

Dutch colonial council minutes, 28 September - 10 October 1647



Examination. Of Michel Picquet, on a charge of threatening to shoot director Stuyvesant. [1647] (page 339); Opinion of director Stuyvesant, that there being four witnesses in support of the above charge against Picquet, it is unnecessary to subject him to torture. [1647] (page 339); Opinion of vice-director Dincklage, that the prisoner must be convicted on his own confession, whether voluntary or by torture, on the principle, *nemo inauditus et sine propria confessione facile condemnatur*. Opinion of Brian Nuton : he may be condemned on the above evidence. Of Paulus Leendertsen (van der Grist): that the prisoner must first be brought to the rack (tortured) and confess, otherwise he cannot be condemned to death ; he can only be banished on the evidence of others. Of Adriaen Keyser: that the prisoner be tortured, and, when he confesses, condemned ; in case he do not confess, he may then be banished. [1647] (page 339-340); Resolution. That each of the members of the council shall conscientiously declare what punishment the prisoner deserves, and votes of the several members of the council accordingly. [1647] (page 341); Sentence of Michael Picquet: perpetual banishment, and eighteen years' imprisonment at hard labor in the workhouse at Amsterdam. [1647] (page 342); Resolution. To seize the ship *St. Beningo*, at New Haven, and bring her to New Amsterdam. [1647] (page 343)

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