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**Date:**  29 June 1710

**Sender:**  Rupp, Thiellman

**Sender Place:**  Neuwied, Germany

**Receiver:**  Vorsterman, Jacob and Schijn, Doctor Hermannus

**Receiver Place:**  Amsterdam, Netherlands

**Language:**  English

**Translation:**

46. June 29, 1710. Letter from Thielman Rupp[[1]](#footnote-5) at Neuwied to Jacob Vorsterman at Amsterdam. The persecuted Swiss have come to him and had the opportunity to see Neuwied, but before they settle there, they should investigate whether they could not better succeed in the Palatinate.

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Jacob Vorsterman Neuwied, June 29, 1710

Honorable and dearly beloved friends and brothers in Christ,

With a wish for everything good, I want to let you know that I have received your letter of the thirteenth of this month in good order. Regarding the persecuted Swiss Brethren, who have successfully arrived here and lodged a night with us, we have discussed with them topics of freedom and opportunity in this earldom, telling them as much as we know. Could they not indeed find what would be useful by going to the Palatinate to see [for themselves] whether there was opportunity to earn their livelihood [there]?

If not, it must be seen whether some such opportunity could be found here.

As to freedom of religion we need not complain about it and trust that they could receive the same, if only they could earn a living here. Since the farms [in this region] are all occupied, that seems hardly possible. I trust that the Lord shall so direct that a Joseph shall be found who shall care for his brothers.[[2]](#footnote-6)

With this I commend you to God’s holy protection and grace, remaining, with this greeting,

Your willing servant and friend in Christ,

Thiel Rupp.

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Letter from Tiel Rupp at Neuwied

dated June 29, 1710.

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Zaandam - - - 46:-:-

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Mr. Doctor Hermannus Schijn

Or to Jacob Vorsterman,

citizen and merchant

postage paid to very kind hands

by way of

Cologne urgent In

urgent Amsterdam

1. See note at beginning of Document 29. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
2. Gen. 42-47. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)