



On this 14 day of May A.D. 1664, appeared before me Johannes La Montagne in the service, of etc., in the presence of the honorable Jan Henderickse Van Bael and Jan Costersen Van Aken, commissaries etc., the following Indians, named Queskimiet, son of Pacies, Aepie, Wickepe, Kleyn Davidtie [Little David], who testify and declare, at the request of Jan Tomasse and Volckert Janse [Douw] as follows; translated by Jan Dareth. First, they say that eighteen years ago, Jacob Janse Flodder bought the Gojers kil, but no land with it, only a little piece north of said kil, which was granted him to make a garden, for the hire of which, these deponents, the owners of the same, have received only a piece of cloth. The deponents being asked if Jacob Janse Flodder had bought some land at Schotack, thereupon answered unanimsly, No, but that he only had a small piece of land that they rented to him to sow oats upon, furthermore, that he had a rick there to house his grain in for the winter, but that he never had any ownership therein. Again the deponent being asked who are the lawful owners of Schotack and of the fast bank extending the whole length of the island, declared that Jan Tomasse and Volckert Janse [Douw] are the lawful owners, who bought and paid for the same, and nobody else. They declare likewise, according to the conveyance of Wattawit, of date the 4th of October, A.D. 1663, that the land on the fast bank (*vaste wal*) where the house of Machack Notas stood, was justly owned by Wattawit, all of which aforesaid facts they declare were stated yesterday the 13th of this month, at the house of the Heer Rensselaer, in presence of the interpreter, Jan Dareth and Marten Gerritse [Van Bergen].

Thus Done in Fort Orange, the 14th of May, A.D. 1664.

This is the mark  of QUESKIMIET
with his own hand set.

This is the mark  of AEPJE,
with his own hand set.

This is the mark  of WICKEPE,
with his own hand set.

This is the mark  of DAVIDIE.
with his own hand set.

In acknowledgment of the truth this is subscribed by us the above mentioned commissaries.

J. H. Van Bael.

Jan Koster.

Jan Dareth.

LA MONTAGNE, *Commis* at Fort Orange.

Appeared before me, Johannes La Montagne, in the service of, etc., Volckert Janse [Douw] and Jan Tomassen, who declare by way of complaint, that on the 12th of this month, the Heer Renselaer with the *Schout* Swart and the Secretary Scheliuyn were upon the island Schotack, and there forbade Jan Martensen [Wever], the subscriber's tenant, to proceed farther with the plowing and sowing, on account of which prohibition the tenant was afraid to proceed with the tillage. So it is that the subscribers free said tenant, Jan Martensen, from all harm which