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

Curaçao. Letter. Vice-director Beck to Stuyvesant, in answer to his of the 29th July ; designs of the English ; offers of negotiation by the States-General rejected by the English ; preparations for war ; battle between the combined fleets of Austria and France against the Turks ; defeat of the latter ; capture of Cape De Verd ; arrival of 3 or 4 ships from New England at Curaçao ; news from Guadalupe that Stuyvesant had sunk an English frigate at the Manhattans, and that many on board had perished ; cultivation of the sugar cane ; Balthasar Stuyvesant promised a good tract of land ; William Beck ; negro children whom Mrs. Stuyvesant had had baptized, sent to Curaçao and then sold through mistake to Spaniards from Carthagena ; Peter van Ruyven, brother of Cornelis van Ruyven, clerk at Curaçao. (13 pages)