

Desoo Bastiaen Jansen Crol, Commiss opt fort Orange, alszide alide Mandatas, lies teghens den
E. Maet te deser plaetse gade laten verlijden, dat geteant geldigen opt fort Orange voornodig, vande Enge-
lachs des seels vore dit tegenwoordich Jaer niet te coex te bekomen soude syn gelveest, Ende off sulcx daernaer
al segeon geostineert wierde, en soude sulcx byde Virginianen allenlyken verstaen ende vercoest worden, soo
lange sy Crol aghaer opt fort syn residentie soude beyven houden. Dat mede Moeffert Gerrits als, cas-
sade asfgebrachyt, wat ende goederige advertentie: sy de wylgedachte D. in. daerast soude doen
Dadde daerom genexpleert, dathet dit Jaer verli canst, off middel was om d'lyc land te kuyden, hetme
tot mediamalen negeterende, naer luyt d'atthe D'atie byden voornodigen Moeffert Gerrits daerover
verleent. So daernaer gebrachyt. Dat Sillis Bos set opden sechduintwintich den Juley 1630. int op
waeren vande reviere, gecomen sijnde, ter plaetse daer Jan Jauss mens met d'elck lagg om kont hout
tot het menue schip te houwen, aldaer oock by adventiere gecomen syn tota plaet. Narwan mit
laute, streckende de reviere op d'ynen ende noorden van dito fort aff tot een eynde bezynen moenemans
Castell toe. Den voors eygenader gesamentelyc ende consuetim toebehoorende, Ende den voorscreven
Narwan mit, int particuliere syn laut geant Semedreeck, gelegen aen de oostwal, van tegen over
t'castells eylant aff tot adit voors fort. Item van Petanoek de moleril, affghorden tot negagonse
vint ontrout d'ne mylen groot. Ende gecomen sijnde den voors Sillis bos het met deser eygenader
want voors laut, in propooste ondeselve respectie partien laute te vercoopen, eederen Ende
affte staen, Verclaren deselve in presentie ende ten overstaen van Jan Jauss mens, Moeffert
vercoopen, transporteren, eederen ende over te geven, gelijck sy daernaer respectie partien laute te
advolgende voors on Directie ende Maet in nien nederlant, residende opt eylant Mana Satas
ende t'fort Amsterdam, onder t'gebiedt van haere D. M. de Beeren Staten Generael der Gernighe
Nederlanden ende de Seectroyerde Westindische Comp. ter camere tot Amsterdam, verwillig
werbedachteelyc voor ende omme seckere partie cargasoenen, die syel bekenden voort pas soren
deses in hemme handen ende maect bekomen te hebben, gelijck sy by crachte ende titule van voors
pungel transporteren, eederen ende overgeven mit desen aen ende ten behoove vanden E. G. Kiliaen
van Busselede absent ende voors den welcken wy tselve ex officio mit behoorende stipulatie
accepteren, namelicken de respectie partien laute hiervooren gespecificiert, met het geboontel,
ap: ende dependencien vanden, mitgader alle d'actie, recht ende goetachtichont, den Cedenten
gesamentelyc ende int besondere daerach competerende. Constituerende ende surrogerende den
welgemelten E. D. Hous seker in hemme fede, fact, recht, velle ende actuele pot het lid vandy
petael beest omme tanquam Actor et Procurator in rem suam ac propriam iselc landt byden
under: ende welgemelten Hous seker off die hier naemadelc sijne E. actie mogte verkringen, ge-
acuseert, in vrede beseten, beboont, bevoont, gebruycht, oock daermede ende daerast gedaen,
gehandelt ende gedispouert te worden, soo als syne E. off andere met haere eygene, wel gide en
wettigen titule verkringene lande ende domynen doen soude off soude mogen, Sonder dat sy Cedenten
daerach int minste eenich part, recht, actie off gesaghet sy van eygendom, commandement off Juyf-
dictie syn hebbende, reserverende off behoudende, maer veel meer ten behoove als voren in infinitum
daerast verlijterende, aff staende, verthende ende remuncierende mit desen, Zedovende voort niet
alleene dit gen transport, ende t'gene uyt cracht van dien soude mogen werden gedaen, tallen dagen
vast, bondich ende onvredetroepelyc te houden, naer te comen ende volbringen, maer oock voors vrichte
want voors landt te caveren, obligans en Remuncians z. A bona fide, Toorende is dese, mit onse go-
woonlyche signatiren bevestigt met het ordinair segel onder aen hangende. Actum opt voors
eylant Mana Satas, ende fort Amsterdam ten dage ende Jaere voorscreven

P. M. Almet
pieter Byt
van Kampsehoof
reynor Jarmoussen
Jan Jansz meyn

[Contract of sale of land along the Hudson River from the Mahican Indians to
Kiliaen van Rensselaer, August 6, 1630.]

Whereas Bastiaen Janssen Crol, Commissary at Fort Orange, stated here at the Manhatas to the Honorable Council of this place, that the land situated near the aforesaid fort could not be bought this present year from the owners thereof and that, even though it were acquired afterwards, it would be understood by the Virginians to be sold only for so long as he, Crol, should continue to reside at the fort; and whereas likewise, when Wolffert Gerritsz, having orders from his Hon. Masters to inform their Honors of the situation there, expressly inquired of him, Crol, what and what sort of information he should send to their Honors aforesaid, he, Crol, did thereupon reply that there was this year no chance or means of acquiring any land, repeating the same several times, according to the deposition thereof made by the aforesaid Wolffert Gerritsz, it happened afterwards that Gillis Hosset, having on the 27th of July, 1630, in sailing up the river, come to the place where Jan Jansz Meyns was camping with his men to cut round timber for the new ship, there also came by chance to this spot Kotiamak, Nawanemitt, Abantzennee, Sagiskwa and Kanamoak, owners and proprietors of their respective parcels of land extending up the river, south and north of said fort, to a little south of Moeneminne's Castle, belonging jointly and collectively to the owners aforesaid, together with the land called Semesseeck, situated on the east shore, from opposite Castle Island to the aforesaid fort, belonging to the said Nawanemit in particular; also from Petanock, the Mill Kill, northward to Negagonse, extending fully about three [Dutch] miles; and the aforesaid Gillis Hosset, having entered into negotiations with the owners of the aforesaid land to sell, cede and surrender the said respective parcels of land, the same persons declared in presence of and before Jan Jansz Meyns, Wolffert Gerritsz and Jan Tyssen, trumpeter, that they were satisfied to sell, transfer, cede and surrender the said respective parcels of land, as they thereafter, on the sixth of August following, before us, the Director and Council of New Netherland, residing on the island Manhats and Fort Amsterdam, under the jurisdiction of their High Mightinesses, the Lords States General of the United Netherlands, and the Chartered West India Company, Chamber of Amsterdam, voluntarily and deliberately did for and in consideration of certain quantities of merchandise, the receipt whereof into their hands and power they acknowledged before the execution of these presents, and as they hereby, by virtue and title of sale, do transfer, cede and convey the same to and for the benefit of the Hon. Kiliaen van Rensselaer, being absent and for whom we, ex officio, accept the same with proper stipulations, namely the respective parcels of land hereinbefore specified, with the forests, appurtenances and dependencies thereof, together with all the right, title and interest therein belonging jointly and severally to the grantors aforesaid who hereby constitute and substitute the above mentioned Hon.. Mr. Rensselaer in their stead, state, right, real and actual possession thereof, at the same time giving him full, absolute and irrevocable power, authority and special order, tanquam actor et procurator in rem suam et propriam, to enter upon the said land, the same to be possessed in peace, cultivated, occupied and used by the aforesaid Mr. Rensselaer, or those who may hereafter acquire his right; also to do and act therewith and dispose thereof as his Honor or others would do, or be allowed to do, with their own property and by lawful title acquired lands and domains, with-out any part, right, interest, or authority in the least, whether of ownership, command or jurisdiction, being kept, reserved, or retained by the grantors aforesaid, who on the contrary in his behalf, as before stated ad infinitum desist therefrom and surrender, relinquish and renounce the same by these presents. Promising further, not only forever to hold firm, binding and irrevocable and to carry out and fulfill this their transfer and all that may be done by virtue thereof, but also to guard against eviction from the aforesaid land, obligans et nuncians et a bone fide. In witness whereof these presents are confirmed by our usual signatures and the ordinary seal suspended below. Done on the aforesaid island of Manhatas and at Fort Amsterdam, the day and year written above.

Peter Minuit, D[irector]
Pieter Bylvelt,
Jan Lampo, Schout,
Reyner Harmensen,
Jan Jansz Meyns.