

Dutch colonial council minutes, 1 February - 3 March 1644



Court proceedings. Fiscal vs. John Haes, theft ; prisoner acknowledges having shot a hog, and stolen a gun from David Pietersen (de Vries), also, that he pulled off Lawrence the Norman's shoes, when he was wounded by the Indians, and sold them for three guilders ; prisoner is pardoned in consideration of his having served as a soldier in the present campaign, on condition that he give security for the damage he committed, and for his future good behavior; should he be again guilty of similar crimes, he shall then be hanged without mercy. [1644]; Court proceedings. Jochem Kierstede vs. Sybolt Claesen, action for payment of a share in a bark ; judgment for plaintiff. [1644] (page 183); Manumission of Manuel de Gerrit, the giant, and ten other negroes, with their wives, from slavery, on condition that each of the men pay the government yearly, during their lives, 30 skepels (22 ½ bu.) maize, wheat, peas or beans, and one fat hog valued at 20 guilders, and that their children, already in existence or hereafter born, shall be slaves. [1644] (page 183-184); Court proceedings. Maritje Livens vs. Jan Snediger, slander ; case continued. [1644] (page 184)

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