

same from all persons, and to free it from all actions, claims and charges, which may hereafter come against it, as is right, and further neither to do nor to allow anything to be done hereafter against the same, either with or without law, in any manner whatsoever, under obligation as provided for it according to law. Done in Willem Stadt, the 6th of November 1674.

Gerret Bancken

Adriaen Gerretsen
Marten Gertsen

Acknowledged before me
Johannes Provoost, secretary

[CONVEYANCE OF A HOUSE AND LOT BY WILLEM TELLER
TO JOHANNES DE WANDELAER]*

[252] Before me, Johannes Provoost, secretary of Albany, Colonye Renselaerswijck etc., and in the presence of the honorable esteemed gentlemen Adriaen Gerritsen and Jacob Janssen Schermerhoorn magistrates of the same court, there appeared Mr. Willem Teller, who declares, in true, rightful, free ownership, to have granted, conveyed and transferred, as he hereby does, to and for benefit of Johannes de Wandelaer, as he, J. de Wandelaer, in like form hereby and at once does transfer and convey again to Mr. Jan Henderickse van Bael, a house and lot located here in Albany at the hill, in front on the street twenty-one feet wide, length up to the lot of Captain Backer,† and in the rear twenty feet Rhineland measure wide, out of which breadth of the aforesaid lot there lies a foot and a half on the east side of the said house for an alley in common with Dirck Hesseling, who also has a foot and a half there, so that the said alley as a whole is 3 feet wide, for use of both; to the east adjacent the grantor, to the west Dirck Hesselingh, to the south Captain Backer's lot and to the north the street; and that by virtue of a conveyance dated 6/16 July 1668, issued by Jan Coster van Aken for benefit of the first grantor, Willem Teller; free and unencumbered, without any claim

* This document marks the return of New Netherland to the British crown under Governor Edmund Andros.

† Captain John Backer was appointed commander of the fort at Albany by Governor Richard Nicolls in September 1665. He was succeeded by Captain Sylvester Salisbury in July 1670.

standing or issuing against the same, excepting the lord's right; the grantors acknowledging that they are satisfied and paid by the aforesaid Jan Hend. van Bael, the first penny with the last, in respect to the sale of the aforesaid house and lot, giving for it full power to the aforesaid Jan Hendericksen van Bael, his heirs and descendants, or those who may hereafter receive right and title from him, to dispose of it as he might with his own patrimonial estate and effects, without the grantors' having any further claim upon the same; promising to defend it against all persons and to free it from all trouble and claims, and never more to do or suffer anything to be done against the same, either with or without law, in any manner whatsoever, under obligation as provided for it according to law. Done in Albany this 15th of December 1674.

Willem Teller
Johannes de Wandelaer

Adriaen Gerretsen
Jacob Schermerhoren

Acknowledged before me
Johannes Provoost, secretary

[BILL OF SALE FOR LAND AT KATSKILL FROM AN INDIAN
NAMED SCHERMERHOORN TO JAN CLUTE]

[253] Before me, Johannes Provoost, secretary of Albany, Colonie Renselaerswijck, etc., and in the presence of the honorable gentlemen Gerrit van Slichtenhorst and Adriaen Gerritsen, magistrates of the same court, there appeared a certain Katskil Indian, commonly called by the Dutch Schermerhoorn, having established himself as surety and principal for various Indians, both Esopus and Katskill, and that for the benefit of Sr. Jan Clute, burger of this city, on account of certain goods and moneys disbursed, which sum with others amounts to eighty good, whole merchantable beaver pelts, and fifteen good otter pelts, which aforesaid sum he promises to pay promptly to said Jan Clute, or his order, within the space of two and a half years from this date; but if he, Schermerhoorn, in the meantime comes to die, or the aforesaid time having expired, he has not paid, then with mature deliberation he entirely agrees that the aforesaid Clute or his order, may take to himself in complete ownership his, Schermerhooren's, and his participant's land, being the half of the land belonging to the Indians at Katskill, together with a free