

LETTER from Matthias Beck, vice-director of Curaçao to Petrus Stuyvesant and the council of New Netherland



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