

personal, present and future, submitting the same to all lords, courts, judges and justices. *Actum* in Albany, July 7, 1681.

Pieter Daevitse Schuyler
Isaack Verplancken
Hendrick Lansinck

Whereas Gerrit van Schayk died here in this city on the [blank] of November 1679, and Pieter Davidtse Schuyler, husband and guardian of Alida van Slichtenhorst, former widow of the said Gerrit van Schayk, on the 10th of May last, showing his will to the court, requested their honors' approbation thereof, which was granted by the court, whereupon the said Pieter Davidtse requested of us letters of administration to take possession of and administer the said estate, these serve to certify and to declare that the aforesaid Pieter Davidtse Schuyler is admitted and confirmed to all intents and purposes as administrator of the entire estate and property, real and personal, of whatever nature it may be, heretofore belonging to his predecessor, Gerrit van Schayk, deceased, within this jurisdiction, he, the aforesaid administrator, being given hereby full power and lawful authority to enter upon and take possession of the aforesaid estate and [130] to dispose thereof as administrators under the laws of this province are permitted to do, he having this day given security at the secretary's office here for his proper administration and promising to conform himself to the law as required in such matters. Given under our hand and the seal of the city of Albany on the 7th of June, in the 33d year of the reign of our sovereign lord Carolus the Second, king of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, *Annoque Dom.* 1681.

Was signed: [blank]

After deliberation it is resolved and decided to write to the venerable Classis of Amsterdam for a good, orthodox minister for the congregation of the Reformed church here, according to the request of Dom. Schaets, the remonstrance of the reverend consistory, the consent of the congregation in general and the approval of the commander in chief, Capt. Anth^o. Brockholes, all

of which is done after communication with the said Dom. Gideon Schaetts, now present in court, who likewise finds it to be his duty to write to the venerable Classis and to explain to them the reasons why it is necessary to have a second minister. It is also resolved to write a letter to Dom. van Suyringh, minister in Vlackeboss,¹ to request him to write a letter of recommendation to the venerable Classis, urging them to see to it that a good, orthodox minister for this congregation be sent over.

[131] As to the money voluntarily contributed by the congregation for his passage, amounting to 53 beavers, 6 smaller skins, 19 otters, 68 martens and 3 fishers, or a total of fl. 648 in beavers, it is resolved and decided to consign the same to Mr Jan Hendrikse van Baell, Mr Rich. van Renselaer and Mr Abell de Wolff, who are to have the disposal thereof for the aforesaid good purpose and who at the same time are to notify the Classis that a salary of fl. 800 in beavers has been appropriated, for which the court here obligates itself, and also to notify the aforesaid gentlemen that they are not limited exactly to that amount, but have power to offer 100 or 150 gl. in beavers more, if the matter requires it, their honors having no doubt of their good management and promising to abide by its result.

And if any of the three gentlemen should have died or be absent, two are authorized, or, if two have died or are absent, one is authorized, to perform the matter aforesaid.

Whereas Annetje Lievens, widow of Capt. Goose Gerritse van Schayk, deceased, has petitioned us in the name of her son-in-law, Capt. Andries Drayer, and his wife, her daughter Gerritie Goosense van Schayk, at present at Copenhagen, in Denmark, that it may please this court to grant her a certificate in favor of the said Mr Drayer and his wife, testifying that they were lawfully united in marriage in this place, which we have not been able to refuse, we hereby declare and certify that Capt. Andries Drayer, then [132] commander of this fort and city, under the jurisdiction of the lords States General of the United Nether-

¹ Rev. Casparus van Zuuren, minister of the Dutch churches on Long Island, residing at Flatbush, L. I.