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HISTORY AND SETTLEMENTS OF THE TOWNS

ALONG THE

HUDSON AND MOHAWK RIVERS

(WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALBANY),

FROM 1630 TO 1684.

AND ALSO ILLUSTRATING THE

RELATIONS OF THE SETTLERS WITH THE INDIANS.

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Therefore we promise not to molest them, if the aforesaid chiefs and the people with them observe the foregoing and they may cultivate their lands in peace, as far as we are concerned. In confirmation hereof, some of their prisoners are returned to them.

Done at Fort *Amsterdam* in *New-Netherland* this sixth of April (1644).

ARTICLES OF PEACE CONCLUDED IN PRESENCE OF THE MOHAWKS BETWEEN THE DUTCH
AND THE RIVER-INDIANS.

To-day, the 30th of August 1645, came to the Fort *Amsterdam* before the Director and Council in presence of the whole community these Sachems or chiefs of the savages in their own behalf and as attorneys for the neighboring chiefs, to wit *Oratamy*, chief of *Achkinkehacky*, *Sesekennu* and *Willem*, chiefs of *Tappaens* and *Rechgawawanck*, *Pacham*, *Penneheck* having been here yesterday and having given them power to act for him, who also answer for the men of *Onamy* and their neighbors, *Magawetinnemin* for the tribe of *Marechhawieck*, *Najeck** and their neighbors, also personally *Aepjen*,† speaking for the *Wappinck*, *Wiquaeskecks*, *Sintsings* and *Kichtawanghs*.

1. They agree to and conclude a firm, inviolable peace with us, which they promise, as we ourselves, to keep and never to break.

2. If it should happen, which God prevent, that any difficulty should arise between them and us, no war shall be begun on that account, but they shall come to our Governor and we to their Sachems with the complaint and if any one should have been killed or murdered, the slayer shall be promptly brought to justice. A friendly intercourse shall be kept up between them and us.

3. They shall not come armed upon the Island of *Manhatans* to the houses of the Christians. We will neither come with guns to them except in company of a savage, who may warn them.

4. Whereas there is still an English girl among them, whom they promised to bring to the English at *Stanford*, they again promise to do so and if she is not brought there, they will bring her here and we are to pay them the ransom, promised by the English.

We promise to have the foregoing strictly observed throughout *New-Netherland*.

Thus done in the Fort under the blue canopy of heaven in presence of the Council of *New-Netherland* and the whole community called together, also in presence of the *Maquas* ambassadors, who have been asked to come to these negotiations of peace as mediators and *Cornelis Antonissen* their interpreter and co-mediator in this matter. Date as above. The original was signed by the marks of *Sisiadeyo*, *Claes Norman*, *Oratamin*, *Aurange Sesekennis*, *Willem of Tappaen* and by *William Kieft*, *La Montagne*, the mark of *Jacob Stoffelsen*, *Jan Onderhil*, *Francis Douthey*, *Geo. Baeter*, *Richard Smith*, *Gysbert Opdyce*, the mark of *Aepjen*, Sachem of the *Mahikanders*, *Jan Eversen Bout*, *Oloff Stevenson*, *Cornelis van Hoyckens*, the mark of *Cornelis Tonissen*.

To my knowledge CORNELIS VAN TIENHOVEN,
Secretary.

* On Long Island.

† A chief of the Mohegans.