

by patent of the high and Mighty Lords States Generall granted to the
~~Warren~~ ~~Overseers~~ of the West Indian Company, further
 bargains and sales and deed of the natives, and ~~other~~ ~~things~~ ~~done~~ ~~therein~~
 which is then contrary to the Law of Nations, and contrary to the
 forementioned Articles of Peace to this time as yet Intirely Observed, to
 whose Judgement and Decision all Questions (if there should arise any
 betwixt the Nations) first must be referred according to the last
 Article of the said Peace, our Own forenamed Ambassadors are
 Authorized and Commanded seriously by request the afo^r Lord Gov^r and his
 Council by vertue of the afo^r Articles of Peace to give us Right and Justice
 against the said ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~with~~ ~~Reparation~~ of damages already
 Sustained (by his frivolous demands and bloody threatening) In former
 four Plantations in the South River and hereafter they be enforced to
 doe, And further by these our Open Commission do request that the above
 mentioned Ambassadors Augustinus Meermaas and Absolvent Waldroff
 as our Trusty Agents according to the Law of Nations may be received
 heard, and full Credit may be given promising to Ratify and to approve
 and to hold of force what shall be done by them according the Commission
 as if such was done by our Self - This we have given under our
 Ordinary Seel and Signature in Amsterdam in the Netherlands
 the 23th of September Anno Dⁿⁱ 1674 and Six hundred fifty three

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P. Stuyvesant

Vocus Sigilli



By Command of the Lord Director Generall of
 the New Netherland Caracoiba and the Lords
 of the Council
 W. Cruycken Secret

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After which the said Agents delivered the ensuing declaration by
 Declaration and Manifestation

By way of Speech delivered unto the Hon^{ble} Governour and Council
 of the Province of Maryland in the great bay for and
 the behalf of the Hon^{ble} Governour Generall and Council of
 the Province of the New Netherland

Notifying first and foremost the Historical Original Right
 of the Subjects of the high and Mighty States Generall of the United
 Provinces