

Appeared before me Johannes Provoost, Secretary of Albany, Jochim Kettelheym of the one part, and Gabriel Tomassen of the other part, who in the presence of the afternamed witnesses, declare that they have come to an agreement in the manner following, namely, Jochim Kettelheym lets, by these presents, his house to said Gabriel Tomassen,¹ except the cellar belonging to the above house, and that for the time of six months, commencing on the first of May next, new style, and ending on the last day of October, new style, for which Gabriel Tomassen promises to pay Jochim Kettelheym for the hire during said six months, nine pieces of good whole merchantable beaver skins, and that upon the first of August, new style, next coming; wherefore the respective parties for the performance of these covenants, put themselves in subjection to all laws and judges.

Thus done, without craft or guile, on this $\frac{1}{28}$ of April, A. D. 1665, in presence of Arent Vanden Berg, as witness, hereto called. Done in Albany.

This is the mark W of JOCHIM KETTELHEYM,
with his own hand set.

This is the mark † of GABRIEL TOMASSEN,
with his own hand set.

This is the mark of A B Arent Van Bergh, with his own hand set.

Acknowledged before me,

JOHANNES PROVOOST, Secretary.


Inasmuch as Jan Clute,² and Jan Hendrickse Bruyn, and Juriaen Teunise [Glazemaecker], have shown at the session of the court at Albany, the consent, at their request, of the governor of New York and of the Indians, to purchase a certain parcel of land, lying on the west side of the North river, over against the Claverrack, near Fort Albany, so there have appeared before him the underwritten, secretary of Albany, five Indians (*wilden*), namely: Sachamoes, Mawinata, *alias* Schermerhoorn, Keesie Wey, Papeuna, Masseha, owners of the above mentioned land, and also having a commission from the other owners; who declared, in the presence of the after named witnesses, that they had sold, granted and conveyed, as by these presents they do grant and convey, in real and actual possession, to the behoof of the aforesaid Jan Cloet and Jan Hendrickse Bruyn, the said land, called Caniscek; in magnitude stretching along the river side from the land of Pieter Bronck to the vale, which lies on the point of the mainland, behind the Beeren island, named Machawameck, and so running into the woods, both on the south and the north, even to the Katskil path; and that for a certain sum in goods (*cargasoen*) which the grantors acknowledge that they have received from the buyers and therewith are completely paid; and [said grantors] waive their former

¹ In 1662 Gabriel Thomase Stridles hired out to Thomas Powell, for two years, at bread-making for 22 beavers (\$70.40) and found. In 1665 he hired a house of Jochim Kettelhuyn, and probably commenced business for himself. He had four children baptized in Albany, and two in New York, whither he removed about 1690. He died there in 1718.

² Captain John Clute came to Beverwyck, about 1656; he was a trader and considerable landholder at Loonenburgh (now Athens), Niskayuna, Albany, etc., and had great influence with the Indian inhabitants. It is not known that he had any family. He came originally from Neurenburgh; and, on his death, about 1683, his property passed to his nephew, Johannes Clute, the *booslooper*.


title [to said land], and declare Jan Clute and Jan Hendrickse [Bruyn]¹ to be the rightful owners thereof; and promise to free said land from all actions, claims and demands of other Indians, who might sinisterly lay claim to some portion of said land, or the right to set deer traps.


Done in Albany in the presence of Harmen Bastiaense [Visscher] and Hendrick Gerritse as witnesses hereto called, on this 20th of April, A. D. 1665, old style.

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

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

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

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

This is the mark of MAWINATA  *alias* Schermerhorn, with his own hand set.

Harmen Bastiaense, as witness.


Hendrick Gerritsen [Van Wie], as witness.


Acknowledged before me,


JOHANNES PROVOOST, Secretary.

Appeared before me Johannes Provoost, secretary of the jurisdiction of Albany, in the presence of Capt. John Manning,² one of the Mohican Indians, named Wattawit, owner of a certain parcel of land lying behind Kinderhook, who declared in the presence of Jan Dareth,³ interpreter, that he had sold, granted and conveyed to Evert Luycasse [Backer],⁴ as by these presents he does [grant and convey] his aforesaid land lying on the east side of the kil, being the half of the middle piece; the other half he declared he gave to Volekert Janse [Douw], and had presented it to him as a token of his friendship and in satisfaction of an old debt for maize; also the grantor waives his [claim] to said middle piece on the east of the kil, declaring Evert Luycasse and Volekert Janse to be the rightful owners of the same, and acknowledges that he has had of Evert Luycasse perfect satisfaction for his part, and [promising] to free it from all claims and demands which hereafter may be [made against the same].

Done in Fort Albany the 6th of May, A. D. 1665, old style.

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

Musquamseeck  *his mark with his own hand set, as witness.*

Oramp  *his mark made with his own hand set, as witness.*

Jan Dareth.

John Manning.

Acknowledged before me,

JOHANNES PROVOOST, Secretary.

¹ Jan Hendrickse Bruyn, or De Bruyn, had an uncertain residence. In 1678, in answer to the sheriff forbidding him to trade with the Indians on the ground that he was a New Yorker, he alleged that he had been a burgher of Albany for upwards of twenty years, notwithstanding the court adjudged that he should be prohibited from trade because he had not kept "fire and light" in Albany for one whole year; to which Bruyn protested.—*English Manuscripts.*

² Capt. John Manning was sheriff of New York at this time.

³ Jan Dareth from Utrecht, married Ryckje Van Dyck in New Amsterdam, in 1654, and in 1657 bought a house and lot in Beverwyck, where he became a permanent resident.

⁴ Evert Luycasse Backer, was in Beverwyck as early as 1657. In 1680, with Laurens Van Alen, he petitioned for an additional tract of land behind Kinderhook.—*English Manuscripts.*