

George Baxter and Sergeant Huybert; from the village of Vlissingen, John Hicks and Tobias Feeks; [and] from the village of Middelburg, Mr. Coe and Gootman Hasert.

" Messrs La Montagne and Werckhoven propose verbally and in writing that the respective delegates should express their opinion how and by what means the robberies can be stopped.

" 1. Ensign George Baxter and all the other English delegates asked whom Mr. Werckhoven represented, and, upon his answer that he was sent as a delegate from the High Council, they said they would have nothing to do with him and did not acknowledge him as a member of the council, nor would they agree that the director-general or his deputy should preside as he could not protect them.

" 2. The English delegates sent a written communication to the Honorable Director-General of the following tenor: that if the director, representing the Privileged West-India Company, will not protect us, we shall be compelled to prevent our ruin and destruction, and it is therefore our opinion that we need not pay to him any more taxes and duties; but they promised to remain faithful to the Lords States-General and the Honorable Company, offering the delegates from the [Board of] *burgemeesters* and *schepens* of this city to enter into a firm alliance with them; to which the delegates [from the Board of *burgemeesters* and *schepens*] gave no answer but left.

" 3. The delegates of the city of Amsterdam, summoned before the Honorable Director-General, reported to the council the foregoing [proceedings], to which his Honor said the answer was a prompt one, but he had no objection that the *burgemeesters* and *schepens* should make a union with them, but as they could not out-vote them, he intended to grant, at the next election, a court of justice to the people of Amersfoort, Breuckelen, and Midwout, so that on all future occasions there might be, with the votes of Fort Orange and the others, a sufficient number against them.

" In the afternoon the aforesaid delegates met again at the same place.

" 4. C. van Werckhoven testifies                      Messrs. La Montagne and Werckhoven submitted an answer in writing from the Honorable Director-General, wherein he expresses his willingness to protect his people, according to his commission, with the power and means entrusted to him by God and his superiors, [which the English delegates said was not quite satisfactory, for Jochim Pietersen [Cuyter,] Willem Harek and others have already been robbed, and the director-general has as yet done very little to protect others against these robberies, therefore we