

Translation of the letter by the Admiralty Court, HCA 32/122/21/CP9 No. 10

Original letter in Low Dutch: HCA 32/122/21/E10

No. 10. Is a Letter in Low Dutch to Jacques du Peyrou at Amsterdam dated 14th. April 1741 with Copy of a letter to the same dated 8 Dec. 1740. and another Copy [of] a Letter dated in S[an]ta Cruz 12 March 1741 N.S. in french signed by van Steinfort & Doscher Jun. at S[an]ta Cruz whereof the Contents worth any notice are in Substance as follows. (8 Dec.)

(§1.) You'll receive there by the Lady Elizabeth Capt[ain] Charles Harman and in Case Capt[ain] Gentis should from your Place return here we shall endeavour to gett him a good freight, thô at present there are no Effects here for Reason that no Register ships from this Place arrive from America. (8 Dec.)

(§2.) Severall English & Spanish Privateers are cruizing off of these Islands, & commit Dayley all manner of Hostilities & Depredations without regarding neutral flags, so that they rather (of the one side as well as the other) may be deem'd Pirates than Privateers

(§3.) We beg you would send us no manner of Goods without a Certificate sign'd by the Secretary of your Citty and the Spanish Consul residing in Holland for without it all merch[ants] are liable to be confiscated by order of the King whereof we have an unhappy Experience with one of our freinds, thô the affair is accommodated and we have been obliged now to place the goods you sent under the Certificate of a friend which has luckily pass'd undiscovered. (Letter of 12 March in French)

(§4.) By the Bearer of these pres[ented] Adrian Breet Com[ander] of the ship Anna Cornelia y[o]u'll receive a Bottomry Bill of 1425 $\frac{3}{8}$ p[ounds] upon 90 sacks of Cacao loaden on the same ship, drawn by D[on] Amaro Rodrigues Philippe on Messrs. Don Juan fragela & Don Pablo Capitan Achy to the order of Messrs. Don Roberto Crew & Comp[any] at Cadiz, p[robable] at Sixty Days Sight after the arrivall of the Bearer, & 1000 p[ieces] of Eight Current M. upon a parcell of Cacao shipp'd on board of the s[aid] Brigg, w[hi]ch we have insured, and whereof the Insurance

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is to be deducted, not daring to riscq any more for y[our] acc[ount] accord
ing to y[our] orders, we wish'd we had more favorable opportunities
to make y[our] remittances ?.

(§5.) The foregoing are Duplicates of our last, and first of and 8 Dec. past by and
Dutch frigatt y Lady Elizabeth Capt[ain] Charles Harman, who y 16th following
Sailed from Port Oratava for Dunkirk & on y same Day was obliged to
quitt his Vessel & in his Boat w[ith] his Crew returned to Oratava, being met
w[ith] an English Privateer who haveing Genoese Colours said they were Por,
tugueez, & after fireing severall Guns & Small Shott at y s[aid] Harman
he abandond his ship supposing them to be Pirates from Salee but
afterwards we had news from Madera, that it was an English
Privateer, who carried the abandon'd ship thither. (14 Apr.)

(§6.) These y[o]u'll receive by way of Port Louis in france by y? Lady
Elisabeth a Dutch Pink Capt[ain] Charles Harman, w[hi]ch being a Capture
made by y Spaniards upon y English & brought in here, we caus'd
it to be bought by a freind of Ours at a public Sale & to be given
to y s[aid] Harman, in order to return with his Crew w[ith] y same to
their native Country.