

The Relation of M^r Garrott Vansweeringen of the City of S^t Maries concerning his knowledge of the Seating of Delaware Bay and River to the Southward of the 40th Degree Northern Latitude by the Dutch and Sweedes (vizt)

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In the year 1648 the Dutch haveing had bad successes in the North River from whome they had bin driven by the New England men They resolved to looke towards the South and haveing information of that River otherwayes called Delaware formerly bought by one Manheer Godin from the Indians a Sloop was fitted out with some Cargoo to Trade with the said Indians of that River They Landed first at a place called by the Indians Sisouestinquid where they found out a Creeke Navigable for a sloop, as I was informed by those that had been acquainted with these men that Landed there.

Those men or traders came a Shoare with their goods where they traded with the Indians and frequenting soe much with the Indian women till they gott the Country dutyes otherwise called the Pox and soe they named that place the Whorekill. That is in English the whores Creeke, whereupon they returned home and ventured againe a second time with a Considerable Cargoe but remembring (as I suppose) how they had been served at the Whorekill, they went some ten or twelve miles higher where they Landed againe and traded with the Indians trusting the Indians to come into their Stores a Shoare, and likewise aboard of their sloop drinking and debauching with the Indians till they were all at last barborously murdered and so that place was Christined with their blood and to this day called the Murderers Kill that is Murders Creeke

About the year 1650: as neere as I can guesse they made a third voyage into the River of Delaware and there cast anchor at a point neere the mouth of delaware River called Bointges Creeke but misliking that place they went higher up and cast Anchor at the sand point now called Newcastle there they perceived some foure or five English families were seated about Nine miles Lower on the East side of the River called Elsingburgh which Englishmen were supposed to come from Maryland or Virginia.