

Letter from Stuyvesant to the directors at Amsterdam



Letter. Stuyvesant to the directors at Amsterdam; objections to erecting a block house at Oysterbay; negotiations in England about the boundary; currency; effect of the restriction on the designs of New England; lord Sterling claims Long Island; Maryland claims the south bank of the Delaware; lord Baltimore's natural brother, Calvert, governor; small hopes of Charles II's liberality towards the Dutch; Indians suspected of evil designs; advantages of the elective institutions of New England; difference between it and New Netherland; the population of the latter made up of the "scrapings" of all countries; Canada must be abandoned if it have not soldiers; Dutch soldiers refuse to become colonists; colonie on the Delaware; Jacob Alrichs; trade between New Netherland and Virginia prohibited by act of parliament; governor of Virginia going to England; Swartwout, sheriff of Esopus; Curaçao; condition of Staten Island; Melyn claims the lands there; statement regarding Arent van Hattum's "impudent " claim; Alexander Carolus Curtius resigns the rectorship of the Latin school; death of ensign Smith.

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