this on  
oath.

This is the X mark of Willem Cock

Cristina Vienje and Maria Vienje attest the same.

This is the L mark of Maria Vienje<sup>1</sup>

This is the X mark of Maria Vienje

Adam Mat attests that Gorge Homs and his wife reviled  
Robbert Bottelaer's wife, calling her a whore, which he offers  
to confirm [on oath]. Done at Manhatans, the 30th of September  
A9. 1647.

Adam Mott

[The End]

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<sup>1</sup> Apparently intended for Christina Vienje, or Vigne.



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