

with the other neighboring savages), provided that they kept quiet and would have nothing to do with the *Esopus* Indians, whereupon the following presents were given them in return :

3 blankets at 11 guilders	fl 33	3 axes 3 knives
3 pieces together 2½ ell duffels	7.4	3 pair of socks
6 small kettles		each a pound of powder

Nota: the eight strings of wampum, given by them, were found upon counting to amount to in light money fl 138.5 which is in heavy money fl 92.3.5.

For this the cash book of the Receiver *Ruyven* has been duly debited on the 26th of May.

Done at *Fort Amsterdam* in *N. Netherland*, on the day as above.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSPORT TO CURACAO ALL BUT TWO OR THREE OF THE LATELY CAPTURED ESOPUS INDIANS.

May 25, 1660.

It is quite evident from the propositions and the talk of the savages, that we shall not obtain a firm and stable peace with the *Esopus* savages, unless the captured *Esopus* Indians (of whom the eleven here and the others still in prison at the *Esopus* are all bold and hardhearted fellows and the most inconsiderate of the tribe) are released or they are deprived of all hope ever to get them back and they are forced to a solid peace by force of arms (with God's blessing). Having considered this, after several serious deliberations it has been unanimously decided, that to release them, would not only tend to create disregard and contempt of our nation among neighbors as well as our own subjects, but also the neighboring barbarians and especially the *Esopus* savages would glory in it, as if they inspired such great awe to our people, that we were afraid to rouse their anger and that we had no courage, to treat, according to their merits and as an example for others, the prisoners, among whom there are some, who have dared to murder our people, captured by them, in cool blood and with unheard cruelty. Hence, we have for the abovementioned and other reasons judged it to be best, to send the aforesaid Indian captives to *Curacao* by the first good opportunity and at the expense of the Company, to be employed there or at *Bonayro* with the negroes in the service of the Company and to keep here only two or three of the aforesaid captives, who have murdered our prisoners in cool blood, and to punish them at the proper time in such a manner, as shall be decided upon, in the meantime to continue a defensive and offensive war against the *Esopus* savages and inflict all possible harm upon them, until such time, that we can obtain a peace with them on favorable conditions. *Amsterdam* in *N. Netherland*, on the day as above.

LETTER FROM DIRECTOR STUYVESANT TO ENSIGN SMITH AT THE ESOPUS: MOHICAN CHIEFS SENT BACK FROM THE MANHATTANS TO ESOPUS, AS THE DIRECTOR DESIRES TO TREAT WITH THE ESOPUS INDIANS DIRECT; THE HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE ESOPUS ARE TO BE RENEWED, AS SOON AS THE ENSIGN SEES THAT THERE ARE NO CHANCES, THAT THEY WILL SUE FOR PEACE THEMSELVES.

Honorable, Valiant.

Since our last letter and your answer to the same we have not heard anything in regard to the state of affairs at the *Esopus*, which has rather made us resolve to send the Company's yacht