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## *Document 1*

**48a from the Curacao Papers** Inventory of the Caribbean muscovado sugar sent aboard the galiot *Nieuw Amstel* to the honorable lord director-general Petrus Stuyvesant in New Netherland for the account of the honorable lords directors at the chamber of Amsterdam, with the distinguishing marks and following numbers:

No. 1 barrel weighing	gross	935 lb., tare 100 lb.
No. 2 One barrel	gross	308 lb., tare 80 lb.
No. 3 One barrel	gross	446 lb., tare 80 lb.
No. 4 One barrel	gross	430 lb., tare 80 lb.
No. 5 One barrel	gross	799 lb., tare 44 lb.
No. 6 One barrel	gross	1106 lb., tare 80 lb.
No. 7 One barrel	gross	255 lb., tare 26 lb.
	Gross	4279 lb., tare 490 lb.
	Tare	490 lb.
	Net	3789 lb.

Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam, the 16th of May 1659 M. Beck

*Courtesy: New York State Archives*

## *Document 2*

**50 from the Curacao Papers** Memorandum of necessities and essentials required for the island of Curaçao and the service of the Company. Provisions, bread as well as pottage, in addition to meat and bacon. Long beams to make gutters for the cisterns under the roofs of the magazines in the fort. Beams, planks and spars for warehouses. Planks of 2½ inch thickness for batteries. Planks of 2 inch thickness in order to make a new bottom for the Company's cargo boat and bark. Heavy planks for platforms for cannon. Clapboards and a good amount of wooden hoops for the cooper here. Two sturdy farm wagons with four wheels. Horse harness and equipment for the aforesaid wagons for eight draft horses. One cart with two wheels and equipment for two horses. One plow with the appropriate equipment thereto. One new grain or grist mill or the wood and materials to make a new one here. Curaçao in Fort Amsterdam, the 23rd of August 1659.

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### Document 3

**74 from the Curacao Papers** Mons. Capt. John Allen

Debit Anno 1661 25 Feb.

To Jacob Abondano for 10 pieces of rough Osnabruck linen, 938 ells at 6 st. per ell	f281:80,—
To Curaçao horses, 20 head at 60 guilders a head	f1200:—
To tanned leather, 46 pieces at 3 rl. a piece	f41:80,—
To Negroes, 5 head at 150 pieces of eight per head	f1800:—
To cash with which to pay his men, 200 pieces of eight	f480:—
<b>Total</b>	<b>f3802:16,—</b>

Credit Anno 1661 25 February as follows:

308 boards at 24 st. a piece	f369:12,—
175 skipplles of peas at 48 st	f420:—,—
7 barrels of meal at 15 P per barrel	f252:—,—
Salted meat, excellent 7 barrels Bacon, 3 barrels 3 10 barrels at 20 P per barrel	f480:—,—
17 barrels of mackerel at 10 P per barrel	f408:—,—
3582 lbs. of codfish at 2½ st. per lb.	f447:15,—
850 lbs. ditto, better at 3 st. per lb	f127:10,—
508 lbs. ditto, poorer at 2½ st. per lb	f63:10,—
1550 lbs. English cakes at 8 P per 100 wt.	f297:12,—
∴ 2 casks of tar at 5 P per cask	f24:—,—
	f2889:19,—
By balance of this the aforesaid John Allen is obligated by bond to pay to the honorable lord Petrus Stuyvesant, director-general	f912:17,—
<b>Total</b>	<b>f3802:16,—</b>

*Courtesy: New York State Archives*

### Document 4

**Document 59 from the Curacao Papers:** Extract from the daily register of the following provisions bought and paid for in cash from the ship *Den Bloesem* coming out of New England under Capt. John Alen. 1660 4 March on the island of Curacao in Fort Amsterdam, received in the magazine by the commissary Laurens van Ruyven:

9800 lb. fine white English cakes, one piece of eight per hundred weight	P 686:-,-
207 ½ skipplles of white peas at 1 piece of eight per skipple	P 207:4,-
2000 lb. of dried cod at 3 st. per lb.	P 125:-,-
2 rolls of tobacco, 83 lb at 6 st. per lb.	P 10:3,-
1 barrel of salted meat at 40 gl.	P 16:5,-
1 barrel of bacon at 60 gl.	P 25:-,-

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### Document 5

**Document 62 from the Curacao Papers** The Island of Curacao, 8 May 1660 Bill of lading of the goods loaded in the galiot *Nieuw Amstel*, destination Amsterdam in N. Nederlandt. The honorable lord vice-director Matthias Becx consigns to the honorable lord director-general and council of N. Nederl't: 22 head of horses. The honorable lord vice-director Matthias Becx consigns to the honorable lord director-general Petrus Stuyvesant: 1 pot lemon juice, 1 anker lemon juice, 1 chest, 6 sheep and 6 castrated goats. The honorable lord vice-director Matthias Becx consigns to Mr. Cornelis van Ruyven: 2 posts of lemon juice, 2 mares. The honorable vice-director Matthias Becx consigns to Mr. Johannes Verbruggen: 2 posts of lemon juice. Jacob Jansen Huys consigns to himself: 1 barrel of sugar containing 150 pounds, 40 blocks of cheese. Franck Bruyn consigns to the honorable lord director general Petrus Stuyvesant: 1 half aem of conch. Item consigned to Mr. Johannes Verbruggen and Dr. Hans Kierstede: 1 barrel of conch. Madam van Ruyven consigns to Domine Joh. Megapolensis: One box. Laruens de sille, supercargo on the galiot *Nieuwer Amstel*

*Courtesy: New York State Archives*

### Document 6

**Document 63 from the Curacao Papers** I, the undersigned Laurens van Ruyven, commissary, hereby acknowledge to have received from Jacob JanszHuys, skipper of the galiot *Nieuwer Amstel*, for the account of the Company, the following items: 71 beams, 156 timbers 27 hogsheads, 1 pipe (wheat, altogether 250 skipples) 1000 hoopsticks, 8 pieces of crooked timber, 14 tuns of bacon as well as meat, 2 wagons, 2 pipes, 2 chests 12 hogsheads (peas, altogether 175 skipples), 2 tuns of meat delivered to *De Eyckenboom* by skipper Jacob. The following is for the private account of the honorable lord director-general:

Two barrels of mackerel	
One hogshead of meat	Net 420 lb.
Two tuns of the same, both	Net 520 lb.
	940 lb.

In acknowledgment of the truth thereof I have signed this with my own hand on the island of Curacao in FortAmsterdam, 8 May 1660. L. van Ruyven

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### Document 7

**77 from the Curacao Papers** Manifest of the merchandise shipped by order of the honorable director Matthias Beck aboard the yacht *Den New NetherlandsIndiaen*, with skipper Direck Jansen, consigned to the honorable lord director general and council in New Netherland, 20 July 1661 on the island of Curaçao Was signed: L. van Ruyven

35 One chest containing	40 pieces of coarse cloth	
36 One ditto	20 ditto	
37 One ditto	36 ditto	
38 One ditto	18 ditto	
39 One ditto	21 ditto	
	135 pieces,	
	2066 ells at 4 st. per ell	f413, 4,-
40 One chest containing:		
1 piece of gray cloth, 16 ells at 3½ gl. per ell		f56
1 piece of brown ditto, 20¼ ells at 42 st. per ell		f42,10
4 pieces of blue ditto, together 83¼ ells at 42 st. per ell		f174,16
		f273, 6,-
54 One case containing:		
1 piece of gray cloth, 15 ells at 63 st.		f47,5
1 piece of black ditto, 19 ells at 5 gl. per ell		f95,-
1 piece of gray ditto, 30 ells at 63 st		f94,10
1 piece of brown ditto, 40 ells at 42 st		f84,-
2 pieces of baize, together 60¼ ells at 3¼ gl.		f195,16
317 ells of <i>cassiovados</i> at 13 st.		f206,1
		f722,12
Total		f1409,2

*Courtesy: New York State Archives*

### Document 8

**Document 61 from the Curacao Papers** I, the undersigned Jan Jansen Eyckenboom, skipper, next to God, of my ship named *Den Eyckenboom*, presently lying within the harbor of the island of Curacao, ready to sail to New Netherland, hereby acknowledge to have received in my aforesaid ship from the honorable lord vice-director Matthias Beck for the account of the honorable Company, twenty healthy slaves or male Negroes, whom I accept and promise to deliver, after safe arrival with my aforesaid ship in New Netherland, to the honorable lord director general and council. In testimony thereof three identical receipts have been executed, of which the others are invalid when one is satisfied. Curacao in FortAmsterdam, the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1660. Jan JanszEijckenboom

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### *Document 10 (continued)*

At the island of Curaçao Lord Vice Director Beck to the Lord D.-General Stuyvesant	
7 barrels containing 3789 lb. sugar	
24000 lb. dyewood	
7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> last salt	
Item to the aforesaid Lord General	
1 small chest of sugar }	
}	provisions
1 chest of salt }	
Item to the lords N. de Sille and P Tonneman	
1 small chest of sugar	
Item to Do. Driesius	
1 chest of sugar	
The Lord Director Beck to Johannes Verbrugge	
1 small chest of sugar }	
}	provisions
1 small barrel of salt }	
Item to A. Hermans and N. Varlet	
1 barrel of sugar, provisions	
Item to Cornelis van Ruyven	
1 small barrel of sugar, provisions	
Lourens van Ruyven to C. van Ruyven	
1 barrel of conch	
Do. Siperius to H. Jansen van der Vin	
1 small barrel of sugar, provisions	
Mr. Vaendr. <sup>195</sup> to Daniel Litsco	
1 barrel of conch	
Franck Bruyn to Dr. Hans Kiersteede	
1 barrel of conch	
Item to Johannes Verbrugge	
1 barrel of conch	
AugustinisHermans to N. Varlet and company	
23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> last salt	

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### *Document 10 (continued)*

The following is what was loaded at the South River of Nieu Netherland before Fort Nieuwer Amstel, namely: AugustinisHermans	
14 bear skins	2 half beavers
10 tanned deer hides	12 untanned deer skins
2 fox, 1 lion skin	4 elk skins
Salemon Hansen	
3 bundles of deer skins, 66 pieces	1 pack of bear skins, 14 pieces
18 elk skins, 6 pieces	1 chest, 1 sack of bedding
Mr. van Gasel	
3 bundles of deer skins, 76 pieces	1 small pack in mats <sup>196</sup>
12 elk skins	1 small pack of beavers
Mr. Beeckman <sup>197</sup>	
1 small pack of beavers, unmarked	
1 trunk 1 tun	1 small pack of deer skins
1 small pack of deer skins	1 ditto deer skins
Jacob the Company's sergeant to Pieter Rudolphus	
2 packs of deer skins	
1 small pack of beavers	
In the galiot <i>Nieuwer</i> B. Beyard, supercargo <i>Amstel</i> , the 16th of June 1659	

*Courtesy: New York State Archives*