

To-day, the 8th of December 1655 the following oath has been taken by Jean Paul Jaquet before the Honorable Director-General and Counsel :

I promise and swear in the presence of Almighty God, that I will be obedient and faithful to their Noble High Mightinesses, the Lords States-General of the United Netherlands, to the Noble Lords-Directors of the Privileged West-India Company in the same and to their Director-General and Council of New-Netherland now appointed or in future to be appointed, that I will administer good law and justice, that I will maintain and advance as much as I can the Reformed religion, as the same is taught and preached here and in the Fatherland conform to God's word and the Synod of Dortrecht, that I will take care of the Fort and its safety to the best of my ability and further will, pursuant to the instructions already given to me or to be given in future, advance the service of the Company and the welfare of the country, also do to the best of my abilities, what a good and faithful Vice-Director is bound to do. So help me God Almighty !

PETITION OF ABRAHAM DE LUCENA AND OTHER JEWS FOR PERMISSION
TO TRADE ON THE SOUTHRIVER, WITH VOTES OF THE COUNCIL AND
ORDER THEREON.

29th November 1655.

Copy. To the Honorable Worshipful Director-General and Council of New-Netherland.

Show with due reverence Abraham de Lucena, Salvador d'Andrada and Jacob Cohen for themselves and in the name of others of the Jewish nation, residing in this city, that, under date of the 15th February A^o 1655, they, the petitioners, have from the Hon^{ble} Lords-Directors of the Incorporated West-India Company, Masters and Patroons of this Province received permission and consent, to travel, reside and trade here, like the other inhabitants and to enjoy the same liberties, which is proved by the document here annexed. They request therefore respectfully, that your Noble Worships will not prevent or hinder them herein, but will allow and consent, that, pursuant to their permit, they may, with other inhabitants of this Province, travel to and trade on the Southriver of New-Netherland, at Fort Orange and other places, situate within the jurisdiction of this Government of New-Netherland. So doing etc^e

They shall remain Your Noble Worships'
humble servants

(Signed) ABRAHAM DE LUCENA,
SALVADOR D'ANDRADA,
JACOB COEN.

After the foregoing petition had been read at the meeting of the Director-General and Council, it was resolved, that each of the members of the Council should give his opinion as to what answer is to make to it.

Opinion of the Honorable Director-General Petrus Stuyvesant.

To answer, that the petition is to be denied for weighty reasons.

Opinion of the Honorable Nicasius de Sille.

He says, that he does not like to act herein contrary to the orders of the Lords-Directors, but that at present, as they have put on board ship goods for the Southriver, permission might be given to them and further orders, in answer to the last letter sent to the Lords Directors, should be awaited.

Opinion of the Honorable Lamontagne.

To answer, that for weighty reasons the petition is denied.

Opinion of the Honorable Cornelis van Tienhoven, written by himself.

Cornelis van Tienhoven is of opinion, under correction, that to grant the petition of the Jews, for permission to go to the Southriver and Fort Orange, although the Noble Lords-Mayors had allowed this nation to live and trade in New-Netherland, would nevertheless be very injurious to the community and population of the said places and therefore the petition must be denied for the coming winter and ample report be made thereon to the Lord-Directors, also that for this time a young man of that nation may be allowed to go to the Southriver with some goods, without establishing thereby a precedent.



ORDER DIRECTING ENSIGN DIRCK SMITH, PROVISIONAL COMMANDER AT THE SOUTHRIVER, TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Ultimo 9th 1655.

Present at the meeting the Noble, Hon^{ble} Director-General, Petrus Stuyvesant, and the Honorable Members of the Council, Nicasius de Sille, Lamontagne, and the Fiscal Cornelis van Tienhoven.

It was resolved and considered necessary, to summon the present provisional Commander at the Southriver of New-Netherland, Dirck Smith, grave reasons inducing the Director-General and Council thereto.

Done at the meeting, held at Fort Amsterdam in New-Netherland, on the day as above.



ORDER, AUTHORIZING JAN TEUNISSEN, CARPENTER, TO SAVE THE SWEDISH YACHT "ENDRACHT," STRANDED AT SANDY HOOK.

25th January 1656.

Before the Council appeared Jan Teunissen, carpenter, who offered, that he would save with God's assistance the Swedish yacht "Endracht" which, coming from the Southriver, was cast ashore by the storm outside of Sandy hook, provided, that the Director-General and Council would furnish him at their expense 4 to 6 men to assist him; he demanded 200 guilders to be paid after the work was done, but, if he did not get her afloat again, he should not receive anything for his labor.

The question having been put, 200 guilders were promised to him, in case he should get the aforesaid yacht afloat, to assist him in which 4 to 6 men shall be provided for him at the expense of the Hon^{ble} Company. Date as above.