

whereof the abovesaid Province of the New Netherlands, the Islands of Curacao and  
Brazil became the true proper inheritance to the Dutch Nation in those parts in  
that respect.

Secondly - As for the Generality the French were in the Year of our  
Lord God Almighty, 1524 the second followers of the Discovery in the Northern  
parts of this America by Johan De Verazzano a Florentiner. Then came the  
English and Dutch afterwards also and took possession in the parts we are in  
now for since the Year 1606 or 1607 to about 18 or 20 The English Established  
and seated their Colony of Virginia by distinct Patents from the Degree 34  
to about 38 The Dutch the Mannhattans from 38 to 42 and New England from  
the Degree 42 to 45 the French Main in Florida besides Canada (Spain the  
West Indies or Mexico The Portugalls Brazil) and thus is this new World divided  
amongst the Christian Princes of Europe by Communications of each others -  
Embassadors agreed upon out of which Reason King James of England did with  
Command and Require that the Colony or Province of Virginia and the Province  
of New England should remain asunder and not meet together within the distance  
and space of a Hundred Leagues which was allotted for the Dutch plantations -  
then called by the generall name of Mannhattans after the name of the Indians  
they were first Seated by and it here to be noted that they doely mistake them-  
selves who interpret the generall Name of Mannhattans as unto the Partic-  
ular Town built upon a little Island because as it is said it signified the  
whole Country and Province or at least that Particular place in that Province  
as for example like it is frequent still to this day amongst some to say to go or  
Come from the Mannhattans when they mean the whole Province like unto  
Virginia or Maryland for that Particular Town itself is never named the  
Mannhattans but New Amsterdams and as for the South River or as it is called  
by the English Delaware in particular the said River was in the primitive  
Time likewise possessed and a Colony planted in the Western Shore within the  
mouth of the South Cape called the Hoore Kill to this day The Dutch Nation  
Erecting there and all over the Country their States Arms and a little Fort  
but after sometime they were all Slained and Murdered by the Indians so  
that the Possessions and Property of this River at the first in his Infancy is  
Seated up with the blood of a great many Soules after this in the Year 1623  
the Fort Nassau was built about 15 Leagues up the River on the Eastern  
Shore besides many other Places of the Dutch and the Dutch Swedes together  
settled until it thought the Governour General and Council good to remove  
the said Fort Nassau in the Year 1650 downwards to the Western Shore again  
and there to fix a Town as it is to this day No man ever making any protest or  
Claim from Maryland or Virginia against it we say further more that the  
Propriations and just right and Title of that whole River and all the adjacent  
Provinces also lawfully obtained and legally Bought from the natural Proprietors  
the Native Indians especially the Western Shore from time to time but that  
as far and more within Land to the West as our Line and Limits are  
Extended and Seated by Virtue of all which and the right and Title abovesaid  
we have always maintained and Defended the said River against all usurpers  
and Obstructors as it is publicly known to this day and shall Do for  
ever

Thirdly