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VOLUME III

REGISTER OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,
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Power of attorney from David Provoost to the heirs of Jochem Botjes and Jan Cornelissen to receive money due him by the West India Company

[1b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Davidt Provoost, late commissary at the house De Hoop,¹ at present a freeman here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the heirs of Jochem Botjes and Jan Cornelisz — who in their lifetime sailed in the ship De Bever, Jan Claesz Smal, master — 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 nine hundred and sixty-three guilders, three stivers, twelve pennies, earned by him, the principal, from their honors at Fort De Hoop in New Netherland, as appears by the account annexed.² On payment of the above mentioned sum by the said directors to the above named attorneys, they are authorized to execute a formal receipt which shall be valid, he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the case above mentioned by the above named heirs. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the principal, with Jacob Kip and Willem de Key as witnesses hereto invited, the 17th of August 1648.

David Provoost

Willem de Key }
Jacob Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

¹ Fort Hope; the Dutch stronghold on the Fresh River, now Connecticut River.

² This account was doubtless copied from the Books of Monthly Wages, which are frequently referred to in these records but which unfortunately have not been preserved.

Assignment by David Provoost of his claim against the West India Company¹

[1e] I, David Provoost], resident in New Amsterdam in New [Netherland, have] transferred and assigned the money earned by me from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, amounting to the sum of nine hundred and sixty-three guilders, three stivers, 12 pennies,² on condition and with the understanding that in case the payment of said account be prevented, either by attachment or any other trouble, and therefore is not paid by their honors above mentioned to the heirs of Jochem Botjes and Jan Cornelisz, I bind my person and property for the return of said money here in New Netherland, to be refunded to them or their assigns, submitting to all courts. In testimony whereof this is signed by me, Davidt Provoost, with Willem de Key and Jacob [Kip], the 17th of August A^o. 1648, in New Netherland.

David Provoost

Willem de Key }
Jacob Kip } witnesses

In my presence.

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

¹ This assignment is written on the lower half of a sheet of paper which on the side is marked in large figures N^o. 29, and which therefore was originally probably the first leaf of the record, though afterwards it was placed after [1d]. The upper part of the leaf is torn off, as a result of which a few words of the present text are wanting. Immediately above the assignment appears the signature of Secretary van Tienhoven and on the other side remain a few words of the last lines of an unknown instrument.

² At this point should be inserted one or more words which were written in the margin, but which are destroyed.

Power of attorney for David Provoost to Gillis Verbrugge to receive certain annuities in Holland

[1f] This day, date uncertain, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Davit Provoost, merchant residing in this city of New Amsterdam, being the husband and guardian of his wife Margarita Gillis, daughter of Barbara Sohuts, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Gillis Verbruggen, merchant at Amsterdam, on his, the principal's, part, in the above mentioned capacity, to demand, collect and receive within the city of Leyden from the honorable receiver-general of the public revenue, all such annuities as are due to the date of the annexed affidavits. On payment of the said annuities by the receiver-general, the above named Mr. Gillis Verbruggen may execute a receipt therefor, he, the principal, holding as valid whatever Mr. Vanbruggen shall do and perform in the matter above mentioned. Thus done and signed in the record by the above named Davit Provoost, in the presence of Jacob Kip and [], witnesses hereto invited, the 17th of August A^o 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

David Provoost

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Certificate that Margarita Provoost was living on June 12, 1647

[1c] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare at the request of Davit Provoost, merchant here on the island of Manhatans

in New Netherland, that Margarita Provoost, wife of said Davit Provoost and daughter of Barbara Schuts, was living and in good health on the 12th of June last, A^o. 1647, which we are ready to confirm by oath, if necessary and required. Thus done and signed in the record the 17th of August A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

David Provoost

Johannes Rodenborch

Jacob Hendricksz Kip

Certificate that Margarita Provoost was living on June 12, 1648

[1d] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare at the request of Davidt Provoost, merchant here on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland, that Margarita Provoost, wife of the said Davidt Provoost and daughter of Barbara Schuts, was living and in good health on the 12th of June last, A^o. 1648, which we are ready to confirm by oath if necessary and required. Thus done and signed in the record the 17th of August A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

David Provoost

Johannes Rodenborch

Jacob Hendricksz Kip

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Power of attorney from Fredrick Lubbersen to Claes Jansen to collect money due to him from the heirs of Jan Helt at Amsterdam

[1g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Fredrick Lubbersen, a resident of the island of Manhatans, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, his brother-in-law, Claes Jansen of Amsterdam, to demand and receive at Amsterdam from the heirs of the late Jan Helt the sum of three hundred and fifteen guilders due to him, Fredric Lubbertsz, by said Helt, as appears by the bond dated the 15th of August 1647, which sum is for board and goods sold and furnished to said Jan Helt, as more fully appears by the subjoined account. On receipt of said sum by Claes Jansen, he shall have power to execute a receipt in full, if necessary to substitute one or more persons and in case the matter so require to institute legal proceedings, the same as he, the principal, should or could do were he present; he, Fredric Lubbertsz further holding as valid whatever shall be done or transacted in the case by his above named attorney, or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by the principal and by Jacob Kip and [], as witnesses hereto invited, the 17th of August A^o. 1648.

Frederick Lubbertsen

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenb[orch], witness

Bill of Expenses

For 2 pearls	fl. 20
For 2 wildcat fur coats, one for his father and one for his wife's father	30
A Spanish table purchased for him, to be paid for	64
2 squirrelskin coats for his wife	40
Also 3 otters for his wife	24
Also fl.12 paid for a fine beaver for his wife	12
For board and lodging	60
Disbursed to pay his debts	65

Total fl.315

Power of attorney from Charles Morgan to Albert Willem van Sevenhoven to collect from the Zeeland chamber of the West India Company wages earned by him in Brazil

[2a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Charles Morgen of Nieuupoort,¹ who came over as a soldier in the ship De Brant van Troyen for account of the chamber of Zeeland [and] who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Albert Willem van Sevenhoven to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the chamber of Zeeland the sum of one hundred and ninety-three guilders net, earned from their honors by the principal in Fort St. Louis de Marinhau,² as appears by the account annexed; on payment of which sum by their

¹ Newport.

² São Luiz de Maranhao, or Maranham, Brazil.

honors above mentioned to the aforesaid attorney, he shall have power to execute therefor a receipt in due form, which shall be valid, he, Charles Morgen, holding further as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by his aforesaid attorney or his substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Charles Morgen, with Jacob Kip and Gysbert Abrahamsz, as witnesses hereto invited, this 19th of August A^o 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Charles Morgen,
made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Gysbert Abramse, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C: van Tienh:, Secretary

Deed from Thomas Broen to Jan Jansen Damen of a house and lot
on Manhattan island, with a receipt for the purchase money

[2b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New
Netherland, appeared Tomas Broen, who in the presence of the
undersigned witnesses transfers, cedes and conveys to and for the
behoof of Jan Jansz Damen a house and lot standing and situated
on the island of Manhatans, outside of Fort Amsterdām, on the north
side, all according to the patent thereof granted to him by the
honorable Mr. Kieft under date of []. He, Tomas
Broen, further declares that he surrenders the said house and lot

henceforth and forever to the behoof as above written, all unencumbered and free from any claim to be set up thereto by himself or his successors; therefore placing the above named Jan Jansz Damen in his stead, real and actual possession of the aforesaid house and lot, relinquishing all title thereto; promising further to hold this, his deed, firm, binding, unbreakable and irrevocable and to observe and fulfil the same, all under binding obligation as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed in the record by the above named Tomas Broen, in the presence of Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenb[o]r[oh], as witnesses hereto invited. Done in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 24th of August 1648.

This is the X mark of Tomas Broen, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Receipt

I, the undersigned, Tomas Broen, acknowledge that I am fully satisfied and paid by Jan Jansz Damen for the purchase and conveyance of the lot and house described above. I therefore release the above mentioned Jan Jansz Damen from any claim which might be set up by me or my successors. Dated the 24th of August A^o 1648, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Tomas Broen, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenbo[r]ch, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor: van Tienh:, Secretary

Power of attorney from Arnoldus van Hardenberch to Jan Lourensen Appel and Adriaen Jansen to manage his affairs during his absence, with ratification thereof

[3a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenbergh, merchant at present residing here in New Amsterdam, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Laurensen Appel and his servant Adriaen Jansz¹ in his absence to have and to exercise the full administration of all wares, merchandise, debts and assets which the said Mr. van Hardenberch leaves to his above named attorneys, as appears by the list or invoice thereof handed to them, with power to both the said attorneys, or in case of the death of either of them during the above mentioned principal's absence [to the remaining one], to do with and dispose of the goods and merchandise, debts and assets as he, Mr. van Hardenberch, were he present, might or could do, according to the instructions given them; also in such wise that they shall not render to any person in the world any proof or accounting, much less be obliged to allow anyone to make an inventory, excepting only to Johan van Hardenberch, or to the aforesaid Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenberch, or their order. With this reservation, that the said attorneys remain bound to render an accounting of their administration to him, the principal, his above mentioned brother, or their order, and that they shall be responsible for the debts which they will contract. He, the principal, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever said

¹ Probably Adriaen Jansen van Ilpendam, who afterwards became a notary public at Albany

attorneys or their substitutes shall do and perform in the matter.
Dated the 24th of August A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New
Netherland.

Arnoldus van Hardenberch

Ratification of the preceding power of attorney

I, the undersigned, Arnoldus van Hardenberch, hereby make
known and declare, as I am now on the eve of my departure for the
fatherland, that I now fully approve and ratify the power of
attorney recorded on the other side hereof, executed the 24th of
August in the year 1648, as if it were now given, holding the same
as binding, in force and valid in all its parts, without any
exception. Done at the Manhatans, this 20th of August 1649, in
New Netherland.

Arnoldus van Hardenberch

Thus done before and in the presence of the undersigned
witnesses on the date as above.

Govert Loockermans }
Johannes de Peyster } witness

Acknowledged before me, in the secretary absence

Jacob Kip, clerk

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Bond of Claes Jansen Ruyter and Harmen Douwessen to Willem Turck
for merchandise received

[3d] We, the undersigned, Claes Jansen Ruyter and Harman
Douwesz, hereby acknowledge that we are well and truly indebted

to Mr. Willem Turc or his order in the sum of forty-three whole and one half beavers, arising from goods to our satisfaction received before the execution hereof from the above named Mr. Turc. We therefore promise promptly and without any exception to pay the said beavers before the departure of the ship Pijnappel,¹ for which we bind our persons and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all courts. In testimony whereof this is signed by us the 24th of August A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Claes Jansen

Harmen Douus

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

The above named Claes Jansen and Harman Douwesens not being able to pay Mr. Turck on the day appointed, according to the tenor of the above bond, they promise to pay Mr. Turck or his order precisely, without delay or postponement, in four months, and in addition one beaver a month as interest. In testimony whereof this is signed by them the 23d of September 1648, at New Amsterdam.

Claes Jansen

Account of Francis Browne

[3b] Copy

Laus Deo A^o 1643, on the island of Curaçao Francis Browne,

¹ Pine Cone.

Yorkshire, Captain at Arms, sailed January 13, 1639, at fl.10
per month [Debit]

March 12	To 2 shirts	fl. 5:
	To 12 ells of canvas @ 16 stivers	9:
	To 1 pair of Iceland stockings	0:15
	To 1 red cap	0:12
	To 6 ells of canvas	4:10
	To 1 pair of Iceland stockings	0:15
	To 1 hat	2:12:8
	To 2 pairs of shoes	4: 4
	To 2 shirts	5: 8
	To 1 English cap	2: 3:8
	To himself, to close this [account]	526: 5:7
Total		fl. 561: 5:7 ² ₃

Laus Deo A^o. 1643, on the island of Curacao
[Francis Browne] Credit
fl. 519: 5:7²₃

January By balance of account A^o 1642

March By the Hon. Directors for 3 months' wages
@ fl.14 per month, earned since the last
of December last to date, when with leave
of the Hon. Directors he becomes a freeman 42:

He has turned in his arms.	Total	fl. 561: 5:7 ² ₃
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Signed: L. Roodenborch

Below was written: Carel van Brugge

Account of John Porter¹[3c] Laus Deo A^o. 1643, on the island of Curacao

Jan Porter, from Lester, soldier

		Debit
March 12	To 6 ells of canvas @ 15 stivers	fl. 4:10
	To 2 shirts	5:
	To 1 pair of Iceland stockings	0:15
August 8	To 6 ells of linen, to wit, canvas	4:10
Ult. Dec.	To 2 pairs of shoes	4: 4
	To 1 shirt	2:14
	To himself to balance this account	272:15

 Total fl. 294: 8
Laus Deo A^o. 1643, on the island of Curacao

[Jan Porter]

Credit

January ²	By balance of account A ^o . 1642	fl. 270: 8
March	By the Hon. Directors for 3 months' wages	
	@ fl.8 per month, earned from ult. Dec.	
	1642 to date, when he became a freeman	24:

 J. Rodenborch fl. 294: 8
 Carel van Brugge

On the back is written:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I received in Ireland from Pouwelis Lendersz, master of the Neptunis, the sum of twenty-two Carolus guilders, 10 stivers, as I was obliged to stay there, and Jan Porter borrowed in cash on this account on the island of Curacao. Done the 28th of October 1645.

This is the X mark of Tick Collen

 1 A copy of this account appears at the bottom of the preceding account of Francis Browne.

 2 Written: Jan wary, which in the Calendar has been given as the name of a soldier, John Wary.

Power of attorney from Jeuriaen Blanck to Isbrant Dircksen
Goethardt to collect money from the heirs of Simon Dircksen Pos

[4a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New
Netherland, appeared Jeuriaen Blanck, residing here on the island
of Manhatans, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Isbrant
Dircksz Goethardt in the name of the principal aforesaid to ask,
demand and receive from the heirs of the late Simon Dircksen Pos
the sum of two hundred and twenty-five guilders, due to the
principal, as appears by the note written and signed by Simon
Dircksen, dated the 11th of August A^o. 1647. On receipt of the
aforesaid sum by the above named attorney or his substitute from
the heirs above mentioned, he is authorized to execute a discharge
in due form; also, if the case require it, to sue at law, to
substitute one or more persons, and further to do and to act as the
principal, were he present, could or might do. He, Jeuriaen Blanck,
promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be
done and transacted in the matter above mentioned by the said
Isbrant Dircksz Goerhart. Thus done and signed in the record by
Jeuriaen Blanck and the witnesses hereto invited, the 26th of
August A^o 1648, in Fort Amsterdam.

Juryen Blanck

Power of attorney from Michiel Messer to Gillis Verbrugge to collect
money from the directors of the West India Company¹

[4b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary of New

¹ This power of attorney is canceled in the record.

Netherland, appeared Michiel Messer from Franckendael,² having come over as a soldier in the year 1647 in the Princes, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Gillis van Bruggen,³ merchant at Amsterdam, in his, the principal's, name to ask, demand and receive from the honorable directors at the chamber of Amsterdam the sum of seventy-two guilders, seventeen stivers, five and $\frac{1}{3}$ pennies, earned by him, the principal, from their honors on the ship De Princes, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the above named directors to Mr. van Bruggen, he is empowered to execute therefor a receipt in due form, which shall be valid; he, Michiel Msser, further promising to approve whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by the principal in the presence of Jacob Kip and [

], witnesses hereto invited, this 26th of August 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Michiel Messer, made by himself
Jacob Kip, witness

Power of attorney from Pieter Leendersen to Gillis Verbrugge to collect money from the West India Company

[4c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Pieter Leendersz, trumpeter, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as

² Frankenthal, in Rhenish Bavaria.

³ Elsewhere called Gilles Verbrugge.

he does hereby, Mr. Gillis Verbruggen, merchant at Amsterdam, 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 Carolus guilders due the principal by their honors, as appears by the writing executed under date of the 31st of July 1648 (and written off on the debit side of his account) ¹ On payment of said sum by the aforesaid honorable directors to the above named attorney, he shall have power to execute a formal receipt for it, which shall be valid; he, the principal, further holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the principal and by Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenborch, as witnesses hereto invited, this 27th of August 1648, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Pieter Leendersz, made by himself
Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Jan Foppen to Gerrit Vastrick to collect wages earned by him in the service of the West India Company

[4d] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Foppen from Haerlem, who came out in the year 1643 as a seaman on the ship Swol, and who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Gerrit Vastrick, merchant on the little ship Prins Willem, in his, the principal's, name to ask, demand and receive from the honorable directors of the Chartered

¹ The words in parentheses are substituted in the margin for "by Mr. Stuyvesant," which words are canceled.

West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of ninety-three guilders, sixteen stivers, earned by the principal on board the ship Swol; also the sum of ninety-five guilders, six stivers, ten pennies, earned on the yacht De Liefde, as appears by the annexed accounts. On payment of the said moneys by the above mentioned directors to the attorney or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a receipt for the same in due form, which shall be valid; he, the principal, further holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by the principal and by Jillis Pietersen and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 5th of August 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

[In the margin is written:] This power of attorney is signed as hereinbefore written on the 5th of August 1648.

Power of attorney from Pieter Cornelissen to Rivert Symonsen Pilles to collect money from the West India Company

[4e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Pieter Cornelisz, house carpenter, at present still in the service of the honorable Company in New Netherland, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Rivert Symonsz Pilles, residing at Enckhuysen, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of eight hundred and thirty-nine guilders

and six pennies, earned by the principal from their honors in New Netherland, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of the above mentioned sum by the honorable directors to the attorney, he shall have power to execute a receipt therefor, which shall avail; he, the principal, further holding valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter above mentioned by his above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by the principal with Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip as witnesses, this 27th of August 1648, in New Netherland.

Pieter Cornelisen

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Power of attorney from Tobias Rem to Pieter Cornelissen Prins to collect money from the West India Company

[4f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Tobias Rem from Leenvoort,¹ a soldier who came out in the ship Salamander [and] who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Pieter Cornelisz Prins 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 one hundred and fifty-eight guilders, nineteen stivers and ten pennies, earned

¹ Perhaps intended for Lemförde, a village on the Dümmersee, in Hanover, Germany

from their honors by the principal in New Netherland, as appears by the annexed account and the Book of Monthly Wages, No. F. On payment of this sum by the honorable directors above mentioned to the aforesaid attorney, he shall have power to execute a receipt in due form therefor, which shall be valid; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted the matter aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid or his substitute, who is to do in everything as he, Tobias Rem, were he present, could or might do. Thus done and signed in the record by the principal, with Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland this 28th of August 1648.

Tobias Rem

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Certificate that Pieter Rutten, deceased, was indebted to Claes Jansen

[5a] We, the undersigned, at the request of Claes Jansz from Amsterdam, attest, testify and declare on our consciences, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary and required, that the said Claes Jansen in the year 1647, here in New Netherland, advanced and paid to Piter Rutten, sailmaker, the sum of forty guilders, which Piter Rutten departed from New Netherland in the Princes, it being expressly promised that he, Piter Rutten, or, in

case of misfortune, his heirs at Amsterdam, should satisfy and pay the above mentioned sum, the last penny with the first, free of costs and charges, without any exception or contradiction. It was also stipulated that the above mentioned Claes Jansen should not run any risk or hazard of the sea. This the deponents declare to be in fact true, offering to confirm this at all times by oath. The original hereof in the record is signed by Piter Andriesz and Harman Jansen, who are known to me, the secretary, the 28th of August A^O. 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Pieter Andriesz, made by himself
Harman Jansz

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], secretary

Power of attorney from Dr. Hans Kierstede to Willem Turck to collect money due him from the West India Company

[5b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hans Kierstede, surgeon, late in the service of the honorable Company in New Netherland and now a free man, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Willem Turck, merchant,¹ to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of twenty hundred and eighty-nine guilders, five stivers and ten pennies, earned by him from their

¹ Coopman, which in this case means supercargo.

honors in New Netherland, as appears by the accompanying account and the Book of Monthly Wages, N^o F. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the above mentioned honorable directors to the above named Mr. Willem Turck, or his substitute, he is empowered to execute a receipt in full which shall avail; he, the principal, further holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by his above named principal or his substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Hans Kierstede and by Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip, witnesses hereto invited, this 28th of August 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Hans Kierstedt

Johannes Rodenb[orch] }
 Jacob Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cor- van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Power of attorney from Kreger Pisker to Harmen Jansen to collect money due him from the West India Company

[6a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Kreger Pisker from Rosenborch, a soldier, who came out on the ship Utrecht [and] who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Harmen Jansz to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven guilders, six stivers and eight pennies, earned from their honors by the principal in New Netherland as

appears by the account annexed and the Book of Monthly Wages, No. F. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the above named attorney or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a discharge in full, which shall be valid; he, Krigier Pisker, further holding as valid whatever shall be transacted or done in the matter aforesaid by the above mentioned attorney or his substitute, who is to do therein as he might or could do were he present. Thus done and signed by the above named Krigier Pisker and by Johannes Rodenb[orch] and Jacob Kip, witnesses hereto invited, this 28th of August A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Kreger Pisker, made by himself

Jacob Kip	}	witnesses
Johannes Rodenborch		

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Maritje Jans, widow of Dirck Cornelissen van Wensveen, to Willem Turck and Seth Verbruggen to collect money due to her late husband from the West India Company

[6b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Marritje Jans, widow of the late Dirck Cornelisz van Wensveen, with Jacob Couwenhoven and Govert Loockmans, her chosen guardians in this matter, who appoints and empowers, as she does hereby, Mr. Willem Turck and Mr. Seth Verbruggen to receive from the hands of the honorable Mr. Wolter van Twiller, formerly director general of New Netherland, all such power of attorney and account

against the West India Company as the late Dirck Cornelisz has transmitted to the aforesaid Mr. van Twiller to collect payment thereof. The said account and power of attorney having been turned over and delivered by Mr. van Twiller to the attorneys, they may execute a receipt therefor and present the said account to the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company and demand, collect and receive payment of the moneys mentioned therein, execute a receipt for the payment, substitute one or more persons and in all things do and perform whatever she, Marritjen Jans, being present, could or might do, even though the case should require more ample and more specific authority than is inserted herein; she, Maritje, and her chosen guardians herein promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and transacted by her aforesaid attorneys or their substitutes that shall serve the purpose or the case may require. An authentic instrument hereof is requested. Thus done and signed in the record by the above named Maritje Jans and by Jacob Couwenhoven, her chosen guardian herein, together with Jacob Kip and [

], as witnesses, the 29th of August A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Maritie Jans

Jacob van Kouwenhoven

Govert Loockermans

Johannes Rodenborch

Jacob Kip, witness

Receipt of Richard Smith for satisfaction of a bond given in behalf
of John Wilcox and order of said Smith on skipper Willem
Thomassen in favor of Adam Mott

[6c] Mouns^r: van Teinoh¹

These are to Certifie you that I haue Rec^d: satisfacti^o
from skipper will: and doe hereby discharge the s^d: will: from his
securitie to me in the behalfe of wilcocks.

July the 17th: 1648.

Richard Smith

Adam Mott I entreate you to receiue seauentene gild^s:
of skipp^r will: for the vse of

July the 17th: 1648

Your lo: ffriend

Richard Smith

Receipt of Adam Mott, agent of Richard Smith, for money paid by
Willem Thomassen, skipper

[7a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New
Netherland, appeared Adam Moth, attorney of Mr. Ritchert Smith,
who acknowledged that before the execution hereof he had received
from Willem Tomasz, skipper of the Valckenier, the sum of eighty-
five guilders, for the discharge and promise of repayment of which
aforesaid money the said Willem Tomasz had become surety on the
14th of August A^o 1647, namely for the person of Jan Wilcocx in
favor of Isaac Allerton, as more fully appears by the note written
and signed by Wilcocx, dated as above. Wherefore the said Adam
Madt hereby releases the aforesaid Willem Tomasz as surety for
Jan Wilcocx to the amount aforesaid and promises that he or the
heirs of Jan Wilcocx aforesaid shall nevermore be troubled or called

I Cornelis van Tienhoven.

upon to pay by Isaack Allerton, Mr. Smith, or him, the appearer; therefore releasing him from all further claims. In testimony and witness of the truth the appearer has signed the original minute hereof in the record, together with Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto, the last of August 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Adam Mott

Power of attorney from Jan Willemsen Schut to Jan Stevensen to collect money due him from the West India Company

[7b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Willemsz Schut, late steward and now a freeman, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Stevensz, schoolmaster here, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and eighty-seven guilders, nineteen stivers, earned in New Netherland by the above named Jan Willemsz as steward, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the above mentioned directors to the said attorney, he shall have power to execute therefor a receipt in due form, which shall be valid; he, Jan Willemsz, holding valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by the said Jan Stevensz or his substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the above named Jan Willemsz, with Johannes Rodenb[orch] and Jacob Kip as witnesses

hereto invited, this 31st of August 1648, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Jan Willemsz, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenb[orch]

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Rev. Johannes Backerus to Jacob Jansen Twyver to collect arrears of salary due him by the West India Company

[7c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Johannes Backerius, minister here on the island of Manhatans, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jacob Jansz Twiver, residing in the Wieringer Waert,¹ or, in his absence, Lambert Cornelisz Scheltes, residing in the Heere Huygewaert,² to demand, ask and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of three hundred and ninety guilders, fourteen stivers, earned by him, Domine Johannes Backerius, in New Netherland, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the said directors to the above named Jacob Jansz

¹ Wieringerwaard; a polder district in the province of North Holland, near the island of Wieringen.

² Heer-Hugowaard; a polder district N.E. of Alkmaar, province of North Holland.

Twyver or Lambert Cornelisz, or any one substituted by them, they shall have power to execute a receipt therefor in due form; he, Domine Johannes Backerius, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the aforesaid matter by one of the above mentioned attorneys, or his substitute. Wherefore he, Domine Backerius, requests that an authentic instrument be made hereof Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Domine Johannes Backerius, with Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenborch, as witnesses hereto invited. Actum, Manhatans in New Netherland, this 31st of August 1648.

Johannes Backerus

Johannes Rodenb[orch], witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt to Gerrit van Hengst to collect arrears of salary from the West India Company

[8a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, residing at Fort Amsterdam, appeared Mr. Olof Stevensz, late commissary of the store and of cargoes and now a freeman, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Gerrit van Hengst, merchant at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, all that he has earned in New Netherland and that is due

to him, the principal, by the honorable directors, according to the account thereof On payment of said amount of the account by the honorable directors to the above named Gerrit van Hengst, or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a receipt therefor in due form, which shall be valid; he, Olof Stevensz, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the said matter by his above named attorney or his substitute. Wherefore he, Olof Stevensz, requests that an authentic instrument be made hereof. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the above named Olof Stevensz, with Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 31st of August A^O.11648.

Oloff Stevensz

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenb[orch]

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Hans Fomer to Augustyn Herrman to collect arrears of pay from the West India Company

[8b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hans Fomer from Hirsvelt,¹ late a soldier and now a freeman, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Augustyn Heerman to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the

¹ Hersfeld, or Hirschfeld, a town in Hesse-Nassau, Prussia.

chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of eighty-one guilders, eleven stivers, four pennies, earned by the principal in the service of their honors in New Netherland, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of the aforesaid money by the said honorable directors to the above named attorney or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid; he, Hans Fomer, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the said matter by the above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Hans Fomer above named, with Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 31st of August A^o. 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Hans Fomer from
Hirsvelt, made by himself

Johannes Rodenborch }
Jacob Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Paulus Leendersen van der Grift to Hans Bartelsen and Simon Evertsen van der Grift to receive a legacy left in Holland to Gysbert Gerritsen

[9a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Paulus Leendersen vander Grift, naval storekeeper here, chosen guardian, with Hans Bartelsz, of Gysbert Gerritsz, minor son of Gerrit Gysbertsz, in

his lifetime residing at Amsterdam, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the above named Hans Bartelsz, residing at Naerden, his co-guardian, and Symon Eversz van [der] Grift, in the place of the principal, to demand, collect and receive in the principal's name, in their capacities aforesaid, from Willem Martensz Vlym the sum of twelve hundred Carolus guilders, willed and bequeathed to the said Gysbert Gerritsz by his aunt, Tryn Gerrits, in her lifetime wife of the aforesaid Willem Martensz Vlym, in order to place the said money, consisting of two bonds issued by the general government, for greater security in a safer and more secure place than they now are, for the greater benefit and profit of the said minor Gysbert Gerritsz. And in case the above named Willem Martensz be unwilling or refuse to deliver the said sum of twelve hundred guilders or the bonds to the attorneys, the same shall by virtue of this power of attorney and as co-guardians of the aforesaid orphan have authority to sue the above mentioned Willem Martensz at law and to prosecute the case to final determination; to observe all terms of court, whether as plaintiff or defendant, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom; also to substitute one or more persons and doing furthermore whatever the case may require, even though fuller and more specific authority were necessary, with power, moreover, to do whatever the principal, were he present, might or could do; he, the principal, promising to hold and to cause to be held valid all that the aforesaid attorneys or their substitutes shall do and transact in the matter above

mentioned, of all of which he requests an authentic instrument. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Paulus Leendersz and by Jacob Kip and Johannes Roodenborch, the first of September A^O. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Pouwelis Lendersz van die Grift

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Govert Loockermans

Power of attorney from Harmen Hendricksen to Gillis Verbrugge to receive from the West India Company money earned by him in New Netherland

[9b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Harmen Hendricksz from Witmont,¹ cooper, who came over on the Princes in 1646, and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he hereby does, Mr. Gillis Verbruggen to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and fifty-nine guilders, five stivers, seven pennies, earned by the above named Harmen Hendricksz in New Netherland, as appears by the annexd account. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the said directors to the above mentioned Verbrugge, or his substitute, he shall have power to execute therefor a receipt in due form, which shall be valid; he, Harmen Hendricksz, holding as valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter by his above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the above named Harmen

¹ Wittmund, a village in East Friesland, Hanover, 14 miles N.E. of Aurich.

Hendricksz and by Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip as witnesses,
the first of September A^o. 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the H K mark of Harmen Hendricksz

Cuyper, made by himself

Evert Tesselaer, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Evert Tesselaer to Govert Loockermans to
sell certain merchandise left in his hands

[10a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New
Netherland, appeared Evert Tesselaer, who appoints and empowers,
as he does hereby, Mr. Govert Loockmans to trade and sell here
in New Netherland all such goods as the aforesaid Evert Tesselaer
has left in his hands, according to the invoice; which goods the
aforesaid Loockemans shall have power to trade and dispose of
as if the owner were present, provided he render an account of his
administration, the principal promising to hold good and valid
whatever the said Loockmans shall do and perform. Done the 2d of
September A^o. 1648, in New Netherland.

Evert Tesselaer

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bill of sale from Govert Aertsen to Jacob Wolphertsen van
Couwenhoven of the yacht De Liefde

[10b] I, Govert Aertsen, have sold and delivered to Jacob Wolphersz a yacht commanded by me, named De Liefde, which yacht I deliver and transfer free from any lien or claim on or to the same. I also acknowledge that before the execution hereof I have been satisfied and paid the purchase money, the first penny with the last. I promise nevermore to trouble the said Jacob Wolpherszen on that account and to free him from any claim which any one may make to the said yacht. Thus done and signed the 3d of September A^O. 1648, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Goouert Aertsen

Govert Loockermans

Jacob Kip, witness

Power of attorney from Wessel Evertsen to Jannetje Erassimus to
collect money due to him by the West India Company

[10c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Wessel Eversz, late master of the yacht St. Marten and now a freeman, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jannetje Erassimus, residing at Naerden, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of five hundred and eighty-four guilders, twelve stivers and seven pennies, earned in New Netherland from their honors by the principal, as appears by the annexed account. On payment of said

sum by the honorable directors to the above named Jannetie Erassimus, or her order, she shall have power to execute a formal receipt therefor which shall be valid; he, Wessel Eversz, further approving what shall be done and transacted in the case above mentioned by his above named attorney or her substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the above named Wessel Eversz, with Jacob Kip and [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 8th of September 1648, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Wessel Eversz, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Bond of Sander Leendersen to reimburse Willem Turck in beavers for seawan received from him

[11a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Sander Leendersen, residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that before the execution hereof he had received to his full satisfaction from Mr. Willem Turck, free merchant here, the sum of one thousand and seventy-eight guilders, in good merchantable strung seawan, for which the said Sander Leendersz promises to pay precisely in July A^o 1649

to the said Mr. Turck, or his order, good winter beavers, all whole, except that Sander shall be at liberty to number among the hundred whole, twelve half-beavers, but no more. The halves shall be reckoned at three guilders, ten stivers, and the whole [beavers] at eight guilders, and so to the full payment of the above mentioned sum. As further security for the payment hereof he, Sander Leendersz, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all courts and judges. Thus done and signed by the appearer in the presence of Johannes Rodenb[orch] and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 8th of September A^o 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Sander Lenrsen

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond of Philip Jansen Ringo to Isbrant Dircksen Goethardt for the repayment of money loaned to him by said Goethardt

[11b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Philip Jansen Ringo, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that before the execution hereof he had to his full satisfaction and contentment received from Isbrandt Dircksz Goethardt the sum of twelve hundred and fifty-

five guilders, consisting of seawan loaned by Isbrant Dircksz to said Philip Jansz Ringo. Wherefore the said Philip Jansen promises to tender and pay the said sum, free of costs and charges, in the month of May or in June A^o. 1649 to Isbrant Dircksen Goerhart, or his order, in good, whole, merchantable beavers, each beaver to be then reckoned at nine guilders, ten stivers. For the payment of said sum Philip Jansen submits himself and all his property to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof the original hereof in the record is signed by Philip Jansz Ringo in the presence of Johannes Roodenborgh and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 8th of September A^o. 1648, in New Netherland.

Philip Y[a]hnsen Ringo

Johannes Ridenb[orch], witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Power of attorney from Jan Jansen from Ditmersen to Jannetje Douwes to receive money left him by Annetje Sipke, his mother

[12a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Jansen from Ditmersen, a freeman residing here, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jannitje Douwes at Amsterdam to ask, demand and collect for him, the principal, in the above named city of Amsterdam, from Paulus Jansen, his step-father, all such share of the inheritance coming to him, the principal, and left by his late mother Annitje Sipke, in her lifetime wife of the above named Paulus Jansen; also to see, read, or to hear read, the account, inventory or such other documents or instruments as may have been made or written respecting the property left; likewise, in case the above named Paulus Jansz

should refuse to turn over, tender and pay the above inheritance from his, the principal's, mother to the attorney or her substitute, the first penny with the last, Jannitje shall have power to substitute one or more persons, who as well as the attorney shall be empowered to carry on legal proceedings, to observe all terms of court, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, doing in all things what he, the principal, could or might do, were he present; he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid all that shall be done and transacted in the case above mentioned by the attorney or her substitute. Thus done and signed by the principal, with Jacob Kip and Joahnnes Roodenborch as witnesses hereto invited, the 9th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Jansz van Ditmarsen

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Mortgage of Jacob Roy's house to Gillis Pietersen as security for a loan from Isbrant Dircksen Goethardt for which Gillis Pietersen remained surety

[12b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Roy, who empowers, as he does hereby, Gillis Ptersz in his absence to have charge and care of the principal's house, as also to have the full disposition of said house, which he, the attorney, is authorized to occupy or to rent

for the benefit of Jacob Roy, inasmuch as he, Gillis Pitzersz, is surety to Isbrant Dircksz Goethardt in the sum of one hundred and eighty guilders which Jacob Roy has received from Isbrant Dircksz and for which he mortgages his aforesaid house to the behoof of Gillis Pitzersz or Isbrant Dircksz. Thus done the 9th of September 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jacob Roy, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Hendrick Jansen to Geurt Servaessen to collect wages earned by Bartel Lourissen in the service of the West India Company on the ship De Princes

[13a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hendrick Jansz, smith, an inhabitant here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Geurt Servaesen, residing in Papenbroch steech¹ at Amsterdam, by virtue of a certain note, dated the 10th of June anno 1647, executed by Bartel Lourisz from Norway in favor of Hendrick Jansz, to demand, ask and receive in the said Hendrick Jansz' name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of fifty-one guilders, seventeen stivers, twelve pennies, earned in the service of their honors by the above named Bartel Louriz on board the ship

¹ Papenburg Alley

De Princes, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of the said sum by the aforesaid honorable directors to the above named Geurt Servaes, or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a formal receipt in full, which shall avail their honors as proof of valid payment, he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid all that the aforesaid attorney, or his substitute, shall do and perform in the matter above mentioned. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the principal in the presence of Jacob Kip and Willem de Key, as witnesses hereto invited, this 10th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Heindrick Jansen

Willem de Key

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienh., Secretary

Note from Bartel Lourissen to Hendrick Jansen

[13b] Copy

Dated Manades the 10th of June anno 1647

I, the undersigned, Bartel Loursen from Norway, acknowledge that I am indebted to Hendrick Jansz, smith, for board, in the sum of 44 guilders and 8 pennies, which I promise to pay, living or dead, when the voyage is completed; and if we are out for booty,

he shall look to the booty which shall then be obtained, for he has the first account of the Princes as security. The account amounts to 51 guilders, 17 stivers.¹ Was signed: Bartel Lorsen.

Agrees with the original

Cor: van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Jacob Leendersen van der Grift to Marten Martensen to receive money due to him by the West India Company

[13c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Leendersz van die Grift, steward here in the service of the honorable West India Company, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Marten Martensz, shoemaker, residing at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, all such sums of money as he, the principal, has earned from their honors at Curaçao and on the ship Swol, as appears by the account thereof. On payment of said sum by the honorable directors to the above named Marten Martensz, he shall have power to execute a formal receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid; he, Jacob Leendersen, approving whatever shall be done and performed in the aforesaid matter by the above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the above named Jacob Leendersz, with Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenb[orch] as witnesses hereto invited, this 11th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

¹ In the preceding power of attorney the amount is given as fl.51:17:12.

Jacob Leendersen van die Grift

Jacob Kip, witness

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Power of attorney from Simeke Jacobsen, skipper, to receive money due to him by the West India Company

[14a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Simeke Jacobsz, at present master of the yacht Amsterdam, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, [], to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of three hundred and twenty-one guilders, eighteen stivers, four pennies, earned [in the service] of their honors by him, the principal, on the ship Swol, as appears by the account annexed. On payment of this sum by the above mentioned honorable directors to the aforesaid attorney, he shall have power to execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall avail their honors as [evidence of] good payment; he, Sinneke Jacobs, holding as valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the aforesaid attorney or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by the above named Sinneke Jacobsz, with Johannes Rodenborch and Jacob Kip as witnesses hereto invited, this 11th of September A^o 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Simeke Jacops

Johannes Rodenb[orch], witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Sybolt Claessen to Reyer Stoffelsen to receive money due to him by the West India Company

[14b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared the worthy Sybolt Claesen, carpenter, residing here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Reyer Stoffelsz, a freeman, to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and twenty-nine guilders, sixteen stivers, 8 pennies, due to him, the principal, by their honors, as appears by the annexed account. On payment of this above mentioned sum by the honorable directors aforesaid to the above named Stoffelsz, or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a receipt therefor in due form, which shall avail their honors as [evidence of] good payment. He, Sybolt Claesz, promises to hold valid whatever shall be done and performed in the case above mentioned by his attorney or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by Sybolt Claesz, with Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenborgh as witnesses hereto invited. Done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland this 12th of September Anno 1648.

Sibet Clasen

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Leendert Arentsen to the heirs of Jan Albertsen to collect a legacy in Holland due to his wife Leuntje Alberts

[14c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Leendert Arentsz from Aelsmoer,¹ husband and guardian of Leuntje Alberts, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the children and heirs of the late Jan Albertsz Leydecker,² at Amsterdam, to demand, ask and receive from Dirck Jansz, residing at Amsterveen,³ uncle of the said Leuntje Alberts, wife of the above mentioned Leendert Arentsen, the sum of one hundred and forty guilders, accruing and arising from the inheritance from the late Keesjen Symons at Amsterveen. On receipt of the aforesaid sum of one hundred and forty guilders by the heirs of Jan Albertsz, they shall have power to execute a receipt in full therefor and guarantee against future claims; also, if the case require it, to sue at law before all courts, tribunals and judges wherever they shall think it necessary or expedient, and to substitute one or more persons with the same and like power; he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid all that shall be done and transacted in the case above mentioned by the above named attorneys or their substitutes. Thus done and signed by Leendert Arentsen, and by Johannes Roodenborch and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited and present,

¹ Aalsmeer, a village about 10 miles S.W. of Amsterdam.

² Leydecker, means "slater."

³ Amstelveen, formerly a village about 4 miles S. of Amsterdam, now part of the city.

the 12th of September A^o. 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Leendert Arentsz

Johannes Rodenb[orch], witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Promisory note of Cornelis Arentsen of Pavonia in favor of
Isbrant Dircksen Goethart

[15a] I, Cornelis Arentsz, residing at Pavonia, acknowledge for myself, my heirs and successors, that I am well and truly indebted to Isbrant Dircksz Goethart, or his order, in the sum of three hundred and twenty-two guilders in seawan received to my satisfaction before the execution hereof. I therefore promise to tender and pay the said sum, the first penny with the last, free of costs and charges, next summer, the first of June 1649, in good, white strung seawan. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by Cornelis Arisz as principal, with Johannes Rodenb[orch] and Jacob Kip as witnesses hereto invited, the 12th of September A^o 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Cornelis Arisz,
made by himself

Contract of Pieter Heyn to serve the West India Company for one year as a ship carpenter

[15b] I, Pieter Heyn, born in De Ryp,¹ have this day bound

¹ A village, midway between Alkmaar and Purmerend, province of North Holland.

myself for one year to the honorable director general, for the account of the West India Company, to work as a ship carpenter in the Company's service, for which labor I am to receive forty-five stivers a day. This day, the 14th of September A^o 1648.

Piet Heyn

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Heinrich Heinrichs to Jacob Pergens to collect wages earned in the service of the West India Company on the ship De Princes

[15c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Hendrick Hendricksz from Eerlant,¹ a soldier, who came out on the ship De Princes for the account of the chamber of Amsterdam and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the honorable Mr. Jacob Parghens,² director of the West India Company, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of ninety guilders, thirteen stivers and 5 1/3 pennies, earned by the aforesaid Hendrick Hendricksz from their honors on the ship De Princes, as appears by the annexed account. On payment of said sum by their honors to the aforesaid honorable Mr. Jacob Parckens or his

¹ This place is not identified. In the index to the Calendar of Dutch MSS., it is given as Ireland, which is evidently a mistake, as the principal, judging from his signature, was a German.

² Jacob Pergens, a merchant of Amsterdam, who was born at Cologne and who died at Amsterdam in 1681. See Johan E. Elias, De Vroedschap van Amsterdam, 1:388.

substitute, he is empowered to execute a formal receipt therefor, which shall avail their honors as evidence of good payment, he, Hendrick Hendricksz, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by the said honorable Mr. Parghens or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by the aforesaid Hendrick Hendricksz, with Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenborgh as witnesses hereto invited, the 14th of September Anno 1648, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Heinrich Heinrichs

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

Bond of Gillis Pietersen for the payment of one hundred and eighty guilders due by Jacob Roy to Isbrant Dircksen Goethart

[16a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gillis Pietersen, who acknowledged, as he does hereby, that he is well and truly indebted to Isbrant Dircksen Goethart, for Jacob Roy, gunner, in the sum of one hundred and eighty guilders received by Jacob Roy from Isbrant Dircksen Goethardt, which sum he, Gillis Pitzersz, promises to tender and pay to the said Goethardt or his order by the first of June A^o 1649, in good, whole beavers; for which the appearer, Gillis Pitzersz, submits himself to all courts and judges In witness whereof this is signed by Gillis Pietersz and

by Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenb[orch], as witnesses hereto invited,
the 15th of September A^o. 1648, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jelis Pieters

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Jan Jansen from Piersel to Willem Turck to
collect wages earned by him in the service of the West India
Company in New Netherland

[16b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New
Netherland, appeared Jan Jansz from Piersel,¹ a soldier, who
sailed out in the year 1640 in the ship Utrecht and who in the
presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as
he does hereby, Mr. Willem Turck, merchant here, to ask, demand
and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable
directors of the General Chartered West India Company, at the
chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and sixty-one
guilders, one stiver, fourteen pennies, earned in New Netherland
from their honors, as appears by the accompanying account. On
payment of the aforesaid sum by the said directors to the above
named Mr. Turck or his order, he shall have power to execute a
receipt therefor in due form, which shall be valid, he, Jan Jansz
from Piersel, approving whatever shall be done and performed in
the matter aforesaid by his attorney or his substitute. Thus
done and the original hereof in the record signed by the above

¹ Piershil, a village in the Hoeksche Waard, province of South
Holland.

named Jan Jansz, with Jacob Kip and Pieter Jacobsz, as witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 16th of September 1648.

This is the X mark of Jan Jansz
from Piersel, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Pieter Jacobsz Maryus

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Pieter Broensen to Hendrick van Dyck to demand certain moneys from the administrators of the estate of Seger Teunissen

[16c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Pieter Bruynsz, born in the Streek,¹ who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Hendrick van Dyck, fiscal of New Netherland, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the administrators of the estate of the late Seger Tonisz the sum of eight hundred and fifteen guilders, which the aforesaid Pieter Bruynsz disbursed and invested for him, Seger Teunisz, in goods in Holland, and also eight hundred and eighty guilders, ten stivers, by virtue of a certain power of attorney given to him, Pieter Bruynsz, by Willem Jansz, coppersmith, the

¹ A name for a series of small villages extending van Enkhuizen to Hoogcarspel, in the province of North Holland; also called de Lange-Streek.

value whereof was sent by Seger Tonisz on bottomry. On receipt of the aforesaid sums of money from the said administrators by the honorable Fiscal van Dyck, he shall have power to execute a receipt therefor, which shall be valid. He shall also have power to sue and to carry on legal proceedings if necessary, to prosecute the case to the end either as plaintiff or defendant, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, and to substitute one or more persons, doing in all things as the case may further require, he, Pieter Bruynsz, promising to hold valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by the aforesaid Hendrick van Dyck. Thus done and signed in the record by the above named Pieter Bruynsz, with Pieter Jacobsz and Claes Bordingh, as witnesses hereto invited, this 16th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pieter Broensz

Pieter Jacobsz Maryus

Claes Claese Bordingh

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

Bond of Burger Jorissen for the repayment of money advanced by Willem Turck to Jan Jansen from Piersel

[17a] I, the undersigned, Burger Jorisz, residing at the Manhatans, offer myself as surety to Mr. Willem Turck for the account [of wages] earned by Jan Jansz from Piersel in New Netherland, amounting to the sum of one hundred and sixty-one guilders, one stiver, fourteen pennies. If the same be not paid by the honorable directors to Mr. Turck or his order, I,

Burger Jorisz, promise to tender and pay the aforesaid amount of the account to the above named Turck in New Netherland, without any contradiction or exceptions. In witness whereof this is signed in the record by me, Burger Jorisz, this 16th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam.

Burger Joris

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond of Jan Jansen from Piersel to reimburse Borger Jorissen if called upon to pay Willem Turck certain moneys advanced by the latter to Jan Jansen

[17b] I, the undersigned, Jan Jansz from Piersel, a soldier in the Company's service in New Netherland, promise to satisfy and pay Borger Jorisz the sum of one hundred and sixty-one guilders, one stiver, 14 pennies, the amount of my account which I have earned in New Netherland. If Borger Jorisz be obliged to pay the same to Mr. Willem Turck because he, Burger Jorisz, has become surety for me to Mr. Turck, then I promise to satisfy and pay the said sum to the above named Burger Jorisz without any contradiction, binding therefor my person and effects, wherever they may be. In token of the truth this is signed in the record by me, Jan Jansz from Piersel, this 16th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jan Jansz
from Piersel, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor: van Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from the guardians of Cornelis Dircksen to Willem Turck and Seth Verbruggen to collect from the West India Company moneys due to the late Dirck Cornelissen van Wensveen

[17c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland appointed by the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Mr. Oloff Stevensz and Michiel Jansz as legally chosen guardians of Cornelis Dircksz, son of the late Dirck Cornelisz van Wensveen, in his lifetime carpenter here in New Netherland, who appoint and empower, as they do hereby, Mr. Willem Turck and Mr. Seth Verbruggen to receive from the honorable Mr. Wolter van Twiller, late director general of New Netherland, all such power of attorney and accounts against the West India Company as Dirck Cornelisz, deceased, has transmitted to the said Mr. van Twiller, in order to demand the payment thereof. On the transfer and delivery of said accounts and power of attorney by Mr. van Twiller to the attorneys, they are authorized to execute a receipt therefor and to exhibit said accounts to the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company; to demand, collect and receive the payment of the moneys therein mentioned and to execute a receipt in full therefor; to substitute one or more persons and in all things to do and perform whatever they, the principals, in the capacity aforesaid, might or could do, even though the case were such as to require more ample or specific power than is inserted herein; they, the principals, promising to hold and cause to be held valid all that shall be done and transacted in the matter by their above named attorneys or their substitutes, as the case may require; requesting an authentic instrument hereof. Thus done and signed in the record by the principals, together with Jacob Kip and Johannes Rodenborch as witnesses, the 16th of

September A°. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Machghyel Jansz

Oloff Stevensz

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Isbrant Dircksen Goethart to Hendrick Hendricksen Kip and Jan Jansen Schepmoes to collect debts outstanding in New Netherland

[18a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Isbrant Dircksen Goethart, who in the best manner and form to him possible appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Hendrick Hendricksz Kip and Jan Jansen Schepmoes, both inhabitants of New Amsterdam, either jointly or, in case of absence or death of one or the other of them, individually, to demand, collect and receive all such debts and claims as the said Isbrant Dircksen has outstanding and left here in New Netherland, as more clearly and fully appears by the list thereof handed by Isbrant Dircksz to the attorneys; with power to each of the aforesaid attorneys to execute a receipt in full, to institute legal proceedings if necessary, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, doing in all things what the principal might or could do if he were personally present, even though the case require further and fuller authority that is herein specified. He, Isbrant Dircksz Goethart, promises to hold and cause to be held valid all that shall be done and performed in the premises by the attorneys, saving that the attorneys shall be bound to render an account of their administration.

Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Isbrant Dircksz Goethart in the presence of Johannes Roodenb[orch] and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, the 18th of September A^o 1648, in New Amsterdam.

Isbrant Dircksz Ghoethart

Power of attorney from Janntje Claes, widow of Urbanus Luyersen, to her mother, Beatrix Hermans, to collect wages earned by her deceased husband on the ship De Princes

[18b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jannetie Claes, widow of Urbanus Luyersz from Wageningen,¹ in his lifetime mason in New Netherland in the service of the honorable West India Company, who appoints and empowers, as she does hereby, her mother, Bejatres Hermans, residing at Amsterdam, on Boom street, to ask, demand and receive in her, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of two hundred and twenty-one guilders, one stiver and 5 1/3 pennies, earned from their honors by her aforesaid deceased husband on the board the ship De Princes, as appears by the accompanying account. On payment of the said sum by the honorable directors to the above named Bejatres Harmans or her order, she is authorized to execute therefor a formal receipt in full, which shall be valid, she, Jannetie Claesz, holding as valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by her above mentioned mother. Thus done and signed in the record by the above named Jannetie Claes, with Jacob Kip and Gysbert Abramsz, as witnesses hereto

¹ A city 11 miles W. of Arnhem, in the province of Gelderland, Netherlands.

invited, the 19th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam.

Yanse Claes²

Gysbert Abramse }
Jacob Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Power of attorney from Gysbert Abrahamsen to Beatrix Hermans to collect wages earned by him on the ship De Princes

[18c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gysbert Abrahamsz from Asperen,¹ who sailed in the Princes as a soldier and who is now a mason in New Netherland in the service of the honorable Company, and who in the presence of the undersigned witness appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Bejatres Hermans, residing at Amsterdam, on Boom street, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber of Amsterdam, the sum of seventy-four guilders, one stiver, 5 1/3 pennies, earned by him, the principal, from their honors on board the ship De Princes, as appears by the accompanying account. On payment of the aforesaid sum by the honorable directors to the above named attorney, she is authorized to execute a receipt in full, which shall be valid, he, Gysbert Abramsz, holding as valid whatever shall be done and

² Her full name was Jannetje Claes Boones. Her deceased husband was a brother of Jacob Luyersen, the ancestor of the Kuykendall family.

¹ A small city in the province of South Holland, about 10 miles N.E. of Gorinchem.

performed by the above named Bejatres Hermans or her substitute in the matter above mentioned. Thus done and signed in the record by the above named Gysbert Abramsz, with Jacob Kip and [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 19th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam.

Gysbert Abramse

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond of Isaac Allerton as surety for Nicolaes Hart

[19a] Mr. Isaack Allerton offers himself as surety for Nicolaes Hart at all times to defend [him] at law against Jan Dommer with regard to any claim which Dommer may set up against Captain Clercq.¹ This day, the 23d of September 1648, New Amsterdam.

Isaac Allerton

Charter-party of the ship De Liefde by John Evans, of New Haven, for a voyage to Barbadoes

[19b] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the honorable Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland, Curaçao, etc, of the first part, and Mr. Jan Evance, merchant residing at

¹ Captain Jeremy Clerk. See N.Y.Col. MSS., 2:158a.

New Haven, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged and declared that they had deliberately agreed and contracted about the charter and freighting of the ship De Liefde, belonging to the honorable West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, in manner and on the conditions hereinafter set forth: The honorable director general above mentioned shall be bound at the expense of the honorable Company to provide the said ship of about fifty lasts burden with proper sails and rigging, sixteen seafaring persons, one or two more or less, and provide them with victuals, and further to equip and deliver the ship in proper order to receive and carry merchandise. The aforesaid general shall be bound, with God's help, to deliver said ship on the last of October at New Haven, where the ship shall lie three weeks to take in and receive under the deck the merchandise which the said merchant shall ship in the said ship, and on the expiration of the said three weeks the ship shall sail direct to Barbadoes and there deliver on shore to those he shall order the merchandise which the above mentioned merchant shall have shipped, and remain there two weeks to discharge the ship. This being effected, the ship shall be at liberty and prosecute her voyage pursuant to the general's orders. For the charter of said ship Mr. Evance promises to pay the honorable general the sum of two thousand, seven hundred and fifty guilders, payable one part in provisions to such amount as the general shall please and the remainder in bills of exchange on Holland. Said merchant promises that the said ship shall not be molested there at New Haven or elsewhere, as long as she shall be in his service, by

any claim that may be set up by anyone against the said ship or her masters and consequently shall be free from all attachments and permitted to prosecute her voyage unimpeded. It is likewise expressly stipulated, if the said ship happen to lie or be detained by Mr. Jan Evance or his factor at New Haven or at Barbadoes longer than the lay days hereinbefore specified, that Jan Evance shall pay the wages and rations of the ship's crew, in addition to the contracted freight. Thus done and signed by the respective parties, the 23d of September A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

P. Stuyvesant

Jn^o Evance

Isaac Allerton

Pouwelis Lendersz van die Grift

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh[oven], Secretary

Power of attorney from Luycas Hendricksen, drummer, to Jan Jansen to receive from the West India Company the pay earned by him in New Netherland

[19c] Luycas Hendricksz, from Westcoutrey,¹ drummer, who sailed out in the ship De Leuwin, empowers Jan Jansen, cheesemonger, to ask and receive at Amsterdam from the honorable directors the sum of three hundred and two guilders, three stivers and four pennies, due by them to him and earned in New Netherland. This

¹ Probably intended for Courtray, or Kortryk, in West Flanders.

23d of September 1648.

This is L H the mark of
Luycas Hendricksz, made by himself

In my presence:

H. van Dyck, fiscal, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Jan Doomer and Nanningh Jansen to Jan
Snediger to manage their affairs during their absence

[19d] Jan Dommer and Nanningh Jansz appoint and empower Jan
Snedige[r] in their absence to demand and collect in New Netherland
all their debts outstanding here; also to have and to retain until
further order the full administration of the property belonging
to the principals, provided that he render an account thereof to
them or their attorneys. Thus done the 24th of September 1648,
in New Amsterdam.

Jan Doomer

Nanningh Jansen

Power of attorney from Willem Turck to Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt
to manage his affairs during his absence

[20] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New
Netherland, appeared Mr. Willem Turc, merchant here, who appoints
and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Oloff Stevensz, resident
here, to demand and receive all his, the principal's, outstanding
debts and to settle all and every of the principal's other affairs
here in New Netherland; if necessary, to institute legal proceedings

and to substitute one or more persons; to execute receipts and to guarantee against future claims. He, the principal, promises to hold valid whatever Oloff Stevensz shall do and perform in the premises Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 24th of September 1648, in New Amsterdam.

Willem Turck

The goods which Oloff Stevensz might receive, he is to send to Lammert Leyssen, merchant at Amsterdam.

Deposition of Andries Lucassen and others that in the fall of 1647 they sailed with Govert Loockermans along the north coast from New Amsterdam and that during said voyage Loockermans did not sell any arms or ammunition to the Indians

[20 b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Andries Luycassen, aged 53 years, Cornelis Mauritz Bout, aged 33 years, and Jan Jansen from St. Obyn, aged 27 years, who at the request of Mr. Govert Loockmans attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true and truthful that in the months of October and November, etc., Anno 1647, they sailed with Govert Loockmans and his bark along the north coast from New Amsterdam to Pakeketock, Crommegou and New Haven, during which voyage aforesaid they neither saw nor heard, nor even knew, that Govert Loockemans himself, or any of his crew, directly or indirectly traded or bartered with the Indians there or elsewhere any powder, lead, or guns, except that he, Loockmans, made a present of about one pound of powder to the chief Rochbou in the Crommegou and purchased two geese in the Crommegou and half a deer at Pakatoc with powder, without having given to or exchanged with the Indians anything else to our knowledge. The deponents declare

this to be true and offer to confirm this by oath if necessary and required. Thus done the 28th of September A^o. 1648, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Andries Luycaasz

Caornelys Morrsen Boudt

This is the X mark of Jan Jansz van St. Obyn, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Co. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Gillis Jansen Pompoen to [] to receive money due him from the West India Company

[21a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Gillis Jansen Pompoen, late farm servant in the employ of the Chartered West India Company at the house De Hoop, to the north, on the Fresh River, and at present a freeman, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, []¹ 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 one hundred and ninety-one guilders, two stivers, twelve pennies, earned during the administration of the honorable Mr. Kieft, and seventy-three guilders, ten stivers, earned from the first of July 1647 to the 7th of August A^o. 1648, as appears by the accompanying accounts, amounting together to the sum of two hundred and sixty-four guilders, twelve stivers, twelve pennies On payment of this sum by their honors to the attorney, he is authorized to execute a formal receipt in full therefor and to guarantee against future claims; he, the principal, holding as

¹ Name omitted.

valid all that shall be done and performed in the case above mentioned by his above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and signed in the record by Gillis Jansz Pompoen, in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip as witnesses hereto invited, the 28th of September A^o. 1648, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Gillis Jansz Pompoen, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Promissory note of Claes Jansen Ruyter to the director general of New Netherland for the purchase money of the yacht De Vreede

[21b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Claes Jansen Ruyter, who acknowledged that he had purchased the yacht De Vreede for forty whole beavers, which beavers said Claes Jansen promises to pay to the honorable director general of New Netherland within two months from this date. In testimony whereof this is signed the 29th of September A^o. 1648, in New Amsterdam.

Claes Jansen Ruyter

Inventory of property left behind by Hans Lodewyck, a runaway

[22a] Inventory of property found at Breuckelen in New Netherland, the 29th of September A^o. 1648, which property is left behind by Hans Lodewyc, who has absconded without the knowledge of the honorable director general and council of New Netherland

A small clapboarded house and an uncultivated woodlot

Two horses left with Jan Eversz, to wit, one stallion and one mare, being English horses

The neighbors of Hans Lodewyck declare that said Hans Lodewyck has gone away and removed all his goods which he had at Breuckelen to the Manhatans and that he said that he was going to Holland or elsewhere. Done as above, in the presence of Johannes La Montagne.

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Contract of Jeuriaen Hendricksen to build a farmhouse for Jan Damen

[22b] Jeuriaen Hend^r. agrees to build for Jan Damen a house, 60 feet long and on each side a passageway throughout, the frame twenty-four feet wide; in front 11 feet high and in the rear 12 feet high, the rear part being one foot above the ground and the front part two feet above the ground. The front room 24 feet square, with a cellar under it. To lay and tongue and groove the attic floor and to wainscot the front room all around; two bedsteads, one in the front room and one in the chamber, and a winding stair,

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so that one can go from the cellar to the attic; the front gable perpendicular and the rear gable truncated.¹ In the front room a window casing with transom and mullion and also a mantelpiece. Jeuriaen Hendricksz must provide the roof with split rafters and nail on the laths, and on each beam [put] a loft bent.²

Jan Damen is bound to furnish Jeuriaen Hendricksz and his men with food and drink until the work is completed. When the work is finished Jan Damen must pay Jeuriaen Hendrickx the sum of four hundred and twenty-five guilders, once. Furthermore, Jeuriaen Hendricksz is bound to construct everything in proper manner and to commence in eight weeks. This day, the 2d of October 1648, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Jeuriaen Hendricksz,
made by himself

Jan Jansz Damen

This is the X mark of Dirck Volcksz, made by himself

This is the X mark of Albert Jansz, made by himself

Indenture of apprenticeship of Cornelis Jansen from Rotterdam to Evert Duyckingh, to learn the glazier's trade

[22c] Evert Duyckingh engages Cornelis Jansen from Rotterdam as an apprentice for the term of eight consecutive years, commencing on the first of Mar A^o. 1649 and ending on the first of May A^o. 1657, during which time the above mentioned Evert Duyckingh is bound to bring up the said Cornelis Jansen and to provide him

¹ De voorgevel een staende gevel and de Achter een dwars gevel.

² Op elke balck een vlier bint.

with food, drink, necessary clothing, lodging, washing, etc.; also, to teach him the trade of a glazier or such [other] trade as Evert can and to have him taught reading and writing. The guardians must pay the school money. During the aforesaid time the said boy must remain in the service of Evert Duykingh and show him proper respect, as an apprentice is bound to exhibit toward his master. Thus done and signed the 6th of October A^o 1648, in New Amsterdam.

Everdt Duickinck

Jan Jansz Damen

Oloff Stevensz

In my presence,

Jacob Kip, clerk of the secretary

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Indenture of apprenticeship of Jan Jansen from Rotterdam to Albert Cornelissen

[22d] Albert Cornelisz engages Jan Jansz from Rotterdam, a boy about ten years of age, as an apprentice for the term of six consecutive years, commencing the first of May A^o. 1649 and ending the first of May 1655, during which years the above mentioned Albert Cornelisz shall be obliged to bring up the said Jan Jansz and provide him with food and drink, the necessary clothing, lodging, washing, etc.; also, to teach him such trade or work as he, A. Cornelisz, himself knows and can do, and to have paternal

supervision over him and to do as one ought to do and it is proper that one should do toward orphans. During the aforesaid time the boy above mentioned shall be at the service of Albert Cornelisz and show him proper respect, as an apprentice is bound to exhibit toward his master. Thus done and signed the 6th of October 1648, in New Amsterdam.¹

Agreement of Simon Walingsen to purchase Pieter van der Linde's plantation on Manhattan Island

Simon Walincksen purchases Pieter van Linde's plantation for one hundred and seventy-five guilders, payable six weeks after date, on payment of which sum by Simon Walingsen, Pieter van Linde shall be bound to deliver to him a deed in due form. Thus done and signed the 7th of October 1648, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of
Symon Walingsen, made by himself
Pieter Lynde

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

[23] Certified copies of two protests by Brant van Slichtenhorst against Director General Stuyvesant, dated respectively September 8 and October 20, 1648 ¹

¹ Not executed.

¹ The original of this agreement is in New York Colonial MSS., v. 18, p. 2b.

¹ For translation of these protests, see Doc. Rel. Col. Hist., N.Y. vol. 14, pp. 94-99. Fernow's translations are not in all respects satisfactory, but the inaccuracies or variations from the original text are not of sufficient importance to warrant the reprinting of these long and well known documents.

Bond of Elke Jansen to Jan Claessen for the remainder of the purchase money of the Malle Smits Berg

[24a] I, the undersigned, Elcke Jansz from Veenwolde,¹ acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Jan Claesz from Belckum² in the sum of two hundred and sixty Carolus guilders, arising from the purchase and conveyance of the land called the Malle Smits Berch,³ which the aforesaid Jan Claesz from Belckum promises to have transferred to the said Elcke Jansz on his account with the honorable West India Company, amounting to the sum of four hundred and twenty guilders.

Jan Claesz from Belckum has been fully satisfied for the rest of the money by Elcke Jansz, there remaining only the aforesaid two hundred and sixty guilders, which I, Elcke Jansz, undersigned, promise to pay free of costs and charges to the said Jan Claesz or his order in the month of May in the year 1649, in one payment, in current pay I promise honestly to satisfy and pay the above, in default whereof Luycas vander Liphorst becomes surety and co-principal, so that in case the above named Elcke Jansz should fail to satisfy and pay the sum above mentioned, I, Luycas vander Liphorst, promise to satisfy and pay the aforesaid Jan Claesz or his order the sum above mentioned without any contradiction. As further security they, Elcke Jansz and Luycas

¹ Veenwolden, or Veenwouden, a village 9 miles E.N.E. of Leeuwarden, province of Friesland, Netherlands.

² Belkum, or Berlicum, a village 4.5 miles E. of 's-Hertogenbosch, (Bois-le-Duc), province of North Brabant, Netherlands

³ Literally: Crazy Smith's Hill; so named for a former owner, Thomas Sandersen, a smith, who lost his reason and who was known as the "malle smit."

vander Liphorst, bind all their property, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to all lords, courts, tribunals and judges In witness whereof this is signed in the record by the above named Elcke Jansz and Luycas vander Liphorst, this 3d of November A^o. 1648, in New Netherland.

Elcke Jansen

Luicas vander Liphorst

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary

Dissolution of partnership between Claes Claessen Bordigh and Adriaen Jansen from 't Ooch

[24b] This day, the 6th of November A^o. 1648, in presence of the undersigned witnesses, appeared at the office of the secretary of New Netherland, before his assistant, in the secretary's absence, Claes Claesz Bordigh and Aryaen Jansz from 't Ooch,¹ who acknowledged and declared that they had entered into and made with each other an agreement in the fatherland to the effect that if either of them happened to die, depart or the like, the remaining one should settle and manage the affairs and property of the other; and whereas the one named Aryaen Jansz from 't Ooch proposes and intends to go to sea in the yacht De Liefde, they therefore, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, release and discharge one another from all claims and such like partnership as they have had with each other and they, each for himself, annul and cancel the above mentioned contract of co-partnership written by a notary at Amsterdam. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by them as late partners aforesaid, and by Johannes

¹ 't Oog, or Calandsoog, near Alkmaar, in the province of North Holland, Netherlands.

Rodenborch and Pieter Jacobsz, as witnesses hereto invited. Done
at Manhatans in New Netherland, date as above.

Aderyan Jahnsz

Claes Claesen Bordingh

Pieter Jacobsz Marijus

Kacob Kip, witness

The pages 133-77 mentioned below are ⁷⁰
in VL's typescript of Dutch transcriptions.
It is all that survives of Dutch vol 3 in typescript.
After writing the note, he decided not to include in
the Hudde Report after all, so the note below is
now inaccurate + misleading and only idiots
would have included it here.

[Pages 133-77 of these Records contain the Report of John
Printz, written by Andreas Hudde, of the Swedish settlement
on the Delaware River. It is now in the New York Colonial
Manuscripts, Vol. 18, No. 1. See Calendar of Historical
Manuscripts, p. 335. A translation by Francis Adrian Van der
Kemp, "in wretched English," was printed in New-York
Historical Society Collections, Second Series, Vol. I (1841)
pp. 428-42; and in the translations of B. Fernow, Doc. Rel.
Col. Hist. N.Y., 12: 28-39. Hence it is not given in this
place. — Editor's Note.]

Power of attorney from Jan Labatie to Adriaen van der Donck to manage the affairs of Harmen Bogardus, deceased, growing out of his interest in the yacht La Garce

[25] On the 10th of November 1648, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland, before his assistant, in the secretary's absence, appeared Jan Labate, a resident at Fort Orange, who in the presence of the subscribing witnesses appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Mr. Adriaen vander Donck, an inhabitant here, in his, the principal's, name to transact and execute the business between Mr. Harmen Bogardus (whose widow he married) and Christiaen Pietersz, deceased, on account of the share of the yacht La Garce, as well as some other matters touching him, Jan Labatie, as more fully appears by the written order given to the attorney, who shall have power to settle the affairs either in or out of court, to carry on proper legal proceedings, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, doing in all things as the case may require; he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the premises by his above named attorney or his substitute. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by him, Jan Labatie, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, date as above.

Jan Labatie

Willem de Key }
Dirck Jansz } witnesses

Acknowledged, in the secretary's absence,

before me,

Jacob Kip, his assistant

[26d] Mandamus to Brant van Slichtenhorst to appear before the director general and council to answer such complaints as will be made against him. October 31, 1648. Original draft in the handwriting of Petrus Stuyvesant.

[For a translation of this document see Docs. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., vol. 14, pp. 99-101.]

Agreement of Thieleman Willekens, merchant, and Pieter Cornelissen, gunner of the ship De Jonge Prins van Denemarcken, to abide by the award of arbitrators regarding the differences which have arisen between them

[26b] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-eight, on the 21st of December, appeared before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, the worthy Mr. Tielman Wilckens, merchant of the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken, of the first part, and Piter Cornelisz from Cadoele,¹ gunner on the said ship, of the second part, who voluntarily and deliberately declared that through the intervention of the valiant Captain Nuton, Mr. Augustyn Heerman, Gorge Baxter, and Daniel Litscho, as arbitrators, they have agreed and voluntarily submitted to the hereinafter written award of the aforesaid arbitrators, as we do by these our subjoined signatures, to wit:

That all questions, differences or misunderstandings which heretofore have arisen between the parties are hereby adjusted and settled as if they never before had existed and they mutually promise, as honorable men, not only not to wish to remember any

¹ Cadoelen; a hamlet near Landsmeer, a few miles north of Amsterdam, Holland.

more past differences, but also never more to bring up the subject or to speak thereof to anyone in the world, either in Europe or elsewhere, on pain of whoever shall do so being regarded as a dishonorable person.

It is also stipulated, and the aforesaid Piter Cornelisz binds himself, that he shall pay all costs and charges, including jailer's fees, board, satisfaction to the court and the fiscal, counsel fees and all similar expenses, by whatever name they may go or be called.

Mr. Tielmans shall of his own free will make a present to the aforesaid Piter Cornelisz of the sum of sixty guilders, beaver value, provided he pay the costs incurred in this arbitration, and Mr. Willekens shall have to bear his own expenses incurred in the suit. This being done on both sides, the suit shall hereby be ended and discontinued, without any further trouble or malice, but all in good faith, and the aforesaid parties therefore declare that to the present day they have nothing to say of each other but what is good.

The said Piter Cornelisz binds and obligates himself to proceed on the voyage with the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken and to help bring her, God willing, to Geluckstadt,¹ where her regular place of unloading shall be, promising to perform his duty uprightly and in good faith as he ought, on condition that Mr. Tielman Willekens pay the said gunner here six months' wages on account, which at the request of Pieter Cornelisz is agreed to by the arbitrators above mentioned and is accepted by Mr. Tielman through the interventions of referees.

¹ Glückstadt; a town in Holstein, on the Elbe.

Parties promise as honorable men at all times to perform and observe what is hereinbefore written, in all its parts, honestly and without exception. In token of the truth we have caused this to be written and have ratified it with our usual signatures in the presence and before the said arbitrators, who with us have signed the record hereof Done the 22d of December A^o. 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Award of arbitrators¹

[27a] Article 1. In regard to the differences between Mr. Theleman Willekens and Pieter Cornelisz, it is agreed that all expenses, losses and charges, including jailer's fees, board, satisfaction to the fiscal and the court, counsel fees and all such like expenses, by whatever name called, shall be and remain at the charge of Pieter Cornelisz, gunner, that is, as regards himself and not including the disbursements which Mr. Theleman has made and incurred on his own account, on condition that Mr. Theleman shall make him a present of sixty guilders and in addition pay the expenses incurred in this arbitration.

2. That on both sides the law suit shall be dropped and terminate hereby, absolutely and without fraud or deceit, provided that parties shall grant each other a release of all claims growing out of any dispute or difference up to this time. The above mentioned gunner especially binds himself to assist in

¹ This award is in the handwriting of Augustin Herrman.

conveying the ship home to Geluckstadt in good faith and as in duty bound, and on arriving safely at home, neither the one nor the other shall in any manner revive or agitate any of the old differences in the least, on pain of being considered by every one who shall read this or hear it read as having acted, not as honorable men, but as dishonorable persons.

3. Mr. Theleman Willekens shall pay here to his aforesaid gunner before he departs from here six months' wages on account, in current pay

And thus, Pieter Cornelisz, gunner, as plaintiff, by his chosen friends, Mons. George Baxster and Daniel Litscho, against Mr. Theleman Willekens, defendant, by Capt. Nuton and Augustin Heerman, is condemned and both parties are irrevocably agreed under all circumstances. Done the 20th of December 1648.

Geo. Baxter

Daniel Litscho

Brian Newton

Augustyn Herrman

In witness of the fact that Mr. Theleman Willekens and Pieter Cornelisz are satisfied with the above conditions and arbitration and without any exception whatsoever are and remain agreed and have settled with each other, they have subscribed these with their own hands. Actum ut supra, without guile or deceit.

Pieter Cornelissen, constapel

Thieleman Willekens

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Deposition of Goodman Waker about having hauled posts and rails out of the woods for Thomas Hall

[27b] Goetman Wakes testifies at the request of Laurens Turner that he has brought out of the woods for Tomas Hal to the waterside 100 posts and 500 rails, which posts and rails Laurens Turner had cut. The deponent declares this to be true, offering to confirm the same on oath. This day, the 22d of December 1648, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Goetman Waker

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power from Thieleman Willekens to Adriaen van der Donck to appear as his attorney before the court of the director general and council of New Netherland

[27c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Tielman Willekens, merchant of the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken, who, being sued at law before the honorable director general and council of New Netherland by the honorable Fiscal van Dyck and others, declares that he constitutes and appoints Mr. Adriaen vander Donck his attorney to defend and settle in or out of court the cases of the said Tielman and his masters; also, to observe all terms of court either as plaintiff or defendant and to prosecute the cases to the end, to hear judgment pronounced and further to do and to act herein and in all the appearer's other suits which during his sojourn here may be brought before the court as the cases may require and demand, except the suit against his crew which is at present pending before the court.

He, the principal, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed by the said Mr. Verdone in his, the principal's, affairs. Done in New Amsterdam the 29th of December 1648.

Thieleman Willekens

Deed from Jan Cornelissen from Hoorn to Albert Pietersen, trumpeter, of a part of a lot on Manhattan island

[28a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jan Cornelissen from Hooren,¹ who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that he had conveyed and transferred, as he hereby does [convey and transfer], to Albert Pietersz, trumpeter, a part of the lot conveyed to him, the grantor, by patent and grant from the director and council of New Netherland, situated on the island of Manhatans, in width on the east side $2 \frac{1}{2}$ rods and one half foot; on the west side of said lot, separating Jan Cornelisz's portion from the rest of this parcel, three rods; on the north side seven rods and two feet, bounding on Borger Jorisz's land; on the south side seven rods less two feet, bounding on the lots of Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenbergh and Pieter Wolphersz; which aforesaid parcel of land the above named Jan Cornelisz transfers, cedes and conveys to the said Albert Pietersz, his heirs and descendants in true and absolute ownership, relinquishing all right and title which he, the grantor, might claim thereto. He, Jan Cornelisz, promises to hold this deed, and to cause it to be held, firm and inviolable, so that Albert Pietersz shall have power to do therewith and to

¹ Hoorn; a city in the province of North Holland, Netherlands.

dispose thereof as he might do with other his patrimonial lands and effects Thus done and signed by Jan Cornelisz the 22d of February 1648, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Cornelis van Hoorn

Abraham Planck }
Jacob Kip } witnesses

Survey of the lot conveyed to Albert Pietersen

[28b] Surveyed a lot for Aelbert, the trumpeter, taken off Jan Cornelisen's lot.

Is wide, on the east side, on the road, $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods and $\frac{1}{2}$ foot.

In the rear, on the west side, adjoining said Jan Cornelisen, it is wide 3 rods

In length, on the north side, 7 rods and 2 feet, stretching along Burgert Jorisen's land.

In length, on the south side, 7 rods less 2 feet, stretching along Pieter Wolfertsen's land and Aernoldes Hardenburch's land.

This day, the 21st of December 1648.

Claes van Elslant

Deed from Pieter Loursensen to Hendrick Jansen of a house and lot on Manhattan Island

[28c] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Lourensz, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he voluntarily and deliberately, for the behoof of Hendrick Jansen, smith, transferred and conveyed in true and free ownership a lot

lying and situated opposite the lot of Hendrick Kip and adjoining the lots of the Company, and that as large or small as it is and appears by the patent dated the 28th of March A^o. 1647, granted by the director and council, together with the dwelling house and outbuildings and all that is fastened by earth or nail. He, Piter Lourensz, promises nevermore to claim any title thereto, but declares that he desists therefrom henceforth and forever, in such wise that the said Hendrick Jansz, or whoever shall obtain his title, shall have power to do with the said lot and house as he shall think proper, provided he comply with what is written in the patent. Thus done and conveyed the 4th of February A^o 1649, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Piter Lourensz, made by himself
Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Deposition of Dirck Dircksen and Pieter Cornelissen respecting some tobacco on board the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[29a] We, the undersigned, Dirck Dircksen and Piter Cornelissen from Cadoelen, gunner of the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken, at the request of Mr. Tielman Willekens, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if need be, that it is true that they, the deponents, sailing on board the said ship to the island of Barbadoes, assisted in loading said ship and, while loading, saw that there were some rolls of tobacco belonging to the freemen sailing in said ship

which were rotten and damaged, and which were not merchantable, that is to say, in good condition. The deponents declare this to be true and truthful. Thus done the 6th of February A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Dierck Diercksen

Pieter Cornelusz

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Agreement of Henry Breser to take over Philip de Truy's house and land on the conditions agreed to by Nicolaes Stillwell

[29b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Herry Breser, who acknowledged that he had taken over from Nicolaes Stillewel the land and dwelling house of Philip de Truy on the same conditions as Stillwell agreed to with said Philip, promising to fulfil the said conditions made by Stillewel with Philip de Truy in all respects, so that Philip may hold him, Henry Breser, responsible as principal in regard to said contract provided that Stillewel shall deliver in March to Herry Breser as many palisades as are required in front along the road and from the land to Willem Goulder, and by the middle of March A^o 1651 provide the three other sides with new palisades, which Stillewel must deliver at his expense on the strand near Mr. Allerton's. Done the 8th of February A^o. 1649.

This is the b mark of Herry Breser, made by himself

This is the N mark of Nicolaes Stillewel

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary¹

¹ In the margin is written: Not paid.

Report of referees appointed to estimate the damage suffered by goods laden in the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[29c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Paulus Leendersz van [der] Grift, 36 years of age, Tomas Hal, about 35 years of age, Jeuriaen Andriesz, 42 years of age, who, being requested by Jeuriaen Schro[e]lder and Hendrick Tysen, of the first part, as impartial referees to examine and estimate the damage which the goods laden in the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken might have suffered, report that they, as referees, have sought to do their duty, but have been unable to perform it, because Adriaen vander Donck and Tielman Willekens said that they need not stand trial here, as the court here had no jurisdiction over them, but only before competent judges, according to the bills of lading. The deponents declare this to be true and offer to confirm this on oath if required. Done the 10th of February A^o. 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pouwelis Leendersz van die Grift

Thomas Hall

Jurian Andriesen

Declaration of Thieleman Willekens that he will abide by the decision of referees if he can justify it to his principals

[30a] Theleman Willekens himself declares that it will afford him great pleasure if the friends appointed thereto by the director general and council will express and declare their opinion and pleasure in the matter in question after an examination and inspection of the goods. Furthermore, he will abide and stand by their decision and award, if he think it possible to

justify it to his principals; if not, he appeals to his competent judges according to the charter party and the bills of lading, without evasion, come what will. New Amsterdam, the 10th of February A^o 1649.

Thieleman Willekens

I affirm that this was done on the date above written.

Arnoldus van Hardenberch

Manumission of Manuel the Spaniard by Philip Jansz Ringo

[30b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Philip Jansz Ringo, who declared that of his own free will he released and liberated from servitude and slavery, as he hereby does [release and liberate], Manuel the Spaniard, promising that he shall nevermore molest him on account thereof, provided that the above named Manuel promises to pay the aforesaid Philip Jansen or his heirs for said freedom the sum of three hundred Carolus guilders within the term of three consecutive years, one hundred guilders on the 15th of February of each year during the three years and no longer, in seawan, grain or such pay as is current here and can be raised by him, Manuel. For the fulfilment of this contract he, Manuel, binds his person and, in case he fail in the payment, Philip Jansz shall have power to reclaim and command him as bond-slave, as if this had never been executed. But in case of payment as above mentioned, Philip Jansz shall, as he hereby does, relinquish all right of ownership. In testimony whereof this is signed this 17th of February A^o 1649. in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Philip Yansen

This is the X mark of Manuel the Spaniard

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Report of the inquest on the body of Elizabeth _____?

[30c] On the 22d of February A^o 1649, Mr. La Montagne and Fiscal van Dyck, together with Mr. Jacob¹ and Mr. Jan Pau, surgeons, went to the house of Herry Pirs,² by order of the honorable director and council, to examine the dead body of Lysabet [], on which corpse was found a small wound on the forehead inflicted by an axe. The above named surgeons declare that the said wound was not lethal, nor the cause of death, and that Elisabet had come to her death by some other accident. In testimony whereof this is signed by the surgeons in the presence of the said gentlemen, on the date above mentioned, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jacob Henderycksz

Jan Pauw

La Montagne

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Deposition of Egbert van Borsum as to derogatory remarks made by Cornelis Melyn about Director Stuyvesant

[31a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary of New

¹ Surgeon Jacob Hendricksen Varrevanger.

² Harry Piers, or Pierce.

Netherland, appeared Egbert van Borsum, colonist, residing on the island of Manhatans, aged about 40 years, who in the presence of Johannes La Montange and Paulus Leendersz, naval storekeeper, at the request of the honorable fiscal, Hendrick van Dyck, attest, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, that he, the deponent, in the month of December last, the precise day and hour to him unknown, at the house of one Willem Westerhuysen at New Haven (where the English now reside), heard Cornelis Melyn say, in the presence of said Westerhuysen, Samuel van Goedenhuysen, Dirck Jansen from Medenblic, shipwright, and two or three Englishmen whose names he does not know, that the High and Mighty Lords the States [General] of the United Netherlands were greatly surprised that the English had not forcibly dragged Director Stuyvesant out of the fort and hanged him on the highest tree, and that twenty-five thousand guilders damages each had been done to him, Melyn, and Jochem Pitersz; also, that Willem Westerhuysen had said that the St. Beninic stood him in thirty thousand guilders. Whereupon Melyn replied: "If Stuyvesant must pay all that, he will have enough to do." Furthermore, Melyn said, at the aforesaid place and in the presence of the said persons, that he had seen letters in [the office of] the States [General] from which it appeared that Mr. Stuyvesant had applied to their High Mightinesses for six or seven hundred soldiers to resist the English, to which letters their High Mightinesses and his Highness were said to have answered that it was not advisable to go to war with one's neighbors about a foot of land. Melyn also said: "I have brought Mr. Kieft to his grave; I shall no doubt bring Stuyvesant to his also." The deponent

declares that Melyn further indulged in other talk, so that he, the deponent, went away in order that he might no longer listen to the prattle. All of which the deponent declares to be true and he offers to confirm this at all times on oath. Thus done and signed in the record by the deponent in the presence of the said commissaries, the 30th of March A^o 1649, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of
Egbert van Borsum, made by himself

La Montagne

Pouwelis Leendersz van die Grift

Acknowledged before me,

Cor- van Tienhoven, Secretary

Deposition of Laurens Cornelissen van der Wel that Cornelis Melyn had circulated rumors in New England of Director Stuyvesant's removal from office

[31b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Laurens Cornelisz van [der] Wel, aged 38 years, who at the request of the honorable fiscal attests, testifies and declares, in place and with promise of an oath if necessary, that it is true and truthful that he, the deponent, in November last, heard divers Englishmen at Boston and other places say that Cornelis Melyn had said that he would manage to have the English sail to Fort Orange as well as the Dutch and be free from duties as we were. Also, that Melyn had said to the

English that he had power to remove Mr. Stuyvesant. He, the deponent, coming a second time to New Haven on the 24th of February, Mr. Goudjer,¹ the deputy governor at New Haven, inquired of him, the deponent, if Governor Stuyvesant had been removed. To which the deponent answered "No," and asked "Why?" Mr. Goudjer replied: "Such is the report here." The deponent declares this to be the truth. Thus done the 30th of March 1649.

Louweris Cornelisz vander Wel

Ibidem.

Acknowledged before me,

C. van Tienhoven

Indenture of Annetje Patricks, step-daughter of Tobias Feaks, as a servant-girl to Cornelis van Tienhoven

[31c] This day, date underwritten, Tobias Feacx and Cornelis van Tienhoven have agreed in manner as follows:

First, said Tobias Feax binds, as he hereby does bind, Annitje Patricx, his step-daughter, for the term of two consecutive years, commencing on the date hereof, to serve said Cornelis van Tienhoven and his family for two consecutive years as a servant-maid, to do and perform according to her ability all housework and to conduct herself faithfully; also to obey all reasonable commands appertaining to the duties of a maid. But it is stipulated that if Cornelis van Tienhoven and his family should leave New Netherland before the expiration of the above mentioned two years, the said Annitje Patricx shall be again free

¹ Stephen Goodyear.

and be allowed to return to her mother. For this service Cornelis van Tienhoven promises to provide the said girl with proper board, sleeping quarters and necessary bodily clothing during the two years and after the expiration thereof to let her go, taking with her the clothes which shall then belong to her body and be made for her. Thus done and signed by both parties the 31st of March 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Tobias Feeax receives in addition twenty-five guilders in seawan at the commencement of the service. Date as above.

Cornelis van Tienhoven

Tobias Feke

Inventory of the goods confiscated in the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[31d] Inventory of the goods confiscated under benefit of inventory by the director general and council with the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken, whereof Tienman Willekens is master and merchant, as the same was taken on the 23d of March 1649, at the requisition of the fiscal, in the presence of [

] ¹

A piece of buckskin from the chest of Tielman Willekens, which was sealed and handed to the fiscal, containing a small quantity of gold, weighing $3\frac{1}{4}$ loot²

From the warehouse of Augustyn Hermans

341 Elephant's tusks, in three lots, weighing, to wit:

81 large	lbs 3193
116 middling	1988
147 small	<u>863</u>
	lbs 6044

¹ Names not given.

² One loot, or lood, equals $\frac{1}{8}$ ounce.

No.1	One pipe of Barbadoes sugar, weighing with the cask, gross	lbs 887
2	One ditto	1026
3	One ditto	904
4	One firkin	534
5	One half-cask	655
6	1 ditto	465
7	1 ditto	720
8	1 ditto	610
9	1 ditto	565
10	1 ditto	639
11	1 ditto	595
12	1 ditto	665
13	1 ditto	585
14	1 ditto	400
15	1 ditto	586
16	1 ditto	650
17	1 ditto	645
18	1 ditto	937
19	1 ditto	972
20	1 ditto	765

20 casks of Barbadoes sugar, weighing with
the casks lbs 13805

Brought forward from the other side; sugar
unloaded from the ship lbs 13805

21 One half-cask, weighing with the cask	631
22 1 ditto	620
23 1 ditto	620
24 1 ditto	620
25 1 ditto	640
26 1 ditto	660
27 1 ditto	680
28 1 ditto	500
29 1 ditto	690
30 1 ditto	645
31 1 ditto	640
32 1 ditto	650
33 1 ditto	620
34 1 ditto	670
35 1 ditto	670

lbs 23361

The hull of the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken (lying high and dry on the beach, so that at usual daily [flood]-tide one can walk around it without wetting the feet), is on the outside badly worm-eaten and sheathed with plank up to the gunwale

The mainmast and mainyard unfit for use

The mizzenmast and yard are good

The foremast and foreyard are no good

The bowsprit and spritsail yard, quite good

The topmasts and yards, good

The rigging more than half worn; a pair of shrouds broke by their
own weight

The maintopmast rigging, mostly new

The foremast rigging, ditto

The foretopmast rigging is old

The maintopmast is old

The forestay, not particularly good

1 old hawser

Foresail rope, almost new

Bowline, old

The running gear, almost new

Two good blocks in the rigging

Two ditto, not much good

One sheet-anchor mostly half worn

One kedge-anchor rope, half worn

1 old tie-rope, very short and old

1 old cable with very old ends

2 anchors which are good and heavy

1 heavy ditto with a stock

1 old boat with four oars

1 set of sails, with a spare foresail, half worn out

2 buoy ropes

The ship's hull is in such a condition that it must be
caulked anew and repaired inside and all around, from top to
bottom.

Gunner's stores

15 iron cannon lying on the beach, to wit:

10 pieces of 4	} with their carriages
3 pieces of 3	
2 pieces of 2	

150 iron cannon balls

3 kegs of powder, weighing 309 lbs gross

7 ladles

7 or 8 swabs, unfit for use

9 muskets

5 pistols at Augustyn Heermans'

12 cutlasses, of no value

Cook's and steward's utensils

2 large kettles, not worth much

1 pan

1 pork fork

2 copper dishing ladles

2 pewter dinner plates

1 ditto platter

1 ditto bowl

1 mustard pot

1 salt cellar

1 earthen wine pitcher

} For the cabin

22 water casks, on the beach

compasses

The ship, standing and running rigging, sails, ammunition,

gunner's, cook's and steward's utensils are found to be as stated above, in the presence of the cook and steward, gunner and chief boatswain, and of Abraham Planc and Fredrick Lubbersz, impartial freemen, before Mr. Lubbert van Dincklagen, Paulus Leendersz and Adriaen Keyser, on the requisition of the fiscal, the 25th of March 1649, in New Netherland.

Charter-party between Govert Loockermans and Hendrick Teissen and Jurgen Schroeder to ship sugar and cotton to Holland

[32] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Govert Loockmans, of the first part, and Hendrick Tyssen and Jeuriaen Schrooder, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that in all friendship they had mutually made and concluded the following charter-party, on the conditions and terms hereinafter written: First, the said Loockmans binds and obligates himself to send next summer to the fatherland, to the anchorage¹ of Amsterdam, the sugar and cotton now delivered to him, belonging to the said Hendrick Tyssen and Jeurgen Schrooder, by the ship De Valckenier, which he, Loockmans, is expecting, or by some other vessel that may be sent to him by his principals in the place of the Valckenier, if God vouchsafe her a safe arrival here in New Netherland; in which ship Loockmans is bound safely to deliver at the anchorage of Amsterdam, according to the bills of lading thereof now signed, the cotton and sugar now delivered to him in shipping

¹ Voor de palen; before the piles or posts enclosing the harbor of Amsterdam.

order, as they are brought here on shore from the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken into the public store, and from the store delivered to him, Loockmans, the receipt of which he now acknowledges; and when said merchandise shall have been delivered to those whom the above mentioned Jeurgen Schrooder and Hendrick Tysz shall direct, then one stiver per pound shall be paid for freight of the cotton and sugar, without counting the weight of the sugar casks or of the sacks containing the cotton. If it happen, which God Almighty forbid, that the above mentioned ship, or the ships which Loockmans' principals may this year fit out for New Netherland, should through stress of wind and weather or other mishap at sea not arrive here safely, then Loockmans and Marten Crigier, attorney of the above named Schroder and Hendrick Tysz, are authorized to ship the cotton and sugar this year as freight, to their best advantage, by any ships going from here to the fatherland, without their having to run in such case any risk or hazard at sea. In testimony whereof two copies of the same tenor are made hereof and the original is signed in the record by the parties the 12th of April A^o 1649, at New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Govert Loockermans

Hinrich Teissen

Jurgen Schroder

Power of attorney from Jellis Jansen to Daniel Litscho to collect wages earned by him and his father, Jan Andriessen, deceased, on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[33a] Jellis Jansen from Lantsmoer,¹ late seaman on board the ship De[Jonge]Prins van Deenmarcken, appoints and empowers, as he does hereby [appoint and empower], Sergeant Daniel Litscho to ask, demand and receive from the honorable director general and council whatever remains due to him for monthly wages earned on the said ship according to the account, on payment whereof by their honors Litscho shall execute a receipt in full. And whereas the principal's father died on board said ship, he, the principal, further erquests that Daniel Litscho may also collect the money earned by Jan Andriesz, his father, from the honorable director general and in like manner execute a receipt therefor, he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever the attorney shall do and perform in the matter. Thus done and signed the 20th of April A^o. 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Yeles Yansen

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Deed from Cornelis Groesens to Lubbertus van Dincklagen for land on Manhattan Island

[33b] On the 26th of April in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, before me,

¹ Landsmeer, or Landsmoer, a village near Purmerend, in the province of North Holland.

Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Groesens, who in the presence of the undersigned committee of the council declared and acknowledged that he, by virtue of the patent dated the 10th of January 1645,¹ granted by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, conveyed and transferred a piece of land bounded easterly by the great highway, westerly by the strand of the North River, adjoining southerly the Company's garden and northerly the land of Jan Damen; extending in breadth along the highway twenty-five rods and eight feet; along Jan Damen's land on the north side to the strand thirty-eight rods; along the strand, or on the west side, twenty-six rods in breadth, [and] along the honorable Company's garden, or on the south side, thirty rods or thereabouts, amounting together to eight hundred and eighty [square] rods, six feet Which said land he conveys to and for the behoof of the Hon. Lubbertus van Dincklagen in rightful, free and true ownership, on condition that he, or whoever shall obtain his right, shall be subject to the reservations and conditions contained in the patent. The said Mr. Dincklagen may take possession of and use the said land as his own patrimonial property, without the grantor in the capacity aforesaid retaining any interest therein or claim of ownership thereto, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. [The grantor] promises that he shall hold this deed firm, binding, unbreakable and irrevocable and that he shall observe and fulfil the same, all under binding obligation according

¹ Not recorded.

to law. Without guile or deceit this is signed by the grantor in the presence of the committee of the council, the 29th of April A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Cornelis Groesens

On the 21st of February 1650, this deed was confirmed by the director and council at a meeting of the council. Date as above.

P. Stuyvesant

Bond of Pieter Leendertsen for the payment of money due to
Gillis Pietersen

[34a] I, the undersigned, Piter Leendersz, trumpeter, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Gillis Pitzersz, carpenter, in the sum of one hundred and seven guilders for goods and money to my satisfaction received before the execution hereof. I therefore promise that the aforesaid sum of money shall be paid to the above named Gillis Pitzersz, or his order, within two consecutive months from this date, and for further security the above named Piter Leendersz binds his person and property and especially his monthly wages due him by the honorable Company, submitting the same to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by Piter Leendersz and witnesses, the 27th of April A^o 1649, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Piter

Leendersz, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Contract of sale from John Forbes to Pieter Jansen of a tract of land on the East River formerly occupied by Claes Carstensen, David Andriessen and George Baxter

[34b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Piter Jansen, who acknowledged in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that he had purchased from Jan Forbus a tract of land situated on the East River, formerly occupied by Claes Carstensz, Davit Andriesz and Gorge Bacxter, as described in the patent thereof, for the sum of six hundred Carolus guilders, payable in three instalments, to wit: two hundred guilders in September A^o 1649; two hundred guilders in September A^o 1650, and the last sum of two hundred guilders A^o 1651, likewise in September. For which sum of money the aforesaid Piter Jansen binds his person and property, movable and immovable, and especially mortgages and binds the said land for the [payment of the] aforesaid six hundred guilders. On payment and ratification of the sum Jan Forbus shall deliver a proper deed and release of the said land, for which Jan Forbus also submits to all courts, and in token of the truth this is signed the 27th of April A^o. 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the P I mark of Piter Jansz, made by himself

John Forbes

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Dirck Dircksen to Jacob Wolphertsen van Couwenhoven to collect wages earned by him as chief boatswain on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[35a] Dirck Dircksen from Haerlem, late chief boatswain of the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken, appoints and empowers Jacob Wolphersz van Couwenhoven to ask, demand and receive from

the honorable director general and council of New Netherland all such wages as Dirck Dircksz, according to his account, has earned on board the ship De Prins van Deenmarcken; also, 3 elephant's tusks, weighing, the three together, 78 lbs; which being obtained and received by Jacob Wolphersz, he shall have power to execute a receipt therefor in proper form, the principal further holding as valid whatever shall be done and performed by the aforesaid Jacob Wolphersz. Thus done and signed by Dirck Dircksz the 3d of May A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Dierck Diercksen

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Surgeon Jan Pauw to surgeon Jacob Verrevanger to collect moneys earned by him on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[35b] Master Jan Pauw empowers Jacob Verrevanger, surgeon, to receive in his name from the honorable Company, or the director in New Netherland, all such moneys as he has earned on board the ship De Prins van Deenmarcken, according to the account. On payment and satisfaction of said money Mr. Jacob is authorized to execute a receipt, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding as valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid. This day, the 5th of May 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jan Pauw

Power of attorney from Pieter Cornelissen from Cadoele to Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt to collect wages earned by him on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[35c] Pieter Cornelisz from Cadoele, gunner, appoints and empowers Mr. Oloff Stevensz to receive for him here in New Netherland from the director and council of New Netherland all such wages as are due him, the principal, according to the account, and earned on the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken, on receipt of which he is authorized to grant a receipt in full, which shall be valid, he, Pieter Cornelisz, holding valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by Mr. Oloff Stevensz. Thus done and signed by him, the principal, and the subscribing witness, this 7th of May 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Pieter Cornelis

Jacob Kip, witness

Deed from Tonis Nyssen to Govert Loockermans of a lot on Manhattan Island, opposite the Company's garden

[35d] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Tonis Nyssen, who transfers and conveys to Mr. Govert Loockmans a lot situated on the east side of the great highway, opposite the Company's garden, of such extent, width and length as stated in the patent granted by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland to Tonis Nyssen on the 28th of March 1647, and that in true and free ownership, provided that the above named Loockmans, or whoever may acquire his title, shall submit and be subject to the reservations stipulated in said patent; which doing, the said

Tonis Nyssen desists from the ownership of the aforesaid lot of land and now conveys, as he does hereby convey, the same to Govert Loockmans, or whoever shall acquire his title, in lawful and free ownership, without the grantor retaining any interest or claim of ownership therein, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. He, the grantor, therefore promises to hold this deed firm, binding and inviolable, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Thus done the 13th of May 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Tonis Nyssen, made by himself

Power of attorney from Barent Jansen to Aernout Willeborsen to collect wages earned by him as cook on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken, with bond of said Willeborsen to pay the money on demand at Flushing or elsewhere

[35e] Barent Jansz, late cook on board the ship De Jonge Prins van Denemarcken, hereby appoints and empowers Arnout Willeborsz, late sailmaker on said ship, to collect and receive from the honorable director general and council of New Netherland the sum of two hundred guilders earned by him, Barent Jansz, on board the aforesaid ship; on receipt of which by the aforesaid attorney he shall have power to execute a receipt in full, which shall be valid; he, Barent Jansz, holding valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by his attorney. Thus done and signed, together with the witnesses, this 15th of May A^o. 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Barent Yansz

Jurian Andriesen }
 Jacob Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond

I, the undersigned, Aernout Willeborsz, acknowledge and declare, if I receive from the honorable director general and council of New Netherland the above mentioned sum of two hundred guilders, as authorized by Barent Jansz, that I shall be well and truly indebted to Barent Jansz or his order in the aforesaid sum of two hundred guilders, which I, Arnout Willeborsz, promise to pay, if I receive them, to the aforesaid Barent Jansz or his order on demand, either at Vlissingen, or wherever else he may meet me, Willeborsz. For further security he, Aernout Willeborsz, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception (in case the money be received), submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts, and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by me and the witnesses, this 15th of May 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Aernout Willebersen

Jurian Andriesen }
 Jacob Kip } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Bond of Director General Stuyvesant for the repayment of money borrowed from the deacons of New Netherland

[35f] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the honorable Petrus Stuyvesant, director general, who acknowledged that in the capacity aforesaid, on account of the Company, he was well and truly indebted to the deacons of New Netherland in the sum of seventeen hundred and seventy-four guilders, three stivers, the particulars whereof are entered in the Company's Colonists' Book, in the custody of the commissary; which said sum he promises to tender and pay for the honorable Company, free of costs and charges For further security the said director general binds the Company's effects in New Netherland, submitting [the same] to all courts, tribunals and judges In testimony whereof this is signed by the honorable Petrus Stuyvesant the 15th of May 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Power of attorney from Hendrick Dircksen to Cornelis Groesens to collect wages earned by him as pilot on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[35g] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Hendrick Dircksz, late pilot on board the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenemarcken, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Cornelis Groesens to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable director general and council of New Netherland such sum of money as remains due to him, the principal, earned on board the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenemarcken, on receipt of which money by the aforesaid attorney he shall have power to execute therefor a receipt in full, which shall be valid. He, Hendrick Dircksz, promises to

hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the said Mr Groesens or his substitute. Thus done and signed this 18th of May A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Hendrick Derssen

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary¹

Contract of Symon Root and Reinier Somensen to build two houses for Paulus Leendersen van der Grift

[36] Two houses, each 32 feet long, 18 ditto wide, 9 feet high under the beams and 3 feet from the beams to the wall plate, with header and trimmers for a double chimney and the shaft¹

5 outside and inside doors

3 Gothic window frames

1 window frame with transom and mullion

2 three-light window frames

Three partitions as happens to be most convenient

The roof frame covered with boards

Doors and window sashes as required.

The contractor shall hew and trim the pine timber in the woods, about 200 feet from the place where the houses are to stand.

The owner shall deliver the timber at his own expense on

¹ This power of attorney was annulled by a power of attorney to Cornelis Groesens and Cornelis Volckertsen, for which see [38b]

¹ The words "chimney" and "shaft" are crossed out in the original.

the ground where the houses are to be erected and fell the trees.

2 closets with shelves inside the square room

2 bedsteads

The owner shall pay the contractor sixty winter beavers for the above mentioned work when it is completed. He shall also convey the contractor and his partner and servant to the place of building and furnish the contractor and his partner and servant during the work with food and drink, free of charge. When the work is finished, the contractor and his partner and servant shall depart for the Manhatans at their own expense. Being satisfied herewith the parties have signed this. Manhatans, the 30th of May 1649.¹

This is the S R mark of Symen Root

Rinier Somensen

Pouwelis Leendersz van die Gri[ft]

In my presence,

H. van Dyck

Power of attorney from Egbert Gerritsen to Jacob van Couwenhoven to collect the wages earned by him on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemärcken

[37a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Egbert Gerritsz, late seaman on board the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenemarcken, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby [appoint and empower], Jacob van Couwenhoven to demand, collect

¹ The calendar entry says that the houses were apparently built on the South River.

and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable director general of New Netherland such sum of money as is due to him, the principal, according to the account, earned on the ship De Jonge Prins van Denemarcken. On receipt thereof by the above mentioned attorney, he is authorized to execute a receipt therefor, which shall avail, he, Egbert Gerritsz, holding valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorney, or his substitute. Thus done and signed by Egbert Gerritsz and the undersigned witnesses, this 28th of May 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Egbert Gersen

Jacob Kip, witness

Lease from Dirck Holgersen to Jochem Calder of a piece of land on Long Island

[37b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Jochom Calder, of the first part, and Dirck Holgersz, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged and declared that in all love and friendship they had mutually entered into and concluded a certain contract in regard to the lease of a certain piece of land, on the conditions hereinafter written: Dirck Holgersz leases to Jochem Calder a certain piece of land, situated on Long Island, together with the land heretofore leased by him, Dirck, to Jochom Calder, for the term of twenty consecutive years, commencing anno 1651 and ending anno 1671. The lessee shall have the land rent free for the first six years and during the other fourteen following

years shall pay annually for the use of said land (of which the lessee shall cultivate and use as large or as small a part as he shall see fit) the sum of one hundred and fifty guilders in such pay as shall then be current. All of the expenses which the lessee shall incur in building, fencing and whatever else is necessary shall be at the charge of the lessee, who shall make such improvements as he shall think fit; and if it happen that he, the lessee, should die, it is stipulated that the lessor shall not be at liberty to eject the wife or descendants from the land against their will. The fences or any other improvements made by the lessee, of whatever nature they may be, shall at the expiration of the twenty years belong in full ownership to the lessor, his heirs and successors, without their paying anything for them. For further security and the performance of this contract the parties bind their respective persons and properties, submitting to that end to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and by Jan Nagel and Pieter Jansz Noorman, witnesses hereto, this 2d of June A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Dirck Holgersz, made by himself

This is the X mark of Jochom Calder, made by himself

This is the PI mark of Pieter Jansz, witness, made by himself

Jacob Kip }
 Jan Nagel } witnesses

Power of attorney from Teunis Dircksen van Vechten to Jan Jansen Damen to have charge of the property of the late Cornelis Maersen on Manhattan Island

[37c] Teunis Dircksz Poentie,¹ as guardian of the heirs of the late Cornelis Maersen,² in his lifetime residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, hereby appoints and empowers Jan Jansz Damen to have charge in his absence of the property of the late Cornelis Maersen at the Manhatans, to lease or sell the same to the best advantage of the heirs and to collect and pay the debts as he, Jan Damen, shall consider most advantageous, doing in all things as he, Teunis Dircksz, guardian, could or might do were he present, on condition that he render an account thereof. He, the principal, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by the above named Jan Damen. In testimony whereof this is signed by the principal and witnesses, this 2d of July 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Teunis Dircksz Poentie, made by himself

Jacob Kip, witness

Release by Harmen Smeeman of all claims against the estate of Cornelis Maersen, deceased, on account of the purchase of a tract of land on Manhattan Island

[38a] Marmen Smeman, as husband and guardian of Lysbet Dircksz and consequently heir of Volckert Evertsen, her deceased son, declared and acknowledged that he was fully satisfied and paid by the late Cornelis Maertsen for the purchase of a certain

¹ Teunis Dircksen van Vechten, nicknamed Poentje. See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 181, 819.

² Cornelis Maessen van Buren. See Van Rensselaer Bowier MSS., pp. 180-81, 807

tract of land situated near the honorable Mr. Twiller's farm, which was bought by the late Cornelis Maertsen from the late Volckert Eversz. I therefore release the above named Cornelis Maertsen, deceased, his heirs, or their guardians, from any future claim which may be made by me or any other of Volckert Evertsen's heirs. In token of the truth this is signed by me, this 3d of June A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Harman Schmiman¹

Jacob Kip, witness

Acknowledged before me,

C. v. Tienh., Secretary

Power of attorney from Hendrick Dircksen to Cornelis Groesens and Cornelis Volckertsen to collect the wages earned by him on the ship Jonge Prins van Denemarcken

[38b] Hendrick Dircksen, late gunner, that is to say, pilot, of the ship De Jonge Prins van Deenmarcken, empowers Cornelis Groesens to receive out of his earnings on board said ship forty-one Carolus guilders; the remainder Cornelis Volckersz shall have power to collect and, having received the same, said persons may execute a receipt in full. He, the principal, hereby annuls the previous power of attorney, dated the 18th of May 1649,¹ in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Hendrick Derssen

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

¹ In the entry, under date of Dec. 4, 1645, of his intended marriage to Elisabeth Everts, widow of Barne Dircks (Ref. Dutch Church, N.Y., Marriages, p. 13), he is given as Harmen Smeman, young man "Uyt 't landt Vander Marck," meaning the former county of Mark in Westphalia.

¹ See [36g].

Bond of John Grey to Thomas Willett to pay the sum of £20 sterling in case a bill of exchange drawn on his brother, William Grey, should be protested

[38c] I, the undersigned, John Graye, residing at Vlissingen¹ in New Netherland, acknowledge the receipt from Mr. Tomas Willet, merchant, residing at Nieu Pleymuyth² in New England, of the sum of twenty pounds sterling, for which I have drawn a bill of exchange on my brother, named Willem Graye, residing at London, in Old England. I therefore declare by this, my note of hand, that in case said bill of exchange should be returned unpaid and protested, I promise to pay and return the aforesaid twenty pounds sterling with the proper interest, for which I bind my person and property, movable, present and future, submitting the same to all courts. In witness whereof this is signed without guile or deceit by me, John Graye, the 15th of June³ 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

John Grey

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienh., Secretary

Assignment by Roeloff Jansen Haes to Adriaen Keyser of his claim against Burger Jorissen for 1000 guilders

[39a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Rouloff Jansen Haes, who duly acknowledges that he is indebted to Mr. Adriaen Keyser, commissary of New Netherland, in the sum of one thousand Carolus guilders for goods

¹ Flushing, L.I

² New Plymouth, Mass

³ The clerk wrote May and then changed it to June.

furnished and delivered, the receipt of which to his satisfaction before the execution hereof the appearer acknowledges. As security for the payment of the aforesaid sum the appearer assigns a certain claim amounting to the sum of one thousand guilders, arising from the purchase of a house situated on the East River, which Borger Jorisz, farrier, is bound to satisfy and pay to the appearer on the last of July of next year, A^o 1650, without exception or contradiction, which claim and money aforesaid he, the appearer, assigns and transfers, as he hereby does [assign and transfer], to Adriaen Keyser, commissary of New Netherland, to demand, collect and receive the same as his own money on the day it becomes due as above mentioned, without the appearer, or any one on his account, now or hereafter claiming any right of ownership thereto. The said Mr. Keyser, upon receipt [of the amount] shall have power to grant a discharge to Borger Jorisz. In testimony whereof this is signed by Rouloff Jansen Haes and witnesses, the 18th of June A^o 1649, New Amsterdam.

Note of Reinier Dominicus to Director Stuyvesant for money paid to Hendrick Jansen

[39b] I, Reynier Doominicus, acknowledge that I am indebted to Mr. Petrus Stuyvesant in the sum of eighty guilders, which he is to pay for me to Hendrick Jansz and which Mr. Stuyvesant is to receive out my earnings from Symon Root. This day, the 22d of June A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Reinier Domennicus

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Deed from Lucas van der Liphorst to Thomas Hall of a piece of land on Manhattan Island

[39c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Luycas van [der] Liphorst, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses transfers and conveys, as he does hereby [transfer and convey], to and for the behoof of Tomas Hall, at present a resident of this city of New Amsterdam, a certain parcel of land situated on the island of Manhatans, formerly used by Tomas Sandersz, belonging to him, L. van [der] Liphorst, as appears by the deed signed by Elcke Jansz, which refers to the patent granted by the honorable director general and council under date of the 18th of February 1649, and that in true and full ownership, on condition that the said Tomas Hall, or whoever shall acquire his title, shall submit and be subject to the reservations stipulated in said patent. On doing so, the said Luycas van [der] Liphorst relinquishes the ownership of and all claim to the aforesaid parcel of land and conveys the same to Tomas Hall, or whoever shall obtain his title, in full and lawful ownership, without the grantor retaining any interest therein or claim of ownership thereof, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. He, the grantor, therefore promises to hold this deed firm, binding and unbreakable, under submission to the courts as by law provided. Thus done and signed the 28th of June 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Luikas vander Liphorst

Oloff Stevensz

Jacob Kip, witness

Deed from the director and council to Adriaen Keyser of a lot on Manhattan Island formerly belonging to Harmen Meyndertsen van den Bogaert

[39d] In the year 1648, the honorable director general and council of New Netherland caused to be sold at public sale to the highest bidder in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland a lot heretofore belonging to Harman Meyndersz van [den] Bogaert, situated on the island of Manhatans, bounded on the west by the lot of Adam Roelantsz and on the east by that of Oloff Stevensz, and that on account of the claim presented in the colony of Renselaerswyck for damages by fire which the Indians of that quarter sustained at the hands of said Harman Meyndersz. The aforesaid lot was purchased at public auction by Adriaen Keyser, commissary, to whom the same is hereby conveyed and transferred in full ownership, to do therewith and dispose thereof as his own lawfully obtained land and property. The director and council above mentioned therefore promise to guarantee the said lot against all claims and challenge which may hereafter be set up to it by the heirs of the aforesaid Harmen Meyndersz. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by [], on the 8th of July 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Deed from Adriaen Keyser to Evert Pels of the lot formerly belonging to Harmen Meyndertsen van den Bogaert

[39e] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared Adriaen Keyser, commissary for the West India Company in New Netherland, who by

virtue of the deed executed on the 8th of July 1649 by the honorable director of New Netherland transfers, conveys and makes over to Evert Pels a lot situated on the island of Manhatans, between the lots of Oloff Stevensz and Adam Roelantsen, in true and absolute ownership, to be used and disposed of by the said Evert Pels as he might use and dispose of his lawful and patrimonial lands and property, without the grantor retaining any right of ownership thereof and therefore relinquishing the same forever. This is signed without fraud by Adriaen Keyser in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, the 8th of July A^O 1649, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.

A. Keyser

I, the undersigned, acknowledge the receipt from Evert Pels of the sum of one hundred Carolus guilders in part payment of the above mentioned lot. Manhat., this 18th of July A^O 1649.

A. Keyser

Draft of bond of the joint owners of the privateer La Garce for the settlement of claims which may arise from the capture of the bark De Hoop

[39f] We, the undersigned, joint owners of the frigate La Garce, whereof Willem Blauvelt is captain, offer ourselves as sureties for such costs, damages and claims as may hereafter be presented by anyone in the world on account of the bark called De Hoop and her lading (with the exception of all the hides), captured by the said Blauvelt on the 30th of January A^O 1648, and on the 2d of July last sent up by said Blauvelt in charge of Dirck Claes and Hendrick Patervær. We bind to that end all our

property, movable and immovable, present and future, submitting the same to all lords, courts and judges, waiving all exceptions, pleas and defenses contrary hereto. Done at Manhatans, in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherland.¹

Bond of the joint owners of the privateers La Garce for the settlement of all claims arising from the capture of the bark De Hoop

[40a] We, the undersigned, joint owners of the frigate La Garce, whereof Willem Blauevelt is captain, offer ourselves as sureties for the share which each is to receive pro rata of the goods brought in by Dirck Claes Boot with the small bark called De Hoope, captured on the 30th of January A^O 1648; and in case any claims on that account should hereafter arise, we shall submit to that end to all courts and judges, to whom we also submit all our movable and immovable property, each individually for the share which he receives, and no more. Thus done, without fraud or deceit, the 9th of July A^O 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Jan Jansz Damen

Augustin Herrman, for Capt. Willem Bloufeldt

This is the P mark of Hendrick Jacobsen Patervaer

Jacob van Kouwenhoven

Adriaen Dircksen Coen

X

Claes van Elslant, for Marten Cruger

Adriaen vander Donck, as attorney for Jan Labatie

1 Not signed and canceled in the record. See next document.

Certificates of Johannes de Peyster and Jacob Kip that Margarita Provoost was alive on June 12, 1648, and June 12, 1649

[40b] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare at the request of Davidt Provoost, merchant here on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland, that Margarita Provoost, wife of said Davidt Provoost and daughter of Barbara Schuts, was alive and in good health on the 12th of June of last year, 1648, which we are ready to confirm on oath if necessary and required. Thus done and signed in the record, the 16th of July 1649, New Amsterdam.

Johannes de Peyster

Jacob Kip

[40c] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare at the request of Davidt Provoost, merchant here on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland, that Margarita Provoost, wife of said Davidt Provoost and daughter of Barbara Schuts, was alive and in good health on the 12th of June last, A^o 1649, which we are ready to confirm on oath if necessary and required. Thus done and signed in the record, the 16th of July 1649, New Amsterdam.

Johannes de Peyster

Jacob Kip

Power of attorney from David Provoost to Gillis Verbruggen to collect certain annuities due to his wife, Margarita Gillis

[41a] This day, date underwritten, before me Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Mr. Davidt Provoost, merchant, residing in this city of New Amsterdam,

husband and guardian of his wife Margarita Gillis, daughter of Barbara Schuts, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby appoint and empower, Mr. Gillis Verbruggen, merchant at Amsterdam, to demand, collect and receive for him, the principal, in the capacity above mentioned, from the receiver general of the public revenue in the city of Leyden, all such annuities as are due up to the date of the accompanying certificates. On payment of which annuities by the receiver general, the above mentioned Gillis Verbruggen shall have power to execute a receipt in full therefor; he, the principal, holding as valid whatever Mr. van Bruggen shall do and perform in the matter above mentioned. Thus done and signed in the record by the above mentioned Davidt Provoost in the presence of [], as witnesses hereto invited, the 16th of July 1649, in New Amsterdam.

David Provoost

Johannes Rodenborch }
 Jacob Kip } witnesses

Affidavit of Johannes de Peyster and others as to iron imported from Boston by David Provoost

[41b] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare at the request of Mr. Davidt Provoost that it is true and truthful that it is known to us that the said Mr. Provoost brought some iron from Boston, of which twenty-five bars, one with another, were found to weigh eight hundred and ninety-seven pounds, in the cellar of Mr. Loockemans. All of which we, the deponents, declare to be true and truthful, offering if necessary to verify the same on oath. Done this 17th of July 1649, New Amsterdam.

Johannes de Peyster

Dierck Diercksen

Egbert Gersen

Power of attorney from Sander Leendertsen Glen to Willem Thomassen to collect money from Dirck Claessen Boot

[42a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Sander Leendertsz, residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby [appoint and empower], Willem Tomasz, master under God of the ship De Valckenier, to ask, demand, collect and receive in the name of and for him, the principal, from Dirck Claesz Boot of Munnekedam such sum of money as is due him, Sander Leendersz, as appears by the accompanying bond, dated the 24th of October 1646, amounting to one hundred and thirty guilders. On receipt of this sum of money by the above named skipper Willem Tomasz, or his order, he is empowered to execute a discharge in due form, which shall be valid. And if the said Dirck Claesz Boot should happen to refuse to pay in full the sum stipulated in the annexed bond, the aforesaid attorney, or his substitute, is authorized by virtue of this power of attorney and the bond to sue the said Dirck Claesz; to prosecute the case to the end and either as plaintiff or defendant to observe all rule days; to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, and further in all things to do as the case may require. He, Sander Leendersz, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever his above named attorney or his substitute shall do and perform in the

matter aforesaid, even though the case should require larger or more specific power than is herein mentioned. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Sander Leendertsz, with Jacob Kip and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses hereto invited, this 17th of July 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Sander Lenrsen

Jacob Kip, witness

A. van Tienh., witness

Power of attorney from Willem Teller to Willem Thomasses to collect money from Dirck Claessen Boot

[48b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Willem Tailler, residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appointed and empowered, as he hereby does [appoint and empower], Willem Tomasz, master under God of the ship De Valckenier, to demand, collect and receive in the capacity aforesaid from Dirck Claesz Boot of Munnekedam the sum of two hundred and ninety-four Carolus guilders due to him, the principal, as appears by the annexed bond, dated the 24th of October 1646. On receipt of said sum of money by the attorney, or his order, he shall have power to execute a discharge in full therefor, which shall be valid. And if the above named Dirck Claesz should happen to refuse to pay the said sum of two hundred and ninety-four guilders, the above named attorney, or his substitute, is authorized by virtue of this power of attorney and the bond to sue the aforesaid Dirck Claesz; to prosecute the case to the end,

either as plaintiff or defendant; to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, and in all things to do as the case may require. He, Willem Tailler, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the above named Willem Tomasz, or his substitute, even though the case require larger and more specific power that is mentioned herein. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Willem Tailler, with Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, this 19th of July 1649, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the W T mark of

Willem Tailler, made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Bond of Pieter Heyn to Gerrit Jansen Klinckhamer for payment of 205 guilders to the latter's wife

[43a] I, the undersigned, Pieter Heyn, from De Ryp,¹ acknowledge in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that I am well and truly indebted to Gerrit Jansz Klinckhamer, or his order, in the sum of two hundred and five guilders, for disbursed money and board, the receipt of which to my satisfaction before the execution hereof I hereby acknowledge. I, Piet Heyn, promise to pay and satisfy the aforesaid sum of money on demand, free of costs and charges, in De Ryp, to the said [Klinckhamer's] wife,

¹ De Rijp; a village between Alkmaar and Purmerend, in the province of North Holland, Netherlands.

named Geerti[e]n Abrahamsz, or her order, [and] for further security and fulfilment thereof I bind my person and property, movable and immovable, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this signed in the record by me, together with Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, as witnesses hereto invited, this 19th of July 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Pieter Heyn

Adriaen van Tienh., witness

Jacob Kip, witness

Power of attorney from Cornelis Segersen to Philip de Truy to demand ten beavers from Jacobus van Curler

[43b] Cornelis Segersz,¹ residing in Renselaerswyck, appoints and empowers Philip de Truy to demand and receive from Jacobus van Curler ten beaver skins, which the principal loaned to Jacob van Corler not long since on the island of Manhatans. On receipt of the said beavers by Philip de Truy, he is authorized to execute a discharge in full therefor, which shall be valid, and if necessity demands it the attorney may sue for them and further act as circumstances may require. This day, the 23d of July A^o. 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Cornelys Zegers

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

¹ Cornelis Segersen van Voorhout. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., p. 833.

Declaration of several of the crew of La Garce that they had captured a Spanish bark in the river Tobasco and had heard nothing of a peace with Spain

[44] We, the undersigned, having all sailed together in the frigate La Garce, whereof Willem Albertsz Blaeuvelt is captain, and having cruised in the West Indies, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, that it is true and truthful that in the river Tabasco we captured from the Spaniards a bark called Tabasko, which Spaniards did not inform us of any peace or truce having been concluded between the king of Spain and their High Mightinesses; neither did we know or hear of any peace. All of which we, the undersigned, declare to be true and truthful, offering to verify the same at all times, if necessary, by oath. Dated this 25th of July A^o. 1649, New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Hendrick Arentsz, Lieutenant

Kempo Sybada

Ralph Clark

This is the X mark made by Antony de Moedes, Spaniard

Declaration of George Baxter and others that they saw Commissary Keyser examine a case with beavers in the public store and afterwards pass the wooden horse with some beavers under his arm

[45a] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare, in place and with promise of a solemn oath if necessary, at the request of Peter Antony, that it is true and truthful that about a year ago, the exact day being not known to us, in the afternoon, as we were coming out of the honorable director's garden into

the fort, we saw the [door] [of the] storehouse, standing open in which were Adriaen Keyser and Pieter Antony. In said storehouse stood a case with beavers, in which Adriaen Keyser was rummaging, examing the same. Being asked [what he was doing], he gave us for answer that the case in falling had sprung open and that he was busy closing it, but we do not know whether he abstracted any of [the beavers.].

Sergeant Daniel Litschoe and Ensign Gorge Baxter further declare that shortly after they saw Adriaen Keyser go past the wooden horse with beavers under his arm, but they do not know where he got them or how many there were. All of which we, the undersigned, declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm the same on oath if necessary This day, the 31st of July 1649, New Amsterdam.

Geo. Baxter

August Herrman

D. Litscho

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Alexander Boyer to Samuel Willemsen to collect from the West India Company money earned by him as assistant at Fort Nassau

[45b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Alexander Boeyer from Leyden, late assistant at Fort Nassau in New Netherland and now a freeman, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and

transferred and conveyed, as he does hereby, to and for the behoof of Hendrick Egbertsz, in true, full and lawful ownership, a certain lot lying and situated at the northeast point of Fort Amsterdam, by virtue of the patent and deed of purchase from Andries Hudden, of such dimensions as are mentioned and defined in the said patent, issued under date of the 13th of June 1644; provided that the aforesaid Hendrick Egbertsz, or whoever may obtain his title, shall be subject to the reservations stipulated in said patent, on condition of which the said Abram Pietersz hereby relinquishes the ownership of the aforesaid lot and conveys the same to Hendrick Egbertsz, or his successor, in true and lawful ownership, without retaining any interest therein or claim of ownership thereof, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever, acknowledging that he has received in full the stipulated purchase money for the same he, the grantor, promising therefore to hold this conveyance firm, binding and inviolable under obligation as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the grantor and the witnesses, this 2d of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

Abraham Pietersen

Jacob Kip, witness

Adrieen van Tienhoven, witness

Deed from Hendrick Egbertsen to Dirck Bensich of one-half of the above mentioned lot on Manhattan Island

[46b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New

Abraham Pietersen van Deursen.

Netherland, appeared Hendrick Egbertsz, an inhabitant here, who in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses transfer and conveys to Dirck Bensich, in true and free ownership, the just half on the south side of the lot lying and situated at the northeast point of Fort Amsterdam, and that by virtue of the previous patent and conveyance thereof to the behoof of Hendrick Egbertsz, on condition that the above named Dirck Bensich, or whoever may acquire his right, shall be subject to whatever the lord may hereafter claim. Which said Hendrick Egbertsz hereby relinquishes the ownership of the just half of the lot on the south side, conveying the same to the above named Dirck Bensich, or his successor, in true and rightful ownership, without retaining any interest therein or claim of ownership thereof, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. He, the grantor, therefore promises to hold this conveyance firm, binding and unbreakable, under obligation as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the grantor and witnesses, this 2d of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Hindrick Egbers

Jacob Kip

Adriaen van Tienhoven

} witnesses

Deed from Isaack de Forest to Willem Beeckman of a house and lot on Manhattan Island

[46c] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Isaack Foreest, an inhabitant here, who in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses transfers and conveys, as he does hereby, to and for the behoof of Mr.

Willem Beeckman, a portion of his lot lying and situated on the island of Manhatans, on the west side of the house and lot of Jan Cornelisz from Hoorn and opposite the house and lot of Claes van Elslant, which is at present set off with clapboards, in width four rods and two feet, in length six rods less one half foot, and that by virtue of the patent granted to him by the honorable director under date of the 5th of September 1645, in true and free ownership, provided that he, Mr. Beeckman, or whoever may obtain his title, shall be subject to whatever the lord may hereafter claim. Which said Isack de Foreest hereby relinquishes the ownership of the said lot of the size above stated and the dwelling house Foreest has had built thereon, conveying the same to the above named Mr. Willem Beeckman, or his successor, in true ownership, without the grantor reserving any right of ownership thereto, but surrendering the same henceforth and forever. He, the grantor, therefore promises to hold this conveyance firm, binding and inviolable, under submission as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the grantor and the witnesses, this 2d of August 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Isaack de Foreest

Adriaen van Tienh[oven],

Jacob Kip, witness

Deed from Cornelis van Tienhoven to Abraham Isaacksen Planck of a lot in the Smith's valley on Manhattan Island

[47a] This day, date underwritten, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary here, conveys to Abram Isacksz Planck a lot of his land

situated on the island of Manhatans, in the Smits valey, by virtue of the patent granted to him by the honorable director general and council; in width on the south side, at the strand, seven rods and seven and one-half feet; in width in the rear, on the north side, eight rods and three feet; in length on the east side, seventeen rods and one and one-half feet; in length on the west side, next to Dirck Holgertsz' lot, sixteen rods and nine feet, and that in true and full ownership, on condition that he, Abram Isacksz Planck, or whoever obtains his title, shall be subject to whatever the lord may hereafter claim. Which said Cornelis van Tienhoven hereby relinquishes the ownership of said lot of the aforesaid dimensions, conveying the same to the above named Abram Planck, or whoever obtains his title, in true ownership, without retaining any claim of ownership thereof, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. He, Cornelis van Tienhoven, therefore promises to hold this conveyance firm, binding and inviolable, under submission [of his person and property] as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the grantor and witnesses, this 4th of August 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Deed from Cornelis van Tienhoven to Dirck Volckertsen of a lot in the Smith's valley, on Manhattan Island

[47b] This day, date underwritten, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary here, conveys to Dirck Volckerssen a lot of his land situated in the Smits valey, on the island of Manhatans, by virtue of the patent granted to him by the honorable director general and council; in width on the south side, at the strand, seven

rods and six feet; in width in the rear, on the north side, seven rods and nine feet; in length on the east side, sixteen rods and nine feet; in length on the west side, sixteen rods and six and one-half feet, and that in true and full ownership, provided that he, Dirck Volckerssen, or whoever obtains his right, shall be subject to whatever the lord may hereafter claim. Which said Cornelis van Tienhoven hereby relinquishes the ownership of the said lot, of the dimensions aforesaid, conveying the same to the above named Dirck Volckerssen, or whoever may obtain his right, in true ownership, without retaining any claim of ownership thereof, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. He, Cornelis van Tienhoven, therefore promises to hold this conveyance firm, binding and inviolable, under submission [of his person and property] as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the grantor and witnesses, this 7th of August A^o 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Deed from Cornelis van Tienhoven to Lambert Huybertsen Klomp
of a lot in the Smith's valley, on Manhattan Island

[47c] This day, date underwritten, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary here, conveys to Lambert Huybertsz Klomp a lot of his land situated in the Smits valey, on the island of Manhatans, by virtue of the patent granted to him by the honorable director general and council; in width on the south side, at the strand, four rods and eight and one-half feet; in width in the rear, on the north side, four rods and eight and one-half feet; in length on the east side, sixteen rods and six and one-half feet; in

length on the west side, sixteen rods and four feet, and that in true and full ownership, provided that he, Lambert Huybertsz Klomp, or whoever may obtain his right, shall be subject to whatever the lord may hereafter claim. Which said Cornelis van Tienhoven hereby relinquishes the ownership of the said lot, of the dimensions aforesaid, conveying the same to the above named Lambert Huybertsz, or whoever obtains his right, in true ownership, without retaining any claim of ownership thereof, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. He, Cornelis van Tienhoven, therefore promises to hold this conveyance firm, binding and inviolable, under submission [of his person and property] as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit, this is signed by the grantor and witnesses hereto invited, this 4th of August A^O. 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Power of attorney from Cornelis Coenraetsen to Claes Jansen Ruyter to collect money from Roeloff Jansen de Haes

[48a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Coenraetsen, master of the ship called De Prins, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby [appoint and empower], Claes Janssen Ruyter to demand and collect from Roeloff Janssen de Haes the sum of three hundred and sixty guilders, as appears by the power of attorney which Janssen from Gotenborgh gave to the said Cornelis Coenraets. On receipt of the sum aforesaid, the above named Claes Janssen shall have power to execute a discharge in full, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding valid whatever shall be done in the matter by the attorney. This day, the 6th of August A^O 1649. New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Cornelis Coenraetsen

Acknowledged before me,

Cor van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Martin Kregier to Gerrit Vastrick to collect from the West India Company money earned by him in New Netherland

[48b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Martin Crigier, late a sergeant, now a freeman, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Gerrit Vastrick to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, at the chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of twelve hundred and seventy-one guilders, nineteen stivers, four pennies, earned by him, the principal, from their honors in New Netherland, as appears by the accompanying account. On payment of the aforesaid sum by their honors to the attorney, or his substitute, he may execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his attorney Thus done in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, who with the principal have signed the original hereof in the record, the 4th of August A^O 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Martin Kregier

Power of attorney from Martin Kregier to Cornelis van Tienhoven to collect from the West India Company money earned by him in New Netherland

[49a] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Martin Crigier, late a sergeant and now

a freeman, who appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, at the chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of twelve hundred and seventy-one guilders, nineteen stivers, -four pennies, earned by the principal from their honors in New Netherland, as appears by the accompanying account. On payment of the aforesaid sum by their honors to the attorney, or his substitute, he may execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid, he, the principal, holding valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his attorney. Thus done in the presence of Adriaen van Tienhoven and Jacob Kip, who with the principal have signed the original hereof in the record, the 4th of August A^o 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Martin Kregier

Receipt of James Smith for money paid by order of Isaack Allerton
for account of Sara Willett

[49b] Copia

Receaved this 4: of June A^o 1647: by order of M^r Isaack alderton for the account off Mis Sara Willet the summe of thirty one poundes twoe shillings and Eleaven pence, the which some I accordinge vnto Agreement made haue received in witnesse heer vnto I have set to my hand.

was onderteyckent James Smith

als ghetuygen

Carel van Brugge

Declaration of Jan Clasen and Sincke Harps that Jan Willemsen sent a power of attorney to his father to collect his wages earned at Curaçao

[49c] We, the undersigned, attest, testify and declare at the request of Jan Willemsz from Leyden, that it is true and truthful that we know that Jan from Leyden executed a power of attorney and an account of what he earned at Curaçao and sent it over with the power of attorney to his father Willem Pomsen by the ship De Princes. We declare this to be true and truthful, offering to confirm the same on oath. This day, the 10th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

Jan Clasen

Sincke Harps

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Power of attorney from Cosyn Gerritsen to Sibout Claessen to collect a legacy from Susanna Elefersen, deceased

[50a] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before his clerk, appeared the worthy Cosyn Gerritsz from Putte, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, Sybolt Claesz, to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the executors of the late Susanna Elefersz, in her lifetime residing at Hoorn, the sum of one hundred Carolus guilders due to him, Cosyn Gerritsz, by inheritance, bequeathed to him by Susanna, deceased, as appears by the accompanying letter written to him. On receipt of the said [sum] by the above named Sybolt Clasz, or his substitute, he shall have power to execute

for it a discharge in due form, which shall be valid, he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the aforesaid attorney or his substitute, who in all things are to act as the case may require. In witness whereof this is signed by the principal and witnesses, this 12th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of

Cosyn Gerritsz, made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Roelant Sauery, witness

Power of attorney from Lysbet Tysen to her brother Pieter Tysen to collect inheritances from her brother and sister at Alckmaer

[50b] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before his clerk, appeared Lysbert Tysen from Alckmaer, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that she appointed and empowered, as she does hereby [appoint and empower], Pieter Tysen from Alckmaer, her, the principal's, brother, to demand, collect and receive for her such goods, furniture and effects as are coming to her by inheritance from her brother Claes Tysen and from her sister Geertruyt Tysen, on receipt of which he shall have power to execute a discharge therefor, which shall be valid. The aforesaid attorney shall have power to substitute one or more persons, if necessary to institute and carry on legal proceedings, and in all things to do whatever the case may require, she, the

principal, promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever may be done in the matter aforesaid by the above named Pieter Tysen, or his substitute. In witness whereof this is signed in the record by Lysbet Tysen, with [], as witnesses This 12th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Lysbet Tysen, made by herself
Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Franssoys Noiret, witness

Power of attorney from Andries Roelofsen to Jan Laurensen Appel to collect beavers from Adam Roelantsen and Jacob Jansen Flodder

[51a] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before his clerk, appeared Andries Roelofsz from Masterlant,¹ who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby [appoint and empower], Jan Laurensz Appel, to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from Adam Roelantsz, residing here, seventeen whole beavers; also, from Jacob Jansz Floder, five beavers, due to him by balance of account, as appears by the accompanying account and note of hand; on receipt of which he may execute a discharge for the same, which shall be valid. He, the principal, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the said Jan Appel, or his substitute. In witness whereof this is signed in the record by Andries Roelofsz, with Jan Schepmoes and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses, this 12th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

¹ Marstrand, an island off the coast of Sweden, formerly belonging to Norway See Van Rensselaer Powler MSS., pp. 56-57

This is the A R mark of Andries
Roelofsz, made by himself

Yaninsen Scepmoes
Adriaen van Tienhoven } witnesses

Affidavit of Abraham Pietersen and Claes van Elslant that Jan
Stevensen, late schoolmaster, sold a house and garden on
Manhattan Island to Jacob Jacobsen Roy

[51b] We, the undersigned, Abraham Pietersz from Haerlem,
aged 49 years, and Claes van Elslant, aged 49 years, attest,
testify and declare, in place and with promise of an oath if
necessary, at the request of Jacob Jacobsz Roy, that it is true
and truthful that Jan Stevensz, late schoolmaster here, sold to
him, Jacob Roy, a certain house and garden located on the north
side of the fort, as appears by the patent thereof reading in
favor of Jan Stevensz; for which house and garden he, Jan
Stevensz, was fully paid and satisfied by Jacob Roy, but for
which upon his sudden departure for the fatherland no conveyance
was made. All of which we declare to be true and truthful,
offering to confirm the same on oath. In testimony whereof this
is signed by us this 13th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Claes Van Elslant

Abraham Pietersen

Deed from Jacob Jacobsen Roy to Abraham Isaacksen Planck of a
house and garden on Manhattan Island

[52a] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the

secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip, his clerk, appeared the worthy Jacob Jacobsz Roy, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses transfers and conveys to and for the behoof of Abram Isaacksz Planck, by virtue of the patent dated the 3d of July 1643, and the affidavit respecting the conveyance dated the 13th of August 1649, a certain house and garden standing and situated on the north side of Fort Amsterdam on the island of Manhatans, and that in true, absolute and rightful ownership, provided that he, Abram Planck, or whoever obtains his right, shall be subject to the reservations stipulated in said patent. Therefore he, Jacob Roy, relinquishes the ownership of said house and lot, conveying the same to the afore-said Abram Isacksz Planck, or whoever obtains his right, in true ownership, without the grantor claiming any further interest therein, but surrendering the same henceforth and forever. He, Jacob Jacobsz Roy, promises to hold and to cause to be held firm, binding and inviolable this deed, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by him and the witnesses this 13th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Jacob Jacobsz
Roy, made by himself

Claes van Elslant, witness

Abraham Pieterszen, witness

Deed from Sibout Claessen to Pieter Cock of a lot on Manhattan Island, near the garden of Jan Damen

[52b] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip,

his clerk, appeared the worthy Sybolt Claesz, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declares that he transfers and conveys, as he does hereby [transfer and convey], to and for the behoof of Pieter Cock a certain lot situated on the highway on the island of Manhatans, near the garden of Jan Damen, in true, absolute and rightful ownership, by virtue of the patent granted to him by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland under date of the 5th of June 1646, as large or as small as is set forth in said patent, provided that the aforesaid Pieter Cock, or whoever may obtain his right, shall be subject to the reservations and conditions mentioned in said patent. Which lot he, Pieter Cock, shall be at liberty to enter upon and occupy as his duly obtained patrimonial estate and lands, without Sybolt Claesz, or his successors, in the capacity as aforesaid, retaining any title of ownership thereof, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever; further promising to hold, observe and maintain this deed firm, binding and irrevocable, all under submission as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the grantor in the presence of the witnesses this 13th of August A^o. 1649, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Sibout Clasen

Gysbert open Dyck

Adriaen van Tienhoven

Power of attorney from Adriaen Vincent to Margariet Troezee to collect his pay as cadet earned in the service of the West India Company in New Netherland

[53a] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the

secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before his clerk,
appeared the worthy Adriaen Vincent from Aecker, late cadet in the
honorable Company's service here and now a free man, who in the
presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as
he does hereby [appoint and empower], Margarit Troezee, residing
at Amsterdam, or, in her absence, the worthy Mr. Arnoldus van
Hardenbergh, to demand, recover, collect and receive in his, the
principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered
West India Company at the chamber of Amsterdam the sum of four
hundred and six guilders, four stivers, eight pennies, earned by
him, the principal, from their honors in New Netherland, as appears
by the enclosed account, the original of which was lost in De
Princes. On receipt of the said sum from their honors by either
of the above named attorneys, or their substitutes, he shall
have power to grant a discharge therefor, which shall be valid,
he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid
whatever shall be done or transacted in the matter aforesaid by
his above named attorneys or their substitutes. Thus done and
the original hereof in the record signed by Adriaen Vincent and
[], as witnesses hereto invited, this
14th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Adriaen
Vincent, made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven. witness

Gysbert open Dyck

Power of attorney from Juriaen Andriessen to Jacob van Couwenhoven
to collect money due to him from the West India Company

[53b] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the

secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before his clerk, appeared the worthy Jeuryaen Andriesz from Walyn, at present in the service of the honorable Company as skipper on the yacht De Liefde, who sailed out as a gunner on the Groote Gerrit and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Mr. Jacob van Couwenhoven to demand, collect and receive in the capacity aforesaid from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber of Amsterdam, such sums of money as are due him, the principal, according to the accompanying account and were earned by him in their honors' service. On receipt of the amount of the annexed account or any part thereof by the said Jacob van Couwenhoven or his substitute he is authorized to execute a formal discharge therefor, which shall be valid, he, the principal, further holding valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by Mr. Couwenhoven, or his substitute. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Jeuryaen Andriesz and [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 14th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jurian Andriesen

Franssoys Noiret

Pieter Cornelis vander Veen

Power of attorney from Sibout Claessen to Harmen Bastiaensen to collect the balance of the purchase money for a house and lot sold to Joost Teunissen

[53c] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip,

his clerk, appeared the worthy Sibolt Claesz, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby [appoint and empower], Harmen Bastiaensz to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from Joost Teunisz here, or his order, next May 1650, the sum of six hundred guilders in loose current seawan, being the balance of the purchase money for a house and lot sold by him, the principal, to Joost Teunisz, baker; on receipt of which aforesaid money by him, the attorney, he is authorized to execute a receipt therefor and then to deliver the deed executed this day by Sybolt Claesz in favor of Joost Teunisz, baker, or his successors, but not before. This being done, he, Sybolt Claesz, promises to hold and cause to be held valid the same, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Sybolt Claesz and [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 14th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

Sibout Clasen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Pieter Cornelis vander Veen

Deed from Sibout Claessen to Joost Teunissen of a house and lot on Manhattan Island

[53d] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip, his clerk, appeared the worthy Sybolt Claesz, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared and acknowledged that by virtue of the patent granted on the 12th of May 1646 by the director general and council of New Netherland he conveys and transfers

a certain house and lot, standing and situated opposite the honorable Company's five houses on the island of Manhatans, as large or as small as is set forth in the patent, in rightful, absolute and true ownership, to and for the behoof of Joost Teunisz, or whoever may obtain his right, provided he, or his assigns, shall be subject to the reservations stipulated in said patent. Which house and lot he, Joost Teunisz, may take possession of and use as his lawfully obtained patrimonial property and effects, without the grantor in the capacity aforesaid reserving or retaining any right or claim thereto, but relinquishing the same henceforth and forever. He furthermore promises to hold, observe and maintain this deed firm, binding, inviolable and irrevocable, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by Sybolt Claesz and the witnesses, this 14th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam. in New Netherland.

Sibout Clasen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Pieter Cornelis van[der] Veen

Power of attorney from Gysbert op Dyck to David Provoost to sell his account

[54a] I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have appointed and empowered Davidt Profoost to sell for me my account to his own satisfaction and at his pleasure and to execute an assignment thereof, which shall at all times be valid against me In testimony whereof I have signed this with my own hand.

Gysbert op^e Dyck

The mark X of Jelys Jansen Pompoen, witness

Claes Tyssen, witness

This day, the 26th of May A^O 1648, in New Netherland, in
the House De Hoope¹

Power of attorney from Carsten Cornelissen Stam to Jan Harmensen
to collect 211 beavers from Jan Snediger, Abraham Planck and
Alexander Boeyer

[54b] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before his clerk, appeared the worthy Carsten Cornelisz Stam from Amsterdam, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Jan Harmensz from Vriesuyt to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from Jan Snediger, Abram Planck and Alexander Boeyer, or any one of them, the sum of two hundred and eleven merchantable beavers, as appears by the accompanying bond executed under date of the 20th of July 1649 in favor of Carsten Cornelisz aforesaid. On receipt of which [beavers] by the above named attorney or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a discharge in due form, which shall be valid, he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by Jan Harmensz or his substitute, who in all things are to act as the case may require. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Carsten Cornelisz Stam and [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 14th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

1 Fort Hope, the Dutch stronghold on the Connecticut River, now Hartford.

Gersten Cornelissen Stam

N. Coorn
Adriaen van Tienh[oven] } witnesses

[In the margin is written:]

On the 7th of September 1649, one hundred beavers were paid hereon by Jan Snediger and A. Planck and the bond being torn, a new one was made and signed.

On the 25th of August 1650, the above mentioned debtors settled with Cornelis Coenraetsen and liquidated the balance, except only three hundred and twenty guilders due by Jan Snediger, for which a new bond was signed, A. Planck having satisfied his debt in full, according to the receipt. Date as above.

Power of attorney from Annetie van Beyeren, wife of Tobias Feeckx, to Adriaen van der Donck to collect inheritances in Holland

[54c] On the fourteenth day of the month of August in the year sixteen hundred and forty-nine, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip, his clerk, appeared Annetie van Beyyere, widow of the late Daniel Patricx, now married to Tobias Feeckx, at present residing at Flushing in New Netherland, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that she appointed and empowered, as she hereby does appoint and empower, the worthy Mr. Adriaen vander Donck, at present on the eve of his departure for the fatherland, in her, the principal's, name, in the capacity aforesaid, to inquire and to use all diligence to find out how her

affairs stand in the fatherland in regard to property which in her absence might have devolved upon her by the death of any of her friends or blood-relations, or any others. Having discovered where any of her goods, effects, or lands may be, he shall by virtue hereof have power to collect, demand and receive the same and execute a receipt in due form therefor, which shall be valid, and then to bring to her in this country a portion of the effects or goods and secure the remainder for her and her heirs; with power also to substitute one or more persons, to take legal proceedings if necessary, to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, in all things doing as the case may require. She, Annetie van Bejere, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid all that shall be done and performed in the case above mentioned by the above named Mr. vander Donck or his substitute, provided that he, vander Donck, or his substitute, remain bound to render an account of what he may realize by his administration. Thus done and signed in the record by Annetie van Beyere and [

], witnesses, this 14th of

August 1649.

Anneken van Beyeren

Jelis Pietersz, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Power of attorney from Jacob Loper to Cornelis Melyn to collect money due him for his service on the island of Curaçao

[54d] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip,

his clerk, appeared the worthy Jacob Looper, having sailed in 1643 in the ship Swol as commander of the military and being at present a freeman here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Mr. Cornelis Melyn, his father-in-law, to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of Chartered West India Company, at the chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of twenty-three hundred and eleven guilders, five stivers and 12 pennies, the sum of fl.660:15 endorsed on the back of the account having been deducted therefrom; which said sum is due him by their honors for his service on Curacao, as appears by the annexed account. On receipt thereof by his above named father-in-law or his substitute, he shall execute a formal discharge therefor, which shall be valid. He, the principal, promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorney or his substitute, who in all things are to do as the case may require. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Jacob Looper and [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 14th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jacob Loper

Arnoldus van Hardenberch¹

witnesses

Adriaen van Tienhoven

¹ The signature reads: Arnolnoldus van Hardenberch.

Power of attorney from Daniel Litscho to Geertruy Abrahamsen to collect money due him by Joan Tenberghe

[54e] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip, his clerk, appeared the worthy Daniel Litschoe from Cuslyn,¹ at present in the service of the honorable West India Company here, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Geertruy Abrahamsz, wife of Gerrit Jansz Klinckhamer, to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from one Joan Tenberghe, late schout in F: Paraiba,² at present residing at Utrecht, the sum of two hundred and sixty guilders, due him, the principal, by the aforesaid Joan ten Berge, as appears by the accompanying obligation or note of hand executed on the 29th of May 1643 in Frederika de Paraiba. On receipt thereof by the above named attorney or his substitute he shall have power to execute a formal discharge therefor, which shall be valid; to substitute one or more persons; to institute legal proceedings if necessary; to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom and in all things to do as the case may require. He, the principal, promises to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the above named attorney or his substitute, even if the matter should require more ample and more specific authority than is mentioned herein. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Daniel Litschoe and [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 15th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Daniel Litscho

Augustyn Herrman, witness
Pieter Cornelisen vander Veen

¹ Kuschlin, a village in Posen
² Frederica de Paraiba, Brazil.

Power of attorney from Baattiaen Lambertsen to Hendrick Arentsen to receive his share of the prize ship Tobasco

[55a] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip, his clerk, appeared the worthy Bastiaen Lambersz from Breda, who sailed in the bark of Willem Blaeuvelt and is now about to depart for the fatherland, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Hendrick Arentsz, [residing] here, late lieutenant of the above named Blaeuvelt, to collect and receive in the aforesaid capacity from the honorable Company here, or those who shall make the distribution, in case the prize called the Tabascoo, brought in here by them, be declared a good prize, such goods or money as shall then be found due to him for his share, on receipt of which he is authorized to execute a formal discharge, which shall be valid; he, Bastiaen Lambertsz, holding valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the above named attorney or his substitute. Thus done and signed [by the principal], with the subscribing witnesses, this 16th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Bastiaen
Lambersz, made by himself

Kempo Sybada

Power of attorney from Cornelis Teunissen to Joost Teunissen to receive his inheritance from Fenneke Joosten, deceased

[55b] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip,

his clerk, appeared the worthy Cornelis Teunisz, a resident here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Joost Teunisz, his, the principal's, brother-in-law, who is at present about to depart for the fatherland, to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name and for him at Noorden¹ such goods, means and effects as have been thereabout in court in the matter of Fenneke Joosten, deceased, and which belong to him, the principal, by inheritance; on receipt of which by Joost Teunisz, his brother-in-law, or his substitute, he shall have power to execute a discharge in full therefor, which shall be valid. If necessary he may substitute one or more persons, institute legal proceedings if need be, hear judgment pronounced and appeal therefrom and do in all things as the case may require; he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the above named attorney or his substitute, who in all things are to do as he, Cornelis Teunisz, could or might do if he were personally present. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Cornelis Teunisz and [], witnesses hereto invited, this 17th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

Cornelis Tonisen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Pieter Cornelisz vander Veen

¹ Noorden, a village about 20 miles east of Leyden.

Power of attorney from Annetje Jans, widow of the late Rev. Everardus Bogardus, to Cornelis Willemsen Bogaert to receive moneys due by the West India Company to her late husband and to her mother, Tryn Jonassen, deceased

[550] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland and in his absence before Jacob Kip, his clerk, appeared Annetie Jansz, widow of the late Everhardus Bogardus, in his lifetime minister here, and daughter of Tryn Jonasz, deceased, late midwife here, and consequently heiress of her mother, Tryn Jonasz aforesaid, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as she does hereby, the worthy Mr. Cornelis Willemsz Bogaert, residing at Leyden, to collect, demand and receive in the capacity aforesaid on account of the above named Tryn Jonas, deceased, such sum of money as is due her by the honorable West India Company at the chamber in Amsterdam, as appears by the accompanying account. Also, to collect and receive such money as may be due to her late husband, Everherdus Bogardus, by the honorable West India Company, together with whatever may be coming to her or her late husband from any other private individuals, whether friends or blood-relations, by inheritance or otherwise. On receipt of the aforesaid moneys he shall have power to execute a discharge in full, which shall be valid; to substitute one or more persons; if necessary, to institute legal proceedings; to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, and in all things to do as the case may require; she, Annetie Jansz, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the said Cornelis Willemsz Bogardt, or his substitute, even though the matter should require more ample and more specific

authority than is herein mentioned. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Annetie Jansz aforesaid, with Augustyn Heermansz and Adriaen v Tienh[oven], as witnesses hereto invited, this 17th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Annetie Jans, made by herself

Augustin Herrman	}	witnesses
Adriaen van Tienhoven		

Agreement of Hendrick Jansen and Pieter Jansen Cool to deliver certain furs in Holland

[55d] Copy

Ditto, the 11th of August Anno 1647

I, Hendrick Jansz, and Pieter Jansz Cool take home with us a small case of beavers, No.8, containing 50 beavers and 4 otters, and also 20 beavers which are in our case, No.7, and [we] promise to deliver them into the hands of Maery Symons, the mother of Claes Calesz Bordeingh, if God grant us a safe voyage. The duty is paid and whatever additional charges there will be on them the receiver must pay. Was signed: Hendrick Jansz Bakcer and Pieter Jansz Kool.

After collation this is found to agree with the original by me, Jacob Kip, clerk, in the absence of the secretary, this 17th of August 1649, in New Netherland, on the island of Manhatans.

Power of attorney from Claes Jansen de Kock to Michiel
Paulissen to receive his share of the prize ship Tobasco

[56a] This day, date underwritten, at the office of the secretary of New Netherland in his absence before Jacob Kip, his clerk, appeared the worthy Claes Jansz d'Kock from Amsterdam, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Michiel Paulisz, a resident here, to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable director and council here, or whoever shall distribute the shares, in case the prize called the Tabasgee, which he helped to bring in here, be declared a good prize, such share as may be found coming to him. On receipt thereof he shall have power to execute a formal discharge therefor, which shall be valid; he, Claes Jansz aforesaid, holding valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorney, or his substitute. Thus done and signed together with the subscribing witnesses, this 17th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Claes Jansz, made by himself

Peitter Gilles

Jan Louresen Appel

Deed from the curators of the estate of Claes Jansen, deceased, to skipper Willem Thomassen of part of a garden on Manhattan Island; with receipt for the purchase money

[56b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk of Secretary Tienhoven, appeared Pieter Wolphertsz Couwenhoven and Elbert Elbertsz, appointed curators over the heirs and the estate left

by Claes Jansz from Emden, deceased, who declared that they, with the knowledge and advice of the honorable director, have sold and conveyed, as they, by virtue of the above, do hereby sell and convey, to skipper Willem Tomasz a certain part or lot of a garden, situated on the Manhatans, opposite the five houses, next to the wooden horse on the east, and Labate's lot on the west, for the sum of two hundred and fifty Carolus guilders, of forty half-stivers each; which they hereby convey in full ownership to the above named skipper Willem Tomasz, or whoever obtains his right. In token of the truth this is signed by the above named curators and the subscribing witnesses, this 17th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

Pieter Woluersen

Elbert Elbertsen

Jan Louresen Appel, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

P. Stuyvesant, vidit¹

Receipt for the purchase money

[56c] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk of the secretary, C. van Tienhoven, of New Netherland, appeared Pieter Wolphertsz and Elbert Elbertsz, appointed curators over the heirs and the estate left by the late Claes Jansz from Emden, who in the aforesaid capacity hereby give a receipt in full to

¹ A draft of this deed, in the handwriting of Director General Stuyvesant, dated July 27, 1649, but not signed, is found in [57a].

skipper Willem Tomasz for the purchase money of a certain lot situated near the Company's five houses, for which purchase money, amounting to two hundred and fifty guilders, we release the aforesaid Willem Tomasz from all future claims which may be made by any of the heirs of the aforesaid Claes Jansz, deceased, or any other persons. In token of the truth this is signed in the record by us as curators, with Adriaen van Tienhoven and Hendrick Jansen, smith, as witnesses, this 18th of August 1648,¹ in New Amsterdam.

Pieter Woluersen

Elbert Elbertsen

Adriaen van Tienhoven }
Heindrick Jans } witnesses

Power of attorney from Hendrick Egbertsen to Harmen Hendricksen Drooch to settle his late wife's estate at Haerlem

[56d] This day, the eighteenth day of the month of August, in the year one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, at the office of C. van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, in his absence before Jacob Hendricksz Kip, his clerk, appeared the worthy Hendrick Egbertsz from Nieuwenhuys, at present residing on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland, widower of Printie Arents van Helmont, in her lifetime residing at Haerlem, who

¹ Thus in the original; apparently intended for 1649.

before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as she does hereby, the worthy Mr. Harmen Hendricksz Droch,¹ residing at Amsterdam, in the capacity aforesaid to settle the estate of his late wife at Haerlem, according to the antenuptial contract which they made together; to have the property sold, to collect and receive the money accruing therefrom, to give a proper receipt for his, the principal's, share, and further to act as circumstances may require and as in his judgment may seem best. He shall have power to substitute one or more persons; if necessary, to institute legal proceedings; to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom and in all things to do as the case may require; he, the principal, promising to hold valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his attorney or his substitute, even though the matter should require more ample and more specific authority than is herein mentioned. He requests an authentic instrument hereof. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Hendrick Egbertsz, with [

], as witnesses hereto invited, this 18th of August 1649,² in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Hindrick Egbers

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Jelis Pietersz, witness

¹ Probably intended for "Drooch." See Johan E. Elias, De Vroedschap van Amsterdam, 1:140.

² The date is crossed out

Settlement of the estate of Dirck Cornelissen from Wensveen, deceased

[57b] In the name of the Lord, Amen. On the date below written Michiel Jansz and Olof Stevensz, as legally appointed tutors and guardians of the child left by Dirck Cornelisz from Westveen,¹ deceased, of the first part, and Govert Loockemans and Jacobus van Couwenhoven, as chosen guardians herein of Marritge Jans, widow of the aforesaid Dirck Cornelisz, deceased, of the second part, have fully agreed and contracted with each other respecting the property and household effects left by Dirck Cornelisz, on the following conditions, to wit:

First, Marretie Jansz shall set aside for the surviving child the sum of two thousand guilders, good pay, free and unincumbered, but she, Marretie Jans, is to receive the interest thereof until the child come of age, in return for which she shall bring up the child in the station for which it is fit, and in case she can not supply the aforesaid sum at once, she is bound to give sufficient security for the principal.

Secondly, the child shall also be entitled to the just half of all such moneys as are due by the honorable West India Company, which moneys upon receipt, are to be invested by the guardians for the benefit of the child, and if any interest be derived therefrom, Marretie Jans shall enjoy the same also.

Thirdly, in case there be in the fatherland any other property, money or accounts, at present known or unknown, belonging to the above named Dirck Cornelisz, or now to his heirs, the same rule shall apply to them as to the moneys in the custody of the

¹ In other places given as Wensveen.

honorable Company, and all this, one thing as well as another, without any exception, shall be the portion of the paternal estate set aside for the child.

And all that may be found in the house or effects of Dirck Cornelisz, aside from what has already been mentioned, shall be for the behoof and remain the property of the surviving widow, Marretie Jans, and neither the orphan child, nor any one on his behalf, shall now or at any time hereafter have any right or claim to or authority over the same, but both sides shall at all times be bound by this contract. In witness whereof this is signed in the record by the respective parties on both sides and approved by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, this 18th of August 1649, on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland.

Oloff Stevensz

Machghyel Jansz

Govert Loockermans

Jacob van Kouwenhouen

Receipt by Jacob Reynsen for the payment of a debt due Isbrant Dircksen Goethart to Heertjen Dircksen

[57c] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk of Secretary C. van Tienhoven, appeared the worthy Jacob Reynsz, as attorney of Heertjen Dircksz, to demand and receive from Isbrant D. Goethart the sum of 621 guilders, due to the principal from the

aforesaid Goethart, as appears by the accompanying account and power of attorney

We, the undersigned attorney, acknowledge the receipt in full of the sum of six hundred and twenty-one guilders from the above named Isbrant D. Goethart here in New Netherland, in beavers, at market value. We therefore release the said Isbant Dircksz Goethart and his heirs from all further claims on account of the aforesaid sum which might be made by us as attorney, or by Heertjen Dircksz as principal, or his partners and heirs, whether in the fatherland or here in New Netherland. In witness whereof this is signed by us, together with the subscribing witnesses.¹

Declaration of Annetje Buys and Lyntje Kuyter that Arnoldus van Hardenbergh gave Gysbert Abrahamsen money to pay his board

[57d] We, the undersigned, Annetie Buys, wife of Jan Snediger, 45 years of age, and Lyntie Cuyters, wife of Jochom Pietersz Kuyter, 40 years of age, in the presence of the undersigned councilors, at the request of Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenberch, 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 Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenberch advanced here to Gysbert Abramsz from Aspere,¹ or Nieuvelt, in cash, the sum of three hundred and twenty Carolus guilders for his board bill, as the landlord dunned him and would no longer board him unless he paid; for which sum he drew two bills of exchange, dated the 28th of April 1649, on his guardians residing at Leyden, named Silvester Swanenborch and Willem Lodewycks, on the condition that if the aforesaid guardians

¹ The document is not signed and is canceled in the record.

¹ Asperen, a small city in the province of Zuid-Holland, Netherlands

should not pay the aforesaid sum in full, he would tender and pay the same with the interest thereon, binding therefor his person and property, etc. All of which we, the deponents, declare to be true and truthful, offering if required to confirm it on oath.

Done at Manhatans, this 19th of August 1649, in New Netherland.

La Montagne

Annetie Ruys

Brian Newton

This is the X mark of Leyntie Cuyter,
made by herself

Will of Jan Evertsen Bout and his wife

[58a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk of Secretary C. van Tienhoven, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared the worthy Jan Evertsz Bout, from Barreveldt, and Tryntie Symons de Witt, both lawfully married persons here, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses declared that, being persons of fairly advanced age and having reflected on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof, they, the testors, first commend their souls after their decease into the hands of Almighty God and their bodies to a christian burial; then, coming to the disposition of their temporal means, effects and property, they, the testators, declare that as husband and wife they have agreed and concluded together that, in return for the love and fidelity shown to each other, the survivor of the two shall remain in full possession and

enjoyment of all the property and effects which God Almighty has granted to them in this world, and that to the day of his or her death, without being obliged to render to any of the relatives on either side an accounting, inventory, or any other return of the property left behind, but the survivor to enjoy the same without any of their blood-relations having any claim thereto, except that he or she is to pay to the blood-relations or the surviving relatives by marriage or heirs, in lieu of all the effects, means and property left behind in all the sum of five hundred guilders, reckoned at twenty stivers to guilder, and that in good pay, without the heirs having the right to claim anything more; which sum they shall divide pro rata. They, the testators, declare this to be their free and voluntary gift and donation between the living, which they request may after their deaths take effect before all courts and judges; they, the testators, hereby also revoking all previous documents, testaments, codicils, or any other instruments of last will made and signed by them before the date hereof, declaring and holding the same null and void and as having never been made, desiring and requesting that this will only shall be valid, and no other. Thus done and signed by the testators respectively in the presence of the undersigned witnesses hereto invited, this nineteenth day of the month of August, anno one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, in Fort Amsterdam, on the island of Manhatans, in New Netherland.

Jan Evertsz Bout

Tryn Symens de wrest

Willem Turck

Willem Tomassen

Acknowledged before me, in the absence of the
secretary,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Jan Evertsen Bout to his wife to take
care of his affairs during his absence in Holland

[58b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk of Secretary
C. van Tienhoven, and in his absence, appeared the worthy Jan
Eversz Bout, at present about to depart on a voyage to the
fatherland, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses
declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby,
Tryntie Symons d'Witt, his wife, who remains here in New
Netherland, to demand and receive in his absence all such debts,
cash and goods as may be due him here at the Manhatans, or
elsewhere; also to satisfy and pay all that he may owe here or
elsewhere and further in his absence to act as if he, Jan Eversz
Bout, were present, to execute receipts and to do whatever else
may be required; he, the principal, holding valid whatever his
above named wife shall perform in his absence. In token of the
truth this is signed with the witnesses hereto invited, this 19th
of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jan Evertsz Bout

Willem Turck

Willem Tomassen

Power of attorney from Harmen Bastiaensen to Isaack de Forest to collect money from Hans Hansen

[59a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk of Cornelis van Tienh[oven], secretary of New Netherland, and in the secretary's absence, appeared the worthy Harmen Bastiaensz, carpenter, residing at Fort Orange, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Isaack de Foreest, a resident here, to ask, demand and collect in his, the principal's, name from Hans Hansz, ship carpenter, residing at present on Long Island, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five Carolus guilders, due to him, the principal. On receipt of this above mentioned sum of one hundred and twenty-five guilders by the above named Isaack d' Foreest, he shall have power to execute a formal discharge therefor, which shall be valid. He shall also have power to substitute one or more persons, and if necessary to institute legal proceedings, doing in all things as the case may require; he, the principal, holding valid whatever may be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the above named attorney or his substitute. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and signed with the witnesses hereto invited, this 19th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

Harmen Bastiaen

Joahnnes Rodenborch, witness

Power of attorney from Jan Willemsen Yselsteyn to his father Willem Pomsen Yselsteyn to collect money earned by him in the service of the West India Company on the island of Curaçao

[59b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksen Kip, clerk, in the

absence of C. van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Jan Willemsz Iselstyn from Leyden, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Willem Pomsz Iselstyn his, the principal's father,¹ to demand, collect and receive on his behalf from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company at the chamber in Amsterdam the sum of one hundred and ninety-three guilders, fourteen stivers, due to him, the principal, by their honors, and earned on the island of Curaçao, whereof a power of attorney was executed heretofore in favor of his father and sent with the account which was lost with the ship De Prinses, as appears by the accompanying recorded affidavit. On receipt of this above mentioned sum by his father, Willem Pomsz, he shall have power to execute a formal discharge therefor, which shall avail. He, the principal, promises to hold valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorney, or his substitute. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the above named Jan Willemsz with [], as witnesses hereto invited, the 19th of August 1649, in New Netherland.

Jan Willemsen Yselsteyn

Joost Tonis, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

¹ The word swagger meaning father-in-law, or brother-in-law, is changed to Vader, father.

Power of attorney from Gysbert Op Dyck to Hendrick van Schendel
to collect money from Jan Hannes, merchant at Wesel

[59c] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk, in the absence of Cornelis van Tienhoven, the secretary, appeared the worthy Mr. Gysbert op Drck, at present in the honorable Company's service as commissary at the house d'Hoop in New Netherland, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses declared that he constituted and appointed, as he hereby does constitute and appoint, the worthy Hendrick van Schendel, city schoolmaster at Weesel,¹ his attorney to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name, in the capacity aforesaid, from the worthy Jan Hannes, merchant residing at Wesel, the sum of five hundred daelders, with the interest thereof since the year one thousand six hundred and forty-one to the date of payment, as appears by the annexed note. On receipt of this sum by the above named worthy Hendrickis van Schendel, or his order, he shall have power to execute a discharge in full; to substitute one or more persons; if necessary, to institute legal proceedings, in all things doing as the case may further require. He, Mr. Gysbert op Dyck, promises to hold valid whatever shall be done and transacted by the above named, his attorney, or his substitute, in the case aforesaid, even though the matter require more ample and more specific authority than is herein mentioned. Thus done, and the original record hereof signed by the above named Gysbert op Dyck with [

], as witnesses hereto invited, this 19th

of August 1649, in Fort Amsterdam.

¹ Wesel, a town in Rhenish Prussia.

Gysbert op^e Dyck

Joost Tonis, baker, witness

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Power of attorney from Gillis Pietersen to Harmen Jansen to collect his pay earned in the service of the West India Company on the ship De Prinses

[59d] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk, in the absence of Cornelis van Tienhov[en], the secretary, appeared the worthy Gyllys Pietersen, late in the honorable Company's service, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Harmen Jansz, residing at Amsterdam, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company at the chamber in Amsterdam the sum of two hundred and forty guilders, fifteen stivers, earned by him, the principal, from their honors on the ship De Prinses, as appears by the annexed account; on receipt whereof from their honors he, Harmen Jansz, or his order, may execute a discharge which shall be valid; he, the principal, holding valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorney, or his substitute. Thus done and the original record hereof signed by Gillis Pietersz, with [], as witnesses hereto invited, this 20th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jelis Pieters

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Gysbert op^e Dyck

Power of attorney from Adriaen Jansen van Ilpendam to Sybolt
Claessen to collect what is due him by inheritance in Holland

[60a] This day, the twentieth of the month of August of
the year one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, at the office
of C. van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, and in his
absence before Jacob Hendricksz Kip, his clerk, appeared the
worthy Aryaen Jansz van Ilpendam, at present schoolmaster here
on the island of Manhatans, who in the presence of and before the
undersigned witnesses declared that he constituted and appointed,
as he does hereby constitute and appoint, the worthy Sybolt
Claesz, at present about to depart on a voyage to the fatherland,
his attorney to collect, demand and receive in his, the principal's,
name, in the capacity aforesaid, such sum of money, means,
effects and property as may be coming to him, the principal, by
inheritance from his relatives at Leyden or elsewhere, of whatever
kind they may be; to execute a receipt in full for such property,
means, effects or money, which shall be valid; to substitute one
or more persons; if necessary, to institute legal proceedings,
to hear judgment pronounced and to appeal therefrom, doing in all
things as the case may further require; he, the principal,
promising to approve whatever shall be done and performed in the
matter aforesaid by his above named attorney, or his substitute,
even though the matter require more ample and more specific
authority than is herein mentioned. Thus done and the original
hereof in the record signed by Adriaen Jansen and [

], as witnesses hereto invited, at Manhatans, in New
Netherland, this date as above.

Adriaen van Ilpendam

Evert Tesselaer
Adriaen van Tienh[oven] } witnesses

Certificate of Adriaen Keyser that Adriaen Jansen van Ilpendam had received no part of his father's estate

[60b] Copy

I, the undersigned, at the request of Adriaen Jansz Ulpendam, declare and attest, in place of a solemn oath, that it is true and truthful that the aforesaid Ulpendam has received nothing from his father's estate,¹ but on the contrary kicked the same away with his foot.² Done at Manhatans, this 19th of August 1649. Was signed: A. Keyser.

Power of attorney from Antony Crol to Philip Gerardy to collect money due him by Philip Ringo

[60c] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk, and in the absence of C. v[an] Tienh[oven], secretary of New Netherland, appeared Antony Crol, at present about to depart for the fatherland, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Philip Gerardy, a resident here, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from Philip Jansz Ringo, the sum of one hundred and fifty-five Carolus guilders, this being the balance due to him, the principal, by the above named Ringo; on receipt whereof he shall have power

¹ The estate of Jan Jansen van Ilpendam, the former commissary on the Delaware, who was deposed and who had recently died. See Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:137.

² Den boedel met de voet heeft gestooten: a figurative expression, meaning that Adriaen van Ilpendam had renounced the right of succession to his father's estate, which was incumbered with debts, and had relinquished it for the benefit of the creditors, since under the Roman-Dutch law, by accepting the inheritance, he would have become liable for all the debts and obligations of the deceased.

to execute a discharge therefor, which shall be valid; he, Antony Crol, approving whatever shall be done and performed by the above named Philip Gerardy. Thus done and signed with the witnesses, this 20th of August 1649, New Amsterdam.

Antoni Crol

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Adriaen Dircksen Coen, witness

Power of attorney from Willem Beeckman to Geertruyt Plantius to collect money earned by him in the service of the West India on the ship De Princes

[60d] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk, and in the absence of Cornelis van Tienhoven, the secretary, appeared the worthy Mr. Willem Beeckman, merchant here, late cadet in the honorable Company's service here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Geertruyt Plantius, wife of the Reverend Domine Plantius, residing at Campen, to demand, collect, recover and receive in his, the principal's, name and in the capacity aforesaid from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company at the chamber in Amsterdam the sum of ninety-two guilders, two stivers, 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ pennies, earned from them by the principal on the ship De Princes, as appears by the accompanying account. On receipt of this aforesaid sum by the above named Geertruyt Plantius, or her order, she shall have power to execute a formal discharge therefor, which shall be valid; he, the principal, approving whatever shall be done and performed by his above named attorney or her substitute in the matter aforesaid

Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed this 20th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Wilh. Beeckman

Roelant Savery, witness

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Power of attorney from Pieter Hansen to Erick Jansen to collect money earned by him in the service of the West India Company on the island of Curaçao

[61a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk, in the absence of Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Pieter Hansz from Amsterdam, sailor in the honorable West India Company's service here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Eerick Jansz from Stockholm to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name, in the capacity aforesaid, from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber in Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight guilders, eleven stivers and eight pennies, earned at Curaçao by him, the principal, from their honors, as appears by the accompanying account. On payment of this above mentioned sum by their honors to the above named Eerick Jansz, or his order, he shall have power to execute a formal receipt therefor, which shall be valid and release their honors from all future claims; he, Pieter Hansz, promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter above mentioned by his attorney, or his substitute, who in all things are to do as he, pieter Hansz, could or might do were he present. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and the

original hereof in the record signed by the above named Pieter
Hans and [], witnesses hereto invited,
this 25th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pyeter Hansen

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

This is the X mark of Willem Klock, witness

Account of Captain Jacob Loper for services

[61b] Copy

Laus Deo A^o 1648, on the island of Curaçao

		Jacob Looper of Stockholm, captain lieutenant		Debit
April 7	To Daniel Baeyaert for inventory	fl.	2: -: -	
May 9	To Cornelis Claesz for ditto on the book of the <u>Groote Gerrit</u>		12: -: -	
Sept 15	To himself, to balance this account		411: -: -	
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				fl.425: -: -

on the island of Curaçao

In Fort Amsterdam

		Contra	Credit
Jan.1	By balance of account A ^o 1643	fl. 61: 4: -	
ditto	By ditto A ^o . 1644	560:16: -	
ditto	By ditto A ^o 1645	600: -: -	
1647 last of March	By ditto from 1st of January 1646 to date	750: -: -	
Jan.1	By ditto from last of March A ^o . 1647	436: -: -	

1648

Sept. 15 By the hon. directors for 8 m. 15

days' wages @ 50 gl. per mo.,

earned since the first of January

last to date, when he was given leave

to go in the yacht De Cath to New

Netherland

fl. 425: -: -

Was signed: L. Rodenborch

Below was written:

A. van Nuysren, Commissary

Laus Deo A^o 1648, on the island of Curaçao

Captain Lieutenant Loper's boy Debit

1648, Jan. 1 To goods received A^o 1644 fl. 62: -: 12To goods received A^o 1645 23: -: -

1648, July 20 to 11 ells muslin @ 21 stiv. fl. 11: 11: -

April 28 to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ells cloth @ 36 stiv. 6: 7: 8

Sept. 15 To self, to balance this account 33: 1: 8

 Total fl. 51: -: -

In Fort Amsterdam

Contra

Credit

1647, March 31	By 'balance of account from 1644 to date fl.205: 4: -	
1648, Sept.15	By the hon. directors for 8½ months' wages @ 6 gl. per month, earned from the 1st of January to date, when the account was closed	fl.51: -: -

Was signed: L. Roodenborch

Below was written;

A. van Nuysren, commissary

On the back of the account was written as follows:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have received on this account from the Hon. Director Stuyvesant the sum of five hundred and forty guilders and sixteen stivers, as will appear by the assignment signed by me in favor of Nicolaes van Lit. I have also given a power of attorney to Mr. Willem de Key, or his ship owners, for [the collection] of the sum of one hundred and nineteen guilders, nineteen stivers, which said money I shall pay on receipt of the account on the back hereof, or, if it has been paid, count as valid payment by their honors to me. In testimony whereof this is signed by me this 19th of August 1649, at the Manhatans in New Netherland. Was signed: Jacob Looper-

Agrees with the original,

In the secretary's absence,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Resolutions of the Amsterdam chamber of the West India Company
regarding Wouter van Twiller's farm

[61c] Copy

J Bruyningh

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J vande Ven,
Notary

Extract from the register of
Resolutions of the directors of
the West India Company, at the
chamber of Amsterdam.

Thursday, the 11th of April 1641

Wouter van Twiller, having understood from a letter of
Director Kieft that the Company had ordered him, the director,
not to allow the effects which the aforesaid van Twiller had left
in New Netherland to be alienated without authority to that
effect being granted by this Company, requests that such authority
be granted, in order that he may dispose thereof at his pleasure;
also, approval of the purchase of lands which he bought from the
Indians with the knowledge and consent of the council for the
maintenance of his cattle and the advancement of population and
which since his departure from New Netherland he has caused to be
built upon, after he had previously, according to the affidavit,
offered them to some free persons, who have not dared to venture
their cattle thereon, for fear that they might be killed by the
Indians. Referred to the commissioners of New Netherland.
Underneath was written: Agrees with the aforesaid register.
Was signed: Gijsbert Rudolphj

[61d] Another copy

The directors of the Chartered West India Company, at the chamber of Amsterdam, have granted and allowed, as they hereby do grant and allow, to Wouter van Twiller, former director of New Netherland, that the said van Twiller shall not have to pay to the Company either the stipulated rent or the sixth sheaf of the Company's farm situated on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland, at present in his possession and leased to him, for the space of eight consecutive years, commencing on the first of May 1638, and ending as far as the dwelling house is concerned on the first of May 1646; as to the planted lands, the first of September 1645, and as to the hay and pasture lands, the middle of November 1645, when the said farm shall revert to and be again delivered to the Company; and during the term of the lease the lessee shall keep the house, hayrick and barn in good and proper repair and so deliver them at the end of the term. Furthermore, [it is agreed] that the said van Twiller may dispose at his pleasure of his cattle, movables, Negroes and all that belongs to him. Done at Amsterdam, the 24th of May 1642. Was signed in the several hands: Charles Looten, J. Harynchouck, Elias de Raet.

Underneath was written: These two copies agree with the original extracts, which I, notary public residing at Amsterdam, certify. In witness wherof I have affixed hereto my notarial signature, this XIII Sept. 1647, and was signed: J. vande Ven, notary public, A^o 1647, XIII 9^{mo}.

After collation, this is found to agree with the authentic copy by us, the undersigned, in the absence of the secretary.

Jacob Kip, Clerk

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Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Power of attorney from Kempo Sybada to Jacob Stoffelsen to collect certain debts in his absence

[62a] Before me, Jacob Kip, clerk, in the absence of Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Kempo Sybadae from Lieveren,¹ who arrived here with Willem Blaeuvelt's prize and is now about to depart on a voyage to the north, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses declared that he appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Jacob Stoffelsen from Zierickze, to demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name and in his absence here such claims, debts, etc., as appear due to him by the note and order left in his hands; to execute a receipt in full therefor; to substitute one or more persons; if necessary, to institute legal proceedings, and in all things to do as the case may require; he, Kempo Sybadae holding valid whatever shall be done and performed by Jacob Stoffelsz or his order, even though the case require more ample and more specific authority than is herein mentioned; provided always that he render an account to me or to my special order. Thus done and signed by the principal and the undersigned witnesses, this 27th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Kempo Sybada

Adriaen van Tienhoven

Johannes Rodenborch

¹ Livorno?

Assignment by Capt. Willem Blauevelt and others of the privateer
La Garce to Kempo Sybada of their respective shares of the
 prize money accruing from the capture of the ship Tabasco

[62b] Copy

We, the undersigned witnesses attest at the request of
 Kempo Sybada, pilot of the prize named the Tabasco, going with
 her to New Netherland. Therefore, we testify and declare, as
 we do hereby, that the said Cempo Sybada has by all our officers
 and seamen been freely and frankly presented and given our
 share of the aforesaid bark when, with the help of God, he
 arrives with her in New Netherland and the captured cargo shall
 have been discharged, so that he shall have power to do with her
 as he may think proper. In witness whereof and in good faith
 we release him from all future claims, henceforth and forever.
Actum, this 5th of May A^o 1649, in the frigate La Garce, in the
 West Indies /

Was signed:

As witnesses { Willem Blavelt
 { This is the X mark of Hendrick Arentsz, lieutenant

Below was written:

Acknowledged before me,

Daniel Rogen,¹ Supercargo

After due collation this is found by
 us, the undersigned, to agree with

¹ Elsewhere given as Daniel Roggen

the original, this 27th of
August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Gysbert op^e Dyck

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

In the secretary's absence,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Jan Laurensen Appel to Adriaen Jansen
from Leyden to collect certain debts at Fort Orange

[63a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appointed clerk
by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, appeared
the worthy Jan Laurensz Appel, who before and in the presence of
the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered,
as he does hereby, the worthy Adriaen Jansz from Leyden, to
collect, demand and receive in the capacity aforesaid, at Fort
Orange in the colony of Renselaerswyck, such debts and claims
as are due to him, Jan Laurensz Appel, as appears by the accom-
panying bonds and the list thereof On receipt thereof he shall
have power to execute a discharge therefor, which shall be valid;
if necessary, to institute legal proceedings; to hear judgment
pronounced and to appeal therefrom, doing in all things as the
case may require, both in and out of court, he, Jan Laurensz
Appel, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall
be done by the above named Adriaen Jansz, under binding obligation
according to law, provided he render an account of the money
received. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed
by the above named Jan Laurensz Appel, with Adriaen van Tienhoven

and Jacob Loper, witnesses hereto invited, this 30th of August 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jan Louresen Appel

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Jacob Loper

Lease of cattle from Jacob Loper, agent of Cornelis Melyn, to
Hendrick Jansen from Utrecht

[63b] This day, date underwritten, before me, Jacob Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the absence of Secretary van Tienhoven, appeared the worthy Jacob Loper, as agent of his father-in-law, Cornelis Melyn, of the first part, and Hendrick Jansz from Utrecht, of the second part, [who have agreed] respecting some cattle on the conditions hereinafter written: First, Jacob Loper shall deliver and transfer four cows and twenty-five goats on half the increase and twenty pounds of butter yearly for each cow. The risk of death of the animals shall be in common and all shall be divided and distributed after the four years, but no increase is to be counted before and until the number of cattle delivered be completed and again placed in the hands of Cornelis Melyn as patroon, or his agent Further, I, Hendrick Jansz from Utrecht, promise and engage to take or to have taken good care of the cattle now delivered to me, and in case through neglect, bad fodder, or carelessness any damage or accident occur, which God forbid, he, the lessee, alone shall stand the loss and not be allowed to make it good from the

increase. Thus done without fraud or deceit and this signed by the parties respectively in the presence of the underwritten witnesses, this 6th of September 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jacob Loper

Johannes Rodenborch

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

This is the H mark of Hendrick Jansz,
made by himself

Lease of cattle from Jacob Loper, agent of Cornelis Melyn, to
Jan Jansen from Langendyck

[63c] This day, date underwritten, before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Jacob Loper, agent of his father-in-law, Cornelis Melyn, of the first part, and Jan Jansz from Langendyck, of the second part, [who agreed together] in regard to some cattle on the conditions hereinafter written. First, Jacob Loper shall deliver and transfer four cows, one heifer, one small calf and twenty-five goats, on half the increase and twenty pounds of butter yearly for each cow. The risk of death of the animals shall be in common and after the expiration of four years all shall be divided and distributed, but no increase is to count before and until the number of cattle delivered shall be completed and again be placed in the hands of Cornelis Melyn as patroon, or his agent. Further, the lessee promises and engages to take, or cause to be taken, good care of the cattle delivered

to him and in case through the lessee's fault, bad fodder or neglect any damage or accident occur, which God forbid, the lessee alone shall stand the loss and not be at liberty to make it good out of the increase. Thus, without fraud or deceit, this is signed by the parties respectively in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 6th of September 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Ian Iansen Landick

Jacob Loper

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Power of attorney from Anthony Bermoeda to Hans Weber to receive his share of the prize Tobasco

[64a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the absence of the secretary, appeared the worthy Antony Bermoeda, a Spaniard, who arrived here with the bark called the Tabasco, captured by Willem Blaeuvelt, who in the presence of and before the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Hans Weber, captain at arms here in New Netherland, to ask, demand and receive in the capacity aforesaid, (if the bark called the Tabasco, which the above named Antony Bermoeda assisted in bringing in, be here declared a good prize) from the honorable director or whoever shall determine the crew's share of the aforesaid captured prize, such part as shall be found to belong to him Antony Bermoeda. On receipt thereof he shall have power to execute an acquittance

which shall be valid; he, Antony Bermoeda, approving whatever shall be done and performed by the above named Hans Weber or his order in the case aforesaid, in all things doing as he, the principal, might or could do, were he present. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Antony Bermoeda with Adriaen van Tienhoven and [], witnesses hereto invited, this first of September 1649, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Antony Barmoeda, made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, clerk

Affidavit of Nicholas Hart that John Trogmorton received some hats from Willem de Key's wife

[64b] Mr. Nicholas Hart, merchant residing here, aged 30 years, attests, testifies and declares at the request of Jan Trochmorton that he, the deponent, knows that Mr. Jan Trockmorton, by order of the director, was to have some duffel cloth from Willem de Kaey, and as the said d'Key had no duffels to pay the assignment, the said Trochmorton received from Willem d'Key's wife fifteen or sixteen hats, whereby the assignment was satisfied. This happened in October 1647, when the general went to Fort Orange. All of which he, the deponent, declares to be true, offering to confirm the same on oath, if necessary This 4th of September 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Nich. Hart

Bond of Thomas Hall to Cornelis Teunissen for the payment of
the purchase price of cattle

[64c] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed
by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland,
appeared the worthy Tomas Hal, an inhabitant here, who
acknowledges for himself, his heirs and successors, that he is
duly, honestly and truly indebted to Cornelis Teunisz from
Gurcum,¹ also an inhabitant here, or his order, in the sum of
three hundred Carolus guilders for the purchase and delivery
of some cattle which the purchaser acknowledges having received
before the execution hereof. He therefore promises to pay
the aforesaid three hundred guilders free of costs and charges,
without any exception, in the month of March next, to wit:
two hundred and fifty guilders in good merchantable duffels at
the current price and fifty guilders in loose seawan. For
the performance hereof he, Tomas Hal, binds his person and
property, submitting the same to all courts. In testimony
whereof this is signed by him with his own hand, this 22d of
September 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Thomas Hall

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Appointed Clerk

Declaration of Anthony Leon and Teague Herry regarding an
attack made on the frigate La Garce

[65a] Copy

Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed by the

¹ Gorcum, or Gorinchem, a fortified town on the Meuse, in the
province of South Holland, Netherlands.

honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Antony Leon, a native of Majorca, aged 26 years, a Spaniard, and Tyck Herry, a native of Castlehaven in Ireland, aged about 26 years, passengers who came over from Captain Flip d'Rest's bark into the bark of Willem Albertsz Blaeuvelt, and who attest, testify and declare in place and with offer of an oath, at the request of the owners of the frigate La Garce, of which the aforesaid Willem Blaeuvelt was captain, that it is true and truthful that they, the deponents, being on board said Captain Blaeuvelt's vessel, saw and well remember that on the 18th of July 1649, in the evening, there came into the Bay of Campeachy a ship which they thought was the bark or prize of Blaeuvelt, whereupon Blaeuvelt immediately made sail and drew off to leeward, in order that they should know the better what she was. Blaeuvelt had the Prince's flag hoisted aloft and aft, not awaiting her, but doing his best to get away from her. About eleven o'clock at night they came near her, when Blaeuvelt's quartermaster, named Gerrit Hendricksz, called out: "Flip, Flip, comrade Flip," but received no answer. Upon his crying out "Strike for the Prince of Orange," she answered "Strike for the King of Spain!" and immediately fired four shots. The fifth gun hung fire and the sixth shot struck Blaeuvelt's ship, without Blaeuvelt having made anything ready. Blaeuvelt thereupon resolved to sail close to the wind in order to reach his people. All of which we, the above named deponents, declare to be true and truthful, offering to confirm the same

on oath if required. Dated this 27th of September 1649, on the island of Manhatens, in New Netherland. Signed with this sort of Mark **I**, near which was written: This is the mark of Tyck Herry, made by himself This sort of mark X, near which was written: This is the mark of Antony Leon, Spaniard, made by himself; together with Albert Cornelisz and the mark of Nicolaes Stilwil, both as witnesses of the true character of the above signatures Underneath was written: Acknowledged before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk.

After collating this is found to agree with the original, dated and signed as above, by me, Jacob Kip, clerk, in the presence of Francoys Noyret and [], witnesses hereto invited, this [] of September 1649, in Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherland.

Franssoys Noiret, witness

Power of attorney from Isaac Jansen to Jan Jansen to collect his pay earned as surgeon in the service of the West India Company on the yacht Fenyn

[65b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Isaack Jansz from Amsterdam, surgeon, lately in the service of the West India Company and at present

a freeman here on the eve of his departure, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses again and anew appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jan Jansz, cheesemonger, to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company at the Chamber at Amsterdam the sum of one hundred and sixteen guilders, sixteen stivers, earned by him, the principal, from their honors on board the yacht De Fenyn, as appears by the accompanying account, whereof the original and the power of attorney sent to said Jan Jansz, cheesemonger, by the ship De Princes, were lost by shipwreck and destroyed. On receipt of this sum by the attorney, he shall have power to give a receipt in full therefor and to guarantee their honors against any future claim; he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his attorney or his substitute. He requests an authentic instrument hereof. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Isack Jansz, with
[], witnesses hereto invited,
this 28th of September 1649, New Amsterdam.

Mr. Isaac Jansen

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Franssoys Noiret

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Appointed Clerk

Power of attorney from Nicola Bled of Dieppe to Sack Kallyn, or in his absence to Philip Geraerdy, to collect his share of the money accruing from Blauvelt's prize

[66a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, appeared Nicola Ble of Diepen,¹ a Frenchman, who sailed and arrived here with Willem Blaeuvelt and is at present about to depart for Barbadoes with A. Blommer,² who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, his comrade, named Sack Kallyn³ of Diepen, a Frenchman, who has not yet arrived here with Blaeuvelt's prize, or, in case of his remaining away and being absent, Philip Geraerdy, an inhabitant here, to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name and on his behalf, from those who may distribute the crew's share of the prize captured by the said Blaeuvelt, if the prize captured and sent up by Blaeuvelt be declared a lawful prize, such part as shall be found to belong to him, and on receipt of such pay to execute a discharge, which shall be valid; he, Nicola Ble of Diepen promising to hold valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by the above named Sack Kallyn, or in his absence by Philip Geraerdy, his attorneys. Thus done and signed by the principal, with [

], as witnesses hereto invited, this 29th of September 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Nicollaa Bled

¹ Dieppe, France.

² Adriaen Blommert.

³ Jacques Calin?

This is the Ma mark of Matys Boesel, witness

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Sacke (Jacques?) de Blaigny of Rouen to Augustin de Boulieu, or in his absence to Philip Geraerdy, to collect his share of the money accruing from Blaeuvelt's prize

[66b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Sacke de Blenye of Rowaen,¹ a Frenchman, who sailed and arrived here with Willem Blaeuvelt and is at present about to depart for Barbadoes with Adriaen Blommert, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, his comrade named Augustyn de Boulieu, a Frenchman, who at present has not yet arrived here with Blaeuvelt's prize, or in case he remain away and be absent, Philip Geraerdy, a resident here, to ask, demand, collect and receive for him from those who may distribute the crew's share of the prize captured by said Blaeuvelt, if the prize captured and sent up by Blaeuvelt be declared a lawful prize, such share as shall be found to belong to him, and on receipt of such pay to execute a discharge, which shall be valid; he, Sacke de Blenye, promising to hold valid whatever shall be done in the matter aforesaid by the above named Augustyn de Boulieu, or in his absence by Philip Geraerdy, his attorneys. Thus done and signed by Sacke de Blenye, with

[

], as witnesses hereto invited, this 29th of

¹ Jacques de Blaigny of Rouen.

September 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

De Blaingny

This is the ~~Ma~~ mark of Matys Boesel, made by himself as witness
Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Inventory of the estate of Urbanus Luersen

[66c] Copy

Inventory of the goods and household effects left by
Urbanus Luersz, deceased and still in the possession
of his widow, taken and found in the presence of the
honorable Lubbertus van Dincklaghen and Hendrick van
Dyck, as chief officers of this place, with Mr. Olof
Stevensz, free colonist here, as follows:

Four pairs of linen sheets
Four pairs of pillow cases
One pair of bolster cases
Three pairs of night neckerchiefs
Two shirts of her late husband's
Half a dozen pocket handkerchiefs
Half a dozen children's aprons
One dozen children's shirts
Half a dozen napkins
Three small tablecloths
One large ditto
One bed with four pillows

Three blankets, half worn

One copper bed warmer

Three petticoats

A small cloak with a pair of sleeves

One old-fashioned jacket with a waist

Seven pewter dishes

Eight pewter plates

Four pewter spoons

Two pots

One kettle

One pothanger

One gridiron

One pair of tongs

One brass candlestick and a small mortar

One tin sugar box

Two andirons

One pewter salcellar

One wooden candle box

One wooden salt box

Thus done and inventories at the house of the above named widow, in the presence of the aforesaid commissaries.

Manhatens, New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this first of October anno one thousand six hundred and forty-nine. Was signed:

L. van Dincklaghen, H. van Dyck, fiscal, Olof Stevensen.

Below was written: Acknowledged before me (in the absence of the secretary), Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here.

After collation this is found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above, by me, Jacob Kip, clerk, in the presence of Francoys Moyret and Adriaen v. Tienhoven, witnesses hereto, this first of October 1649, New Amsterdam.

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Franssoys Noiret

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Wessel Evertsen to Rut Jacobsen of a lot on the Highway on Manhattan Island

[67a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared the worthy Wessel Evertsz, an inhabitant here, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses transfers and conveys to and for the behoof of Rut Jacobsz, at present residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, a certain lot lying and situated on the island of Manhatens, to the west of the house or smithy of Borger Jorisen, in width forty feet, in length eighty-eight feet, on the Highway, by virtue of the patent granted to him by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland under date of the 2d of July anno 1646, and that in true, absolute

and rightful ownership, provided that the said Rut Jacobsz, or those who shall acquire his title, shall be subject to whatever may be due to the lord during his time. Which lot, of the dimensions and bounds mentioned above, he, Rut Jacobsz, or his assigns, may take possession of, build upon, occupy and use as he might do with his patrimonial and lawfully obtained lands and property; he, Wessel Eversz, hereby relinquishing the ownership of the said lot, which he delivers free from any claim or challenge of title to it that may be set up by any one. The said Wessel Eversz promises to hold and cause to be held this conveyance firm, binding and inviolable, binding thereto his person and property according to law. Without fraud or deceit the original hereof in the record is signed by the grantor, Wessel Eversz, together with Pieter Jansen, Jan Appel and Michiel Paulus, as witnesses hereto invited, this 5th of October 1649, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Wessel Eversen, made by himself
Jan Louresen Appel, witness

This is the P I mark of Pieter Jansen, made by himself as witness

This is the X mark of Michiel Paulisz, made by himself as witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Substitution by Jan Louresen Appel of Lucas Eldertsen as
attorney of Arnoldus van Hardenbergh to collect certain
debts on the South River

[67b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, clerk (in the absence
of the secretary) appointed by the honorable director general
and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Jan Louresen

Ap[p]el, as attorney of Mr. Arnoldus van Hardenberch, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he, in the best form to him possible, substitutes and empowers as he does hereby substitute and empower, by virtue of his power of attorney, the worthy Luycas Eldertsz from Jeveren, at present residing on the South River of New Netherland, to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name, in the capacity aforesaid, from Mr. Andries Hudden, commissary in the service of the honorable West India Company, residing at Fort Nassau on the South River aforesaid, the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight guilders, six stivers; from Symon Root, trader there on the South River above mentioned, the sum of three hundred and twenty-eight guilders, and from Davidt Davitsz the sum of two hundred and eighteen guilders, and likewise from one Tomas Broen, also residing there, the sum of eighty-four guilders and 2 stivers, all payable in beavers, as appears by the annexed account and authentic bonds. On receipt of the aforesaid sums, or any of them, by the above named substitute, he may execute a discharge in due form therefor which shall be valid; he, Jan Louresz Appel, as attorney aforesaid, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter above mentioned by the above named Luycas Eldertsz, as his substitute; provided, nevertheless, that he, the substitute, remains bound to render an account of his receipts to him, Jan Ap[p]el, or his principals. This is signed without fraud or deceit by him, Jan Appel, with the witnesses hereto invited, this 20th of October 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Jan Louresen Appel

F[r]anssoys Noiret, witness

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Contract of sale from Cornelis Teunissen to Teunis Kraey of a house and lot on Manhattan Island

[68a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Jacob Hendrick[sz] Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Teunisz from Gorcum of the first part and Teunis Kraey of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses testified and declared that they had amicably and after due deliberation agreed and contracted in regard to the purchase of a certain house and lot on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

Teunis Kray sells to Cornelis Teunisz, who also acknowledges that he bought, a certain house and part of the lot lying and situated on the island of Manhatans, north of the house and lot of Hendrick Willems Backer and south of the new house and place of Teunis Kraey above mentioned, to wit: the house and all that is fastened by earth and nail, together with the lot, up to half of the passageway between Teunis Kray's new house and what is now the house of Cornelis Teunisen and no farther, for the sum of four hundred and twenty-five guilders, computed at twenty stivers the guilder, in such pay as shall then be current, in

two instalments, to wit: the first payment of two hundred guilders shall be made when Cornelis Teunisz, the purchaser, shall enter thereon, which time shall be at the option of the purchaser; and the second and last payment, being two hundred and twenty-five guilders, must be made in the next ensuing month of September 1650, when the vendor is bound to deliver to the purchaser a proper deed and formal conveyance. For the performance of the above contract, the purchaser for the purchase money and the vendor for the delivery of the house and lot, bind their persons and properties, submitting the same to all courts and judges. This is signed without fraud or deceit by the respective parties with the witnesses, this 20th of October A^o 1649, New Amsterdam, New Netherland. ¹

Contract between Thomas Hall and Gerrit Jansen from Oldenborch for the sale of the Mallesmits Berch in exchange for the latter's farm on Manhattan Island

[68b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, [clerk] appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the absence of the secretary, appeared the worthy Tomas Hal and Gerrit Janssen from Oldenborch, who declared that in all love and friendship they had mutually agreed about and concluded a certain contract concerning lands, to wit: Gerrit Jansen shall deliver to Tomas Hal all right, title and interest which

¹ The contract of sale is canceled in the original.

he or his have to and in the land, dwelling house, posts and rails, situated on the island of Manhatans, near the farm of Cornelis Claesz Swits and Stille, and he shall be at liberty to make use of the aforesaid land this coming spring, and that of such size as he has hitherto planted the same, and no longer nor larger. For which Tomas Hal shall in like manner deliver to him, Gerrit Jansz aforesaid, all right, title and interest which he has to and in the land called the Mallesmits Berch, situated on the island of Manhatans, formerly occupied by Tomas Sandersz and afterwards sold by divers persons and now belonging to him, Tomas Hal, together with the house, buildings and all that belongs there to the said Hal, except the grain sown at present and the fruit, and in addition one mare and one hundred guilders in loose seawan. The delivery of the land and everything must be made between this date and next Christmas, when each party shall deliver an absolute and proper conveyance in due form of what is his, without any one retaining any claim thereto; they, the parties on both sides declaring that they will observe this their contract in all its parts, all under submission [of their persons and properties] as by law provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the parties, this 27th of October anno 1649, in New Amsterdam.

Thomas Hall

This is the X mark of Gerrit Jansen from

Oldeburch, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Isaac Allerton to Johannes Verbruggen to receive money and merchandise from Captain Francis Aerley, Jr, of Virginia

[69a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the secretary's absence, appeared the worthy Mr. Isaack Allerton, who declared that by virtue of the power of attorney executed by Mr. Govert Loockemans he substitutes and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Mr. Johannes Verbruggen, merchant, at present on the eve of his departure for South Virginia, to ask, demand, collect and receive in his, the principal's, name from Captain Francis Aerley, junior, residing in Virginia, such sum and quantity of merchandise as are due to him, the principal, in virtue of the power of attorney and as appears by the bond or writing in the possession of Cornelis Loyt, residing on the Elisabet river, which bond he, the substitute, may demand and receive out of the said Loyt's hands. On receipt whereof by the aforesaid Verbruggen, or his order, he shall execute a discharge, which shall be valid; and if the above named Francis Aerley refuse promptly to tender and pay the sum mentioned in the bond, he, the substitute, is empowered to institute legal proceedings, to sue for the amount and to prosecute the case to the end, doing in all things as he, Mr. Isaack Allerton, or Mr. Loockemans, were they present, might or could do; he, the principal promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed by the above named substitute, or by his order. Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by Isaack Allerton and [

], as witnesses, this 5th of November 1649, New Amsterdam.

Isaac Allerton

Adriaen van Tienh., witness

La Montagne

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Affidavit of Willem Turck and Pieter Broensen as to a statement
made by Jan Harmensen regarding the ownership of brandy
shipped in David Provoost's ketch

[69b] On the eleventh of November one thousand six hundred
and forty-nine, we, the undersigned, came to the house of
Pieter Antony, where resided one Jan Harmensz, a free trader
here, who in our presence was asked whether the wines which were
shipped and laden in Mr. Davidt Provoost's ketch by him, Jan
Harmensen, were not shipped in said Provoost's ketch by way of
freight. Whereupon, in the presence of us, the undersigned,
he answered and declared that on the first of September 1649 he
had shipped and laden three pipes and one partly filled cask
of brandy in Mr. Provoost's ketch as freight, according to the
bill of lading, and that neither Provoost nor his owners had
any interest in the brandy in the least and were entitled only
to the freight. All of which we, the undersigned, certify
and declare having been so stated and answered by Jan Harmensen
in our presence, offering to confirm the same on oath if
necessary and required. Dated as above on the island of
Manhatans, in New Netherland.

Willem Turck

Pieter Broenson

Acknowledged before me, in the secretary's absence

Jacob Kip, Appointed Clerk

Power of attorney from Surgeon Willem Nobel to Hendrick
Jacobsen Patervaer to receive his share of the prize
captured by Captain Willem Blaeuvelt's frigate

[70a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the secretary's absence, appeared the worthy Willem Nobel, surgeon, arrived here on Captain Willem Blaeuvelt's frigate, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that in the best form to him possible he appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy Hendrick Jacobsz Patervaer, at present master, under God, of the yacht 't Vli[e]gende Hart, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name, in the capacity aforesaid (if the Spanish bark and its cargo sent up and brought here by them be declared a good prize), from the director and council of New Netherland, or whoever may distribute and divide the goods, such share and allowance as he, the principal, may be found to be entitled to; to execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid, and in all that concerns the principal's case and affairs to do as the principal, were he present, could or might do; he, Willem Nobel, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever Hendrick Jacobsz Patervaer shall do and perform in the matter

aforesaid. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and signed the 12th of November 1649, New Amsterdam.

Willem Nobel

This is the X mark of Teunis Dircksz, made by himself as witness
Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Power of attorney from Teunis Dircksen to Isaack de Foreest to receive his share of the prize brought up by Captain Willem Blaeuvelt's frigate

[70b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the secretary's absence, appeared the worthy Teunis Dircksz of Serdam,¹ arrived here as skipper of Captain Blaeuvelt's frigate, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Isaack d'Foreest, a resident here, to ask, demand and receive in the principal's name in his absence (if the Spanish bark and lading by them sent up and brought here be declared a good prize), from the director and council of New Netherland, or those who may divide and distribute the goods, such share and allowance as he, the principal, shall be found to be entitled to; to execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid, and in all things to do as he, Teunis Dircksz himself, were he present, might or could do; he, Teunis Dircksz, promising to hold and cause to be held valid whatever Isaack de Foreest shall do and perform in the matter aforesaid.

¹ Sardam, or Zaendam, in the province of North Holland.

He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and signed
this 12th of November 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Teunis Dircksz, made by himself
Willem Nobel, witness

Johannes Rodenborch, witness

Power of attorney from Teunis Dircksen to Willem Nobel to receive
from Cornelis van Bruggen the proceeds of certain indigo
consigned to him in the West Indies

[70c] This day, the twelfth of November, one thousand six
hundred and forty-nine, at the office of the secretary of New
Netherland, in the secretary's absence, before Jacob H. Kip,
his clerk, thereto appointed by the honorable director general
and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Teunis Dircksz
of Sardam, who arrived here as skipper of Captain Blaeuvelt's
frigate and who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses
declared that he, in the best form to him possible, appointed
and empowered, as he hereby appoints and empowers, the worthy
Willem Nobel, surgeon, at present about to depart for the
fatherland, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's,
name, in the capacity aforesaid, from Cornelis van Bruggen,
residing at Flushing, such sum of money as he, Cornelis van
Bruggen has realized from the indigo which he, van Bruggen,
being in the West Indies, took with him to sell to the best
advantage of the said principal, or else the indigo itself, his
share being 25 lbs, of indigo. On receipt of the money procured
therefrom, or of the indigo itself, by him, Willem Nobel, he
shall have power to execute a formal receipt therefor which

shall be valid, and in default of the payment or restitution of the said 25 lbs, of indigo, he, Willem Nobel, is authorized to institute legal proceedings against him before such courts as he shall deem proper and to prosecute the case to the end, in all things doing as he, the principal, were he personally present, could or might do; he, Teunis Dircksen, promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter above mentioned by the above named Willem Nobel, or his substitute. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and signed on the above date on the island of Manhatans, in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Teunis Dircksz, made by himself
 Johannes Rodenb[orch]
 Daniel Roggen

Power of attorney from Michiel Jansen to Johannes Geraerdy to receive money due to the principal from Reynier Dominicus

[71a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, in the absence of the secretary, appointed by the honorable director general of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Machiel Jansz,¹ an inhabitant here, who declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, the worthy Johannes Gerardy, merchant of the yacht named De Swaen, at present about to depart on a voyage to the South River of New Netherland, to ask, demand and receive in his name,

¹ Michiel Jansen from Schrabbekercke. See Van Rensselaer Bowler MSS., pp. 499, 818.

in the capacity aforesaid, from one Reynier Doemenicus, house carpenter, at present residing at the South River above mentioned, the sum of seventy-five Carolus guilders, due to him, the principal, by the said Reynier, as appears by the accompanying note of hand; on receipt of which above mentioned sum by Jan Gerardy, he shall execute a discharge in full and especially guarantee him against future claims; he, Michiel Jansz, promising to hold valid whatever said Jan Geraerdy shall do and perform in the matter aforesaid. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and the original record hereof signed by Michiel Jansz, this 15th of November 1649, in New Netherland.

Machghyel Jansz

Power of attorney from Jan Harmensen to Pieter Antony to receive certain brandy from the magistrates of New Haven

[71b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the absence of the secretary, appeared the worthy Jan Harmensz, a trader here on the island of Manhatens, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, the worthy Pieter Antony, an inhabitant and trader here, to ask, demand and receive in his, the principal's, name from the magistrates of New Haven, or those who may have in their custody the wines carried thither by Davidt Provoost to be distilled for the principal, three pipes

and one partly filled cask of brandy (or such vessels and quantity as might be found there); or to hear and answer such claim as may be set up thereto there, and further to do and to act as he, the principal, were he present, could or might do and to prosecute the case to the end, as well in as out of court The wines being received, he shall ship and convey them hither at the first opportunity in such craft as he, the attorney, shall think proper. He, Jan Harmensz, promises to hold and cause to be held valid whatever Pieter Antony shall do and perform in the matter aforesaid. Thus done and signed by the principal with the witnesses thereto invited, this 16th of November 1649, New Amsterdam.

Jan Harmansz

This is the X mark of Antony Fernandus, made by himself
as witness

Ock Jansoon, witness

Acknowledged before me, in the secretary's absence,
Jacob Kip, Clerk

Contract of Juriaen Hendricksen to build a house for Adriaen Dircksen Coen

[71c] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appeared Adriaen Dircksz and Juryaen Hendricksz, who declared that in all love and friendship they had deliberately agreed and contracted with each other about the building of a certain house on the conditions hereinafter written: Juryaen Hendricksz engages to build for Adriaen Dircksz Coen, who also acknowledges having

let the contract, a certain house, forty feet in length and twenty feet in width, with on one side an extension (uytlaet), six feet wide and as long as the house is; six beams with corbels and two without corbels; six cellar beams; the posts as required, twelve feet long; four window frames with intersecting transom and mullion, two door frames and one suitable cellar door; the front room eleven feet high and the upper room nine feet, and the roof to be properly covered with tiles or reed. He, Juryaen Hendricksz, is bound to deliver all the aforesaid frame work in good order at the place where Adriaen Dircksz shall desire to build the said house and will only have to raise the said frame all around as aforesaid, for which work he, Adriaen Dircksz, is bound to pay after it is performed the sum of three hundred Carolus guilders net, in such pay as shall then be current. He, Juryaen Hendricksz,¹ must begin the said work on the first of March 1650, by which time he, Juryaen Hendricksz, must have brought and delivered the timber aforesaid here at the Manhatans and as long as Juryaen Andriesz¹ shall work on the same after the timber is here, Adriaen Dircksz is to provide him with board and he, Juryaen, shall not be at liberty to do any other work until this shall be completed. For the performance of what is above written, Juryaen Hendricksz, the contractor, for the completion of the aforesaid labor and job, and Adriaen Dircksz Coen for the above stipulated payment, bind their persons and property under submission as by law

¹ An error for Juryaen Hendricksen.

provided. Without fraud or deceit this is signed by the parties
this 17th of November 1649, in New Amsterdam.

This is the I mark of Jeuryaen Hendricks,

made by himself

Adriaen Dircksen Coen

Adriaen van Tienh., witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Willem Woutersen to Aert Willemsen to
receive his share of the Spanish prize captured by
Captain Blaeuvelt

[72a] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, in the absence
of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general
and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Willem
Woutersz from Hitland,¹ arrived here with Captain Blaeuvelt's
prize called De Hoop, who in the presence of the undersigned
witnesses appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, the worthy
Aert Willemsz, an inhabitant here, to ask, demand and receive
(if the Spanish bark called the Tabasco and the lading come
in here be declared a good prize), from the honorable director
and council of New Netherland, or whoever may happen to divide
and distribute the goods, such ship's share and payment as is

¹ The Dutch name for the Shetland Islands.

due to him, the principal; to execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid, and further to do and act in the principal's absence as he might and could do were he personally present. He, Willem Woutersz, promises to hold valid whatever Aert Willemsz shall do and perform in the matter aforesaid. He requests an authentic instrument hereof. Thus done and the original record hereof signed by the principal, Willem Woutersz, this 17th of November 1649, New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Willem Woutersz, made by himself

Jacobus van Curler, witness

Adriaen van Tienh., witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Adam Roelantsen Groen to Jacob Tysen to take charge of his children and affairs during his absence

[72b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, in the absence of the secretary, appeared the worthy Adam Roelantsen Groen from Dockum, at present about to depart on a voyage to the West Indies, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that in the best form to him possible

he appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Jacob Tysen, an inhabitant here, or in Jacob Tysen's absence his, Jacob Tysen's, wife, named Maretie Claes, to have during the principal's absence a fatherly and motherly care of his children who remain here with them. Also, especially, to ask, demand and receive such debts as are due to him, Adam Roelantsen, here or elsewhere, whether it be what the Company already owes him, or, in case of his death or departure, may yet be earned by or be due to him, as shall appear by the bond and account thereof in existence, it being the principal's wish that they, the attorneys, in case of his death or otherwise, shall have authority to pay themselves out of the said debts before all other creditors what he owes them according to the bond executed by him, and further in his, the principal's, absence in all things to do and perform as he might do and perform if he were personally present, promising at all times to hold good, binding and irrevocable what shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by his above named attorneys. He requests an instrument hereof in due form. Thus done and signed together with the witnesses, this 4th of December 1649, New Amsterdam.

Adam Roelants Groen

William Nobel }
Daniel Roggen } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Will of Jan Jansen Damen

[72c] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and forty-nine, the twelfth day of the month of December, we, the undersigned, came to the house of one Jan Jansz Damen, on the island of Manhatans, where the said Jan Jansen Damen was lying sick in bed, who according to our observation appeared to be still in full possession of his understanding and memory and who, reflecting on the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof and wishing therefore, as far as it was in his power, to anticipate this uncertainty by certain testamentary disposition, commended first and foremost his soul after his death into the hands of God Almighty and his body to a christian burial. Coming next to the disposal of all temporal means, effects and goods which God Almighty has granted to him in this world, he wills and desires that the son of his, the testator's, sister Hendrickie Jansz, deceased, who at present resides with him, the testator, and is named Jan Cornelisz Buys, alias Jan Damen, shall out of the most readily available money have the sum of six hundred Carolus guilders and all his, the testator's, clothes and linen which belong to his body, without any exception, provided that he, Jan Cornelisz Buys, shall be bound to remain with his, the testator's, widow until the time the ships sail for the fatherland, when he shall be released from his service. It is the testator's desire that the above mentioned six hundred guilders with the interest thereof

shall not belong to him, Jan Cornelisz Buys, until he be married or through sickness or otherwise shall be in extreme need of the same. And he desires that Egbert Woutersz, Tomas Hal and Cornelis Aertsen, all inhabitants here, shall be, if they please, tutors and guardians of the said Jan Cornelisz Buys and also in particular take upon themselves the entire settlement and distribution of the estate which he leaves behind. Furthermore, he desires that the poor at Bunnick, situated in the diocese of Utrecht, shall out of the next most readily available money receive and be allowed the sum of four hundred Carolus guilders. And he further desires that the residue of the moneys which shall be found to belong to his, the testator's, just share of the entire estate, after a calculation of the debts and assets has been made, shall be divided pro rata between his, the testator's, brothers and sisters, or their children or heirs; the brothers being named Cornelis Jansz Cuyper, Cornelis Jansz Damen and Willem Jansz Damen; the sisters Neeltie Jansz Damen and Hendrickie Jansz Damen, deceased. He likewise desires, in case his surviving widow should sell or lease the farm and lands which she occupies at present, that the West Indian servant maid, named Cicilje, shall be emancipated and completely released from her slavery, but otherwise not. He, the testator, Jan Jansz Damen above mentioned, declares this to be his last will and testament and desires that it shall take effect before all courts, tribunals and judges, revoking hereby all previous wills, testaments, codicils, or other instruments of last will made and signed by him before the date hereof, declaring and holding the same as null and void and as never made, willing and

desiring that this testament alone shall be valid and none other. Thus done and signed by the testator and witnesses, the day and year above written, on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland.

Jan Jansz Damen

Thomas Hall

This is the X mark of Cornelis Cornelisz van Houten,
made by himself as witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Appointed Clerk

Contract of sale from Aeltje Douwese, widow of Jan Jansen from Ditmarschen, to Gysbert Arentsen and Louis Papilion, of land on Long Island¹

[73] Before me, Jacob Hendricksz Kip, appointed by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, appeared, in the absence of the secretary, Aeltie Douwese, widow of Jan Jansz from Ditmersz, assisted by her present bridegroom, Leunis Jorisz vander Veeren, and Gysbert Arentsen from Bullick, with Lowies Papeljon, a native of St. Martin, who declared that they had agreed and contracted together about the purchase of certain lands, to wit: —

¹ Another translation is printed in Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:141-42.

Aeltie Douwese, assisted by her present bridegroom above named, sells, by virtue of the patent granted by the honorable director, general and council of New Netherland on the 23d of March 1647 to her above named husband, Jan Jansz, deceased, her farm or plantation situated on Long Island, near the plantation of Pieter Schoorsteenveger,² and that as good or bad, as large or small, as it belongs to her, the vendor, according to the patent thereof, under the date aforesaid, to Gysbert Arentsen from Bullick and Lowies Papeljon from St. Martin above mentioned, who also acknowledge that they have purchased the aforesaid farm or plantation for the sum of two hundred and fifty Carolus guilders, payable in three instalments, to wit: one hundred guilders down, one hundred guilders (in current pay) next New Year 1651, and the remaining fifty guilders in June 1651, when the vendor shall be bound to give to the purchasers above mentioned a proper deed of the said land. They, the appearers, declare that they will fulfil this their contract in all its parts, wherefore the vendor, for the delivery, and the purchasers, for the payment thereof, bind their persons and properties, movable and immovable, submitting the same to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties respectively and the witnesses, this 3d of January 1650, on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland.

² Pieter Andriessen, the chimney-sweep.

This is the X mark of Aeltie Douwesen, made by herself

This is the X mark of Gysbert Arentnsen, made by himself

This is the X mark of Leunis Jorisen, made by himself

This is the X mark of Lowie Papeljon, made by himself

A. v Tienh., witness

Claes van Elslant, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Appointed Clerk

Lease from Brant van Slichtenhorst to Jan Dircksen van Bremen
of land at Katskill

[74] Copy

This day, the 14th day of January Anno 1650, J[an] Dircksen van Breemen has leased and rented from Director Brant va[n] Slichtenhorst and the commissioners¹ the 'old maize land situated at Katskil, to wit, the tract of land where the squaw who is the chief of Katskil resides, for the term of six years, on the conditions hereinafter written:

First, as regards the aforesaid term of six years, he shall for the first three years thereof be exempt from rent and tithes, except the toepachten of the honorable director, which for the term of six years are fixed at the sum or produce as here in the colony.

The fourth year he shall tithes without rent and thereafter as rent for the last two years three hundred guilders and in lieu

¹ Gecommitteerde[n]; administrative members of the court of Rensselaerswyck. See Minutes of the court of Rensselaerswyck, 1648-52, p. 16.

of the tithes annually seventy-five guilders in money or merchantable goods at current prices.

Coming to the building of the dwelling house, hay-barrack and barn, the lessee agrees and promises to cut and draw all the timber, cut the reed and bring it to the spot, dig out and haul the stone, excavate the cellar, and furthermore to bear the cost of board of all the workmen, such as carpenters, mason, thatcher, and others, without charge to the patroon, except the wages of the carpenters, mason and thatchers and the cost of boards, nails, stone for the chimney, iron work for the house, such as hinges, straps, etc., which the patroon only shall defray; in which house a room with a fireplace shall be reserved for the director or his family or whoever may fill his honor's place.

At the termination of the lease Jan Dircksen must deliver up the buildings in good repair as to the roofs and sides and they shall remain the property of the patroon.

Four horses and four cows shall if possible be delivered to the lessee, on this special condition that half the increase shall belong to the lessee and further according to the old contracts of the colony. And if it happened that the honorable patroon should lease lands, cattle, buildings and other property under a perpetual contract, then the farmer shall have the privilege of accepting such terms or not. Otherwise this contract shall remain in force.

The lessee has stipulated that Hans Vo[s] shall assist him for fourteen days to cut timber or in other ways to forward the aforesaid work at the expense of the patroon, provided [the lessee] supply him at his expense with food, in return for which he agrees to deliver the said timber at the appointed place in Katskill at his expense, on condition that he be assisted therein by Hans Vos, or some one else on the part of the patroon.

The lessee also agrees that on every Lord's day and on holy days he will read to his Christian helpers the holy Gospel or a sermon out of a book of homilies, if it can be procured, and also sing one or psalms before and after the Christian prayers, according to the custom of the Reformed Church.

Furthermore, he agrees that within the first two years he will cut down or kill at his expense all the trees that stand on the kil; also that he will live in peace with the Indians and his Christian neighbors and not venture to be the first cause of strife and disharmony, on pain of forfeiting his lease, and that he will fence in their burying ground at his expense. Further, the lessee subjects himself to the laws and ordinances and the jurisdiction of the honorable court of the colony of Rensselaerswyck.

In case it may happen that any special trading take place there, he may carry on the same free and unmolested, on condition that he pay as the ordinary freemen in the aforesaid colony do. If possible, the lessee shall be provided with a servant man.

The aforesaid lessee also promises to trade fifty schepels of maize for the honorable patroon or his agent annually, provided that he first be furnished with goods to trade with.

Finally, whereas the lessee hereby promises punctually and without any neglect to fulfil all that is hereinbefore written, in whole or in part, on pain of forfeiting all the property which he now has or may hereafter acquire, submitting himself and his aforesaid property to the honorable court of the above mentioned colony, he is hereby promised on behalf of the honorable patroon that he shall be protected against any sort of encroachment whereby he may be in any way obstructed in his undertaking.

In confirmation hereof the lessors and the lessee have signed this with their own hands in the colony of Renselaerswyck, this 18th of January A^o 1650. And was signed: B: v: Slichtenhorst, director; A: d'Hoges, commissioner and secretary; I, Jan Dircksen van Bremen. Beneath was written: This copy agrees with its original, which I certify, B: v: Slichtenhorst, director of the colony aforesaid.

Agrees with the aforesaid authentic copy,

Which I certify,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

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Deed from the directors of the West India Company to Petrus
Stuyvesant of the Company's bouwery in New Netherland

[87b] Copy

This day, the twelfth of March XVI^c LI, the undersigned directors, requested and authorized thereto by resolution of the Assembly dated the second instant, have sold to Jan Jansen Damen, as attorney and agent of Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland and Curaçao, who hereby also acknowledges that he purchased, the Company's farm in New Netherland above mentioned, with the appurtenances thereof, consisting of a dwelling house, barn, hayrick, land, six cows, two horses and two young Negroes, all in such condition as the aforesaid farm is at present used and occupied under lease by the above mentioned Stuyvesandt, in order to be possessed in full ownership by him, his heirs, successors or assigns, according to the deed of transfer and conveyance which the council there is hereby ordered and authorized to grant and execute in proper form; for which aforesaid farm the said Jan Jansz Damen in his capacity and on behalf as above mentioned has promised and hereby does promise to pay or otherwise to make good to the Company a sum of six thousand four hundred guilders, once. In testimony whereof two instruments of the same tenor are made hereof and signed by both parties in Amsterdam, the day and year above mentioned. Was signed: P. Schulenborch, Jacob Pergens, Jan Jansen Damen. Underneath was written: By order of the same, and signed, Gysbert Rudolphy.

Receipt of Alexander Boyer for merchandise to be traded by him
for account of Susanna de Truy

[75c] Copy¹

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have received from
Susanna de Truw two pieces of duffel, one []² piece of
duffel being long 38 ells and the standard grey piece being
long 37½ ells, which aforesaid merchandise I promise to trade
for her benefit. This day, the 19th of September A^o. 1649.

Was signed: Alexander Boyer.

We, the undersigned, declare that
the receipt, written, dated and
signed as above, was found by us
to agree with its original, this
16th of March 1651, New Amsterdam

[Jacob Jansen Huys]³

Gerret Jan[sen]

Acknowledged before [me,]

Jacob Kip, [Clerk]

Mortgage by Roelof de Haes to Hendrick van Dyck of his house and
lot in New Amsterdam

[75d] I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I am duly
indebted to the Honorable Henricus van Dyck, advocate-fiscal
of New Netherland, in the sum of twenty-five good, merchantable

¹ In the margin is written in a later hand: Jacob Kip & Schelluyne,
1651 to April 1652. Marked: W.

² Manuscript destroyed.

³ Illegible. Name supplied from O'Callaghan's translation.

winter beavers, on account of two hundred and fifty guilders in seawan paid to me. I promise to pay the said beavers in one year from the date hereof, with the interest thereof at eight per cent, for which I specially bind and mortgage my house and lot standing and situated [in New Amsterdam], bounded on the east by Mr. Willem Beeckman and on the west by Teunis Tomasen. In witness whereof I have signed this with my own hand, this 20th of March A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

R. d' Haes

P. Stuyvesant, vidit

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerok

Deed from Pieter Cornelissen to Jacob Hendricksen Kip of a lot on Manhattan Island

[75e] This day, the 20th of March A^o 1651, I, the undersigned, Pieter Cornelisen, shipwright and an inhabitant here, acknowledge and declare that I have sold and conveyed, as I do hereby [sell and convey], to Jacob Hendricksen Kip a certain lot situated at the Manhatans, bounded on the north by the lots of Hendric Kip, Antony Jansen and Hendrick Jansen, extending at the west end to the hook where the honorable Company's brewery formerly stood, and further according to the patent thereof, which said lot and appurtenances, except the trees and produce thereon at present, he, Pieter Cornelisen, hereby transfers and conveys to the said Jacob Kip and his successors in true, free, lawful and perpetual ownership, with renunciation of all the

right, title and interest which he has had to and in the same; therefore giving the above named Kip and his successors full power to enter upon, build upon and use the aforesaid lot as described in the patent as if it were his own lawfully acquired patrimonial land and property, without any right or claim thereto being retained by me or any one on my part, but everything being ceded as above. I promise therefore to hold this by sale and conveyance firm, binding and inviolable and to observe and perform the same under binding obligation according to law. In testimony whereof I have signed this the 20th of March A^o 1651, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pieter Cornelisen

Bond of Lodewyck Jongh to Anna Jans for the balance of the purchase money of land on Long Island

[76a] This day, the 22d of March XVI^c and fifty-one, before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Lodewyck Jonck, an inhabitant here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged and declared that by balance of the purchase money of certain land situated on Long Island, opposite of Fort Amsterdam, sold and conveyed to him, the appearer, by Pieter Cornelisen, as attorney of Mr. Andries Hudden, commissary at the South River of New Netherland, he was indebted in the sum of two hundred Carolus guilders in good pay current here, which he promises to deliver between this date and next Amsterdam fair to Anna Jans, widow of the late Everhardus Borgardus,¹ or her order. As further security for what is written

¹ Intended for the Rev. Everardus Bogardus.

above he, Lodewyck Jonck, binds his person and property, movable and immovable, and especially the aforesaid purchased land. In witness whereof he has signed this with the witnesses at the Manhatans in New Netherland.

This is the mark X of Lodewyck Jongh, made by himself

Pieter Cornelisen

P. Stuyvesant, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

1651, April 26th, an extract from the above was given to Anna Jansen.

Declaration of Lourens Pietersen and Johannes Forbes about the purchase by Dirck Holgersen of a plantation on the west side of Mespath kill, L.I.

[76b] Before me, Jacob Hendricksen Kip, [clerk] appointed in the absence of the secretary by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Lourens Pietersen from Thonsberch in Norway, aged about 30 years,¹ an inhabitant here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declares that it is true and truthful that now about eight or nine years ago, the precise day or time being unknown to him, Dirck Holgersen purchased from Cornelis Willemsen, planter of the said Dirck Holgersen, a certain piece of land, being a plantation situated on the west side of Mespachtes, opposite Ritchert Bridnel's, which was cultivated by the said Cor- Willemsen, for the sum of

¹ At this point the words "and Jan Forbus from Sweden, aged 50 years," are crossed out.

one hundred and twenty guilders, of which sum he, Corn. Willemsen, when the purchase was made, owed one-half to Dirck Holgersen and in addition then received a barrel of good beer on account; he continued to reside with said Dirck Holgersen and without doubt was paid the balance of the money before he went from here to the north, which was fully three or four years after the purchase was made. All of which he, Lourens Pietersen, declares to be true and that this [declaration] is made by him solely to bear witness to the truth. In testimony whereof this is signed by the deponent and the witnesses, this 22d of March A^o 1651, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Lourens Pietersen, made by himself
 Jacob Jansen Huys, witness
 Gerret Jansen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Jan Forbus from Sweden, aged 50 years, being heard, declares before the undersigned witnesses that he confirms the foregoing declaration of Lourens Pietersen, except that he does not know for how much the land was sold and how the payment was made; offering to confirm the same on oath if necessary Done, Manhatans in New Netherland, date as above.

Johannes Forbes

Jacob Jansen Huys }
 Gerret Jansen } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Dirck Holgersen to Pieter Hudde and Abraham Jansen of
land on Mespach kill

[76c] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, appeared Dirck Holgersen, an inhabitant here, who declared that he had sold and conveyed, as he does hereby [sell and convey], to Pieter Hudde and Abraham Jansen, in company, a certain parcel of land situated on Mespachtes kil, opposite Ritchert Bridnel's, formerly belonging to Cornelis Willemsen, containing according to the patent twenty-two morgens, one hundred and forty-six rods; which land he, the grantor, conveys to the said Pieter Hudde and Abraham Jansen, in company, in true, free and rightful ownership, therefore renouncing all title and interest which he had therein and giving authority to enter on, cultivate and use the said land free and unmolested, on condition that the reservation mentioned in the patent as to the acknowledgment of the lords and patroons of this country be complied with; placing the above mentioned Pieter Hudde and Abraham Jansen in his estate, real and actual possession of the land aforesaid and renouncing all claim thereto, henceforth and forever. He promises, therefore, to hold this his deed and conveyance firm, binding and inviolable, under binding obligation according to law. In testimony whereof I have signed this with the witnesses, this 22d of March A^O. 1651, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Dirck Holgersen, made by himself

Jacob Jansen Huys, witness

Gerret Jansen, witness

Acknowledged before me,
Jacob Kip. Clerk

This day, the 28th of March A^o 1651, the honorable Petrus Stuyvesant and the council of New Netherland have accepted the foregoing testimony as to the purchase of the land referred to and accordingly have ratified the above conveyance executed by Dirck Holgersen in favor of Pieter Hudde and Abraham Jansen. In witness whereof this is signed by the honorable director general on the date above written at Manhatans in New Netherland.

P. Stuyvesant

Power of attorney from Claes Bordigh and Pieter Jacobsen Marius to Pieter Cornelissen to collect certain moneys due them at the South River

[76d] This day, date underwritten, before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Claes Bordigh and Pieter Jacobsen Maryus, partners, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared in the best form to them possible that they appointed and empowered, as they do hereby, Pieter Cornelisen, house carpenter, at present about to take his departure on a voyage to the South River of New Netherland, to ask, demand, collect and receive in their, the principals', names from Pieter Cornelisen from Cadoele¹ the sum

¹ Cadoelen, a small settlement near Landsmeer, a few miles north of Amsterdam.

of two hundred and four guilders; from Symon Root one hundred and ninety-six guilders; from Cornelis Mouritsen ninety-six guilders, and from Cornelis Teunisen thirteen guilders, sixteen stivers, which said persons, each for himself, owe the principals according to the accompanying bonds and accounts, payable in beavers. On receipt of the sums above mentioned by the said Pieter Cornelisen he shall, if requested, execute a discharge, which shall be valid, and furthermore, in our absence, in all things do and perform what we could or might do were we everywhere personally present. They, the principals, therefore promise to hold good, firm and irrevocable and to observe and approve whatever the aforesaid Pieter Cornelisen shall do and perform for the recovery and receipt of the above mentioned moneys. In testimony whereof this is signed by the principals and the witnesses this 24th of March A^O. 1651, in New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Claes Bordingh

Pieter Jacobsz Marius

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness


Abraham Verplanck

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Henry Piers to Pieter Soutenburgh of Gregorius'
plantation on Manhattan Island

[76e] This day, the 28th of March 1651, before me, Jacob Kip, in the secretary's absence appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Herry Piers, who declared that he voluntarily transferred and conveyed, as he does hereby, with the knowledge of the honorable director general, to and for the behoof of Pieter Stoutenborgh, his plantation called Gregorius' plantation, situated at the Manhatans, of such extent as appears by the patent thereof, with all such charges as are due to the honorable Company for the purchase of the said land; therefore placing the said Pieter Stoutenborgh and his successors in his estate, real and actual possession of the aforesaid land, subject to the charges thereon, and renouncing henceforth and forever all further claim of title or ownership. Promising, therefore, to hold this his deed and conveyance firm, binding and inviolable and to carry out and fulfil the same under submission [to all courts] as by law provided. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by the grantor and witnesses at Manhatans in New Netherland, on the date above written.

This is the  mark of Herry Piers, made by himself

Jochim Lodyinck }
Tobias Rem } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Director Stuyvesant on behalf of the Company to Pieter Stoutenburgh of Gregorius' plantation on Manhattan Island

[76f] This day, the 28th of March 1651, the honorable Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland, and Pieter Stoutenborgh have agreed and contracted about the purchase of a certain plantation called Gregoris' plantation, as follows: Whereas Herry Piers, the former purchaser, remains in default of payment and has this day transferred his right and title [to the plantation] with the payments due thereon to Pieter Stoutenborgh and therefore has relinquished all his interest therein, the honorable director, in the name of the honorable Company, sells the said plantation to Pieter Stoutenborgh, according to the patent thereof granted by the honorable Director Kieft, for the sum of three hundred Carolus guilders, which sum Pieter Stoutenborgh promises to pay in three instalments, to wit: one third, being one hundred guilders, in the month of August next; the second instalment in 1652, likewise in August; the third and last instalment A^o. 1653, in the month of August; for which he, Pieter Stoutenborgh, binds his person and property and especially the aforesaid plantation, submitting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts. In witness whereof this is signed by the parties respectively, dated as above, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

P. Stuyvesant

Pieter Stoutenburch

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Brant Aertsen van Slichtenhorst to Dirck
van Schelluyne

[77b] This day, the 28th of March of this year 1651, before me, Jacob Kip, in the secretary's absence appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Brant van Slechtenhorst, director in the colony of Renselaerswyck, who in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses declared that he, privately as well as officially, appointed and empowered, as he does hereby [appoint and empower], Dirck van Schelluyne, notary public here, in his, the principal's, absence to collect [moneys] and in general and particular to transact all such business as the said principal may have to attend to here, according to the instructions and orders already given or hereafter to be given to the attorney; if necessary to institute legal proceedings and either as plaintiff or defendant to prosecute the case to its termination; to hear judgment pronounced and to have the same executed or to demand a revision; likewise to compromise, according as it may seem advisable to the attorney; to execute a receipt in full, which shall be valid; and further in all things to act and to perform in his absence as he, were he present, might or could do; he, the principal, promising to hold and cause to be held firm, binding and irrevocable whatever the said attorney may do and perform in his case pursuant to instructions, provided that the attorney remains bound to render an account of his transactions to the principal. Thus done and executed by the above named principal in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses, who have signed the same in the record with the principal. Manhatans, New Amsterdam in New

Netherland, datum ut supra.

B. v. Slichtenhorst

Adriaen van Tienh[oven], witness

Jacob Jansen Huys

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Paolo de Angola and Elaria the Creole, Negroes, to Symon Joosten of a lot of land on the east side of the Kolck on Manhattan Island

[75a] This day, the last of March 1651,¹ in the absence of the secretary before me, Jacob Kip, appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Paolo de Angola, Negro, and Elara d'Críoole, Negress, both of Captain Johan de Vries, deceased, of the first part, and Symon Joosten, of the second part, who declared that they had amicably agreed together in regard to Symon Joosten's claim against said Captain deceased, on account of six hundred guilders loaned to him, as follows. He, Paolo d'Angola, for himself and his two children, and Elara Críoole, [for herself] as also for the child of the said Vries, named Jan d'Vries, a minor, in satisfaction of the aforesaid claim shall transfer and convey a certain parcel of land situated on the east side of the Kolck of the Varsche Water,² belonging to them according to the patent thereof, as in consideration of the aforesaid claim they hereby do transfer and convey the said land with the appurtenances thereof to and for the behoof of Symon Joosten and

¹ In the Calendar listed by mistake under date of March 8, 1651.

² The same as Versche Water, meaning Fresh Water.

his successors, in true, free, lawful and perpetual ownership; provided, however, that if the aforesaid six hundred guilders should in the name Captain de Vries have been paid in the fatherland to Abraham Jansen, as attorney, he, Symon Joosten, shall be obliged to restore to the above named Paulo, Elaria, or the child of Jan d'Vries an equally good and similar quantity of land as he now receives in satisfaction of the aforesaid claim. In the meanwhile he, S. Joosten, may again transfer the aforesaid land to Mr. Augustyn Heermans, with power to enter upon and cultivate the same as he shall think proper; they, the grantors aforesaid, promising to hold this their agreement and conveyance firm, binding and inviolable and to observe and fulfil the same under obligation as by law provided. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties respectively and the witnesses, datum ut supra, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Paulo de Angolo, Negro, made by himself

This is the X mark of Elaria Crioolle above named, made by
herself

Symon Joosten

Jacob Jansen Huys
Pieter Stoutenburch } witnesses
Gerret Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Symon Joosten to Augustyn Herrman of a lot on the east side of the Kolck in exchange for a lot in the rear of Burger Jorissen's lot

[75b] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Augustyn Heermans and Symon Joosten, who declared that they had agreed and contracted about the purchase of a certain parcel of land situated on the east side of the Kolck of the Varsch Water, belonging to him, Symon Joosten, according to the patent and the agreement and the deed thereof, as follows:

Symon Joosten hereby sells and conveys to the said Mr. Augustyn Heermans the said parcel of land as, according to the patent dated the 14th of July A^o 1645, it was granted by the Hon. Director Kieft for the behoof of Paulo d'Angola, formerly Negro of Capt. d'Vries, in exchange for a lot situated in the rear of Borger Jorisen's lot, or thereabout, which is to be fifty land feet¹ wide and one hundred land feet long, as nearly as in surveying the lot it can be arranged, when the said Mr. Augustyn Heerman shall give him, Symon Joosten, a proper deed and conveyance thereof. He, Symon Joosten, therefore declares that he conveys the aforesaid parcel of land to the said Mr. Augustyn Heerman and his successors in true, free, rightful and perpetual ownership, renouncing all right, title and interest therein and placing the said Mr. Augustyn Heerman in his estate and real and actual possession of the said land, with guaranty to free the

¹ Meaning Rhymland, or Rhineland feet. One Rhineland foot equals 12.36 inches.

same from all trouble and claims which may be made to it by any one. Therefore, the parties promise to hold this their agreement and conveyance firm, binding and inviolable, under obligation as by law provided. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties respectively with the witnesses, this 31st of March A^O. 1651, New Amsterdam.

Augustin Herrman

Symon Joosten

Pieter Stoutenburch

Jacob Jansen Huys

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Assignment by Gillis Janen Pompoen to the curators of the estate of the late Claes Cater of his claims against the West India Company

[77a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Jacob Hendricksen Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Gillis Jansen Pompoen, late farm foreman¹ at the House De Hoop in New Netherland and at present a freeman here, who acknowledged and declared that he had sold and assigned, as he hereby does sell and assign, to the curators of the estate of the late Claes Cater his accounts of wages earned by him in the service of the honorable West India Company in the capacity aforesaid, to wit: one account of the time of the honorable Director Kieft, deceased, amounting to one hundred and ninety guilders, two stivers and twelve pence; the other of the time of

¹ Bouknecht; meaning the foreman in charge of cultivation.

the honorable Director Stuyvesant, amounting to seventy-three guilders, ten stivers, with power and express authority to ask, demand, collect and receive the said amounts from the honorable West India Company, at the Chamber of Amsterdam, or here in New Netherland where the same were earned, and to execute a receipt therefor, which shall avail their honors as proof of due payment. He acknowledges that before the execution hereof he has been fully paid and satisfied the money stipulated for said accounts, renouncing therefore all right of claim to ownership thereof or to further payment and promising that he will hold and cause to be held firm, binding and irrevocable this his sale and assignment and whatever shall be done and performed by the curators of the aforesaid estate or their attorneys or their substitutes. He requests that one or more copies hereof may be made by me, the clerk above named, and be delivered to the curators aforesaid. Thus done and signed by the assignor and the witnesses, this 12th of April A^o. 1651, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Gillis Jansen Pompoen,
made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Christopher Foster to appear before the court at Fort
Amsterdam when summoned by Director Stuyvesant

[76g] This bill bindeth me, Christopher ffoster, in the
summe of one hundred pound sterl: to be paid to the Right
honorable the Lords Bewinthebbers vppon demand, to make my
appearance vppon demands att the Courte houlden in ffort New
Amsterdam, whensoever it shall please the honorable Gouvern^r
Generall Peter Styvesant to send notice for me to Come, bineding
ouer all my estate att Heemstate in New Netherlands for the
p^rformance of the s^d Condition & to be p^d as afores.^d Witnes
my hand the 15th of Aprill 1651 St: No:

Christopher ffoster

In presence of

Geo. Baxter

In kennisse van my

Jacob Kip, Clercq

Note of David Davidsen to Jan Snediker

[78a] Copy

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I am indebted
to Jan Snediker, shoemaker:

First, for one piece of duffel, 40 ells long; and

another, 32 ells long; at 7 quarter-ells for one
beaver

Also, for four beavers' worth of axes

Also, 32 pounds' weight of kettles, amounting to 8 beavers

Also, 36 beavers' worth of various goods

Total 89 beavers, payable at the first opportunity in good beavers, amounting in guilders to the sum of fl.712.

Anno 1649, August 13. Was signed: David Davitsen

Endorsed:

I, the undersigned, Abraham Planck, acknowledge that I have received on this account forty-three beavers. Done in Fort Nassau, this 16th of July 1650, on the South River of New Netherland. Was Signed: Abraham Planck. I say 43 beavers.

After collation the above note and the payment made thereon as aforesaid are found to agree with the original, signed and dated as above, by me, the clerk, with Claes van Elslant and Hendrick Gerritsen, as witnesses, at the Manhatans, this 4th of May anno 1651.

Claes Van Elslant, witness

Hyndrich Gryyers, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Abraham Isaacksen and Jan Snediger to Lucas Eldersen to collect money from David Davidsen

[78b] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, appeared Abraham Isaacksen and Jan Snediger, who in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses declared that they appointed and empowered, as they hereby do appoint and empower, Luycas

Eldersen to ask, demand, collect and receive in the name of the said principals from Davidt Davidtsen, residing in the South River of New Netherland, the sum of forty-six merchantable beavers, amounting to three hundred and sixty-eight guilders, due to them, the principals, from the said Davidt Davidtsen by balance according to the accompanying note. On receipt of the aforesaid payment by the above named Luycas Eldersen he shall execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid, and further, in the absence of the principals, do and perform all things necessary for the collection aforesaid as they, the principals, could or might do were they themselves everywhere present, even though the matter required fuller and more specific authority than is herein mentioned. We cause to ratify and to be ratified whatever shall be done and performed in the case above mentioned by the said Luycas Eldersen. Thus done and signed by the principals with Jacob Jansen Huys and Gerrit Jansen, carpenters, as witnesses hereto invited, this 4th of May A^o 1651, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Abraham Verplanck

Jan Snedeker

Jacob Jansen Huys

Gerret Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Jochom Pietersen Kuyter and Jacob van Couwenhoven for the amount of the judgment against Cornelis Melyn respecting his ship De Fortuyn and her cargo

[79a] Copy

This day, the 2d of January 1651, before me, Dirck van Schelluyne, notary public, etc., and before the hereinafter named witnesses, appeared Jochom Pietersen Kuyter and Jacob van Couwenhoven who, under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis divisionis et excussionis, the effect whereof is known to them, declared that they jointly and severally become security as principals for the judgment of the honorable director general and council of New Netherland against Cornelis Melyn, his ship De Fortuyn and her cargo, according to the inventory thereof taken by the honorable Henricus van Dyck, fiscal-general of New Netherland, per Adriaen van Tienhoven. Pursuant to the aforesaid judgment they hereby bind themselves as security for the above mentioned ship and goods, submitting their persons and properties without any exception to all courts and judges. Thus done and executed in New Amsterdam, on the Manhatans, in New Netherland, in the presence of Bastiaen d'Winter and Michel Bergere, as witnesses hereto invited. Was signed: Jochiem P^r. Kuyter, Jacob van Kouwenhoven, with Bastiaen d'Winter, M. Bergiere. Lower was written: D. v. Schelluyne, Not. Pub. 1651.

Upon collation this is found to agree
with its original, signed as above, this
8th of May anno 1651, in N. Amsterdam

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of agents of Governor Johan Prins to pay for merchandise
bought of Augustyn Herrman

[79b] Copy

Whereas we, the undersigned agents, by authority of the honorable Governor Johan Prins and pursuant to his order and instructions have finally and according to absolute agreement purchased and to our full satisfaction received from Mr. Augustyn Heerman, merchant residing at the Manhatans, divers commodities, amounting to the sum of 158 $\frac{1}{2}$ good merchantable winter beavers and one guilder, as appears by the account and specification; therefore we, in the name and on behalf of the honorable governor above mentioned, bind and obligate ourselves therefor and by virtue of the power and commission given to us engage him to pay the said sum of 158 $\frac{1}{2}$ good merchantable winter beavers and one guilder punctually and without fail to the aforesaid Augustyn Heermans, or his order, the next month of May anno 1651, or, in default thereof, to make good the loss and damage, without exception and in good faith. The 14th of December anno 1650, on the island of Manhatans, in New Netherland. Was signed: Isaac Allerton, Elias Gillengrey; with Jochom Piet^r Kuyter and Abram Clock, witnesses.

After due collation the foregoing bond is found to agree with its original, signed and dated as above written by me, the appointed clerk and the undersigned witnesses, this 12th of May anno 1651, Manhatans, in New Netherland.

Guilliam Varlet

Jacob Jansen Huys

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Augustin Herrman to Isaac Allerton to
collect beavers from Governor Johan Prins

[80a] This day, date underwritten, before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Augustyn Heerman, merchant here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Mr. Isaack Allerton, at present at the South River of New Netherland, to ask, demand and receive from the honorable Governor Johan Prins, the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight and one half good merchantable winter beavers and one guilder, due the said principal by his honor according to the bond annexed, and to execute a receipt in full therefor, which shall be valid; promising to hold as good and valid whatever shall be done and performed in the case aforesaid by Mr. Isaack Allerton. Thus done and executed by the above mentioned principal in the presence of Mr. Giljaem Verlet and Jacob Jansen Huys, as witnesses hereto invited, who have signed this in the record with the principal, this 12th of May A^o 1651, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Augustin Herrman

Guilliam Varlet }
 Jacob Jansen Huys } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Lease from Daniel Litschoe to Andries Jochems of a house and lot on the East River at New Amsterdam

[80b] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared Daniel Litschoe, of the first part, and Andries Jochems, of the second part, who declared that they had amicably and in a friendly manner agreed and contracted together about the lease of a certain house and lot situated and being on the East River, between the lots of Claes Hendricksen and Rut Jacobsen, on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit: Daniel Litschoe leases to Andries Jochimsen, who also acknowledges that he has hired, the said house and the lot belonging thereto, as the same are at present, for the term of one year commencing on the first of May A^o 1652, for the sum of one hundred and twenty guilders annually, one fourth part payable quarterly in merchantable [tobacco], according to the value placed upon it by the inspectors. The lessee acknowledges that the house has been delivered to him now wind and water tight. The lessor promises to keep it, according to custom, in the same condition and if the lessee or lessor judge that anything more must be done, it shall be at the option of either party to do the same or to ask to have it done.¹

1 t'selve te doen ofte te begeeren; translated by E.B.O'Callaghan: to do it or to refuse.

Parties declare that they will observe and fulfil this their lease in all its parts, binding themselves thereto according to law In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by the respective parties, with Jacob Jansen Huys and Gerrit Jansen, carpenters, witnesses hereto invited, this 13th of May A^o 1651, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Daniel Litscho

This is the X mark of Andries

Jochimsen, made by himself

Jacob Jansen Huys

Gerret Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Michiel Jansen to Joost Teunissen to collect an account due by Reynier Dominicus

[81a] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Michiel Jansen, an inhabitant here, who, after revoking and recalling all such power of attorney as he gave on the 15th of November 1649 to Jan Gerardy, declares that he has appointed and empowered, as he does appoint and empower hereby, Joost Teunisen, at present about to depart on a voyage to the South River of New Netherland, to ask, demand and receive in the name and capacity aforesaid from one Reynier Dominicus, house carpenter residing

at the South River aforesaid, the sum of seventy-five Carolus guilders, due to him, the principal, by the said Reynier, as appears by the accompanying note. On receipt of the aforesaid sum by Joost Teunisen, he shall execute a receipt in full therefore, which shall avail him [Reynier] as [evidence of] good payment; he, Michiel Jansen, promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and transacted in the case aforesaid by Joost Teunisen. He requests an authentic instrument hereof Thus done and the original hereof in the record signed by the principal, this 24th of May A^o 1651, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Machghyel Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Skipper Joost Teunissen van Norden

[81b] I, the undersigned, hereby bind myself that after sailing from here for the South River in New Netherland I shall not touch at any other place, nor take in any more goods than are entered on the fiscal's list; also, that after my safe arrival at the South River I shall not unload the same or any other goods, or allow them to be discharged or traded, before and until I have exhibited my commission, clearance and the invoice of the goods taken on board to Andries Hudden, the commissary there. Also, after having finished my trading at the South River, I shall not depart before I have entered my full return cargo and traded peltries with the commissary aforesaid and shall not alienate,

land, or send away any of them before and until I shall have exhibited a list and invoice thereof to the honorable director general or his deputy here at the Manhatans All without fraud or deceit, on pain of forfeiting my ship and lading, or the just value thereof Done at the Manhatans in New Netherland, this 27th of May A^o. 1651. In witness of the truth I have signed this with my own hand in the presence of the below mentioned witnesses.

Joost Teunis v Norden

Bond of Richard Smith to sail direct to the South River and to return with his cargo to Manhattan

[85] I, the undersigned, Richert Smith, master of the bark named De Willecom, do hereby bind myself after my departure from this port for the South River in New Netherland not to touch at any other place or to take in any more goods than are entered on the fiscal's list; also, after my safe arrival at the South River not to unload these or any other goods, nor permit them to be unloaded or traded, before and until I shall have exhibited my commission, clearance and invoice of the lading to Andries Hudden, the commissary there. Also, after having finished my trading at the South River, not to depart before entering my full return cargo and bartered peltries with the aforesaid commissary and not to alienate, lend or send away any of them before and until I shall exhibited a list and invoice thereof to the director general or his agent here at the Manhattan. All without fraud or deceit, on pain of forfeiting my bark and lading or the just value thereof In acknowledgment of the truth I have signed this with

my own hand this 29th of May A^o 1651, New Amsterdam in New
Netherland.

By me, Richard Smith¹

Bill of sale from Pieter Antony to Teunis Dircksen of a half-
interest in the yacht Zeepaert

[82] This day, the seventh of June A^o 1651, before me,
Jacob Kip, appointed clerk, appeared Pieter Antony, of the first
part, and Teunis Dircksen van Vechten, of the second part, who
in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they
had amicably and in a friendly manner agreed and contracted
about the purchase of a certain just half-share of the yacht
Het Zeepaert with half her appurtenances and share of the yawl,
as the same are lying in the roadstead here in front of Fort
Amsterdam, to wit:

Pieter Antony sells to Teunis Dircksen aforesaid, who also
acknowledges that he has purchased, the just half of the yacht
named t' Zeepaert, with all her appurtenances, as they belong to
him and Abraham Planck in partnership, for the sum of three
hundred guilders in current merchandise at the choice of the
vendor, and one mudde of good wheat; which aforesaid payment he,
Teunis Dircksen, the purchaser above named, promises to deliver
to the vendor, or his order, when he shall have returned to Fort
Orange. The delivery of the aforesaid yacht shall be made on the
date hereof, as she lies here in the roadstead before Fort

¹ The signature is canceled. The document is followed by the first
lines of a power of attorney from Claes Gerritsen from Schoonderwoert
to David Provoost to act in his absence, which is incomplete and
without date or signature.

Amsterdam. For all of which parties bind their persons and properties, without any exception, the purchaser for the payment and the vendor for the delivery, submitting themselves to this end to all courts, tribunals and judges In testimony whereof this is signed by the respective parties and the witnesses. Manhatans, New Amsterdam in New Netherland, date as above.

Pieter Anthony

This is the mark \dagger of Teunis Dircksen above named,

made by himself

Witnesses { Hendrick Jochemsen
This is the mark \times of Claes Gerritsen, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bill of sale from Mattheus Jansen to Jan Picket of the yacht Wakende Boey, with inventory

[83] This day, the twelfth of June of the year 1651, before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Mateuwis Jansen, of the first part, and Jan Peecket, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had amicably and in a friendly manner mutually agreed and contracted respecting the purchase of a certain yacht named De Wakende Boey with her appurtenances, on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

Matewis Jansen sells to Jan Pecket, who also acknowledges that he has purchased, the above named yacht with her appurtenances, according to the inventory thereof, as she lies here in the roadstead in front of Fort Amsterdam, for the sum of one hundred good merchantable beavers, payable within seven weeks from the date hereof, without any exception or contradiction. The delivery of the aforesaid yacht shall take place tomorrow, the 13th of June, when the purchaser shall assume the charge and risk of said vessel. Parties declare that they will firmly maintain, observe and fulfil this their agreement and purchase, binding their persons and properties without any exception, the purchaser for the payment aforesaid and the vendor for the free delivery, under [submission to all courts] as by law provided. In testimony whereof this is signed by parties and the witnesses, this 12th of June A^o 1651, Manhatans in New Netherland.

This is the + mark of Matewis Jansen, made by himself

Jan Picket

Witnesses { Roloef Tenesen
This is the mark X of Jan Jansen
van St. Obyn, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Inventory of what is to be delivered with the yacht d' Wackende
Boey, sold to Jan Peeck

Two pedereros

Two chambers

Two anchors } such as they are
 Two cables }

One cutlas

2 or 3 empty shells

2 or 3 mess bowls

$\frac{1}{2}$ dozen spoons

One iron pot

One copper kettle

One small basting pan

One earthen casserole


Two or three water casks

One mizzen sail with a foresail as they are on the roadstead

Also the running and standing rigging

The yawl with its appurtenances

Two oars for the yacht

This is the  mark of Metewis Jansen, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bill of sale from Philip Riest to Thomas Willett of the frigate
Palomme¹

[84] Before me, Jacob Hendricksen Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Philipus Rest, captain of the frigate named The Palomme, of the first part, and Mr. Thomas Willet, free merchant residing here, of the other part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had mutually agreed and contracted in an amicable and friendly manner about the purchase of the above named frigate on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit: Captain Philippus Rest aforesaid sells to Mr. Thomas Willet, who also acknowledges having bought the frigate named The Palomme, as she lies here in the harbor with her appurtenances as she came from sea, according to the inventory made thereof, which the purchaser acknowledges and which is signed by the vendor on the date hereof, for the sum of eight hundred pieces of eight reals; two hundred pieces of eight reals payable down, the remaining two hundred pieces payable in two months from date in pieces of eight, if the purchaser can procure so many, or otherwise in good merchantable winter beavers at eight guilders each, and each piece of eight reals reckoned at fifty stivers The delivery of the frigate and her appurtenances, according to the above mentioned inventory, shall be made on the date hereof, when the same shall remain at the charge and risk of the purchaser. The vendor promises to guarantee the aforesaid frigate against all claims and challenge that may be brought forward by any one in his

¹ The original is missing.

name in this matter. Parties promise to hold firmly and to cause to be held this their contract and purchase, the vendor binding himself for the free delivery and the purchaser for the payment above mentioned, together with their persons and properties, movable and immovable, without any exception, subject to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof these are signed by the parties respectively and the witnesses, this 13th of June A^o. 1651, Manhatans in New Netherland.

Philip Riest

Tho. Willet

Ihoanys Fransen

This is the *X* mark of Gerrit Krynsen, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Augustyn Herrman as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86r] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Mr. Augustyn Heermans, merchant here, who declared with renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, divisionis et excussionis, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Mr. Cornelis de Potter and Guliam Wys have shipped on board the ship De Ponte Coe, in case the director general and council here have any claim thereon, until the invoice is exhibited and the honorable Company satisfied, making himself hereby responsible for the satisfaction thereof and promising to indemnify their honors for all loss, for which he binds his person and property,

without any exception, subjecting the same to all courts, tribunals and judges. Thus done and executed, this 13th of June A^o. 1651, New Amsterdam.

Augustin Herrman

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Jan Lourensen Appel as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86s] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk, appeared Jan Lourensen Appel, merchant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, divisionis, excussionis, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of the goods and merchandise which Lourens Heynsen has shipped on board the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director and council here have any claim thereon, for the satisfaction of which he, the appearer, hereby makes himself responsible, [promising to] indemnify their honors for all less, under subjection of his person and property, without any exception, to all courts, tribunals and judges. Thus done and executed, this 13th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Jan Louresen Appel

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Thomas Willett as security for certain goods shipped
in the Bonte Koe

[86t] Appeared (as before) Mr. Tomas Willet who declared,
under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, divisionis,
excussionis, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes
surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such
goods and merchandise as Jan Lourensen Appel has in the ship
De Bonte Coe, in case the director and council here have any
claim thereon, for which he gives security and will indemnify
the director general and council for all loss, binding therefor
his person and property without any exception, subjecting the
same to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof
this is signed this 13th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Tho. Willett

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Jan Lourensen Appel as security for certain goods shipped
in the Bonte Koe

[86u] Appeared (as before) Jan Lourensen Appel, who declared
under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he
understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the goods
and merchandise which Jacob Jansen Schermerhoorn has shipped on
board the ship De Bonte Coe, to restore or pay for the same, in
case the honorable director general and council here have any claim
thereon, and promises to save the director and council from all
loss, binding his person and property without any exception for

the payment thereof In testimony whereof I have signed these,
this 13th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Jan Louresen Appel

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Adriaen Keyser as security for certain goods shipped in
the Bonte Koe

[86v] Appeared (as before) Adriaen Keyser, who declared,
under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he
understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the rest-
itution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as his
brother Johannes Keyser has shipped on board the ship De Bonte
Coe, in case the director general and council here have any
claim thereon, and promises to save the director and council
from all loss, binding therefor his person and property, without
any exception, under submission to all courts, tribunals and
judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the appearer,
this 13th of June 1651, New Amsterdam.

A. Keyser

Bond of Jacob Jansen Schermerhoorn as security for certain goods
shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86w] Appeared (as before) Jacob Jansen Schermerhoorn, who
declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof
he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the
restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Gerrit

Jansen Kuyper has shipped on board the ship De Bonte [Coe], in case the honorable director general and council here have any claim thereon, and promises to save the director and council from all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, under subjection to all courts In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Jacob Schermerhooren

Bond of Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86x] Appeared (as before) Mr. Olof Stevensen, an inhabitant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Johannes Gillisen Verbrugge has shipped in the ship De Bonte Coe in case the director general and council here have any claim thereon, and promises to save the director and council from all loss, binding therefor his person and property, without any exception, under subjection to all courts and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June A^o. 1651, New Amsterdam.

Oloff Stevensen

Bond of Johannes Gillissen Verbrug as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86a] Appeared (as before) Johannes Gillisen Verbrugge free merchant here, who declared under renunciation of beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise

as are consigned to Mr. Olof Stevensen in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council of New Netherland have any claim thereon, and promises to compensate the director and council for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, under submission to all courts and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June 1651, New Amsterdam.

Joannes Gillisse Verbrug

Bond of Govert Loockermans as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86b] Appeared (as before) Mr. Govert Loockermans, merchant here, who declared under the renunciation of the beneficium, the effect of which he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Benjamin van d'Water has shipped on board the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council of New Netherland have any claim thereon, and promises to reimburse the director general and council for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Govert Loockemans

Bond of Hendrick Jacobsen Patervaer as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86c] Appeared (as before) Hendrick Jacobsen Patervaer, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the

restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Dirck Jansen Nes has shipped on board the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council of New Netherland have any claim thereon, and promises to indemnify the director and council for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June A^o. 1651, New Amsterdam.

This is the *X* mark of Hendrick Jacobsen, above named, made
by himself

Johannes de Payster }
Piter Schabanck } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Pieter Schabanck as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86d] Appeared (as before) Pieter Schabanck, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Johannes d'Peyster has shipped in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council have any claim thereon, and promises to indemnify the director and council for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof I have signed this the 14th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Pieter Schabanck

Bond of Jacob Hendricksen Kip as security for certain goods shipped
in the Bonte Koe

[86e] Before me, Jacob Hendricksen Kip, appointed [clerk] here, appeared Jan Hendricksen Steelman, an inhabitant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods [and] merchandise as Cornelis Tomassen and Pieter Pietersen Smith have shipped on board the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council have any claim thereon, and promises to indemnify their honors for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, subjecting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts and judges. In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Jan Hendrychse

Bond of Pieter Anthony as security for certain goods shipped in
the Bonte Koe

[86f] Before me, Jacob Kip appointed clerk, appeared Pieter Anthony, merchant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Claes Claesen has shipped on board the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council of New Netherland have any claim thereon, promising to indemnify the director and council for all loss, binding therefor his person

and property without any exception, under submission to all courts and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Pieter Anthony

Bond of Benjamin van de Water as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86g] Appeared (as before) Benjamin vand'Water, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Govert Loockermans has shipped for his personal account in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council have any claim thereon, and promises to indemnify the director and council for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges In testimony whereof, I have signed this with my own hand, this 14th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Benjamyn van d' Water

Bond of Allard Anthony as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86h] Appeared (as before) Allard Anthony, merchant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Jacob Wolp[h]ersen van Couwenhoven has shipped on board the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council of New Netherland have any claim thereon, and promises to indemnify

the director and council for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, subjecting the same to the jurisdiction of all courts and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 14th of June A^O 1651, New Amsterdam.

Allard Anthony

Bond of Paulus Leendertsen van de Grist and Elbert Eldertsen as security for the administration by Jan Claessen Groen of the estate of Jan Pietersen Wal, deceased

[861] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the director general and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy Poulus Leendersen van [de] Grift, an inhabitant here, and Elbert Eldersen, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, divisionis, excussionis, the effect whereof they understand, that they become sureties as principals for the proper administration for the parties interested by Jan Claesen Groen (who has been appointed thereto by the honorable director general), of all such goods and merchandise as belong to Jan Pietersen Wal, who came in the ship t'Hoff van Cleef, and died here in New Netherland on the 12th of this month; binding therefor their persons and properties without any exception under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by the bondsmen this 15th of June A^O 1651, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Powellis Lenders van die Grist

Elbert Elldertsen

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Pieter Wolfertsen van Couwenhoven as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86j] Appeared (as before) Pieter Wolfersen, an inhabitant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution or payment of all such goods and merchandise as Frans Jansen has shipped in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council here have any claim thereon, and promises to indemnify their honors for all loss, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, under submission to all courts and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 15th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Pieter Wolfersen

Bond of Sibout Clasen as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86k] Appeared (as before) Sybout Clasen, an inhabitant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the restitution of all such goods and merchandise as Reynier Stoffelsen has shipped in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the director general and council of New Netherland have any claim thereon, binding therefor his person and property, without any exception, under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 16th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Sibout Clasen

Bond of Paulus Leendertsen van de Grist as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86k] Before me, Jacob Kip, admitted clerk, appeared Poulus Leendersen van[de] Grist, an inhabitant here, who declared, with renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the satisfaction of such claims as the fiscal in the name of the director general and council of New Netherland has on the goods and merchandise which Johannes Pietersen van Bruggen has shipped in the ship De Bonte Coe, promising to satisfy these claims or to restore the goods and to indemnify the director general and council for all loss and damage, for which he binds his person and goods, none expected, subject to the jurisdiction of all courts, tribunals and judges In witness whereof this is signed by the surety this 19th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.¹

Bond of Paulus Leendersen van de Grist as security for the duty on certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86n] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Poulus Leendersen van [de] Grift, an inhabitant here, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the satisfaction of all such claims as the director general and

¹ The bond is canceled.

council of New Netherland may have on all such goods and merchandise as Johannes Pietersen van Brugge has shipped in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case the proper duties have not been paid thereon, binding therefor his person and property without any exception, subject to the jurisdiction of all courts, tribunals and judges In testimony whereof I have signed these, this 19th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam, New Netherland.

Pouwelis Lenders van die Grist

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Bond of Jacob Jansen Hap as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[86m] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Jacob Jansen Hap, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect whereof he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the satisfaction of all such claims as the director general and council may have on the goods and merchandise which Hendrick Driesen has in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case he has not paid the proper duties, and promises to save the director general and council of New Netherland from all loss, binding therefor his person and property, without any exception, under submission to all courts, tribunals and judges. Done this 20th of June A^o 1651, New Amsterdam.

Jacob Jansen Hap


Bond of Adriaen Keyser as security for certain goods shipped in the Bonte Koe

[861] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Adriaen Keyser, who declared, under renunciation of the beneficium, the effect of which he understands, that he becomes surety as principal for the satisfaction of all claims which the director general and council of New Netherland may have on the goods and merchandise which Harmanus Hartoogh has in the ship De Bonte Coe, in case proper export and import duties have not been paid, promising to save the director and council from all loss, for which he binds his person and property, without any exception, submitting the same to all courts, tribunals and judges. In witness whereof I have signed these, this 20th of June A^o 1651, in New Netherland.

A. Keyser

Mortgage by Dirck Bensich to Hendrick van Dyck of his house and lot on Manhattan Island

[860] Copy I, the undersigned, Dirck Bensich, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to the honorable Henricus van Dyck, fiscal-general of New Netherland, in seventy-two good, merchantable winter beavers, which I hereby promise to pay his honor, or his heirs, in the presence of the honorable director general Petrus Stuyvesant, next June A^o 1652, to that end submitting all my property, movable and immovable, present or future, especially my house and lot standing and situated on the east side of the great highway, bounded on the north by the property

of David Provost and on the south by that of Gerrit Fillewever,¹
 under renunciation of all exceptions contrary hereto. Thus
 done on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland this 21st of
 June A^o 1651. Signed with this  mark, beside which was
 written, This is the mark of Dirck Bensich above named, made by
 himself, and P. Stuyvesant vidit. Beneath was written,
 Acknowledged before me, Jacob Kip, clerk.

After collation the foregoing is found
 to agree with its original, [signed
 and dated] as above, by me,

Jacob Kip, appointed clerk

6/22, 1651

Authority to Jan Finje, to superintend the harvesting of the
 crop on Jan Damen's farm

[86p] Copy

The widow and the appointed curators of Jan Jansen Damen
 hereby authorize Jan Finje to command the servants of Jan Damen,
 deceased, and to direct all farming operations until the crop
 of this year 1651 is brought into the hay rick and barn,
 provided that everything be done in proper manner. In token
 of the truth, signed with their own hands, this 21st of June
 A^o 1651, on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland. Signed:
 Thomas Hall, the mark of Egbert Woutersen and the mark of Cornelis

¹ Gerrit Fullewever.

Aertsen. Beneath was written: In my presence, David Provoost. Also signed by the mark of Aryaentie Cuvelje, Carel van Brugge and Geo. Baxter, witnesses for Adriaentie Cuvelje. Acknowledged before me, Jacob Kip, clerk.

After due collation, this is found to agree with its original, signed and dated as above, by me,

Jacob Kip, clerk

Appointment by Ariaentje Cuvelje of administrators of the estate of Jan Jansen Damen

[86q] Copy

This day, the XXI of June of this year 1651, we, the undersigned, came to the house of Aryaentie Cuvelje, widow of Jan Jansen Damen, deceased, who in our presence declared that she nominated on her behalf and appointed, as she does hereby appoint, Davidt Provoost, Jacobus van Corlaer and Borger Jorisen, all inhabitants here, as guardians and administrators to settle, distribute and for her to dispose of the entire estate to the best advantage of her and her children and heirs, as they shall find to be in all things conformable to law and equity. This doing, she promises to hold and cause to be held good, firm and valid whatever shall be transacted, done and performed in the premises by the said guardians and administrators. Thus done and executed the day and year aforesaid. In testimony whereof she has signed this in the presence of Carel van Brugger and G[e]orge Baxter, witnesses hereto invited,

on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland. Signed with the mark of Ariaentie Cuvelje and by Carel van Brugge and Geo. Baxter. Acknowledged before me, Jacob Kip, clerk.

After collation this is found to agree with its original as above written, by me,

Jacob Kip, clerk

Inventory of the effects of Jacob Rooy, deceased¹

[87a] Inventory of what is found in the chest belonging to Jacob Rooy, deceased, on board the ship Het Hof van Cleeff, in the presence of the honorable Mr. La Montagne, Andries Jöhannis Kristman, supercargo, Adriaen Blommaert, master, as follows:

Two old books	One pocketbook
One fine comb	One package of letters
One package with a letter to Toesyn Briel	One package of blue cotton
Two letters to Sybrant Jansen, cabinet maker	Two baker's sieves
One to Andries Lucas	One roll of Tobacco
	Thirty-seven powder horns
	Two gun locks

¹ The original of this inventory is missing.

One to Tryntie Alberts
 One to Daniel Litscho
 One to Frans Claesen
 One to Joresy Rapalje
 One to Peter Stoutenbergh
 One bundle of seawan, various
 colors
 Twelve canes
 Eighty pairs of men's shoes
 Twenty-nine pairs of
 women's shoes
 Half a dozen kettles
 Six carpenter's adzes
 One dozen plane irons
 Two dozen auger bits

Two straw pillows
 One black handled knife
 One gold ring
 Two dozen and a half of
 []
 Eleven bullet molds
 Four pint cans
 Half a dozen large axes
 Three boys' caps
 One waistcoat
 One pair of green stockings
 Four remnants, or pieces of
 cotton

Thus done and found in the presence as aforesaid, on
 the island of Manhatans in New Netherland, this 26th of
 June A^o 1651.

87b at p 216

Bond of Pieter Taelman not to trade any goods except at the
South River

[87c] I, the undersigned, Pieter Taelman, supercargo of the bark called The Do[1]phyn, do hereby obligate myself, after I shall have sailed from this port for the South River of New Netherland, not to touch at any other place or to take in any more goods than are entered on the fiscal's list; also, not to unload, or permit to be discharged, or trade them or any others after my safe arrival at the South River, before and until I shall have exhibited my commission, clearance and manifest of the goods I have taken on board to Andries Hudde, the commissary there. Also, after having finished my trading at the South River, not to depart before I have entered my full return cargo and bartered peltries with the aforesaid commissary and not to alienate, land or send away any of them before and until I have exhibited a list and invoice thereof to the director general or his agent here at the Manhatans All without fraud or deceit, on pain of forfeiting my bark and lading, or the true value thereof In testimony of the truth, I have signed this in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 27th of June A^o 1651.

Peter Taelman

Mattheus Capito, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Inventory of the personal estate of Jan Jansen Damen

[87d(1)] Inventory of the personal estate left by Jan Jansen Damen, deceased on the 18th of June, as found by the honorable Mr. La Montagne and the respective curators, viz: Jacob van Curlaer and Tomas Hall, in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 6th of July 1651, as follows:

<u>In the large front room</u>	One folio Bible
7 ^{<i>schilderijen</i>} pictures on paper in wooden frames	One chronicle
One common looking-glass	One old quarto Bible
2 snaphances	One cellaret with 12 bottles,
1 firelock	empty
1 rapier	6 chair cussions of green cloth
1 large powder horn	One single bed and bolster, old
2 clothes brushes	One double bed and bolster
1 wooden pepperbox	4 pillows
2 sieves	2 green blankets
1 pair of new shoes	One white woolen blanket
One wooden candle box	2 white linen sheets
One wooden inkstand	One bolster
2 brass wreaths (<u>Copere Cransen</u>)	One brass warming pan
One traveling bag	One pewter chamberpot

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One blue chest wherein:

14 white linen sheets, good and bad

16 pillow slips, mostly old

3 table cloths

? 10 napkins *go kroy, see note*

7 towels

About 2 ells of new linen

8 ^{man's} shirts, good and bad

1 pair of linen¹ underdrawers

N^o 1 3 cravats

6 men's night caps of printed
calico, mostly old

1 p^r colored and 1 p^r white knit
stockings

1 linen band

3 black handled knives

1 remnant of colored bombazine

1 remnant of white stuff

2 remnants or strips of canvas

3/4 ell of bedticking

3 doz. pewter and 3 doz. *tinne*

brass buttons

6 pocket handkerchiefs, of which

one is new and 1 colored

fl. 9" 2 in doits and farthings

3 pieces of eight

25¹/₂ stivers in specie

One little sack with two *notassen*

Indian bags containing

fl. 275 in wampum as
mentioned below

One hat box containing 2

black hats, one of which

belongs to Pieter Stouten-
borgh

On the bed: one canvas coverlet

One colored bombazine coverlet

One red cloth waistcoat

¹ Gaensoogse; literally, goose-eyed, i.e. linen with small round figures resembling goose eyes.

One sealed chest containing:

5 linen bands

3 cravats

22½ ells of black taffeta

About one pound of blue Spanish silk

About one pound of red ditto

One pound of flesh-colored ditto

One colored cloth coat, new

One old cotton quilt

fl. 156"12 in single shillings

@ 6 stivers

fl. 5"10 in specie

Five pieces of eight

One ducatoon

Six rixdollars

19½ shillings in silver coin

37 quarter pieces of eight

Two half rixdollars

fl. 5 in specie

fl. 275 in wampum @ 6 for one stiver, 15 black handled knives
whereof fl.66 were left in the hands of Jan Vinje for the harvest

One silver wine cup

2 silver plated spoons

½ beaver

In a chest, being sealed

Some letters and papers

One shirt

13 pairs of Faroe stockings

2 pieces of linen

1 piece of fine linen

1 piece of canvas

1 new crimson waistcoat

1 suit of colored bombazine
clothes

Nº3 1 suit of colored cloth with a
narrow braid

1 suit of black cloth

1 remnant of cloth

4 blue and 1 striped pocket
handkerchiefs

1 pair of colored say stockings

1 pillow slip

1 red night cap

1 silver plated goblet
6 silver plated spoons

One colored cloth coat, nearly
new

One pair of linen breeches

Nº2
In the
chest
sealed

3 linen bands
 2 bullet and one shot mold
 1 gimlet
 1 dozen auger bits
 1 pound of yarn
 4 pieces of lace
 1 cotton cravat
 2 printed men's caps
 3 brass snuffers
 1 tin grater *rasp van blick*
 1 iron hammer

As much black silk and
 green lining as are *nodt een rok*
 needed for a gown

over Black wollen stuff for a
antelt short cloak, with the
 necessary black lining *dat tot behooren*
 and silk braid and back satin
dat tot behooren

One colored cloth dress, half worn

One wooden bench

One pewter flask

One cot ?

In a chest, being sealed
 20 shirts *voor [men's ?]*
 One piece and one remnant of
 linen

2 pairs of Spanish leather
 men's shoes

No 4: 2 pairs of Spanish leather
 2 pairs of dried leather² }
 women's shoes

2 pairs of dried leather men's
 shoes
 One tick for a bed

2 brass cocks

One dozen pewter spoons *tinne*

2 reels of spun cotton

2 pewter cups *tinne beekers*

1 pair of men's slippers

1 pair of women's slippers

2 whetstones for the mowers

2 scissors for linen

12 doz. yarn laces

2 new augers *hout* *leptien*

One small table with a cover on it

One churn with its outfit

een houten bandel

2 Raw hide?

*een cleurt alomte roek meest men
 een linne broeck*

een bebegel
in gult
ten s alle begel

{ One firmer chisel
 { One gouge
 { One mortise chisel

or hange
In the entrance hall

tinne One pewter vaen³ measure

tinne One pewter half-pint measure

tinne One pewter flagon with a lid *flapen*

One tin lantern

blicke

One iron pot

One small looking-glass

One pewter basin *tinne kom*

2 pewter pint measures *tinne pinten*

6 copper kettles, large and small

1 large and 1 small brass pan

1 earthen jug

1 sieve

4 water pails

4 small milk tubs

One salt cellar

One pewter funnel without pipe

One pothanger

One pothook

2 andirons

One old sugar box

5 wooden dinner plates

3 brass candlesticks

9 pewter porringers *tinne kommen*

1 skimmer *2 groote? tinne?*

1 pewter jug holding two vaens

1 pewter half flagon with a lid *tin*

1 pewter mug *tinne*

1 salt cellar

1 new pewter funnel *tinne*

15 pewter plates *tinne*

1 small pewter bowl *tinne*

1 large pewter bowl *tinne*

1 earthen bowl

9 pewter dishes *tin*

2 small spoon bits

Two green curtains with an old
rug for a bedstead

One brass candlestick with a
handle

9 earthen dishes

2 copper potlids

1 iron candlestick

2 sconces

3 One vaen equals about five quarts.

1 ash shovel

1 pair of tongs

~~1~~ 22 pewter spoons

1 run at Dirck Noorman's

to have a stock made

1 small table cover

1 pothook

[87d(2)] One chest in the entrance

hall containing:

6 whole and one 3/4 winter beaver
skins

One remnant of new linen,

11 ells long

One ditto, 19 ells long

One ditto, long 16 ells, scant

One ditto narrow linen-13 ells,
scant

One remnant of linen-5 ells

One pair of white leather shoes

In the pantry

4 wooden butter molds

2 wooden pint measures for milk

2 copper griddles for pancakes

1 ditto stewpan

One iron mortar

One bellows

2 pewter platters *Zinn*

2 earthen dishes

One small syringe

One pair of scales with 4 lb,
10 lb and 1 pound weights

One cutting blade

One saw

One gridiron

In the cellar under the house

2 beer beer barrels

8 beer half-barrels

1 box of candles

3 butter tubs

1 barrel of ^{spruce!} black beer *jopenbier*

2 meat tubs

2 other tubs

3 brass cocks

1 tap auger

1 earthen pot

1 small earthen pot

The 7th of July 1651. Present the Hon. Mr.
La Montagne, Jacob van Corlaer, Cornelis
Aertsen and Jan Cornelissen Buys⁴

In the rear part of the house

or the barn

2 half sacks of hops as they
have just come from Holland

1 beer half-barrel

3 old chairs

3 empty boxes

1 keg full of nails

1 old grain sieve

1 iron spade

2 whips

2 scythe snaths

— 1 cutting box and one blade

2 pitch forks

1 meat fork

1 beer pole and sling

2 new plow shares with hasp

One dung fork and one dung hook

One wooden rake

One axe

⁴ The name of Jan Cornelissen
Buys is crossed out.

2 iron wedges

22 vims⁵ of barley } together
12½ vims ditto } in the
rick

1 flail

1 bed with a pillow

Iron hoops for a pail

One cross cut saw

3 Flemish scythes

2 scythe handles

2 reaping hooks ✓

On the loft

138 schepels of barley malt⁶

64 schepels of barley malt

40 schepels of wheat

17 schepels of rye

5 schepels of oats

10 new Flemish scythes

5 One vim = 104 sheaves.

⁶ A record of the number of sche-
pels of barley, wheat, rye and
oats in the form of a tally sheet
is omitted here.

12 old Flemish scythes
 3 new scythe blades
 3 grain cutters
 3 sickles
 1 new hatchet
 1 new adze
 1 old scythe blade
 1 bundle of straps and
 hinges for the flails
 9 scrubbing brushes
 8 round brushes
 1 new winnowing basket
 2 barrels with a little wheat
 and corn feed for poultry
 1 old winnowing basket
 1 iron bound churn full of hops
 1 barrel half full of corn
 1 meat tub
 1 beam and scales
 1 iron maul
 1 small tub with old iron
 22½ ells of haircloth
 One cask with two iron hoops
 2 bags of hops, about 40 lb in all
 1 empty cask
 About 40 ells more of haircloth
 ½ doz. whetstones
 2 grain sieve skins

One rapier blade on a stick
 4 bags of flour for bread
 One schepel measure
 2 grain scoops
 5 hames, new
 Some iron hoops and rubbish
 One dry cask
 One cask with iron hoops containing
 2 schepels of rye
 One ditto containing 3 schepels of
 peas
 One winnowing basket
 12 Flemish scythe handles
 2 iron shod wooden shovels
 1½ doz. flail caps
 2 baskets, wherein, new,
 1 piece of hay wagon rope
 6 hames
 1 piece of wagon line
 2 pieces of cow line
 4 bundles of traces
 6 bundles of thin plow line
 ½ bundle of traces
 1 bundle of wagon line
 2 bundles of halter rope
 2 skeins of three-ply twine
 1 skein of mending thread
 1 haywagon rope

Stock

One gelding, 7 years old
 One mare, 4 years old
 One 12 year old mare with a
 young filly
 1 yearling mare
 6 milch cows
 4 heifers, 3 of which are 2
 years and 1 one year old
 1 two year old bull
 1 three year old ox
 3 bull calves } of this year
 1 heifer calf }
 2 barrow pigs, 1½ years old
 2 sows, ditto
 1 barrow and 1 boar, ½ year old
 7 pigs, two months old, of which
 3 are females and 4 males
 One wagon and its appurtenances,
 nearly worn out
 Two plows, complete
 One harrow with iron teeth
 Two harrows with wooden teeth
 One wheelbarrow
 One scoop
 One dry cask

One iron pump rod
 One beer sleigh
 One full beer barrel
 One iron bound bucket near the
 well before the house
 2 old ladders
 One wood sleigh
 One grindstone and its belongings
 One yoke

In the brewery

One kettle of about 5 tuns capacity
 One cooling vat
 One receiving vat
 One wort tub
 4 half barrels
 6 half barrels partly filled with
 beer
 2 beer stillings
 7 shallow tubs under the beer [taps]
 One malt [box]
 One funnel
 3 vessels under the taps of the vats
 2 old hop baskets
 One [strainer?] with an old
 haircloth on it


One wooden rake to stir the grain
 One malting floor
 One pair of iron tongs
 One horse shoe to brand the casks
 One ditto for marking
 6 brew sacks
 One new vat for draff

La Montagne

Jacobus van Curler

This is the  mark of Cornelis Aertsen, made by himself

This is the  mark of Jan Cornelisen Buys, made by himself

This is the  mark of Hendrick Jansen, farm hand, made by
 himself

Before me,

Jacob Kip, appointed clerk

Power of attorney from Daniel Michielsen to David Provoost to
 appear for him in a suit with Cornelis Melyn

[87f] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared
 Daniel Michielsen, late master of the ship Nieu Neerlantsche
 Fortuyn, at present about to depart on a voyage to the South
 River of New Netherland, who declared that he appoints and empowers,
 as [he] does hereby, the worthy David Provoo[st] to plead to, to
 submit in writing, and to prosecute to a final termination all
 such matters regarding him as have occurred or yet may occur here
 in the suit between him, the principal, and Cornelis Melyn and
 all others, without any exception, in all things doing as he, the

principal, were he everywhere present, could or might do; promising to hold and cause to be held good, firm and valid whatever shall be done and performed by the said Provoost in all matters concerning me which have already occurred or will yet occur, even though the cases required larger, more ample and more specific power than is herein mentioned. Thus done and executed by the said Daniel Michielsens in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, this 8th of July A^o 1651, Manhatans in New Netherland.

Daniel Michye[lsens]

Heindrick Ja[nsen]

Dirck Jansen Ne[s] witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Inventory

[87g] Inventory of what was found in the chest of Jan Dircksen who died on the ship 't Hoff van Cleeff

[fl.2]5 A black cloth suit with a satin galloon, about new.

Without buttons to the coat.

[10] A pack of colored bombazine clothes.

[4] A white bombazine shirt

[4] Two old black hats

6 Two pairs of new shoes

One pair of old white stockings

One old fur cap

1 Two awls

Some leather thongs

One knife

Two old cambric neck bands

4 One half bed sheet

6 Three old shirts

[fl.60]

Thus done and found by us, the undersigned, on the island of Manh[atans] in New Netherland, at the house of Claes van Elslant, court messenger, this 29th of June A^o 1651.

Andreas Johannis Christmans

Vincent Piques

To my knowledge,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

All the aforesaid goods were by us jointly appraised at sixty guilders, as above written, we having been appointed thereto by the honorable council of New Netherland, on condition of paying the same by draft to the heirs of the deceased in the fatherland. Actum, Manhatans in New Netherland, this [10th]¹ of July A^o 1651.

La Montagne

J: v: Curler

¹ Date supplied from the Calendar of Dutch Manuscripts.

Bond of Jan Cornelissen Smith to the heirs of Jan Dircksen, deceased

[87e] I, the undersigned, Jan Cornelisen Smith from Breuckelen, hereby acknowledge that I am indebted to Dirck Hendricksen, residing at Westbroeck,¹ or to his children or heirs, in the sum of fifty guilders, for some clothes left by Jan Dircksen (who died on the ship t'Hoff van Cleeft) which have been appraised by all the honorable appointed members of the council here, the expenses incurred being deducted; which clothes were left here in the hands of Marten Jansen for the aforesaid payment and transferred to Jan Corn. Smith by Marten Jansen. I promise therefore to tender and pay the remaining fifty guilders free of costs and charges, without any exception or contradiction, to the late Jan Dircksen's heirs aforesaid, in good valid payment there, this current year 1651, as soon as I shall have arrived in the fatherland. For further security hereof he, Jan Cornelisen Smith, binds his person and property, without any exception, subject to all courts, tribunals and judges, and Marten Jansen becomes surety in the matter aforesaid, promising in default of the payment aforesaid to pay the said sum with the interest thereon to the heirs above named, under like obligation as above. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by Jan Cornelisen Smith as principal and by Marten Jansen as surety and co-principal, with Claes van Elslant, court messenger, and me, the clerk, this 11th of July A^o 1651, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

¹ Westbroeck, in the province of Utrecht

My own hand, Jan Cornelissen Smith

Maerten Jansen van Bruckelen

Claes van Elslant, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Leunis Jorissen van der Veere to Gysbert Arentsen and Lowies Papeljou of a plantation on Long Island

[87h] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Leunis Jorisen vander Veere, husband and guardian of Aeltin Douwesen, former widow of Jan Jansen from Ditmersen, who, in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, declared that he conveyed and granted, as he does hereby, to Gysbert Arentsen from Bullick and Lowies Papeljou, in company, a certain plantation situated on Long Island, to the south of Pieter Schoorsteenveger,¹ as large and as small as appears from the patent granted under date of March 23, 1647, by the honorable Director Kieft for the behoof of Jan Jansen from Ditmersen; and this in true, free, lawful ownership, under renunciation of all right, title and interest which [the grantor] had therein, [the said grantor] acknowledging that he has been satisfied and paid in full the money stipulated therefor according to the contract of sale and therefore putting the aforesaid Gysbert Arentsen and Lowies Papeljou in his stead, real and actual possession and promising to free the same from all challenge and claim which any one in the world

¹ Pieter Andriessen, the chimney-sweep.

might make thereto, reserving only the acknowledgment of the honorable patroons mentioned in the patent. The grantor, therefore, promises to keep this his conveyance firm, binding and irrevocable and to observe and fulfil the same, binding himself thereto according to law. In testimony whereof this is signed by the appearer as grantor, together with the witnesses, this 11th of July A^o. 1651, at New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Leunis Jorisen, made by himself
 Tomas Fredricksz } witnesses
 Andrias Hopffa }

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

On this date, the 11th of July 1651, the above written deed and conveyance was in the absence of the honorable director general and by his order approved and ratified by the honorable council of New Netherland. In witness whereof signed on the date above written, in New Amsterdam.

La Montagne

H: van Dyck

Deed from Lowies Papeljou to Joris Stevensen of his half-interest in the plantation described in the preceding deed

[871] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Lowies Papeljou of the first part and Joris Stevensz van Wingen of the second part, who declared that in the presence of the

hereinafter named witnesses they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of the just half of a certain plantation situated on Long Island, south of Pieter Schoorsteenveger, on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

Lowies Papeljou sells to Joris Stevensz aforesaid, who also acknowledges that he has bought, the just half of the aforesaid plantation, heretofore used by Jan Jansen from Ditmersen, according to the patent thereof and the deed of the same executed on the date hereof for the behoof of the seller and Gysbert Arentsen, together with the just half of all the crops, house and all that is standing thereon, as the same belong to the seller and Gysbert Arentsen in company, for the sum of once eight hundred and fifty guilders, to be paid cash after this purchase and deed shall have been approved by the honorable council in good reals of eight, counted at three guilders apiece, for which the seller hereby conveys and transfers to the said Joris Stevensz or his successors the just half of the aforesaid land and the appurtenances thereof, as it belongs to him, with renunciation of all right, title and interest which he has had therein, putting the said Joris Stevensz in his stead and real and actual possession of the aforesaid land and the appurtenances thereof. The parties therefore promise to hold and to cause to be held this their purchase and conveyance firm, binding and irrevocable and to observe and fulfil the same, all according to law. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and the witnesses this 11th of July A^o. 1651, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Lowies Papeljou, made by himself

This is the X mark of Joris Stevensz, made by himself

This is the X mark of Gysbert Arentsen, made by himself

Andrias Hopffa

} witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

On this date, the 11th of July 1651, the above written deed was in the absence of the honorable general fully approved by the honorable council. In witness whereof signed on the date above written, at New Amsterdam.

La Montagne

H: van Dyck, Fiscal

Power of attorney from Cornelis Cornelissen to Hendrick Jansen van de Ven and Pieter Antony to settle his affairs in New Netherland

[88a] On this day, the fifteenth of July of this year 1651, I, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, with the hereinafter witnesses went to the house of Pieter Antony on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland, where was lying sick abed Cornelis Cornelisen, born at Amsterdam, who came here in the ship De Bonte Coe, being in full possession of his mind and memory, who declared that in case of further sickness or death he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby, Hendrick Jansen van de Ven and Pieter Antony of Amsterdam aforesaid, both free traders here in New Netherland, to

sell and administer here on his behalf, for the best interest and profit of his mother, Anna Jansen, widow of the late Cornelis Joosten, residing at Amsterdam, on the corner of Prinse street, all such goods and merchandise as he brought with him or may hereafter be consigned to him, as they, the attorneys, shall see fit; also and especially to collect and receive all such payments as are due to him, Corn. Corn. aforesaid, here in New Netherland for goods delivered according to his book and accounts; for their receipt to execute a discharge and further for the best interest and profit of his mother aforesaid to do and perform in everything what they, the attorneys, in their conscience shall consider proper; promising furthermore to hold as firm, binding and valid whatever shall be done and transacted by his aforesaid attorneys and desiring that after his death the same shall be held valid by all and every one, provided that the said attorneys shall render to his mother aforesaid or her heirs a proper account and settlement Thus done and executed the day and year aforesaid on the island of Manhatans in New Netherland and in witness thereof signed.

I, Cornelis Cornelis, have signed with my own hand

Yan Yansen Schepmoes	} witnesses
Erasmuis Claessen	

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

List of goods in Calebuys' chest

[88b] List of what was found in the chest of Calebuys at the house of Casper Verlet, this 17th of July 1651

One red cloth jerkin
 One old colored cloth coat
 One old black torn doublet
 Two pairs of stockings
 Five dirty old shirts
 Two or three ties
 Two old linen breeches
 Some old handkerchiefs
 One old neck band

Thus done and found by the appointed clerk and the court messenger, date as above.

Power of attorney from Jan Dircksen van Bremen and Pieter Teunissen to David Provoost to manage their affairs in their absence

[89a] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Jan Dircksen van Bremen and Pieter Teunisen from Brunswyck, both residing at Katskil, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they appointed and empowered, as they do hereby, the person of Davidt Provoost to manage in the absence of the principals here all matters that may affect their persons or property, to represent them and plead their case in or out of court whether as plaintiff or defendant, doing in everything as we ourselves being present might or could do and doing in everything

as he shall fit and advisable. We promise to hold and to cause to be held as good, binding and valid whatever shall be transacted and performed by the aforesaid Davidt Provoost, even though the matter should require more ample and more specific power than is mentioned herein. Thus done and executed by the aforesaid principals in the presence of the undersigned witnesses hereto invited, this 11th of July A^o 1651, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jan Dircksen van Bremen

This is the X mark of Pieter Teunisen aforesaid,
made by himself

Hend^r. Jansen vand^r. Vin } witnesses
Hendrick Hendricksen }

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Deed from Augustin Herrman to Cornelis van Werckhoven as executor of the will of Pieter Gabry, deceased, of his house and lot in New Amsterdam

[89b] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Mr. Augustyn Herrman, citizen and inhabitant here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that in absolute and free ownership he hereby conveyed and transferred to and for the behoof the honorable Mr. Cornelis van Werckhoven at Uytrecht, in his capacity of executor of the will of the late Pieter Gabry at Amsterdam, his certain house and lot, in length sixty-four feet and in width twenty-eight feet, having

a cellar throughout and three full stories, the walls two feet thick and the rest in proportion, together with a rear-kitchen and an enclosed yard, as the same was built and occupied by the grantor and belongs to him according to the patent of the lot, situated in New Amsterdam, bounded on the east by the honorable Company's warehouse, on the west by Jacob Haey, on the south by the East river and the dock, and on the north by a public street, the aforesaid house and lot being free and unincumbered, without any claims, and this in payment of a certain obligation, reserving a certain stipulation inserted therein, which the grantor on the 17th of December A^o 1649, executed in favor of Pieter Gabry and Sons, which obligation and the contents thereof the grantor, by letter of the 20th of March A^o 1651, has been expressly called upon to pay and satisfy by the aforesaid Mr. Werckhoven and Mr. Daniel Gabry as testamentary executors appointed by Pieter Gabry and Sons. The grantor, therefore, declares that for the present he is not able, nor as long as he lives will be able, to make any better payment in satisfaction of the aforesaid obligation than this deed and therefore acknowledges that he has no further claim on the aforesaid house and lot, but that he hereby completely relinquishes the same for the behoof of the aforesaid executors, provided that the aforesaid obligation shall be annulled and the grantor freed from all further demands and that a proper discharge shall be executed. Thus done and executed by the above named grantor, who together with the witnesses hereto invited has signed the same, this 17th of July A^o 1651, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Fiat the deed

Augustin Herrman

P. Stuyvesant vid.^t

Wilh. Beeckman

Vincent Piques

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Contract of sale from Pieter Cecer to Samuel Menjer for land on
Long Island

[90a] Before me, Jacob Kip, in the absence of the secretary appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Pieter Cecer, Italian, of the first part, and Samuel Menjer, of the second part, who in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses declared that in all love and friendship they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain piece of land situated on Long Island in the Walebocht, on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit: Pieter Cecer, Italian, sells by virtue of the patent granted by the director general and council to Samuel Menjer, who also acknowledges that he bought, a part of the grantor's land situated on the west side next to the land of Giljaen Cornelje, being in width along the valley twenty-seven rods; into the woods, in length, toward the south, four hundred and twenty-five rods, on the west as well as on the east side; in the rear, in the woods, as wide as in front, 27 rods.

Note of Adriaen van Tienhoven for the payment of 108 guilders

[90b] Copy

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have received to my satisfaction:

7 yards of fine cloth	fl.90:-
9 dozens of fine, large buttons at fl.2	18:-
	<hr/> fl.108:-

And I promise to pay the aforesaid sum to him or his order in good, merchantable beavers in about two or three months from this date. Actum, October 6, 1650. Was signed:
Adriaen van Tienhoven

Upon collation this is found to agree with the original as above. Thus found to agree, by me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk
1651, $\frac{7}{2d}$ day

Bond of Claes van Elslant for any claim the West India Company may have on goods shipped in the Gelderse Blom

[90c] Before me, Jacob Kip, clerk appointed here, appeared Claes van Elslant, inhabitant and court messenger here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he constituted himself surety as principal for any duties due by Anderias Johannes Kristman for Elisabet Dircksen on three cases,

marked ED, consigned by Elisabet Dircksen to Joost Gerritsen in the ship De Gelderse Blom, and for the claim which the honorable fiscal in the name of the West India Company have on said goods, binding his person and property as security therefor, without any exception, subject to all courts, tribunals and judges. Thus done and executed in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, this 31st of July A^o. 1651, in New Amsterdam.

Claes Van Elslant, Court messenger

Willem Vestyens }
J Montange junjor } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Contract of sale from Richard Smith, junior, to Gillis Pietersen of a house and lot on Manhattan Island

[90d] On this day, the 16th of August of the year 1651, before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Ritchert Smit, the younger, as agent of his father Ritchert Smit, at present in Connecticut, of the first part, and Gillis Pietersen, inhabitant here, of the second part, who in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses declared that in all love and friendship they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain house and lot, on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

Ritchert Smith sells to Gillis Pietersen, who also acknowledges that he bought a certain house and lot situated on the island of Manhatans on the East River, next to the lot of Carel van Bruggen, as large as appears from the patent thereof, the house with all that is fastened by earth and nail, as the same stands at present, for the sum of one hundred and forty-four good, merchantable beavers, to be paid in two terms, to wit, the just half, being seventy-two beavers, as soon as the delivery of the aforesaid house and lot shall take place, and the other half, consisting likewise of seventy-two merchantable beavers, in the next month of May anno 1652. The house shall be delivered as soon as Adam Modt returns from the South River, who must then vacate the same. Randel Huwit, who with his family occupies the east end of the house, has contracted for a year's lease of the same, which lease began about the beginning of July last, the rent for which the buyer will receive upon the expiration of the term, as the seller's father has agreed with him. The parties declare that they will hold this contract of sale as firm and binding and that they will observe the same, the buyer binding himself for the payment aforesaid and the seller for the free delivery, [both of them] binding their persons and property and especially the aforesaid house and lot, according to law. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and the witnesses on Manhatans in New Netherland, datum ut supra.

Richard Smith

Jelis Pietersen

Jacob van Kouwenhoven

Geo: Baxter

Nich: Hart

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Hendrick Egbertsen to Dirck Lambertsen
Santlooper to settle the estate of his deceased wife at
Haerlem

[91a] On this day, the 16th of August of this year 1651,
before me, Jacob Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director
general and council of New Netherland, appeared the worthy
Hendrick Egbertsen van Nieuwenhuys, widower of Printie Arents van
Helmon, in her lifetime residing at Haerlem, at present a citizen
and inhabitant here, who before and in the presence of the
hereinafter named witnesses, after revocation and cancelation
of all such power of attorney as he on the 18th of August 1649
made out to Mr. Harmen Hendricksen Drogh, who died before the
date hereof, anew appoints and empowers, as he does hereby, Dirck
Lambersen Santlooper, commissioner of insolvent estates at Haerlem,
or in case of his death the person who succeeds in his place, or
otherwise the honorable schepens of Haerlem or those whom it may
please their honors by virtue hereof to substitute, in the name
of him, the principal, and on his behalf to settle, distribute
and divide the entire estate of his deceased wife aforesaid,
according to the marriage articles which they made with each other;
to cause the goods and effects to be sold, to collect the proceeds,
to receive his lawful share and to execute a proper receipt therefor,

and in case of refusal to proceed at law for the full satisfaction of the matter aforesaid, whether as plaintiff or defendant, to prosecute the case to the end, to hear judgment pronounced, to execute the same and furthermore in everything to do and to act as he, the principal, if he were personally present, might or could do, the principal promising that he will hold and cause to be held as valid whatever shall be done or transacted in the matter aforesaid by one of the aforementioned his attorneys, provided they render a proper account and final statement of their transactions. Thus done and executed by the aforesaid principal, who with Abraham Pietersen from Haerlem and Jan Gerritsen Smit, invited hereto as witnesses, has signed the original minute hereof in the record. Actum Manhatans, New Amsterdam in New Netherland, datum ut supra.

Hindrick Egbers

Abraham Pietersen

[Jan Gerritsen Smit]¹

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Femmetje Albers to David Provoost to sue for a debt due her by Harmen Smeman

[91b] Femmetie Alberts, wife of Hendrick Westercamp, appeared at the secretary's office and appointed Mr. Davidt Provoost to demand in her name and as if she were present before the court of New Netherland by way of legal proceedings or other

¹ The original signature is illegible

proper and legitimate means from Harmen Smeman who married the widow of Barent Dircksen from Norden the sum of two hundred guilders left and bequeathed to her, the principal, by will, as appears by the will dated the 25th of March 1642,¹ in the custody of the secretary according to the Register, and afterwards confirmed by his death; the principal promising that she will hold and cause to be held as valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by Davidt Provoost. Thus done and executed this 26th of August A^o 1651, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Femmtie Albertsen aforesaid,
made by herself

Contract of sale from Harry Breser to Cornelis de Potter of land and cattle on Long Island on the East river

[92a] On this day, the 29th of August A^o 1651, before me, Jacob Kip, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Herry Breser of the first part and Mr. Cornelis d'Potter of the second part, who in the

¹ See Will of Barent Dircksen and his wife, dated March 15, 1642, in N.Y. Col.MSS., 2:13b.

presence of the hereinafter named witnesses declared that they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of certain lands and animals on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

Herry Breser sells to Mr. Cornelis de Potter, who also acknowledges that he has bought, a certain parcel of land situated on Long Island, on the East river, between the land of Cornelis Dircksen Hoochlant and (that of) Fredrick Lubbersen, and this as large and as small as it appears from the patents granted under dates of September 4, 1645, and June 9, 1646, by the Hon. Director General Willem Kieft, deceased, to the behoof of Herry Breser, together with all that the seller has thereon and is entitled to, and also thirty-five and a half head of goats, being milch goats, bucks and cut goats, which the buyer now takes over at his charge and risk; also two milch cows and a calf in the custody of Jan Marris at Gravesend, which shall be delivered to the buyer at Amsterdam Fair, according to the contract thereof, and this for the sum of eleven hundred and twenty-five guilders, to be paid one half in rixdollars or reals of eight, reckoned at three guilders apiece, and the other half in choice seawan or store goods at market price, at the option of the vendor, cash; the vendor ceding hereby his title and claim of ownership of the aforesaid lands and animals for the behoof of the aforesaid Mr. Cornelis de Potter or those who may obtain his title, from now on and forever, promising that he will free the same from all trouble and claims which any one may make thereto. The parties

promise to keep this their agreement, purchase and conveyance firm and binding and to observe and carry out the same, binding themselves thereto under submission to all laws and judges. In witness whereof these presents are signed by the parties together with the witnesses on the date above written, at Manhatans in New Netherland.

This is the B mark of Herry Breser aforesaid,

made by himself

Cornelis De Potter

Tobias Remm

This is the HH mark of Harmen Hansen, made by himself } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

On the 31st of August 1651, the above deed and conveyance was approved by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland. In witness whereof signed by the honorable president in New Amsterdam.

P. Stuyvesant, vid.^t

Deed from Hendrick Kip to Albert Andriessen of a house and lot on Manhattan Island

[92b] On this day, the 29th of August, appeared at the secretary's office of New Netherland in Fort Amsterdam Hendrick Kip, resident here, who declared that on account of the sale by his son-in-law Jan Jansen from St. Obyn he transferred and conveyed, as he does hereby, by virtue of the patent granted on the first of February 1646 by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland to Roelof Jansen Haes and the proper deed from him, dated the 17th of February 1646, to the said Hendrick Kip, to Albert Andriessen or the person who may acquire his title a certain house and lot standing and lying on the island of Manhatans, on the north east side of Fort Amsterdam, bounded on the west and south sides by the public road and adjoining on the east side the lot of Claes van Elslant, in width on the west side five rods, seven and a half feet; on the north side in length five rods and four and a half feet; on the east side five rods and four and a half feet; on the south side four rods and six feet; which lot, together with the house and what is fastened thereto by earth or nail, he, Hendrick Kip, hereby delivers to the aforesaid Albert Andriessen or his successors free from any challenge or claim to be made thereto by any one in the world (saving only the reservation and acknowledgment of the lord and patroon of this country mentioned in all patents), promising to hold this his deed firm and binding and to observe and fulfil the same under binding obligation according to law. In testimony whereof these presents are signed by the grantor and the witnesses on the date above written, at Manhatans in New Netherland.

Hendrick Hendricksen Kip

Jan Claesz Groen, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

On the 31st of August 1651, the above deed and conveyance was approved by the director general and council of New Netherland. In witness whereof signed by the honorable president in New Amsterdam.

P. Stuyvesant, vid.^t

Lease from Remmert Jansen to Barent Jansen Bal of a farm on Long Island

[93] On this day, the 31st of August, 1651, before me, Jacob Kip, clerk appointed here, appeared Remmert Jansen of the first part and Barent Jansen Bal and Hendrick Dircksen jointly of the second part, who in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses declared that in all love and friendship they had agreed and contracted with each other about the lease of a certain farm on the conditions hereinafter stated, to wit: Rem Jansen leases to Barent Jansz Bal and Hendrick Dircksen in company, who also acknowledge that they have hired, a certain farm standing and situated on the south side of the farm of Hans Hansen, named in the Indian tongue Rinnegackonck, for the period of four years, commencing the first of September of this year and ending the first of September 1655; on which farm the lessor has had already built, or shall still build, a house and hayrick

and with which he shall deliver two horses, being a mare and a gelding, each five years old; two milch cows and a heifer of two years, and two sows, which the lessor will send down from Fort Orange. For the rent of each milch cow the lessees shall pay yearly sixteen pounds of butter and for each horse yearly fifteen schepels of hard grain, whether rye, wheat or barley. The lessees acknowledge that they have received the said animals on condition that each party shall receive half the increase and that the risk shall be in common, and in case it should happen that any of the aforesaid animals came to die, the original number shall be made complete again from the increase at the end of the term of the lease, when the same shall be divided and distributed. Furthermore, the lessor now delivers with the farm a plow with its appurtenances and he has delivered the land now to the lessees tightly fenced with posts and rails, which land the lessees promise at the expiration of the lease to deliver again tightly fenced as they now receive it, and they shall divide the land into two parts adjoining each other and if it should suit their convenience the lessees shall be at liberty to put two or three tobacco planters on the land according to their pleasure. For all of which the lessees jointly and each of them separately promise and bind themselves to pay yearly as rent, in addition to what is above mentioned, the sum of one hundred and fifty Carolus guilders, to be paid in the produce of the land at the market price here, or in such payment as they can obtain therefor. Receiving the land now unseeded, the lessees shall deliver the same again, together

with the said house and everything else, at the expiration of the term of the lease in the same condition as now received. The parties promise to hold this their agreement firm, binding and irrevocable and to observe and carry out the same, all under binding obligation according to law. In testimony whereof these presents are signed by the parties and the witnesses on the date above written, at Manhatans in New Netherland.

Hem Yanszen van Yever¹

This is the X mark of Barent Jansen Bal, made by himself

This is the X mark of Hendrick Dircksen, made by himself

Oloff Stevensen }
Gerrit Jansen } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Contract of sale from Pieter Stoutenburch to Jan Hendricksen
Steelmen of a lot on Manhattan Island

[94a] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk, appeared
Pieter Stoutenb[urch] of the first part and Jan Hendricksen
Steelmen of the second part who, in the presence of the here-
inafter mentioned witnesses, declared that in all love and

¹ Jever, in Oldenburg, Germany.

friendship they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain lot on the conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

Pieter Stoutenb[urch] sells to Jan Hendricksen Steelman,¹ who also acknowledges that he has bought, a certain lot standing and lying on the island of Manhatans, northward of Fort Amsterdam and the Beverspat² and southward of the house and lot at present belonging to Domine Megapolensis, and such extent as appears from the deed, dated January 8, 1650, granted to the behoof of Pieter Stoutenburch (except what has been taken off already by public survey),³ together with the fence and one half of the point,⁴ the trees standing thereon alone excepted, and this for the sum of fifty good merchantable beaver skins, to be paid in two instalments, the first instalment on the last of October next ensuing consisting of the just half, being 25 beavers, and the other half in April anno 1652. The buyer may take possession of the lot now and do therewith and dispose thereof as he shall see fit, provided he observe the acknowledgment of the lords and patroons of this country mentioned in all patents. The parties promise to hold this their contract of sale firm, binding and

¹ Jan Hendricksen Stilman, alias Koopal.

² Beaver path.

³ Exemt t'geene daeraf reede geroyt; meaning that a portion of the lot was taken off for street purposes, or to straighten the street line.

⁴ See note at the end.

irrevocable, the buyer binding himself, and especially the aforesaid lot, for the payment aforesaid and the seller binding himself for the delivery, free [from all claims], submitting to that end their persons and properties without exception to all lords, courts, judges and tribunals. In testimony whereof these are signed by the parties and the witnesses, this 6th of September 1651, in New Amsterdam.

Pieter Stoutenburch

Jan Hendrijschse

Willem Jans

This is the X mark of Scharles Morgen,

} witnesses

made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

In the margin was written:

On the 11th of May both contracting parties declared that the word herein spelled "punt" (point), must be understood as intended for "putt" (well), belonging for one half to Domine Megapolensis and the other half to P.^r Stoutenborgh. To the knowledge of the below mentioned witnesses, this 11th of May, New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pieter Stoutenburch

Jan Hendrijschse

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

J. M. d. Lamontang

Draft of Gysbert Cornelissen on the Amsterdam Chamber of the West
India Company in favor of Tryntje Scherenbergh

[94b] On this day, the 29th of August of the year 1651, before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Gysbert Cornelisen from Wesep, formerly a soldier in the service of the honorable West India Company and at present a freeman residing in the colony of Renselaerswyck, who, in the presence of the below mentioned witnesses, declared that he had anew agreed and contracted with Tryntie Scherenbergh, widow of Handrick Jansen, tailor, deceased, about a certain account earned by him, the appearer, in the service of the honorable West India Company here in New Netherland, amounting to the sum of five hundred guilders, sixteen stivers and 6 pence, which sum he, the appearer, declares that he received from the said Tryntie Scherenbergh before the execution hereof, for which reason he hereby requests the honorable directors of the Chamber of Amsterdam that their honors may be pleased to satisfy and pay the aforesaid amount due to him to the aforesaid Tryntie Scherenbergh or her order, promising to free their honors from all claims which might be made by him or any one in his behalf, other than the aforesaid Tryntie Scherebergh or her order. In witness whereof this is signed by the appearer and the witnesses on the date above written, in New Amsterdam on Manhatans, in New Netherland. Was signed: Gysbert Cornelisen, together with Pieter Dircksen Last and Jacob Jansz Schermerhoorn as witnesses, and Acknowledged before me, Jacob Kip, Clerk. Below was written:

I, the undersigned, director general of New Netherland, Curacao, etc., hereby declare that Jacob Kip is our appointed clerk, consequently, that the above has the force of a notarial instrument. In witness whereof signed this 7th of September 1651, in New Amsterdam, and was signed: P. Stuyvesant.

After collation the above is found to agree with its original, by me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk, together with Foppe Janse and Francoys van Namen, as witnesses, this 16th of September 1651, N. Amst. in N. Netherland.

F Jansz Out Hout

Frans van Namen

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Mortgage by Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt of the house and lot of Roelof Jansen de Haes to Jan Jansen from Gottenborgh

[95a] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Mr. Olof Stevensz, burgher and resident here, as agent of Roelof Jansen d'Haes, who in the presence of the below mentioned witnesses declared that Roelof Jansz d'Haes according to the bond, letter and order left with the appearer is indebted to Jan Jansen from Gottenborgh or his order in the sum of four hundred guilders, and whereas the term of payment has expired and the said Jan Jansz from Gottenborgh is about to leave for patria, I have at his request and with the approval of the honorable director general,

inasmuch as I at present can not sell the house of Roelof de Haes, according to his order, for further security as aforesaid, specially mortgaged and pledged, as I do hereby on behalf of Roelof Jansz, his house and lot, standing and lying on the island of Manhatans, between the lots of Willem Beeckman and Teunis Tomasen. In testimony whereof I have signed these presents Done this 9th of September A^o 1651, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Oloff Stevensz

Nicolaes Blanche

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

On the 11th of September 1651, the above mortgage was approved by the director general and councilors in council assembled. In witness whereof signed by the honorable president.
Datum ut supra.

P Stuyvesant, vid.^t

Deed from the executors of the will of Jan Jansen Damen to Jan Vigne of a lot on Manhattan Island

[95b] Copy

We, the undersigned, pursuant to the desire of Jan Janssen Damen, deceased, have given in free ownership, as we hereby do give in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses, to Jan Vinjie a lot situated on the east side of the wide road,¹

¹ Breede wegh; Broadway

on the north side of Hendrick Pietersen from Hasselt, in width on the road six rods and in the rear the same; in length eleven rods and nine feet; on condition that if the heirs of Jan Damen residing in Holland be not satisfied, then Jan Finje shall pay them for their share one hundred Carolus guilders in current money here in New Netherland. What is hereinbefore written we on both sides hold firm, binding and irrevocable and in confirmation thereof we have signed this with our own hands this 13th of September anno 1651, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland. Was signed: This is the X mark of Adriana Cuvelje, made by herself; Tomas Hall; this is the X mark of Egbert Woutersen, made by himself Below was written: In my presence, Davidt Provoost.

Assignment by Charles Morgan to Hans Broebergen of a claim on the West India Company

[95a] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Charles Morgen from Nieupoort, cadet in the service of the honorable West India Company here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that by virtue of a transfer executed in his favor under date of July 8, 1650 by Tomas Jones, corporal in the service of the honorable Company here, he transfers and assigns, as he does hereby, to and for the behoof of Hans Broebergen from Staveren, or those who may acquire his right thereto the account earned by Tomas Jonassen in the service of the honorable West India Company on the island of Curaçao, amounting to one hundred guilders, sixteen stivers and 4 pence,

as appears from the said account, which aforesaid sum having been received by Hans Broebergen or his order from the honorable directors of the chamber at Amsterdam, he shall by virtue of the assignments have the power to execute a receipt, which shall be valid, for which amount of the aforesaid account he, the appearer, Charles Morgen, acknowledges that before the execution hereof, he was fully paid and satisfied for which reason he promises to hold this his transfer and assignment firm and binding and to hold valid whatever shall be done and transacted by Hans Broebergen or his assigns in the matter aforesaid. In testimony whereof the original hereof is signed by the appearer and cedent, together with Johannes Marckes and Tomas Abelgat, as witnesses, this 14th of September 1651, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of

Scharles Morgen, made by himself

Thomas Apelgat

This is the X mark of

Johannes Marckesen, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Johannes Kip, Clerk

Deed from Dirck Holgersen to Roelof Teunissen of a house and lot
in the Smith's valley on Manhattan Island

[95a] On this day, the 19th of September of the year one thousand six hundred and fifty-one, before me, Jacob Kip, clerk appointed here by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Dirck Volckersen, burgher and resident here, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he transferred and conveyed, as he hereby does by virtue of the deed executed to him, the grantor, under date of August 4, 1649, by Cornelis van Tienhoven, by virtue of his patent, to and for the behoof of Roelof Teunissen from Gottenborgh, at present skipper of the small ship Keyser Karel, his certain house and lot, standing and lying on the island of Manhatans, in the Smits valey, on the East river, between the lot of Abraham Verplanck and the portion which the grantor reserves, being in width on the south side, on the road, three and one half rods and three feet; in the rear, against the land of Cornelis van Tienhoven, on the north side, three and one half rods and four and a half feet; in length, on the west side, sixteen rods, six and a half feet, and on the east side sixteen rods, nine feet, and this in true and free ownership. He, the grantor, declares that according to the written agreement he was fully satisfied and paid the purchase money before the execution hereof; he therefore puts the aforesaid Roelof Teunisen in his stead and real and actual possession of the aforesaid house and lot and relinquishes all further claim and ownership for the behoof aforesaid from now on forever, except that the aforesaid Roelof Teunisen or he who may

acquire his title remains subject to whatever the lords and patroons may claim, as mentioned in all patents He, Dirck Holgersen; promises to hold this his deed and conveyance firm, binding and irrevocable and to observe and fulfil the same, all under submission [of his person and property] according to law. In testimony whereof the original hereof in the record is signed by the grantor and cedent, together with Jacob Jansz Huys and Bartel Jansz, both invited hereto as witnesses. Done as above, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of

Dirck Holgersen, made by himself

Jacob Jansen Huys

Bartel Jansen

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Juriaen Andriessen to Cornelis Coenraetsen to receive money due him by the West India Company

[96a] Before me, Jacob Kip, appointed clerk here, appeared Juryaen Andriesen, at present skipper on the honorable Company's ship Prins Willem, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby appoint and empower, Cornelis Coenraetsen, skipper on the ship De Gelderse Blom, at present about to depart for the fatherland, in the principal's name to collect, demand, procure and receive from the honorable directors at the chamber of Amsterdam certain moneys

due him earned by the principal in the service of their honors as shown by the account thereof and upon receipt thereof to execute a discharge, which shall serve their honors as proof of good payment, the principal promising that he will hold valid whatever shall be transacted and performed by the said Cornelis Coenraetsen or his substitute in the matter aforesaid. Thus done and executed this 19th of September 1651, at Manhatans in New Netherland.

Jurian Andriesen

W Hoogstraten, witness

F Janssen Outhout, invited as witness

Contract of sale from Jochem Pietersen Kuyter to Director Stuyvesant, Luycas Rodenborch and Cornelis de Potter of three fourths of his land called Zegendael on Manhattan Island

[96b] On this day, the 23d of September of this current year 1651, Mr. Jochom Pietersen Kuyter, free merchant, of the first part, and the Honorable Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland, Curaçao and the dependencies thereof, Luycas Roodenborgh, governor of Curaçao, and Cornelis de Potter, also a free merchant, of the second part, have in all love and friendship agreed and contracted with each other about a certain tract of land lying on the island of Manhatans, belonging to the aforesaid Jochom Pietersen Kuyter, called Zegendael, in the Indian tongue Schorrakyn, adjoining to the south Willem Beeckman, lieutenant of the burgher guard here, at the end of Mr. Johannes la Montagne's hollow to the first cliff, stretching northward to the great kill, having to the west on the North river a hay meadow,

containing about three or four morgens, the aforesaid land being about two hundred morgens in extent, of which the correct survey is still to be made, and this in the form and manner hereinafter written, to wit:

He, Jochom Pietersen Kuyter, shall cede, transfer and convey, as being truly and duly sold, to the aforesaid Messrs. Stuyvesant, Roodeborgh and Corn. de Potter the just three fourth parts of his land, being one fourth part to or for each of them, in such a way that he, Jochom Pietersz, aforesaid remains in possession or keeps for himself the remaining fourth part, provided that he, Jochom Pietersen, for the cession and conveyance of the said land shall receive from the aforesaid gentlemen a sum of one thousand Carolus guilders of 20 stivers, once and no more; of which each of the grantees shall pay one third part, with this reservation that the said one thousand guilders shall first and above all be employed and spent for the cultivation of the aforesaid land, which shall be kept together, without any division or separation being made therein, directly or indirectly, until and before the same shall be approved by a plurality of votes, during which period of undivided possession the aforesaid Jochom Pietersen shall be bound to remain and to continue as administrator or farm manager to cultivate the said lands for the joint profit and best advantage (as far as possible to him) of the contracting parties respectively and to use the profits resulting therefrom, whether in grain, cattle or whatever else it may be, for proper distribution and division among the contracting parties aforesaid, provided that

Jochom Pietersen's wife shall be entitled to keep some hens and ducks for her private use. He, Jochom Pietersen, shall receive for his services as farm manager one hundred and fifty Carolus guilders a year, to wit, from each of the aforesaid co-partners fifty like guilders. In order in God's name to make a start and beginning of everything there shall at the common expense of the joint contracting parties be built on the said land a suitable dwelling house for the farm manager, Jochom Pietersen, and a barn, with whatever else shall appertain thereto, with the understanding, however, that the house and everything shall remain in common with the land, of which expense and other expenditures to be made hereafter he, Jochom Pietersen, shall be held to keep accurate accounts and memoranda, in order, when required, to render a proper account, proof and surplus to the contracting parties; it being hereby likewise expressed that as soon as any distribution of profits takes place or the land shall be divided by the contracting parties, that then the said Jochom Pietersen shall first of all receive the aforesaid one thousand guilders for the surrender and cession of the aforesaid land; also, that when the division and the allotment of each one's share shall take place, that then the same shall take place by the drawing of lots, without any one being given any preference in the matter.

It is also stipulated that in the absence of one contracting party or other, another will have to be substituted in his place.

Secondly, that in case of death of the farm manager another shall be substituted in his place without the knowledge of the other participants

Thirdly, that the widows of the deceased contracting parties may themselves continue, or otherwise transfer their interest to one of the partners.

And in order that this contract may take effect, he, Jochom Pietersen, hereby, in the manner aforesaid, transfers and conveys his aforesaid land to and for the behoof of the above mentioned contracting parties, considering himself fully paid and satisfied therefor by the receipt of the stipulated money and for the fulfilment hereof they, the contracting parties, bind their respective persons and property, real and personal, present and future, submitting themselves to that end to all lords, courts and judges. In testimony whereof these presents are signed by the honorable contracting parties respectively, on the date above written, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jochiem P. Kuyter

P. Stuyvesant

L. Rodenborch

Nicolaes Blanché, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Jacob Kip, Clerk

Power of attorney from Doeke Nessels to Albert Cornelissen
Wantenaer to receive prize money coming to him from the Tobasco

[96c] At the office of the secretary of New Netherland

appeared Doeke Nessels, having sailed as constable on the frigate of Captain Willem Albertsen Blauvelt, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he appointed and empowered, as

he does appoint and empower hereby, Albert Cornelisen Wantenaer to collect and receive in his absence and on his behalf his just portion according to the pay roll of the proceeds of the Spanish bark called Tobasco, brought in as a prize and sold here, when the same shall be distributed, and for the receipt thereof to execute a discharge, which shall be valid; promising that he will at all times hold firm and valid whatever shall be transacted and performed by the aforesaid Albert Corn[elisen] in the matter aforesaid, provided that he shall be bound, when requested, to render proof and turn over to him, the principal, the balance of what has been received and transacted by him. Thus done and executed, this 10th of October 1651, in New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Doecke Nessels,
made by himself

Gerret Jansen
Jacob Kip, clerk } witnesses

Lease from the agents of Anna Jans Bogardus to Evert Pels of a farm on the North river

[97] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared Govert Loockmans, Hans Kirsteede and Piter Hartgers, acting as agents for Anna Bogardus, widow of Everardus Bogardus, deceased, of the first part, and Evert Pels, of the second part, who acknowledged that in all love and friendship they had made and concluded the

following lease, in the manner hereinafter written. The said Govert Loockmans, Hans Kirsteede and Piter Hartgers, all relatives by marriage of the aforesaid widow and in their capacity of agents of the said Anna Bogardus, declare that deliberately and for her account they have leased to Evert Pels the farm situated on the North river, heretofore used by Egbert Woutersz, as large and as small as the land cultivated by him may be. It is expressly stipulated that the term of the lease shall begin on the first of May anno 1652 and end on the first of May anno 1654. The lessors are bound to deliver with the farm two mares, one filly, a one-year old stallion, two milch cows, and one heifer with calf, all sound and able, which animals, having been delivered, shall be at the common risk of the lessors and the lessee, so that the lessee at the expiration of the term of the lease shall be bound to restore the number of animals received, both as to quantity and quality, to the lessors, and the increase which by God's blessing shall then be found to have been bred from the animals the parties shall divide half and half, it being understood that the number of animals first delivered by the lessors shall first be deducted and received by them. Furthermore, if it should happen, which God prevent, that during the term of the lease one or more horses or cows came to die and the increase were not sufficient to restore the number of cattle received complete as to quantity and quality, the lessee and the lessors shall each bear half the loss of the cattle that died and the lessee not be obliged to make compensation for more than the

half thereof Furthermore, there shall be delivered with the farm two plowshares For rent of the said farm house and dwelling house and the land that heretofore has been used in connection with it, Evert Pels shall yearly on the first day of May anno 1653 pay the sum of two hundred and twenty-five guilders and thirty pounds of butter for hire of the cows annually

The lessee shall have the choice to build a house on the aforesaid land, which house and everything pertaining to it shall be at the expense, upkeep and risk of the lessee, and at the expiration of the lease the lessors shall be bound to take over the house and pay the lessee according to appraisal by impartial persons and both parties shall be content therewith. It is also stipulated that the lessee is bound to put at his expense a new roof on the present house and to keep this roof-tight, for which he may deduct the first year's rent, except the 30 pounds of butter, which the lessee shall pay the first year without anything more and without being bound afterwards to pay the rent of the year 1652; and for his trouble and the disbursement of money needed for the new house, the lessee shall, when he undertakes to do that, yearly be entitled to deduct from his promised rent one hundred and twenty-five guilders, which at the expiration of the lease shall avail the lessors in payment for the dwelling house which Pels shall have built, so that in such case the lessee remains bound to pay one hundred guilders and the 30 pounds of butter during the remaining five years.

The lessee promises and agrees at his expense to fence in and keep tight the land in the way that is best and most profitable to him and at the expiration of the lease, which will be on the first May anno 1658, to deliver up the land tightly and substantially fenced off for cattle.

The lessee shall be held properly to seed the land with good grain and in the year 1658 to deliver the same seeded to the lessors, provided that the lessee shall be paid therefor by the lessors as much as impartial persons shall appraise the grain which shall stand in the field. The lessee shall during the term of the lease also have the use of the valey near Dominee's hoeck, to cut hay

Which contract we on both sides hereby confirm by these our signatures in the presence of Johannes Chrisman and Adriaen van Tienhoven, as witnesses hereto invited, this day, the first of November anno 1651, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Govert Loockermans

Pieter Hertgers

Hans Kiersteede

Evert Pels

Andreas Johannis Christman

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Tienhoven, Secretary

Power of attorney from the curators of the estate of Pieter Anthony, deceased, to Frans Barentsen to dispose of Pieter Anthony's property at Fort Orange

[98a] Before mé, Adreas Johannis Christman, clerk appointed here, appeared Mr. Cornelis van Steenwyck and Pieter Stoutenburch, curators of the estate of Pieter Anthony, deceased, who declared that they had appointed and empowered, as they hereby do appoint and empower, Frans Barentsen, who at the first opportunity is to move from here to Fort Orange to reside there and who in the name and on behalf of the principals is to inquire in all proper ways and manner whether there are any goods there belonging to the estate of the aforesaid Pieter Anthony, deceased, that are to be sold, or, if they have been sold, whether there are any outstanding debts there, in which case he is to demand and collect these, to execute a discharge for the receipt and to warrant against further claims; if possible, to do this in love and friendship, or otherwise by means of judicial proceedings, to appear before all courts and judges, and to proceed there against the debtors of the curators either as plaintiff or defendant; which power of attorney we, the undersigned, in the capacity as above, by these our signatures declare to be and to hold firm and binding, in the presence of Johan Schutt and Hendrijck Bierman, witnesses hereto invited, this day, the 6th of November anno 1651, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland. By order of the Hon. Director General Petrus Stuyvesant executed before me, the above mentioned clerk.

Pieter Stoutenburch

Cornelis v: Steenwijck

Jan Schut

The mark X of

Hendrijck Bierman

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Johannes Christman, Clerk

Power of attorney from Hermanus Hartogh to Adriaen Keyser to
collect certain debts of Pieter Anthony and Jan Schnediger

[98b] Before me, Andries Johannis Christman, appointed clerk, appeared at the office of the secretary of New Netherland Hermanus Hartogh from Amsterdam, who declared that he had appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, Mr. Adriaen Keyser in his name to collect and receive all such documents and moneys as are due to him, Hartogh, from Pieter Anthony and Jan Schnediger; to execute a discharge for the receipt and to warrant against further claims; if possible to do so in love and friendship, or otherwise by means of judicial proceedings; to appear before all courts and judges and there to proceed against the debtors of the said Hartogh, whether as plaintiff or defendant, in form and style according to law. Which power of attorney I, the undersigned, as above written, by this my signature declare to be and to hold firm and binding, in the presence of Bastiaen de Winter and Johannis Keyser, as witnesses hereto invited, this day, the 25th of December 1651, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Hermanes Hartoch

Bastelaen de Winter

J Keyser

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Joh. Christman, Clerk

Contract of sale from Cornelis Dircksen Hoochlandt to Cornelis de Potter of a lot, house and barn on Long Island near the ferry

[99a] On this day, the fourth of January anno 1652, before me, Andries Johannis Christman, [clerk] appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Dirricksen, ferryman, of the first part, and Mr. Cornelis de Pottere, of the second part, who in the presence of the below mentioned witnesses declared that they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain piece of land on the conditions hereinafter written.

Cornelis Dirricksen sells to Mr. Cornelis de Pottere, who hereby also declared that he has bought, a certain parcel of land, surveyed and situated on Long Island, at the ferry, next to Herry Breser, granted to him by the Hon. Director General Willem Kieft, as appears by the patent dated April 28, 1643, and now surveyed for Claes van Elslant on the 9th of November 1651, being in width on the strand or the north side 39 rods, in length from the strand toward the woods to the marked tree, being the east side, 63 rods; again to the strand, being the west side, 96 rods, the surveyed piece of land forming a triangle, containing

in all 2 morgens and 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ rods; together with the house, barn and everything that appertains thereto, as appears by the fence now standing, all for the sum of two thousand guilders in good merchantable seawan, it being expressly stipulated that the aforesaid sum is to be paid in four instalments, to wit, the first instalment is to be paid cash; the second payment the first of May 1652; the third payment the first of May 1653, and the fourth and last payment the first of May 1654, so that then the aforesaid two thousand guilders shall have been satisfied without any exception. The seller hereby cedes all title and claim of ownership of the aforesaid land and house to and for the behoof of Mr. Cornelis de Pottere or his successor from now on and forever, promising that he will free the same from all trouble and claim thereto to be made by any one in the world, and both parties promising that they will hold this their agreement, sale and conveyance firm and binding and that they will observe and fulfil the same under submission to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties, together with the Hon. Fiscal Henricus van Dyck and Claes van Elslant, as witnesses hereto invited, on the date above written.

Coernelis Diercksen Hoochlandt

Cornelis de Potter

Quod attestor:

H. van Dyck

Claes van Elslant

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Johannis Christman, Clerk

On the 29th of January 1652, the above deed and conveyance was approved by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland and in witness thereof signed by the honorable director, president

Amst. Fiat transport

P. Stuyvesant vid.^t

Contract of sale from Cornelis Dircksen Hoochlandt to Cornelis de Potter of a parcel of land on Long Island and a house and lot in Breuckelen

[99b] On this day, the fourth of January anno 1652, before me, Andries Johannis Christman, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Cornelis Dirricksen, ferryman, of the first part, and Mr. Cornelis de Pottere, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain parcel of land on the conditions hereinafter written.

Cornelis Dirricksen sells to Mr. Cornelis de Pottere who also acknowledges that he has bought, a certain piece of land situated on Long Island, behind the land granted to him by the Hon. Director General Willem Kieft, deceased, as appears from the patent dated 1643, further situated between the land of Herry Breser and another parcel of land stretching along the valley

of said Herry to the aforesaid parcel and thence through the woods and the maize land to the boundary of Claes Meutelaer, W. by North and W.N.W situated between both, 172 rods and further as large or small as appears by the patent, granted under date of the 12th of September 1645 by the Hon. Willem Kieft, deceased, for the behoof of Cornelis Dirrcksen, in width in the rear in the woods to the said Herry, N.E. by East, 59 rods, thence along to maize land to the valley, S.E. by East, 109 rods, amounting in all to 12 morgens 157 rods; together with a certain house standing in Breuckelen, next to Pieter Cornelissen's lot, with such lot as has been staked off and belongs thereto, and this together for the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty guilders in good current seawan or wheat, to be paid in six instalments, to wit, on six successive first of May days, the first just sixth part to be paid on the first of May 1652, and so further from year to year, until the sum aforesaid has been paid to the seller, without any longer delay of payment of the entire sum than the first of May 1657. The seller hereby cedes his right and claim of ownership of the aforesaid land and house to and for the behoof of Mr. de Pottere aforesaid or those who may acquire his title from now and forever, and promises to free the same from all trouble and claims which any one in the world may make thereto, the parties promising that they will hold this their contract firm and binding and will fulfil and carry out the same under submission [of their persons and properties] to all courts and judges In

testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and by H. van Dyck and Claes van Elslant as witnesses hereto invited. Actum, the 4th of January 1652.

Rogatus:

Coernelis [Di]ereksen Hoochlandt

H. van Dyck

Cornelis d[e] Pottere

Claes van Elslant

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Johannis Christman, Clerk

[In the margin was written:]

On the 29th of January anno 1652, the above deed and conveyance was approved by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland. In witness whereof signed by the honorable director, president.

Amsterdam, fiat transport

P. Stuyvesant, vidit

Contract of sale from Jan Haes to Cornelis de Pottere of a certain parcel of land on the west hook of Rechkewick on the East river

[100a] On this day, the fourth of January anno 1652, before me, Andries Johan Christman, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Jan Haas, of the first part, and Mr. Cornelis de Pottere, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain piece of land on the conditions hereinafter written.

Jan Haes sells to Mr. Cornelis de Pottere, who hereby also acknowledges that he has bought a certain parcel of land situated on the west hook of Rechkewick on the East river, stretching from the land of Fredrick Lubbertsen east southeast and southeast by east to the valley eighty rods, and further as large or small as appears by the patent granted under date of April 2, 1647, by the Hon. Director Willem Kieft to and for the behoof of Jan de Haes, with all that the seller has thereon and that belongs to him, for the sum of once nine hundred guilders, cash, in good merchantable seewan. The seller hereby cedes his right to and claim of ownership of the aforesaid land for the behoof of Mr. Cornelis de Pottere or those who may acquire his right from now on and forever and promises to free the same from all trouble and claim which any one in the world may make thereto, the parties promising to hold this their agreement, sale and conveyance firm and binding and to fulfil and carry out the same under submission [of their persons and properties] to all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties. Actum ut supra.

This is the mark I H of Jan Haes,
made by himself
Cornelis de Potter

Rogatus:

H. van Dyck

Claes van Elslant

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Jo^{is} Christman, Clerk

On the 29th of January anno 1652, the above written deed and conveyance was approved by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland. In witness whereof signed by the honorable director general, president

Amsterdam, fiat transport

P. Stuyvesant, vidit

Deed from Pieter Linde to Barent Jansen of twenty morgens of land on the shore of Long Island

[100b] On this day, the twenty-ninth of January anno 1652, before me, Andries Johannis Christman, [clerk] appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Pieter Linde, of the first part, and Barent Janssen, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain piece of land, on the conditions hereinafter written.

Pieter Linde has sold to Barent Janssen, who also acknowledges that he has bought and paid for a certain piece of land, containing twenty morgens, stretching about south-east one hundred and ninety rods toward the woods to Sassian's maize land, along the edge of the said maize land fifty rods, back to the strand two hundred and twenty rods, about north north-west somewhat northerly, and along the strand seventy rods; which aforesaid land is situated on Long Island between Andries Hudden and Claes Janssen Ruytter's land, and further as large or small as appears by the patent granted under date of September 11, 1642,

by the Hon. Director Willem Kieft, deceased, to and for the behoof of Pieter Linde. The seller hereby cedes his right and title to the aforesaid land to the aforesaid Barent Janssen or those who may acquire his right from now on and forever, and promises to free the same from all trouble and claim which any one in the world may make thereto, the parties promising that they will hold this their agreement, sale and conveyance firm and binding and that they will observe and carry out the same, under submission [of their persons and properties] to all courts and judges In testimony whereof they have signed this with Jochim Beeckman and Abraham Rycken, as witnesses hereto invited.
Datum ut supra, Manhatans in New Netherland

Pieter Lijnde

This is the mark B I: of Barent Janssen,
 made by himself

This is the mark X of Abraham Rycken,
 made by himself

This is the mark I. B of Jo[c]hum Beeckman,
 made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Jo^{is}: Christman, Clerk

On the 29th of January anno 1652, this above written deed and conveyance was approved by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland. In witness whereof signed by the honorable director general, president. Amst[erdam].

Contract of sale from Abraham Rycken to Jochum Beeckman of a lot
on the Heeregraft on Manhattan Island

[101] On this day, the twenty-ninth of January anno 1652, before me, Andries Johannis Christman, [clerk] appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Abram Rycken, of the first part, and Jochum Beeckman, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain lot on the conditions hereinafter written.

Abraham Rycken sells to Jochum Beeckman, who also acknowledges that he has bought, a certain lot situated on the Heeregraft on the island of Manhatans, measured off from the lot heretofore granted by the Hon. Director Willem Kieft to Abraham Rycken, being in width on the graft, to wit, on the west side, three rods, on the north side three rods, in the rear, on the east side, next to Harck Syboutsen's lot, three rods, seven and a half feet, between both, to wit, between Abraham Rycken and Jochum Beeckman, three rods, five feet, for the sum of one hundred guilders in current seawan, to be paid in two payments, to wit, one hundred guilders cash and the remaining fifty guilders on September 24, 1652. The seller hereby cedes his right and title to the aforesaid measured off lot to the behoof of Jochum Beeckman or his successor, from now on forever, promising to free the same from all trouble and claim which any one in the world may make thereto. The parties promise to hold this their agreement, sale and conveyance firm and binding and to observe and carry out the same, under submission

[of their persons and properties] to all courts and judges In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and by Adriaen Hegeman and Jan Gerritsen S[c]hmitt, as witnesses hereto invited, datum ut supra.

This is the X mark of Abraham Aycken,
made by himself

This is the I.B mark of Jochum Beeckman,
made by himself

Adriaen Hegeman

This is the X mark of Jan Gerritsen
Schmit, made by himself

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Johannis Christman, Clerk

Contract of sale from Jacobus van Curler to Wilhelm Beeckman
of Corlaers Hoeck on Manhattan Island

[102a] On this day, the twenty-second of February anno 1652, before me, Andries Johannes Cristma[n], appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Jacobus van Corlaer, of the first part, and Mr. Willem Beeckman, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that they had agreed and contracted with each other about the purchase of a certain parcel of land, situated on the East river and called Corlaers Hoeck, with his plantation and hook lying on the island of Manhatans, called in

the Indian tongue Nechtanck, adjoining the said plantation, with the perpetual rent charges thereon, for the sum of forty-five hundred guilders, as appears by the contract of sale, provided that the seller shall be bound to pay the rent charges which are now due. The seller hereby cedes his right and title to the aforesaid surveyed land to and for the behoof of Willem Beeckman or his successor from now on forever, promising to free the same from all trouble and claim which any one in the world may make thereto. The parties promise to hold this their contract of sale and conveyance firm and binding and to observe and carry out the same, all under binding obligation according to law. In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by the parties and the witnesses, on the day above written, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, anno 1652.

Jacobus van Curler

Wilh: Beeckman

F. Fijn

Adriaen Hegeman

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Jo^{1s} Christmen, Clerk

On the 4th of March this above written deed was approved by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland. In witness whereof signed by the honorable director general, president, in N. Amst.

Contract of sale from Jochim Pietersen Kuyter to Pieter Wolphertsen
van Couwenhoven of a lot on Manhattan Island

[102b] On this day, the 4th of March sixteen hundred and fifty-two, before me, Andries Johannis Christman, appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, and before the undersigned witnesses appeared Mr. Joachim Pieters Cuyter, of the first part, and Pieter Wolpherss van Couwenhooven of the second part, both residing here on the island of Manahatas, who acknowledged, the aforesaid Jochim Pieterss Cuyter that he had sold and he, Couwenhooven, that he had bought of him, a certain lot belonging to the seller, in length and in width according to the patent thereof, dated 14th of November sixteen hundred and fifty, situated here on the island of Manahetans aforesaid, to the eastward of the house of Cors Pieterss and north of Pearl street and that with the stone (Clipsteen) lying thereon, and with such liens and rights as the seller according to the said patent has possessed the same until this date. For the purchase of which aforesaid lot the buyer promises to pay to the seller the sum of four hundred and seventy-five guilders in good current payment with which merchants and laborers can be paid and that in two instalments, one just half now at the execution of this instrument and the remaining half in the month of May next ensuing, when the conveyance of the aforesaid lot will take place before the honorable director general and council, and all this in free money. Therefore, the seller promises to deliver the aforesaid lot to the buyer and to free the same from all trouble and claim thereto, saving the lord's right, according

to the patent as above, under general submission of his person and property For the observance and execution of all that is hereinbefore written the buyer and the seller, each as far as he is concerned, bind their persons and properties, without any exception, submitting the same to all courts and judges, in good faith. Thus done and executed at the secretary's office at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, in the presence of Frantsois Fijn and Pieter Jacobs Marius, as witnesses hereto invited, and signed by them together with the parties, datum ut supra; and for further confirmation this conveyance is sealed and paraphed in the presence of Mr. La Montagne and Brian Newton, as a committee from the council, the seal of the province in red wax being affixed thereto.

Jochiem P. Kuyter

Pieter Wolversen

F Fijn

Pieter Jacobsz Marius

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Johannis Christman, Clerk

On the 4th of March the above written conveyance was approved by the honorable director general and council and in witness thereof signed by the honorable director general, president N: Amst.

La Montagne

Copy - 5 May

Brian Newton

Power of attorney from Joris Scholte to Bartholomeus Lantsiel
to receive money due him from the West India Company

[103a] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Andries Johannes Christman, clerk appointed by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, appeared Jooris Scholte, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he had appointed and empowered, as he does [appoint and empower] hereby, Bartelmeus Lantsiel, to collect, solicit, demand and receive in the name of him, the principal, from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, at the chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of three hundred and fifty-five guilders, eight stivers, earned by the principal in the service of their honors on the island of Curacao, as appears by the accompanying accounts. Which sum being received by the attorney, he shall execute a discharge for the receipt, which shall be valid, and further do and perform in all matters as the principal, if he himself were present, might or could do, even though the matter should require more ample and more special power than is herein mentioned, the principal promising that he shall hold firm and binding whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by the said Bartelmeus Lantsiel. Thus done and the original minute hereof in the protocol signed by [the principal] and the witnesses hereto invited. Actum this 5th of March anno 1652, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jooris Schoolt

J Monjeer de Lamontangne Junior, witness

Adrien van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Johannis Christman, Clerk

Power of attorney from Willem Clock to Harmen Hendricksen to receive money due to him from the West India Company

[103b] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Andrias Johannes Christman, clerk appointed by the honorable director and council of New Netherland, appeared Willem Clock, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he had appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, Harmen Hendricksen to collect, solicit, demand and receive in the name of the principal from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, at the chamber at Amsterdam, the sum of one hundred and seventy-seven guilders, eight stivers and 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ pennies, earned by the said principal in the service of their honors on the island of Curaçao, as appears by the accompanying accounts. Which sum being received by the attorney, he shall execute a discharge for the receipt, which shall be valid, and further do and perform in all matters as he, the principal, if he himself were present, might or could do, even though the matter should require more ample and more special power than is mentioned herein. The principal promises that he shall hold and cause to be held firm, binding and irrevocable whatever shall be done and transacted in the matter aforesaid by the said Harmen Hendricksen. Thus done and the original minute hereof in the protocol signed by [the principal]

and the witnesses hereto invited. Actum this 6th of March anno 1652, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of Willem Clock,
made by himself

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Andries Jo^{1s} Christman, Clerk

Contract of sale from Jacob Leendersen, as attorney for Frederick Lubbertsen, to Jan Hendricksen Stelman of a parcel of land on the East river¹

[105a] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Andrias Johannes Christman, clerk appointed by the honorable director general and council of New Netherland, appeared Jacob Leendersz, as attorney for his father-in-law, Frederick Lubbertsen, of the first part, and Jan Hendricksen Stelman, of the second part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged [that they had agreed and contracted with each other] about the purchase of a certain parcel of land situated on the East river, between the land of Herry Breser and that of Eduwaert Wilcock, containing fifteen morgens and fifty-two rods, as appears from the patent thereof signed by the Hon. Willem Kieft, late director, under date of the fourth of September anno 1645, and that for the sum of four hundred and fifty guilders. The seller hereby cedes his right and title to the aforesaid surveyed land to and for the behoof of Jan Hendrickssen Stelman or his successor from now on and forever, and the seller, Jacob Leendersen, promises to free

¹ Revised from Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:163.

the same from all trouble and claim which any one in the world may make thereto. The parties promise to hold this their purchase, contract [of sale] and conveyance firm and binding and to observe and carry out the same, binding themselves thereto according to law In testimony whereof this is signed in the record by the parties and the witnesses thereto invited, this 7th of March anno 1652, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Jacob Leendersen vande Grift

Jan Hendryckse Stelman

Adriaen van Tienhoven, witness

Paulus Schreck, testatur.

Fiat transport, as we on the part of the Company

hereby relinquish the right of seizure.

P. Stuyvesant

Deed from Dirck van Schelluyne, attorney for Lubbert van Dincklagen, to Jan Schryver of a lot on Manhattan Island

[105b] On this day, date underwritten, before us, the director general and council, residing in New Netherland in the name of the High and Mighty lords the States General of the United Netherlands and the honorable directors of the chartered West India Company, appeared Dirrick van Schelluyne, notary, as attorney of Mr. Lubbert van Dincklagen, who in the capacity aforesaid in the name and on behalf of the said Dincklagen grants, conveys and turns over to and for the behoof of Jan S[c]hryver, master tailor, at present a

resident of this city of New Amsterdam a lot situated on the west side of the main highway (groote heerewech) on the island of Manhatans, éxtending in length 7 7/12 rods, in width in front on the street 4 rods 7 inches, being a part of the land conveyed to him, Dincklagen, aforesaid on the 29th of April A^O 1649, by Cornelis Groesens,¹ who obtained title thereto by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland. The aforesaid Dirrick van Schelluyne declared that he conveyed and transferred the said lot in true and lawful ownership to the aforesaid Jan S[c]hryver, his heirs and successors, with all such servitudes and rights of ownership as Lubbert van Dincklagen has held and possessed the same, wherefore he, Dirrick van Schelluyne, in his capacity aforesaid, relinquishes all right, title or interest which the aforesaid Dincklagen may or could claim in and to the said lot; promising, therefore, to hold this deed firm, binding, inviolable and irrevocable according to custom and style of law, all under submission [of his person and property] as by law provided. Thus done, conveyed, sealed and paraphed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of April anno 1652.

D. V Schelluyne
1652

La Montagne

Brian Newton

¹ Intended for Cornelis Croesens

Power of attorney from Cornelis Jacobsen van Steenwyck and Pieter Stoutenburgh, administrators of the estate of Pieter Anthony, to [] to settle the affairs of his estate at Fort Orange¹

[106a] At the office of the secretary of [New Netherland] appeared Cornelis Jacobsen van Steenwyck [and] Pieter Stoutenborg, being [appointed] by the honorable director general [of New Netherland to settle] the insolvent estate of Pieter Anthony, [deceased, who declared that they had] appointed and empowered, as they hereby do [appoint and empower], the worthy Mr. [

], who at the first opportunity and with God's help is to transport himself [to Fort Orange or] elsewhere, in order in their name and[on their behalf] to inquire there about the out[standing debts of the] aforesaid Pieter Anthony, deceased, and the same [in all ways] and manner to demand and [collect and] to execute [a discharge for] the receipt, and fu[rther to do whatever is necessary], if possible in all love and friendship [but otherwise by] means of judicial proceedings, to appear bef[ore the court and ju]dges and there to proceed against the debtors of the curators, whether as plaintiff or defendant, which power of attorney we, the undersigned, in the capacity above written, hereby by our signatures declare to be and to be held by us firm and binding. Manhatens, this 12th of April A^o 1652.

Cornelis v: Steenwyck

Pieter Stoutenburgh

¹ Confer power of attorney to Frans Barentsen, dated Nov. 6, 1651, in [98a].

By order of the honorable director general executed
before me,

Andreas Jo^{1s} Christman, Clerk

Patent to François Soleil and François Grion of land on Mespath
kill, L.I.¹

[106b] Petrus Stuyvesant, director general, and the council residing in New Netherland for the High and Mighty lords the States General of the United Netherlands, his Highness of Orange and the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, hereby acknowledge that on this day, date underwritten, we have given and granted to [Fran]tsoys Soillel and Frans Grion dit La Cappel a plantation containing fifty morgens, situated on Mespachtes kill, with the valley thereto belonging, on the express condition and stipulation that above named Frantsois Soillel and Frans Grion and their assigns shall acknowledge the honorable directors as their lords and patroons under the sovereignty of their High Mightinesses the States General of the United Netherlands and here obey their director and council as good inhabitants are bound to do, and further submit themselves to all such duties and taxes as are already imposed or may hereafter be imposed by their honors Therefore constituting the above named Frantsois Soillel and Frans Grion, or their assigns, in our stead, real and actual possession of the aforesaid plantation

¹ Revised from Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N.Y., 14:165.

and valley, hereby giving them full power and authority and special command to enter upon, occupy, cultivate and make use of the aforesaid land and valley as they might do with other their patrimonial lands and effects, we, the grantors, in the capacity aforesaid, relinquishing everything henceforth and forever; further promising to hold this conveyance firm, binding, inviolable and irrevocable and to observe and fulfil the same, all under submission as by law provided. In testimony whereof this is signed by us the [] of April A^o. 1652, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, and confirmed with our seal.

Deed from Dirck van Schelluyne, attorney of Lubbert van Dincklagen, to Claes Hendricksen of a lot on Manhattan Island

[106c] On this day, date underwritten, before us, the director general and council, residing in New Netherland in the name of the High and Mighty lords the States General of the United Netherland and the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, appeared Dirrick van Schelluyne, notary, as attorney of Mr. Lubbert van Dincklagen, who in the capacity aforesaid in the name and on behalf of the said Dincklage grants, conveys and turns over to and for the behoof of Claes Hendricksen, carpenter, at present a resident of this city of New Amsterdam, a lot situated on the west side of the main highway (groote heerenwegh) on the island of Manhatans, adjoining on the north Isaac Greveraet and on the south Jan Schryver, in width 4 and 7/12 rods and in length 7 and 7/10 rods,¹ being a part of the land

¹ Thus in the original. Probably intended for 7 and 7/12 rods.

conveyed to him, Dincklagen, aforesaid on the 29th of April A^o. 1649, by Cornelis Croesens, who obtained title thereto by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland. The aforesaid Dirrick van Schelluyne declared that he conveyed and transferred the said lot in true and lawful ownership to the aforesaid Claes Heyndrixen, his heirs and successors, with all such right and title of ownership as Lubbert van Dincklaagen has held and possessed the same, wherefore he, Dirrick van Schelluyne, in the capacity aforesaid, relinquishes all right, title and interest which the aforesaid Dincklagen may or could claim in and to the aforesaid lot; promising therefore to hold this deed firm, binding, unbreakable and irrevocable according to custom and style of law, all under submission of his person and property as by law provided. Thus done, conveyed, sealed and paraphed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of April anno 1652.

D. V. Schelluyne
1652

La Montagne

Brian Newton

Deed from Dirck van Schelluyne, attorney for Lubbert van Dincklagen, to Claes Hendriks of a lot on Manhattan Island. ¹

[106d] On this date, written below, there appeared before us the director general and council residing in New Netherland on behalf of their High Mightinesses the States General and the

¹ Translated by Robert Van Niel.

honorable directors of the chartered West India Company, Dirrick van Schelluyne, notary, having the power of attorney from Mr. Lubbert van Dincklagen, who, in the aforementioned capacity, in the name and on behalf of the said Dincklagen grants, conveys and turns over to and for the use of Isaac Grevenraet, at present a resident of this city of New Amsterdam, a lot situated on the west side of the main highway (groote heerenwegh) on the island of Manhattan, adjacent on the north to the cross street and on the south Claes Hendriks, carpenter, and to the west Mr. Dincklagen; in length 7 $\frac{7}{12}$ rods, in width fronting on the main highway 4 rods 7 thumbs [a thumb is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ centimeters], being a part of the land conveyed to Dincklagen on the 29th of April A^o 1649, by Cornelis Crusens, who had obtained title thereto by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland. The aforesaid Dirrick van Schelluyne declared that he conveyed and transferred the said lot in true and lawful ownership to the aforesaid Isaac Grevenraet, his heirs and successors with all such right and title of ownership as Lubbert van Dincklagen has held and possessed the same, for which Dirrick van Schelluyne in the abovementioned capacity, relinquishes all right, title and interest which the aforesaid Dincklagen may or could claim in and to the aforesaid lot; promising therefore to hold this transfer as firmly binding, unbreakable and irrevocable according to custom and to the laws existing in these matters. Thus done, conveyed, sealed and initialed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherlands the 2nd of April anno 1652.

D. V. Schelluyne

1652

La Montagne

Brian Newton

Deed from Dirck van Schelluyne, attorney for Lubbert van Dincklagen, to Hendryck Gerritsen, of a lot on Manhattan Island. ¹

[107a] On this date, written below, there appeared before us the director general and council residing in New Netherland on behalf of their High Mightinesses the States General and the honorable directors of the chartered West India Company, Dirrick van Schelluyne, notary, having the power of attorney from Mr. Lubbert van Dincklagen, who, in the aforementioned capacity, in the name and on behalf of the said Dincklagen grants, conveys and turns over to and for the use of Hendryck Gerritsen, tailor, at present a resident of this city of New Amsterdam, a lot situated on the west side of the main highway (groote heerenwegh) on the island of Manhattan, stretching into the cross street from the main highway to the shore of the North River, adjacent on the north to the aforementioned cross street, on the east Mr. Dincklagen, and to the south Jacob Swart; in length 10 rods, in width 4 rods 7 thumbs [a thumb is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ centimeters], being a part of the land conveyed to Dincklagen on the 29th of April A^o 1649, by Cornelis Crusens, who had obtained title thereto by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland. The aforesaid Dirrick van Schelluyne declared that he conveyed and transferred the said lot in true and lawful ownership to the aforesaid Hendryck Gerritsen, tailor, his heirs and successors with all such right and title of ownership as Lubbert van Dincklagen has held and possessed the same, for which Dirrick van Schelluyne in the abovementioned capacity, relinquishes all right title and

¹ Translated by Robert Van Niel.

interest which the aforesaid Dincklagen may or could claim in and to the aforesaid lot; promising therefore to hold this transfer as firmly binding, unbreakable and irrevocable according to custom and to the laws existing in these matters Thus done, conveyed, sealed and initialed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherlands the 2nd of April anno 1652.

D. V Schelluyne

1652

La Montagne

Brian Newton

Deed from Dirck van Schelluyne, attorney for Lubbert van Dincklagen, to Jacob Schwart, of a lot on Manhattan Island. ¹

[107b] On this date, written below, there appeared before us the director general and council residing in New Netherland on behalf of their High Mightinesses the States General and the honorable directors of the chartered West India Company, Dirrick van Schelluyne, notary, having the power of attorney from Mr Lubbert van Dincklagen, who, in the aforementioned capacity, in the name and on behalf of the said Dincklagen grants, conveys and turns over to and for the use of Jacob Schwart, carpenter, at present a resident of this city of New Amsterdam, a lot situated on the west side of the main highway (groote heerenwegh) on the island of Manhattan; in length 10 rods, in width 8 rods minus $\frac{1}{2}$ foot, adjoining on the north, Hendryck Gerritsen, tailor, on the east Mr. Dincklagen, on the south the honorable Company's

¹ Translated by Robert Van Niel.

garden, and on the west the bank of the North River, being a part of the land conveyed to Dincklagen on the 29th of April A^o 1649, by Cornelis Crusens, who had obtained title thereto by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland. The aforesaid Dirrick van Schelluyne declared that he conveyed and transferred the said lot in true and lawful ownership to the aforesaid Jacob Schwart, his heirs and successors, with all such right and title of ownership as Lubbert van Dincklagen has held and possessed the same, for which Dirrick van Schelluyne in the above-mentioned capacity, relinquishes all right title and interest which the aforesaid Dincklagen may or could claim in and to the aforesaid lot; promising therefore to hold this transfer as firmly binding, unbreakable and irrevocable according to custom and to the laws existing in these matters Thus done, conveyed, sealed and initialed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland the 2nd of April anno 1652.

D. V Schelluyne

1652

La Montagne

Brian Newton

Deed from Dirck van Schelluyne, attorney for Lubbert van Dincklagen, to Dirck van Schelluyne, of a lot on Manhattan Island. ¹

[108a] On this date, written below, there appeared before us the director general and council residing in New Netherland on behalf of their High Mightinesses the States General and the

¹ Translated by Robert Van Niel.

honorable directors of the chartered West India Company, Dirrick van Schelluyne, notary, having the power of attorney from Mr. Lubbert van Dincklagen, who, in the aforementioned capacity, in the name and on behalf of the said Dincklagen grants, conveys and turns over to Schelluyne, notary, himself, at present a resident of the city New Amsterdam, a lot situated on the west side of the main highway (groote heerenwegh) on the island of Manhattan; in length ten rods, and in width along the main highway 12 rods less $\frac{1}{2}$ tenth ² part, adjacent on the north to the heirs of Jan Damen, on the south the cross street, and on the west Mr. Dincklagen, being a part of the land conveyed to Dincklagen on the 29th of April A^o. 1649, by Cornelis Crusens, who had obtained title thereto by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland. The aforesaid Dirrick van Schelluyne declared that he conveyed and transferred the said lot in true and lawful ownership to himself, his heirs and successors with all such right and title of ownership as Lubbert van Dincklagen has held and possessed the same, for which Dirrick van Schelluyne in the abovementioned capacity, relinquishes all right title and interest which the aforesaid Dincklagen may or could claim in and to the aforesaid lot; promising therefore to hold this transfer as firmly binding, unbreakable and irrevocable according to custom and to the laws existing in these matters Thus done, conveyed, sealed and initialed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland the 2nd of April anno 1652.

D. V Schelluyne

1652

La Montagne

Brian Newton

² The word tenth is crossed out.

Deed from Hendrick Gerritsen to Aucke Jansen of a house and lot on the West side of the Great Highway on Manhattan

[108b] On this day, date underwritten, before us, the director general and council, residing in New Netherland in the name of the High and Mighty lords the States General of the United Netherlands and the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, appeared Hendrijck Gerritsen, tailor, who grants, conveys and turns over to and for the behoof of Aucke Jans, carpenter, both at present residents of this city of New Amsterdam, a lot with the house standing thereon, situated on the west side of the main highway (groote heerenwegh) on the island of Manahatas, as large as appears by the bill of survey written by Claes van Elslant, being in width four rods and in length three rods and $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet, being a part of the land conveyed to him, Hendrijck Gerritsen aforesaid, in the year 165[] by Dirrick van Schelluyne as attorney for L. van Dincklagen, who had obtained his title thereto by patent from the honorable director and council of New Netherland, which aforesaid lot and house the above mentioned Hendrijck Gerritsen declared he conveyed and transferred in true and lawful ownership to the aforesaid Aucke Jansz, his heirs and successors, with all such right and title of ownership as Lubbert van Dincklagen has owned and possessed the same, wherefore he, Hendrick Gerritsen aforesaid, relinquishes all ownership, right or claim which the aforesaid Dincklage or he, Hendrick Gerritsen, may have or could claim in and to the aforesaid lot He, Hendrick Gerritsen, also acknowledges and declares that he has received the payment for the aforesaid lot in full and therefore promises that he will hold

this deed firm, binding, irrevocable and unbreakable, according to custom and style of law, all under binding obligation as provided by law. Thus done, conveyed, sealed and paraphed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 12th of January anno 1653.

Hijndrick Griirs

Auke Yansen

Hindrick Egbers

Joost Tonis v Norden

} witnesses

Deed from Frederick Lubbertsen to Albert Cornelissen of a lot in the Smith's valley at New Amsterdam

[109a] On this day, date underwritten, before us, the director general and council, residing in New Netherland in the name of their High Mightinesses the lords States General of the United Netherlands, and the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, appeared Fredrich Lubbertszen, burgher and inhabitant here, who declared that he had transferred and conveyed, as he does hereby transfer and convey, to Albert Cornelissen a certain lot in the Smits valley, on the 3d of June measured off from his lot by Claes van Elslant, on the east side of the lot of Fredrigh Lubbertsen, in width on the east side $3\frac{1}{2}$ rods and 0 feet, in the rear $3\frac{1}{2}$ rods, including one-half of the ditch, in length $16\frac{1}{2}$ rods, $\frac{1}{2}$ foot, with all such right and title of ownership as he, Fredrich Lubbertsen, has owned and possessed the same. He, Fredrich Lubbertsen, therefore relinquishes all right and title which he might or could in any wise claim to the aforesaid lot, further promising

therefore to hold this deed and conveyance firm, binding and irrevocable and to observe and fulfil the same, submitting his person and property, all under binding obligation as by law provided. Thus done, conveyed, sealed and paraphed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 3d of June anno 1652.

Frederijck Lubbertsen

La Montagne

Brian Newton

Deed from Jan Laurensen Appel to Johannes Hardenbergh of a house, lot and garden on Manhattan Island

[109b] On this day, date underwritten, before us, the director general and council, residing in New Netherland in the name of their High Mightinesses the lords States General of the United Netherlands, and the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Jan Laurissen Appel and declared that he had transferred and conveyed to Johannes Hardenbergh, merchant at Amsterdam, as he does hereby by virtue of the deed and the power of attorney granted to him under date of the 12th of December anno 1651, by Notary Hendrick Schaaff at Amsterdam, a certain lot, house and garden situated on the island of Manhatans, in width, length, etc., as appears from the patent thereof granted to Pieter Wolphersz by the Hon. Director General Willem Kieft, deceased, under date of the 22d of April anno 1645, with all such right and title of ownership as he, Pieter Wolphers, had in and to the aforesaid lot, house and garden or possessed the same; wherefore he, Jan Laurisse Appel, relinquishes all right or title which he may have or could claim

to the said lot, house and garden, promising therefore to hold this deed firm, binding and irrevocable, to observe and fulfill the same, as provided by custom or style of law. Thus done, conveyed, sealed and paraphed in council in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 20th of June anno 1652.

Jan Louresen Appel

La Montagne

Brian Newton

Will of Egbert Woutersen and Engeltje Jans, his wife

[109c] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and fifty-two, on the twentieth of June, before me, Carel van Brugge, secretary of New Netherland, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared in the presence of Vincent Pieckes and Jan Montaigne, junior, Egbert Woutersz from Isselsteen ¹ and Engeltje Jans from Breste, ² husband and wife, residing on the island of Manhatans, who declared that they, being persons of reasonable age, ³ have considered the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour thereof. They, the testators, first commend their souls after their decease to the hands of God Almighty and their bodies to a

¹ Ysselstein, a small town in the province of Utrecht, Netherlands.

² Bredstedt, in Schleswig. Egbert Woutersen was Engeltje Jans' second husband. See John O. Evjen, Scandinavian Immigrants in New York, p. 213.

³ Luyden van Reedelijcken ouderdom; persons of advanced age.

Christian burial. Coming then to the disposal of their temporal means, effects and possessions, they, the testators, declare that as lawful husband and wife they have agreed and provided that in recompense of the faith and love shown each other the survivor of the two shall remain in full possession and ownership of all the property and effects which God Almighty has granted them in this world, without rendering to any of the relatives on either side any account, inventory or any other instrument of the property left behind, but the survivor of the two shall have the right to remain in possession thereof without any claim on the part of any of their relatives until he or she remarries. It is also agreed that if Engeltje Jans aforesaid should die first, Eckbert Woutersz shall remain in possession of all the effects left behind as aforesaid until he remarries or until his decease, and that after his death the heirs of Engeltje Jans shall inherit and may take full possession of all the goods which Eckbert Woutersz shall then at his death leave behind, both those which may have proceeded from her mother's side and those from Eckbert Woutersz' side, without being obliged to render any explanation, much less accounting or balance to the relatives or other heirs of the said Egbert Woutersz, but possess them as their own property. Furthermore, if Eckbert Woutersz happens to die, Engeltje Jans shall likewise remain in full possession and ownership of all the goods left behind by him in this country and after her death the heirs of Eckbert Woutersz shall have no right to demand or to claim anything except what is expressly stipulated, without fraud or exception. Whether the said Eckbert or his aforesaid wife,

Engeltje Jans, dies first, the property of both of them must at the survivor's death pass to the heirs of Engeltje Jans and be possessed, occupied and used by them in full ownership, provided that the heirs of Engeltje Jans shall turn over to the brother and sister of Eckbert Woutersse, residing in the United Netherlands, one hundred Carolus guilders, which are to be divided pro rata among them. They, the testators, request that the same may take place after their death before all lords, courts and judges, and they hereby revoke all previous wills, testaments, codicils or other instruments of last will heretofore made and signed by them, and especially the annuity executed under date of the 17th of February anno 1648 in New Amsterdam before Secretary van Tienhoven, declaring and holding the same to be null and void, willing and requesting that this instrument alone shall be of value and no other. Thus done and signed by the testators in the presence of the above mentioned witnesses, this day, the 20th of June anno 1653.

This is the mark X of Engeltje Jans,
made by herself

This is the mark X of Eckbert Wouters,
made by himself

Vincent Pikes and
Jan M. de Lamontangne, Junior } as witnesses

Power of attorney from Marten Barten to the wife of
Jeuriaen Andriesen

[109d] Before me, Andries Johannis Christman, appointed clerk at the secretary's office of New Netherland, appeared Marten Barten, born at Antwerp, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he had appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, [], the wife of Jeuriaen Andriesen, to collect and receive in his, Marten Barten's, behalf from the heirs of Capt. Geurt Tijssen all the principal's share and interest, by privateers commonly called payments, to which he is entitled on account of the capture of the ship called [] by the frigate; to execute a discharge for the receipt and to guard him against future claims. Thus done in good faith and for security signed by the principal in Fort Amsterdam, this 8th of July anno 1652.

This is the X mark of Martin Bartens,
made by himself

Claes van Elslant, witness

Cor: van Tienh[oven]

Agreement between Allard Anthony and Augustyn Herrman and the representative of his creditors to abide by the valuation to be placed by arbitrators on a house and lot belonging to said Herrman

[110] Mr. Allert Antony and Mr. Augustyn Herman, assisted by Mr. Cornelis de Potter, in his capacity of attorney of the creditors who have any claims against the estate or person of Mr. Augustyn, have jointly agreed and covenanted to have the honorable schepens Piter Wolphertsen and Fredrick Flipsz appraise the value and worth of the lot, house and appurtenances standing

and lying next to the Company's warehouse and they jointly submit themselves to the appraisal, promising that according to the contract made between them they will hold themselves satisfied and content therewith for the best interests of the principals on both sides. Without fraud this is signed the 8th of May 1653, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Allard Anthony

Augustin Herrman

Cornelis de Potter

Acknowledged before me,

Carel van Brugge

Appraisal by arbitrators of the house and lot of Augustyn Herrman

[111] In accordance with the agreement dated the 8th of May 1653, between Mr. Allert Antony and Augustynes Hermans, assisted by Mr. Cornelys de Potter in his capacity of agent of the creditors who have any claims against the estate or person of Augustynes Hermans, there appeared before me, Carel van Brugge, secretary of the High Council of New Netherland, the Hon. Schepen Pieter Wolpfertsen and Fredrick Phillips, as arbitrators chosen to value and appraise the stone house ¹ and lot and the appurtenances thereof, as specified in the contract dated the 8th of May. Therefore, the aforesaid arbitrators, having duly weighed and considered everything, have unanimously found that Allert Antony aforesaid shall pay him, Augustynes Harmans for the aforesaid house and lot as described in the contract the

¹ Steenen huys; which may also mean a baksteen huys, a "brick house."

sum of eight thousand and five hundred guilders. In witness whereof we have signed this Done this 12th of May A°. 1653, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Pieter Wolfersen

Freryck Flypsen

P. Cornelis van der Veen }
P. L. van die Grift } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Carel van Brugge, Secretary

Deed from Dirck van Schelluyne to Jan Pietersen Verbrugge of a lot on Manhattan Island

[112] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, secretary in New Netherland appointed on the part of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Dirck van Schelluyne, notary and inhabitant here, who in the presence of the honorable high councilors, Nicasius de Sille and la Montagne, declared that he had granted and conveyed, as he hereby does grant and convey, to Mr. Jan Pietersen Verbrugge, for the behoof of Mr. Jan Jillissen Verbrugge, a certain lot situated on the west side of the great Heeren Wech on the island of Manhatans, in length ten rods and in width along the Heeren Wech twelve rods, less one-half twelfth part, adjoining on the north the heirs of Jan Daemen, on the south the cross street (dwardsstraet), on the west Mr. Dinclagen; and this by virtue of the deed which the aforesaid Dirck van Schelluyne obtained from Mr. Lubbertus van Dinclaegen under date of the 21st of April anno 1652. Which aforesaid lot the said Dirck van Schelluyne declares he grants and conveys to the aforesaid

Jan Pietersen Verbrugge for the behoof of Jan Jillissen Verbrugge with such right and title of ownership as he, the grantor, has owned and possessed the same, wherefore he, Dirck van Schelluyne, relinquishes all right or title which he could or might claim to the said lot, promising therefore that he will hold this deed firm, binding, inviolable and irrevocable, according to style and custom of law thereto provided. This day, the 14th of April anno 1654, New Amsterdam in New Netherland. Was signed Dirck van Schelluyne. Below was written: Nicasius de Sille, La Montagne, councilors.

Upon collation this is found to agree
with the protocol.

Cor: van Ruyven, Secretary

[On the back of the second leaf is written:]

Deed of purchase of my garden bought from
Dierck Scharluyne [And in a later hand:]

This is the deed of purchase of my land in New Netherland.

Bond of Thomas Adams and Isaack Allerton to Director Stuyvesant for the delivery of 3000 pounds of tobacco or 1000 Carolus guilders

[113a] A. 1654, N. Amst., the 8th of June

Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the Chartered West India Company, and before the below mentioned witnesses, appeared the worthy Tomas Adams, as principal, and Mr. Isaacq Allerton, as surety and co-principal, being indebted, jointly and severally, under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, excussionis et divisionis, being duly informed of the contents thereof, who acknowledged

that they are truly and duly indebted to the Hon. Petro Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland, or the bearer hereof, duly authorized thereto, [in the sum of] once three thousand pounds, Holland weight, of good, deliverable and merchantable tobacco or, instead thereof, one thousand Carolus guilders at 20 stivers each; which 3000 lbs. of tobacco or 1000 Carolus guilders they, the appearers, hereby promise to pay before the expiration of the next ensuing month of August, or before the ships return to Patria, to be delivered free of costs and loss here at the Manhatans. For which they, the appearers, each of them separately, bind their persons and property, present and future, rights, credits, nothing excepted, subject to all courts and judges, with costs. Therefore, he, the principal debtor, under the same bond and submission promises to hold his aforesaid surety, Mr. Allerton, free from all loss and damage. Thus done in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day, the 8th of June A^o 1654.

Tho. Adams

Isaac Allerton

Edward Bushell
Laurens van Ruyven } witnesses

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Last part of the lease of the ferry to Egbert van Borsum ¹

[113] .. treat him fairly and in order that the ferryman may the better be able to perform his duties, he in the name of

¹ The first part of the lease is missing.

the honorable Company is granted permission to occupy for a time the ferry-house standing on Long Island, provided he have the necessary repairs to it made at his expense, the committee of the honorable director general and council promise to give the ferryman all proper support in the exercise of his functions. In witness whereof this is signed by both parties without fraud or deceit, this 1st of June A^o 1654, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland.

This is the X mark of

Egbert van Borsum, made by himself

In my presence,

C: V: Ruyven, Secretary

Bond of Thomas Adams and Edward Bushell to Isaac Allerton

[114] A^o. 1654, June 9, N. Amst.

Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses appeared the worthy Tomas Adams and Eduart Buschel, residing at Haccomacco in Virginia, who declared that Mr. Isaacq Allerton had offered himself as their surety for the delivery here at the Manhatans of 3000 lbs, Holland weight, of good, deliverable and merchantable tobacco, or otherwise, in the place thereof, of one thousand Carolus guilders at 20 stivers apiece, as appears by the accompanying bond; for which reason they, the appearers, are ready to give him, Allerton, all guaranty and security which he may demand of them and is possible. Therefore, they, Tomas Adams and Eduart Bushel,

jointly and severally as principal promise (in case, which God forbid, and they hope not, that they should fail to pay the above mentioned sum at the proper time and he, Allerton, should therefore be called upon to tender and pay the said sum) to tender and pay the said sum or the value thereof to Mr. Isaacq Allerton or his agent in the month of December next ensuing, free, without loss or damage, at Haccomacco, in good, deliverable and merchantable tobacco in casks, at 2 stivers a pound. For which they, the appearers, each of them separately, bind their persons and estates, present and future, rights and credits, without any exception, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges, all without fraud or deceit. Thus done in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 9th day of June A^o 1654.

Tho. Adams

Edward Bushell

Laurens van Ruyven, witness

In my presence,

Cor: van Ruyven, Secretary

Declaration of Andries Jonckbloet respecting a calf found by him in the woods

[115a] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Andries Jonghbloet from Sutphen, aged about 21 years, who at the request of Mr. Cor. Steenwyck declared that it is true that being at one time in the woods behind the house of Frerick Lubbersz he found a heifer calf, the offspring

of one of the cows, called Long Tail, which the said Co. Steenwyck has pastured there with Claes Jansen Buyter, [said calf] being very [weak?] He, the deponent, further declares that he told Frerick Lubbertsen about it, as he passed him with the said calf, which the deponent, if necessary and requested to do so, promises to confirm by oath. Done at New Amsterdam, this day the 16th of June A^o. 1654.

Andrijs Jonckbloet

Deed from George Rapalje to Hendrick Hendricksen of a house and lot in New Amsterdam

[115b] June 22, A^o 1654, New Amst.

Before me, Corenlis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in the service of the General Chartered West India Company in New Netherland, appeared Jorse Rapalje, of the first part, and Hendrick Hendricksen, drummer, of the second part, which said Jorse Rapalje acknowledged that he had sold and he, Hendrick Hendricksen, that he had bought of him a certain lot belonging to the seller, with the house standing thereon, situated on the island of Manhatans, on Parrelstraet (Pearl street), in the city of New Amsterdam, in length and in width as is to be seen from the deed made thereof, free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right; for the purchase of which aforesaid lot and the house standing thereon the buyer promises to pay eight hundred guilders at 20 stivers to the guilder, in the following instalments and currency, to wit: on the date hereof 400 guilders in good merchantable beavers and the remaining 400 guilders A^o 1655, also on the 22d of June;

for which the parties severally bind their persons and estates, present and future; all in good faith. Thus done and executed in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this 22d of June A^o 1654.

This is the X mark of Jorse Rapalje

Henderick Hendericksen

Power of attorney from Jacobus van Curler and his wife to Mattheus de Vos to convey to Eduard van Domseler and his wife their one-sixth interest in an estate in the province of Gelderland

[116a] Copia

We, the director general and council of New Netherland, make known and acknowledge that before us appeared the worthy Jacobus van Curler and his wife Madam Elisabeth van Hoochvelt, assisted herein by her husband as her legal guardian, who have appointed and empowered, as they hereby do appoint and empower in the best form possible according to law, the worthy Mattheus de Vos, their friend, in order in the principals' name and on their part to convey, cede and transfer for them and their heirs forever and as a heritable estate to the Hon. Eduardt van Domseller and Madam Isabella van Gistel, husband and wife, residing at Harderwyck, and their heirs, their inherited just one-sixth portion of the estate and property called The Quickborne, situated in the district of Epe, in the elue,¹ including the house, homestead, arable land and woodland, as large or small as Jacobus van Curler has inherited the same from his uncle Hendrick van Domseler, together with the appurtenances and dependencies

¹ Veluwe; the name of the northwestern part of the province of Gelderland, Netherlands.

thereof, nothing excepted, as is required by Velue law and custom for the final disposal thereof; in the principals' name either to seal the same himself, or to request another co-property owner in the Veluwen to seal the same and in general to do whatever the principals in connection with this conveyance might or could do in any way if they were personally present; give them a discharge and thank them for the payment from the first penny to the last, all cum ratificatione actionem et clausula indemnitates. Done this 4th of December sixteen hundred and fifty-three, at New Amsterdam in New Netherland. Was signed: P. Stuyvesant, Nicasius de Sille, La Montagne. Below was written: By order of the same, (signed) Cor. van Ruyven, Secretary. Beside it the seal in red wax was affixed thereto.

Agrees with the original,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Director Stuyvesant to Willem van Lith to collect yearly two months of his pay from the West India Company

[116b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in the service of the General Chartered West India Company in New Netherland, and before the hereinafter mentioned witnesses appeared the Hon. Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland, Curaçao, etc, who appointed and empowered and hereby does appoint and empower the worthy Mr. Willem van Lith, merchant, residing at Amsterdam in Holland, in order in his, the said principal's, name to collect and receive yearly once two months' pay from the hands of the directors of the honorable West India Company on account of the said principal's earned

and still to be earned monthly salary; promising to hold and cause to be held firm, binding and valid whatever shall be done by virtue hereof. Done at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day the 28th of July 1654.

P. Stuyvesant

Cornelis van Tienhoven, witness

La Montangne Junior, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Bond of Thomas More and Isaac Allerton to restore to Jan Jansen from St. Obyn a bark stolen by Thomas Baxter

[116c] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in the service of the General Chartered West India Company in New Netherland, and before the hereinafter mentioned witnesses appeared Tomas Moor, residing in the colony of New Haven, as principal, and Mr. Isaacq Allerton, offering himself as surety and co-principal under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, excussionis et divisionis; which appearers, jointly and severally as principals, promise to return and restore to Jan Jansen from St. obyn a certain bark, or the just value thereof, which was stolen here by Tomas Bacxter and sold to Tomas Moor, in such way as may hereafter be agreed upon by the honorable commissioners on the part of both governments of New England and New Netherland. Done at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day the 30th of July A^o 1654.

Thomas More

Isaac Allerton, Senior

Stoffel Michielsens, witness

Acknowledged before me,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Bond of Thomas Hall and Carel van Brugge to Fical van Tienhoven for the payment of the fine due by Jan Fry (John Gray)

[116d] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Tomas Hal and Carel van Brugge, commissary, who offered themselves as sureties and principal debtors, under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, excussionis et divisionis, for the payment within three months to Fical Carnelis van Tienhoven or those who are entitled to it of the sum of six hundred guilders which Jan Fry ¹ owes for [fine] and costs and fees of justice by sentences of the director general and council of March 29, A^o. 1653, and August 17, 1654; it being understood that the fine amounts to 300 guilders and that the costs and charges of justice are counted at a like sum of 300 guilders, but if the costs and charges of justice turn out to be less than 300 guilders, the difference will be deducted herefrom. For which they, the appearers, bind their persons and property, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges. Thus done in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day, the 17th of August, 1654.

Marriage contract of Gerrit Jansen van Steenwyck and
Pietertje Heertjes

[117a] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, appeared the worthy Gerrit Jansen van Steenwyck,

¹ Intended for John Gray. See N. Y. Col. MSS., 5:326-30

widower, future bridegroom, and the virtuous Pietertje Heertjes, widow, who declared that they had mutually decided for the honor of God on a future marriage and that before all bonds of marriage and the solemnization thereof they had drawn up and made together the following antenuptial contract or marriage articles in manner as follows, to wit: That they, on each side, shall bring in such property as they at present through God's blessing have acquired (but it is herein understood and stipulated that the property brought in by the bride shall not be liable for the debts of the bridegroom, nor the property of the bridegroom be liable for the debts of the bride),¹ with this condition that in case Gerrit Jansen, the future bridegroom, should die first, she (Pietertje Heertjes, future bride) ¹ shall be at liberty to take to herself the goods and cash brought in by her, which are: in cash, both in beavers and silver money, the sum of three hundred guilders; one bed with six pairs of sheets, three pillows and two blankets. And if Pietertje Heertjes, the future bride, die first, her son Dirck Claesen or his heirs may demand and take out of the most available goods or cash the sum of three hundred guilders, and when the aforesaid Gerrit Jansen shall be deceased the said Dirck Claesen or his heirs may demand and collect the remainder of the goods brought in by his mother. As to the goods brought in by Gerrit Jansen, they shall after his death go to his children, as far as he or his heirs by proper inventory shall be able to show that they were brought in by him; and all that they, the appearers, shall hereafter acquire or gain shall after the decease of either

¹ The words in parentheses are inserted in the margin.

one devolve on the other, and after both have died be divided among the heirs on both sides, each side receiving the just half With all of which aforesaid provisions they, the appearers, on both sides are fully satisfied and content. Thus done in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day the first of September 1654.

This is the X mark of Gerrit Jansen van Steenwyck
made by himself

This is the X mark of Pietertje Heertjes, made
by herself

Witnesses:

Casper Steinmets

This is the X mark of Hans

Barsn van Osenbrugge, made by himself

Dirck Claasse

Acknowledged before me,

Cor. van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Adriaen Keyser to Dirck van Schelluyne to manage his affairs during his absence

[117b] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, residing on the island of Manhatans in Fort New Amsterdam, appeared the worthy Adriaen Keyser who, intending to proceed from here to Patria, declared that he had appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, the worthy Dirck van Schelluyne, notary public in this city of New Amsterdam, to administer and manage to the best advantage all the goods which he, the principal, has here at present or

which may be sent to him here during his absence, as well movables as immovables, actions and credits, no property excepted; to sell or lease the same as the good judgment of him, the attorney, will direct; also to receive all moneys which at present are due, or which hereafter shall be due to the principal from divers persons and to give receipt therefor; to proceed at law against unwilling debtors, to put in execution the judgment obtained and to prosecute the same to the end; to appeal from or seek modification of all judgments, whether definitive or interlocutory, to which he may have reason to object and to prosecute the said appeals and for the prosecution only to substitute one or more attorneys in his place. All that will be done and performed in the matter aforesaid and what appertains thereto by his aforesaid attorney or his substitutes ad lites, he, the principal, promises to hold and to cause to be held of the same force and virtue as if the same were done and performed by him, the principal, in person, all under binding obligation as by law provided, on condition that the attorney, under like obligation, remain bound, when required by the principal, to render a proper account, proof and balance of his transactions and administration; all without fraud or deceit. Of which he requests that an authentic instrument in the usual form be made and delivered. Thus done in Fort New Amsterdam, in the presence of Jan Jansen uyten Westerhout ¹ and Jan Engelbrechten, as witnesses hereto invited, this day the

¹ Jan Jansen Westerhoven, a house carpenter, returned to New Netherland with his wife and five children in the ship Bonte Koe. See letter from the Directors of the West India Company to Stuyvesant, dated April 26, 1655, in N. Y. Col. MSS., 12:18, in passage omitted from the translation of said letter in Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:317

10th of September A^o. 1654, in New Netherland.

A. Keyser

Jan Enghebrechse van Onnen }
Jan Jansen } witnesses

To my knowledge,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Rev. Samuel Drisius to Eduard Man to receive salary due him from the West India Company

[118] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, and before the hereinafter named witnesses, appeared the Reverend D^o Samuel Drisius, minister of the gospel in the city of New Amsterdam in New Netherland, who declared that he appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and completely empower, Mr. Eduardt Man, merchant residing in the city of Amsterdam in Holland, specially in his, the principal's, name and in his behalf to collect and receive from the hands of the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company the sum of one thousand Carolus guilders, once, on account of the principal's earned wages and monthly pay, promising to hold firm, binding and valid whatever shall be done in virtue hereof, all under binding obligation according to law. Actum in New Amsterdam, this day, the 22d of September A^o. 1654, in New Netherland.

Samuel Drisius

P. Stuyvesant, witness

Johannes Megapolensis, testis

To my knowledge,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Arent van Curler to Dirck van Schelluyne
to collect the rent of a farm from Thomas Spicer

[119] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the hereinafter named witnesses appeared Mons^r Arent van Corlaer, residing in the colony of Renselaers Wyck, who declared that he canceled and annulled a certain power of attorney granted to David Provoost under date of the 14th of June 1651, in his suit against ~~Tomas~~ Spicer, and declared further that he has appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, the worthy Dirck van Schelluyne, notary public residing in this city of New Amsterdam, specially in his, the principal's, name and behalf to demand and receive all such moneys and goods with the interest thereon as are due to him, the principal, from Mr. Tomas Spicer for rent of a certain farm, ¹ and to give him a receipt therefor; in case of unwillingness to institute legal proceedings (either de novo, or to continue the proceedings which David Provoost has already instituted in the matter aforesaid), ² to cause the obtained judgment to be put in execution and to prosecute the same to the end; from all judgments, whether definitive or interlocutory, to which he objects, to appeal or to seek mitigation and to prosecute

¹ Meaning the farm of the late Jonas Bronck. See lease of the farm dated June 25, 1643, in New York Colonial MSS., 2:62a.

² The words in parentheses are inserted in the margin.

the same; to substitute one or more attorneys ad lites only in his place (with power, also, to compromise, settle and agree as his good judgment shall dictate); ³ he, the principal, promising to hold and to cause to be held all that shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid and what appertains thereto by the aforesaid his attorney or by his substitute ad lites of the same force and validity as if it were done by him, the principal, in person, under binding obligation as by law provided, on condition that the attorney, under like obligation, remain bound, at the demand of the principal, to render due account, proof and balance of his aforesaid transactions. All without fraud. Thus done in Fort Amsterdam, this 6th of October 1654.

A: van Curler

Johannes Magapolensis, Testis

Carel van Brugge, Testis

To my knowledge,

Cornelis van Tuyven, Secretaris

Bill of sale from Pieter Lucassen to Director Stuyvesant of the ship Abraham's Offerande

[120] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand, six hundred and fifty-four, the 9th of October, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Pieter Lucassen, of the first part, and the Honorable, Valiant Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New

³ The words in parentheses are inserted in the margin.

Netherland, Curaçao and the islands thereof, of the second part, who, in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses, declared that they had voluntarily, without persuasion or inducement, in an amicable and friendly manner mutually entered into, made and concluded the following contract in manner and on the terms hereinafter written:

The said Pieter Lucassen sells on the part of himself and his partners the little ship called Abraham's Offerhande, in length from stem to stern 63 feet, in width 29 feet, hull 9 feet, with standing and running rigging, sails, cordage, anchors, cables and whatever further appears by inventory, good and bad as the abovenamed ship now lies and can be seen, to the said honorable general, for account of the directors of the Chartered West India Company, chamber in Amsterdam, who also acknowledges that he has purchased the above ~~named~~ ship Abraham's Offerhande according to the inventory handed to him for the sum of four hundred beavers, and in addition the payment of half the monthly wages earned from the 27th of June to the middle of September, reckoned at $2\frac{1}{2}$ months, amounting in all for the entire ship's crew to fl. 255 net. It is also stipulated that the said Pieter Lucassen shall be allowed to convey the beavers hence to Patria without paying any duty on them. The payment shall be made in the following instalments, to wit: 300 beavers down and the remaining one hundred beavers on the arrival of the expected return ships, the receipt and payment of which 300 beavers the vendor hereby acknowledges. He, the vendor, therefore promises for himself and his partners to free the aforesaid ship from all present and future claims, binding therefor his person and

property, submitting the same to all courts and judges All without fraud. Thus done in New Amsterdam in New Netherland, the day and year above written.

The following is the inventory of what is sold with the above mentioned little ship:

- 2 main sails
- 2 foresails with one bonnet
- 1 main topsail
- 2 fore topsails
- 1 spritsail
- 2 mizzen sails
- 2 Prince's flags
- 1 Jack (geusje)
- 4 anchors
- 4 cables and a half
- 1 horse line, 120 fathoms long
- some loose cordage
- 1 barrel of tar
- 1 small ball of pitch
- 2 small pedereros, 3 chambers
- 2 iron three-pounders
- 1 ladle, 1 sponge, 1 worm
- 25 balls
- 3 muskets
- 3 cutlasses
- 2 gunner's powder horns
- 2 copper kettles
- 1 metal pot

1 mess-spoon, 1 skimmer, etc.

1 shallow pan, 1 saucepan

1 gridiron

1 dozen wooden bowls

1 dozen plates

In testimony of the truth this is signed by the parties and
the witnesses

P. Stuyvesant

Pyeter Luckassen

Cor: van Tienhoven, witness

Jochem Fock, witness

To my knowledge,

Cornelis van Buyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Daniel de Sille to Nicasius de Sille to
manage his affairs in New Netherland

[121] Before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary
in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company,
appeared the worthy Daniel de Sille, who declared that as it is
his intention to depart for Patria he has constituted and empowered,
as he does hereby [constitute and empower], the Hon. Nicasius de
Sille, first councilor of New Netherland, to administer and dispose
of, as his good judgment may dictate, all the goods which he,
the principal, has at present here or which may be consigned to
him in his absence; he, the principal, promising to hold valid
whatever shall be performed herein by his attorney, binding him-
self thereto as by law provided, on condition that the attorney
under like obligation shall be bound to render due account,

proof and balance. Done at New Amsterdam, this 13th of October 1654, in New Netherland.

Daniel de Sille

Cor: van Tienhoven, witness

La Montagne, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Bequest from Rev. Johannes Megapolensis, Sr, to Hilgont Jans, eldest daughter of Rev. Johannes Megapolensis, Jr.

[122] Copy

On this day, before me, Sierich Siersma, notary public admitted by the Court of Holland, residing in the city of Alckmaer, in the presence of the hereinafter mentioned witnesses, appeared the Rev. Domine Johannis Megapolensis, senior, minister of the Gospel in the Christian Reformed church at Koedyck, who, being at present in this city and very well known to me, the notary, declared that voluntarily, without any sinister inducement or persuasion on the part of any one, he has hereby as a free gift among the living liberally bestowed, given and presented to Hilgont Jans, eldest daughter of Domine Johannis Megapolensis, junior, at present minister of the Gospel in the Christian Reformed church in New Netherland, begotten by Machtelt Willems, his, the donor's, niece, the sum of five hundred Carolus guilders at forty Flemish groats each, clear money, once. With the understanding that he, the donor, shall retain the custody of said money during his life, without paying any interest thereon; solemnly charging therefore his heirs, or those who may have the

management, direction or administration of his estate after his death, to tender and pay in virtue hereof to the said Hilgont Jansz' daughter, or, in case of her death, to her heirs, the said five hundred Carolus guilders in manner and form as above, out of the first and most available capital to be left behind by him, the appearer. All in good faith. And he requested that one or more authentic instruments hereof in due form be made and delivered by me, the notary aforesaid. Thus done and executed in the aforesaid city of Alckmaer, at my, the notary's, house, standing on the Lange street, the last of August A^o. 1649, in the presence of Jan Clasz Soutman, master shoemaker, and Tobias van Persyn, inhabitants of this city, witnesses invited to the acknowledgment hereof, who for greater security have also signed the original minute. Lower was written: In testimony of the truth [I affix] my signature, and was signed: S. Siersman,
Not Pub.

Upon collation with the authentic extract
this is found to agree therewith word for word
by me, secretary of this city of Amsterdam in
New Netherland, this 22d of March 1655.

Jacob Kip, Secretary

Mortgage by Herry Breser of his house, lot and garden to
Thomas Spicer

[123a] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Herry Breser, who declared as follows:

That for the behoof of Mr. Tomas Spicer and Tomas Hal, to free them from the effect of the bond which they have this day executed in favor of the appearer before Notary Schelluyne and certain witnesses and with promise, therefore, at all times to indemnify and free the said sureties from expenses on account of the said bond and to save them harmless, he firmly mortgages and especially binds and offers as counter security his house, lot and garden, situated on the island of Manhatans, to the east of the house of Egbert van Borsum, and further his person and property, real and personal, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges Thus done in New Amsterdam, this day the 15th of October 1654.

This is the X mark made by Herry Breser

La Montagne, witness

Frans Cregier, witness

To my knowledge,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

This bond is satisfied

Satisfied, the 20th June 1656

The 20th June 1656

Thomas Hall ¹

Cor: van Tienhoven

Bond of Johannes van Tweller to satisfy the judgment which Thomas Spicer may obtain against Arent van Curler

[123b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Johannis van Twiller, merchant residing in

¹ The bond is canceled in the record.

Beverwyck, who in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses declared that under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, excussionis et divisionis, of the tenor of which he considers himself duly informed, he institutes himself surety and principal for Arent van Curler for the satisfaction of the judgment which may be pronounced by the honorable director general and supreme council, or a committee thereof, in so far as the amount is concerned in which he may be condemned on account of the action instituted against Mr. Tomas Spicer, promising to satisfy the said judgment and decision. For which he hereby binds his person and property, real and personal, submitting the same to the control of all courts, tribunals and judges Done at New Amsterdam, this day the 15th of October 1654, in New Netherland.

J: v. Twiller

R. Vastrick

Claes van Elslant

In my presence,

C: v: Buyven, Secretary

Bond of Thomas Hall to satisfy the judgment which Arent van Curler may obtain against Thomas Spicer

[124a] Before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Tomas Hal, residing near the city of New Amsterdam, who in the presence of the hereinafter named witnesses declared that under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, excussionis et divisionis, of the meaning of which he regards himself as fully informed, he constitutes himself surety and

principal for Mr. Tomas Spicer for the satisfaction of the judgment which may be pronounced by the honorable director general and supreme council, or a committee thereof, in so far as the amount is concerned in which the said Spicer may be condemned in the action instituted against him by Arent van Curler before the director general and council, promising to satisfy the said judgment and decision. For which he hereby binds his person and property, real and personal, submitting the same to the control of all courts, tribunals and judges Done at New Amsterdam, this day the 15th of October A^o. 1654, in New Netherland.

Thomas Hall

R. Vestrick

Claes van Elslant

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Rev. Johannes T. Polhemus to his wife to receive moneys due him from the West India Company

[124b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the Reverend D^e. Johannis Theodorus Polhemius, who declared that he had appointed and empowered, as he hereby does appoint and empower, Catharina van Werven, his wife, in his, the principal's, name and behalf to demand and receive from the honorable directors of the General Chartered West India Company, at the chamber of Amsterdam, such moneys as are due him by the said Company, amounting to the sum of fl. 4190:10, as appears by

a balance of accounts obtained by the principal of his earned salary and monthly pay; promising to hold firm, binding and valid whatever shall be done by virtue of these presents. All under binding obligation as by law provided. Done at New Amsterdam, this day the 15th of October 1654, in New Netherland.

Johannes Theodorus Polhemus

Johannes Megapolensis, testis

Frans Cregier

In my presence,

Cor: van Ruyven, Secretary

Certificate by Nicasius de Sille and others that Johanna de Laet is in good health

[125] We, the undersigned, Nicasius de Sille and Johan de La Montagne, supreme councilors, Johannis Megapolensis and Samuel Drisius, ministers of the city of New Amsterdam, hereby attest and declare that on this date, date underwritten, Johanna de Laet, daughter of Mr. Joannis de Laet and wife of Mr. Johan de Hulter, appeared personally and in good health, God be praised, before us in the city of New Amsterdam and requested that we should sign this certificate, which we have gladly done and declare it to be true, being willing to verify the same on oath if necessary and required. Done at New Amsterdam, this day the 16th of November A^O. 1654, in New Netherland.

Nicasius de Sille

Contract of sale from Dirck Jansen to Cornelis van Ruyven of a house, barn and 50 acres of land in Flatbush, L. I.

[126a] On this day, date underwritten, I, Dirck Janssz, have sold for myself and my heirs to Secretary Cornelis van Ruyven, as in the presence of the undersigned witnesses I declare and acknowledge that I have sold without persuasion or inducement on the part of any one, my tract of land situated in the Vlacke Bos, otherwise called Midwout, containing 25 morgens or more as it shall turn out upon the survey thereof, with so much meadowland as shall be granted with each lot, together with all that is at present planted thereon and is fastened by earth and nail, namely, a small house and barn, as it can at present be seen, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, save the lord's right For the purchase of which said tract of land with the buildings I have stipulated the sum of fl. 525, say five hundred and twenty-five guilders, to be paid in the following instalments: 225 guilders down, one half in merchantable good and the other half, one half in beavers and the other half in good seawan or silver money; and the remaining 300 guilders next May or June, payable one half in beavers and the other half in good silver money, current seawan or goods, on condition that the patent and a proper deed be first delivered. All in good faith, without fraud or deceit.

I, Cornelis van Ruyven, acknowledge that I have bought the aforesaid tract of land on the above mentioned conditions. Done at New Amsterdam, this day the 24th of November A^O. 1654, in New Netherland.

Deirck Jansen

Cor: van Ruyven

By me, Stoffel Michilsen, witness

By me, Derck Krinen, witness

Conditions on which Waraer Wessels farmed the excise on wine
and beer retailed in New Amsterdam

[126b] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and fifty-four, on the first day of December, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the Hon. Fiscal Cornelis van Tienhoven, of the first part, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that he, on behalf of the Hon. Petrus Stuyvesant, director general, and the honorable council of New Netherland, had farmed to Waraer Wessels from Dordrecht the excise on wine and beer which will be consumed by the tapsters and tavernkeepers within the jurisdiction of this city of New Amsterdam below the Fresh Water in a year from date, and Waraer Wessels, of the second part, who also acknowledges that he has leased the same on the following conditions, to wit:

He, Waraer Wessels, shall pay for the ~~a~~foresaid farming for one year from date the sum of twenty-five hundred and fifty guilders in good current pay, one fourth part of the said rent quarterly, commencing this date, the 1st of December A^o 1654, and ending the 1st of December A^o 1655. For which Cornelis from Dordrecht offers himself as surety in solidum and principal for the whole, and Jacob van Couwenhoven, inhabitant of this city, offers himself as surety for said Cornelis from Dordrecht, so that in case the surety of Waraer Wessels happen to fail, he, [Couwenhoven,] as counter surety binds himself, his person and property, real and personal, submitting the same to the control of all courts, tribunals and judges, all under

binding obligation as by law provided. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and witnesses. Done at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day the 1st of December A^o. 1654.

Warnaer Wessels

Jan Lubbertsen, witness Cor: van Tienhouen

Frans Criegier This is the X mark of

Cornelis Hendricksen from Dordrecht,

made by himself

Jacob van Kouwenhouen

Thus done in my presence,

Cornelis van Tuyven, Secretary

Conditions on which Warnaer Wessels farmed the excise on wine and beer retailed in the villages of Breuckelen, Midwout and Amersfoort on Long Island

[126c] On this day, date underwritten, the said honorable fiscal, on behalf the honorable director general and supreme council of New Netherland has farmed to the same person, namely, Warnaer Wessels, the excise on wine and beer to be consumed by the tavernkeepers and tapsters on Long Island in the villages of Breuckelen, Midwout, Amersfoort and the adjacent places under their jurisdiction during the next coming year, beginning on the date hereof and ending on the 9th of December A^o 1655, for the sum of three hundred and five guilders, all on the same conditions as contained in the preceding contract. Done at New Amsterdam, this 9th of December A^o 1654. ¹

¹ The original contract is by mistake dated 1655.

Warnaer Wessels

Witnesses: This is the X mark of Cornelis Hendricksen
 Jan Lubbersz from Dort, made by himself
 Frans Criegier

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Certificate of Johannes de La Montagne and Cornelis van Tienhoven
 as to the good health of Nicasius de Sille

[126d] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior
 Jesus Christ, 1654, the 14th of December, before me, Cornelis
 van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General
 Chartered West India Company, appeared the Hon. Johan de La
 Montagne, councilor of New Netherland, and the Hon. Cornelis
 van Thienhoven, councilor and fiscal of New Netherland, who
 certified and declared, as they do hereby certify and declare,
 that it is true and truthful that on this day, the 14th of
 December 1654, they have seen Mr. Nicasius de Sille, now first
 political and military councilor of New Netherland, son of the
 honorable Dr. Laurens de Sille, former advocate fiscal of the
 High and Mighty lords the States General of the United Nether-
 lands, being well disposed and, God be praised, in good health
 and quite fit; which they have confirmed with their signatures.
 Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the year and day
 above written. ¹

¹ Not signed in the record.

Charter-party of the ship Peereboom for a voyage from New Amsterdam to the West Indies and back

[127a] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the honorable directors of the Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared the Hon. Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland and the Curaçao islands, of the first part, and Jacob Jansz Huys, skipper under God of the ship De Peereboom, of the second part, who before and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared and acknowledged that in all amity they had entered into and concluded the following charter-party, in manner and terms hereinafter written:

In the first place, the above named skipper, Jacob Jansen Huys, shall be bound to put in order the aforesaid ship De Peereboom, now lying here in the roadstead before the fort, to have her caulked, ballasted and further fitted out in every way as a skipper according to the custom of the sea is bound to deliver a chartered ship to his freighters. Which being done by the skipper and notice thereof being given to the said Mr. Petrus Stuyvesant, the promised monthly pay shall begin to run and the vessel shall then be at the disposal of the honorable freighter to let her sail to Curaçao, the islands thereof, or any other of the Caribbean islands, where the cargo which shall be put on board the ship De Peereboom is to be discharged by the skipper and to be landed by his boat and crew, when the bills of lading shall be satisfied.

The aforesaid skipper shall be bound to equip the ship De Peereboom and to provide her with a crew in the same way as she

sailed this current year out of Holland, at the cost and expense of the skipper or his owners, only it is stipulated that the honorable director general aforesaid shall be bound at his cost and charge to have put on board provisions, such as the circumstances of the country now allow, for the ship's crew and those whom his honor shall be pleased to permit to embark in said ship, until such time as the said ship shall have completed her voyage from here to the Caribbean islands and thence back to New Netherland before Fort Amsterdam, or to Amsterdam in Holland. Furthermore, the respective parties have arranged and agreed that the provisions which are still stored in the ship De Peereboom may be taken over by the said honorable freighter to be served to the crew, on condition of paying therefor what they cost in Holland, a list whereof and also of the gunpowder on board and belonging to the ship shall be furnished by the skipper; and if on the voyage any of the ship's powder be consumed in firing salutes, and not in case of necessity against enemies, pirates, or on account of other misadventures, the honorable freighter remains bound to make good the powder consumed in salutes or to pay the value thereof.

The Hon. Petrus Stuyvesant promises to pay for the use of the said ship De Peereboom, the crew and whatever is necessary, to the above named skipper Jacob Jansz, his order, or his owners, after the safe voyage and happy arrival at the Texel, or at Amsterdam in Holland, which God grant, the sum of fifteen hundred guilders per month, which monthly pay shall commence so soon as the skipper shall have furnished the ship with everything necessary and provided her with ballast and wood, and notified thereof the

honorable freighter, who is then bound to take possession of the ship and then, as soon as possible, cause all such goods and passengers to be loaded and embarked as he shall think proper, and the monthly pay shall cease whenever the ship De Peereboom shall have safely arrived in Holland, according to maritime law. And the honorable freighter remains also bound after her arrival there, to have the ship unloaded and her cargo discharged within three consecutive weeks.

It is also expressly agreed and stipulated, in case the freighter command the ship De Peereboom to touch or to anchor in the roadsteads or under forts in any unfree places, where the Dutch nation has no freedom of trade or right to come with ships, and the said ship may on that account be libeled, seized or confiscated, the freighter remains bound to make good or pay the value of said ship to the skipper or his owners.

For all that is above written the respective parties bind, the skipper his ship, tackle and ammunition, and the honorable general and the goods and merchandise laden therein, and each of them especially his person and property, submitting the same to all courts and judges, all honestly and in good faith. Thus done and agreed in the presence of the Hon. Cornelis van Thienhoven and Claes van Elslant, as witnesses hereto invited. This day, the 17th of December A^o 1654, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland.

P. Stuyvesant

Jacob Jansz Huys

Cor: van Tienhoven, witness

Claes van Elslant, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Pieter Lucassen to his brother to manage his affairs during his absence

[127b] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Pieter Lucasz, skipper of the small ship D'Offerhande Abrahams, who declared that, intending to depart for Curacao, he had appointed and empowered, as he appoints and empowers hereby, Marynus Lucasz, his brother, to take charge of and turn to advantage to the best of his judgment all the goods which he, the principal, has here at present, or which during his absence may be consigned to him, together with his movable and immovable property, actions and credits, without any exception; with power also, if necessary, to substitute one or more persons in his place, he, the principal, promising to hold valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid and what appertains thereto by his aforesaid attorney and his substitutes, as if he personally had done and performed the same, binding himself thereto in every way as by law provided, on condition that the attorney under like obligation remains bound at the request of the principal to render proper account, proof and balance of his transactions; all without fraud. Thus done in the presence of Jan juriaensen and Steven Cortlant, as witnesses hereto invited. Actum in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of December A^o 1654.

Pieter Lucassen

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Deposition of Douwe Huydes that Marynus Luccassen sold a quantity of merchandise to skipper Low

[127c] Douwe Huydes from Driels, aged about 25 years, attests and declares in place and with promise of a solemn oath that it is true and truthful that Marynus Lucassen in his presence sold to skipper Low, before the Gelderse Blom arrived here, a certain quantity of merchandise, amounting to 13½ beavers, on condition that they were to be paid before the departure of the first ships for Holland, which he promises to confirm on oath if necessary and requested to do so. This day, the 23d of December A^o. 1654, at New Amsterdam.

This is the X mark of Douwke Huydes, carpenter
of the ship Abrahams Offerhande

This is the X mark of

Jan Pietersz from Haerlem, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven

Promise of Hans Pietersen to satisfy the contract made with Paulus van der Beeck to serve him for one year

[127d] Hans Pieterssz from Comhel in Norway promises in the presence of the undersigned witnesses to satisfy the contract which he made at Amsterdam fair in the year 1654 with Poulus vander Beecq, as an honest man is bound to do, to wit, that he would serve him from Amsterdam fair 1654 until Amsterdam fair 1655, for the sum of two hundred and fifty guilders. Done at New Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day the 14th of February.

This is the X mark of Hans Pieterssz
Arenoldes van Vlierengen, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Cornelis Teunissen to Cornelis Wils to collect a legacy in Holland

[128] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior, one thousand six hundred and fifty-five, the 8th day of March, before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared the worthy Cornelis Tuenissen, farmer, residing in the village of Amesfoort on Long Island, and in the best form and manner possible has appointed and empowered, as he does appoint and empower hereby, the worthy Cornelis Wils, merchant at Amsterdam in Holland, in his, the principal's, name and behalf to demand, recover, collect and receive all such moneys, actions and rights, etc., as are anywise coming to him by the death of Lysbeth Tuenissen, his sister, deceased, provided that there shall first be paid therefrom a certain bill of exchange, dated the 9th of March 1655, of fl. 300 Holland currency, drawn by the principal on Fastiaentjen Claes, wife of Elyas Aertsen of Merkerck, or on those who had charge of the estate of Lysbeth Tuenissen, deceased, and payable to Mr. Abraham Wilmerdonx, or his order, 14 days after sight, according to the documents thereof, with all costs, loss and interest up to the actual payment; to give acquittance on receipt; if necessary to institute legal proceedings; to appear before all courts and judges; to sue, make answer, reply and rejoin; to observe all fixed days and terms of procedure; to attach, to protest and to demand judgment or judgments and to hear them pronounced; to have them executed, or to appeal therefrom or demand a reformation and to prosecute the case in appeal or

reformation, with power also to waive the same and also to substitute one or more persons ad lites; and furthermore in everything that is hereinbefore written and the consequences and incidents thereof to do what the principal could do were he personally present. Promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in consequence hereof by the above named attorney or his substitute; binding himself thereto in every way according to law. Thus done without fraud or deceit in Amsterdam in New Netherland, in the presence of Jan Lubbertsen and Balthasar Beyart, witnesses hereto invited, the day and year above written.

Coernelis Tonisen

Johannis Lubbersz, witness

Balthazar Beyaerdt, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Machtelt Willems to Jan Claessen of Coedyck to collect her share of her mother's estate

[129] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one thousand six hundred and fifty-five, the 2[5]th day of March, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam on the island of Manhatans and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared the virtuous Machtelt Willemsen, daughter of Willem Steengen, assisted by the reverend and very learned D^o. Joannis Megapolensis, minister of the Gospel in the Christian Reformed Church at Amsterdam in New Netherland, her

lawful husband, and in the best form and manner has constituted and empowered, as she does constitute and empower hereby, the worthy Jan Claesen, draper, of Coedyck, in her, the principal's, name and behalf to demand and collect from the worthy Hendrick Willemsen, residing at Suyt Scherrwout at Langedyck, and the other co-heirs her portion or share of the inheritance coming to her out of the estate of Hillegont Jans, wife of the reverend and very learned D^o Joannis Megapolensis, senior, minister of the Gospel in the Christian Reformed church at Coedyck, with proper account, proof and balance of the administration of the aforesaid estate, with all costs, charges and interest up to the actual payment; to give a discharge for the receipt; if necessary to institute legal proceedings; to appear before all courts and judges; to complain, answer, reply and rejoin; to observe all days and terms of court; to attach, protest, demand judgment or judgments and hear them pronounced; to cause them to be executed or to appeal therefrom or demand a reformation thereof and to prosecute the case of appeal or reformation; with power also to renounce the same and to substitute one or more persons ad lites; and furthermore in the matter aforesaid with all that appertains and relates thereto to do what she, the principal, could or might do were she personally present; promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed by the abovenamed attorney or his substitute by virtue hereof, all under binding obligation as by law provided, on condition that the attorney under like obligation is bound

to render when required due account, proof and reliqua of his transactions. Thus done in the presence of Jan Lubbertsen and Balthaesar Beyert, witnesses hereto invited, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the day and year above written.

Machtelt Steenie Willem[s]

Johannes Megapolensis

Ecles: in Amst. in N. Netherland

Jan Lubbersz, witness

Contract of Hendrick Jansen Grever to serve Ensign Dirck Smith
or ~~for~~ one year

[130a] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the West India Company, appeared Hendrick Jansen Grever from Huysen, who declared and acknowledged that he had hired himself to Ensign Dirck Smith from Lochum on the following conditions for one year, beginning the 8th of March anno 1655 and ending anno 1656, the 8th of March, which said ensign, being also present, likewise acknowledges that he has hired him on the following conditions, to wit: The said Grever shall during his bounden time work on the said ensign's land or elsewhere where he may need him and do everything that a good servant and faithful laborer is bound to do; for which the said ensign promises and will give him as wages the sum of one hundred and thirty guilders Furthermore, the parties have mutually agreed and stipulated that the said Grever shall during the next slaughter time have six weeks leave to go where he pleases and attend to his own affairs Done at Amsterdam, the 27th of March anno 1655, in New Netherland.

Heynderick Jansenssoon Greueer

Derrijck Smiet, Ensign

Contract of sale from Cornelis Groesens to Joseph and Resolved
Waldron of a house and lot in New Amsterdam

[130b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses appeared Cornelis Groesens of the first part and Joseph and Geresolveert Waldron of the second part. The aforesaid Groesens acknowledges that he has sold and they, Joseph and Geresolveert Waldron, that they have bought of him a certain lot belonging to the vendor, with the house standing thereon, together with whatever is thereon earth and nail fast, situated and being on the island of Manhatans in the city of Amsterdam in New Netherland, on the east side of the common highway, south of Aert Tonissen's lot, being in width along the highway four rods and eight feet; in length on the south side seventeen rods; in width in the rear or on the east side five rods, and in length on the north side seventeen rods, amounting together to 84 [square] rods, 1 foot and 4 inches, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right.

For the purchase of the aforesaid lot and the house standing thereon the buyer promises to pay the sum of six hundred and fifty guilders, payable in the following instalments, to wit: on the date hereof one hundred and fifty guilders down, and thereafter each year on the same day one hundred guilders, with the interest at 9 per cent until the complete payment, so that on the 3d of April 1656 he must pay one hundred guilders and forty-five guilders for the interest at 9 per cent of fl. 500; and on the 3d of April 1657 one hundred guilders and 36 guilders for the

interest at 9 per cent of fl. 400, and so on until the payment is completed. It is further agreed and stipulated that the vendor shall deliver to the purchaser a proper deed on the payment of the first instalment, whereupon the purchaser shall mortgage at the city secretary's office the aforesaid house and lot until the vendor is fully paid. The parties respectively promise to observe and to cause to be observed all that hereinbefore written, binding to that effect all their property, present and future, real and personal, submitting the same to the control of all courts, judges and justices. Thus done in the presence of Claes van Elslant and Arent van Vlieringen, witnesses hereto invited. Actum Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day the 3d of April 1655.

Cornelis Groesens

Joseph Waldron

Resaluert Weldren

Claes van Elslant, witness

Arent van Vlieringen, witness

In my presence,

Cor: van Ruyven, Secretary

Lease from Harmen Douwesen and Pietertje Jans to David Ferera of a house on Pearl street, New Amsterdam

[130c] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland for the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Harmen Douwessen and Pietertje Jans, wife of Claes Jansen Ruyter, of the first part, and David Forera, of the second part, which Harmen Douwes and Pietertje Jans, for herself and in the name of her husband Claes Jansen Ruyter, declared that they had leased, and he, David Forera, acknowledged that he had

hired from them a certain house belonging to the lessors, standing and situated on Paerel street, adjoining Rem Jansen and Jacob Eversen, for the term of one year, commencing on the 8th of March last For the rent of which said house the lessee shall deliver to the lessors six hundred guilders' worth of merchandise at the current market price, which they shall be at liberty to trade for their benefit, but on the expiration of six months they shall be bound to return to the lessee the sum of four hundred guilders in beavers or elk hides according as parties shall then agree, and the remaining two hundred guilders the lessors shall retain for the use of the aforesaid house for the term of one year. Furthermore, the parties have agreed and covenanted that in case the lessors fail to pay the said fl. 400 at the expiration of the appointed time of six months, the lessee shall have the right to recover the amount out of the aforesaid house and to that end they offer the said house and lot as security and especially mortgage the same until the effectual payment of the amount For the fulfilment whereof the parties respectively bind all their property, real and personal, present and future, without any exception, submitting the same to the control of all courts, judges and justices Thus done in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 15th of April anno 1655.

David fo^a.

Harmen Dowesen

Peter L. Jans

Juryen Blanck, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Contract of sale from Cornelis van Tienhoven to Jan Cornelissen
Damen of a house and parcel of land in the village of
Breuckelen on Long Island

[130d] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, appeared the Hon. Mr Cornelis van Tienhoven, of the first part, and Jan Cornelissz Damen, of the second part The abovenamed Mr. Tienhoven acknowledges that he has sold and he, Jan Cornelissz Damen, that he has bought a certain parcel of land belonging to the vendor, with the house standing thereon, situated on Long Island in the village of Brueckelen, between Joris Dercksen and Swarten Hans, as large and small as appears by the groundbrief thereof, with the right which the said Mr. Tienhoven has thereto, free and unincumbered, without any charges resting thereon or issuing out of the same, saving the lord's right. For the purchase of the aforesaid land and the house standing thereon, the purchaser promises to pay the sum of thirteen hundred Carolus guilders at 20 stivers each, in the following instalments: May 1656, one third of the promised money; May 1657, one third, and May anno 1658, the remaining one third, each third part amounting to fl. 433:6:8. It is further stipulated and agreed that the aforesaid parcel of land and the house standing thereon shall be especially mortgaged and remain as security to the aforesaid Mr. van Thienhoven or his assigns until the said three instalments to the amount of 1300 guilders shall have been paid, when a deed shall be given by the aforesaid Mr. Tienhoven or his assigns to the purchaser or his attorney For which the parties respectively bind all their property, present and future, submitting the same

to the control of all courts, judges and justices Thus done in
Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, in the presence of Frerick
Lubbersen and 'Albert Cornelissz, witnesses hereto invited, the
29th of April anno 1655.

Cornelis van Tienhoven

This is the X mark of Jan Damen,

made by himself

Frederick Lubbertsen }
Aelbert Cornelisz } testes

In my presence,

Corn. van Ruyven, Secretary

Certificate that Margareta Gillis, wife of David Provoost,
is alive

[130e] I, the undersigned, Cornelis van Ruyven, secretary
in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West
India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, attest and declare,
together with Mr. Johan La Montagne, councilor of New Netherland,
that Margrieta Jillis, daughter of Barbara Schuts, at present
wife of David Provoost, schout of the villages of Brueckelen,
Midwout and Amesfoort, was still living on the 6th of June anno
1654; which we have confirmed by our signatures and the great
seal. Actum Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 5th of May anno 1655.

La Montagne

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Mortgage by James Hubbard of his house and farm at Gravesend as security for his remaining in detention until released or punished

[131a] Whereas I, Jems Huybert, have by the Supreme Council of New Netherland been graciously released from the jail and am at present detained in a room in the Town hall (although I do not deserve such favor), I promise to remain and to continue in said place of detention until I shall be released therefrom by the Supreme Council of New Netherland, or corrected and punished according to my deserts. For which I especially bind and mortgage as security my farmhouse and farm situated on Long Island, in the village of Gravesande, which in case I run away shall be forfeit to the lord, together with all my property, real and personal, submitting the same to that end to the control of all courts, judges and justices. In testimony whereof I have signed this with my own hand in the presence of the undersigned witnesses. Actum Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 8th of May anno 1655.

Jas Hubbard

This is the X mark of Jacob Luby, made as witness

Arendt van Vlierengen, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Hendrick Barentsen Smith to his brother Dirck Smith to collect money from the West India Company

[131b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the hereinafter named witnesses, appeared Hendrick Barentsen Smith from Lochum, late a soldier in

the service of the Hon. West India Company in New Netherland, who constitutes and empowers, as he hereby does constitute and empower, his brother Dirck Smith, at present an ensign here in the service of the said Company, to collect, demand and receive in his name such moneys as are due him by the said Company, promising to hold valid whatever shall be done herein by the latter, on condition that he, the attorney, shall be bound to render to the principal a proper account, proof and balance. Thus done in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 11th of May anno 1655.

Hendrijck Berendtz Sth.

Power of attorney from Egbert van Borsum to Capt. Jacob to collect money from Humphrey Booth or Charles Crowne of Boston

[132a] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Egbert van Borsum, a burgher here, who declared that he appointed and empowered, as he does hereby appoint and empower, the worthy Capt. Jacob, to collect, demand and receive in his name from Humphrey Booth, or Charles Crowne, at present at Boston, the sum of one hundred and forty guilders, according to the bond given by Humph. Booth to Egbert van Borsum, dated the 19th of December 1652, bringing with him for the aforesaid sum according to the bond flower or biscuits, or such other goods, when he receives the money, as he, the principal, shall indicate to the attorney in a list. The principal promises to hold valid whatever shall be done in the matter by

the attorney, provided that the latter shall be bound to render to the principal a proper account, proof and balance. Thus done in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of May anno 1655.

[Mark of Egbert van Borsum] X

Contract between Elbert ~~Eldertsen~~ and Pieter Ebel for the sale of lot No. 27 in the village of Gravesend, L. I., in exchange for a house and lot in New Amsterdam ¹

[132b] Before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses appeared Elbert Eldertsen, attorney of Isaacq Grevenraet, of the first part, and Pieter Ebel of the second part. The above named Eldeertsen acknowledges that in his capacity aforesaid he has sold and he, Pieter Ebel, that he has bought a certain parcel of land situated on Long Island in the village of Gravesande, called number twentyseven, with all that is thereon, the house and whatever is earth and nail fast or may be sown there, as large and as small as Isaacq Greveraet acquired it, free and unincumbered, without any charges resting thereon or issuing out of the same, save the lord's right. Elbert Eldertsen has also sold and delivered to the buyer, who acknowledges the receipt thereof, one cow and two heifer calves, with one harrow and a plow. For the purchase of the said parcel of land together with the house and appurtenances and whatever else is mentioned above, the buyer promises to deliver his house and lot standing and situated in the city of New Amsterdam, in Parel street, between the widow

¹ Revised from Doc. Rel. Col. Hist. N. Y., 14:320.

of Cors Pietersen and Jorse Rapalje, also free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, save the lord's right, and in addition thereto within one year from the date hereof the sum of two hundred Carolus guilders at 20 stivers each. For all of which each of the respective parties binds his person and property, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts, judges and justices. Thus done without guile or deceit, in the presence of Mr. Jan de Jongh and Jan Hendricksen, witnesses hereto invited, in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 21st of May anno 1655.

Elbert Eldertsen

This is the P E mark of Pieter Ebel,
made by himself

Jan Jansz de Jongh

1655

Jan Hendricks

In my presence,

Cornelis van Buyven, Secretary

Contract of sale from Jan de Jongh and Jan Hendricksen van Gunst of 25 acres of land on the west side of the village of Midwout, L. I.

[132c] Before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses appeared Mr. Jan de Jongh of the first part and Jan Hendricksen van Gunst of the second part. The above named Jan de Jongh acknowledged that he had sold and he, Jan Hendricksen, that he had bought a

certain lot or share of land belonging to the vendor, containing twenty-five morgens, situated on the westerly side in the village of Midwout on Long Island, adjoining on the south side Rutger Jansen, on the north side Aert [Tonissen], ¹ on the east side the highway and on the west side the hills and the North river, together with what is standing thereon and also all the building timber that at present lies cut on the aforesaid land and in addition as much meadow and pasture land with it as is allotted or shall still be assigned to the aforesaid lot along with the other neighbors; all with such right and title as the vendor has acquired with the aforesaid share of land by virtue of the purchase from Jan Rutgersz, according to the contract of sale thereof dated [] ² 1655, executed before Secretary Cornelis van Buyven and certain witnesses, the aforesaid parcel of land and what is standing thereon and what is above mentioned being sold and promised to be delivered to the buyer free and uncumbered, save the lord's right. For the purchase of the aforesaid parcel of land and what is above mentioned the buyer promises to pay to the vendor or his agent in good current money the sum of eight hundred Carolus guilders at 20 stivers the guilder, in the following instalments, to wit: on the date hereof the sum of two hundred guilders; the first of May anno 1656, three hundred guilders and the first of May anno 1657 the remaining three hundred guilders. It is further stipulated and agreed that the aforesaid parcel of land and what is standing thereon shall

¹ Name supplied from O'Callaghan's translation.

² Date illegible. O'Callaghan gives the date as March 10, 1655.

remain especially mortgaged, and is hereby offered as security by the buyer, to the aforesaid Mr. Jan de Jongh or his assigns until the said three instalments, to the amount of eight hundred guilders, shall have been paid, when the groundbrief shall be delivered by the vendor to the purchaser. For all that is hereinbefore written the respective parties bind their persons and properties, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts, judges and justices Thus done without guile or deceit, in the presence of Elbert Eldersen and Pieter Ebel, as witnesses hereto invited, in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 22d of May anno 1655.

Jan Hendricks

Jan Jansz de Jongh

1655

Elbert Eldertsen

This is the P E mark of Pieter Ebel, made by himself

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Receipt by skipper Jan Jansen Bosgaert for money to be paid in Holland

[132d] In the presence of us, the undersigned, Marinus Lucassen has opened a certain package of money, given to him at Fort Orange by Abraham [], ¹ carpenter, to be delivered to skipper Jan Jansen Bosschardt, in order to be by him handed, according to the address, to Janneken Barents, the widow of Master Jan Hartmen, on Elant street, in [the sign of] "De Barbiers,"

¹ Name left blank. Perhaps intended for Abraham Vosburgh.

at Amsterdam. It was marked X and therein was found the following specie:

7 [gold guilders] at 28 stivers	fl. 9:16
1 and 2 half ducations at 63 st.	6: 6
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ at 50 st.	3: 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
145 at 6 st.	43:10
2 at 4 st.	-: 8
6 at 2 st.	-:12
1 bad shilling	<u>1: 6</u> — <i>NB read 0:6</i>
Total	fl. 64: 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

The receipt of which sum of fl. 64: 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ from the hands of the said Marinus Lucassen, in the above mentioned specie, I, Jan Janssz Bosschaerd, acknowledge and I promise, if God grant me a safe voyage, to hand the same to the widow of Master Jan Hartman, residing at Amsterdam, on Elant street, in "De Barbiers." Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 1st of June anno 1655.

Jan Jansz Bosgaert

Cornelis Steenwyck

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Contract of sale from Claes van Elslant, senior, to Pierre Tarragon of 25 acres of land at Mespath kill, L. I.

[132e] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses appeared the worthy Claes van Elslant, the elder, court messenger, of the first part, and Pieter Taaregon, of the second part. The above named

Elslant acknowledges that he has sold and Pieter Terragon that he has bought a certain portion of the vendor's land situated in Mespachtes on Long Island, containing in all 25 morgens, lying between Mr. Francoys Douthey's land and that of Ensign Dirck Smith from Lochum, in width in front and in the rear 250 rods, in length on both sides 300 rods, stretching along the valley east and west and into the woods south by west; all as seen by the purchaser, without posts or rails, the mere woodland only, and that free and unincumbered, saving the lord's right. For the purchase of said parcel of land the purchaser promises to pay one hundred Carolus guilders, one half down and the other half as soon as the vendor shall execute a proper deed and conveyance of the aforesaid land to the purchaser; all without fraud or deceit. Thus done and signed in the presence of Marck du Choçoy and Jan Lubbertssz, as witnesses, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 17th of June 1655.

This is the P T mark of
 Piere Terragons, made by himself
 Claes van Elslant, the elder

Marc du Sausoy

Jan Lubbers

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Assignment by Alexander Boyer to Cornelis Steenwyck of money due
to him by the West India Company

[133a] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior one thousand six hundred and fifty-five, the 23d of June, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam, and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared the worthy Alexander Boyer from Leyden, late assistant at Fort Nassau, who declared that for and on account of a certain quantity of goods, the receipt whereof to his full satisfaction before the execution hereof he acknowledges, he has assigned and conveyed, as he does hereby assign and convey, to and for the behoof of the worthy Cornelis Jacobsen Steenwyck, merchant here, the sum of fl. 867:8:11 $\frac{1}{3}$, due him, the principal, by the honorable directors of the aforesaid Company, being the remainder of his earned wages and monthly pay, as appears by the accompanying account signed P. Stuyvesant and A. Keyser. Which aforesaid account of fl. 867:8:11 $\frac{1}{3}$ he, Alexander Boyer, declares he assigns and conveys in full and true ownership to the said Steenwyck, to this end hereby desisting for the behoof as above written from all right and claim which he, by virtue of the aforesaid account, could or might have against the said honorable directors or their agent, hereby giving him full power to ask to collect, demand and receive in his name the aforesaid account of fl. 867:8:11 $\frac{1}{3}$ from the above mentioned honorable directors or their agent, whether here or in the fatherland, as may be most convenient for him. On payment and receipt of which sum he, Cornelis Steenwyck, shall have power to execute a receipt in full,

which shall be valid against him, Boyer, who promises to hold and to cause to be held firm, binding, unbreakable and irrevocable this assignment and whatever shall be done and performed in the matter aforesaid by Cornelis Steenwyck, his attorney, or his substitute, as if he, Boyer, had done and performed it himself, binding to that end his person and property, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts, judges and justices Thus done in the presence of Jan Lubbertsen and Balthasar Beyart, as witnesses hereto invited, in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the day and year above written.

Alexander Boyer

Jan Lubberts

Balthasar Beyardt

In my presence,

Cor: van Ruyven, Secretary

Lease by Pieter Jansen Kom to Arent Isaacksen of the front room and half the garret in his house

[133b] In the year after the birth of our Redeemer and Savior one thousand six hundred and fifty-two, on the 9th day of July, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared the worthy Pieter Jansen of the one part and Arent Isacksen of the other part. The said Pieter Jansz acknowledged that he had leased and he, Arent Ysacksen, that he had hired the front room (voorhuys) and half the garret of the house in which the lessor dwells at present, situated in the city of New Amsterdam, opposite the

Company's store (winckel), from now until next May. For the rent of the said front room and garret the lessee promises to pay the sum of fl. 90 in the following instalments, to wit: fl. 45 on the last of October or in the beginning of November, and the remaining money, being fl. 45, on the last of April following. It is agreed and stipulated that the cellar under the house shall be offered for rent and the money which shall be received therefor or be agreed upon as rent shall be apportioned and divided, so that one half shall accrue to the benefit of Pieter Jansen and the other half to the benefit of Arent Ysaacksen. Furthermore, Pieter Jansen shall assist Arent Ysaacksen and bear half the expenses in having the inner door and the side door made tight, the bedstead broken out of the passage way and put into the front room and in having half the garret partitioned off when the lessee shall think it necessary; furthermore, the lessee as well as the lessor shall have the use of the bleaching field and the well behind the aforesaid house. For the performance of what is above written the respective parties bind their persons and properties, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges. Thus done without fraud or deceit, the day and year above written, in Amsterdam in New Netherland, in the presence of

Peter Janssen Kom

Arent Isackxen

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Contract of Pieter Claessen to take charge of the farm of
Director Stuyvesant at Amersfoort, L. I.

[134a] In the manner and on the conditions hereinafter
written the Hon. Cornelis van Tienhoven, fiscal of New Nether-
land, agent of the Hon. Director General Petrus Stuyvesant, of
the one part, and Pieter Claesen, of the other part, have in a
friendly and amicable manner agreed and contracted as follows:

Pieter Claesen aforesaid shall fodder and winter according
to custom all the cattle which the said honorable general has
at present on his farm at Amersfoort, both young and old, big and
little, without exception. He shall also sow all the land that
is fit for planting, provided that he shall deduct from the pay-
ment of his rent and credit on his account the grain which he
sows thereon. For the said wintering of all the cattle and sowing
of the suitable land, said Pieter Claesen shall be paid the sum
of 325 guilders, to wit, three hundred and twenty-five guilders,
on condition that he leave all the manure of his and the honorable
general's cattle on the farm. For the performance thereof the
respective parties bind their persons and properties. Done at
Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 10th of July 1655.

Cor: van Tienhoven

This is the X mark of Pieter Claesen,

made by himself

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Lease from Cornelis van Ruyven to Dirck Jansen Cuyper of his farm at Midwout, L. I.

[134b] On this day, date underwritten, Cornelis van Ruyven, secretary, and Dirck Jansen Cuyper have amicably and in a friendly manner agreed and contracted as follows:

The aforesaid Dirck Jansen shall use and plant the land which van Ruyven possesses at Midwout, situated between Evert Duycking and Willem Jacobsen. He shall also cut off and burn down, like the neighbors, all the trees standing on the land, so far as it is at present set off according to the partition line which the lessor shall show him. The lease shall commence when the crop is off the land and terminate in the year 1656, also when the summer crop is off the land. For the hire of said land the lessee promises to pay and to bring to the ferry when the present maize will be ripe fifteen schepels of maize, and next year, 1656, when the grain is threshed, twenty schepels of good winter wheat. The parties have also agreed that the lessee shall keep the front and rear fences tight, unless an entirely new one must be built, which shall then be at the lessor's expense. For all that is above written the parties bind their persons and properties Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 12th of July 1655.

Cornelis van Ruyven

Deirck Jansen

Articles of partnership between Arent Jansen van Vlieringen and
Corporal Gerrit Hendricksen

[134c] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Arent Jansen van Vlieringen, provost-marshal, and Gerrit Hendricksen, corporal, who declared that they had mutually agreed and covenanted in an amicable and friendly manner as follows, to wit: That the goods, wares or merchandise which shall be sent or consigned hither by the ship Bonte Koe to Arent Jansen aforesaid by his father or anyone else shall be brought to the house of Gerrit Hendricksen aforesaid, which goods, wares or merchandise of whatever kind they may be shall be sold and disposed of for the profit of both and the proceeds to be derived therefrom, to wit, the capital as well as the profit, shall be apportioned and divided half and half, when all contracts or other agreements which Arent Jansen and Gerrit Hendricksen have made to this date shall thereby be cancelled and accounted as fulfilled, and all claims which Gerrit Hendricksen aforesaid had against the said Arent Jansen to the date hereof shall be extinct and void. For all of which the parties bind their persons and properties, without any exception; all in good faith, without fraud or deceit. Done in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 12th of July anno 1655.

Gerret Hendrick Korperlaer ¹

Arendt Jansz van Vlierengen

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

¹ Intended for Korporael, or corporal.

Lease from Rev. Johannes Megapolensis to Dirck Jansen Cuyper of
a farm in Midwout, L. I.

[134d] This day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, residing in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, appeared the reverend and most learned D^e Joannis Megapolensis, minister of the gospel in the Reformed Christian church of this city of Amsterdam, of the one part, and Dirck Jansen Cuyper, of the other part, who in the presence of the afternamed witnesses acknowledged that they had voluntarily and deliberately entered into and concluded in an amicable and friendly manner with each other the following contract, in the manner and on the terms hereinafter written, to wit:

The said D^e Megapolensis leases to the above named Dirck Jansen, who also acknowledges that he has rented, a certain farm belonging to the lessor, situated in the village of Midwout on Long Island, for the term of six consecutive years, which are to commence when the crops are off the field and to terminate in the year 1661, when the maize is off the land, but the grain field may be plowed by the lessor as soon as the grain shall have been removed therefrom.

The lessee must keep in repair the house and the posts, rails and fences which are at present on and around the land and deliver them back in good order at the end of the lease.

The lessee must keep wind and water tight the dwelling or dwelling house which the lessor shall cause to be erected on the farm aforesaid and deliver it up at the end of the lease in good repair.

If the posts and rails are moved further out by permission of the court or with the consent of the adjoining lot owners, the lessee shall do so at his own expense.

The maintaining and repair of the present well shall be at the expense of the lessee.

In addition to the land that is at present cleared, the lessee shall annually clear like the neighbors $1\frac{1}{2}$ or one morgen of woodland, the use of which the lessee shall have for nothing in return for his labor so long as the lease lasts

The lessor promises to deliver next spring on the farm two draft oxen, which during the lease shall be at the risk of the lessor and the lessee in common, or half and half, and shall be delivered back to the lessor at the termination of the lease.

The lessor shall also deliver with the farm one wagon, with fore and after rope, one cart, one plow with appurtenances, one harrow, two scythes on condition that the lessee shall point out where they are for sale, and one grindstone if it is to be had. The lessee remains bound and promises to deliver the same back to the lessor or his attorney at the end of the term, in quantity and quality as now delivered to him, or to pay or make good what may be wanting therein according to the decision of two impartial men who understand the matter.

The lessor shall deliver to the lessee two milch cows and one three year old heifer, going with her first calf, which during the lease shall be at the risk of the lessor and the lessee in common, and the increase thereof during the lease shall be equally divided between the lessor and the lessee every three years. But in addition to half the increase the lessee must deliver annually

to the lessor, in place of the butter which is ordinarily given for the use of the cows, one mudde of wheat, as rent of the cows which are now delivered to him.

At the end of the first three years and also at the termination of the last years of the lease, the lessor shall first of all receive the cows, oxen, etc., that have been furnished, and then the increase as above mentioned shall be divided and distributed half and half. But if it should happen that one or more of the cattle now delivered came to die during the term of the lease, then the delivered number shall first of all be made good out of the general increase before any division be made. But this does not include any ox or animal that may be sold or slaughtered; that shall not be made good out of the general increase, but be charged to the account of the person who receives the benefit of it.

As to the other barren animals, whether heifers, young bulls, oxen, or calves which shall be delivered by inventory, the lessee shall be paid for wintering them this winter.

Notice shall be given by each to the other one year before the expiration of the lease.

The lessee must provide at his expense hay and other suitable fodder for the cattle from now on, this summer, until the end of the lease, but on this condition that the hauling of it home this summer shall be paid by the lessor.

The lessor reserves the privilege of planting a suitable orchard on the cleared land, as already begun, even though it were half a morgen or more in extent. The fruit shall be shared half and half

If any materials for the building of a house are to be drawn from the ferry, the lessee must do so at the lessor's pleasure, without charging anything for it.

Should the lessee come to erect any building on the aforesaid land, the lessor shall indemnify him therefor, but he shall not be at liberty to build anything except with the consent and previous knowledge of the lessor.

The lessee is permitted to keep for a year from the date hereof two cows belonging to himself on the aforesaid farm, but after that time no cattle are to be on the farm except those that belong to the lessor.

If the lessee should leave on the expiration of the lease ¹

Deed from the Indians to the director general and council of New Netherland of land on the North River called Wieckquaeskeck

[134e] On this day, date underwritten, personally appeared Sauwenare, sachem of Wieckqueskeck, Annenameck, his brother ¹

all right owners and proprietors of the lands situated on the North river, called Wieckquaeskeck and all the lands appertaining thereto, beginning at ²

being in length along the North river about [blank] miles, and

¹ The contract is canceled and left incomplete. It is not listed in the Calendar of Dutch Manuscripts.

¹ Other names left blank.

² Blank space.

declared before the honorable director general and council of New Netherland and the undersigned witnesses, although the aforesaid lands were by their deceased brother Pechquakor (by the Dutch called Wouter) and other their blood relations delivered over and donated in the year 1645 to the honorable director general and council, that they now approve of and ratify the aforesaid donation and de novo henceforth convey, transfer, cede and surrender to the Hon. Director General Petrus Stuyvesant and the council in New Netherland all their patrimonial right, authority, jurisdiction, ownership and other prerogatives; therefore constituting the said honorable director general and council and their successors in their stead, real and actual possession thereof, giving them full and irrevocable power and authority to enter upon, possess in peace and use the aforesaid land and its appurtenances thereof as they might do with other their lawfully obtained lands, without the said grantors' having, reserving or retaining any more authority over the same in the least, but the said grantors relinquishing the same forever for themselves, their descendants or those whom it might in any way concern, hereby promising to free the aforesaid parcel of land from all claims and incumbrances to be set up or to be made thereto by any one in the world. They further declare that in compensation and in satisfaction of their right they have been fully paid and satisfied before the execution hereof by the honorable director general and council for account of the General Chartered West India Company, chamber of Amsterdam, in cargo goods, as is specified below. All in good faith, without fraud or deceit.

In testimony and token of the truth this is signed by them and the witnesses hereto invited. Actum in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 26th of July A^o. 1655. ³

Agreement of Hendrick Luft to serve out the time for which Jan Hendricksen is engaged as a soldier of the West India Company

[135a] Before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the West India Company, appeared Jan the cabinet-maker, ¹ a soldier, of the one part, and Hendrick Loeft, from the bishopric of Fulda in Hessen, ² of the other part, who declared that in an amicable and friendly manner they had mutually agreed as follows:

Hendrick Loeft engages and promises to serve out and satisfy as an honest soldier should the time for which Jan the cabinet-maker is bound to the West India Company, for which he, Loeft, may ask and shall receive the pay which Jan the cabinet-maker would earn from now on until he were discharged and shall have delivered to him the gun and sword-belt which he, Jan the cabinet-maker, promises to pay the above named Loeft, for serving out his enlisted time, the sum of seventy guilders in seawan and a pair of shoes. With all of which the parties are fully content and satisfied and they promise to perform the same as men and soldiers of honor, binding to this end their persons and properties. In testimony of the truth they have signed this Done at Amsterdam

³ The original document is canceled.

¹ Jan de kistmaecker; erroneously translated by E. B. O'Callaghan as Jan the trunkmaker.

² Het stift Vol in Hessenlant; given in O'Callaghan's translation as "the diocese of Wol in Hesse."

in New Netherland, the 6th of August 1655.

By me, Jan Hendrijckse

Henrich Luft

In my presence,

Cornelis van Buyven, Secretary

I, Hendrick Loef, acknowledge that I have been satisfied by Jan the cabinet-maker for all that he has promised me in the above written contract. Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 6th of August anno 1655.

Henri[c]h Luft

Bond of Edmund Scarborough that he shall not within four weeks enter the South Bay or the South River or approach within six miles thereof

[135b] Before me, Cornelis van Buyven, secretary in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared Edmund [Sch]arburgh, residing in Ha[c]co M[a]cco in Virginia, who, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses promises that he will not within four weeks from date, either directly nor indirectly, enter the South Bay and the South River, nor touch land within six miles south or north thereof, much less sail into, anchor in, or lie at the roadstead of the said bay or river, except it happened, which God forbid, that by God's wind and weather he were compelled to touch at the South Bay, in which case they shall not be permitted to run in farther than is necessary to save their lives, without sending any person from on board ashore, or allowing any one to come aboard. Also, that during said time neither he nor his crew will directly or indirectly, by sea or land, by the present or any other bark or

sloop, or even by any man in the world, furnish or give any intelligence to those living in the aforesaid countries.

For the observance of all that is hereinbefore written, he, Scharburgh, binds himself in the sum of five thousand pounds sterling to be paid for the behoof of the West India Company in case he or any of his crew were hereafter found to have acted contrary hereto, submitting to that end his person and property, present and future, to the control of all courts, judges and justices.

For greater security and observance of what is written above, Mr. Tomas Willeth offers himself as surety and co-principal in solido that all that is above written shall be observed and effected by Edmund [S]charburgh and his people, binding to that end his person and property, submitting the same to the control of all courts, judges and justices. In witness whereof the parties and the witnesses have signed this. Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 29th of August anno 1655.

Edm: Scarburgh

Tho. Willett

This is the X mark of Claes [Ptsen?], made as witness

This is the X mark of Roeloff Carstense, made as witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Order of Lucas Hendricksen, drummer, on the West India Company to pay his debt to Lucas Dircksen out of his monthly pay in case he should not return from the expedition against the Swedes

[1350] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Lucas Hendricksen, from West-countrey, drummer here in the service of the said Company, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses acknowledged that he was well and truly indebted to Lucas Dircksen, corporal in the aforesaid Company's service, in the sum of sixty guilders at 20 stivers each for goods received to his satisfaction, which sum he promises to pay when opportunity offers to Lucas Dircksen aforesaid. But whereas he is obliged to depart with the honorable director general to the South River and does not know whether any accident (which God forbid) may befall him or not, he requests and desires, in case he should happen to die on said expedition, that the contents hereof be satisfied and paid to Lucas Dircksen aforesaid out of the monthly pay which is at present due or shall then be due to him from the Company, in preference to all other debts, if there be any at the time of his decease.

In witness hereof the appearer has signed this with the witnesses. Done at Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 29th of August anno 1655.

This is the L H mark of

Lucas Hendricksen, made by himself

Claes van Elslant, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Lease from Director Stuyvesant to Jacobus van Dalen of his farm
at Amersfoort, L. I. ¹

[136b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary
in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West
India Company, appeared the Honorable and Valiant Petrus Stuyvesant,
director general of New Netherland, etc., of the one part, and
the worthy Jacobus van Daelen, ² of the other part, who in the
presence of the undersigned witnesses declared that they had
entered into and concluded together the following contract on
the terms and conditions hereinafter written, to wit:

The Honorable Petrus Stuyvesant leases to Jacobus van
Daelen, ² who also acknowledges that he has hired the lessor's
farm, situated in the village of Amersfoort on Long Island, together
with the house, hayrick, barn and lands thereto belonging, fenced
and unfenced, the property of the aforesaid director, for the
term of four years, commencing the 4th of October A^o. 1655 and
ending the first of October A^o. 1659, ³ but with this express
condition that upon the expiration of the four years it shall
be at the option of the lessee to continue the lease for another
two years or to give up the same. ⁴ The honorable lessor promises
to deliver with the said farm within the month of May 1656 eight

¹ In the margin is written by Stuyvesant: This lease is
canceled with the consent of the parties

² The name is canceled and above the line Stuyvesant has
substituted the name: Herpert Claasz.

³ Above the line is inserted: "used by Petr- Clausz;"
"four" is changed to "six" and the years 1655 and 1659 are
changed to 1656 and 1662.

⁴ This condition is canceled.

milch cows, four draft horses, two draft oxen, or so many milch cows as the lessee may need ⁵ and can be conveniently added by the lessor. Furthermore, the honorable lessor promises to deliver with the said farm one wagon and one plow which shall be fit for use, together with two siths and two scythes and one winnowing basket. ⁶

The lessee promises to keep the house and lands in good condition, the building roof and window tight and the fences tight during the term of the lease, and at the expiration thereof to deliver the same again in proper repair. For the use of which house and lands etc. the lessee promises to pay promptly every year, to wit, the first year three hundred and fifty guilders and the following years each year four hundred guilders. It is also agreed that after the expiration of three years the increase of the cattle shall be divided half and half, and upon the expiration of the lease the whole of the stock of cattle now delivered shall be first set aside in quantity and delivered to the proprietor and lessor, after which the remaining increase shall be divided and distributed half and half by the respective parties, the lessor and the lessee incurring equally the risk of death of the cattle which are now or may hereafter may be delivered.

The lessee promises to pay annually for each milch cow 16 lbs of good butter as rent of the year. It is also stipulated that the lessee shall leave on the farm at the expiration of the lease as much straw as shall then be on the farm. Whatever

⁵ Stuyvesant has substituted: six milch cows, 2 draft horses, two draft oxen, and at the first opportunity, whether this year, or at the latest next spring, three milch cows, or so many more as the lessee may need.

⁶ Instead of one winnowing basket, Stuyvesant has added: one harrow with iron teeth, 2 pitchforks and one manure fork.

necessary repairs or expenses on the house the lessee may incur with the knowledge and consent of the honorable lessor, he shall be at liberty to deduct in payment of the rent.

For the performance of all that is above written the parties bind their respective persons and properties, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts, tribunals and judges. In testimony whereof they have signed this in presence of the undernamed witnesses. Actum, Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 28th of August 1655.

P. Stuyvesant

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Nicasius de Sille, test

This is the X mark made by Willem Berckhout

In my presence,

Cornelis van Buyven, Secretary

Power of attorney from Pieter Ebel to his wife to receive money due him from the West India Company

[136b] This day, the 31st of August anno 1655, before me, Cornelis van Buyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy from Gusterop, who declared in the presence of the undersigned witnesses that he has appointed and empowered his wife Claertje Hendricx in his, the principal's, name and on his part to demand, collect and receive such moneys as are due him by the honorable West India Company by virtue of an account paid by him to Harmen Jan from Cuelen, ¹ a former soldier; to execute a

¹ Cologne, Germany.

discharge upon receipt of the money, which shall be valid, and if necessary to institute legal proceedings, to hear judgment pronounced and to do everything that the case may require, the principal promising to hold valid whatever shall be done herein by his wife and attorney, even though the matter should require greater and more special power than is herein mentioned. Thus done in Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 31st of August anno 1655.

This is the P E mark of
Pieter Ebel, made by himself

Derck Krins, witness

Jan Hendricks

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Bond of Richard Wraith to skipper Meyndert Swart for the payment of the purchase price of a Negro woman and boy

[137a] I, the undersigned, Richard Wreath, acknowledge by this my signature, that I am indebted to skipper Meyndert Swart in the sum of five hundred and twenty-five guilders for a Negress and a boy purchased from him, which sum I promise to pay at the appointed time in the promised specie. For the greater security of the aforesaid skipper John Betman offers himself as surety and co-principal in solido and promises, in case Richard Wreath should fail to pay, to tender and pay the aforesaid sum without any gainsay, in such specie as is agreed on. To this end he binds his person and property, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts, tribunals and judges Actum, Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 8th of September anno 1655.

Richard Wraith

John Bateman

Contract of sale from Lieven Jansen to Andries Andriessen of a
plantation on Long Island

[137b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses appeared the worthy Lieven Jansen, of the one part, and Andries Andriessz from Westeroos in Sweden, of the other part. The above named Lieven Jansen acknowledges that he has sold and he, Andries Andriesen, that he has purchased a certain plantation belonging to the vendor, situated on Long Island, beyond the Hellegadt (Hellgate), extending on the east side from Symon Joosten's land and on the west side adjoining Juryaen Fradel's land, as large and small as appears by the patent thereof; together with the house standing thereon and all that is constructed, built, fenced off or planted thereon by the vendor, and 13 hogs, old and young, as seen by the purchaser. For which plantation and what is above mentioned the purchaser promises to pay the sum of four hundred and ten guilders, payable right down, to wit, 100 guilders in merchantable beavers and 310 guilders in good current seawan. Furthermore, the purchaser shall pay all costs incurred in connection with this sale and conveyance, as also those of posting notices, etc. For all of which the parties respectively bind their persons and properties, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and witnesses. Actum, Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 10th of September anno 1655.

Lieven Jansz

This is the X mark of

Andries Andriesen, made by himself

By me, Stoffel Michielsen, witness

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Lease from Annetje Meynderts, wife of Lieutenant Dirck Smith,
to Jan Jansen van Steenderen of a plantation on
Mespach kill, L. I.

[137c] On this day, date underwritten, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared Annetjen Meinderts, wife of Lieutenant Dirck Smith, at present on the South River, of the one part, and Jan Jansen from Steenderen, of the other part. She, Annetje, acknowledges that she has leased and he, Jan Jansen, that he has hired a certain plantation belonging to the lessor, situated in Mespach, between Sergeant Jacob Luby and Jan Swaen, for the term of six consecutive years, commencing on the date hereof and ending on the 8th of October anno 1661, on the following conditions, to wit:

The lessee must clear annually one morgen adjoining the land that is cleared at present. The morgen which he shall clear the first year, he shall have the use of for two years for himself, in return for his labor, it being understood that the two years shall begin when he begins to clear the land, but the third year the lessor must deliver half the seed grain and the lessee the other half which is to be sown on the land, which sowing the lessee is to do, and the lessee shall have one half and the lessor the other half of what shall be cut therefrom. The same rule shall apply to what shall be cleared the second, third and fourth years, but of the land which the lessee shall clear the fifth and sixth years he shall have the use for himself until the expiration of the term of the lease. For the land which is cleared at present, being about one morgen, the lessor must

annually deliver half the seed grain, in return for which he shall receive half the crop. It is further understood and agreed, if it happen that the lessee should clear more land than the six morgens, that he shall be paid therefor what two arbitrators shall judge has been earned. Furthermore, the lessor promises to deliver to the lessee with the aforesaid plantation upon halves one cow, the increase of which at the end of the term of the lease shall be divided and distributed half and half; also one gelding, valued at fl. 100, upon half risk, likewise four sows and nine young pigs, upon half risk and half the increase; one axe, 3 wedges, 2 spades, 4 adzes, 2 small mill-stones with one axle, one pail and one new canoe, valued at fl. 25, which at the termination of the lease he must deliver back in as good condition, or replace by another. Furthermore, the lessee must keep the fence tight and at the expiration of the lease deliver it again in tight condition to the lessor. Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 12th of October anno 1655.

[Not signed]

Power of attorney from Andries Hudde to Nicolaes van Beecq to demand and receive certain testamentary papers in Holland

[137d] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ one thousand six hundred and fifty-five, the 12th of October, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, residing on the Manhatans in Fort Amsterdam, appeared the worthy Andries Hudde, an inhabitant here, who, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, declared that he constituted the Hon. Nicolaes van Beecq, burgher and merchant of the

city of Amsterdam in Holland [his attorney] and empowered him to ask, demand, procure and receive in his, the principal's, name and on his behalf all such testaments, codicils and other instruments of last will as may have been made and executed by Wybrant Andriesen, late dean of the [guild of] skippers to Antwerp, ¹ in his lifetime residing at Amsterdam, and by Aeltjen Schenckels, the principal's mother, also residing at Amsterdam, and others, in favor of the principal's son Hendr[ick] Hudde; to give a discharge for the receipt thereof; if necessary to institute legal proceedings and to do everything that the principal if he were personally present could or might do, as if it were all specifically set forth herein, [the principal] promising to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed by virtue hereof by the attorney, binding himself thereto in every way according to law. Thus done without fraud or deceit, in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, on the day above written.

A. Hudde

Roelleff Jans

Derck Krijns

Power of attorney from Andries Hudde to Isaack van Beecq to collect legacies due to Hendrick Hudde

[137e] In the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ one thousand six hundred and fifty-five, the 12th of October, before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, residing on the Manhatans in Fort Amsterdam, in

¹ geweesen deecken vande Booden op Antwerpen. O'Callaghan's translation reads: "dean of the city marshals at Antwerp."

the presence of the undersigned witnesses, appeared the worthy Andries Hudde, an inhabitant here, known to me, the secretary, and in the best form and manner feasible to him has constituted and empowered, as he hereby does constitute and empower, Mr. Isaacq van Beecq, director of the aforesaid West India Company, chamber at Amsterdam, to demand, recover, collect and receive for and to the behoof of him, the principal, from all and every one whom it may concern all such interests, etc., as may be in any way due to his, the principal's, son Hendrick Hudde, by virtue of the testament, codicil or other instrument of last will made and executed by Wybrant Andriesen, late dean of the skippers to Antwerp, and Aeltjen Schenckels, the principal's mother, residing at Amsterdam, and others, according to the documents thereof in the hands of Nicolaes van Beecq, which he, on the sight hereof, will be pleased to deliver to turn over to the attorney, or which by virtue of his power of attorney must still be collected; with all costs, damages and interests to the time of effectual payment; with power to grant a receipt in full; if necessary to sue at law, to appear before all courts and judges; to demand, answer, reply and rejoin; to observe all days and terms of court; to attach, protest, demand judgment or judgments and to hear the same pronounced; to have the same excuted or to appeal therefrom or ask reform thereof and to prosecute the case of appeal or reformation and to renounce the same; with power also to substitute one or more attorneys ad lites, and further in the matter aforesaid with all the incidents and consequences thereof to do whatever he, the principal, were he personally present, could do; [the principal] promising that he will hold and cause to be held

valid whatever shall be done and performed by virtue hereof by the said attorney or his substitute, all under binding obligation as by law provided, without fraud or deceit. Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, on the day above written.

A. Hudde

Roeleff Jans

Derck Krukns

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Declaration of Isaac Allerton that he had paid the amount of a bond given for Ralph Whory

[137f] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, secretary in New Netherland, personally appeared Isaacq Allerton from Suffolk, aged about 70 years, who in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared at the requisition of the Honorable and Valiant Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland, to wit:

That in the year 1647, he, Isaacq Allerton, became surety for one Raeff Whory for the freight charges of two ships freighted by the said Raaff Whory, according to the tenor of the charter party, of which one ship, called De Groote Gerrit, properly belonged to the honorable West India Company, and the other, called Het Wapen van Nieu-Nederlant, really belonged to Willem de Key and his partners at Amsterdam. The aforesaid Raaff Whory having failed to pay the stipulated freight charges of the ship De Groote Gerrit, he, Isaacq Allerton, upon her return was called upon to pay by skipper Jelmer Tomassen, who sued out an attachment

against the person of the deponent as surety for the recovery of the aforesaid fl. 1800, whereupon he, Isaacq Allerton, did make payment, not to the Hon. Petrus Stuyvesant, either as a private individual or as director general, but to one Adriaen Keyser, then bookkeeper of the General Chartered West India Company, also secretary of New Netherland, in whose book the aforesaid eighteen hundred guilders to the behoof of the General Chartered West India Company are canceled in the debit account of the deponent, as the deponent and the undernamed witnesses, Capt. Tomas Willet, merchant of New Plymouth, Mr. Jan Brown of Salem, hereby declare that on the date hereof they have seen the canceled entry of the said sum in the debit account of Mr. Ysaacq Allerton under date of the 9th October 1648, on folio 17 of the Great Ledger of the above mentioned Company, and that to the behoof, not of Mr. Petrus Stuyvesant as an individual or as director general of New Netherland, but to the behoof of the General Chartered West India Company Furthermore, the said Isaacq Allerton declares that on account of the aforesaid 1800 guilders he was arrested, not by the said P. Stuyvesant, either as a private individual, or as director general, but by the skipper Jelmer Tomassen. The aforesaid Isaacq Allerton further declares that he does not know that the aforesaid Raaff Whory ever had or has left any goods in his, the deponent's, hands in New Netherland, but the deponent knows well and hereby declares that the aforesaid P. Stuyvesant has never caused any goods or merchandise belonging to the said Raaff Whory to be attached in his, the deponent's, hands. Thus done in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 23d of October anno 1655.

Isaac Allerton, senior

On the date hereof this was confirmed on oath before the
Hon. Fiscal van Tienhoven, in the presence of the undersigned
witnesses, ady at supra.

John Browne

Thos Willett

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Inventory and bill of sale of the ship Abrahams Offerhande

[138a] Inventory of the property which I, skipper Claes
Cornelisz, found on the ship De Offerhande Abrahams, the 21st
of October anno 1655

1 main sail	1 keg with some powder
2 foresails with a bonnet	2 iron 3 pounders
1 main topsail	1 ladle and 1 sponge
1 fore topsail	2 small pedereros with 3 chambers
1 spritsail, good and bad	1 worm
as it is	6 cannon balls
1 mizzen	3 muskets
1 prince's flag	1 powder horn
1 jack	2 copper kettles
3 anchors	1 brass pot
3 cables	1 dishing out spoon
1 horseline	1 skimmer
Some old loose ropes	1 frying pan
1 bundle of match	1 scraper
1 dipping pan	2 cartridge tubes
1 gridiron	1 tub with blacking

1 dozen wooden bowls	1 tin lamp
6 plates	1 lamp in the watch house
30 lbs. of ()	3 marling spikes
2 pewter dishes	1 piece of pump leather
1 pewter basin	1 boat line with a lead
1 pewter dipping bowl	1 maul
1 pewter wine cup	1 axe
4 compasses	1 kedge anchor
3 night hour glasses	
1 captain's glass running two hours	
6 [] spars of all sorts	

On the 23d of October of this year 1655, the undersigned commissaries appointed by the honorable director general in the name of the honorable directors of the West India Company, of the one part, and Capt Tomas Willeth, of Plymouth in New England, merchant, of the other part, have agreed about the purchase of the little ship Abraham's Offerhande according to the preceding inventory, to wit:

That the aforesaid ship and the articles enumerated in the inventory shall be delivered to the aforesaid Tomas Willeth, who shall be held free of all claims thereto to be made by any one in the world and in all ports and harbors by peoples who are in alliance with the State of the Netherlands. For which ship and furniture above mentioned Mr. Willeth promises to pay for account of the said Company the sum of thirty-three hundred and fifty guilders, payable in good beef and pork, to wit, the fresh unsalted beef and pork to be delivered here at the Manhatans, clean on the hook, at three and a half stivers a

pound, ox beef, and good pork at four and a half stivers a pound; the salt beef in barrels at four stivers and salt pork in barrels at five stivers; it being understood that the half of the said purchase money must be paid in the above named provisions, all in good condition, before this winter, and the other half in the spring, in the month of April. In token of the truth this is signed by us, the parties on both sides, on the date above written. It is also agreed that the Prince's flags shall be retained by the honorable Company, provided that so much bunting shall be delivered to Mr. Willeth as is necessary to make an English flag.

Ady ut supra.

Tho: Willett

P Stuyvesant^{vt}.

Isaac Allerton

Conditions on which Waraer Wessels farmed the excise on wine and beer

[138b] Before me, Cornelis van Tienhoven, secretary of New Netherland, appeared the honorable supreme councilors Nicasius de Sille, La Montagne and Cornelis van Tienhoven, fiscal, commissioned by the director general and supreme council of New Netherland, of the one part, and Waraer Wessels, late farmer of the tapsters' excise on wine and beer of this city, of the other part. The said honorable supreme councilors declare and he, Waraer Wessels, acknowledges that the aforesaid Waraer Wessels at public outcry remained the farmer of the excise on wine and beer to be consumed next year by the tavernkeepers and tapsters residing within the jurisdiction of this city of New Amsterdam,

on the following conditions, to wit:

That he, Warnær Wessels, shall receive from the tavernkeepers and tapsters resident within the jurisdiction of this city of New Amsterdam on the wine and beer to be by them consumed the next year, as follows:

For an ordinary hogshead of French or Rhenish	
wine	fl. 20:0
For one anker of said wines	4:0
For one anker of Spanish wine, brandy, or	
distilled liquors	7:0
For one assized tun of good New Netherland beer	4:0
For one tun of imported beer	6:0

Larger or smaller barrels in proportion.

For which excise he has promised and again promises to contribute and pay as rental for one year, beginning on the date hereof and ending on the first of December anno 1656, the sum of five thousand and thirty guilders, one true fourth part of the promised excise to be paid each quarter year.

For the performance of what is hereinbefore written, he, Warnær Wessels, binds all his property, present and future, without any exception, and as further security for the prompt fulfilment of what is above written,

offer themselves as sureties in solido, one for all and each as principal, under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis, excussionis et divisionis, the tenor whereof they acknowledge they fully understand, promising, in case Warnær Wessels remain in default (which they do not anticipate), that they will tender and pay the aforesaid rental at the stipulated time without any

gainsay to the director and supreme council, or their agent, free of costs and charges To this end they bind their persons and properties, present and future, submitting the same to the control of all courts, judges and justices In testimony whereof this is signed by the sureties together with the parties. Actum in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, this day, the first of December anno 1655. ¹

Power of attorney from skipper Abbe Claesen to Laurens Cornelissen van der Wel to collect money due to him from the former Swedish authorities on the Delaware

[138c] I, the undersigned, Abbe Claesen from Dockum, late skipper in the service of the Swedes on the South River of New Netherland, acknowledge that I am well and truly indebted to Lourens Cornelisz vander Wel in the sum of two hundred guilders, arising from board and goods received to my satisfaction, which debt I would gladly pay him with thanks. But whereas I have at present no money or effects in my possession, but enough money to satisfy this debt is due to me from the late Swedish chief officers on the South River of New Netherland, as appears by the settlement of accounts obtained from them; and whereas they have departed and I cannot apply to them for payment, but they have left some effects in the hands of the honorable director general and supreme council of New Netherland, this is primarily intended as a power of attorney and procuration for the said Lourens Cornelissz van der Wel to demand and collect the above mentioned debt and all that is due me by the aforesaid Swedes according

¹ Not signed.

to the documents thereof, either from the Swedes or those who may have their effects in their custody. The principal promises to hold and to cause to be held valid whatever shall be done and performed in the matter by the attorney, binding himself thereto as by law provided, on condition that the aforesaid Lourens Cornelissz under like obligation remain bound to render to me or mine, when required, a proper account, proof and balance of his transactions and proceedings. Actum in Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 2d of December 1655, in the presence of Jan Rijndersen Spits and Pieter Harmensen, as witnesses hereto invited.

This is the X mark of Abbe

Claesen, made by himself

Jan Reyndersz Spits

Pieter Harmensen

In my presence,

Cornelis van Buyven, Secretary

Bond of George Baxter to remain in the room in the City Hall where he is confined until discharged

[139a] Whereas I, the undersigned, George Baxter, at present imprisoned by the honorable director general and supreme council of New Netherland, have been graciously removed from my prison and detained in a room at the City Hall of this city (although I am undeserving of such favor), I promise to remain and continue in said confinement until I be released therefrom by the honorable director general and supreme council, or corrected and punished according to my deserts. For further security

of my above mentioned promise, I specially mortgage and pledge my farm, both house and lands, situated in the village of Gravesande, between [] ¹ and [] ¹ which with my earned monthly wages and all my property, real and personal, present and future, shall be forfeited to the government in case it shall hereafter be found that I shall have acted contrary to my promise. ²

Bond of Isaac Allerton for Grinfil Lerben, captain of the ship Charles, about to sail for Curaçao

[139b] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the Chartered West India Company, appeared the worthy Mr. Isaack Allerton, the elder, an old and established citizen of this city of Amsterdam in New Netherland, who declared that whereas he and his partners have been granted permission to send their little ship called the Charles, of which Grinfil Lerben is for the present master, to the Curaçao islands to take in there a cargo of salt or horses, he offers himself as surety and principal debtor (under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis excussionis) for the honorable Company's dues and valid payment of whatever the said Grinfil Lerben or his successor shall trade and negotiate with the vice-director. To which end he binds his person and property, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to the

¹ Blank in the original.

² Not signed.

control of all courts, judges and justices. In testimony whereof he has signed this with Mr. Corn. van Tienhoven and Jan Paul Jacquet, as witnesses hereto invited. Actum, Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 6th of December anno 1655.

Isaac Allerton, senior

Cor: van Tienhoven

J: Paul Jacquet

In my presence,

Cornelis van Ruyven, Secretary

Lease from Michiel de Carreman to Joseph d'Acosta of a house in New Amsterdam

[140] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the General Chartered West India Company, and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared the worthy Michiel de Carreman of the one part and Joseph d'Acoste of the other part. Said Michiel de Carreman declared that he had leased and he, Joseph d'Acosta, acknowledged that he had hired a certain house belonging to the lessor, standing and situated within this city of Amsterdam in New Netherland, next to the house in which the lessor dwells at present and the house of Jacob Wolphertsen van Couwenhoven, at present occupied by his late wife's mother, together with the well and the yard as Johannis Withart has used the same; and that for the term of one year, which lease shall first commence on the first of July anno 1656 and end, also on the first of July, anno 1657; but if the lessee will then give the same rent for the premises which another offers, he shall have the preference, on the following conditions.

The lessor promises to deliver to the lessee the aforesaid house wind and water tight, which the lessee remains bound to keep in good repair as to roof and walls during the lease and at the end of the term to deliver it up to the lessor in the same condition. For the rent of the aforesaid house the lessee promises to pay the sum of two hundred and fifty guilders and twenty cans of brandy, the 200 guilders in good merchantable beavers and the fifty guilders in good current seawan. For all that is hereinbefore written the parties respectively bind their persons and properties, present and future, without exception, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the parties and by Isacq Israel and Willem Bogardus, as witnesses hereto invited. Actum, Amsterdam in Nieu Netherland, the 6th of December anno 1655.

This is the X mark made

by Michiel de Carreman

Joseph da Costa

Izaque Israel

W: Bogardus

Bond of Jacob Cohen and Salvador d'Andrade to pay to the fiscal 11 casks of seized tobacco or the value thereof in case they are proved to have been smuggled

[141a] Before me, Cornelis van Ruyven, appointed secretary in New Netherland in the service of the Chartered West India Company, appeared Jacob Cohen, as principal, together with Salvador d'Andrade, who offers himself as surety and co-principal, under renunciation of the beneficium ordinis excussionis, which said appearers, one for all and each as principal, promise to

tender and pay to the honorable fiscal Cornelis van Tienhoven, or to those who may be entitled thereto, those certain 11 casks of tobacco, the weight whereof shall be specified below, which have been seized by the said honorable fiscal on board the ship New Amsterdam, on pretense, as he says, that they were smuggled by the appearer, Jacob Cohen, or in place thereof the sum of twelve hundred guilders, if it shall be proved and be found to be proper. For all that is hereinbefore written the appearers respectively bind their persons and properties, present and future, without exception, submitting the same to the control of all courts and judges. In testimony whereof this is signed by the appearers with their own hands Actum, Fort Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 23d of December anno 1655.

Jacob Cohen Henriqz

Salvador d'Andrade

Copy

Jacob Cohun has had weighed the eleven casks of tobacco seized by the fiscal and taken out of the ship Amsterdam. They weighed four thousand eight hundred and twenty-four pounds gross and were this day, by consent, shipped by him in said ship. This day, the 23d of December A^o 1655, in Amsterdam in New Netherland. Was signed: Adriaen van Tienhoven.

Bond of Director Stuyvesant to Frederick Lubbertsen for the
purchase price of cattle

[141b] I hereby acknowledge that I am duly indebted to Frederick Lubbertsz in the sum of four hundred and fifty guilders on account of the purchase and delivery of cattle received to my satisfaction; which sum aforesaid I promise to pay for account of him, Frederick Lubbertsz, to Govert Loocquermans in good return cargo goods for so far as the amount goes, in payment of what Frederick Lubbertsz owes to the said Loocquermans, payable before the departure of the ships which will sail next year, 1656, hence for Holland, for the purchase of the house bought by him, Frederick Lubbertsz, from the heirs of Jan van Hardenberch, deceased, according to the contract of sale thereof; binding therefor my person and property, without exception, subject to all courts and judges In good faith, without fraud or deceit, this is signed by me at Amsterdam in New Netherland, the 23d of December anno 1655. Was signed: P: Stuyvesant

Deed from Hendrick Hendricksen Kip to Caspar Steinmets for a
lot at New Amsterdam

[142a] Before us, [the undersigned schepens] of this city of Amsterdam [in New Netherland], appeared [Hendrick Hendricksz] Kip, former schepen of this city, [who acknowledged and] declared that by virtue of two ground briefs, [one dated the 28th of April] ¹ 1643, granted to him, the appearer, [and the other dated the 6th of October] ² 1646, (granted to Pieter Cornelissen and at

¹ Date illegible and derived from Patents, GG, p. 57.

² Date illegible and derived from Patents, GG, p. 159.

present transferred to him, the appearer), ³ he cedes, conveys and makes over to Caspar Stymens, burgher and inhabitant here, his lot, with such dominant and servient estates and rights as the same has been possessed by the appearer until the date of the 26th of January 1658, according to []; situated on the south side of the Brouwer straet, adjoining on the east Jan Jansen van St. Oblin, on the south the house and lot belonging to the appearer, on the west the Brugh steech, on the north the Brouwer straet aforesaid, and further in length and in width according to the measurement of the sworn surveyor, Jacques Corteljou, [dated the 7th of February 1658]; ⁴ the north side is broad twenty-nine and a half feet; the south side twenty-four feet; the west side is long fifty-one feet, the east side forty-nine feet; all free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, except the lord's right, and further according to the contents of the conditions read out by Secretary Cornelis van Ruyven at the public sale held on the 28th of January 1658 aforesaid. For which purchase, transfer and conveyance of said lot the aforesaid Hendrick Hendricksz Kip acknowledges that he has been satisfied and paid [to his full contentment] and satisfaction by the aforesaid Caspar Stymens, wherefore he hereby desists from and relinquishes all ownership, right, title and claim which he has had in and to the aforesaid lot, promising that he will not do, nor suffer anything to be done contrary hereto, in or out of court, in any way whatsoever, for which he binds his person and property, real or personal, without exception, submitting the same to all courts and judges. In testimony of

³ The words in parentheses are canceled in the original.

⁴ Date illegible and supplied from O'Callaghan's translation.

the truth, this is signed by the grantor, together with the honorable schepens, Jacob Strycker and Pieter van Couwenhoven, the 27th of July 1658, in Amsterdam in New Netherland.

Hendrick Hendricksen Kip

Pieter Couwenhoven

[Ja]cob Strijcker

Deed from Evert Duyckinck to Willem Abramsen van der Borden and Lubbert Roelantsen of a lot in New Amsterdam

[142b] [Before us], ¹ the undersigned schepens [of this] city of Amsterdam in New Netherland, appeared Evert Duyc[kinck], burgher and inhabitant here, who declared that by virtue of the ground brief [granted to him on June 22, 1643], he cedes, transfers and conveys to Willem Abramsz van der Borden and Lub[bert Roe]lantsen from Berlijn the lawful, true [and] free ownership of his, the appearer's, lot with [such] dominant and servient estates and rights as he, the appearer, has possessed the same according to the ground brief and proofs thereof; the aforesaid lot being situated south of [] street, [west of Joghem Beeckman, shoemaker], north of the aforesaid street, east of [Jan Reyersz], south of the [house] and lot of the [appearer] Upon measurement by the sworn surveyor, Jacques Corteljou, the 6th of July 1658, the north side was [found] to be in length sixty-six feet and the south side of equal length, the west side one hundred and ten feet and the east side ninety-four feet, all wood measure; all free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same, save the lord's right. For which aforesaid lot

¹ The document is faded and partly illegible. Words in brackets are supplied from O'Callaghan's translation.

and the purchase, transfer and conveyance thereof he, the appearer, acknowledges that he has been paid and compensated to his satisfaction by the aforesaid Willem Abrahamsz and Lubbert Roelantsen; therefore, he, the appearer, declares that for the behoof of the aforesaid Willem Abrahamsz and Lubbert Roelantsen he cedes and relinquishes all ownership, right, title and claim which he has had in and to the aforesaid lot, promising that he shall not do, nor suffer anything to be done, contrary hereto, either in or out of court, in any way whatsoever, binding therefor his person and property, real and personal, without exception, subject to all courts and judges. In testimony of the truth this is signed by the appearer together with the honorable schepens, Johannes de Peister and Pieter van Couwenhoven, the 26th of August 1657, in New Amsterdam.

[Evert Duyckinok]

[Johannes de Peister]

[Pieter van Couwenhoven]

Power of attorney from Jan Gillissen Verbrugge to Johannes de Peyster to attend in his place to the affairs of Jan Pietersen Verbrugge and Styntje Raelis, widow of Lucas van Kipshaven

[142c] This day, the 28th of August 1657, before me, Dirck van Schelluyne, notary public appointed by the High and Mighty lords the States General of the United Netherlands, residing at Amsterdam in New Netherland, and before the undersigned witnesses, appeared Mr. Jan Gillissz Verbrugge, merchant here, who declared that by virtue of the power of attorney given to him by Mr. Jan Pietersz Verbrugge and executed before me and certain witnesses on the 5th of June last past, as also by virtue of the power of

attorney given to him, the appearer, by Stijntie Rael, widow of Lucas van Kipshaven, executed on the 17th of May anno 1656 before Notary Johannes Sellerus and certain witnesses, with the clause of substitution, he substitutes in his place, as he does hereby, the Hon. Johannes de Peyster, schepen of this city, especially to execute and fulfil the contents of the aforesaid powers of attorney punctually in every part, to the best advantage of the aforesaid appearer's principals, as he shall consider expedient and necessary; as also to attend to the appearer's own affairs, in trade and otherwise, both in and out of court; promising that at all times he will hold and cause to hold valid whatever shall be done and performed by the aforesaid substitute by virtue of this and the aforesaid powers of attorney, without any gainsay, provided that the attorney shall be bound, if required, to render a proper account of his transactions and receipts Thus done and executed at Amsterdam in New Netherland, in the presence of Pieter Schaffbanck and Jan Gerritsz van Couwenhoven, as witnesses hereto invited, who with the appearer have signed the original minute hereof in the custody of me, the notary.

In testimony whereof,

D. v Schelluyne, Not. Pub.

Survey of a parcel of land in the town of Bergen, N. J.,
for Douwe Harmansen

[142d] For Douwe Harmanse a parcel of land near the village of Berghen in the new maize land in the rear of Christiaen Piterse, in width 20 rods, in length from the cripple bush to the kill. Also a lot northeast of Christiaen Piterze, southwest of Caspaer Steynmuts, in width 28 rods, the dividing line on both sides of

both the lots, northwest by west, in length from the road to the kill; containing together with the valley annexed 20 morgens. Also a piece of woodland, marked No. 15, in width 19 rods, in length from the road to the kill, dividing line northwest, containing with the valley 8 morgens, 450 rods. One lot between Geurt Coerten and Caspaer **Steymuts**, in width 7 rods, $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet, in length $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods One outer garden (buyten tuyn) between Post and Dirck Tonisse, in width 8 rods, in length 26 rods. Anno 1660.

Ja: Corteljou, sworn surveyor

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