FROM JAN BAPTIST VAN RENSSELAER April 1, [1660]

[] of the [] and [] as is written also on the little boxes. No 1 is [for you?], [No 2 for Volckert] Jansz, No 3 for Arent van Curler, No 4 for Willem Teller, No [5 for] No 6 for Sander Leendersz and No 7 for Jan Thomasz, [requesting them] to accept them with my thanks. And in order that the cakes might not spoil I had them packed in dry bran. [Be pleased to let me] know how they came over and whether the bran [protected] the goods well [against dampness].

In ditto box for your account there is a package wrapped in white paper [with all] sorts of seeds as is written on each paper and [also one] with hawthorne berries. The holly berries were eaten up by the birds. What is in the aforesaid box and tub for you I present to you and [beg you] to accept as a favor. Jan Hendricksz Baal will keep an eye on the tub and see to it that in due time the [plants] be put into the ground.

In my letter to you by the Moesman⁴⁷⁰ I wrote that the hogshead of wine (in which you have a 2/5 share or one half-aam) was for my account and that the cordage (touwerch) wound around it was for me and Pieter Hartg[ars], but afterwards we agreed that Pieter Hartgars was to have a half-interest in the wine as well as in the cordage, so that you need to keep but one account of the wine and the cordage. If you could find some one who would buy them and pay cash, you might sell them at least 30% cheaper. You are recommended to do whatever is best. The said wine is laden in a [ship] that was to go via Curaçao to New Netherland [] among other things advised [

⁴⁶⁹ Several lines destroyed.

⁴⁷⁰ See letter of March 9, 1660.