We, the undersigned, Jan Van Bael and Abraham Staes, commissaries of Albany, etc., testify and declare that on the date underwritten, before us appeared Claes Ripsen [Van Dam] master carpenter here in Albany, who declares, that in true rights, free ownership, he had granted, transferred and made over by these presents to and for the behoof of Omy La Grand, master tailor, in a certain house and lot (together with the just lowermost half of the lot lying thereby, to be measured from the top to the bottom, as the lot stands in its enclosure and fence), standing and lying here in Albany, and by him, La Grand, at present occupied, according to the bill of sale of date $\frac{19}{26}$ of January last, and by virtue of a conveyance of a greater lot from Cornelis Wyncoop to him delivered on the $\frac{15}{55}$ of the month of August last, whereto reference is herein made, without the grantor's making the least claim any more to said house, lot and just half lot; also acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied by the hands of said La Grand therefor, the last penny with the first, and therefore giving plenam actionem cessam, and full power and authority to the aforesaid La Grand, ' his heirs and successors, to do with and sell the same as he might do with his own patrimonial effects; furthermore promising to protect and free the aforesaid house lot and just half lot from all trouble, actions and claims of each and every person as is right, and never more to do or suffer anything to be done against the same, with or without law, in any manner whatsoever, on pledge of his person and estate, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and judges.

Done in Albany the $\frac{21}{31}$ of August, 1666.

CLAES RIPSEN VAN DAM.

Jan Van Bael. Abram Staes. Acknowledged before me,

D. V. SCHELLUYNE, Secretary, 1666.

We, the undersigned, Abraham Staets and Jan Van Bael, commissaries of Albany, etc., testify and declare by these presents, that on the date underwritten, before us appeared Willem Bout, who declared by these presents, that in true rights, free ownership, he had granted, transferred and made over to and for the behoof of Jan Clute, in a certain house and lot standing and lying in Albany, adjoining to the north Jacques Thyssen [Van der Heyden], to the east the lot on which the mill of Heer Rensselaer has stood, to the south Theunis Cornelisse and to the west the highway; by virtue of a conveyance passed on this 27th of August, 1666, breadth in front on the street thirty wood feet, and length to the aforesaid lot of Heer Rensselaer; without the grantor's making the least claim thereto any more, likewise acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor by the hands of Jan Clute, the last penny with the first, and therefore giving plenam actionem cessam, and full power and authority to the aforesaid Jan Clute, his heirs and successors, to do with the same as he could do with his own patrimonial effects; promising moreover to protect and free the same from all trouble, claims and actions of all and every person as is right, and furthermore, never more to do or suffer anything to be done against the

¹Omy De La Grange had by his wife. Annetje De Vries, five sons, Omy. Johannes, Christiaan, and Isaac, all of whom had families. The father early purchased land on the Normans kil, where most of his sons settled.

same, either with or without law, in any manner whatsoever, on pledge of his person and estate, nothing excepted, subject to all laws and judges. Done in Albany the ^{27 th of August}, 1666.

This mark is set by Bour, aforenamed.

Abram Staes. Jan Van Bael. Acknowledged before me,

D. V. SCHELLUYNE, Secretary, 1666.

In Beverwyck, Anno 1656, on the 13th of May, we, the undersigned commissaries, acknowledge that we have contracted and agreed with Jan Van Aecken, that we shall have the liberty to set the church as far on his smithy (in syn smit), as the width of the door, on condition that we set up his house according to the regulation (op de Rooye) of Rem Janssen [Smit], and leave a proper lot for the bakery and remove the great house at our own expense. Was subscribed,

RUTGER JACOBSEN.

ANDRIES HERBERTSEN. This is the mark - of GOOSEN GERRITSE [VAN SCHAICK.]

DIRCK JANSSEN CROON.



Jacob Janse Schermerhoorn. Philip Pieterse [Schuyler].

After a collation with the original of date, and subscription as above, this copy was found to agree therewith.

In Albany the 16 of March, 1667.

By me

D. V. SCHELLUYNE, Secretary, 1667.

We, the undersigned, Arent Van Curler and Richard Van Rensselaer, commissaries of Albany, etc., testify and declare that on the date underwritten before us appeared Jan Coster Van Aecken, dwelling here in Albany, who acknowledges by these presents, according to agreement with the Heeren commissaries, made the 13th of May, 1656, and by virtue of a patent of a larger lot, of date the 25th of October, 1653, committed to the care of Carsten Frederickse Smith. likewise according to a bill of sale of date the $\frac{29}{19}$ December, 1665, that in true rights, free ownership he has granted, transferred and made over to and for the behoof of Jan Clute, in the grantor's certain house and lot, in length and breadth as the same stands enclosed and fenced here in Albany, bounded according to the purport of said bill of sale, without the grantor's making the least claim thereto any more, likewise acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor by Jan Clute, namely, with the sum of sixty beavers by him received, and a mortgage for the sum of four hundred and fifty guilders in

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