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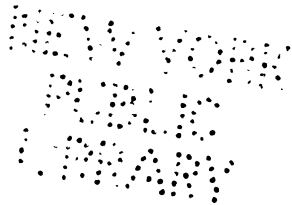
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lders, in order to return hither, he shall be at liberty to do so, on condition of giving to the Society the undivided land, cattle and all other common property, & taking with him only his own particular goods, so that the repayment may be effected by the remaining Colonists. Therefore the passage money of such Colonist & family as have gone away shall be paid by the Society out of the common stock in return for his contributed labor.

And if any person will go over, or make the voyage at his own expense and yet wish to save or even sell his share in the common fund, he shall be at liberty to do so, on condition that he previously put one in his place or sell to such a one as the Society respectively shall approve of, in order to help to have a strict eye over the common labor and other things besides.

The aforesaid Society and the individual members thereof remaining further bound to observe, in all other respects, the aforesaid printed articles. In like manner, also, the explanation of whatever should herein be found to demand further interpretation remains reserved unto the Burgomasters of this State.

In testimony whereof have we, the Burgomasters and Regents aforesaid, the seal of this city affixed to these presents the 9th of June, Anno 1662.

(Signed),

Wigbolt Slicher

Having a seal impressed in Green Wax.— Col. Docs. N. Y. II. 176, 177.

### CLASSIS OF AMSTERDAM.

#### Correspondence from America.

1662, Aug. 8th.

Rev. J. T. Polhemus to the Classis of Amsterdam.

Reverend, Pious and Much Respected Brethren in Christ Jesus:—

I write to you to express my dutiful and respectful regards, and the remembrance which I cherish in my heart, and which I utter in prayers to God in your behalf; and to inform you that I still continue in the service of the ministry in the church here, and as I hope, to the satisfaction of pious souls. In relation to the general state of the church, which by the blessing of God, is constantly increasing, I will only say that we stand in need of communication with one another in the form of a Classis, after the manner of the Fatherland. It is desirable that this be begun, although I do not know of much business to be transacted. We also live at a considerable distance from one another. I myself, on account of the advanced period of my ministry, and my infirmities, have but little personal interest in the matter, but ought rather to hold myself in constant preparation for the grave, and for eter-

nel blessedness. I wish for you, even each one in particular, all prosperity and consolation from the Lord. Given in New Netherland, in the town of Midwout, Aug. 8, 1662.

Yours affectionately and dutifully,

John T. Polhemus.

#### ACTS OF THE CLASSIS OF AMSTERDAM.

Call of a Minister to New Netherland. S. Megapolensis.

1662, Aug. 21st.

Rev. Cribius, as Deputatus ad res Indicas, makes known that the Hon. Directors of the West Indian Company, announce that they have need of a minister in the regions of New Netherland, to assume the service of the church there. And as this matter cannot brook any further delay, after the Assembly had made a nomination of three persons, namely, Rev. Broeckhuysen, Rev. Bralius, and Rev. S. Megapolensis, there was finally called, by a majority of votes, for the service of the church of New Netherland, the Rev. Samuel Megapolensis. The time for his examination was appointed for Sept. 5th, and the text, Acts 26; 17, 18, was given him by Rev. Examiner, for a sermon.

Whereas, on account of the shortness of the time (allowed) the elders to appear at the (next) meeting of Classis, and because the funds which are now lacking, cannot be collected, notwithstanding the resolution formerly adopted; therefore the Rev. Assembly resolved, if there be no objection, to take up this matter at the next regular meeting of the Classis, which shall be held Sept. 4th. At this next meeting, Rev. John Mourcourtius shall preside.— vi. 276; xix. 88.

#### COUNCIL MINUTES. QUAKERS IN FLUSHING.

Thursday, August 24th 1662.

To the Noble Honorable Director General and Council of New Netherland.

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The Magistrates of Bustdorp came here to-day and in form of complaint reported to the Director General, that the majority of the inhabitants of their village were adherents and followers of the abominable sect, called Quakers, and that a large