

- This report was made by said Jan Van Cleef in the presence of the Director-General, the Fiscal and the two Burgomasters of this City, at Fort Amsterdam. Today appeared at Fort Amsterdam Jan Van Cleef, who reported, that he was sent by the inhabitants of New Utrecht on Long Island to inform the Director-General and Council, that about 300 Englishmen have gathered at Jamanica, also called Rustdorp, who intend to come to the other villages, Dutch as well as English, to summon them. He says also, that the son of Mr. Stillwell went there yesterday in the forenoon, to make peace, as they say, between these Englishmen and his father about the arrest of James Christy.

### **And Even in Church Records...**

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Jan Thomaszen, summoned by the consistory of Breuckelen together with his son on account of a certain unfortunate incident **whereby he had drawn his knife and**

**wounded Jan Van Cleef in the village of New Utrecht**, acknowledged that he, namely

the afore-mentioned Jan Thomassen (while enjoying half a barrel of beer on the occasion

of the departure of Sir Johannes Verveelen, burgher and brewer of Amsterdam in New

Netherland), had gottenen into an argument with a certain Claertie de Mof; that they

had even come to blows; and that his shirt had been torn by the aforesaid [Claertie].

Thereupon, however, **the aforesaid Kleef had come and had pulled the aforementioned**

**Jan Thomassen's hair, who [then] drew his knife and made four cuts in the afore-**

**mentioned Cleeft's jerkin - indeed, wounding him eventually.**

His son, Thomas Janssen, declared that because of filial affection **he could not bear the fact that his father, Jan Thomassen, was grabbed by the hair and badly**

**maltreated by the aforesaid Jan van Cleeft, so the afore-mentioned Thomas came to**

**the help of his father and pulled Jan van Cleeft off by the shoulders.**

**Thereupon,**

**Van Cleeft grabbed the aforesaid Thomas, too, by the hair and Hendrick Matthijssen**

**grabbed him by his feet; and [they] threw him on the floor. Thomas Janssen hereby**

**contends, however, that he struck neither of the two again but merely grabbed Jan van Cleeft by the hair in order to be let go.**

After discussing the matter among ourselves, it is [our] judgement , (as Jan Thomaszen strictly speaking is not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ in Breuckelen but so far has partaken of the Lord's supper there at his own request, while belonging to the congregation of Midwout and living in the village of New Utrecht)

that because of his conduct, [he] will have to stay away from the Lord's Table in the

village of Breuckelen since his case is currently in the hands of the Hon. Lord Director-General and Councillors and **since [he] has reconciled himself neither with**

**the afore-mentioned Cleeft, who is seriously injured,** nor with this congregation, which

would be offended by it. His son, however, who was confirmed as a member in this place and showed more penitence and regret, would be admitted and at the same time

warned to be on guard and careful in the future in order not to cause any offense to our congregation with such or other incidents. Both were notified and informed of this.