

Dutch colonial council minutes, 11-15 November 1647



Propositions of director Stuyvesant on the following points: 1. Whether the ensign or sergeant are to form part of the court on trials for military offenses? Answer, Yes. 2. What action is to be taken on a petition from Flushing, and on the report that the inhabitants of that place have never taken the oath of allegiance? Answer, The director to go thither and regulate matters. 3. What answer is to be returned to the letters from New Haven, and who is to be sent to reclaim the fugitives? Answer, To leave the question of right of soil to the authorities in Holland, and to demand the rendition of the fugitives. 4. What is to be done in case of fire, as the houses (in New Amsterdam) are mostly of wood, covered with thatch? 5. What provision is to be made for a school, as there is none in New Amsterdam, and the youth are running wild? Answer, Both these points are referred to the Nine men. 6. Who is to be sent to New Haven to collect debts and bring back the prisoners? Answer, commissary Keyser. [1647] (page 349); Letter. Director Stuyvesant to the council to expedite sundry matters, and to nominate one of their members to attend a meeting of the Nine men. [1647] (page 349); Letter. Director Stuyvesant to the Nine men, asking their advice as to the best mode of procuring means to repair the fort, to complete the church, to provide a school house and a dwelling for the schoolmaster, and to make provision in case of fire. [1647] (page 350); Sentence. Jonas Jonassen, a soldier, for robbing hen roosts and killing a pig: to ride the Wooden horse three days, from two o'clock in the afternoon until the conclusion of the parade, with a fifty pound weight tied to each foot. [1647] (page 351)

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