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[Mission of Herman and Waldron.]

At a Councell held at Patux- ent October the 6 th 1659.	}	Present	}	The Governor Secretary Cap ⁿ W ^m Stone M ^r Thomas Gerrard Luke Barber Coll. Nath. Vtye Baker Brooke Ed. Lloyde
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Came Augustinus Herman and Resolved Waldron and presented the Governor and Councell with a letter and Credentiaalls from Petrus Stuyvesant Gennerall of the New Netherlands in Dutch (and Englished by M^r Symon Overzee, by order of the Councell) as followeth (vizt)

Honorable Lords

Wee haue with great astonishment vnderstood how, that one Collonell Nathaniell Vtie of late without that there is yet shewed to vs any lawfull quallification Commission or Order from any State or Governm^t but onely vpon a Seditious Cartabell in forme of an Instruction without inserting any tyme or place, or where or from whom or in whose name, Order or Authority it was written onely Subscribed Philip Calvert Secretary is come to vs within our Government, and Colony of New Amstell, and vpon the same soe formed Instruction hath demanded the foresaid place, and Colony of New Amstell, and vpon refusall hath threatened the Governor, Councell, and Jnhabitants of the place to blood in Case that the foresaid ffortress and Colony is not rendred willingly within the tyme and space of three weekes, and to come againe by force of people to inforce the same by way of hostility to invade the same. And moreover the Jnhabitants of the said place Subiect to the High and mighty Lords States Generall of the vnited provinces haue sought to alienat, and to induce to Rebellion from their lawfull Comānders and oure Nation which is also directly against the Confederacy and peace Articled betweene the Republick of England and the abouesaid High and mighty Lords States Generall of the Vnited Provinces made in the yeare 1654. And whereas the aforementioned Coll Nathaniel Vtye in his discourse did make mention as if hee by yow thereto was quallified and Commanded, Which Nevertheless Wee out of the aforesaid pretended Instruction in noe waies can be induced to belieue. Therefore wee haue to auoide all misvnderstandings betweene these Governments, people and Subiects thought fitt to send to yow as Agents and Embassadors our Welbeloved and Trusty Augustin Herman, and Resolueer Waldron for to