

1 First Sealed by — And is here to be noted that they deeply mistake
themselves who interpret the Generall Name of Manhattan as if it were the
Particular 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, we go or come from the Mannhattans when they mean the whole
Province like unto Virginia or Maryland for that Particular Town it self
is never named the Mannhattans the new Amsterdam, and as for the South
River 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 Stone kil
to this day. The Dutch Nations erecting there and all over the Country their
States Cities and a little fort but after some time they were all ruined and
Murthered by the Indians so that the possession and propriety of this river
at the first in his infancy is Sealed up with the blood of a great many souls

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 to and again Selled, untill it thought the Governour Genl
and Council good to remove the said fort Nassau in the year 1650 Downward
to the Western Shore again and there to fix a Fort as it is to this day, None
ever making any protest or Claim from Maryland or Virginia against it
We say further more to have the propriation and just right and Title of that
whole River (and all our abovesaid Province) also lawfully Obtained and legally
bought from the Natural Proprietors the Native Indians especially the Western
Shore from time to time hitherto as far and more within Land of the Coast
— as our Line and Limits as yet are Extended and Sealed, By Vertue of all which
the said Right and Title above mentioned we have always maintained and
defended the said river against all Usurpers and Obstructors as it is publickly
known to this day and shall do for ever.

Thirdly From that Primitive time we have the Dutch Nation in y^e
Province of the New Netherlands, and the English Nation in the Province
of Virginia and Maryland. as always friendly and neighbourly correspond
ed together and that which is very well to be noted self in the said open war
without any Claim Injury or Molestation One to Another untill upon the
Eighth day of September this running year 1659 (and to our utmost knowledge
by the English called Delaware Bay) into the Town and Fort New Amstel
erred in the year 1650 as abovesaid and without any special Commission
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