

Dutch colonial council minutes, 17 May - 6 June 1644



Court proceedings. Elsje Jans, widow of Jan Petersen, vs. William Harlo, for breach of promise ; plaintiff produces a shilling which she says she received from defendant as a pledge of his troth ; defendant ordered to prove that plaintiff had acted unbecomingly since he was betrothed to her. Jan Schepmoes vs. Claes Calff, husband of Brant Pelen's daughter ; plaintiff demands that Aeltje Claes, daughter of Maritje Pieters, be provided with a maintenance out of the estate of Brant Pelen, agreeably to the marriage articles ; defendant denies the jurisdiction of the court, and appeals to his competent judges in Mr. Renselaer's colonie ; case referred to that court. [1644] (page 188); Court proceedings. Sybert Claesen vs. Aeltje Brackoenje, for payment of boards ; plaintiff having transferred the work to baes Juriaen, is ordered to pay for the boards. On petition of Philip Gerritsen, the fiscal is ordered to obtain satisfaction for him from John Underhill, on the return of the latter (see Vol. 2, p. 101). [1644] (page 188); Notice. To all persons interested in a Spanish bark, Frank Creolie, of Havana, master, laden with sugar, tobacco and ebony wood, and a bark, Croisie of Biscay, master, laden with wine, captured in the river of the bay of Matique on her voyage from New Spain, both which vessels were brought to the Mannhattans by the privateer La Garce, to appear and show cause why said vessels should not be condemned as good prizes. [1644] (page 188); Court proceedings. Fiscal vs. Michel Christoffelsen, on a charge of stabbing some of the company's negroes ; prisoner pleads guilty ; sentence, twelve months' hard labor in chains, with the company's negroes. Simon Pos vs. Adriaen van der Donck ; plaintiff must apply first to the court of Renselaerswyck, and in case he do not obtain justice there, then appeal to this court. Henry Sately vs. Adam Mat (? Mot), action of debt ; defendant denies having received the timber for which payment is demanded ; parties referred to John Underhill, Baxter and Mr. Smith, as arbitrators. [1644] (page 189)

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