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Dated April 4, 1690. (No witness named.)

Page 424.—The will of Wm. RICHARDSON, of Westchester, is proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, on April 20, 1692, and John Bowne, John Rodman, and Samuel Hoyt, of Flushing, and John Ferris and John Palmer of Westchester are confirmed as executors.

Page 428.—Wm. RICHARDSON, Westchester. "This is to satisfie all whom it may concerne, that I, Wm. Richardson, of Westchester being sicke and weak, in order to avoid all disturbances, do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament." Leaves to Mary Cock £20, "it being her just due from me," "also my first wife's wearing apparall." "Also a pair of silver hilted knives and a pair of scissors with a silver chain to them. I leave to my three sons Wm, Thomas, and John, all my plate. To Hannah and Sarah Cock, 20 shillings each. All the rest of my estate is to be sold by my executors, and the proceeds to be paid to my 3 sons when they are 20 years of age. If the estate is not sold before the sons come to the age of 20 years, then if any son has a mind to settle where I now live, he shall have the place upon the appraisement of indifferent persons." Makes his friends John Bowne, John Rodman, and Samuel Hoyt, of Flushing, and John Ferris and John Palmer of Westchester, executors. "In witness whereof, I to this, my last will and Testament, set my hand and seal, at my house in



Westchester, this 20 day of the 10th month called December, 1692."

New York, April 22, 1693, There appeared before me, being thereto authorized by his excellency Benjamin Fletcher, Captain General and Governor in Chiefe, Hugh Cowperthwait, John Farrington, and Daniel Kirkpatrick, and did declare in the presence of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator, Wm. Richardson, seal and publish the within as his last will and Testament. David Jamieson, Dep. Sec.

Page 430.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General, and Governor-in-Chiefe, &c. Whereas JOHN DISHON, late of this city, mariner, deceased, upon the main sea, in a voyage from England to this place on board the sloop "English and Berwick," intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his wife Cornelia, June 8, 1693.

Page 432.—At a Court of Record held in the City Hall in New York on the 18 of December, 1688, the last will of TEUNIS DEY was proved, and letters of administration are granted to his widow, Hannah Ryerse, who has since married George Ryerse, and the will confirmed, June 15, 1693.

Page 433.—TEUNIS DEY. "In the name of the Lord, Amen. To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come. I, Teunis Dey, of the city of New York, yeoman, being sick, do make this my last will and testament." "My wife is to remain in full possession of the estate and maintain all the children during her life, and while she remains unmarried, but if she come to a new wedlock, she is to have one-half and the other half to go to the children, and she is to bring up the children to learn an art or trade to live by, and as a pious mother, for God's sake, is bound to do." Makes his wife and his father-in-law, John Le Counte, executors.

Dated November 8, 1688.

Page 434.—June 22, 1693. The original last will and testament of ANTHONY DE MILT, merchant, being produced and proved, Letters of administration are granted to Isaac Kip, his son-in-law, by Governor Benjamin Fletcher.

Page 435.—ANTHONY DE MILT. "In the name of the Lord, Amen. Know all men whom it may concerne, that I, Anthony De Milt, living in the city of New York." "I make my sole and universal heirs my five children, Isaac, Mary, Anne, Peter and Sarah, gotten by my deceased wife Elizabeth Van der Liphorst. I leave to my eldest son Isaac De Milt, for his birthright as the eldest, 100 guilders, wampum value. I leave to Mary Winter for her special good service, 3 pieces of 8." Makes his sons Isaac and Peter, and son-in-law Isaac Kip, executors.

Dated May 27, 1689.

On Tuesday this 10 September, Anno Dom, 1689, the above witnesses, Martin Clocks and Albert Clocks, appeared before John Lawrence and Francis Rumbouts, Justices, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that they did see the within named Anthony De Milt sign and seale the within instrument as his last will and Testament. J. Nicolls, clerk.

Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, etc. Whereas CORNELIUS CLOPPER of this city is late deceased, Letters of administration are granted to his widow Heyltie Clopper, June 24, 1693.

Page 442.—CORNELIUS CLOPPER, New York. "In the name of the Lord, Amen, know all men by these presents, that on the 10th day of September, in the morning, about 8 o'clock, in the year 1669, appeared in their own persons before me, Nicholas Bayard, Secretary of the Mayor's Court of New York, with the under named witnesses, Cornelius Jansen Clopper, master Smith, and his wife Heyltie Clopper, lawfully

Nicoll, by Governor Benjamin Fletcher, July 22, 1693.

Page 459.—Letters of administration on estate of JACQUES CORTELIAN, granted to his sons, Jacques and Peter, August 2, 1693.

Page 460.—On the 16 of August, 1693, the will of JAMES GILCHRIST was proved, and Letters of administration are granted to Wm. Ballagh, same day.

JAMES GILCHRIST.—“In the name of God, Amen, the 4 day of May, 1693. I, James Gilchrist, of Berkley County, Carolina, being weak and sickly.” “I leave to my loving friend Wm. Ballagh all debts due me, and all the gold and plate now in possession of Mr. Geritt the silver smith, and all my apparall and my silver headed cane. I leave to my loving friend John Alexander a gold ring set with a white stone, and a diamond cut gold ring. I leave to the indigent poor of Berkley County, £100.” Makes Mr. John Alexander merchant, and Wm. Ballagh, vintner, and Antho. Bates, vintner, executors. Mentions “house and lot of land in Charlestowne.”

Witnesses, Abraham Williams, Wm. Sopall, Thomas Nobell, James Redwood.

Letters of administration on estate of “JAMES BAISER, late of Carolina, but dwelling in Philadelphia, late deceased,” granted to Miles Forster “friend and reditor,” August 18, 1693.

Page 465.—The will of JOHN HENDRICKS VAN BOMELL, proved August 16, 1693, and Letters of administration granted to John Harperding and Jacob Baelen.

Page 466.—JOHN HENDRICKS VAN BOMELL. “In the name of God, Amen. Be it known unto all men whom this may concerne, that I, John Hendricks Van Bomell, inhabitant within this city of New York,” Leaves to his wife, Armitie Jans, the full use of all es-

tate. If she remarry, then two-thirds are to go to the children, Cornelius and Aeltie, “procured by my former wife Elizabeth Jans, and Petrestie and Lyn-dert, procured by my present wife, Armitie Jans.” “I leave to my son Cornelius, of whom I have not heard any news these 16 years, if ever he shall happen to return, he is to have 100 guilders wampum for his birthright. And whereas my daughter Aeltie, at the time of her marriage has received 400 guilders, the other daughters to have the same.” Makes John Harberdingh and Jacob Boelen executors. “And whereas it has pleased God to afflict me with blindness, whereby I am obstructed duly to sign and seal this my will, I have therefore sent for my neighbors, and desired them to witness this will.”

Witnesses, Martin Clock, Albert Clock, John Harberdingh, Wm. Bogardus. Proved, by oath of the above witnesses, that this is the last will of said testator, and that this is a true translation from the Dutch original read to him, being blind. August 16, 1693.

Letters of administration upon the estate of JOHN SMITH, who lately died intestate, granted to his widow, Jannette Smith, August 18, 1693.

[NOTE.—Jannette Smith was the daughter of Cornelius Van Thienhoven, and was the owner, with her brother, Luycas Van Thienhoven, of many lots of land on Pine street, which was originally called Thienhoven street.—W. S. P.]

Page 471.—Letters of administration upon estate of Captain CESAR CARTER, who died on board the Barquentine “Greyhound” in a voyage from Jamaica to this Province, granted “to Major Thomas Richards his fellow-passenger,” October 9, 1693.

Page 472.—RICHARD JONES, New York. “For as much as the Lord who formed my body, and gave breath thereto, and hath to this moment preserved its



being, is now pleased to visit the same with sickness, I not knowing how soon he may put a period to my days, I make this my last will and testament." "I leave to my sister Jane one shilling, To my cousin John Jones, £5. To Abraham Buckley, 20<sup>s</sup>, to Silvester Salisbury, my servant, 20<sup>s</sup>, to my friend, Rachel Willis, 20<sup>s</sup>. To my two daughters, Dorcas and Hester Jones, all my land and meadows within the Province of New York and East New Jersey, except as hereafter disposed of, and two thirds of my personal estate." "I leave to my wife Dorcas the other third of the personal estate. Also one half of four lots of land and a wharfe, bounded on the east by lots of Brandt Schuyler, west by a slip or cart way leading from the Tan Pitts unto the river, in the place called the Smith's Vly, in New York. And I authorize her to give deeds for one half of a certain parcel of land lying in King street, opposite to the house of Captain Laurence Reade, to John Rodman of Long Island, Doctor in Physick, from whom I have already received pay in account. And I leave to my wife Dorcas the other half. And whereas Wm. Morris of New York, merchant, and myself have purchased of Thomas Lloyd of Philadelphia, a piece of land, bounded east by the Green Lane, south by land of Jan Vinge, west by land of Miles Forster, and north by the new street, which may appear by articles under his hand, And of Daniel Veenvas and his wife Christiana, one piece of land in the above said Green Lane, and to the Tan Pitts, and to the new street, as by deed will appear, And one great tract of land bought of Gerritt Jans Roos and Dr. Luycas Van Thienhoven, beginning at the corner of the fence of the land in Green Lane, bought of Thomas Lloyd, and so from thence along the Green Lane to the corner of the new street called Smith street, and so running directly up the hill until it comes to a designed street called Queens street, and from thence to the land of Miles Forster in the said street, and so along his fence to the place where it

first begun. Which said several tracts of land are laid out or intended to be laid out in particular lots by James Evetts, surveyor. Now ye said Wm. Morris and myself, by verbal agreements, concluded an arrangement in case of mortality, but it has not yet been done. If any part of this tract is sold or divided it is to be paid to the credit of my two daughters." Makes his wife executor, and Wm. Nicolls, of New York, and Wm. Berkely, of Shrewsbury, New Jersey, overseers. I leave to Wm. Nicolls £5, and to Wm. Berkely, the same.

Dated this 19th day of the 7th month, 1693. Witnesses, John Tatham, Joseph Hutchinson, Thomas Peachee, Benjamin Griffiths.

Proved before James Marshall and Thomas Revell, of the Governor's Council of New Jersey, September 13, 1693. Confirmed before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, and Letters of Administration granted to widow Dorcas Jones, October 3, 1693.

[NOTE.—The will of Richard Jones embraces several tracts of land of great value. The "Smith's Vly" is now Pearl street. The lot mentioned as "bounded east by the land of Brandt Schuyler" is a wide lot sold to Richard Jones by the Mayor and Aldermen of the city, September 7, 1692, and bounded north by Queen street (now Pearl street), west by the slip at the foot of Maiden lane. Richard Jones sold half of this to Abraham DePeyster. The lot was 190 feet wide and Fletcher street runs through the middle of it. The "Tan Pitts" were at the south east corner of the Shoemaker's Pasture, or about where No. 77-79 Maiden lane now are. The lot "on King street opposite to the house of Captain Laurence Read" is now No. 56-58 Pine street. The tract of land bought of Thomas Lloyd is bounded east by Maiden lane (which is the Green lane mentioned in the will), and north by Nassau street. The "great tract bought of Gerritt Jans Roos and Dr. Luycas Van Thienhoven (who were the executors of Jan Vinge)" is bounded east by

Maiden lane, south by William street, and west by Cedar street (formerly called Little Queen street). The lot bought of Daniel Veenos and wife, is probably a part of the "Shoemaker's Pasture," and lies at the east corner of Maiden lane and William street. The widow of Dorcas Jones afterwards married Captain Robert Lutting.—W. S. P.]

Page 477.—ROBERT MATTHEWS.—"In the name of God, Amen. This 11th day of March, 1693. I, Robert Matthews, of Charlestown, in South Carolina, mariner, being sicke and weake do make this my last will and Testament." Leaves all estate of every kind to his wife Elizabeth, and makes her sole executor.

Witnesses, I. Boodel, Thomas Rose, Daniel Robinson, Mary Robinson, Richard Phillips. Letters of administration granted to Elizabeth Matthews, October 9, 1693.

[The last pages of this book are occupied with forms of bonds to be given by the masters of ships and other vessels engaged in trade with the various provinces in America. And of Clearance Certificates, as the following:]

Recorded for Captain John Mellowes. These are to certify all whom it may concerne that Captain John Mellowes, Master and Commander of the Pink "Ann," Burthen, 35 Tons, Mounted with 4 guns, Manned with 7 men, English built and bound for New York, Hath taken on board 40 Hogsheads of Rum, 7 hogsheads and 26 barrels of Molasses, 6 Kilderkins of Sugar, and 2 bags of cotton, for which the duties are paid, under the Act of the 25th year of his late Majesty, for better securing the Plantacon Trades. And has given a bond in the sum of £1,000, conditioned that the goods shall be carried to some port in England, Wales or Berwick on Tweed, or to some other port of His Majesty's Plantacans. Dangers of the Seas excepted. Dated at the Custom House in Barbadoes August 5, 1686.

Stephen Gascoigne.

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# LIBER 5-6.

Page 1.—SARA ROELOFFSE (Translated from the Dutch). "In the name of God, Amen. Be it known to all whom it may concern, that I, Sarah Roeloffse, late widow of Elbert Elbertse Stouthoff, considering the frailty and shortness of Human life, Do make my last will in manner following. 1st. I commit my immortal Soul into the merciful hands of God Almighty, and my body to a decent burial. 2nd. I revoke all other wills. Now I will before anything else to my daughter Blandina, of this city, a negro boy, Hans. To my son Luycas Kierstede, my Indian, named Ande. To my daughter Catharine Kierstede, a negress, named Susannah. To my son-in-law, Jacobus Kip, husband of my said daughter Catharine, my negro, Sarah, in consideration of great trouble in settling the accounts of my late husband, Cornelius Van Borsum, in Esopus and elsewhere. To my son Jochem Kierstede, a little negro, called Maria, during his life, and then to Sarah, the eldest daughter of my daughter Rachel Kierstede by her husband, Ytie Kierstede. To my son Johaness Kierstede, a negro boy, Peter. I leave to my daughter Anna Van Borsum, by my former husband, Cornelius Van Borsum, on account of her simplicity, my small house and kitchen, and lot situate in this city, between the land of Jacob Marits and my bake house, with this express condition, that she shall not be permitted to dispose of the same by will or otherwise, but to be hers for life and then to the heirs mentioned in this will.

"It is my will that my son Luycas Kiersted shall have the privilege of buying the house where he now lives and the bake house and lot belonging to the same and to pay the money for the same to the other heirs, he to retain his share. I have fully satisfied my sons Hans Kierstede and Roeloff Kiersted for their share



in their father's estate, being 40 Beavers, as by account for the same, the rest of my estate I leave to the seven children of me and my deceased husband, Hans Kierstede, viz, Roeloff, Blandina, Johanes, Luycas, Catharine, Jacobus, Rachel, and the children of my deceased son Hans Kierstede by his wife Janike equally. Only Hans Kierstede the eldest son of my deceased son Hans Kierstede shall have £1 for his birth right. I appoint as guardians of my daughter Anna Von Borsum, and managers of her house and lot my son-in-law Jacobus Kip, and my son Kierstede, and my son-in-law Wm. Teller, giving them full power as executors."

Dated July 29, 1692. Witnesses, Wm. Bogardus, Jacob Maurits, — Hoaglandt.

Codicil, August 7, 1693, confirms the above will and leaves all her clothing to her daughters Blandina, Catharine and Rachel, "and to each of the wives of my 5 sons a silver spoon." Witness Peter Schuyler, Justice of the Peace. Proved, October 21, 1693.

[NOTE.—Sara Roeloffse was the daughter of the famous Aneke Jans, by her first husband, Roeloff Jansen. Sara Roeloffse married first Hans Kiersted, "chirurgion," after his death she married Cornelius Van Borsum and her third and last husband was Elbert Elbertse Stouthoff. Her house was on the north corner of Pearl street and Whitehall. The small house left to her daughter Anna Van Borsum was next north of this. She was well acquainted with the Indian language and acted as interpreter for Peter Stuyvesant. It was at her first wedding that Governor Kieft, taking advantage of the condition of the guests "after the fourth or fifth drink," induced them to subscribe very liberally toward building a new church in the fort.—W. S. P.]

Page 6.—Certificate of Wm. Bogardus and Dirck Hoaglandt that they did see the testatrix seal and publish and declare the above instrument as her last will.  
New York, October 21, 1693.

New York, October 21, 1693, Johannes Kip, Wm. Teller, Lucas Kierstede take the oath as executors of the will of SARA ROELOFFS, before David Jamieson, clerk. The will of Sara Roeloffs proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher and the same confirmed on October 21, 1693.

Page 7.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, &c. Whereas ISAAC VAN HOOK lately died intestate Letters of Administration are granted to Anotje Van Hook the widow, November 15, 1693.

CHRISTINA CAPPOEN. "In the name of God, Amen. Be it known to all whom it may concerne, that I, underwritten Christina Cappoen, late widow of David Jochemson, deceased, dwelling in the city of New York, considering the weakness of this life, and wishing to settle my things in order by distributing my temporal estate as I do by these presents." I give and bequeath in particular to my daughter Maria Hays, married to Peter Praa, first my small house with the land from the front to the rear, as far as my right extends, with the lane except eight inches in said lane, which is to remain to my great house from the front to the rear, which shall be the parting line between my great house and lot and my small house and lot from one street to the other. Which said line (except the aforesaid eight inches), my said daughter shall and may build upon, as to her may seem meet. Provided that my said daughter Maria shall not dispose of the said small house by will or otherwise, but only to receive the rents during her life, and after her death to go to her children or their lawful heirs, and in default of such heirs, then to the next of my kindred in blood, but not to the children of Joost Adrianson, deceased. I also leave to my daughter Maria the use and income of my land and meadow and Bowery, lying at Maspeth Kills, and which is now in possession of herself and her husband, and after her death it

is to go to her two children, Sara Molenaer, procured by Joost Adriansen Molenaer and Catrina Praa, procured by her present husband Peter Praa and such other children as she may leave. The said Peter Praa to have the use of the same during his life, but if he remains there after the death of his wife then he shall pay to the children for said Bowery, 10,000 guilders in wampum value. I also give to my daughter Maria my silver beaker, one gold vase, diamond ring, a silver cup and pepper box, and a silver cup with a silver cover, and three silver spoons. I leave to Sara Molenaer, daughter of my daughter Maria, my great house and lot where I now live with the kitchen behind, and also eight inches of the lane between my said great house and my small house from front to rear. My daughter Maria is to receive the rents till her daughter Sara comes of age, or shall be married. If she dies under age, then the house is to go to her sister Catrina Praa. I also leave to said Sara, a salt-cellar marked with the full name of Christina Rose-lars and marked with her coat-of-arms, also a silver beaker marked the same, and a silver mustard pot marked with the name of Jacob Hay. Also my Church book with silver clasps and chain, and a silver cup and six silver spoons and a silver chain, one great ear spangle with ear jewels, and my largest hoop ring, and a gold finger ring with a diamond in it, and a silver tumbler marked J. H. I leave to Catrina Praa the child of my daughter Maria, and Peter Praa, a silver beaker and six silver spoons marked J. H. All the rest of estate is left to her daughter Maria Praa, and her grand child Sara Molenaer. She makes Hon. Nicholas Bayard, mayor, and her cousin Jacob Ver Hulst and Mr. John Harperdingh executors. If my son-in-law Peter Praa opposes this will, or if he misbehave himself as to the children, he shall be debarred from all benefits.

Dated June 17, 1687. Witnesses, William Bogardus, Jacob Maurits.

Page 11.—Codicil. I, Christina Cappelens, the widow of David Jochemsen, do confirm the above will, and as Jacob Verhulst, one of the executors is departed from hence, I appoint my cousin Rip Van Dam, merchant, to be executor in his place. If my executors deem it best that my daughter's child, Sara Molenaer, should be placed elsewhere to be maintained, they are to use the rents of the great house for that purpose.

Dated September 2, 1693. Witnesses, Samuel Bayard, Gerardus Duyckinck.

The above will is proved before David Jamieson, Secretary, November 15, 1693, and the executors take the oath on same day.

[NOTE.—The real estate mentioned in the above will, was left to Christina Cappelens by her husband David Jochemsen. The "great house and lot" is now No. 61 Stone Street. Peter Praa, the son-in-law, is probably the same man known in early deeds as Peter Praa Provost. The house and lot No. 61 Stone Street was owned by David Provost, of Morris Co., New Jersey, and his heirs sold it to Freeman Clarkson, in 1792. In 1754 the "small house and lot" was sold to Cornelius Clopper, David Provost, Mathias Ernst and Elias Des Brosses by John Van Zandt, who owned one-quarter, and Abraham Schenck, of Bushwick, who owned three-quarters, the price being £282. They bought this for a public street, and part of the purchase money was paid by the Corporation of New York, and part by public subscription. The above purchasers conveyed it to the city February 15, 1755. It is now the narrow alley leading from Stone street to South William street, and between Nos. 61 and 63 Stone street. It is the only street in the city without an official name, but was in former days popularly known as "Jews' Alley." —W. S. P.]

Page 12.—Marriage license granted to ROBERT ALLISON and HANNAH BRAY. November 29, 1693.



CORNELIUS CORSOEN, Staten Island. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Cornelius Corsoen, of Staten Island, in the County of Richmond, yeoman." Leaves all estate, real and personal, to his wife Mattie Corsoen, for life, and then to their children equally. If she remarry then the children are to take one half, each to have their share when of age (*names not given*). Makes his wife sole executrix.

Dated December 9, 1692. Witnesses, Cornelis Nephews, Peter Staers, Thomas Carhart.

Page 13.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all, etc. Know ye that at the city of New York, on the 7th of December, 1692, before me, the last will of CORNELIUS CORSOEN, of Staten Island, was proved, and the widow, Mattie Corsoen, is confirmed as executrix.

Page 14.—Marriage license granted to JOHN HARRIS and ABIGAIL BERRIMAN, December 11, 1693.

Inventory of estate of JOHN SMITH, exhibited by Jannettie Smith, the widow, November 21, 1693. 1 negro woman and child, in the kitchen, £24; A large Dutch Bible, £2, 5s.; A small English Bible, 3s.; 2 gold rings, £1, 10s.; 12 silver spoons, £5, 10s.; 1 pair of silver buckles, 7s. 6d.; Silver Toppinger, £2; Small lot of household goods. Total not given.

[NOTE.—Jannettie Smith, the widow, was the daughter of Cornelius Van Thienhoven, and, with her brother Lucas, was the owner of many lots on Pine street.—W. S. P.]

Page 15.—Inventory of estate of CHRISTINA CAPPOENS, widow of David Jochemsen. Taken by Nicholas Bayard, Jan Harperdingh and Rip Van Dam, and approved by a Court of ye Worshipful Mayor of ye said city, by the oath of Isaac De Forrest and Jacobus Van der Spiegel.

"The Testator's great house and lot of ground, to

the north of Duke street, next to ye house and lot of Jan Harperdingh, bequeathed to her daughter's child, Sarah Molenaar, provided ye rents be received by her mother, Maria Praa, for her use till she be of age. The Testator's little house and lot, next to ye great house, bequeathed to her daughter, Maria Praa." "The Testator's farm on Nassau Island, in Maspeth Kills, now in possession of Peter Praa" (*not valued*). Silver Beaker, 12 ounces, at 7s., £4, 4s.; one gold rose diamond ring, £5; one silver pepper box, 2½ oz., at 7s., 17s. 6d.; one silver beaker, marked with the full name of Christina Rasselaers, 16 oz., at 7s., £5, 12; one silver salt cellar, marked with the name of Christina Rasselaers, 14 oz., £4, 10s.; one Church book with silver clasps and chain, £1, 16; one gold ear pendant, with ye ear jewels, weight 2 oz. good, at £5 per ounce, £10. This inventory shows a very long list of household goods. Total not given. The above inventory is sworn to as being correct, by the executors, January 5, 1694, before Abraham De Peyster, Mayor.

Page 18.—Inventory of estate of JACQUES CORTILLOW, Registered for Jacques Cortiliow, of New Town, Kings County, on the Island of Nassau, January 20, 1694, by Jan Van Cleef and John Van Dyck, inhabitants of New Utrecht. Sworn by Roeloffs Martinse Schenck, one of their Majestie's Justices of the Peace. This inventory shows a small stock of farming utensils, etc. Real estate not given.

"In presence of the Constable of New Utrecht, Anthony Van Pelt." Johans Van Ekelon, Clerk, January 25, 1694.

WILLIAM HUYKSEN. Recorded for Simon Aertsen, and Antie Aertsen. "In the Name of God, Amen. In the year 1687, this 27 day of March, appeared before me Jacobus Vandewater, Public Notary, admitted in the Town of Brookland, in Kings Co., and there residing, Mr. Wm. Huyksen, Anntie Andies Williard,

his wife, inhabitants of Gowanus, being known to me, and both being in perfect health, goeing and standing and of full understanding, and not willing to depa. this life before they have disposed of their temporal estate." They made the survivor of the two the sole heir to all the estate, but if the survivor remarry, one half is to be given to the children, namely, Machtell, Mary, Anna, Gretie, Catharina and Elizabeth, and such other children as they may yet have. Written at the house of the testators in the presence of John Jansen, Hendrick Sleght, Jacobus Vandewater.

Proved by the oath of above witnesses, and confirmed by Governor Benjamin Fletcher, January 25, 1694.

Page 20.—Marriage License granted to ROBERT WHARTON and MRS. ANN WEST, January 25, 1694.

Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General, Governor, etc. Whereas HENDRICK THYSE LANE lately died intestate, leaving children under age. Guisbert Thyse Lane and John Van Dyck, the brother and brother in law of said Hendrick Thyse Lane, are appointed administrators, January 25, 1694.

Page 21.—Recorded for John Mash, October 29, 1692. MARTHA DE HART. "In the name of God, Amen. The last will and testament of Martha De Hart widow of Daniel De Hart, being sicke and in thoughts of death approaching." She leaves all estate to "my well beloved friend Mr. John Mash, late resident of Woodbridge, in Elizabeth Towne, in East Jersey, and now of this city." (No date.)

Witnesses, John Yeats, Elizabeth Mitchell. Proved and confirmed before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, February 8, 1694.

Page 22.—JOHN LE MONTES, "In the name of God, Amen. I, John Le Montes, of the city of New York,

mariner, being in perfect health, do make this my last will." I leave to my well beloved wife, Helena Montes, one half of my personal estate, and the other half "to the child she now goeth withal." If both die, then one half is to go to "my loving kinsman James Le Montes of the island of Jersey, and the other half to James Jacobsen, son of Hendrick Jacobsen, and Susannah Fell and Maria Larise, to be divided between them at the discretion of my attorney, Mr. Philip French." Makes his wife sole executor.

Dated February 19, 1694. (No witnesses.) Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, and Letters of administration granted to the widow Helena Montes. February 6, 1694.

Page 23.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, etc. Whereas DANIEL DE HART lately died intestate, leaving goods, etc., John De Bruyn, Jacobus De Hart and Daniel Veenbos, the near relatives and creditors, are appointed administrators. February 6, 1694.

Page 24.—JAN JOOSTEN VAN ROLLEGON. "In the name of God, Amen. Be it known to every one to whom it belongs or may concerne, that we, underwritten Jan Joosten Van Rollegon and Tryntie Jans Van Hartenburgh, married people, dwelling within this city of New York, knowing the weakness and mortality of all human kind, and willing to anticipate the same with a fitting disposition of our temporal affairs." The "longest liver" of the two is to retain the full use of the estate, but if he or she remarry, then the estate to be divided among the children, namely, Maria, married to Nicholas Geritse Van Rovenstein, Anna, wife of Tobias Stoutenburgh, Gertrude, wife of Bartholomew Le Roux, Johanes and Jacobus, in such portions "as the survivor shall think meet in conscience and equity." Johanes as the eldest son is to have "100 pieces of 8, being £30, this country money,"



and Jacobus shall have 30 pieces of 8, being £9. I leave to my son Johaness a gold ring wherein the name of Tryntie Jans Van Hardenburgh is graved, and to Jacobus another ring with the same inscription. If my son Johaness shall wish to buy the house and lot he shall have the preference "for a civil price by moderate persons to be valued."

Dated February 6, 1694. Witnesses, Wm. Bogardus, Evert Van Hook, Albert Starts.

Page 26.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor. Whereas on the 10th of February, 1694, the will of JAN JOOSTENS VAN ROLLEGON, the translation whereof into English is annexed, was proved. Letters of administration are granted to his widow Tryntie Jans Van Rollegon *alias* Hartenburgh.

Page 27.—Know all men by these presents that I, Wm. Mercer, of Long Island, but now belonging to the sloot "Loyal" in Barbadoes, have made and appointed my trusty and beloved friend John Wingfield, my attorney, to demand and receive all debts due to me, etc. And I do declare these presents to be my last will and testament. I give to the said John Wingfield all such wages and goods and property of all kinds, and I make him sole executor.

Dated October 15, 1693. Witnesses, John Potter, Daniel Gregorie. Proved, October 17, 1693, and confirmed February 22, 1694.

Page 28.—I, John Ringfield, John Thompson and Henry Cattle, all at present of the city of New York, mariners, being sworn say. That upon the 13th of December last, being then arrived at New London, in the Colony of Connecticut, in the Pink "Blossom," John Whitford, Commander, from the Island of Barbadoes, and being bound to New York, the which Pink now rideth in this Harbour. One COURT COULSON, one of the mariners, on her late voyage, being before this

time taken sick on board the said vessel, the day and year above said at New London, did then make his verbal and nuncupative will, in the presence of us. That he willed and declared that the said John Whitford should in case of his death take care to bury the said Court Coulson in a decent manner, and that he should have his wages and estate. And that some time afterwards on the same day he died; and that the commander, the said John Whitford, did afterwards at his own cost bury the said Court Coulson as decently as the place and circumstances of their affairs would permit.

Benjamin Fletcher, Captain General and Governor, &c. Whereas JOHN WEST lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Robert Wharton and his wife Anne, late widow of said John West, March 9, 1694.

Page 29.—Inventory of estate of ELIZABETH BANCKER, widow of Gerritt Bancker. Taken by her son Evert Bancker, and her son in law Johaness De Peyster, in presence of Guibert Van Imburgh and Peter De Lanoy. A house in New York, between the house of Anthony Farmer and Hendrick Jacobs and Thomas Roberts, as by transport. A House lot by the water side (not valued). This Inventory is written in the Dutch language. Gives a long list of household goods not valued. Also goods, etc., at Albany, July 19, 1693.

Page 33.—Inventory of estate of AMITIE VAN BOMMEL, widow of Jan Hendrickse Van Bommell. Taken by the executors, Jan Harpendingh and Jacob Boelen, and appraised by order of the Worshipfull Mayor, by Gerardus Duyckinck and Gabriel Thompson, February 27, 1694. House and lot in Princess street, next to the house and lot of Jan Harpendingh, £200. House and lot next to Richard Elliott, £60. Total, £301.

[NOTE.—The “house and lot next to Richard Elliott” is probably now No. 14 South William street, which was the Mill street of early days, and the “Slyck Stedge,” or muddy street of Dutch times. The house of Richard Elliott (or Ellett) which is next east was in after times owned by Rev. Lewis Rou the minister of the French Church.—W. S. P.]

Page 34.—Marriage License granted to BENJAMIN COOPER of Southampton, L. I., and HELENA WILLIAMS, April 7, 1694.

Inventory of estate of SARA ROELOFSEN. Taken by Johnas Kip, Lucas Kierstede and Wm. Teller, executors, April 9, 1694. (Not extensive.)

Inventory of estate of WM. RICHARDSON, of Westchester. “Taken the 29th day of 2nd month called Ap’l, 1693,” by Justice Thomas Stevenson and Mayor Wm. Lawrence. One Broad cloth coat, £2; one fine broad cloth coat, £1. In plate, £20, 5, 9. Cash, £24, 10, 6. Total, £411.

Page 36.—Marriage license granted to JOHN SEWING, mariner, and KATHARINE VAN CLIFFE, April 16, 1694.

Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York the 19th of April, 1694, the will of DIRCK VAN DER CLIFFE, in Dutch, remaining in the Secretary’s office, a translation whereof is annexed, was proved, and Geesie Van der Cliffe, the widow, is confirmed as executor.

DIRCK VAN DER CLIFFE. ‘In the name of God, Amen. Know all men who shall see this present public Instrument, that on July 24, 1686, appeared in their own persons, before me, Wm. Bogardus, Notary Public, in New York, admitted by the Rt. Hon. Thomas Dongan, Lieutenant-Governor, &c., and in the presence

of the underwritten witnesses, Dirck Van der Clyff and Mrs. Geesie Hendricks, married people, living within this city, well known to me and to the witnesses, and both in good health.” The survivor is to have full possession and disposal of all the estate, and is to maintain the children, and they are to be taught “to read and write, and an art or trade by which they may live.” He leaves to his son John Direksen Van der Clyff his sword with a silver handle. Mentions daughter Maria and the “under aged children” (*not named*). “All this being distinctly read to the testators, they declare it to be their last will and testament.” Witnesses, Hans Kierstede, Jacobus Kip.

[NOTE.—Dirck Van der Clyff was the owner of a tract of land, bounded south by Maiden lane, north by the Beekman farm, west by the Shoemaker’s Pasture and east by the rear of lots fronting on Pearl street. This he bought of Henry Rychen, of Flatbush, August 9, 1681. On this tract he had an house and orchard, and kept a place of entertainment. After his death it was laid out in lots, and streets were opened, namely, Gold street, Orange (now Cliff street), Van Cliff street (now John), and Nassau (now Fulton). Geesie Van der Cliff was one of the three daughters of Hendrick Williams, whose house was on the north corner of Broad and Bridge streets.—W. S. P.]

Page 38.—Marriage license granted to JACOBUS DE KAY, and SARAH WILLETT, of Queens County, May 19, 1694.

[NOTE.—Sarah Willett was a daughter of Thomas Willett, of Flushing.]

Letters of Administration granted to JOHN BROWN, on the estate of “a fellow passenger” (name not given), May 10, 1694.

Page 39.—RICHARD ELLIOTT. “In the name of God, Amen. I, Richard Elliott, of the city of New York,



Cooper, being very sick." Leaves all estate to his wife Susannah during her life or widowhood, and then to children Robert, Joseph, Henry, and John. To son Joseph my cane and gold ring. To son Henry a set of silver waistcoat buttons. To my sister-in-law, Sarah Hart, a morning gown. To my God son, John Tudor, a mourning ring. To my God son, Joseph Hudleston, a silver spoon. To my God child, Mary Fromante, a silver spoon. Makes his wife executor.

Dated May 13, 1693. Witnesses, Edward Graham, Alice Allison, Thomas Clark. Proved before Matthew Clarkson, July 3, 1694, and confirmed by Governor Benjamin Fletcher, July 4, 1694.

[NOTE.—The house and lot of Richard Elliot (or Ellet) has a curious history. In 1721 there was no known owner for the land, and by order of Governor Burnett an "Inquisition" was made before Gillet Livingston and a jury of prominent men. This elicited the fact that Richard Ellet, the former owner, was long since dead, and by what title he held the property was unknown. He left four sons, three of whom died without issue. The fourth son, Henry, "had gone to sea more than twenty years agoe," and had never been heard from since, and that the only owner was the said Henry who was doubtless dead. Mr. Thomas Clark had taken possession and had paid the taxes. Under these circumstances the Governor and Council adjudged that the premises had escheated to the Crown, and the Council "not knowing in any of our Colonies in America, a more Deserving and Learned Person in Divinity, History, Chronology and many other Parts of Learning, than our Loving Subject Lewis Row, minister of the French Church in our City of New York," they grant him the said houses and lots, August 23, 1723. Rev. Lewis Row died in 1750 and his heirs sold it to his son, Mr. Lewis Row, "gentleman," in 1751. He died within a year, leaving it to his wife, Affie, who married John Duyckinck. They sold the whole to James Perry of London and Thomas

Hayes of New York, June 27, 1763. The western part of Delmonico's building on South William street stands on these lots, which originally were bounded south by Mill street. The lot was 38 feet wide and there were two houses on it.—W. S. P.]

Page 40.—JOHN MARTINSE SCHENCK. "In the name of Jesus Christ, in the year which we write 1688 or 9, the 28 day of January. I, John Martinse at present being sick abed." His wife Jannettie Stevens is to remain in full possession of all the estate, till the youngest child is of age or married. "Then shall Martin Johnson take in his possession the old house with the small island and mill, on condition that he render to his mother yearly 600 guilders." The youngest son, Stephen Johnson, shall have the lot of land in the neck with the meadow at Hog Neck. The other children shall have as follows: Stephen Johnson, 100 pieces of 8. Jannettie Johnson, 100 pieces of 8 and 2 cows, and daughter Neltie to have the same. As regards an expected child, "if it be a son he shall have the money standing out in New York, 1600 guilders. If it be a daughter, it is to have the same as the other daughters."

Dated in Amersfoort in Kings County, January 28, 1688. John Martinse Schenck.

Witnesses, John Van Duycklings, Wm. Gerittse von Cowenhoven. Proved July 5, 1694, and Letters of Administration granted to widow Jannettie Stevens.

Page 41.—HENRY JACOBS. "In the Name of God, Amen. Know all men whom it may concerne, that I, underwritten Henry Jacobs, inhabitant within this city of New York, do make this my last will and testament. I leave to my son Jacob Hendricks, gotten by my wife Anna Hendricks, all my clothing, both silk and woollen. Leaves one half of the rest of his estate to his wife and the other half to his son, Jacob Hendricks. If his son dies, then his wife is to pay to

Johanes Goesens, son of my deceased brother, Goesen Stevens, whom I am God father, the sum of £7 10s., and James the son of Clement Sebra and my sister Judith Stevens, the sum of £7 10s. Makes his wife executrix.

Dated June 1, 1687. Witnesses, Wm. Bogardus, Paul Richards, John Vincent. Proved, July 12, 1694, before David Jamieson, Secretary, and confirmed by Governor Benjamin Fletcher.

Page 42.—Inventory of account of estate of PHILIP SMITH. Registered for Albert Bosch and Nicholas Bayard. Burial Charges, £10 4s. 3d. Ballance of account in favor of the estate, £311. Quietus granted to the executors by Governor Fletcher, July 30, 1694.

Page 43.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all, &c. Know ye that at New York, on the 14th day of September, 1694, the will of ALICE COX, *alias* Bueno, was proved, and Wm. Barker and John Theobald were confirmed as executors.

Page 44.—ALICE COX. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Alice Cox, *alias* Bueno, of the city of New York, being aged and infirm," makes "my trusty and well beloved friends Mr. Wm. Barker and Mr. John Theobalds," executors. I leave to "my dearly beloved brother Mr. Robert Blackburne, fish monger in London," £100. To Mr. Wm. Barker £10, and the rest of her estate to John Theobalds.

Dated June 13, 1694. (Not witnessed.)

Page 45.—RICHARD CORNELL. "In the Name of God, Amen, this 7th day of November in the year 1693, I, Richard Cornell, of Rockaway in Queens County, being sicke, do make this my last will and testament." I do bind and make over all my lands and meadows at Rockaway upon the south side of the Island of Nassau, for the paying and satisfying of a

certain debt, owing by me to the children of John Washburn, deceased. And if my executors do not pay the said debt when due, then I direct the overseers of this will to sell the same for that purpose, and give the overplus to my four sons, William, Jacob, Thomas and John. I leave to my son William a certain part of my lands and meadows situate at Rockaway, bounded north with the old fence upon the south side of the last years wheat field, and so running east to Hempstead line, and south by the sea. Including all lands and meadows, excepting my now dwelling house and orchard and the pasture thereto adjoining with the barn and the land in tillage about it. Which reservation I give to my dear and loving wife Elizabeth Cornell, during her widowhood, and then to my son William. I leave to my son Thomas, all that portion of land and meadow bought by me of John Smith of Hempstead, commonly called Little Smith. Also another part of my land and meadow, bounded south by my son William's line; north by the middle of the Fresh Cove that Robert Beadell's meadow was laid out in, and so running east to the three rail fence, and further if it shall happen. I leave to my sons Jacob and John, all my lands and meadows to the north of Thomas Cornell's line, situate at Rockaway. Bounded north by the Great river or Cove, east by the three rail fence, to be divided equally between them. I leave to my son Richard ten acres of meadow joining to Wells his line, to run north and south upon an equal line. I leave to my son William ten acres of meadow joining the above, and to run in the same manner. I leave to my daughter Elizabeth Lawrence, ten acres of meadow joining to my son William's meadow, and to run in the same manner. I leave to my daughter, Mary Cornell, £100, one third to be paid to her when of age, the rest in yearly payments. Also one half of the indoor movables. Leaves to his wife the use of the house and lands during her widowhood. Leaves 12 heifers to his 12 grand children,



namely the children of his son Richard, "the children of my son Washburn," and the children of my son John Lawrence. Leaves to his daughter Sarah Arnold, 2 cows. If my wife remarry then she is to have £100 and one half of the movables. Directs his lands at Cow neck to be sold, and the money to go to all his children. Leaves all his rights in the undivided lands in Hempstead to his five sons. His four sons, Richard, Thomas, Jacob and John, are to have the right to put horses on the beach and they are to assist in making the fence. And if his sons Jacob and John see cause to build by the path side to the eastward of my dwelling house, and on the land purchased of Little Smith, I give to each of them two acres of said land. All the money in my house, and all the debts due to me, shall be employed for the payment of the children of the deceased John Washburn and Captain Charles Lodowick. Makes his wife Elizabeth, and sons Richard and William executors, and his friends Colonel Thomas Willett, Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Hicks and Captain Daniel White, overseers. (Not witnessed.) Proved before Governor Fletcher, October 3, 1694.

Page 47.—Marriage license granted to LANCASTER SYMES and KATHARINE LARKINS widow, November 2, 1694.

[NOTE.—She was daughter of Matthias De Hart.]

FYTIE LIPPENS (Dutch). The will of Fytie Lippens, proved before Governor Fletcher, November 3, 1694, and Jan Harpendincks and Jacob Boelem confirmed as executors.

Page 49.—DOM. RUDOLPHUS VAN VORICK. In the name of our Lord God, Amen. Known be it unto all whom these presents shall concerne, that in the year 1686, the 22 day of October, before me, Wm. Bogardus, Public Notary, residing in New York, and appointed by his Excellency Thomas Dongan, Governor, etc., and in

the presence of the underwritten witnesses, the Reverend Dr. Rudolphus Van Vorick, minister of the Reformed Dutch Congregation on Long Island. His will is, that out of tender affection for his wife, Mrs. Margaretta Visboom, he leaves her full and sole possession of all his estate, without any obligation, "because he is fully assured that his said wife in no manner will wrong his children, now by her procreated, and such as by them more may be procreated." After her death the estate is to go to all his children (*not named*).

Page 50.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, etc., to all, &c. Know ye that at New York, on the 9th of November, 1694, the will of Mr. Rudolphus Van Vorick, late Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church in Kings County was proved, and of which an exemplified translation is annexed, and his widow Margaretta Visboom is confirmed as executor.

Page 51.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas EDWARD SCHROOPE, late of the Island of Barbadoes, died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Colonel Abraham DePeyster as principal creditor, November 13, 1694.

Marriage license granted to Wm. PELL and ELIZABETH VAN TUYL, November 23, 1694.

Thomas Dongan, Lieutenant-Governor, &c. To all to whom these Presents may come. Know ye that at a Court of Record held by the Mayor and Aldermen in New York on June 15, 1683, the will of ROBERT STORY, late of this city, merchant, was proved, and his wife Patience Story is confirmed as executor.

Thomas Dongan.

Province of Pennsylvania, November 19, 1694, the above examined and found to be a true copy.

Wm. Markham, Lieutenant-Governor.

namely the children of his son Richard, "the children of my son Washburn," and the children of my son John Lawrence. Leaves to his daughter Sarah Arnold, 2 cows. If my wife remarry then she is to have £100 and one half of the movables. Directs his lands at Cow neck to be sold, and the money to go to all his children. Leaves all his rights in the undivided lands in Hempstead to his five sons. His four sons, Richard, Thomas, Jacob and John, are to have the right to put horses on the beach, and they are to assist in making the fence. And if his sons Jacob and John see cause to build by the path side to the eastward of my dwelling house, and on the land purchased of Little Smith, I give to each of them two acres of said land. All the money in my house, and all the debts due to me, shall be employed for the payment of the children of the deceased John Washburn and Captain Charles Lodowick. Makes his wife Elizabeth, and sons Richard and William executors, and his friends Colonel Thomas Willett, Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Hicks and Captain Daniel White, overseers. (Not witnessed.) Proved before Governor Fletcher, October 3, 1694.

Page 47.—Marriage license granted to LANCASTER SYMES and KATHARINE LARKINS, widow, November 2, 1694.

[NOTE.—She was daughter of Matthias De Hart.]

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Page 49.—DOM. RUDOLPHUS VAN VORICK. In the name of our Lord God, Amen. Known be it unto all whom these presents shall concerne, that in the year 1686, the 22 day of October, before me, Wm. Bogardus, Public Notary, residing in New York, and appointed by his Excellency Thomas Dongan, Governor, etc., and in

the presence of the underwritten witnesses, the Reverend Dr. Rudolphus Van Vorick, minister of the Reformed Dutch Congregation on Long Island. His will is, that out of tender affection for his wife, Mrs. Margaretta Visboom, he leaves her full and sole possession of all his estate, without any obligation, "because he is fully assured that his said wife in no manner will wrong his children, now by her procreated, and such as by her more may be procreated." After her death the estate is to go to all his children (*not named*).

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Thomas Dongan.

Province of Pennsylvania, November 19, 1694, the above examined and found to be a true copy.

Wm. Markham, Lieutenant-Governor.



ROBERT STORY. "Know all People to whom this writing shall come that I, Robert Story, of New York, being in perfect memory, do hereby, as my last will, appoint and make my loving wife Patience Story my absolute and sole executor and bequeath to her my whole estate. Only in case my wife should happen to marry again, then my two children, Enoch and Mercy, shall each have an equal one-third of my estate. I appoint Samuel Spicer, Wm. Frampton, and James Mills overseers of this my will. I have hereunto set my hand and seal in New York this 25 day of December, 1683."

Witnesses, Samuel Willson, William Frampton.

Page 52.—License of marriage granted to THOMAS LEWIS and FRANCES LEISLER, November 26, 1694.

Inventory of the estate of ROBERT STORY, who deceased in New York, the 29th day of the 10th month called December, 1683, taken by Matthew Pryor, Samuel Spicer, Francis Richardson and Wm. Frampton. The dwelling house and lot of land it stands on £350; the boulding house, back house, cooper's shop with the lot it stands on, £180; 2 negro men, 2 negro women, and a young negro boy, £135; cash, £372; Wampum, Pipes and skins, £44; Mill house and land at Esopus, £489; the sloop "Returne," £120;  $\frac{1}{4}$  of ship "Robert," £75; debts due to him in New York, Long Island and East Jersey, £1,296; total, £7,572. This Inventory is very extensive and shows a very large amount of dry goods and extensive business. An additional list shows household goods to the amount of £468.

[NOTE.—Patience Story, the widow, afterward married Thomas Lloyd, a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia. The daughter, Mercy Story, married John Godfrey. Patience Story married Thomas Lloyd at Flushing, Long Island, the 27th day of the 10th month, 1684.]

Page 60.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all to whom these may come. Whereas JAMES LARKINS, late of New York, died on a voyage from New York to England, by way of Maryland, and Katharine his wife having married Captain Lancaster Symes, Letters of administration are granted to them November 19, 1694.

SUSANNAH BRASIER. "In the Name of God, Amen, this 10 day of July, 1694, I, Susannah Brasier, of New York, being sound in body, and knowing that I am ordained to die." Having full power by the will of my late husband Henry Brasier, dated April 26, 1689, to dispose of all the estate, I give to my son Henry Brasier, one half of the land in the Smith's Vly, where he hath built upon during his life, and then to his daughter Susannah. I leave to my son Isaac Brasier, the other half during his life, and then to his daughter Susannah. I leave to my son Abraham my house and ground in this city on condition that it be appraised, and what it is worth more than the land in the Smith's Vly, the surplus is to be paid to my four daughters, and after his death the house and lot is to go to his son Henry. Leaves household goods to her daughters Sarah and Susannah. Leaves to each of her grandchildren a silver spoon, value 10 shillings. Leaves to Mary Barnes, daughter of Mary Brasier, a bedstead. To Susanah Brown a morning gown. To grandchild Henry Brasier, son of Abraham, a silver cup. A piece of meadow at Maspeth Kills on Long Island "next to Butchers" is to be sold to pay burial expenses. Makes her son Abraham and her friend Abraham Messier, executors.

Witnesses, P. DeLanoy, Peter Messier. Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, November 29, 1694, and the executors confirmed.

Page 62.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas JUDICK STUYVESANT lately died intestate. Letters of

administration are granted to her father Captain Nicholas Stuyvesant December 5, 1694.

Page 63.—JACQUES GUYON (Dutch). The will of Jacques Guyon was proved before Governor Fletcher, December 5, 1694.

TRYNTIE SILLE. "In the name of God, Amen. This 16 day of August, 1694. I, Tryntie Silie widow of Nicasius de Silie, late of New York, deceased, being sicke and weake." After paying funeral expenses, and money owing to Colonel Nicholas Bayard are paid, I leave all the rest of my estate to my cousin, Jacobus Croeger, for his attendance and true service done me these several years, and make him and Colonel Nicholas Bayard executors.

Witnesses, Isaac Van Vlecq, Samuel Ver Planck, Samuel Bayard.

Page 65.—HENRY VANDENBURGH. "Know all men by these presents that I, Henry Vandenburg, in the name of God, have made my last will and testament, in consideration of my great sickness. I leave to my beloved wife Mariana Barton, all my estate, real and personal, and make her sole executor, and she is to pay to the Poor of the Dutch Church, 25 pieces of 8, and order me a decent burial.

Dated October 10, 1694.

Hendrick Jansen Vandenburg.

Witnesses, P. De Lanoy, Hendrick Jellison Meyer, P. Le Grand.

Page 65.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Know ye that on the 14 day of December, 1694, the will of HENRY VANDENBURGH was proved, and his widow Mariana is confirmed as executor.

Inventory of estate of HENRY VANDENBURGH, deceased. In coined gold and silver, £250.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a small sloop, £70. Total, £350.

Page 66.—Inventory of estate of ALICE COX, late deceased, taken by John Robinson and William Morris, September 17, 1694. Mortgage from Lucus Van Thienhoven, £60. Total, £483.

Page 67.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all to whom these presents may come. Whereas ROBERT LEACOCK lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Jacobus De Hart, December 19, 1694.

Page 68.—EVERT WESSELLS. "In the name of God, Amen. Know all men to whom this Publick Instrument shall come, that in the year 1683, on the first day of November, appeared before me, Wm. Bogardus, Public Notary, appointed by the Rt. Hon. Thomas Dongan, Evert Wessels, cooper, and Janettie Claas his wife, known to me and to the witnesses." This will is that the survivor shall have full possession and management of the estate, with full power to sell. If the survivor remarry, then a full account is to be made and an inventory, and one-half is to go to the five children, who are "to be maintained and sent to Scoole to learn to write and reade."

Witnesses, John Harperdingh, Hendrick Wessels Ten Broeck.

Page 69.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that on the 29 December, 1694, the will of EVERT WESSELLS, was proved, and Letters of administration are granted to Janettie Claas, the widow.

HENRY VAN BURSUM. "In the name of the Lord, Amen. Know all men whom it may concerne, that I, Henry Van Bursum, living in the city of New York." Leaves to his wife Maria Van Bursum, one-half of the estate, and the other half to his three children, Cornelis, Anotje, and Egbert Van Bursum.

Dated April 18, 1687. Witnesses, Jan Vinge, Wm.



Bogardus. Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, January 16, 1691, and his wife Maria confirmed as executor.

RICHARD TINKER. "In the name of God, Amen. This 8 day of May, 1693, I, Richard Tinker, citizen and inhabitant of New York, being sick." Leaves to his wife Mary for life, "my house and land in New York situate in the New street, where I at present live. Also one-half of a certain messuage in the Parish of Ledlow in Hertfordshire, England, and late in tenure of my mother Elizabeth Tinker. After the death of my wife, all the estate to go to my daughter Mary Tinker. Makes his wife executor.

Witnesses, William Welch, Thomas Coker.

[NOTE.—The house of Richard Tinker was on the east side of New street, in the rear of No. 24 Broad street.—W. S. P.]

Page 73.—The above will of RICHARD TINKER was proved in New York, February 20, 1694, and the widow, Mary Tinker, was confirmed as executor.

THOMAS HUNT, Westchester. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Hunt, Sr., of the Grove Farm, in Westchester, being at this time weak in body. In order to settle and distribute my estate and to prevent all discords and troubles, that might otherwise arise among my children," I leave to Josiah Hunt, the eldest son of my son Josiah Hunt, and to his heirs male, all my lands and meadows, known and called by the name of the Grove Farms, as mentioned in my Patent granted by Governor Richard Nicolls, Dated the 4 of December, 1667, with all the houses and improvements thereon, with all household goods and articles of husbandry, and all live stock. And I do entail the said lands to his heirs male, from generation to generation, and no part of the same to be sold or disposed of. If he die without issue, then to his next

surviving brother. I leave to my four sons, Thomas, Joseph, John, and Josiah £10 each. To my daughter, Abigail Pinckney, £10. Legacies to grandchildren, Abigail, daughter of my son Thomas, Abigail, daughter of my son Josiah, Martha, daughter of my son Joseph. My negro man Mungo is to live on the farm seven years, and then to be free. I desire my friends William Laurence, of Flushing, and Thomas Stevenson, of Newtown, to be overseers of my will.

In witness whereof I, the said Thomas Hunt, Sr., have hereunto set my hand and seal, this First day of October, 1694.

Witnesses, Robert Hoyt, Joseph Haviland, Edward Collier.

Page 75.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, etc. To all to whom these presents may come. Know ye that at Fort William Henry, in the city of New York, on the 27th day of February, 1694, the last will of THOMAS HUNT, SR., late of Westchester, was proved, and Letters of administration granted to Josiah Hunt.

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOHN BODEIN, late of Richmond County, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Paul Richards as principal creditor, March 4, 1694.

Page 76.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all to whom these may come. Know ye that at New York the 20 of March, 1694, the last will of JOHN SEAMAN was proved and his sons Benjamin and Thomas were confirmed as executors.

JOHN SEAMAN. In the name of God, Amen. I, John Seaman the elder, of Hempstead, in Queens County, upon Long Island, *alias* Nassau, being weak and infirm in body, and knowing that it appertaineth to every man to set in order all worldly concerns, so

yt after decease no suite, trouble, or calamity may ensue. And being well advised with the great and weighty work I am now about, do make and declare this my last will and testament. I leave to my oldest son John a certain lot of 22 acres, of which he is now in possession, and where he now lives; also another lot of 20 acres of meadow upon the neck called the Great Neck, being eastward and within the bounds of said town of Hempstead. I leave to my 5 sons Jonathan, Benjamin, Solomon, Thomas and Samuel, 400 acres of land according to a Patent, granted by Governor Richard Nicolls, lying at a place commonly known and called by the name of Jerusalem, within the bounds of Hempstead, to be equally divided between them. Also a certain neck of meadow lying eastward from said town of Hempstead called in ye Indian tongue Ruskatux Neck. Bounded east by the Oyster Bay line, and upon Hempstead west, and to be equally divided. I leave to my 3 sons, John, Nathaniel, and Richard, the remainder of my meadow, whereof one half is already confirmed to my son in law, Nathaniel Pearsall, with four or five acres of upland for his convenience of bridg, for wintering his cattle. Which said meadow is situate upon a neck called by the name of the Half Neck, or in the Indian tongue Muskachin. I leave to my eight sons, John, Jonathan, Benjamin, Solomon, Thomas, Samuel, Nathaniel and Richard, all the upland lying and situate upon Ruskatux Neck, as also upon the neck called Half Neck, except the four or five acres confirmed to my son in law, Nathaniel Pearsall. I leave to my sons Nathaniel, and Richard, my lot of meadow at a neck called Sticklands Neck, as also a parcel of meadow lying upon New Bridge Neck. I also give them 150 acres of upland situated and lying at a place commonly called Success, by virtue of an order from the Town. Also a certain parcel of land, being 316 acres, lying at or near the Harbor head, so called, being already confirmed to my said two sons by deed of gift. I give all my rights in the undivided

lands in Hempstead to my 8 sons. I leave to my wife Martha a certain house lot adjoining to the land of James Pine, being three acres, during her life, and then to my two sons, Nathaniel and Richard. I also leave them the remainder of my house lots and the pasture and the field at the eastward of the town called the Holly. I leave to my wife Martha one half of the dwelling house for life and then to my son Richard, and the other half to my son Nathaniel. I leave to my wife one third of the movables, and to my two sons Nathaniel and Richard the other two thirds. I leave to my daughter Mary Pearsall two cows. I leave to my wife six acres of meadow at the Hay Bridge during her life and then to my sons Richard and Nathaniel. I leave two thirds of my remaining live stocks to my five daughters, Mary Pearsall, Hannah Carman, Martha Pearsall, Sarah Mott, and Deborah Kirk, and to my daughter Elizabeth Jackson 20 shillings. I leave to my sons Richard and Nathaniel all my armes except my large gun, which shall be for the use of all my sons. Makes wife Martha and sons Benjamin and Thomas executors, and "my friends Thomas Powell and John Townsend, Sr., overseers."

Dated August 5, 1694. Witnesses, John Smith, John Carle, George Fowler.

Page 79.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York on March 25, 1695, the will of HENRY PAWLING was proved, and Letters of administration were granted to Neltie Pawling, the widow.

HENRY PAWLING. "In the name of God, Amen. Ye one and twentieth day of January in ye year of our Lord 1691. I, Henry Pawling, of Marbletown, in the County of Ulster, being weake and sicke." All the estate is left to his wife during her life. But if she marry, then an inventory is to be taken by her brother Arius Ross and Sybert Crum, or any truthful



townsman. "And when my said wife comes to dye, then the whole to go to my six children Jane, Wyntie, John, Albert, Ann and Henry."

(Not witnessed.)

Page 80.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor. Whereas JOHN CLOPPER, of New York, lately died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to his widow Margaret Clopper, April 1, 1695.

Page 81.—JOOST COCKHUYT. "In the name of the Almighty God, in the year 1688, the 15 of June. We, Joost Cockhuyt and Elizabeth Cockhuyt, do make and will in manner following." We leave to Harmtie, the wife of Thomas Cook, one third of estate, besides a gold medal. The rest of the gold is left to the sons of Dirck Jansen Woertman, and all the clothes to the daughters of the said Dirck Jans Woertman. The survivor is to have all the rest, but if the widow remarry she is not to sell or mortgage the real estate. After the death of both the estate is to go to Dirck Jans Woertman or to his children and to the children of Annetie Adowick, by Simon Claesen.

Codicil. March 10, 1694. I, Elizabeth Cockhuyt, make this my last will. Leaves legacies to Abraham Metscher, Tunis Woertman, Joris Remsen, and Antie Peters.

Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, April 1, 1695, and letters of administration granted to Dirck Jansen Woertman, the brother of the deceased Elizabeth Cockhuyt.

Page 83.—ISAAC VAN VLECQ. In the name of God, Amen. Know all men by these presents that I, James Van Vleeq, of New York, brewer, make this my last will. "All of my wife's clothes of linnen, woolen, and the gold and silver belonging to her body shall not be inventoried, much less appraised, and shall be counted for her own goods without any contradiction." I

leave to my daughter Hester "a gold chain five double," and a new Testament tipped with silver, and £25 in consideration of her mother Petronella's portion. I leave to my daughter Magdalena two pairs of gold pendants with crystals, and a gold bodkin, and a gold ring, and a New Testament tipped with silver, and all of the clothes of her mother Cornelia, now in being, and £17 10 shillings in money. Leaves to his son Abraham a large still kettle, and other things connected with brewery. My wife Cattaline is to remain in possession, and the children are forbidden to "say or do anything against their mother, all being left to her discretion, and she is to bring them up as a pious mother ought to do, and when they are married they shall be set out according to the condition of the estate." After the death of his wife the whole to go to his children, Hester, Magdalena, Cornelia, Maria, and Abraham. Makes Johannes Van Cowenhoven, Cornelius Pluvier, and Wm. Beekman, or his son Henry Beekman, and my brothers-in-law Abraham and Peter DeLanoy tutors and overseers.

Dated January 18, 1688.

Page 84. Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher in New York, April 15, 1695.

Page 85.—JOHN MICHELL. Recorded for Anthony Brockholls March 9, 1694. "In the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Amen. I, John Michell, being deteyned in my bed, very ill in my body, but very well of my senses, supposing that God's will is to take me from this world." "I give all what I have to Mr. Anthony Brockholls, who I make my proper heir and only executor," having already put all into his hands. And he is to pay £100 in silver to my God daughter, Mary Susannah de Merceyers, to be delivered to her mother, Judith de Merceyers, and all my goods which are in the houses of Judith de Merceyers and Mr. Vergereau, shall remain to said Judith.

Dated March 9, 1694. Witnesses, Captain John Le Roux, John Penn, Goese Brenim, and Mary Goliors.

Page 86.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General, and Governor, &c. To all to whom these may come. Know ye that on April 18, 1695, the last will of JOHN MICHELL, a translation whereof out of the French into the English tongue is annexed, was proved, and Anthony Brockholls is confirmed as executor.

Marriage License granted to JOHN TUDOR and AFFIE VAN HORN, April 20, 1695.

By His Excellency the Governor. The 22 of April, 1695. Whereas I have granted Letters of Administration to Margaret, the widow of John Clopper, I have appointed John Spratt, John Hendricks Bruyn, and Paulus Richards to make an inventory.

Benjamin Fletcher.

Page 87.—Inventory of estate of JOHN BODEIN: 14 cows and steers, £35; 3 horses and a colt, £13; 100 sheer, £50; 80 Scheppels of wheat at 3s., £12; 2 negro men and a negro woman, £100. Total, £242.

[NOTE.—A Scheppels was about 3 pecks.]

Sworn to by Richard Michell, Hans Louvens, Abraham Loconers. Richmond Co., February 11, 1695.

Inventory of estate of ISAAC VAN VLECQ, brewer, appraised by Johanes Kip, Teunis DeKay, and Paul Richards, April 16, 1695: One dwelling house, kitchen and brewhouse with ground, £550; one small house and ground according to Patent, £105; 1,006 Scheppels of barley at 2s., £106 17 9; 327 pounds of Hops at 6d., £8, 3, 6; 14 barrels of double beer, £9. Total amount, £1,053.

[NOTE.—The house and brewery of Isaac Van Vlecq was on the west side of Broad street, the present number 22.]

Page 88.—Inventory of the estate of JOHANNES CLOPPER. Taken May 2, 1695: One house and ground where the widow lives, as by Transport, £175. One Pasture No. 2 bought of Harman Jansen, £12. One negro woman, £35. A boulting mill, £7. Total amount, £703.

Page 89.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Where as WILLIAM LEIGH, lately deceased in Nevis, leaving goods, etc., Letters of administration are granted to his father Wm. Leigh, May 11, 1695.

Page 90.—List of debts due to the estate of JOHN CLOPPER, 7,196 guilders.

Page 91.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOSEPH ALFORD lately died intestate, on board the sloop "John and Mary," Letters of Administration are granted to his partner, John Jackson, June 5, 1695.

By His Excellency. Whereas I have granted Letters of administration upon the goods, etc., of Joseph Alford, on board ye sloop "John and Mary," deceased in a voyage from Barbadoes, to John Jackson his partner, lately arrived in said sloop, I have appointed Matthew Ling, late of Barbadoes, and Mr. Michael Touse to appraise the same.

Dated June 6, 1695.

Page 92.—Inventory of goods, etc., of Joseph Alford. Taken June 7, 1695. Money, £2.14.6. Total, £125.

Page 93.—List of goods sold at vendue, February 13, 1695, late belonging to ROBERT LEACOCK. A Patent for 160 acres of land and meadow at Shrewsbury (Value not stated.)

Page 93.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all, etc., know ye that in New York on the 8th day of



June, 1695, the last will of ASHUERIUS FROMANTEEL was proved, and Letters of administration were granted to the widow, Anne Fromanteel.

Page 94.—ASHUERUS FROMANTEEL. "In the Name of God, Amen, this 2d day of April in the year 1694, I, Ashuerius Fromanteel, of New York, being in good health." I leave to my son in law [step son] Johanes Stevenson £30, which sum I have agreed to pay him when he is 21, as by contract made before marriage with his mother may appear. I leave to my daughter in law, Hannah Moore, £30, when of age or married, as by the same contract. I leave to my grand daughter Mary Fromanteel £50 when of age. Leaves all the rest of estate to his wife Anne for life, "and then to our children," and makes her executor.

Marriage license granted to CORNELIUS LOW and MARGARET VAN BURSUM, July 1, 1695.

Page 95.—Inventory of estate of HENRY VAN BURSUM, presented by his widow Maria Van Bursum, July 16, 1695.

House in the Smith street, between the houses of Timon Van Bursum and Wm. Teller. A house in the Carmans street, between the houses of John Longstreet and Johanes Hibou.

One Inheritance from the estate of Egbert Van Bursum, my deceased husband's father, partly received. (No values given.)

[NOTE.—"Carman's street" was the popular name of Beaver street, east of Broad street.—W. S. P.]

Page 96.—Marriage license granted to THOMAS WILLET of Queens Co., and SARAH HINCHMAN of Flushing, August 24, 1695.

"Inventory of estate of THOMAS HUNT, SR., of the Grove Farm, in Westchester, who died the 8th day of

February, 1694." 12 cows and 11 oxen, £112; 17 head of young cattle, £30; 30 bushels of wheat, £6; 20 bushels of Rye, £2.5s.; 25 bushels of Indian corn, £2.10s.; houses, lands, orchards and meadow, £226.16.6. Large amount of household goods, etc. Taken February 14, 1694, by John Drake and Edward Collier.

Page 97.—DANIEL VEENVOS. "In the name of God, Amen. This 29th day of April, 1695, I, Daniel Veenos, of New York, merchant, being in health of body." I leave to my son Jacob £3 when he is of age, in full satisfaction of being my eldest son and heir at law. The rest of estate is left to his wife Christina for life. "She bringing up the children to read and write, and putting them to such trades as they be thought most capable to learn." And after her decease the whole to go to the children (*not named*). If wife and children all die, then the estate is to go to his sister Cornelia Veenos. Makes his wife executor.

Witnesses, Barent Flack, Henricus De Forest, William Huddleston. Proved, August 21, 1695, before David Jamieson, and approved, and the widow Christina is confirmed as executor.

Page 99.—Marriage license granted to JESSE KIP and MARY STEVENS, September 30, 1695.

WILLIAM BAKER. "In the name of God, Amen, this 2nd day of December, 1690. I, William Baker, born in the Parish of Stepney, in the County of Middlesex, England; and now of New York, mariner, being in good health," and being willing to settle all my affairs. I leave to my beloved brother, Joseph Baker of New York, mariner £224, now in the hands of Daniel Butts, merchant, and £54 in the hands of Jacob Mayle, merchant. And £10 in the hands of Thomas Roberts, cooper. And £15 in the hands of

Thomas Coher, merchant. And 315 guilders of the Province of Holland, now due me from Frederick Phillipse, merchant. "But if my brother die without issue, then I give the same to be laid out in the building of an Alms House for the relief of the Poor of the Parish of Stepney." I leave to the poor of Stepney £58 sterling, now due me from Humphrey Owen, deal merchant, living in Wapping Parish, in the County of Middlesex, England. Leaves legacies to Jane Ransom of Stepney, and her children Robert, Jane, Mary and Rebecca. "I leave the rest of my estate which I now have, or may be due me by this intended voyage, unto the Poor belonging unto the Brownists Church, in Amsterdam, in Holland." Makes his brother Joseph, and Humphrey Owen and Richard Jones, executors.

Witnesses, Daniel Butts, Jacob Mayle, — Fro-manteel.

"The 2 lots of ground, and everything else not in the will, I leave to my brother Joseph Baker, and he is to pay £40 to the Poor English of the Towne of New Yorke."

Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, October 11, 1695, and Joseph Baker takes the oath of executor.

Page 101.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas RICHARD PRETTY lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Gabriel Thompson, his brother in law and principal creditor, November 6, 1695.

Page 102.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that in New York on November 7th, 1695, the last will of MARY GRIGG was proved, and Letters of administration granted to Lieutenant John Bulkeley and William Bickley, executors.

MARY GRIGG. "I, Mary Grigg, of New York, widow, being at present sick in body." "I leave to Lydia Rose

my black erape suit." Legacies of wearing apparel to Mary Holland and Elizabeth Bulkeley. Legacies to Robert Stevenson, when 21, Deliverance Chaddock and Katharine Potter. "To the Poor of New York £10." "To my son, Jacob Smith, £100." Leaves to Lieut. John Bulkeley and Wm. Bickley, executors, "all my housing and ground in New York" to enable them to pay debts and legacies. "And if it should happen that notwithstanding the sorrowful tydings of the death of my beloved husband Joseph Grigg (which hath been reported) hee shall yet remain in the land of the living, and shall returne to New York before my estate is disposed of by my executors, he is to have it upon paying debts and legacies."

Dated October 26, 1695. Witness, David Jamieson.

[NOTE.—The husband, Jacob Grigg, never returned, and on January 20, 1699, John Bulkeley sold to William Bickley "one half of a certain house and lot, then in tenure of Sarah Lane and known by the sign of the Three Cornish Daws. Being in the street called the Cingell or Wall street. Being the house and lot bequeathed to them by Mary Grigg, widow, deceased." This house and lot was on the south side of Wall street, east of William street.—W. S. P.]

Page 104.—Account of Andrew Bowne, administrator of estate of JOHN HAINES, presented and appraised, and a Quietus granted November 27, 1695.

Page 105.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, &c. Whereas THOMAS LLOYD, Esq., formerly of this city, but late of the city of Philadelphia, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his widow, Patience Lloyd, December 9, 1695.

Whereas PETER CORNELISSE LUYSTER lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his son, Cornelius Luyster, December 12, 1695.



Account of Paul Richards, as administrator of estate of JOHN BODEIN, presented and approved, and Quietus granted by Governor Fletcher, December 26, 1695.

Page 107.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain General and Governor, &c. To all, &c. Know ye that in New York on January 2, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ , the will of MARGARET VARICK, widow of Rudolphus Van Varick was proved, and Colonel Nicholas Bayard, Colonel Charles Lodowyck, and John Harperdingh are confirmed as executors.

MARGARET VAN VARICK. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Margaret Van Varick, widow and executrix of my late husband Dr. Rudolphus Van Varick, being crazy of body but of sound mind and memory." "My body I bequeath to the earth decently to be buried, next to my deceased husband if possible in the church at Midwout *alias* Flatbush." She directs all of her silver plate, rings and jewells to be put up in 4 bundles and distributed to her children Joanna, Marinus, Rudolphus and Cornelia, each to have one of the bundles. Leaves to her daughter Joanna my best Turkey worked carpet and another to her son Marinus. To her daughter Cornelia "the biggest Looking glass with an ebony frame." To son Rudolphus a piece of gold in the shape of a diamond, and a small ebony trunk with silver handles, and the picture of my late husband and a cane with a silver head. To her son Marinus, "my gold bell and chain and the large picture that hangs over the chimney in the best room, and the picture of Jan Abrahamsen, and two East India Cabinets with brass handles, and a silver headed cane, and a Moorish tobacco pipe topped with silver." To daughter Cornelia, "two gold pieces to wear above their ears." To her sister Engeltie, a spinning wheel and her clothes, "and a piece of linnen which is at Lucas Renhovens, weavers, to make." To my niece Maritie, wife of Nicholas Renhoven, 6 small china butter dishes. Rest of estate to her children. Mentions her

sister Sarah, wife of John Van Varick. Makes Colonel Nicholas Bayard, Colonel Charles Lodowyck, and John Harperdingh executors.

Dated October 29, 1695. Witnesses, Peter Strycher, Adrian Meynderts, Joost Hageman.

Codicil, November 15, 1695. Provides for her eldest sister Engeltie Visboon, in case her children all die.

Witnesses, Robert Strycher, Johannes Van Ecklen. Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, by the above witnesses, January 2, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

By his Excellency Benjamin Fletcher. Whereas Colonel Nicholas Bayard, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Lodowyck, and Mr. John Harperdingh, the executors of the estate of MARGARET VAN VARICK are required to make an inventory. I do appoint Rev. Mr. Simeon Smith, Rev. Mr. Henry Solinus, and Dr. John Kerbye to be the appraisers of the books which did belong to Mr. Rudolphus Van Varick, deceased; and Colonel Abraham De Peyster and Mr. Miles Foster and Peter Jacobs Marius to appraise the rest of the goods of Margaret Van Varick, deceased.

Dated at New York, January 7, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Page 110.—Whereas EDWARD MOORE hath lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Hannah Bray, otherwise called Hannah Allison, January 21, 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Page 111.—Be it remembered, that on or about the 28 day of this instant December, we whose names are here underwritten, being at the house of Mr. Robert Allison in this city; was in company with one Edward Moore, who then lying there very sick and nigh unto death; and did hear the said Edward Moore declare as his last will that if it please God that he dyed he gave all he had in the world to Hannah Allison, the reputed wife of said Robert Allison, who

was then present by him in the room, excepting his cane and hat. As witness our hands this 30 December, 1695.

I heard Mr. Edward Moore say, and tell Mrs. Allison, that if he should dye, Mrs. Allison should have all he had, only a cane and a hat, and withal gave her a key of his chest. As witness my hand, George Reserichs, Frans Chappell, Eliza Reserichs.

Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, &c. Whereas Joost Francis of Bedford, late by fire deceased, leaving behind him a widow *non compos mentis*, and two children. And whereas the said Joost Francis died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Reynier Aertse and John Auchine, the next relations.

Dated February 3, 1695.

Page 112.—Whereas THOMAS PARTRIDGE lately died intestate. Letters of administration are granted to Charles Morgan, of Flushing in Queens Co., who has married the niece of said Thomas Partridge.

Dated February 6, 1695.

Page 113.—Marriage license granted to CHRISTOPHER HOAGLANDT and SARAH WILLETT, February 15, 1695.

Marriage license granted to PETER DELANOY and MARY EDSALL, February 21, 1695.

Marriage license granted to BARENT RYNDERS and HESTER LEISLER, March 10, 1695.

[NOTE.—Hester Leisler was one of the children of the famous but ill-fated Jacob Leisler.—W. S. P.]

Inventory of estate of LYTIE LIFFENS, taken by Lawrence Reade and John Theobald, by virtue of a warrant from the Worshipfull Charles Lodowick, mayor, November 14, 1694. One old Bible with sil-

ver clasps, 15s.; one old Testament and a Psalm book, 5s.; 4 gold rings containing 19 pennyweights, 22 grains, at £5 per ounce, £5, one pair of silver spectacles, 2s.; cash, £8 3s. A bond of Anne Cuyler, widow, £66. Total, £134 5s. 3d.

Whereas EDMUND MARTINDALE, late of Bristol in England, merchant, was lately drowned in the bay between Boston and Long Island, and died intestate. Letters of administration are granted to Edward Shippen, of Philadelphia, merchant, March 26, 1696.

Inventory of estate of WM. BAKER, taken April 1, 1696, mortgage of Ashuerus Fromantell, £50; mortgage of Leonard Lewis, £100; mortgage of Daniel Butts, £464; Bond of Wm. Boyle, £10; Book of gold leaf in the hands of Helena Montes; small box of gold leaf books in the house of Thomas Roberts; A lot by Vasley; a water lot opposite King street in Smith's Vly. Values not given.

[NOTE.—The water lot was on the south side of Pearl street, and on the west side of Pine street.]

Page 115.—Marriage license granted to JOHN LAWRENCE and JANETTIE STEVENSON, April 6, 1696.

Marriage license granted to ANDREW GIBB, Gent., and HANNAH SMITH, April 13, 1696.

Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, &c. To all to whom these presents may come. Know ye that in New York the 16 day of April, 1696, before me, the last will of PETER SILVESTER, annexed, was proved, and Constant Silvester and Elizabeth Silvester confirmed as executors.

PETER SILVESTER. "The consideration of the appointment of all men to die, induceth me, Peter Silvester, of Shelter Island, in the Province of New York, to



settle my temporal affairs in the disposal of my estate, which undoubtedly is best done while we are in soundness of mind and understanding, in which state we shall not be unmindful of our approaching dissolution, unknown to us how near at hand, so ought not to be deferred. Therefore I, being at present (Thanks be to God) in this condition, do make this my last will." I leave to my beloved brother, Constant Silvester, all my goods and one-half of my lands, the improved part to be included in that part; and the housing, barns, and outhouses thereon built, on Shelter Island or elsewhere. He paying to my sisters their respective portions, as I am enjoined by the will of our honored father. I leave to my beloved brother Nathaniel Silvester, the other half of my lands on Shelter Island, and elsewhere, to him and his male heirs, and in default of such, then to my brother Giles Silvester and his heirs male, and in default of such then to my brother Constant Silvester and his heirs and assigns. I leave to all my sisters, married or unmarried, one third of the produce of my orchards, to those that are married, for four years, and to those who are unmarried till the day of their marriage. I leave to my sister, Elizabeth Silvester, £10. To my cousin, Isaac Arnold, £5. Makes his brother Constant, and his sister Elizabeth executors.

Dated February 22, 1695. Witnesses, Carteret Gillam, Mary Gillam. Proved before Governor Benjamin Fletcher, April 16, 1696, upon oath of above witnesses.

Page 117.—Whereas NICHOLAS ANTHONY, of Ulster Co., died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to his wife, Engeltie Anthony, April 15, 1696.

Inventory of the estate of THOMAS LLOYD, delivered into the Secretary's office March 25, 1696, by Patience Lloyd. Land sold to sundry persons, £1,500; Lands unsold, £500; 2 houses and land in the — sold, £547. Debts due him at Esopus, £180; "Bad debts on Long Island." Total, £2,739.

Page 118.—Inventory of the goods of RICHARD PRETTY, deceased, found in a chest at the house of Mr. Peter de Reimer. Taken by warrant of Captain Brandt Schuyler, Esq., September 18, 1695. One English Bible, one small book of contentment, one gold ring, £1. Total, £3, 4, 10. Taken by Albert Clark and Leandet Huygens De Kleyn, November 11, 1695. Also an inventory of some goods at the house of Mr. Richard Blacklish at Stratford. Belt and cut-lass, 3 small old guns, £8, 8. Appraised, January 6, 1696, by Jacob Walker, Zebulon Fairchild. Entered by Gabriel Thompson, and sworn to as a perfect inventory.

Page 119.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York the 15th day of May, 1696, the last will of THOMAS LLOYD was proved, and David Lloyd and Isaac Morris confirmed as executors.

THOMAS LLOYD.—"I, Thomas Lloyd, of Philadelphia, being sick and weak, but through the Lord's goodness, of good memory and sound mind." I direct my debts to be paid, and my obligations of trust concerning my wife's children, Enoch and Mercy Storey to be discharged by my executors. I give my executors full power to sell all lands wherever situated, and the proceeds to be divided among my children, Mordecai, Thomas, Hannah, Rachel, Mary, Elizabeth and Deborah. The executors are to hire out the five negro slaves, and to pay to his wife one half of their wages yearly, and the other half is to go to his children. Leaves to his wife, Patience Lloyd, all of the household goods. Rest of estate to his children. Makes his wife, Patience, his son, Mordecai, and his son-in-law, James Morris, and his kinsman, David Lloyd, executors. Dated the 10 day of 11th month, 1694. Proved by affidavit of the executors, May 15, 1696.

[NOTE.—Patience Lloyd, the wife, was the widow

of Robert Storey, who was the father of the children Enoch and Mercy, mentioned in the will.]

Page 120.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas JOHANES MINNIE, late of Haverstraw, in Orange Co., lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his wife Anna, May 26, 1696.

Page 122.—Marriage License granted to RICHARD CREGO and SARAH STILLWELL, June 29, 1696.

Whereas ROBERT DOWNS, late of this city, died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to Ouzell Van Swieten, merchant, as principal creditor, July 2, 1696.

Page 123.—Marriage license granted to JOHANES VAN BRUGH and MARGARET PROVOOST, July 6, 1696.

Marriage license granted to JOHANES HARDENBERGH and HELENA MEYER, July 10, 1696.

Inventory of the estate of MARY CREGO, widow, by appraisers appointed for that purpose by his Excellency, Governor Benjamin Fletcher. House and ground, £90. Short list of household goods. Total value, £112. Sworn to by James Evett and James Spencer, November 14, 1695.

Page 124.—Flushing, July 22, 1696. According to a warrant from Justice Whitehead to us directed, to take a true inventory of all the movable estate of THOMAS PARTRIDGE, of Flushing, late deceased. We have taken a true inventory to the best of our judgment, according to the best account we have from Charles Morgan, administrator. John Harrison, John Tallman. Total amount, £64.

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all to whom these presents may come. Know ye, that on July 29,

1696, the last will of ANTHONY LEPINARD was proved, and Abigail Lepinard, the widow, is confirmed as executrix.

Page 125.—ANTHONY LEPINARD. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Anthony Lepinard, being of sound memory but sick abed, do make this my last will and testament. I leave to my eldest son, Anthony Lepinard, £50 and all my wearing apparell, houses, arms and tackle." Leaves to his wife Abigail, one third of all the rest of estate, and the remainder to his son Anthony, and his daughters, Margaret and Abigail. The whole to remain in the hands of his wife till the children come of age; and their portions to be paid them as they come of age or are married. If his wife should marry, then Paul Richards, Bartholomew Le Roux, and John De Peyster have full power to see this will executed. Makes his wife executor.

Dated July 1, 1696. Witnesses, P. De Lanoy, Charles De Nisseau, John Le Chevalier.

Page 126.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Know ye, that at his Majesty's Fort in New York, on the 3d day of September, 1696, the last will of JOHN CROCHERON, of Staten Island, was proved and Letters of Administration are granted to his wife, Mary, as executrix.

JOHN CROCHERAN. "In the name of God, Amen. The 13 day of December, 1695, I, John Crocheran, of Staten Island, Planter, being of a great age, but of good and sound memory." I leave to my beloved wife, Mary, the use of all the estate for life, and after her death I leave to my eldest son, Nicholas Crocheran, all that my dwelling house, situate, lying and being on the north side of Staten Island, and two lots of land belonging thereto, with the privilege of Commonage, and all the fresh and salt meadow belonging to the same, being 20 acres. Which said lots are bounded, south.



by the highway, that parts them from the land now in the tenure of Arent Prall. Also 2 horses and 4 cows and a weaver's loom. I leave to my son, Anthony, my two other lots of land, on Staten Island, bounded by Long Neck at the side of Mr. John Casiers, with the fresh and salt meadow belonging thereto, being 20 acres, with the privilege of Commonage, and my utensils of husbandry. Rest of estate to all the children (*other children not named*). Makes his wife and his sons Nicholas and Anthony executors.

Witnesses, Wm. Tillier, Thomas Morgan, Jean Casier, John Dufrow. Proved, before Governor Fletcher, by oaths of the above witnesses, September 3, 1696, and executors confirmed.

Page 128.—Marriage license granted to RICHBELL MOTT and ELIZA THORNE, October 14, 1696.

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOHN CREGO, lately died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to his widow, Ann Crego, November 10, 1696.

Page 129.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Know ye, that on the 20th of November, 1696, before Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, my delegate, the will of PETER DE LANOY was proved, and Letters of Administration were granted to Mary De Lanoy, the widow.

Page 130.—PETER DE LANOY. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Peter De Lanoy, considering the mortality of man, have with good knowledge made my last will and testament as followeth." I leave to my brother, Abraham De Lanoy, my clothes and my School books, and my Dutch books of Divinity, Provided I have no child by my present wife, Mary. I leave to my beloved wife, Mary, the parcel of ground given to her by her father, Samuel Edsall, by deed of

gift. Leaves all the rest to his wife. If he leaves a child, the estate is to be appraised, and the child to have one half. Makes his wife executor, and his brother, Abraham De Lanoy, and his brother in law, Engelbert Lott, overseers.

Dated September 2, 1696. Witnesses, Johaness Kirbyll, Johaness Kip, Johaness De Peyster, G. Van Imbrugh, C. De Peyster. Proved before Colonel Stephanus Van Cortlandt, November 20, 1696.

Page 131.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all to whom these presents may come. Know ye that on December 3d, 1696, before Colonel Stephanus Van Cortlandt, my delegate, the will of TRYNTIE ARENTS, widow of Bernardus Arents, late preacher to the Lutheran Congregation in the city of New York, was proved, and Dirck Vandenberg and John Machener confirmed as executors.

Page 132.—TRYNTIE ARENTS. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Tryntie Arents, widow of Bernardus Arents, late Preacher to the Lutheran Congregation in the city of New York, being in health of body, but considering the mortality of all persons." After payment of all debts and funeral expenses I leave all goods, jewels, and merchandizes, of all kinds, to the Elders, Deacons, Overseers and Rector of the Lutheran church in this city, by whatever name called, to be disposed of in the following manner: They shall be exposed for sale, and with the money they shall buy a dwelling house and lot of ground in this city, to the value of said money, and the same to remain to the only use of the said Lutheran church forever. I leave to my loving friend and Godson, Wm. Lanrur, of New York, shipwright, a gold ring of the value of 24 shillings, as a token of the good will I bear to him. I leave to my loving friend and Godson, Johan Myn-dorpe, of Albany, blacksmith, a gold ring of same value, as a token of good will and affection. Makes

Dirck Vandenbergh, bricklayer, and John Machener, joiner, executors.

Dated November 30, 1695. Witnesses, Samuel Taylor, Joseph Dooley, Wm. Shopel.

Inventory of estate of TRYNTIE ARENTS, taken by the executors December 7, 1696. 1 Great chest, £3; two Psalm Books, with silver clasps, £1.10s.; old silver, £10.7s. A parcel of better silver, £11.2. Four gold rings and some loose gold, £5.5s. A Dutch Bible, £2.8. 24 old English shillings, £1.10s. 136 Boston shillings, £6.16s. Total amount, £147.9.6.

[NOTE.—In accordance with the above will Henry Coleman and Helena his wife, sold to Dirck Vandenbergh, "for the use of the Trustees, Church Wardens, and Overseers of the Congregation of the Lutheran Church, of which he is one, A certain lot lying and being without the Fortifications of the city, bounded south by a street commonly called little Queen street, east by the now dwelling house of said Henry Coleman, west by the house and ground of John Georges, and north by the widow Hibon." Being 50 feet in front and 70 feet in length. February 4, 1700. This lot is on the north side of Cedar street, 60 feet west of Nassau street.—W. S. P.]

Page 134.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOHN SPRATT, of the city of New York, did before marriage to his wife, Maria Spratt, together with her, make, sign, seal and declare an instrument of contract of marriage, and in case of the death of either, containing the force of a will. And whereas the said John Spratt lately died, his said widow Maria is appointed as executrix, January 5, 1696.

Page 135.—This Indenture, made upon the 5 day of August anno 1687, between JOHN SPRATT, merchant, and MARIA SHRICK, widow, witnesseth, that the said parties in the fear of God have contracted matrimony,

upon the following conditions. The said John Spratt shall bring in at the day of the consummation of said marriage all his estate, real and personal, and the said Maria Shrick shall do the same, and all the "advantages, conquests, and benefits" which shall be made during the time of their matrimony shall be held in common. If they shall have children, they are to have one half after death of their parents. If John Spratt should die first, his wife Maria shall have in lieu of dower one half of the estate, and the other half to go to his heirs. If the wife should die first, then one half is to go to her husband, and the other half to her heirs. And they bind themselves to Nicholas Bayard, Mayor, in the sum of £1,000, to abide by this agreement.

Witnesses, P. De Lanoy, Jan Vincent.

June 5, 1694. There appeared before me, Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, of his majesty's Council, and Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and delegate for the proving of wills and granting administrations in his Excellencies absence upon the frontier, JAN VINCENT, and did make oath that he saw the said John Spratt sign, seal, and declare the above instrument to be his act and deed, etc.

Page 137.—Inventory of estate of JOHN CROCHERAN, of Staten Island, taken by Nathaniel Brittain, Sr. and Nathaniel Brittain, Jr., January 9, 1694, before Elias Duxbury and Thomas Stillwell. Live stock, £131; 200 sheffles of wheat, £20; 110 sheffles of rye, £13.15s. A negro man, negro woman, and negro boy, £120; money in the house, Arabian gold and other gold, £72.8s.; English money, £45; 468 heavy pieces of 8, £140 14s 11d.; 15 books, one a large Bible, £4. Total amount, £625.

Page 139.—Inventory of estate of MARGARET VAN VARICK, widow of Dr. Rudolphus Van Varicks. Taken by Nicholas Bayard, Charles Lodowyck and



John Harperdingh, executors. [Among the articles which, by the terms of her will, are to be done up in bundles, and one bundle given to each of her children are the following articles.] Silver spice box, Silver thimble, "11 pieces of Arabian and Christian silver," Gold ring with 7 diamonds, one gold Arabian Ducat, Dutch Psalm book with gold clasps, one small silver knife and fork, "two gold pennes headed with pearles," Looking glass with gilded frame, Three silver wrought East India cups, Gold ring with a table diamond, "A small gold box as big as a pea," Three silver wrought East India boxes, Silver tumbler marked R. V., "17 pieces silver playthings and toys," Gold ring with 3 small diamonds (and many other small articles of silver and gold), "A large picture of images Sheep and Goats that hung over the Chimney," Large Picture of Dr. Rudolphus Van Varicks, Cash £120.18, "one Great Dutch Casse, which could not be removed from Flatbush and so not appraised. Sold for £25."  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Sloop "Flying Fish," sold to Nicholas Renhaven for £60. "A parcel of Printed books, most of them in High German and forrain Language, and so of little value here, wherefore they are packed up to be kept for the use of the children when of age." Long list of debts due from people in all parts of Kings County. The Inventory includes a very long list of articles of luxury as well as of use, and indicate very extensive means for those days.

Page 147.—License of marriage granted to ABRAHAM KIP and KATHARINE VAN VLECQ, January 26, 169 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Quietus granted to Charles Morgan, as administrator of estate of THOMAS PARTRIDGE. "Attested to after the manner of the Quakers," before Stephen Van Cortlandt, January 28, 169 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Page 148.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, the 3d day of

February, 166 $\frac{1}{4}$ , before Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, my Delegate, the will of MAGDALENA VAN DYCKE was proved, and Peter Cavalier confirmed as executor.

Page 149.—MAGDALENA VAN DYCKE. "In the name of God, Amen, this 3d day of February, 1693, I, Magdalena Van Dycke, widow, of the city of New York, being sick, do make this my last will." I leave to Ellinor Cavalier, the now wife of John Cavalier the elder, that parcel of ground which the said John Cavalier's house stands on, the breadth of the whole lot, as broad as the house stands but no further. If she die before her husband, then it is to go to my heirs, but if she outlive her husband then to her absolutely. The rest of estate is left to Peter, Katharine, John, Magdalena, Mary, and Elizabeth Cavalier, and to Kathrina Arnouts Van der Weyde. Makes Peter Cavalier and his mother, Ellinor Cavalier, executors.

Witnesses, Evert Van Hook, Olphert Shwartz, Wm. Huddleston. Proved, before Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, February 3, 1696, by oath of witnesses, and Peter Cavalier takes the oath as executor.

Page 150.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that in New York, before Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, on March 3d, 169 $\frac{1}{4}$ , the will of Captain THOMAS TYNDAL, a copy of which is annexed, was proved and his widow, Deborah Tyndall, is confirmed as executor.

Page 151.—THOMAS TYNDALL. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Tyndall, of New York, being weak in body." Leaves all his estate to his wife and daughter Frances. "My will is that my loving wife by the first opportunity doe send unto my loving brother and four sisters which live in England, each of them a large mourning ring, to wear in memory of me their dear brother." Makes his wife sole executor. Dated August 27, 1694.

Witnesses, Jacobus Ver Planck, James Evetts, Philip Schuyler.

Page 152.—Inventory of estate of JOHN CRAIG, who died March 7, 1693. Taken February 23, 1696. 1 Sermon Book, 15 shillings; one old wooden wheel for rope making, 4s. Total amount, £26, 16. Paid for funeral expenses, £3, 5. For Letters of Administration, £1, 10. Paid Dr. Bonan, £5.

Inventory of estate of JOHN CROCHERON, of Staten Island. Taken by Thomas Morgan and William Filler, December 17, 1696. Money in his chest, £286, 8; A negro man, an Indian woman and her child, £80; 8 cows left as a legacy to Nicholas and Anthony Crocheran, £22; 6 heifers, 2 steers, and a bull, £9. Total, £531. Sworn to, March 8, 1697.

Page 154.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all to whom this may come. Know ye that before Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, my delegate, the last will of CONSTANT SILVESTER was proved and Letters of Administration granted to Nathaniel Silvester, March 20, 1697.

Page 155.—CONSTANT SILVESTER. "The last will and Testament of Constant Silvester, of Shelter Island." I doe give and bequeth to my well beloved brother, Peter Silvester, and to my nephew, Brinley Silvester, the son of my brother, Nathaniel Silvester, all my lands, houses, and meadows upon Shelter Island, with all the appurtenances. To be thus divided, viz. Peter Silvester is to have the farm which I now dwell upon, with all the buildings, and so with that to make up one half my land. And my cousin (nephew) Brinley Silvester to have that farm upon which Jacques the Frenchman is now settling, with all the houses, etc., and so with that to make up one half of my land, upon Shelter Island. And the line between the said farms shall be equally distant from

each house, as they now stand, and to run straight from the west side fronting towards Southold, eastward half a mile, and then to vary so as to make an equal division of all the land. Only respect to be had as to quality as well as quantity. And as for my other land which I have, viz., 6 acres on Block Island, and my interest in reversion upon Robins Island, and one lot of Commonage in Southold, with my movable estate, I give the whole to my 5 sisters, Patience, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann, and Mercy, viz., one quarter to my two married sisters, Patience and Mary, and the other three quarters to my three unmarried sisters. My brother Peter Silvester, in consideration of my gift, shall pay yearly to my sister Elizabeth, so long as she lives unmarried the sum of £3. If he refuse to do so, then the land is left to my cousin (nephew) Nathaniel, son of my brother Nathaniel Silvester. Makes his brothers Nathaniel and Peter executors.

Dated October 26, 1695. Witnesses, Joshua Hobart, Samuel Paul Dufois, Elizabeth Stanbrough.

November 9, 1696. Samuel Dufois was sworn before his Excellency to the lawful execution of the within will by the Testator deceased, and a *dedimus protestatim* was directed to William Barker, Esq., and Benjamin Conckling, Esq. Two of the Justices of the Peace, for the taking of the oath of Joshua Hobart and Elizabeth Stanbrough, which was executed and returned into the Secretaries office under the hands and seals of the Justices, bearing date the 2d of March, 1697.

Page 156.—Marriage license granted to GABRIEL LUDLOW and SARAH HANNER, April 5, 1697.

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York the 27 day of April, 1697, the last will of JACOB TELLER, annexed, was proved, and Letters of Administration granted to his wife Christina.



Page 157.—JACOB TELLER. "In the name of God, Amen. Know all men by these presents that I, Jacob Teller, being sickly abed, but of good and perfect memory, considering the mortality of all men, have, with due deliberation, made my last will." Leaves all estate to his wife Christina and child Anna Margaret. "Which estate shall be accounted as movables, any law or statute to the contrary notwithstanding," and to be disposed of by my executors. All to remain in possession of his wife till his child is of age or marries. I appoint, as tutors and guardians of my child, my beloved brother, Wm. Teller, Jr. and my father-in-law, Richard Ashfield, and Isaac De Reiner. Makes his wife executor. "In testimony, etc. I have set my hand in New York, this 17 day of August, 1696."

Witnesses, Leendert Huygens De Kleyn, Thomas Lewis, Robert Walters.

Page 158.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOSEPH HADLEY, of Westchester, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Thomas Williams, of Westchester as the principal creditor, April 28, 1697.

Page 159.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOHN KETCHAM, of Newtown in Queens County, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his wife, Bethiah, May 17, 1697.

Page 160.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOHN BUTLER, merchant, late of the Colony of Connecticut, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Philip French as principal creditor, May 29, 1697.

Page 161.—Whereas HUMPHREY HULL, late of New York, vintner, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Colonel Caleb Heathcote, as attorney for Jane Spencer, widow of Edward Spencer, the principal creditor, April 23, 1696.

Page 163.—Whereas JOHN SELSBY lately died intestate, while on a voyage to Providence in the Island of Providence, Letters of administration are granted to his widow, Sarah, by Governor Benjamin Fletcher, June 2, 1697.

Page 164.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas NICHOLAS ANTHONY, late Sheriff of the County of Ulster, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Robert Larting, of New York, merchant, as principal creditor, June 2, 1697.

Page 165.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, etc. Whereas JOHN NEWMAN, of the Town of Oyster Bay, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to John Harrison, High Sheriff of Queens Co., June 4, 1697.

Page 166.—Recorded for Reynier Aertse and John Ohe.

The Inventory and appraisement taken of the estate of JOEST FRANSE, January 27, 1697. House, home lot and 40 acres of land, £125. Live stock and farming implements, £181. Taken by us, Thomas Sanderson, Jan Dorlandt.

Accounts of disbursements of estate of Joest Franse, late of Bedford in Kings County. To Johans Von Ekelyn for beer at his funeral, £1. To the charges of his funeral, £2.19s. 9d. To charge of Coroner and Jury viewing his body, £3.7s. 3½d. To the Secretary for Letters of administration, £2.8s. Quietus granted to executors June 10, 1697.

Page 167.—By his Excellency, the Governor. Whereas I have granted Letters of Administration to Maria the widow of JOHN SPRATT. In order that she may be better enabled to perfect an inventory, I have appointed Dr. John Kerbyll, Paul Richards, and Johannes Kip, to appraise the goods, etc. Dated this 24 June, 1697.

Inventory of estate of JOHN SPRATT. Silver ornaments, 13½ pounds, £63.12s. Gold ornaments, 2½ ounces, £13.15. Coined gold, £25.16.6. Coined silver, £40.5s. School Books, £3.10. The lot where the new house is to be builded upon, according to the order of deceased, £125. One ware house and lot, so far as was bought of Captain De Bruyn, £145. One lot in the Carmans street, bought of John Scott, lying next to Marcus Burgess, £40. One lot bought of Mrs. Smith, according to transport, £75. Total, £1,797.

[NOTE.—The house lot of John Spratt, who was a prominent merchant and citizen, was on the east side of Broad street, half way between Stone street and the Mill street (now South William street). "Carmans street" was the popular name of Beaver street, east of Broad street.]

Page 171.—Quietus granted to Magdalena Clopper, as administrator of JOHN CLOPPER. Account stating that the whole estate was £848, 12, 9. He left one child, Ilien, by a former wife, and two children, Cornelius and Anna, by his last wife, Magdalena. "The said Ilien Clopper having chosen her grand father Shuert Olpherts as her guardian, and she has been paid £130 as her portion, July 9, 1697.

Page 172.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Know ye that at New York on July 13, 1697, the last will of LOUIS DUBOIS late of Kingston in Ulster County, was proved, and Letters of administration granted to Katharine Dubois the widow, July 13, 1697.

Page 173.—LOUIS DUBOIS, Kingston. Written in the Dutch language.

Page 176.—This page is occupied with a deed (not executed) from Daniel Buts to Wm. Baker, August 3, 1690, conveying a lot "In, or near, the Smiths Vly or

Vale, about 3 feet to the east of the wall of the cellar, and joining to the now dwelling house of Geesie Van der Clyff, the widow of Dirck Van der Clyff, and on the north side of a certain street layed out by ye said Dirck Van der Clyff, on his ground, of the breadth of 22 feet, being 42 feet front and 120 feet long, English measure."

[NOTE.—This lot is probably on the northerly side of Cliff street.]

Page 177.—Marriage license granted to ROBERT LIVINGSTON and MARGARET SCHUYLER, July 26, 1697.

Page 178.—Recorded for Peter Cavalier. Account of the estate of MAGDALENA VAN DYKE, of New York, widow. 1 house sold, £120. Total amount, £133. July 27, 1697.

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas PHILIP MULLINS, merchant, late of Jamaica in the West Indies, lately died on a voyage to New York, Letters of administration are granted to Thomas Wenham, late factor and attorney for the said Philip Mullins, August 2, 1697.

Page 179.—Inventory of estate of JOHN NEWMAN of Oyster Bay. Taken June 7, 1697. Paid Justice White for funeral charges, £5. To Daniel Weeks for a coffin, 6 shillings. To John Rogers, for digging ye grave, 6 shillings.

Marriage license granted to PETER DAILLE, Minister, and LEYTIE DEYBUSH, August 13, 1697.

[NOTE.—Rev. Peter Daille was the minister of the French Huguenot Church, on Marketfield street, or Petticoat lane. The house in which he lived was on the south side of Oyster Pasty lane, about half way between Broadway and Greenwich street.—W. S. P.]



Page 180.—Inventory of estate of JACOB DELANGE. Taken by Johannes De Bruyn and Cornelius Vandenburgh, executors. In the foreroom. 1 Great picture being a ——— £2, 10. 1 great picture. A bunch of grapes with a pommegranite. A Portraiture of my Lord Speelman, 5s. 1 gold boat wherein were 13 diamonds, and one white coral chain, £16, 10s. 1 pair gold pendants, in each 10 diamonds, £25. 2 Diamond rings, £24. Sword, with a silver handle, £2, 2, 6. Total, £740. Very long list of small articles, some of value.

Page 191.—In pursuance of an order of the Worshipfull Court of Mayor and Aldermen, of this city, directed to us, the 26 day of May, 1685, to appraise the estate of Jacob Delange, We have proceeded accordingly, being first sworn thereto on the 11 day of this instant month of June by the Worshipfull Mayor Gabriel Minville, and have appraised the same to amount to the sum of £740, 17s. Except book debts not included. In testimony as to the truth of the account we have hereunto set our hands the 26 day of June, 1685, Nicholas Meyer, Paul Richards, C. DeLanoy, A. De Peyster. Entered in the Records of the city of New York per John West, Sec.

GERRITT GERRITSSEN. "Know all men to whom these presents shall be read or see the same. That in the year of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 1688, there appeared before me, Claas Arentsen Torrs, Clerk of the Jurisdiction of Bergen County in East New Jersey, Gerritt Gerittsen and Elizabeth Cornelisen his wife, well known to me and to the underwritten witnesses; the testator being sick in body and the testatrix in health going and standing." They declare that out of tender affection to each other, their will is that the survivor should remain in possession of all the estate, but if he or she should marry, then an inventory to be taken to prevent its being wasted,

upon which condition the heirs may take care of the same. The testator bequeaths to Antie Jans, the daughter of Jan Dircksen Straetmaker, and Geesie Gerittse, the sum of 50 shillings, or 100 guilders wampum value, and a silver spoon. To Elizabeth Ottose, the daughter of Otto Gerittse and Engeltie Peterse, a silver spoon as a token of remembrance. The testators have declared as their universal heirs: First, the children of the testator's sister, Janettie Gerittse, viz., Johanes, Gerittse, Antie, Christofells, Urselina, Mary, and Benjamin Stymetts, being 7 in number, to have one half, and the other half to the testator's sister, Geesie Gerrittse. "All that above is written being distinctly read to the testators, they declared the same to be their last will and testament."

Dated at Wicke, in the Jurisdiction of Bergen in East New Jersey, at the house of the testators, in the presence of Cornelius Dircks and Jans Barents, Claas Arentsen Torrs.

April 27, 1697, there appeared Claas Arentsen, before me Nicholas Bayard, one of his Majesty's counsellors for New York and made oath that he did see Gerritt Gerittsen and Elizabeth his wife sign, seal, and publish the above, etc.

Page 192.—Account of estate of JACOB DELANGE, Chirurgeon. Debts owing to Jan Hendricks De Bruyn, £73; to N. Bayard, £2; Wm. Bogardus, £9; elders of the Lutheran Church, £3. Total, £780 17s. 7. Sworn to, April 27, 1697, and Quietus granted to the executor, Jan Hendricks De Bruyn.

Page 194.—Marriage license granted to Captain JOHN TUDOR and Mrs. MARY BRETT, September 9, 1697.

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all to whom these presents may come. Know ye that at New York, September 10, 1697, the will of OWEN JONES

was proved, and his wife, Elizabeth, is confirmed as executrix.

Page 195.—OWEN JONES. In the name of God, Amen. I, Owen Jones, belonging unto his Majesty's ship the "Richmond," being sick of body, but of sound mind. Leaves all estate to his wife Elizabeth and makes her sole executor.

Dated June 6, 1697 (not witnessed).

Page 195. — Marriage license granted to SHURT OLPHERTS and HILITIE PETERSE, September 17, 1697.

Page 196.—Account of debt and credit of estate of GOUVERT LOCKERMANS. Sworn to, September 23, 1697, by Balthazar Bayard. Administered before Governor Benjamin Fletcher.

Page 197.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York on September 30, 1697, the last will of JOHN HASTIER, annexed, was proved, and his wife Elizabeth confirmed as executor.

JOHN HASTIER. "In the name of God, Amen, this 17 day of September, 1697, I, John Hastier, of New York, merchant, being sick in body." I leave one half of my estate to my sons John and Nicholas Hastier, but John is to have £10 in addition for his right of primogeniture. I leave the other half of the estate to my wife, Elizabeth, and make her sole executor.

Page 198. Marriage license granted to WILLIAM ANDERSON and DEBORAH TYNDALL, October 7, 1697.

[NOTE.—Deborah Tyndall was the daughter of Nicholas De Meyer, at one time mayor of the city. Her first husband was Thomas Crundall, her second, Thomas Tyndall.]

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, October 12, 1697, the

will of JOHN LECOUNT was proved, and Peter Lecount and Abraham Lockerman are confirmed as executors.

Page 199.—JOHN LECOUNTE. "In the name of God, Amen. I, John Lecounte, of the County of Richmond, being in good health." I leave to my daughter, Susannah, all my estate, real and personal, after the death of my wife, Hester LeCounte, or when she shall marry again. If my wife Hester should remarry before my daughter comes of age, then she is to have £120. But if she do not remarry, then she shall enjoy the use of all the estate, till my six daughters come of age. If the daughter Susannah should die, then the estate is to go to Peter and William Lecount. Makes his brother, Peter Lecount, and his friend, Abraham Lockerman, executors. "I desire that my body may be buried in the garden by my own house, by my sister-in-law, the wife of my brother Peter Lecounte."

Dated October 2, 1697 (witnesses not named).

Page 201.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, October 12, 1697, the will of Robert White was proved, and Elizabeth White and Wm. Bickley are confirmed as executors.

Page 202.—ROBERT WHITE. "In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd day of February, 1697. I, Robert White, Sr., of New York, joiner, being sick and weak." I leave to my eldest son, Robert White, 6 shillings in full of all pretence which he might otherwise have, as being my heir at law. I leave to my son Peter 6 shillings. To my son John, one half of my working-tools. I leave all the rest of my estate to my wife Elizabeth, and make her and Mr. Wm. Bickley, merchant, executors. (Not witnessed.)

Page 203.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas, JOHN BUSCH, of Kingston, in Ulster County, was drowned in a voyage from thence to New York,



was proved, and his wife, Elizabeth, is confirmed as executrix.

Page 195.—OWEN JONES. In the name of God, Amen. I, Owen Jones, belonging unto his Majesty's ship the "Richmond," being sick of body, but of sound mind. Leaves all estate to his wife Elizabeth and makes her sole executor.

Dated June 6, 1697 (not witnessed).

Page 195. — Marriage license granted to SHURT OLPHERTS and HILITE PETERSE, September 17, 1697.

Page 196.—Account of debt and credit of estate of GOUVERI LOCKERMAIS. SWORN to, September 23, 1697, by Balthazar Bayar. Administered before Governor Benjamin Fletcher.

Page 197.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York on September 30, 1697, the last will of JOHN HASTIER, annexed, was proved, and his wife Elizabeth confirmed as executor.

JOHN HASTIER. "In the name of God, Amen, this 17 day of September, 1697, I, John Hastier, of New York, merchant, being sick in body." I leave one half of my estate to my sons John and Nicholas Hastier, but John is to have £10 in addition for his right of primogeniture. I leave the other half of the estate to my wife, Elizabeth, and make her sole executor.

Page 198. Marriage license granted to WILLIAM ANDERSON and DEBORAH TYNDALL, October 7, 1697.

[NOTE.—Deborah Tyndall was the daughter of Nicholas De Meyer, at one time mayor of the city. Her first husband was Thomas Crundall, her second, Thomas Tyndall.]

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, October 12, 1697, the

will of JOHN LECOUNT was proved, and Peter Lecount and Abraham Lockerman are confirmed as executors.

Page 199.—JOHN LECOUNTE. "In the name of God, Amen. I, John Lecounte, of the County of Richmond, being in good health." I leave to my daughter, Susannah, all my estate, real and personal, after the death of my wife, Hester LeCounte, or when she shall marry again. If my wife Hester should remarry before my daughter comes of age, then she is to have £120. But if she do not remarry, then she shall enjoy the use of all the estate, till my six daughters come of age. If the daughter Susannah should die, then the estate is to go to Peter and William Lecount. Makes his brother, Peter Lecount, and his friend, Abraham Lockerman, executors. "I desire that my body may be buried in the garden by my own house, by my sister-in-law, the wife of my brother Peter Lecounte."

Dated October 2, 1697 (witnesses not named).

Page 201.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, October 12, 1697, the will of Robert White was proved, and Elizabeth White and Wm. Bickley are confirmed as executors.

Page 202.—ROBERT WHITE. "In the name of God, Amen. The 2nd day of February, 1697. I, Robert White, Sr., of New York, joiner, being sick and weak." I leave to my eldest son, Robert White, 6 shillings in full of all pretence which he might otherwise have, as being my heir at law. I leave to my son Peter 6 shillings. To my son John, one half of my working tools. I leave all the rest of my estate to my wife Elizabeth, and make her and Mr. Wm. Bickley, merchant, executors. (Not witnessed.)

Page 203. Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas, JOHN BUSCH, of Kingston, in Ulster County, was drowned in a voyage from thence to New York,

and died intestate. Letters of administration are granted to John Lawrence as principal creditor. October 13, 1694.

"The like administration is granted to the said John Lawrence, the same day and year, upon the goods of John Evertsen, who was at the same time drowned along with the above said John Busch."

Page 204.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, October 16, 1697, the will of JOHN CHRISTINS annexed was proved, and Hugh Crow is confirmed as executor.

Page 206.—Marriage License granted to AUGUSTUS JAY and MARY BAYARD, October 27, 1697.

Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, December 3, 1697, the will of RYER FLOYD was proved, and Captain Thomas Clarke was confirmed as executor.

Page 207.—RYER FLOYD. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Ryer Floyd, of New York, mariner, being sicke." I give all my estate, both real and personal, to my loving wife, Ruth Floyd, her heirs and assigns. And it is my desire that the house in Queen street, in the city of New York, should be sold, and my debts paid and the remainder given to my loving wife. And I appoint Captain Thomas Clarke executor. (Witnesses' names not given.)

Page 208.—Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General and Governor. To all officers and ministers throughout the Province. Whereas I am credibly informed that the son of Werner Wessells, and husband of Antie Christians and others, Inhabitants and sailors of the city of New York, following their lawful occupation were taken into Salee, where they are now in miserable slavery, under the power of the Infidel. And that their relations are not able to advance a sufficient ran-

som for their redemption. I have therefore, upon their application unto me, by and with the advice of the Councill, out of Christian Charity, and in consideration of the grievous bondage and Slavery of the said persons, Granted, and by these presents, grant license and liberty to the said Werner Wessells and Antie Christians, to ask and receive the same as a charitable benevolence, of all Christian People under my government, as well at Public meetings as private dwelling houses. And to avoid irregularities in collecting the same, All ministers or Preachers where there are Parish churches, or Pastors at private meeting houses, are required to publish a true copy of this grant, by reading thereof openly, and affixing thereof afterwards upon the door, or other public places; and admonish the People to Christian Charity, and at the next meeting shall receive the free offering and benevolence of the people, to the use above said. Of all which benevolence and Charity the said Ministers or Preachers and Constables are to keep a distinct account which they are to transmit with such money they shall collect, by virtue of this grant, without delay to Stephen Van Cortlandt, Esq., Peter Jacobus Marius, John Kerbyll, and Johanes Kip, who are hereby impowered to receive the same, and transmit the said money or so much as shall be required for the Redemption of the said Captives from slavery, by the best and most convenient means and way. Provided always that in case there should be a surplusage above the value of that redemption, or in case any of the said persons shall be dead or otherwise redeemed, they, the said Stephen Van Cortlandt, Peter Jacobus Marius and Johanes Kip, shall be accountable to me, or to the Governor for the time being, for the sum collected, or so much thereof as may be left, upon their redemption; that it may be set apart for the like, or other pious uses, and for no other use or interest whatsoever. Given under my hand and seal, at Fort William Henry, this 8th day of June, 1693. Benjamin Fletcher.



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Page 209.—Marriage license granted to JOSIAH HUNT, JR., and BETUNA FERGUESON, December 20, 1697.

Also to RICHARD WILLETT, and MRS. MARY WILLETT. December 22, 1697.

Page 210.—A Proclamation, in Latin, from Governor Benjamin Fletcher, to all Rectors, vicars, &c., and especially to Thomas Wenham and Robert Lurting, Church Wardens of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, Announcing that the Rev. William Vesey had been appointed Rector of Trinity Church, then vacant, and that he is to be inducted to the office in the usual form.

Given under the Prerogative seal of said Province, December 25, 1697.

Announcement also in Latin, That by virtue of the above mandate, and in the presence of Rev. Dr. Henricus Selynus, Dutch minister in New York, and of the Rev. John Peter Minella, minister of the French Church, and Thomas Wenham and Robert Lurting, Church Wardens of Trinity Church: the above named Rev. William Vesey was duly inducted, according to the usual form and custom, December 25, 1697.

In Testimony we have signed these presents, the day and year above said.

Henricus Selynus, Minister Neo Eboranensis Belgicus, Johannes Petrus Minella, Thomas Wenham, Robert Lurting.

Page 211.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas JOHANNES DE HART lately died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to his brother-in-law, Peter Jacobs Marinus, January 7, 1697.

Page 212.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor &c. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, February 12,

1697, the last will of JOHN SMITH was proved, and his wife Anna confirmed as executrix.

Page 213.—JOHN SMITH. "In the name of God, Amen, the 9 day of June, 1694. I, John Smith, of the Ferry in Kings County, upon the Island of Nassau, being in health of body." I give and bequeath all the estate I have in the world, or which shall be found to be mine at my decease, to my loving wife, Ann Smith, and I make her sole executor. (No witnesses named.)

Page 214.—Recorded for Colonel Caleb Heathcote, city of New York, May 55, 1696. Pursuant to a warrant unto us directed from his Excellency Colonel Benjamin Fletcher, Captain-General, &c., bearing date the 23d of April last, requiring us to assist Colonel Caleb Heathcote as administrator of the estate of HUMPHREY HULL, vintner, late of New York, deceased; and as attorney for Jane Spencer, widow and administratrix of Samuel Spencer, deceased, the Principal creditor of said Humphrey Hull, In the making of an inventory, &c.

June 18, 1697. Ebenezer Willson, Wm. Sharpas, Roger Baker.

Inventory. Pipe of Madeira wine, £16; 3 gallons of Madeira, 7s. 6d.; 14 pounds of butter, 3s. 6d.; Household goods, £118, 17s. Total, £984.

Page 221.—Marriage license granted to Rev. Wm. VESEY and MRS. MARY READE, March 1, 1697.

Page 222.—Westchester, February 18, 1697. There appeared before me, William Barnes, Esq., thereunto Commissioned and appointed by writ of *Dedimus Potestatem*, under the seal of the Province, Colonel Caleb Heathcote, administrator to Humphrey Hull, deceased, and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists that the within is a just and true account of his administration of the goods and chattels of said deceased, so far set forth as to this day. Wm. Barnes.

Quietus granted February 21, 1697.



Page 223.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas John Lawrence, Esq., one of his Majesty's Council for the Province, by his humble petition, presented to us, hath set forth that having a son named John, *non compos mentis*, who is married and has an estate in Queens County; And that the said John and his estate are now under the care and oversight of the Justices of the Peace, and that his wife is lately deceased, and his son come home to him, and his goods and chattels which are now in the possession of the Justice of the Peace, Upon his petition he is appointed Guardian of the person and property of his said son John Lawrence, March 4, 1697.

Page 224.—Benjamin Fletcher, Governor, &c. Whereas JOHN DEWSBURY, late of Oyster Bay, died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his wife, Jane Dewsbury, and to William Bradford, of New York, Printer, as principal creditor, March 11, 1697.

Whereas GEORGE LOCKHART, Chirurgeon, of New York, lately died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to Major William Merritt, as principal creditor, March 18, 1697.

Page 226.—Inventory of estate of MINIE JOHANES, late of Orange County, deceased. Taken by us, the appraisers appointed to the same, by virtue of an order of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of New York, March 27, 1693, Major Wm. Merritt, Captain Theunis De Kay. 100 Schepples of Wheat, £18, 5s.; 9 Cows, £27; 1 Bull, £1, 10; 2 mares, £3; negro woman and child, £15. Sundry goods appraised by Flerus Willinse Krom and Meyndert Hendrickson, £8. Total, £110.

[NOTE.—Minie Johaness was one of the first settlers at Haverstraw, where he owned an extensive tract of land. Flerus Willinse Krom was the owner of a large tract called the Krom Patent, lying between the

Hudson River and the Highlands. The descendants of Flerus Krom are still numerous in Rockland County.]

Page 227.—Account of Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt as administrator. "Mynie Johaness was indebted to me when he dyed the Sum of £106, 9s., whereupon I took letters of administration. To cash paid for Letters of administration, £2, 14s. Quietus granted March 19, 1697.

Page 228.—Whereas THOMAS LYNCH, mariner, of New York, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his wife Ann, March 31, 1698.

Page 229.—Richmond County, the 6 day of April, Anno Domini 1698.

A true and just inventory taken of the goods and money of the deceased Mr. John Lecounte, taken before Ephraim Taylor, John Bellvealsea, Charles Marshall, and Peter Maydbone, Constable. 9 cows, £21; 6 calves, £4; 6 shoats, £3; 2 young oxen, £6.15; 100 Schepples rye, £12.10s.; one old negro man, £20; 5 young steers, £12.10. Total, £385. "To one silver cup, 5 silver spoons, 2 silver forks, and one silver dram cup to be left for the child Yonese, the daughter of Mr. John Lecounte, till she comes of age." This is a true inventory taken before me, Ephraim Taylor, and appraised by us, Isaac Corbett, John Bellveallsea, Charles Marshall, John Lecounte, Abraham Lokerman.

Page 230.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General and Governor in Chiefe of the Province of New York, The Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, and of all the Territoryes depending upon the same in America, and vice Admirall of the same, Captain-General and Governor in Chiefe of the militia and of all the Forces by sea and land within the Colonies of Rhode Island and Connecticut, and the Provinces of

East and West New Jersey, and of all the Forts and Places of strength within the same. To all to whom these Presents shall come or may concerne, Greeting. Know ye that at New York, on the 18th day of April, 1698, the will of RICHARD GLOVER was proved, and his wife, Mary Glover, is confirmed as executor.

Page 231.—RICHARD GLOVER. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Richard Glover, Commander of the Brigantine 'Amity,' now riding in the Road at Barbadoes, being in good health." Leaves one half of his estate to his wife Mary, and the other half to his two children, Richard and Elizabeth, and makes his wife sole executrix.

Dated August 18, 1696. Witnesses, Randall Stredts, Thomas Thornhill, John Pye.

Page 232.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas JAMES WETHERBY, mariner, lately died intestate, on a voyage to Guinea, Letters of administration are granted to Francis Lecounte, of New York, vintner, April 18, 1698.

Whereas JOHN HAGGARD, of Barbadoes, merchant, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Matthew Ling, of New York, merchant, April 18, 1698.

Page 234.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come. Know ye that at New York, April 19, 1698, the last will of JOHN HOLMES was proved, and Magdalena his wife is confirmed as executor.

JOHN HOLMES. "In the Name of God, Amen. Know all men by these presents that I, John Holmes, farmer in New York County, considering the mortality of all men." I leave to my son, George Holmes, a horse for his own use. Leaves to his wife Magdalena

the use of all his estate to enable her to bring up the children, George, Ann, Janeke, Priscilla, and Magdalena, causing them to be instructed in an art or trade according to their capability. After the decease of his wife, the whole estate is to go to the children.

Dated April 3, 1689.

Page 236.—Recorded for Wm. Lecounte. "Memorandum of what is due to me, Wm. Lecounte, by the late James Latys." £1,300, money lent. 16,000 pounds of sugar, in goods and merchandizes, at £5 the thousand, £80. For his half of the Brigantine named "La Pointe de Sable," which hath been 6 months at his service, at 200 pounds of sugar by day, makes my one half 18,000 pounds of sugar. For three years of my service upon his Plantation, with use of my negroes, by virtue of Letters of Attorney to me directed at St. Christophers by the said deceased, bearing date March 19, 1688, by which it appears that I transported myself, purposely from St. Christophers, for the direction of the affairs and Plantations of said deceased, as I have declared by a petition to the Governor bearing date as the Letters of administration granted to me by his Honour.

My requests for my salary for the said time of 3 years, with my negro man, is £360. For interest of said £1,300 for 3 years at 6 per cent., £234.

Due to Mr. Deschamps, £28. To Mr. De Bonrepas, £54. The debts of said deceased amount to the sum of £2,226 and 18,000 pounds of sugar. Wm. Lecounte.

Page 237.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas RICHARD TRAVIN, mariner, lately died intestate, in a voyage to Guinea, Letters of administration are granted to George Ressoricks, vintner, his next relation, May 5, 1698.

Page 238.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas THOMAS BEDIENT lately died



intestate, Letters of administration are granted to his widow, Mary Bedient, May 7, 1697.

Whereas ELIZABETH BRADSHAW, late of Albany, lately died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to her eldest son, Francis Salisbury, May 23, 1698.

Page 241.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas JEREMIAH BURROUGHS, late of Newtown, upon Long Island, who while swimming after a canoe, adrift, was drowned, and died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Joseph Burroughs, his brother, May 25, 1698.

Page 242.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. To all to whom these presents may come, Greeting. Know ye that at New York, on May 28, 1698, the last will of Captain JOHN YOUNG, late of his Majesty's Council, was proved, and his son Thomas Youngs is confirmed as executor.

Page 243.—JOHN YOUNG. "In the name of God, Amen. This 20 day of February, 1698, I, John Youngs, of the Town of Southold, in the County of Suffolk, Esq., being in perfect health, I give and commit my soul to Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently interred by my executor, hereinafter mentioned, according to my estate and Quality." I leave all my houses, lands, and meadows, all and singular, unto my son, Thomas Youngs, his heirs and assigns forever. I leave two thirds of all household goods to my two daughters, Deborah Longworth and Martha Gardiner. I also give them two silver spoons, and four books a piece, such as my executor shall appoint them. I leave the other half of my household goods to my son Thomas. I give my grand son, Daniel Youngs, 6 shillings. Makes son Thomas executor.

Witnesses, Simon Grover, Jonathan Horton, Giles

Silvester. Proved before Stephen Van Cortlandt by the oath of Giles Silvester and Jonathan Horton, May 28, 1698, and the executor took the oath of executorship.  
David Jamieson, Sec.

Page 244.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas TIMOTHY ARCHAMBAUD, mariner, died intestate, Letters of administration are granted to Mary his widow, June 20, 1698.

Page 245.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Know ye that at New York, on the 25 of June, 1698, the will of ISAAC STEVENSON, annexed, was proved, and his wife Margaret is confirmed as executor.

Page 246.—ISAAC STEVENSON. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Isaac Stevenson, of New York, mariner, being in bodily health." I leave to my wife Margaret, my whole estate, to her and her heirs forever. "I doe committ my dear children to the care and tuition of my said wife, for further nurture, as she shall see cause to bring them up." Makes his wife executor. Leaves to his eldest son Peter, £3, when of age, in honor of his birth right.

Dated May 11, 1688. (No witnesses named.)

Page 248.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas MAGDALENA BANSHER lately died intestate, Letters of Administration are granted to her brother, Isaac Songeam, June 29, 1698.

Page 249.—Inventory of estate of JOHANNES DE HART, appraised March 28, 1698. Registered for Peter Jacobs Marius. 5 Silver spoons, 6 ounces, at 7s, £2, 2. Coyned silver, £3, 13, 8. Total, £29, 7.

Theunis De Kay, Andrew Teller.

Page 250.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas JOHN HOARE lately died int-

tate, Letters of administration are granted to Michael Howden, of New York, "vintner," as principal creditor, August 9, 1698.

Page 251.—Marriage license granted to WILLIAM WALTON and MARY SANDFORD, August 30, 1698.

Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Know ye that at New York, — 1698, the last will of NICHOLAS STUYVESANT was proved, and his wife Elizabeth is confirmed as executor.

Page 252.—NICHOLAS STUYVESANT. "In the name of God, Amen, this 13 day of August, 1698. I, Nicholas Stuyvesant, of the Bowery, in the city of New York, Gentleman, being at the present sick and weak." I leave to my wife Elizabeth all my estate, both real and personal, lying in the Bowery in New York, or in any other place, during her life. After her decease, then to my three children, Petrus, Gerardus, and Anna. I leave to my eldest son Petrus, one negro boy over and above his third. When my daughter Anna is married, the whole estate is to be inventoried and her share paid to her. Makes his wife executrix. (Witnesses not named.)

Page 254.—Marriage license granted to GEORGE SYDENHAM and ELIZABETH STUYVESANT, November 4, 1698.

Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. Whereas ANKE JANSE lately died leaving a will of which a copy is annexed, Letters of administration are granted to his eldest son, John Anke, — 1698.

Page 255.—ANKE JANS VAN HUYS. "In the name of our Lord, Amen. Whereas I, Ankie Janse Van Huys, of the Town of Flatbush, in Kings County, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the hour, And not willing to part out of this world

before he should have disposed of his worldly estate." Leaves "to his eldest son, John Anke, procured by his lawful wife Magdalena Anke," £1, 4s. in money: Leaves to "all his children, procured by his first wife, Magdalena Anke, deceased, and to the children of his present wife, Geetie Ankes, procured by her first husband, John Jacobse, that are named and baptized Anke," each 6 shillings. Leaves all estate, houses and lands, to his wife Geetie for life, and then to his children by his first wife Magdalena, viz., Anatie, wife of Dirck Janse Waertman, and the two children of Geetie Anke deceased, procured by Joost Fransen, viz., Sara Joosten, and Magdalena Joosten for one share. And Janettie Anke, wife of Ryne Aertsen, Jan Anke, Pontus Anke, Abigail, wife of Lippit Peterse, Jacobus Anke, and Famettie wife of Jan Stevensen. And to the children of his present wife Geetie, procured by her first husband Jan Jacobse, viz., Lysbett Janse, wife of Dirck Janse Van Sutphen, and Eva Janse, wife of Jan Anke.

Dated May 15, 1694.

Page 257.—Inventory of estate of Captain THOMAS LYNCH, of the goods in the hands of his wife, Ann Lynch. Received of Mr. Andrew Taylor, for his negroes on board the Sloop "Peter," £125; For his  $\frac{1}{16}$  of Sloop Peter, £21, 18; Negro man sold to Johannes Van Cortlandt, £42; To  $\frac{1}{10}$  part of 2 negro women, —; 12 pounds of beeswax, 12s. Total amount, £229.

New York, October 3, 1698. Then appeared Ann Lynch before his Excellency, Richard, Earl of Bellomont, and made oath to the correctness of the account, etc.

Page 257.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, &c. To all, &c. Know ye that at New York, —, before me the will of CATHARINE BLANCK was proved, and the executors named in the said will were duly confirmed —, 1698.



Page 258.—CATHARINE BLANCK. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Catharine Blank, widow of Jurian Blank, being under bodily indisposition." "I leave to my son, Symon Baentsen, 30 shillings, in full for all pretence he may have to my estate, real and personal; he having been sufficiently provided for, during the life of my husband, Jurian Blanck; having received one half of a sloop, a wedding dinner, 2 wedding suits, a cloak, a fine red broad cloth waist coat, with silver thread buttons, one half dozen fine Holland shirts, one half dozen striped Calico neck cloths, an oyen brigg feather bed, two new blankets, and had his diett, for two years after he was married." "And whereas my eldest son, Jurian Blanck, in consideration of £3, 12s. and a Bible by me to him given, hath released all claim to my estate, except such part as I have bequeathed to him," I leave all my estate to be divided into seven equal parts and leave thus to my children, viz.: Jurian and Nicholas Blanck, Elsie, widow of Albert Busch, Antie, widow of George Brewerton, Catalyna, wife of Frans Boon, Cleasie, wife of Victor Bickers, and the children of my deceased daughter Margaret, wife of Philip Smith, deceased, viz.: Philip, Margaret, Caetje and Mary. And whereas my son, Nicholas Blanck, being moved with compassion for the children of his sister Margaret, hath paid for their maintenance and necessities the sum of £106, 9s. 11d. besides other charges he has suffered as administrator of Philip Smith, deceased. If the children do not repay him then their share is to be sold to repay him. Makes her sons, Jurian and Nicholas Blanck, and Frans Boon, Victor Birker, Elsie Blanck, Edward Busch, Caetje Blanck, and Abraham Brewerton, executors.

Dated September 1, 1698. (Not witnessed.)

Page 260.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, etc. To all, etc. Know ye, that at New York, October 16, 1698, the will of THOMAS MILTON

was proved, and his wife Christian confirmed as executor.

Page 261.—THOMAS MILTON. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Milton, late of New York, but now of London, being of perfect memory." I leave to my eldest brother, Peter Milton, one guinea to buy him a ring, and the same to my brother, William Milton. Leaves rest of estate to his wife Christian and makes her sole executrix.

Dated October 26, 1697.

Page 262.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, etc. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York on the 12 of October, 1698, the last will of GERRITT JANSEN ROOS, annexed, was proved, and John Von Gelder, Jacob De Moree, and Jacob Boelen are confirmed as executors.

Page 263.—GERRITT JANSEN ROOS. "In the name of God, Amen, this 3d day of September, 1697, I, Gerritt Jansen Roos, of the city of New York, carpenter, being in sound and perfect health." I leave to my eldest son, Peter Roos, living at Utrecht, in Holland, £100. I leave to Peter Gerrittse Roos, the eldest son of my son, Peter Roos, one silver tumbler, and the same to Gerritt Jansen Roos, the eldest son of Johanes Roos. Also a silver tumbler to Gerritt Provost, the eldest son of my eldest daughter, Cornelia, wife of Elias Provost. I leave to Gerritt Johanes Roos, and Aeltie Roos, children of my deceased son, Johanes Roos, their maintenance out of my estate until they are able to maintain themselves, and they are to be put to school until such time as they shall have learned to read and write, and they are to have £78 which I have of their father's estate. The rest of estate is to be divided into five parts, and given to his son Peter, the children of his son Johanes, deceased, to his daughter Cornelia, wife of Jacob de Moree, to

his daughter Affie, wife of Johannes Van Gelder, and "to Annatie Elswaert, daughter of my daughter Aeltie procured by John Elswaert." And whereas I have sold a house and lot in Albany, which belonged to my son Johannes, and also a tract of land in said county, for £78, the children of my son Johannes are to have the same. Makes Jacob De Moree, Johannes Van Gelder, and Jacob Boelen executors. (Names of witnesses not given.)

Page 265.—Inventory of estate of JOHN DEWSBURY, of Oyster Bay, taken by John Feck and John Townsend, by virtue of a warrant issued by Edward White, Justice of the Peace, of Oyster Bay. 1 negro man, 2 negro women and one child, £57; 3 weavers' looms, with gear to the same, £10; 20 bushels of wheat, £6; 70 bushels of wheat in the straw at 4s. 9d. per bushel; 10 bushels of oats in the straw, at 1s. 3d. per bushel. Total amount, £26.

Page 267.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Captain-General, etc. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, November 29, 1695, the last will of PETER BOURDETT was proved, and Samuel Bourdett is confirmed as executor.

Page 268.—PETER BOURDETT. "In the name of God, Amen. I, Peter Bourdett, being very sick." I leave to my dear father, Stephen Bourdett, two thirds of all my estate during his life, and after his decease, to the children of my brothers. I leave the other third to my brother Samuel, and make him sole executor.

Dated November 7, 1698.

Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Governor, etc. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York, on October 3, 1698, the last will of OBADIAH WILKINS was proved, and his wife Martha confirmed as executor.

OBADIAH WILKINS. "This witnesseth that Obadiah Wilkins, of Gravesend, upon Long Island, being in perfect memory." I make my wife Martha sole executrix of this will. I leave to my son William the Plantation or lot No. 13, being in Gravesend, and which was formerly my father's, William Wilkins; when my son William comes of age or doth marry. And if another son should be born unto me I leave him one of the lots which I now live upon, and which I bought of Thomas Delavall. The other Plantation that I live upon I leave to my three daughters, Eleanor, Rebecca, and Ann Wilkins, but if another daughter should be born then the plantation which I bought of Thomas Delavall are to be divided between them. Leaves the rest of estate to his wife. "This being my will and pleasure for to do, I have set my hand this 25 day of the first month called March, 1682. Codicil dated 26 day of first month called March, 1696. I appoint my friends, in whom I repose confidence, Samuel Spicer, Wm. Williamson, Wm. Golding, and John Tilton, Jr., to assist my wife in the care of my children. One of the 2 lots which I bought of Thomas Delavall I have exchanged with Samuel Spicer, and I am to have an equal quantity from him next to my house. For one piece of land adjoining to the Town house, he hath bought of me and paid for it. And a 15 acre lot of mine adjoining to John Cook I did exchange with him for one of his lots which was formerly Cumption's. And I likewise exchanged my 4 acre lot near the meadow gate with John Tilton, Jr., for his land in the Seller neck. I give my wife full power to sell or exchange land for the best advantage.

Page 271.—JOHN ADAMS METSELAER. "In the name of God, Amen, this 20th day of January, 1695. I, John Adams Metselaer, of New York, being sick, do make this my last will." I leave to my eldest son Abraham Metselaer my large Dutch Bible and 6 shillings in money, in full of all demands as being my



eldest son. The rest of the estate is left to his wife for life, "and to leave it to such persons as she shall see meet." I make my wife Gertruy sole executor.

Witnesses, Hermanus Burger, Johaness Van Vorst, Wm. Huddleston.

November 24, 1698. This day came before me Hermanus Burger and Johaness Van Vorst, both of this city, and being sworn say that they saw the within named John Adams Metselaer execute the within instrument as his last will, etc.

Stephen Van Cortlandt.

Page 272.—GERTRUY METSELAER. In the name of God, Amen, this 10 day of June, 1697. I, Gertruy Metselaer, of New York, being very sick." I leave to my eldest son's son Johaness six shillings in full of all demands. To my son Abraham, 1 shilling, and to my daughters, Mary and Barbara, the same. All the rest of estate is left to her son Hendrick and makes him executor.

Witnesses, Peter Cavalier, John Watts, Thomas Carrs. Proved, before Colonel Stephen Van Cortlandt, November 24, 1698.

Page 273.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Governor, etc. Know ye that at New York on the — day of — 1698, the last will of JONATHAN WRIGHT was proved, and his wife Sarah was confirmed as executor.

Page 274.—JONATHAN WRIGHT. In the name of God, Amen. I, Jonathan Wright, of Flushing, in Queens County, being sick and weak declare this to be my last will and testament. I leave to my wife Sarah all that my homestead where I now live, with the dwelling house, barns and orchard, during her life, to improve the same for her maintenance. After her death I bequeath the same to my three sons, John, Charles, and Job equally. I leave to my son Jonathan a 10 acre lot of land which has been confirmed to him

by a deed of gift. I leave to my son David a certain 20 acre lot of ground where he doth now live. I leave to my son Samuel my other 20 acre lot lying by David's, provided he shall settle upon the same. I leave to my son Richard my other ten acre lot of ground. I leave to my two sons Henry and George each 20 shillings. I leave to my four daughters, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, and Hannah, each 20 shillings. Leaves to wife Sarah all movables within doors and without doors during her life, and makes her executor dated November 5, 1698. (No witnesses named.)

Page 276.—Richard, Earl of Bellomont, Governor, etc. To all, etc. Know ye that at New York this — day of — 1698, the last will of CHRISTIANA TELLER was proved, and Leonard Lewis and Samuel Staats were confirmed as executors.

CHRISTIANA TELLER. "In the name of God, Amen. Know all men by these presents that I, Christian Wessells, widow of Jacob Teller, late of this city, mariner, being sick in body." Whereas my dear and well beloved husband, Jacob Teller, hath by his will dated August 7, 1696, of which I was appointed executrix, been pleased to dispose of his estate in the following manner, viz., that all the estate should be equally divided between myself and our daughter, Anna Margaret Teller. I dispose of my part as followeth. I give to Mr. Jellis Provost of this city one mourning suit of cloth. I give the rest of my estate to my daughter, Anna Margaret Teller. My executors are to sell all personal property excepting wearing apparel and gold and silver plate, and to pay the money to my daughter when of age or when she is married. If my daughter should die, then the estate is to go to my relations namely: To my brother, Gerardus Wessells, to my sister, Gertruyd Wessells, widow of — Munster, my sister, Mariah Wessells, wife of Richard Ashfield, and to my sister, Aeltie Wessells, wife of