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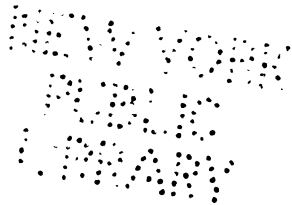
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We found among the enclosures, sent by you, an extract from your resolutions, which informs us, that at the request of the congregation of Fort Orange and Beverwyck you have engaged the former pastor of the Colony of Rensselaerswyck, Domine Gideon Schaets, as their pastor at a salary of one hundred florins monthly; we do not disapprove it, for the greater part of this salary must necessarily be paid by the said congregation, as it is proper, but we expect you to report by the first opportunity and without delay, how this can and ought to be done in the most convenient manner.— Col. Docs. N. Y. xiv. 417, 418, 419.

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CLASSIS OF AMSTERDAM.

Correspondence from America.

1658, June 4th.

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

Reverend, Very Learned, Most Pious Gentlemen, the Ministers of the Classis of Amsterdam:—

Tendering to you my fraternal and respectful salutations, I would express my affectionate regards, with thankfulness to God. I still continue in the discharge of my appropriate duties, seeking to build up the Church of Jesus Christ in this place. We daily trace and observe with increasing clearness, the blessing of the Lord, in the increase of members, and the prevailing good order. We hope you have received favorable reports and testimonies in relation to us. This will comfort me in my old age. I must also, through the advocacy of your Rev. body, secure the provision from the Hon. Company for the satisfaction of my salary yet remaining due for services in Brazil; and for the reunion and support of myself, wife and children. My salary in the new church here, is also so small that it will go a very little way. I cannot keep silent about it any longer. I commend your Rev. body in general, and each member in particular, to the blessing of Almighty God.

Given at Midwout in New Netherland, June 4th, 1658.

Your Reverences much obliged brother,

J. T. Polhemus.