

On learning the unwillingness of the people to have him remain in command of it, he determined to quit the place, from which he quietly departed a few days later. Certain military officers were then put in charge of the fort, which was shortly thereafter garrisoned by twenty-five trustworthy men.

Among the reputable and wealthy citizens of New York at that time was a shipping merchant, a German, from Frankfurt, named Jacob Leisler. He had come to New Netherland, in 1660, in the military service of the West-India Company, and settled at New Amsterdam, where, on October 2, 1661, he was received into the Reformed Church as a member, and later elected a deacon, in which office he served the congregation for a number of years. He married, on April 11, 1663, Elsje Tijmens, a daughter of Govert Lookermans, the widow of Pieter Cornelis van den Veen, also a popular and rich merchant. The fruit of this marriage was two sons and six daughters.<sup>1</sup> After the province became, in 1664, an English possession, he engaged in the business of a trader. On the surrender of New York to the Dutch, in 1673, he was appointed by Governor Anthony Colve one of the commissioners of the forced loan levied by the Dutch official.

Shortly after the repossession of the province by the English, Sir Edmund Andros, at the instance of James, Duke of York and Albany, appointed the Reverend Nicolaas van Rensselaer, an ordained deacon of the Church of England, to be the ministerial colleague of the Reverend Gideon Schaets, pastor of the Reformed Church at Albany. The ministers and people of the Dutch congregations of New York and Albany thereupon strenuously opposed his serving as an assistant minister on the plea that it was contrary to the laws of their denomination. The Reverend Wilhelmus van Nieuwenhuysen, pastor of the Reformed Church in New York, for the same reason, in 1675, forbade him to baptize the children of certain members of his congregation. This antagonism caused the Reverend Nicolaas van Rensselaer to appeal to Governor Andros, who summoned the Dutch minister to appear before the provincial council to answer to the charges brought against him by the offended clergyman.

The Reverend van Nieuwenhuysen, at this arraignment, having admitted in a written declaration that "a minister of the Church of England was sufficiently qualified to be permitted to serve and administer the sacraments in a Dutch Church within his majesty's dominions who had previously promised to conduct himself in his ministrations conformable to the constitution of the

<sup>1</sup> Susanna, baptized February 10, 1664, married, first, Michael Vaughton, second, March 12, 1704, Leonard Huygende Kleijn; Catharine, baptized November 8, 1665, married, February 4, 1685, Robert Walters, jr.; Jacob, baptized November 13, 1667; Mary, baptized December 12, 1669, married, first, February, 1690, Jacob Milborne, second, marriage licensed, May 16, 1699, Abraham Gouverneur; Johannes, baptized December 20, 1671, died young; Hester, baptized October 8, 1673, married Barent Rynders, marriage licensed March 10, 1696; Francina, baptized December 16, 1676, married, first, Thomas Lewis, marriage licensed, November 26, 1694, married, second, ; Margaret.