

Liber H. H. elce, to the other they gaue noething, The same two Indians  
 P. 99 came to the Towne, imagining noe thing, but the Murtherers  
 which killd the man did very secretly and speedily pas this  
 place up to the River; Two or three Inhabitants of New Amstell  
 did in the meane while lay hould on those two Indians; And I  
 caused them to be brought to the Forte, but after many Ex-  
 aminacōns found them not Guilty but that it was done by  
 another nacōn wherefore wee haue released them, because the  
 Ignorant cannot suffer for the Guilty otherwise it would be a  
 case grounded of noe reason, besides there is some tyme past  
 betweene, And would haue occasioned betweene vs and the  
 Indians a Difference which might engage Vs with them, to an  
 open warre, were by the Cultiture of the Country, and the ad-  
 vancem<sup>t</sup> of the Collony would be much hindred in which ap-  
 parently yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> would take noe Comfōrt nor Content with  
 the two Indians which haue not beene actually in the facte,  
 And therefore lett yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> be assured that the releasing of  
 the two Indians hath not been done out of any ill Jntent nor to  
 the p<sup>r</sup>judice of soe Good Christians our Neighbours in favor  
 of the Heathens which haue Comitted from tyme to tyme diuers  
 murthers and Robberies upon our owne nacōn also, Wishing  
 that wee could lay hould of this Good oppertunity in revenging  
 our selues upon the Murtherers alsoe, to Conclude yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup>  
 may be confident that the Shedding of Christian blood is most  
 detestable vnto us assuring yo<sup>r</sup> selfe that wee shall Contribute  
 in all thinges to the p<sup>r</sup>servacōn of freindship with neighbours  
 of our beleife for as much as might be done without p<sup>r</sup>judice  
 to our owne nacōn, Soe I Comitt yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup> to Gods keepeing  
 whoe will give his blessings to yo<sup>r</sup> Gouvernm<sup>t</sup> Soe J rest

Yo<sup>r</sup> Serviceable freind

Praise God aboute all things 1661 Alex: Dhinoijossa:

M<sup>r</sup> Wright

Be pleased to doe soe much as to lett me knowe, how it is  
 with yo<sup>w</sup> &c: the rest for trade.

The Indians threaten to kill me and that is the reason I can-  
 not come I must watch in my howse with seaven or Eight Guns  
 Loaden and I haue noe comforte from the Inhabitants here  
 Indians and Dutch both saying that I am an English man, I wish  
 I could haue tyme to speake ½ an houre with yo<sup>w</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hollins-  
 P. 100 worth is very sorry he heares noe answere of his letter Give  
 every body notice and looke to yo<sup>r</sup> selues night and Day the  
 Indians are very Strong and not farre from yo<sup>w</sup> I would haue  
 writt more, but I Dare not dare, warne James at Turkey Poynte  
 to remove

15<sup>th</sup> May 1661

Yo<sup>r</sup> Loveing Servant  
 Garratt Rutten

when yo<sup>w</sup> haue read this lrē burne it in the fyre,