

years, so that he and his family should be "able to maintain themselves honorably and not be necessitated to have recourse to any other means, either farming, trading, cattle-rearing or such like, except the diligent performance of his duties for the edification of the inhabitants and Indians." This salary was to be paid in "meat, drink, and whatever he might claim," one-half in Holland, the other in New Netherland, at the current prices. He was also to receive a yearly donation of thirty schepels (twenty-two and a half bushels) of wheat, and two firkins of butter, or sixty guilders. Should his services be satisfactory it was further stipulated that the *patroon* should give him annually, for the last three years, two hundred guilders as additional salary. The *patroon*, besides giving him a present of three hundred guilders before he embarked for New Netherland, also agreed that he and his family should not be at any expense for food while making the voyage, and that his salary should begin on the day of his arrival at Fort Orange.

In the written instructions given Domine Johannes Megapolensis, on June 3, 1642, by Kiliaen van Rensselaer, the *patroon* says:

"His reverence will be pleased to take charge of my people and property, which are at present [to be] conveyed over in God's name, in the ship *de Houltuyn*. The persons going over are these: De. Johannes Megapolensis, Matheld Willemsen, his wife, Hellegond, Derick, John, and Samuel, his children; Abraham Staes, surgeon, his servant; Evert Pels, beer brewer, his wife, his man; Cornelis Lambertsen, from Doorn, Utrecht, a farm servant; Jochim Kettelhuier, from Gremyn; John Helms, from Barlitt, North Brabant; Johan Carstenssen, from Barlitt, North Brabant; Jeuriaek Bestvaell, from Luyden-dorp; Claes Jansen, from Waalwyck, North Brabant; Paulus Jansen, from Geertruydenburg, North Brabant; Hans Vos, from Baden; Juriaen Pauwels-sen, from Sleswyck, North Brabant; Hendrick Albertssen, from Londen, 29 years, Gertruyd Dries, his wife, 23 years, [and] Hendrik Dries, her brother, 21 years, from Doesburg. * * * *

"He shall take care that these persons embark on shipboard, and having arrived, by God's help, at the Manhattans, where the Noble Director Kieft resides, see that they and my goods be forwarded to the colony by the first opportunity, and be provided with food at my expense."¹

The voyagers arrived at Fort Orange, on the eleventh of August, where they were provided temporary homes in some of the thirty or more small, thatched wooden houses contiguous to it.

Kiliaen van Rensselaer, in order to secure the people of the manor against massacre by the Indians should they become hostile, prudently determined that the church should be built near Fort Orange. To define his wishes clearly, he

¹ Rensselaerswyck Manuscripts.