

Wee William Kieft generall Directo^r & the Senate of new Netherland
 for the high & mightie Lords the States of the United Belgick pvinces
 for his Excellencie the Prince of Orange & for the most noble Lords the
 Administrato^r of the west Indiā Companie. To thee Theophils
 Eaton Gove^rno^r of the place by us called the Red Hills ^{in new netherland} but by the English
 called ~~by~~ Newhaven: We give notice that some yeares past you^{rs}
 (wthout ane occasion given by us & wthout any necessitie imposed upon them
 but wth an unfatiable desire of possessing that w^{ch} is o^{rs}, against o^r protest[*worn*]
 against the Law of nations And against the antient league ~~agan~~ betwe[*worn*]
 the Kings Mat^{ie} of great Britaine & o^r supio^{rs}) have indirectlie en[*worn*]
 the Limitts of new netherland ; usurped Divers places in them And have
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verie iniurious unto us, neither have they given satisfacion though oft required
 And becaufe yo^u & yo^{rs} have of late determined to fasten yo^r foote neere
 Mauritijs river in this Province And there not onelie to Disturb o^r trade
 (of no man hitherto questioned) & to Draw it to yo^r selves but utterlie to destroy
 it . Wee againe are compelled again to protest & by these p^rsents we
 doe protest against yo^w as against breakers of the peace. & disturbers of
 the publike quiett. That if yo^w doe not restore the places yo^w have usurped
 & repaire the losse we have suffred we shall by such meanes as God
 affords manfullie recover them. neither doe we think this crosseth the
 publike peace but shall cast the cause of the ensuing evill upon yo^w.
 Given in Amsterdā forte. August . 3. 1646 new stile
 Willm Kieft

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