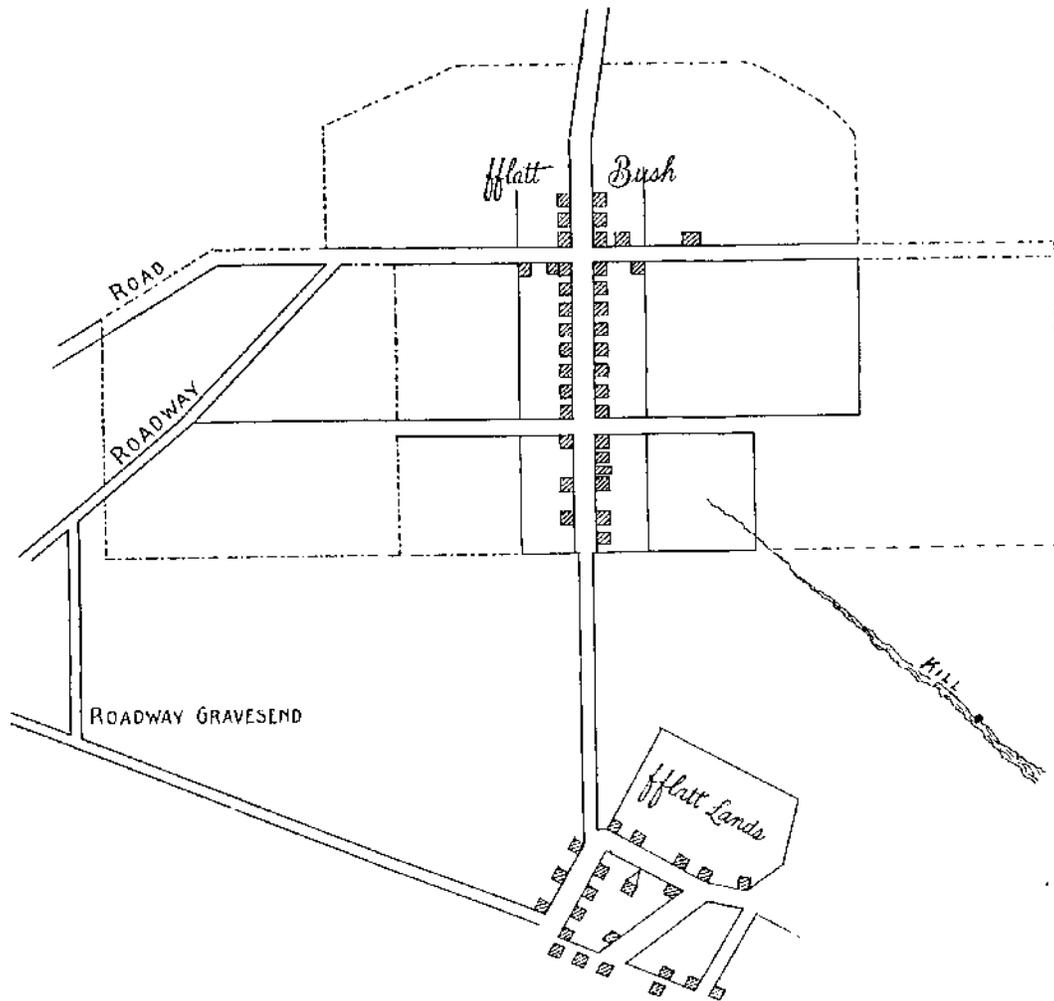


The environment of the village with a fence of palisades was shortly thereafter begun, and continued until the fall of 1656, when it was completed.

Of the three villages, Amersfoort, Breukelen, and Midwout, the last-named settlement was not only then the most populous but also the wealthiest. Besides having the precedence of having a house for religious worship, the place contributed more generously than either Amersfoort or Breukelen toward the



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support of the Reverend Dominie Polhemius, for, on December 29, 1656, the people of Midwout agreed to give yearly four hundred florins toward his salary, those of Amersfoort three hundred, and those of Breukelen a like sum. The magistrates of the villages, in a communication addressed to the provincial authorities, on January 13, 1657, adverting to the way in which they hoped to