

**LETTER from Matthias Beck, vice director of Curaçao to Petrus Stuyvesant**



Curaçao. Letter. Vice-director Beck to director Stuyvesant ; reduction of the Swedes at the Delaware ; difficulties with the Indians in New Netherland ; advance state of the crops on the island ; scarcity of food ; cotton crop short ; goats and sheep imported ; Laurence van Ruyven, commissary ; secretary Verellen discharged ; more negroes required, only 20 on the island ; want of rain.

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