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## *Notarial Records Relating to the Portuguese Jews in Amsterdam up to 1639\**

No. 2951 – Francisco Vas de Leao, Duarte Rodrigues Mendes and Reijer Cornelissen, merchants in Amsterdam, declare before the burgomasters of Amsterdam, with the assistance of Miguel Rodrigues as interpreter for the Portuguese merchants, that the ship *Margrieta*, large 75 lasts, with skipper Albert Sandersz. from Vlieland, fully belongs to them, to the skipper and other burghers of Amsterdam and not to any enemy of this country or unfree people. Duarte Rodrigues Mendes declares that he freighted this ship with goods destined for the Strait of Gibraltar and that all goods belong to him without any unfree person having any share in them or in the proceeds of the return cargo.

1623, July 25

*Not.Arch. 837, p. 921-922; Not. Jacob Bruyningh.*

No. 2952 – Notice served at the request of Manuel Fernandes Franco, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, upon Daniel van Geel and his brother Johan van Geel, merchants in Amsterdam. They insured goods for Franco that had been loaded in the ship *A Senhora de Conceição* of skipper Manuel Tome. Manuel Fernandes Franco says that this ship has been seized by privateers on its journey from Pernambuco to Porto or Viana and taken to Zeeland, and that he abandons the insured goods to them.

1623, July 26

*Not.Arch. 386, fol. 304; Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs.*

No. 2953 – Joseph Pinto, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, authorizes Simao and Gabriel Gomes de Caceres, Portuguese merchants in Hamburg, to look after all his affairs in Hamburg and elsewhere.

1623, July 26

*Not.Arch. 629, fol. 136v.-137v.; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

No. 2954 – Maria Nunes, widow of Francisco Mendes de Medeiros and Christovao Mendes Franco, brother of the said Francisco, with whom he had a partnership, have agreed upon a partition through the intermediary of Abraham Navarro, David Arari and David Farar. Maria Nunes will receive from the estate 6000 crusados at 50 stivers a crusado and all jewelry, furniture, household goods and the silver lamp in the synagogue. Christovao will receive a legacy of 300 pounds Flemish according to his brother's testament. That which the brothers owed each other because of their partnership will be settled separately. Christovao is not to pay any more bills without Maria's consent. Maria Nunes hands the documents of which her

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husband disposed in his testament to Christovao. Francisco Mendes de Medeiros left the garden to the son of Christovao. Maria and Christovao will share the remainder of the estate insofar as the money is concerned that is in the hands of business relations in Viana, Porto, Brazil and elsewhere. The first 400 pounds Flemish that will be collected will be for Christovao, the following 400 pounds for Maria and so on. The deceased's clothing will be given to Christovao. Maria Nunes is assisted by her brother Thomas Fernandes.

1623, July 27

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 616-618; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz. In Portuguese.<sup>r</sup>*

No. 2955 – Isack Chamis, living in Amsterdam, declares to have received from Christovao Mendes, alias Mordechay Franco, treasurer of 'Dotar', 50 pounds Flemish, that is 300 guilders, as a dowry for his wife Ester Chamis, daughter of David Chabibe, on condition that he will restitute this sum to the brotherhood, in accordance with chapter 15, should his wife die childless. Witnesses are Joao Lopes Bondia and Isaque Marcos.

1623, July 27

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 618-619; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.<sup>37</sup> In Portuguese.*

No. 2956 – Bento Osorio and Thomas Nunes Pina, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam, declare at the request of Francisco Vas de Leao, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, that when they were commissioned together by burgomaster Jacob Poppen, who at that time was captain of that part of Amsterdam in which the Portuguese nation lives, to assess this nation for the 1000th penny, the said Francisco Vas de Leao was assessed at 60 guilders.

1623, July 27

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 619-620; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.<sup>38</sup>*

No. 2957 – Notice served at the request of Jeronimo Rodrigues de Sousa, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, upon Jean Bouteleur, merchant in Amsterdam. On 18 July 1623 De Sousa bought from Bouteleur 40 pieces of Sandwich baize at 60 groats an ell, to be delivered from 18 July till 31 August next in consignments of 8 to 10 pieces as they would come from England. Today De Sousa examined 8 to 10 pieces at Bouteleur's that were of poor quality and coarse. He does not want to have them. He holds Bouteleur to the agreement they made. Bouteleur answers that the baize is not of the right quality and that he has written to England about this.

1623, July 28

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 610; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.<sup>39</sup>*

<sup>r</sup> On p. 612-614 draft instrument.

<sup>37</sup> See also archive 334 (P.I.G.), no. 1142, p. 22.

<sup>38</sup> A similar statement from Bento Osorio and Thomas Nunes Pina at the request of Francisco Vas de Leao that they assessed his mother at 30 guilders for the 1000th penny (1623, July 27; *Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 620; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*).

<sup>39</sup> Undated instrument in which Jan Bouteleur as proxy of Jacob de Meijer, living in Rochester, and Jeronimo Rodrigues de Sousa request the court of Amsterdam to appoint as arbiters in their dispute about 40 pieces of English baize, Jonas Abeels and Claes Hendricksz., dealers in baize (*Not.Arch. 201, fol. 35, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh*).

**No. 2958** – Maria Nunes, widow and holder of the estate of Gonsalo Lopes Fundao, authorizes her brother-in-law Diego Lopes Estonces, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, to collect money and look after her financial affairs.

1623, July 28

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 621-623; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2959** – Affidavit by Diogo da Silva and Manuel Aires, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam. They are the sole owners of the 55 cases of sugar that were loaded in Viana in November 1622 by Jan Lammers in the ship *St. Jan Baptista* of skipper David van der Heijden -which ship was seized by privateers from Dunkirk- and consigned to Rui Gomes de Silveira in Hamburg. The goods do not belong to the said Silveira or to anyone else. The bills-of-lading were only made for the account of Silveira pro forma. They insured the sugar in Amsterdam for 500 pounds Flemish with Cornelis Michielsz. Blau, Pieter van Trille, Arnout van Liebergen and Johan Kuijsten.

1623, July 29

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 621; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2960** – Maria Nunes, widow of Francisco Mendes de Medeiros, declares that because of her husband's death she cannot appear in The Hague in person. She authorizes her brother Francisco Lopes Gomes to declare under oath before the States of Holland and West Frisia or their deputy councils, that she does not possess more than 15,000 guilders and that she will pay the 500th penny at which the States assessed her proportionally.

1623, July 31

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 623-624; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2961** – Freight-contract between Duarte Rodrigues Mendes (for a 2/3 share) and Francisco Vas de Leao (for a 1/3 share), both Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam, and skipper Robbert Gerner, Scot, living on Vlieland, for a journey with the ship *De Margriete*, large 70 lasts. The skipper is to sail from Texel to Malaga with a cargo taken on board in Amsterdam and possibly to Fuengirola, unload and return to Amsterdam at a freight-price of 65 guilders a last. The skipper is to return to Amsterdam even if the bills-of-lading mention destinations such as Hamburg, France, England or elsewhere.

1623, August 1

*Not.Arch. 629, fol. 138v.-139v.; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2962** – Felipe Henriques, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, declares to have received from Maria Nunes, widow of Francisco Mendes de Medeiros, 250 guilders that were paid to him by Pedro Homem, brother of Maria Nunes. Francisco Mendes de Medeiros had administrated this money as curator of the estate of Manuel Pimentel and owed this money to Felipe Henriques according to his testament. Witness is Ishac Senior.

1623, August 1

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 624; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz. In Portuguese.*

**No. 2963** – Freight-contract between Miguel Cardoso and Rodrigo Alvares de Pas, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam, and skipper David Browne from Glasgow, for a journey with the ship *De Gouden Leeu*, large 60 lasts. The cargo will be brought from Amsterdam to Rotterdam at the skipper's expense. From Rotterdam the skipper will sail to Malaga, unload and return to Amsterdam at a freight-price of 60 guilders a

last. In Malaga the skipper will sign bills-of-lading that will mention destinations such as France, England, Hamburg or other places. Pieter Jansz. Craeij, tobacco seller in Amsterdam, stands surety for the skipper. Isack Chamis is mentioned as witness.

1623, August 3

*Not.Arch. 629, fol. 139v.-140v.; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

No. 2964 – David Browne from Glasgow, skipper of the ship *De Gouden Leeu*, large 60 lasts, declares to have received from Francisco Coutinho, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, 900 guilders on bottomry conditions to equip his ship for a journey from Rotterdam to Malaga and back to Amsterdam. The agio is 35 percent. He will return the money upon his arrival in Amsterdam.

1623, August 4

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 625-626; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

No. 2965 – Notice served at the request of Felipe d'Orta Henriques, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, upon Jan Jansen Corver and Cornelis Nuijts, merchants in Amsterdam, curators of the estate of Jan van den Eijnde Jr. Without prejudice to and while retaining his right of priority, Henriques is willing to collect his share in competition with the other creditors of that which is *pro rata* due to him of his claim on that part of the estate of Van den Eijnde that has already been partitioned or will be partitioned. In case of refusal he holds the curators liable for the expenses and damages. The curators answer that if Henriques has any claims to make, he will have to bring his case to the judicial authorities.

1623, August 4

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 626-627; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

No. 2966 – Notice served at the request of Felipe d'Orta Henriques upon Cornelis Michielsz. Blau and Hendrick de Haze, merchants in Amsterdam and curators of the estate of Jan van den Eijnde Sr. Without prejudice to and while retaining his right of priority, Henriques is willing to collect his share, as co-creditor together with the other creditors of Jan van den Eijnde Sr., who stood surety for his son Jan van den Eijnde Jr., of that which is due to him *pro rata* from that which has been divided or will be divided. The notified parties answer that if Henriques has any claims to make, he has to take his case to the court of Amsterdam.

1623, August 4

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 627-628; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

No. 2967 – Francisco de Caceres, 49 years old, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, makes the following statement at the request of Antonio Melgasso, Spanish merchant, sojourning in The Hague. About three years ago Melgasso came here with Cosmo Side with a consignment of tobacco, of which 6000 pounds belonged to Melgasso and 2000 to Side. In the capacity of their advisor he went several times to the warehouses where the tobacco was stored. About one year ago he and Melgasso went to the warehouse on the Herengracht near the house of Willem van der Does, former sheriff of Amsterdam. They then noticed that 57 of the 79 rolls of tobacco which they had inspected with the brother of Jan Carlo Smissaert the day before had been stolen. Melgasso then had the tobacco that was still there brought to his house by Lucas van Malaga. Because Melgasso suspected a Jan Pietersz. in Amsterdam of the theft, the latter's house was searched on the orders of sheriff Jan ten Grotenhuis. Nothing was found. Grotenhuis was then notified that the remaining 22 rolls of tobacco had been stolen by Lucas van Malaga; the rolls were deposited with the *conciierge* of Amsterdam. Later these rolls were restituted to Melgasso by the judicial authorities who had been informed of the truth, under the condition that Melgasso would put up bail for his appearance in court because he had been charged with having the house of Jan Pietersz. searched. Francisco de Caceres further

declares that a few days before Melgasso and Side came to Amsterdam with their tobacco, Jan Carlo Smissaert sold a consignment of tobacco to Wouter Smit and associates. Smissaert gave them a reduction to prevent getting involved in a lawsuit with them.

1623, August 7

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 628-629; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2968** – Notice served by Duarte Ramires Pina, Portuguese merchant, acting for Garcia Mendes Correia, merchant in Rouen, upon Jan van Peenen, merchant in Amsterdam. According to the promises made to Correia the ship *l'Espérance* of skipper Nicolas Coruble should have left a few weeks ago. On this condition Pina had loaded goods in the ship for his principal. Now that the ship has not yet left, Pina holds Van Peenen responsible for the damage. Van Peenen answers that the ship has departed.

1623, August 8

*Not.Arch. 386, fol. 335; Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs. In French.*

**No. 2969** – A meeting is held in the house of Maria Nunes, widow of Francisco Mendes de Medeiros, alias Isaque Franco, by Michael de Crasto, living in Rotterdam, as executor of the will of Manuel Pimentel, alias Isack Abeniacar and as guardian of Ester Abeniacar, daughter of the said Isack Abeniacar, and by David Abeniacar, alias Sebastao Pimentel, son of Isack Abeniacar. They declare that the late Francisco Mendes de Medeiros was co-executor of the estate left by their father and that they have drawn up the account with Maria Nunes and heirs with the assistance of her brother Pedro Homem, alias Joseph Abrabanel. On 11 July 1623 the judicial authorities of Amsterdam decided that Michael de Crasto and David Abeniacar should settle all the accounts of what Francisco Mendes de Medeiros had received from the estate of Manuel Pimentel and of what had been remitted to him from Constantinople, Venice and other places. They acquit Maria Nunes for her husband's administration. They declare to have received gold, diamonds and jewelry that had been handed over to De Medeiros by Manuel Mendes Cardoso, father-in-law of David Abeniacar, as collateral for the loans of 525 and 200 pounds Flemish. They declare to have received a bank draft chargeable to Christovao Mendes Franco of 141 pounds, 3 shillings and 9 groats Flemish as the remainder of the account, with which everything concerning the said estate has been settled. Witnesses are: Lic. Henrique Pereira Tenoreo, Michael Cardoso and Diogo Martins Bondia.

1623, August 9

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 630-633; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.<sup>40</sup> In Portuguese.*

**No. 2970** – Freight-contract between Duarte Nunes da Costa and Lopo Ramires, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam, and skipper Willem Jacopsz from Frederikstad, for a journey with the ship *Het Netelblatt*, large 70 lasts. The skipper is to sail with a cargo from Amsterdam to Villa Nova de Portimao, unload and return to Amsterdam with a new cargo. The freight-price is 6000 guilders. The skipper will get 3 pounds Flemish for a new flag before his departure.

1623, August 9

*Not.Arch. 739, p. 188-190; Not. Hendrick Bruyningh.*

**No. 2971** – Notice served by Steven Cardoso, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, upon Cornelis Cornelisz. in 't Jonge Fortuijntgen, merchant in Amsterdam, who insured goods for Cardoso that were

<sup>40</sup> On 1 September 1623 Michael de Crasto and David Abeniacar declare to have received the sum mentioned in the bank draft (*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 633 margin*).

loaded in the ship *De Winthont* of skipper Cornelis Hendricksz. from Hamburg, saying that the ship was wrecked and that he abandons the insured goods to him.

1623, August 11

*Not.Arch. 386, fol. 345; Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs.*

**No. 2972** – Freight-contract between Jeronimo Rodrigues Mendes, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, and skipper Pieter Sijmons. Honick from Frederikstad for a journey with the ship *'t Slot van Goltorp*, large 100 lasts, armed with 6 iron and 8 stone guns and with a crew of 14. The skipper is to sail from Amsterdam to Malaga and Velez Malaga, unload and return to Amsterdam with a new cargo, even if the bills-of-lading mention destinations such as France, England, Hamburg or elsewhere. The freight-price is 5400 guilders. Pieter Jacobsz. Brouser from Monnikendam stands surety for the skipper.

1623, August 15

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 639-641; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2973** – Diogo Fernandes Dias, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, proxy of Sebastiao Jorge, Portuguese merchant in Hamburg, authorizes Joannes de Renialme, merchant in Middelburg, and Abraham Sarfati to demand from the captain or lieutenant who seized the ship of Andries Richart on its journey from Viana to Hamburg, payment of 625 pieces-of-eight that had been loaded in the said ship by Pero Rodrigues Medeira for the account of Sebastiao Jorge.

1623, August 15

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 642-643; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2974** – Gaspar Nunes Torres, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, proxy of Sebastiao Jorge, Portuguese merchant in Hamburg (according to a power-of-attorney drawn up on 18 June 1622 before notary Adriaen de Outheusden, notary in Hamburg, to claim all cash money, reals, silver and other goods that will be loaded for the account of Sebastiao Jorge in Spain, Portugal or elsewhere) authorizes Joannes de Renialme, merchant in Middelburg, and Abraham Sarfati to demand from the captain or lieutenant who seized the ship of Andries Richart on its journey from Viana to Hamburg, payment of 625 pieces-of-eight that had been loaded in the said ship in Viana by Pero Rodrigues Moreira for the account of Jorge.

1623, August 15

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 643-644; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2975** – Freight-contract between Diogo Martins and Sebastiao Mendes Pimentel, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam, as freighters each for one half, and skipper Claes Heddigsz. from Glückstadt, for a journey with the ship *St. Pieter*, large 30 lasts. The skipper is to sail with a cargo from Amsterdam to Terceira and possibly to one of the other islands of the Azores, unload and return to Amsterdam with a new cargo, even if the bills-of lading mention destinations such as France, England or elsewhere. The freight-price is 1700 guilders.

1623, August 17

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 644-646; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2976** – Manuel Fernandes Franco, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, conveys to Diogo Drago, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, two insurance policies, viz. one in which Albert Schuijt insured 125 pounds Flemish on the ship *A Fortuna* with skipper Ham Boize for a journey from Malaga to Hamburg, and one in which Daniel and Johan van Geel insure 95 pounds Flemish on sugar, loaded in the ship *A Senhora de*

*Conceição* with skipper Manuel Torne for a journey from Pernambuco to Porto or Viana, and further an average of 34 pounds Flemish that is due to him from Hans van Soldt de Jonge because of an insurance on sugar, loaded in the ship of Gaspar do Reis from Brazil to Porto. The conveyance is paid with 200 pounds Flemish, for which sum Drago draws a bill-of-exchange from Godert Kerckrink to Joao de Pas and André d'Azevedo in Antwerp.

1623, August 21

*Not.Arch. 386, fol. 362-362v.; Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs. In Portuguese.*

No. 2977 – Thomas Nunes Pina, Christovao Mendes Franco, Rodrigo Alvares, Francisco Vas de Crasto, Antonio Pimentel, Francisco Gomes Henriques, Felipe Pereira, Nuno Dias as proxy of Diego Carlos, merchant in Hamburg, and Miguel de Pas as proxy of Joao Coronel, merchant in Glückstadt, all having an interest in the ship *De Hope* with skipper Andreas Richart from Edinburgh, which ship was seized by privateers on its journey from Viana to Amsterdam, authorize Abraham Sarfati to claim this ship and its cargo of sugar.

1623, August 21

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 651-653; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz. In Latin.*

No. 2978 – Thomas Nunes Pina, merchant in Amsterdam, authorizes his son Abraham Sarfati and Joannes Letheullier, merchant in London, to claim the ship *Sampson* from the Admiralty in Dartmouth. This ship, on which Anton Hendriks from Amsterdam was skipper and which was owned by Pina, was seized by an English ship with captain Witt in October 1621 in the harbour of Gomera.

1623, August 22

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 653-654; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.<sup>41</sup> In Latin.*

No. 2979 – Maria Nunes, widow and heir of Francisco Mendes de Medeiros, living in Amsterdam, notifies Francisco Mendes Trancoso that she wants to be relieved immediately from the administration kept by her deceased husband of the money left by Isabel Mendes, the late wife of Trancoso and sister of De Medeiros, according to her will to the benefit of the impoverished, orphaned relatives, so that these children could have a dowry from capital and its yields. She wishes to render and settle a final account of this administration. Trancoso answers that he went to the house of Maria Nunes to ask for a settlement of this administration. If she had been unwilling to do so, he would have taken legal steps himself.

1623, August 22

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 656; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

No. 2980 – Leonora de Tovar, Portuguese widow in Amsterdam, unable to travel to The Hague herself because of her advanced age (almost 70), authorizes Steven Groulart in The Hague to swear before the States of Holland and West Frisia or their deputy councils, that she does not own more than 15,000 guilders, so that she need not pay the 200th penny levied by the States.

1623, August 25

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 662-663; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

<sup>41</sup> In the margin it says that this power-of attorney was transferred to Jan Laurensz. in London by Thomas Nunes Pina on 16 September 1624 (*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 653*).

**No. 2981** – David Browne from Glasgow, skipper of the ship *De Gouden Leeu*, large 60 lasts, declares to have received for the equipment of his ship 440 guilders on bottomry conditions from Rodrigues Alvares de Pas, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, for the journey from Rotterdam to Malaga and back to Amsterdam or elsewhere in the Netherlands. He will repay this sum with an agio of 35% 14 or 20 days after his return. Samuel Dercxson, blacksmith in Amsterdam, stands surety for the skipper to the benefit of De Pas.

1623, August 25

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 666-667; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*<sup>42</sup>

**No. 2982** – Sijmen de Goijer, 60 years old, and Jan Gerritsen, 43 years old, burghers of Amsterdam, make the following statement at the request of Thomas Nunes Pina, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam. Last week they unloaded for Pina 22 cases of sugar and took them aboard their flatboat from the ship of skipper Richart Witt, Englishman, which had arrived from Viana, whereas the bills-of-lading mentioned 23 cases. To their best knowledge this 23rd case of white sugar that they left in the ship had been washed empty by water.

1623, August 26

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 668-669; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2983** – David Browne, skipper from Glasgow, declares to have received from Duarte Nunes da Costa and Lopo Ramires, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam, a sum of 400 guilders on bottomry conditions for a journey with the ship *De Rode Leeuw*<sup>42a</sup> from Rotterdam to Malaga and back to Amsterdam. He will repay this sum with an agio of 40%, 8 to 10 days after his return.

1623, August 26

*Not.Arch. 740, p. 29-30; Not. Hendrick Bruyningh.*

**No. 2984** – Robbert Durie from Leith, 40 years old, former skipper of the ship *De Benedictie Godes*, makes the following statement at the request of Francisco de Pas, Michael Cardoso and Rodrigo Alvares de Pas, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam. In May 1623 he sailed from Het Vlie, destined for Lisbon. Near Cabo da Roca he was chased by three Turkish pirates who, because the weather was calm, lowered boats and rowed up to his ship under heavy fire of their muskets. Since he saw no other means of escape, he and his crew left the ship in a boat, not being able to take along more than six muskets. Eight days later he heard in Lisbon that a ship had run aground near the *Ilhas Berlengas*, which had been taken by the Turks and then abandoned. He heard that the ship had been broken into a thousand pieces. He managed to get a few of the masts, spars and two anchors ashore that yielded 22,500 reis when sold. With this money he paid the people who took them ashore. The rest was divided among him and the crew to enable them to return home.

1623, August 31

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 670-671; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2985** – Robbert Durie from Leith, 40 years old, former skipper of the ship *De Benedictie Godes*, makes the following statement at the request of Diego Martins, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam. The ship with which he had left Amsterdam, destined for Lisbon, was seized by Turkish pirates and abandoned by the pirates eight days later, after which it was wrecked near the *Ilhas Berlengas*. Lourenço Pestana, merchant in Lisbon, then went to the place of the wreck to find out what had happened to the ten barrels of nails and two barrels of mitones<sup>43</sup> or casks of goods that had been loaded in Lisbon by Diego Martins to be delivered to

<sup>42</sup> On 2 December 1623 Rodrigo Alvares de Pas releases Samuel Dercxson from his surety-ship for skipper David Browne (*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 667 margin*).

<sup>42a</sup> Apparently identical with the ship *De Gouden Leeu* of nos. 2963, 2964 and 2981.

<sup>43</sup> = gloves without fingers.

Martins Afonso da Costa, and in his absence to Fernao Martins. Some of these goods were found among the rocks in a wet and bad condition and were salvaged at great trouble and costs.

1623, August 31

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 671-672; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2986** – Ester Cuzina, widow of Pero Gomes de Lisboa, together with Manuel Gomes Henriques, merchant in Antwerp, brother of Pero Gomes de Lisboa, both heirs of the latter who died intestate, authorize Benjamin Cohen in Amsterdam to represent them with the Bank of Amsterdam and to do all money transactions concerning the account of Pero Gomes de Lisboa. The power-of-attorney will be valid for three months as from today. If they should fail to renew the power-of-attorney or annul it, they will be responsible for what will be done by Benjamin Cohen on the strength of this power-of-attorney three months from now. Witnesses are Jorge Fernandes Carnero and Salvador Alvares.

1623, September 1

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 669-670; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2987** – Hendrick Broeckman, skipper from Hamburg, makes the following agreement with Miguel Esteves de Pina, Juao Peres da Cunha, Denis Yanes (Jenes), jointly for 9/15 share, Diogo Nunes Belmonte for 3/15 share, Manuel Alvares Campos for 2/15 share and Nuno Dias for 1/15 share, owners and freighters of the ship *Jonas*, large 65 lasts and armed with 6 iron and 4 stone guns. They hire him to make a journey with this ship with a cargo from Amsterdam to Viana, unload and return to Amsterdam with sugar and other goods, even if the bills-of-lading mention Hamburg or other places as destination.<sup>44</sup>

1623, September 1

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 672; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2988** – Lambert van Erp, Daniel van den Eijnde, François Wouters, Rogier and Martin van den Heuvel, Jan Baptista Bartolotti, Adriaen Andriessen, Antonio Martins Viegas, Jeronimo Vittory, Daniel and Johan van Geel, Miguel de Pas (preserving the agreement he made with Henrique Thibault and David l’Hommel), as owners, insurers or other interested parties in about 500 cases of sugar that were seized by the French and that have been arrested in Amsterdam, about which a lawsuit is pending, authorize Albert Schuijt, also a party interested in the sugar, to appear in their stead before arbiters who will be appointed by them and by the French and to defend their interests before these arbiters.

1623, September 4, 11 and 13

*Not.Arch. 387, fol. 34-34v.; Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs.*<sup>45</sup>

<sup>5</sup> On fol. 113-114 copy of this instrument; on fol. 119v. copy in French.

<sup>44</sup> The skipper’s wages are not mentioned.

<sup>45</sup> Copy of a power-of-attorney of 16 November 1616 in which the undersigned as interested parties and as insurers of three ships with sugar and other goods that were seized by privateers from La Rochelle, authorize Henri Thibault, Albert Schuijt and Manuel Carvalho and Duarte Esteves de Pina, Portuguese, to carry on their lawsuit about this until the final verdict. The undersigned are: Pieter van Geel, David de l’Hommel, Manuel Carvalho, Albert Schuijt, Henri Thibault, Daniel and Jan van Geel, François Wouters, Jan Baptista Bartolotti, Francisco Mendes, Adriaen Andriesz., Daniel van den Eijnde, Willem Cornelisz., Jacques van Hanswijck, Jan Stassart, Jeronimo Vittory, Jan Jansz. Helmont, Jan Bicker, Miguel de Pas, Antonio (AO) Rodrigues Cardoso, Antonio (Anto) Martins Viegas, Jose Franco, Josef Pinto, Duarte Esteves de Pina, Miguel Esteves de Pina, Lambert van Erp for 100 pounds Flemish, N.D.W. Rogiers and Marten van den Heuvel, Samuel Trezel, Aert Spieringh, Diego Peixoto, Alexander van den Berge, Pieter Belten, Joao Lopes de Bondia and Mozes Zacuto as witness (Not.Arch. 387, fol. 119, Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs, in French).

**No. 2989** – The undersigned, owners and insurers or other interested parties in 200 cases of sugar that have been seized by some Frenchmen and that were attached in Amsterdam, and another 300 cases of sugar about which they have gone to court in Amsterdam, declare that they never intended to institute legal proceedings about this in France and do not intend to do so now. They further declare that they never prevented the money that the sugar yielded from being paid out to the French by their sureties or by those who could have received this money. They discharged their sureties a long time ago, and discharge them herewith, insofar as this is necessary. The undersigned are: Albert Schuijt, Lambert van Erp, Daniel van den Eijnde, François Wouters, N.D.W. Rogiers, Martin van den Heuvel, Jan Baptista Bartolotti, Miguel de Pas (without damage to the agreement which he made with Henry Thibault and David l’Hommel on 8 September 1623), Adriaen Andriesz., Antonio Martins Viegas (without damaging the agreement which he made in Amsterdam on 11 September 1623), Jeronimo Vittory, Daniel and Jan van Geel and Jan Stassart. All this without prejudice to the right of revocation and the abandonments done in this case.

1623, September 4

*Not.Arch. 387, fol. 120-120v.; Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs.*<sup>146</sup>

**No. 2990** – Nicolas du Gardin, merchant in Amsterdam, authorizes Guillaume Cobrice, merchant in Middelburg, to reclaim from the Admiralty in Middelburg the 1/16 share that belongs to him of the ship *A Senhora do Carmo*, on which Francisco Gomes Pinto sailed as skipper. This ship was seized by privateers on its way from Brazil to Viana and brought to Zeeland. He is also to claim the sugar and other goods that were loaded in this ship plus the freight-price on the basis of his 1/16 share.

1623, September 5

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 675; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2991** – At the request of Harmen van der Pellen, merchant in Amsterdam, the notary asks Diogo Martins, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, if Martins -on the grounds of the verdict and average statement of the Chamber of Insurance and Average of Amsterdam that was awarded to Martins against Van der Pellen- gave orders to the *concierge* of Amsterdam to have Van der Pellen’s goods sold. Diogo Martins answers that he gave no orders to the *concierge* and that he did not have a letter of evaluation drawn up for the sale.

1623, September 8

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 676-677; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 2992** – Duarte Nunes da Costa and Lopo Ramires, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam and proxies of Antonio Rodrigues Lamego from Rouen, authorize Michiel Dircksz to claim from the Admiralty in Dokkum or elsewhere 17 bags of sumac and 5 quarts of oil that were loaded in Porto in the ship on which

<sup>1</sup> This instrument is a copy which was drawn up later, probably together with the deed in note 46; on fol. 118 draft instrument in French.

<sup>146</sup> Notice served by Albert Schuijt upon Nicolas le Forestier, Sieur des Rocques, as proxy of his father Nicolas le Forestier, merchant in Rouen, and upon the widow of Anthony Slickers, Elias Trip, the widow of Leonard Ranst, Jacques de Ghijselaer, Pieter van Beeck and Johan Raeij, inhabitants of Amsterdam. A statement is read out to them made by the owners and insurers of 200 cases of sugar and another 300 cases of sugar (see instrument no. 2989). Pieter van Beeck answers that he was never notified that the attachment of the 500 cases of sugar and the proceeds was raised and that permission was given to pay Nicolas le Forestier and company the proceeds of the sale of the 500 cases. He denies that the owners never prevented the money from the sugar, received by the sureties or others, from being paid out to the French or the owners. He says that the parties who attached the sugar have so far failed to annul the instrument of surety-ship (1623 September 16, Not.Arch. 387, fol. 120v.-121, Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs).

Robbert Housa or Hugaert sailed as skipper. This ship was seized by a Frisian pinnace and taken to Dokkum.

1623, September 9

*Not.Arch. 739, p. 253-254; Not. Hendrick Bruyningh.*

No. 2993 – Matias Rodrigues Cardoso, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, representing the estate of his late father Matias Rodrigues, according to a power-of-attorney given by Leonora Cardoso, widow of Matias Rodrigues and heirs, declares that Philips Colijns Jochemsz., merchant in Amsterdam, paid out to his father 300 pounds Flemish. In 1621 Jochemsz. had insured this sum for his father for the account of Salvador Rodrigues in Rouen concerning goods loaded in the ships of skippers Mozes Claveaux and Pierre de Puis and consigned to Juan Peres de Borois for the journey from Rouen to San Sebastian. These ships had been seized by privateers from La Rochelle.

1623, September 11

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 679-680; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

No. 2994 – Ester Cuzina, widow of Pero Gomes de Lisboa, authorizes Manuel Gomes Henriques, merchant in Antwerp and brother of Pero Gomes de Lisboa, to administrate the estate of her late husband, viz. to collect bills of exchange and to claim in Lisbon, Porto, Viana and elsewhere in Portugal and France ships' cargoes and their proceeds. Witnesses are Mendo Lopes and Jorge Fernandes Carnero.

1623, September 12

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 677-679; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.<sup>47</sup> In Portuguese.*

No. 2995 – Philips Colijns Jochemsz., merchant in Amsterdam, sells and conveys to Joan van der Straten, merchant in Amsterdam, a claim of 300 pounds Flemish. In 1621 he insured this sum in Amsterdam for Matias Rodrigues for goods loaded in the ships of skippers Mozes Claveaux and Pierre de Puis for the journey from Rouen to San Sebastian. These ships were seized by privateers from La Rochelle. This claim was conveyed to Jochemsz. on 11 September 1623 by Matias Rodrigues Cardoso, as representative of the estate of his late father Matias Rodrigues.

1623, September 12

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 680; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.<sup>48</sup>*

No. 2996 – Francisco Mendes Trancoso, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, authorizes his brother Manuel Franco and Jacob Barzilay to look after his affairs with the Bank of Amsterdam for a period of two years.

1623, September 13

*Not.Arch. 387, fol. 35; Not. Jacob and Nicolaes Jacobs.*

<sup>47</sup> The same power-of-attorney is given by Ester Cuzina with the name of Mayor Peres, which name she uses in Portugal and as the widow of Estevao Lopes d'Azevedo, which is the name used by her husband for his business in Portugal (*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 679*).

<sup>48</sup> Dominicus Poulle, merchant in Amsterdam, authorizes Jan Coppijn in Middelburg to reclaim from the Admiralty the return proceeds of 80 lengths of cambric cloth that were loaded with other goods in the ship *Nostra Senhora do Carmo* with skipper Francisco Gomes Pinto, which ship was taken to Middelburg by two freebooters (1623, September 12, *Not.Arch. 739, p. 257, Not. Hendrick Bruyningh*).

**No. 2997** – Freight-contract between Duarte Nunes da Costa and Lopo Ramires, Portuguese merchants in Amsterdam, and skipper Jan Symonssen Floor from Frederickstad, for a journey with the ship *De Hoope*, large 50 lasts. The skipper is to sail with a cargo from Amsterdam to Lisbon, unload and return to Amsterdam with a cargo at a freight-price of 2000 guilders.

1623, September 13

*Not.Arch. 739, p. 267-270; Not. Hendrick Bruyningh*

**No. 2998** – At the request of Nuno Dias, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, who acts for Manuel Rodrigues Lousada, Portuguese merchant in Hamburg, the notary goes to the warehouse of the Admiralty where sugar is stored that comes from the ship *De Nachtegaal* of skipper Berent Luders, which ship was brought in from its journey from Viana to Amsterdam. On the strength of the ordinance of the Admiralty, Cornelis Mauritsz. Hobbe, auctioneer of the Admiralty, is asked for delivery of 16 cases of sugar that were loaded in Viana in the said ship by Gaspar Caminha Rego for the account of Lousada. Hobbe declares that there are only 14 cases in the warehouse, which are collected by Dias.

1623, September 16

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 723; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*<sup>49</sup>

**No. 2999** – At the request of Miguel Esteves de Pina, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, the notary goes to a flatboat with sugar that is lying in front of the house of Joao Peres da Cunha, brother of De Pina, on the Verversgracht, which sugar came from the warehouse of the Admiralty in Amsterdam. According to the invoice of the cargo that was handed over to the notary by De Pina, 13 cases of sugar had been loaded in this ship by Fernan Fereira. De Pina collects 12 cases of sugar while the 13th is not found.

1623, September 16

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 723 (margin); Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

**No. 3000** – Diogo Martins, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam, conveys to François van Hove, merchant in Amsterdam, a bond of 4569 guilders and 2 stivers, dated 26 July 1623, chargeable to Nicolaes and Jaques Vekens in Leiden. He declares to have been paid for this by Van Hove. Martins promises that if Nicolaes and Jaques Vekens ask for a greater discount than for the three stones which, according to their letter, they found in the wool that was paid for with this bond, this will be for his account. He will pay such damages to Van Hove.

1623, September 18

*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 687-688; Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*

<sup>49</sup> On 30 October 1623 the notary returns to the warehouse of the Admiralty at the request of Nuno Dias. The auctioneer informs him that he has found one other case of sugar of the 16 cases that are claimed by Dias according to the bill-of-lading, so that only one case of muscovado sugar is still missing. Dias declares that he paid as expenses for the 15 cases that he received, 46.5 stivers a case for the costs of discharge, rent of the warehouse and surveillance (*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 723-724, Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*). On 17 June 1624 the notary goes to the auctioneer once more at the request of Nuno Dias and asks if the 16th case has been found (*Not.Arch. 646 A, p. 724, Not. Sibrant Cornelisz.*).