

After my greetings to you and the children, I commend you to God and remain,

Your faithful brother
S. V. Cortlandt

Addressed:

To Juff^r Maria van Rensselaer
at Watervliett

FROM JOHN DARVALL

[Very?] affectionate sister Maria van R[enslaar]

Dear Sister, Salute! Your letter with the enclosed account I duly received, from which I learned [of] your [good] health. According to your request I have with the account been to see my brother W^m Darvall¹⁶⁹ and adjusted accounts with him, as appears from the enclosed [account]. You write at the end of your account that you paid two beavers, but do not give the date when. Another time, please to write that, in order that I may govern myself accordingly.

Skipper Jan Gorter duly arrived here, together with Domine Selyns and his wife and the widow Baalen¹⁷⁰ and children and W^m Teller. I have asked Master Hans Kiersteden several times for his account, but thus far have not been able to get it. As soon as I receive it, I shall send it to you by the first opportunity. *Pro governo.*

If there are any boards ready there, [be pleased to] send down 100 or 200 at the first opportunity, for which I shall satisfy you.

With the hearty greetings from my [wife, father and] mother and all the friends, I commend you to the protection of the Most High and remain,

Your very affectionate brother
John Darvall

¹⁶⁹ William Darvall was a merchant trader. He had been commissioned an alderman of New York City on October 13, 1672, and in 1675 was Mayor of New York.

¹⁷⁰ Helena Teller, widow of Jan Hendricksen van Bael.

P.S. Herewith goes a package of salve which your son Kiljaan sends you, as you will see more fully from the enclosed letter.¹⁷¹ Brother Jacobus has had no fever now for two days. We hope that the Lord God will restore him to his former health, for his salvation. Amen.

N: Yorke, August 15, 1682

FROM RICHARD VAN RENNELAER

[August 15?, 1682]

Dear Sister: By skipper Jacob Mourits [] I wrote you at length, which letters¹⁷² I hope you duly received in good health. This only serves to let you know that Domine Dellius, who received a call to be minister at Albany, goes over in the little ship of Sr Lyselaer.¹⁷³ I hope that the Lord may let him safely arrive there and that the congregation will be pleased with him. I have recommended you to him and you are also requested to do for him whatever you can to be of service to him in return. I intend by the next opportunity to send him a commission to look after our interests and the affairs of the colony. We shall then see whether everything can be put again in good shape, for if things should run along in this way and there should be no authority, the colony would by and by go to ruin. This, however, must be prevented as far as possible and toward this

¹⁷¹ This letter has not been preserved. See letter of Oloff Stevensen van Cortlandt of about August 15, 1682.

¹⁷² See letters of May 4/14 and May 12/22, 1682.

¹⁷³ Jacob Leisler. Domine Godefridus Dellius sailed on August 15, 1682, but on reaching Dover found that the ship which was to take him to America had left, so that he was compelled to return to Holland. He sailed again from the Texel on May 9, 1683, N.S., in the ship of Jan Gorter, and arrived at New York on July 28th. See *Minutes of the Court of Albany, 1680-85*, 3:374-75; *Ecclesiastical Records of the State of New York*, 2:840, 859, 862.