

At a Council held at Spoutia 21. May 1661

Present

Governour: Baker Brooke

Secretary: Edw. Lloyd

C. Daleman

Then was presented the following Letter

New Amstel 28th May 1661

Stilo Nova

Right hon^{ble}

My last the Six and Twentyth of May now in hand because the Indians would not stay by the hand; said of your honour of the upright affection which we haue for the keeping of a good Neighbourship haue by this Councillor Abraham Van New going that way by Instruction ordered and Authorized for to declare by word of mouth that licence to depart to the two Indians that were apprehended was not in fauour of the Barbarous Heathens nor to the Preiudice of So Good Neighbours they haueing not been auofary to the murder wherefore I could not stop them such Proceedings not being agreeable with our Nations Cullome being a case that will bring vs into great danger of awarr and a quarrel with the Indians if being now 16 days past before we had any Intelligence from the Province of Maryland if that behalf I will therefore assure your honour that we will be upon all occasions willing we hope that in time to come there will be a good traffique betwixt us though this present difference betwixt you and the Indians of this River are something disfavouable to it yet we hope that the blinighty God will shew an expedient way that those differences might be composed for the warr are Preiudicial to the Common and uncertain how they might fall out nor what time they may take that the whole Nation for five or sixe vile Doore should suffer is a thing to be lamented yet needfull that the Murthours should be punished, for an example I haue in few understood from the Indians that they with the English upon very advantageous Conditions with the English make peace that such ugly faults be no more committed I haue serued your honour in the like business I shall be willing to incline it and so wishing your honour a happy Governour and a good end of these troubles shall rest

W. J. hon^{ble} Affiliatate Friend and Seru^t
Alexander Dlinou