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# AMSTERDAM NOTARIAL DEEDS PERTAINING TO THE PORTUGUESE JEWS IN AMSTERDAM UP TO 1639

(third instalment)

**Nr. 37** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Jacob Symisz. of Oostzaan.\**

1598, August 17.

*Not. Arch. 80, fol. 214v-216v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 811.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Jacob Symisz. of Oostzaan, skipper of the ship "Swarthen Raven", capacity 110 tons. The merchant is to ship a full cargo of grain. With it the skipper is to sail via the Channel or around England to Cascais (Cascalis), whereupon he is to go on himself to Lisbon to learn from the merchant's supercargo whether he is to unship the cargo at Lisbon or in a harbour in the Condado or at Madeira. If he sails on to the Condado, the supercargo is to unship the cargo there and ship up to at most 40 barrels of fruit from the new harvest. The remaining lastage may be utilised by the skipper or others. If he sails on to Madeira, the cargo is to be unshipped and a full cargo taken on board within a lay-time of 8 weeks. The freight rate to Lisbon or the Condado is to be 6 duc. per last of rye. If a cargo is shipped in the Condado, the freight rate for the first 30 barrels is to be 21 gld. per barrel, and for every barrel above the 30 and up to 40 barrels, 23 gld. per barrel. If the skipper returns to Amsterdam via Madeira, the total freight charge there is to amount to 2400 gld.<sup>43</sup>

**Nr. 38** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Jan Dircksz. de Wit of Ransdorp.*

1598, August 17.

*Not. Arch. 80, fol. 221-222v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 815.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Jan Dircksz. de Wit of Ransdorp,<sup>44</sup> skipper of the ship "Nachtegael", capacity 96 tons. The skipper is to sail with a full cargo of grain either via the Channel or around England to Cascais and from there to Lisbon where the merchant's supercargo will inform him whether he is to unship the cargo in the Condado or at Madeira. If the skipper sails on to Madeira, the cargo is to be unshipped there within a lay-time of 8 weeks and a new full cargo of merchandise taken on board. Thereafter the skipper is to return to Amsterdam. The freight rates are to be 6 duc. per last of wheat or rye to Lisbon and  $\frac{1}{2}$  duc. per last extra to the Condado. If the skipper returns to Amsterdam via Madeira, he is to receive there a total sum of 2400 gld. on proper delivery.

**Nr. 39** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Pieter Claesz. Hoeck of Enkhuisen.*

1598, August 20.

*Not. Arch. 81, fol. 145-146, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 818.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Pieter Claesz.

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<sup>43</sup> The deed itself states that the merchant is to freight 20 to 30 lasts in the Condado. In an appendix to the deed, however, it is stated that, contrary to the preceding, the skipper and merchant have agreed that the merchant may ship at most 40 barrels.

<sup>44</sup> In the text is: "Rarip". This is the same place as "Rarup", present-day Ransdorp.

Hoeck of Enkhuizen, skipper of the ship "Sinte Pieter", capacity 120 tons. The skipper is to sail to Dartmouth (Dortmuyden) in England where, within a lay-time of 3 weeks, or 5 or 6 days longer if necessary, the merchant's supercargo is to ship a full cargo of fish or other merchandise. With it the skipper is to sail to Porto, where within a lay-time of 3 weeks this cargo is to be unshipped. The freight rate is 375 duc.

**Nr. 40** - *Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel and skipper Fredrick Jansz. Landtman of Enkhuizen.*

1598, August 28.

- *Not. Arch. 81, fol. 157v-158v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh. Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 826.*

Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel, merchant of Amsterdam, and Fredrick Jansz. Landtman of Enkhuizen, skipper of the ship "Sint Jan", capacity 120 tons, manned by 13 hands and armed with 7 iron pieces and 4 stone guns. Pimentel is to freight the ship with 42 lasts of grain, and Jacques Barnart with 10 lasts. Apart from this the skipper is not permitted to take any goods belonging to other parties on board. The skipper is to sail with his cargo to Porto, where he is to deliver the grain shipped by Pimentel to the person indicated in the bill of lading. The freight rate is to be 6 duc. per last if the skipper sails via the Channel, and 7 duc. if he sails around England, which amount is to be paid by the receiver.

**Nr. 41** - *Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel and skipper Jacob Ysbrandtsz. of Enkhuizen.*

1598, August 28.

- Not. Arch. 82, fol. 14-14v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh. Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 827.*

Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel (Pimontel), merchant of Amsterdam, and Jacob Ysbrandtsz. of Enkhuizen, skipper of the ship "Hercules", capacity 140 tons. Pimentel is to ship 65 lasts of rye. The skipper is to sail with it to Porto and there deliver the cargo to the person in whose name the bills of lading are made out. The freight rate is to be 6½ duc.<sup>45</sup> per last of rye, which is to be paid by the receiver. Moreover the skipper is to receive a flag worth 6 p. Flem.

**Nr. 42** - *Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel and skipper Abel Albertsz.*

1598, August 31.

- Not. Arch. 82, fol. 17v-18, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh. Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 829.*

Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel, merchant of Amsterdam, and Abel Albertsz., burgher of Amsterdam, skipper of the ship the "Engel Gabriel", capacity 220 tons. Pimentel is to ship about 50 lasts of rye and wheat. The skipper is at liberty to use the remaining space for 35 or 37 lasts for himself or others. Once the cargo is on board, the skipper is to sail to Lisbon and there deliver it to the person in whose name the bills of lading will be made out. The freight rate is to be 6 duc. per last of wheat or rye, payable by the receiver.

**Nr. 43** - *Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel and skipper Pieter Willemsz. Schroor from Waterland.*

1598, August 31.

- Not. Arch. 82, fol. 18v-19, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh. Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 830.*

Freight contract between Garcia Pimentel and Pieter Willemsz. Schroor from Waterland, skipper of the ship "Jonge Tobyas", capacity about 130 tons. Pimentel is to ship up to about

<sup>45</sup> IJzerman: 6 duc.

50 lasts. The remaining space for about 8 or 10 lasts may be utilised by the skipper for himself or others. After taking the cargo on board the skipper is to sail to Lisbon, where he is to deliver the cargo to the person in whose name the bills of lading are made out. The freight rate is to be 6 duc. per last of wheat or rye, payable by the receiver.

*Nr. 44 - Deed pertaining to power of attorney granted by Gaspar Ruiz to Henrique Garces.*

1598, September 5.

*Not. Arch. 82, fol. 27v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Henrique Garces,<sup>46</sup> Portuguese, shows the notary public a certain deed of substitution and attorney transferred to him on 13 August 1598 by Gaspar Ruiz in the presence of notary Gielis van den Bos in Antwerp, pursuant to a power of attorney mentioned in the deed which was granted to Gaspar Ruiz by João Rodrigues Martins (Mertines).

*Nr. 45 - Notice served by Hans de Schot in the name of Martin Alonço d'Alcala on skipper Cornelis Cornelisz. Reck, concerning the delivery of a cargo of sugar.*

1598, September 29.

*Not. Arch. 53, fol. 243v-244, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

At the request of Hans de Schot, agent of Martin Alonço d'Alcala (Dalcala), the notary public notifies the skipper Cornelis Cornelisz. Reck, residing in the inn the "Witte Engel", that he must hand over the following consignments of sugar which were transported in his ship: 18 chests and 2 quarters freighted by Manuel Nunes (Nunies) and destined for d'Alcala, 1 chest freighted by Antonio van der Liere and destined for Antonio Ancelmo,<sup>47</sup> 5 chests freighted by Henrique Bernaldes (Emrique Bernaldus)<sup>48</sup> and destined for Pieter Jansen Schock. Reck unshipped this sugar without having received instructions to this effect. Already four weeks ago De Schot demanded delivery. He protests all costs, damages and interests, particularly in consequence of the fall in the price of sugar and of damage by fire or water. Reck's reply to this notice is: "dat hij protestere zoveel hy wilt, hy en heeft ons te Lixbona niet maer t' Amstelledamme" (He can protest as much as he likes, he hasn't got us in Lisbon, but in Amsterdam.)<sup>49</sup>

*Nr. 46 - Second notice served by Hans de Schot on skipper Cornelis Cornelisz. pertaining to the delivery of a cargo of sugar.*

1598, September 30.

*Not. Arch. 53, fol. 244v, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

At the request of Hans de Schot, merchant of Amsterdam, the notary public notifies skipper Cornelis Cornelisz. Reck for the second time that he must hand over the cargo of sugar he transported in his ship. In reply to Reck's protest of 29 September 1598, De Schot states that he does not owe his goods to Steven Groulart (Groelaert) and has nothing to do with him. If Reck is at variance with Groulart, he himself is responsible for the consequences and these

<sup>46</sup> Henrique Garces. 1605, Juni 17, G.A.A., D.T.B., 665, p. 414. Publication of the banns of marriage of Henrique Garces (of Porto, aged 37 years, resident at Antwerp; signs: Henrique Garces) and Maria Nunes (of Ponte do Lima, aged 28 years, assisted by Duarte Fernandes and Isabel Nunes, her parents). In the *Livro de Bet Haim* (p. 115), occurs Baruk Senior alias Henrique Graces, buried on 13 March 1619.

<sup>47</sup> Antonio Ancelmo (also: Anselmo). This merchant was born in Walchhoren near Aachen and has his establishments in Antwerp, Hamburg, Stade and, as appears from 2 later deeds, apparently also in Bremen (1601, January 29, *Not. Arch. 54, fol. 140-140v.*, *Not. Lieven Heylinc*; 1602, August 12, fol. 532, *idem*; unless reference is made here to a son of the same name). In Hamburg Ancelmo, like his brother-in-law Ferdinando Salvator, joined the Protestant reformed colony. Together with Salvator and his other brother-in-law Hans de Schot among others, he traded mainly with Spain and Portugal and also, through the intermediation of the contratadores of the contract of Africa, to North and West Africa. His name often occurs in deeds passed before *Not. Lieven Heylinc*. (See *Kellenbenz*, p. 27; *idem*, *Unternehmerkräfte*, p. 184 etc.; v. *Dillen*, *Aandeelhoudersregister*,... p. 68 etc.).

<sup>48</sup> Enrique Bernaldes. He appears in other deeds as merchant of Lisbon and factor of the contratadores of the contract of Africa.

<sup>49</sup> The significance of these words is not clear. Perhaps the skipper considers he is in the right and as Hollander expects to enjoy more legal security in Amsterdam than in Lisbon.

cannot be recovered out of the goods belonging to De Schot. The latter requested receipt of the sugar on many occasions long before Groulart had a warrant of arrest issued against Reck. Moreover Reck has already handed over various consignments of sugar to members of the Portuguese nation and to the nation to which De Schot belongs.<sup>50</sup> If De Schot receives the sugar in good condition, he is prepared to pay the freight charge, otherwise he protests for the second time all costs, damages and interests.

**Nr. 47 - Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Jan Schellinger of Medemblik.**

1598, October 6.

*Not. Arch. 82, fol. 84-85, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 860.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Jan Schellinger of Medemblik, skipper of the ship the "Swarte Os", capacity 120 tons. Rodrigues Vega is to put on board 54 or 55 lasts of wheat and rye. With this cargo the skipper is to sail to Aveiro, where it is to be unshipped by the merchant's supercargo. Should contrary winds or other circumstances prevent the skipper from putting into Aveiro, he is permitted to go to Porto and thence, after the cargo is unshipped, to sail in ballast to Aveiro. At Aveiro salt is to be taken on board, and with it the skipper is to return to Amsterdam or Zeeland, depending on weather conditions. The freight rate is to be 38 gld. for a last of salt, reckoning 7 lasts to 1 hundred.<sup>51</sup> If the skipper is arrested by the authorities in the West,<sup>52</sup> or if the ship is wrecked while sailing in ballast, the skipper is to receive 6 duc. for every last of grain shipped in Amsterdam and unshipped in Aveiro or Porto.

**Nr. 48 - Freight contract between Jan Colijn, acting on behalf of João Mendes Henriques, and skipper Pieter Meijnersz.**

1598, October 6.

*Not. Arch. 82, fol. 87-88, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 861.*

Freight contract between Jan Colijn, merchant of Amsterdam, acting on behalf of João (Jean) Mendes Henriques, merchant of the Portuguese nation, and Pieter Meijnersz., burgher of Amsterdam, skipper of the ship the "Roode Leeuw", capacity 130 tons. The merchant is to load the ship with 61 lasts of grain. The skipper is not permitted to accept freight from other parties. With this cargo the skipper is to sail to Porto, where the grain is to be unshipped by Diego Henriques. Thereafter the ship is to sail to Aveiro, where it is to take on a full cargo of salt. The skipper is to return with this cargo to Amsterdam or Zeeland, depending on weather conditions. The freight rate is to be 38 gld. per last of salt delivered in Amsterdam or Zeeland, reckoning 7 lasts per 1 hundred. If the skipper is arrested by the authorities in the West,<sup>53</sup> or if the ship is wrecked when sailing in ballast, the skipper is to receive 7 duc. per last of grain delivered in Porto.

**Nr. 49 - Freight contract between Jan Colijn, acting on behalf of João Mendes Henriques, and skipper Barent Jaspersz. of Amsterdam.**

1598, October 6.

*Not. Arch. 82, fol. 88, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 862.*

<sup>50</sup> Hans de Schot. De Schot came from Antwerp. Originally he operated in Hamburg. In 1594 he occurs as merchant of Amsterdam (1594, Nov. 19, Not. Arch. 47, fol. 6, Not. Lieven Heylinc). In the freight contracts published by IJzerman he is mentioned 21 times between 1595 and 1602. He traded with the Baltic region as well as with Spain, Portugal, Africa, Barbary, Madeira and Brazil. Later he removed to Stade, where he died in 1620. (See v. Dillen, *Aandeelhoudersregister...*, p. 218; Kellenbenz, *Unternehmerkräfte...* pp. 222 et seq.; no. 45, note.)

<sup>51</sup> A hundred: hundred bales.

<sup>52</sup> In the West: In the text is "westers". This is meant to be the South-West, i.e. France and the Iberian Peninsula, just as the term "westvaart" refers to trading to these countries. Cf. the use of the word "oosters" in the meaning of the Baltic region in "voor yder last souts oosters uutgelevert" (1599, April 20, Not. Arch. 83, fol. 107, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh).

<sup>53</sup> See the preceding note.

Freight contract between Jan Colijn, acting on behalf of João (Jean) Mendes Henriques, and Barent Jaspersz. of Amsterdam, skipper of the ship "Die Roos", capacity 140 tons. The merchant is to freight about 63 lasts of grain<sup>54</sup> in the ship. The other terms of the contract are identical with those in the preceding deed.<sup>d</sup>

**Nr. 50** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Cornelis Cornelisz. alias Oude Kees.*

1598, October 12.

*Not. Arch. 82, fol. 96-97, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 864.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrigo) Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Cornelis Cornelisz., alias Oude Kees, burgher of Amsterdam, skipper of the ship the "Sint Jan", capacity about 76 tons. The merchant is to load the ship at his discretion with grain. The skipper is to sail with it to Porto, where the charterer's supercargo is to unship the cargo and put aboard goods and merchandise or instruct the skipper to sail to Porto and take on cargo there. The lay-time is to be about 8 weeks. Thereafter the skipper is to return to Amsterdam or, if unable to do so, to Rotterdam or Zeeland. The freight rate for specie (geldvracht)<sup>55</sup> is to be divided between the skipper and the charterer. The freight rate is to amount to a total of 1.800 gld.

**Nr. 51** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Jan Pietersz. Schram of Enkhuizen.*

1598, October 30.

*Not. Arch. 82, fol. 131-132, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 873.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrigo) Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Jan Pietersz. Schram of Enkhuizen, skipper of the ship "Die Witte Valck", capacity 120 tons, moored at Enkhuizen. The merchant is to freight the ship with a full cargo of rye or wheat. With it the skipper is to sail to Cascais, where he is to be told whether he is to hand over his cargo at Lisbon or at Funchal<sup>56</sup> to the persons in whose names the bills of lading are made out. The freight rate is to be 6 duc. per last delivered at Lisbon and 9 duc. per last delivered at Funchal, the amount to be paid by the receiver.

**Nr. 52** - *Agreement between Diego Niderhoffer, agent of Gregorio Niderhoffer at Lisbon, and Dirck Rodenburch, pertaining to the debts of the latter.*

1598, November 26.

*Not. Arch. 33, fol. 225v-227, Not. Jacob Gijsbertsz.*

Agreement between Diego Niderhoffer, agent of Gregorio Niderhoffer, his brother resident in Lisbon, and Dirck Rodenburch of Amsterdam to settle the debts of the latter. Dirck Rodenburch of Amsterdam to settle the debts of the latter. Dirck Rodenburch owes the following items: a bill of exchange for 2000 duc. at 105 gr. per duc. payable to Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrigo) Vega; a bill of exchange for the same amount payable to Hans de Schot; a bill of exchange for 3,927 gld. payable to Anthonio Rodrigues de Melo (Rodrigo de Mello), totalling 14,427 gld. From this total is to be deducted a sum of 1,000 duc. (of 105 gr.) pursuant to an agreement between Rodenburch and Bartholomeo Sanches of Lisbon, and a sum of 100 gld. which was paid to De Schot by Harmen Rodenburch, father of Dirck Rodenburch, thus making the total amount of the debt 10,802 gld. In settlement of this sum, Dirck Rodenburch is to deliver 750 bales of Spanish woad at 20 gld. per bale for a total sum of 15,000 gld., 600 bales of which are to be delivered at once and 150 bales 6 months later. The balance left after the

<sup>d</sup> In the protocol mention is made only of that part of the text which differs from the text of deed no. 48, which preceds it.

<sup>54</sup> IJzerman: 60 lasts.

<sup>55</sup> Geldvracht: freight reckoned for specie.

<sup>56</sup> Funchal. See deed no. 34, note.

deduction of the debt, amounting to 4,198 gld., is to be paid into the current account of Gregorio Niderhoffer by Harmen and Dirck Rodenburch, on condition that, should Niderhoffer so desire, this account can be liquidated at once in conformity with a decision which shall be taken by reliable persons appointed to this end. No appeal against this decision will be possible. Harmen Rodenburch also promises to furnish Diego Niderhoffer with an insurance policy on the galleon "Sint Andries" belonging to skipper Bartholomeus Balti, to cover the voyage from Bahia de todos los Santos to Lisbon. This policy was signed on the account of Gregorio Niderhoffer for a sum of 400 p. Flem. Provided the above condition is fulfilled, Dirck Rodenburch is to be released from detention, and all legal proceedings being prosecuted before the Court of Justice in Amsterdam and the Court of Holland are to be stayed. If Gregorio Niderhoffer does not concur with the conditions of this agreement, it shall cease to be applicable. In this event, Hans de Laet is to stand surety that the 600 bales of woad will be restored to Dirck Rodenburch, after he has been put into detention again. In addition De Laet shall also restore the bonds for the remaining 150 bales against the sureties of Dirck Rodenburch to the same.<sup>57</sup>

**Nr. 53 - Affidavit of Manuel Rodrigues Vega that Melchior van Dortmont has paid 50 p. Flem. in settlement of his insurance of the goods freighted in the ships "N. Sra. de la Victoria" and "N. Sra. de Lux".**

1599, January 17.<sup>58, 59</sup>

*Not. Arch. 81, fol. 219v-220, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, declares that he has received from Melchior van Dortmont, merchant of Amsterdam, two sums of 25 p. Flem. in settlement of his insurance of goods freighted in the ships "Nostre Senora de la Victoria" and "Nostre Senora de Lux", abandoned in pursuance of the deed of 24 November 1597.<sup>60</sup> The insurance policy has been lost, and hence Van Dortmont's signature on it cannot be cancelled. Rodrigues Vega states that, should the policy be found again, he will consider this signature to be null and void and discharges Van Dortmont for good payment.

**Nr. 54 - Affidavit of Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Heertgens Olferts to the effect that the purchase contract signed by them, by which half of the ship "t Huis van Vreden" was placed in the name of Jan Evertsen, was made pro forma.**

1599, Februari 16.

*Not. Arch. 82, fol. 231v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Op huyden den XVien februarius, XVc negen ende tnegentich, compareerde voer mij notaris publiccq, ter presentie van den getuygen nagenompt, d'eersame Manuel Rodrigues Vega, ter eenre, ende schipper Heertgen Olferts, meester op de schepe genaempt „t Huys van Vreden", ter andere sijden, ende verclaerden al ofschoon dat sij comparanten gepasseert ende onder-teeckent hebben seeckere coopcedulle van d'helft van 't voorsz. schip met sijn toebehoefden op den naem van Jan Evertsen, dattet selve omme redenen wille pro forma geschiet es sonder dat die voorsz. coope eenige cracht sal hebben off effect sorteren, bekennde die voorn. De Vega aen 't voorsz. schip geen actie te hebben uut saecke van coope noch die voorn. schipper ter cause van dien op den selven De Vega. Oversulcx malcanderen daervan ontlasten. Actum ten

<sup>57</sup> In the deed of 30 Nov. 1599, which follows the above deed in the protocol, Dirck Rodenburch promises to Gregorio Niderhoffer, or his attorney, to deliver 150 bales of woad from São Miguel in compliance with the agreement. Harmen Rodenburch stands surety for the event his nephew Dirck (sic) defaults. According to the data given by Kellenbenz (*Unternehmerkräfte...*, pp. 128, 129), Dirck is indeed a nephew and not a son of Harmen Rodenburch (the Elder), as is mentioned in deed no. 52. Harmen Rodenburch (the Elder) was a draper of Amsterdam. From 1569 to 1578 he resided at Hamburg, where he died in 1605. He played an important role in the "Alteratie van Amsterdam". Dirck Rodenburch likewise resided for some time in Hamburg. He died in 1613. (See also v. Dillen, *Aandeelhoudersregister...*, p. 178; and 1601, April 7, *Not. Arch. 34, fol. 1 v, Not. Jacob Gijsbertsz.*)

<sup>58</sup> 1598, December 9, *Not. Arch. 82, fol. 187v-188, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Power of attorney granted by Jasper Quinget (Quingetti), merchant of Amsterdam, to Aernoult de Cordes of Antwerp, to claim from Simon Rodrigues d'Evora (de Vora) of Antwerp the payment of a bill of exchange of 12 October 1595, signed by Cornelis Snellinck and accepted by Rodrigues d'Evora.

<sup>59</sup> Zwarts, p. 159, also mentions a deed of 1598 pertaining to a trading transaction between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and Hans de Weerdt. See the deed of 17 July 1602. (Following publication).

<sup>60</sup> See no. 17.

huysse van voorn. De Vega, present Albert Fransen ende Jacop van Scharlaecken, getuigen.  
w.g. Manuel Roiz Vega.  
(see heading)

**Nr. 55** - *Power of attorney granted by Garcia Pimentel to Jan Jansz. Klinckhamer of Danzig, to secure from Hans de Volts settlement of what is owing to him.*

1599, March 17.

*Not. Arch. 83, fol. 37v-38v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Garcia Pimentel, merchant of Amsterdam, grants power of attorney to Jan Jansz. Klinckhamer, merchant and burgher of Danzig, or his agent, to have seized the merchandise, claims and credits of Hans Volts (Vols), held by Philippus Asueres or others who conducted any administration or management for Volts, in order to be able to recover in this way the claim he has on Volts.<sup>61</sup>

**Nr. 56** - *Notice served in the name of Manuel Rodrigues Vega on skipper Claes Statius of Hamburg on the grounds of failure to comply with a freight contract.*

1599, March 23.

*Not. Arch. 84, fol. 4v-5v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

At the request of Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, the notary public notifies skipper Claes Statius of Hamburg that five weeks previously Rodrigues Vega entered a freight contract with him,<sup>62</sup> according to which the skipper was to sail at the first opportunity to Lisbon with the ship the "Lange Bercque van Hamburg", fully laden with corn. Rodrigues Vega purchased the grain at a high price, reckoning that it would have been taken on board by now. However, it is still stored in the warehouse and in lighters, and he fears that storage and the warmth of the coming period will cause it to spoil. He requires of the skipper that he delivers his ship in readiness and, in the event of refusal or further delay, protests damages, costs and interests incurred and still to be incurred as a result of the decrease in price already set in and possible deterioration. Statius replies that he does not deny having accepted the freight and being obliged to carry it out, but he has to await instructions from his owners.

**Nr. 57** - *Approbation and further explanation of the power of attorney granted by Garcia Pimentel to Jan Jansz. Klinckhamer.*

1599, March 31.

*Not. Arch. 83, fol. 58-58v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Garcia (Gercia) Pimentel, merchant of Amsterdam, approbates the power of attorney he granted to Jan Jansz. Klinckhamer (Clinchamer) on 17 March 1599<sup>63</sup> and declares that Hans Volts is indebted to him for merchandise to the amount of 448 p., 19 sh., 8 gr. Flem. and for 200 p. Flem. in change. He promises Klinckhamer that he will indemnify him for all costs and damages resulting from this power of attorney.

**Nr. 58** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Cornelis Hermisz. of Venhuizen.*

1599, April 3.

*Not. Arch. 83, fol. 67v-68, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 900.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrigus) Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Cornelis Hermisz. of Venhuizen, skipper of the ship "de Hondt", capacity about 80 tons, armed with 2 iron pieces and for each hand a good firelock or musket and furnished with oars for

<sup>61</sup> From the deed of 18 March 1599, fol. 41 of the same protocol it appears that Hans Volts is not present in his residence in Amsterdam and is rumoured to be insolvent.

<sup>62</sup> This contract has not been traced.

<sup>63</sup> See no. 55.

rowing during periods of calm or emergency. The skipper is to produce his ship within 8 to 14 days. He is to sail from Zeeland with a full cargo of grain to Buarcos (Boarquoz), where he is to hand over the grain to the person indicated by the merchant. The freight rate is to be 10 duc. per last of grain, payable by the receiver. It is further stipulated that the skipper is not permitted to carry goods belonging to other parties.

**Nr. 59** - *Deed of conveyance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of the ship "de Hont", skipper Cornelis Hermisz. of Venhuizen, to Manuel Rodrigues Vega.*

1599, April 3.

*Not. Arch. 83, fol. 68v-69, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Skipper Cornelis Hermisz. of Venhuizen cedes and transfers to Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam,  $\frac{1}{4}$  part of the ship "de Hont", capacity about 80 tons. The ship is moored at Middelburg. He declares that he has received 375 gld. from Rodrigues Vega and discharges for good payment.

**Nr. 60** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Ollebrandt Cornelisz. of Vlieland.*

1599, April 20.<sup>64</sup>

*Not. Arch. 83, fol. 105-105v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Ollebrandt (also: Olbrant) Cornelisz. of Vlieland, skipper of the ship "den Engel Sinte Michiel", capacity about 100 tons, armed with inter alia 2 iron pieces and 2 stone guns. The merchant is to load the ship with a full cargo of grain. With it the skipper is to sail to La Rochelle, where he is to hand over the cargo to Elias van Geel or his clerk. The freight rate is to be 20 gld. per last, payable by the receiver. Moreover the skipper is to receive 600 gld. on bottomry terms, which sum is to be deducted from the freight charges.<sup>65</sup>

**Nr. 61** - *Affidavit of Garcia Pimentel and Daniel Cambier pertaining to the seizure of the ship "de Bruinvisch" by the English.*

1599, April 21.

*Not. Arch. 53, fol. 352v-353, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

Garcia Pimentel (Garcie Piementel) and David Cambier, merchants of Amsterdam, declare on behalf of Hans de Schot, merchant of Amsterdam, that they are well aware that in June or July the ship "de Bruinvisch", skipper Claes Symonsz., was arrested off England by the English during its voyage from Rotterdam to Porto and that the grain freighted on it was confiscated and the seal cut off from the packages of general goods. The grain belonged to Pimentel, who has already been paid the amount insured. As ship-owner, Cambier declares that the ship has been returned empty.

**Nr. 62** - *General power of attorney conferred by Manuel Rodrigues Vega on Hans de Laet Aertsz.*

1599, May 3.

*Not. Arch. 83, fol. 147v-149v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

<sup>64</sup> 1599, April 13, Not. Arch. 53, fol. 343-343v, Not. Lieven Heylinc.

Power of attorney granted by Hans and Jacques Rombouts, merchants of Amsterdam, to Martin van den Sande, merchant of Flushing (Vlissingen), concerning a barrel of fustian which they had seized from João Peres and which belonged to Anthony Skymmer, Englishman.

<sup>65</sup> According to the deed of 1599, April 20, which follows the above deed in the protocol, Christoffel Dirxsz. freights the ship also for the homeward voyage. After the grain has been unshipped the skipper is to sail to Brouage or the islands Oléron (Olderdum) or St. Martin, where a full cargo of salt is to be taken on board. With it the skipper is to sail to Danzig or Koningsbergen, where he is to unship the salt and take on board merchandise and commodities for the voyage to Amsterdam. The freight rate is to be 21 gld. 15 st. per last of salt, payable in Amsterdam.

Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrigo) Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, declares that he will be leaving town for a certain period. He grants a general power of attorney to Hans de Laet Aertsz., merchant of Amsterdam, to attend to his affairs during this period and in particular to receive all bills of exchange accredited to him that may come from Antwerp, Lisbon, Frankfort and other places.

*Nr. 63 - Power of attorney granted by Miguel Lopes Homem to Mr. Loys Elle, solicitor for the Board of Admiralty in Amsterdam in connexion with the seizure of bales of cotton and barrels of preserved ginger.*

1599, August 9.<sup>66</sup>

*Not. Arch. 53, fol. 445-445v, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

Miguel Lopes Homem (Michiel Lopes Omen), Portuguese merchant residing in Amsterdam, confers power of attorney on Mr. Loys Elle, solicitor of the Board of Admiralty in Amsterdam, to defend his rights before the advocate fiscal and general of the convoys in the case of the seizure of 9 bales of cotton and 17 barrels of preserved ginger. Inter alia, Manuel Lopes acts as witness.

*Nr. 64 - Power of attorney granted by Manuel Rodrigues Vega to Lodewijk Jansz. de Pottere, his servant, to receive goods and money and to sell.*

1599, August 24.

*Not. Arch. 53, fol. 460v-461v, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, grants power of attorney to Lodewijk Jansz. de Pottere, his servant, to receive from skipper Berent Pietersz. Roest (Rudt) 5/16 part of the salt and goods freighted in the ship "De Roode Muelen" which has arrived in Amsterdam from Lisbon and to sell his 5/16 part in this ship; to receive from skipper Evert Heyndrixsz. 1/7 part of the money of his ship that is held in cash by the skipper<sup>67</sup> and to sell his 1/7 part in the ship; to settle accounts and to receive from skipper Cornelis Hermisz. (Harmansz.) of Venhuizen the 525 gld. which he paid him for ¼ part of his ship and the outfitting. Rodrigues Vega had done this on condition that the skipper would sail to Buarcos (Boaccos).<sup>68</sup> The latter, however, allowed the ship and goods to lie, which caused considerable damage. De Pottere must discharge the above mentioned and, if necessary, take legal action.

*Nr. 65 - Protest for non-acceptance of a bill of exchange made in the name of Rutger Aertssen against Antonio Rodrigues de Melo.*

1599, October 25.

*Not. Arch. 85, fol. 43-43v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

At the request of Rutger Aertssen, merchant of Amsterdam, the notary public repaired to the residence of Antonio Rodrigues de Melo, merchant of the Portuguese nation of Amsterdam, and requested the same to honour the following bill of exchange:

A Antonio Roiz de Mello que Dios guarde, em Amsterdam.  
Jhesus, em Lixboa a 12 de setembro 1599, 185 ₧ 1/3, 11 denarii.  
A uso, nao avendo paguo po la primeira, pagara v.m. por esta segunda de cambio a Rutger Aertsen cento uitante e cinco crusado e hum terco, unze deneres de a cento e sete grossos e meyo

<sup>66</sup> 1599, June 8, Not. Arch. 53, fol. 394, Not. Lieven Heylinc.

Statement of Notary Heylinc that he has compared the following two Spanish bonds with the originals and has found them identical: two bonds, signed in Antwerp on 9 May 1566 and 12 June 1566 respectively by Fernando Alvares and Manuel de Corona. The two lastmentioned declare that as principals they are indebted to Pieter van Houte a sum of 120 p. Flem., payable at the end of August 1566 and a sum of 78. 3. 8. p. Flem., payable within 4 months.

<sup>67</sup> In cash. Literally: "bij de beurs": kept by the skipper as cash for the outfitting of the next voyage. (See A. E. Christensen, Dutch trade to the Baltic about 1600, Copenhagen - The Hague, 1941, p. 125).

<sup>68</sup> See no. 58.

por crusado po la valor de Guillermo van Germiss, assentandoos como po la d'adviso. Christo com todos. Pagara v.m...<sup>e</sup> Subsignado...<sup>f</sup> 1599.

(Bill of exchange, second of exchange, drawn at Lisbon on 12 September 1599. Good for 185 1/3 crusados, 11 gr. (at 107½ gr. per crusado) payable at usance to Rutger Aertssen. The value derived from Guillermo van Germisz., drawn by...<sup>f</sup> and addressed to Anthonio Rodrigues de Melo.)

**Nr. 66** - *Power of attorney granted by Miguel Lopes Homem (Michiel Lopez Omem) to Mr. Loys Elle solicitor for the Board of Admiralty in Amsterdam in connexion with the seizure of the bales of cotton and barvels of preserves.*

1599, October 27.

*Not. Arch. 53, fol. 525-525v, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*<sup>69</sup>

**Nr. 67** - *Power of attorney granted by Manuel Rodrigues Vega to Hendrick Hondebeeck, burgher of Emden, to claim payment from Meyer Salomon and to receive a cargo of goods.*

1599, October 29.

*Not. Arch. 86, fol. 44-44v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, grants power of attorney to Hendrick Hondebeeck, burgher of Emden,<sup>70</sup> to claim from Meyer Salomon the sums of money owing to him on a bond and to discharge him for payment. In addition he authorises Hondebeeck to unship the sugar and other goods consigned to Rodrigues Vega which have arrived in Emden with the ship of skipper Jacob Jacobsen and to pay the charges of freight to the skipper. If necessary, Hondebeeck is also to deal with any other affairs for Rodrigues Vega.

**Nr. 68** - *Deed by which Manuel Rodrigues Vega revokes the power of attorney granted to Hans de Laet and in his stead grants it to his brother Pedro Rodrigues.*

1599, December 7.

*Not. Arch. 85, fol. 82-84, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, revokes the power of attorney which he granted to Hans de Laet on 3 May 1599 and in his stead authorises his brother Pedro Rodrigues.<sup>71</sup>

**Nr. 69** - *Protest for non-payment of a bill of exchange made in the name of Heinrich Beeckmann against Manuel Rodrigues Vega.*

1600, February 6.

*Not. Arch. 86, fol. 81-81v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

At the request of Heinrich Beeckmann (Henderick Beeckeman),<sup>72</sup> merchant of Hamburg, the

<sup>e</sup> The text is unintelligible. It would seem to run: "a synamod...". In the bills of exchange, the following words are usually "pagara v.m. como se dice". Perhaps, in this case, the original contained the words "asy como se dice" or "a si como dicho".

<sup>f</sup> The signature of the drawer is unintelligible.

<sup>69</sup> See no. 63. The contents of the text are the same.

<sup>70</sup> Hendrick Hondebeeck (Also: Hondebeck). This merchant is mentioned several times in the deeds. According to a deed of 22 November 1595 (Not. Arch. 32, fol. 358, Not. J. Gijsbertsz.) he was the partner of Christoffel Dirxsz. of Amsterdam and Harmen Jansz. of Liefland (Lijfflandt; in Russia) up to that date.

<sup>71</sup> See no. 62.

<sup>72</sup> Heinrich Beeckmann Joachimsoon of Hamburg (Also: Heyndrick, Hendrick Beckman, Bekeman). Signs: Heynrich Beeckman Joachimsson. This merchant was, inter alia, shareholder in the East India Company and often appears as Hendrick Beeckman in the deeds. On 30 January 1602 he registered his marriage with Trijntgen Gotemakers. He was then 27 years old and had been living in the Warmoesstraat in Amsterdam for 12 years. (G.A.A., D.T.B., 665, p. 196; see v. Dillen, Aandeelhoudersregister..., p. 187, and Kellenbenz, Unternehmerkräfte..., pp. 113, 164).

notary public went to the residence of Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrigo) Vega and in his absence requested of his brother Pedro Rodrigues (Petro Rodrigo) the payment of a bill of exchange drawn up in Portuguese, addressed to Rodrigues Vega.<sup>g</sup> Pedro Rodrigues replies that he has no instruction to pay. The notary public protests on the grounds of non-payment.

**Nr. 70** - *Notice served in the name of Artus van der Voorde on Jan Gerritsz. Parijs concerning the return of a bond belonging to Manuel Rodrigues Vega.*

1600, February 23.

*Not. Arch. 88, fol. 1v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

At the request of Artus van der Voorde the notary public notifies Jan Gerritsz. Parijs that he is obliged to return a bond worth 125. 10. 8 p. Flem. which has been settled. The bond was passed by Van der Voorde on 7 July 1598 on behalf of Robert Chatvelt and should have been paid within 6 months. Van der Voorde declares that on 8 September 1598 he paid to the credit of Chatvelt two certificates valued at 1. 13. 4 p. Flem. and on 27 February 1599 an order for payment valued at 92. 4. 2 p. Flem. from Parijs to Jan Beyaert (Bayert).<sup>73</sup> The balance, amounting to 31. 8. 2 p. Flem. (sic) has been settled with what Parijs owed to Van der Voorde according to the account which the latter handed over. Parijs replies that the bond does not belong to him, but to Rodrigues Vega.

**Nr. 71** - *Contract of marriage between Miguel Lopes Homem and Gracia da Fonseca.*

1600, March 22.

*Not. Arch. 61, fol. 251v, Not. David Mostart.*

Saibão quantos este estromento de contrato de casamemto virem que no ano do nacimiento de nosso senhor Jesuchristo de mill e seiscentos em 22 do mes de março<sup>h</sup> nas pousadas do senhor Miguel Lopez Homem semdo ete ahi presente da una, e da outra parte a senora Gracia da Fomsequa em presencia de mim David Mostart, tabalião pubriquo da notas, e das testemunhas ao deamte nomeadas, foi dito que eles comsertarão pera se casar uno com outro e que pera evitar tudas differemças e debates que ao deamte se podrião soceder foi concruydo entre eles de emtrar neste casamento sujo<sup>i</sup> aos pactos e comdicõis seguintes. A saber que o dito Miguel Lopes Homem faleçemdo sem hijos primeiro que a dita Gracia da Fomsequa que ele lhe da a ela em dote treziemtos e veynte libras de grossos alem dos vestidos de laã e linho e joyas a su cuello e corpo de ela Gracia de Fomsequa pertemcemtes, mas falecemdo ela Gracia primeiro que elle Miguel Lopez Homem, por quoaunto ele a tomai sem dote nenhua restara ele Miguel Lopez Homem com tuda a fazemda a quoaal em tal caso tornara ao dito Miguel Lopez Homem. Tudo o quoaal fue assim acordado e concertado nas pousada do dito Miguel Lopez Homem em premsa dos senhores Duarte Fernandes<sup>j</sup> e Guilielmo Berchusio.<sup>74</sup> w.g. Miguel Lopez Homem, Guilielmo Berchusius anno 1600, Grasea da Osequa, Duarte Fernandez.<sup>k, 75</sup>

<sup>g</sup> Although it is said in the deed that the text of the bill of exchange follows, it has not been recorded.

<sup>h</sup> In the text "seiscentos" is followed by "etc.". The correct date has been added in the margin.

<sup>i</sup> Sujo. Probably a corruption of Spanish "suyo".

<sup>j</sup> The following has been crossed out: "e Manuel da Fomsequa, Antonio Fernandez, Miguel Lopez, filhos de dito (sons of the aforesaid) Duarte Fernandes".

<sup>k</sup> In the margin: "Miguel Lopez Home e Gracia da Fonseca".

<sup>73</sup> Jan Beyaert (Bayart, Beyert). From 1594 on he appears repeatedly in the deeds and in 1602 invested 1800 gld. as shareholder in the East India Company. In 1609 he lived on the N.Z. Voorburgwal in Amsterdam. (See v. Dillen, *Aandehoudersregister* . . . , p. 236).

<sup>74</sup> Guilielmo Berchusius: Wilhelmus Jacobus Berkhusius (see his testament of 1612, May 19, Not. Arch. 14, fol. 10, Not. Salomon Henrix).

<sup>75</sup> 1600, March 11, G.A.A., D.T.B., 665, p. 104.

Publication of the banns of marriage of Miguel Lopes Homem (of Ponte do Lima, aged 50 years, resident for 3 years past on the Oudezijds Achterburgwal, assisted by his brother, Pero Homem) and Gracia de Fonseca (of Ponte do Lima, aged 25 years, resident at the same address, assisted by her brother Manuel de Fonseca, acting in the name of their parents).

N.B. The text states that Gracia was assisted by Pero Homem and Duarte Fernandes, her cousins. The name of Manuel is added in the margin.

(Contract of marriage between Miguel Lopes Homem and Gracia da Fonseca on the following terms. Lopes Homem bestows on Gracia a dowry of 320 p. of gr. together with her woollen and linen clothes and her jewels; in the event he dies before her and leaves behind no children. If, however, Gracia dies first, Lopes Homem is to remain in possession of all his property, since he marries her without a dowry.

As witness appear Duarte Fernandes and Wilhelmus Berchusius. The deed is signed by Miguel Lopez Homem, Guilielmo Berchusius anno 1600, Grasea da Osequa, Duarte Fernandez.)

*Nr. 72 - Affidavit of Jan Colijn, Jaspas Quinget and Manuel Rodrigues Vega made at the request of Joost van Peenen, concerning a cargo of sugar which has arrived from Pernambuco with the ship of skipper Jan Plassenburch.*

1600, May 9.

*Not. Arch. 86, fol. 165-166, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

At the request of Joost van Peenen, Jan Colijn, Jaspas Quinget (Quingets)<sup>76</sup> and Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrugo) Vega, merchants of Amsterdam, declare that a long time ago they received a quantity of sugar which arrived in Amsterdam from Pernambuco (Faranboucke) via Lisbon with the ship of the late skipper [Jan] Plassenburch.<sup>77</sup> According to the agreement the latter has received for the voyage from Lisbon to Amsterdam 7 gld. per chest of sugar over and above the freight rate from Pernambuco to Lisbon. Sivert Pietersz. Sem declares in his capacity of ship-owner, that he knows that Plassenburch arrived in Amsterdam in the autumn of 1598 and that he received the abovementioned freight rate.

*Nr. 73 - Protest of non-acceptance of part of a bill of exchange made in the name of Aernout van Someren against Antonio Rodrigues de Melo.*

1600, June 15.

*Not. Arch. 87, fol. 43-44, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

In the presence of the notary public, Aernout van Someren (Artus van Someren),<sup>78</sup> merchant of Amsterdam, request Antonio Rodrigues (Rodrigo) de Melo, merchant of Amsterdam, to accept the following bill of exchange:

Al muy magnifico señor Antonio Rodriguez de Melo en Amstradama. Em Medialburque, 12 de junio 1600 anos. 110 L., 1s., 8 di. de gruesso.

A cinco días vista pagara v.m. por esta primera de cambio al señor Artus van Someren cien y diez libras, un seuld y ocho dineros de gruesso, la valor del señor Alexandre de Renialme. Assientalo a quenta como se avisa. Onder stont: Gaspar van Nispen.

(Bill, first of exchange, drawn at Middelburg on 12 June 1600. Good for 110. 1. 8 p. Flem., payable to Artus van Someren 5 days after presentation. The value received from Alexandre de Renialme and drawn by Gaspar van Nispen.)

Antonio Rodrigues de Melo replies that he will pay on account of the amount of the bill of exchange the 67 p. Flem. which he owes the drawer according to his account. Since there is no difference of opinion between him and the drawer about the account, he would gladly pay a bill of exchange in the honour of same, even though it were 1000 p. Flem. Van Someren accepts the sum of 67 p. Flem. and has a protest recorded for the balance of the sum.

<sup>76</sup> Jaspas Quinget (also: Caspar Quingetti). Signs: Jaspas Quingetti. He was born in Antwerp in 1561 and was of Italian origin. In Amsterdam he transacted important business deals as merchant and banker, inter alia with numerous Portuguese Jews. In December 1617 he had to cease his payments because of bankruptcy. (See v. Dillen, *Aandeelhoudersregister* . . . , p. 235).

<sup>77</sup> For skipper Jan Plassenburch (Plassemburch) see also the deeds of 1600, March 28, Not. Arch. 33, fol. 376v and 1601, August 14, Not. Arch. 34, fol. 37, Not. Jacob Gijsbertsz.

<sup>78</sup> In the following deed, no. 74, which pertains to the same bill of exchange, this merchant is called both "Artus" and "Aernout". The name "Artus" also appears in a deed of 27 June 1598 (Not. Arch. 33, fol. 177v., Not. Jacob Gijsbertsz.), but the signature is "Aernout van Soemeren".

**Nr. 74** - *Protest for non-payment of the remainder of the sum of a bill of exchange made in the name of Aernout van Someren against Anthonio Rodrigues de Melo.*

1600, June 22.

*Not. Arch. 87, fol. 60-61, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

At the request of Aernout van Someren the notary public protest on the grounds of the non-payment of the sum remaining, 43. 1. 8 p. Flem., from the preceding bill of exchange, since Antonio Rodrigues de Melo adheres to the answer he has given. The broker Pieter van Elst declares that the rate of exchange at Middelburg is at present 1% to the benefit of the drawer 5 weeks after the date of the bill.

**Nr. 75** - *Freight contract between Jorge Rodrigues and skipper Pieter Cornelisz. of Warder.*

1600, October 27.

*Not. Arch. 88, fol. 113v-114, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 950.*

Freight contract between Jorge Rodrigues (Joos Rodrigus),<sup>79</sup> merchant of the Portuguese nation in Amsterdam, and Pieter Cornelisz. of Warder (Waerder), skipper of the ship the "Mourian",<sup>80</sup> capacity about 100 tons. The skipper is to sail from the Netherlands to Setubal (St. Uvis), where the merchant's supercargo is to ship a full cargo of salt. With this the skipper is to sail back to Amsterdam, or, if prevented from doing so by circumstances, to sail up the Meuse as far as Rotterdam or to Zeeland. The freight rate is to be 30 gld. per last of salt, reckoning 7 lasts per hundred.

**Nr. 76** - *Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues Vega and skipper Jan Dircksz. de Wit of Ransdorp.*

1600, October 31.

*Not. Arch. 88, fol. 122-123, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 952.*

Freight contract between Manuel Rodrigues (Rodrigo) Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, and Jan Dircksz. [de] Wit of Ransdorp,<sup>81</sup> skipper of the ship the "Nachtegael", capacity about 100 tons. The merchant is to ship goods and merchandise at his discretion. The skipper is to sail with this cargo to Aveiro, where the merchant's supercargo is to unship the goods. Thereafter a full cargo is to be put on board the ship at either Aveiro or Porto. In the first case, the lay-time is to be 3 weeks, in the second case 2 months. With the return cargo the skipper is to sail back to Amsterdam, or, if prevented from doing so by floating ice, up the Meuse to Rotterdam. The freight rate is to be 43 gld.<sup>82</sup> per last of salt, reckoning 7 lasts per hundred, and other commodities according to the customary tariff.

**Nr. 77** - *Freight contract between Jorge Rodrigues and skipper Mecke Pietersz. Haes of Wijdenes.*

1600, November 1.

*Not. Arch. 88, fol. 119v-120v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 954.*

Freight contract between Jorge (Joos) Rodrigues, merchant of the Portuguese nation in Amsterdam, and Mecke Pietersz. Haes of Wijdenes, skipper of the ship the "Roode Leeuw", capacity about 170 tons. The skipper is to sail to Setubal (St. Uvis), where the merchant's supercargo

<sup>79</sup> Jorge Rodrigues. Signs: Jorge Roiz. Vaz Dias (Deelname der Marranen in het oprichtingskapitaal der O.I.C., Amstelodamum XXXIII (1936), p. 58) mentions Jacome (Joos) Rodrigues. (See no. 140).

<sup>80</sup> Mourian: Moriaen, Moeriaen = Negro.

<sup>81</sup> See deed no. 38.

<sup>82</sup> IJzerman: 33 gld.

is to ship a full cargo of salt. With it the skipper is to sail back to Amsterdam, or, in the event of floating ice, up the Meuse to Rotterdam, or to Zeeland. The freight rate is to be 29 gld. 10 st. per last of salt, reckoning 7 lasts per hundred.

**Nr. 78** - *Affidavit concerning an illegitimate child of Duarte Fernandes.*

1600, November 18.

*Not. Arch. 54, fol. 79v-80v, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

At the request of the trustees of the Spinhuis,<sup>83</sup> Mary Wijnans, midwife of Amsterdam, Bely Jans, aged about 50 years, widow of Wijbrandt Abrahamsz., and Maritgen Baltes, aged about 48 years, wife of Claes Cornelisz., declare that Anneken Huberts (also: Huyberts) of 's Hertogenbosch, aged 19 years, said while in the pains of childbirth in their presence that Duarte Fernandes, Portuguese who lives in the Nes next door to the warehouse, is the father of her child.

**Nr. 79** - *Notice served in the name of Godefroy van Erckel on Melchior Mendes concerning the delivery of chests of sugar.*

1600, December 20.

*Not. Arch. 54, fol. 108, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

At the request of Godefroy van Erckel, merchant of Amsterdam, the notary public notifies Melchior Mendes,<sup>84</sup> Portuguese residing beyond the St. Antonispoort in Amsterdam, that he must deliver 14 chests of sugar, being the remainder of the 60 chests which Mendes sold to Van Erckel according to the contract of 7 September 1600<sup>85</sup> made via the intermediation of the broker Nicolas le Goux and in the presence of Gasper Sanches (Jasper Sanhez).<sup>86</sup> Mendes replies that he is not obliged to deliver any more than he already has done.

**Nr. 80** - *Power of attorney granted by Manuel Rodrigues Vega to Hendrick Hondebeeck of Emden to claim from skipper Jan Huybertsz. the value of a bale package of baize.*

1601, February 2.

*Not. Arch. 54, fol. 142v-143, Not. Lieven Heylinc.  
Mentioned by Zwarts, p. 159.*

Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, authorises Hendrick Hondebeeck (Hondebeke), merchant of Emden, to claim from skipper Jan Huybertsz. the value of a package containing 10 pieces of baize of 100 portee (draet). Hondebeke had sent this package with him to Porto. It was confiscated at Lisbon, however, due to a fault on the part of the skipper, and the latter had promised to make good the sum.

**Nr. 81** - *Protest for non-payment of a bill of exchange with regard to money owing to the Alfândega of Lisbon, made in the name of Francisco Mendes, acting for João Mendes Henriques, against Francisco Pinto de Brito.*

1601, February 15.

*Not. Arch. 91, fol. 13-14, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.*

At the request of Francisco Mendes, acting on behalf of João (Jean) Mendes Henriques, the

<sup>83</sup> Spinhuis: House of correction for women, founded in 1596. The women interned here had to spin.

<sup>84</sup> Vaz Dias (Deelname..., p. 58) mentions Melchior Mendes alias Abraham Franco. He was still alive in 1631, and in 1604 owned a 13,500 gld. share in the East India Company. The name Belchior Franco Mendes occurs in the index to the 1609 ledger of the Amsterdam Exchange Bank.

<sup>85</sup> This contract has not been traced.

<sup>86</sup> Gasper Sanches. The name has not been written clearly. Gaspar (also: Caspar) occurs various times in the deeds and in the 1609 index to the Exchange Bank.

notary public went to the residence of Francisco Pinto de Brito (Francisco Britto)<sup>87</sup> and requested the latter to honour the following bill of exchange:

Jhesus, em Lixboa, de dezembro 1600,<sup>1</sup> 250 crusados.

A uso paguara v.m. por esto primeira de cambio ao sr. Jean Mendez Enriques duzentos e sincoenta crusados de sen grosos e meio ho crusado, a valor do sr. Dieguo Duarte Delvas, os quais são por direitos que me paguo dos asucares que me vierão nas urquas „Simsão” e „Sóio Jorge”.<sup>m</sup> É ao tempo lhe fasa bom pagamento, asentandoos em minha conta. Christo con tados [sic]. Paguara como de aviso.

Subsignado: Amrioz [?] Baz.<sup>89</sup> Supscriptie: A sr. Francisco de Britto am Amstredamo.

(Bill, first of exchange, drawn at Lisbon in December 1600. Good for 250 crusados at 100½ gr. per cr., payable at usance to João Mendes Enriques. The value received by Diego Duarte d'Elvas, being the duties paid to “Amrioz Baz”<sup>89</sup> for the sugar which the latter received from the vessels “Simsão” and “São Jorge”. Drawn by “Baz” and addressed to Francisco de Brito.)

Pinto de Brito replies that he received a letter of advice from “Amrici Baz”, from which it appears that the bill of exchange concerns the money owing to the Alfândega in Lisbon. Although “Baz” wrote that he enclosed the certificates (certifidons)<sup>90</sup> of de Britto in the letter, he did not receive them. De Brito therefore refuses to honour the bill of exchange, unless Mendes appoints a surety or stands surety himself that he will receive the certificates within four months, in order that he shall not have any trouble about the customs.

**Nr. 82 - Freight contract between Jorge Rodrigues and skipper Abraham Jacobsz.**

1601, March 8.

*Not. Arch. 91, fol. 52-52v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 976.*

Freight contract between Jorge Rodrigues (Jorijn Rodrigues), merchant, at present residing in Amsterdam, and Abraham Jacobsz. of Amsterdam, skipper of the ship the “St. Pieter”, capacity about 200 tons. The skipper is to sail to Setubal (St. Uvis) and take on board there a full cargo of salt. With it he is to sail back to Amsterdam. The freight rate is to be 29 gld.<sup>91</sup> per last of salt, reckoning 7 lasts per hundred.

**Nr. 83 - Power of attorney granted by Manuel Rodrigues Vega to Pieter Claesz. Baer, solicitor at the Law Courts of Amsterdam, to claim from skipper Cornelis Hermisz. of Venhuizen ¼ part in his ship.**

1601, April 20.<sup>92</sup>

*Not. Arch. 54, fol. 210v-211, Not. Lieven Heylinc.*

Manuel Rodrigues Vega, merchant of Amsterdam, grants power of attorney to Pieter Claesz.

<sup>87</sup> Francisco Pinto de Brito, Portuguese of Lisbon, swears the oath as burgher of Amsterdam on 26 July 1602. (G.A.A., Poorterboek B, fol. 253v). According to Vaz Dias (Deelname..., p. 58), Pinto de Brito owned shares to the value of 3.000 gld. in the East India Company in 1602. Van Dillen, however, gives “Elisabeth Pinto” (Aandeelhouders..., p. 22).

<sup>88</sup> Diego Duarte d'Elvas. From the deed of 1603, December 10 (Not. Arch. 96, fol. 125-126, Not. J. Fransz. Bruyningh) it appears that d'Elvas, residing in Lisbon, was one of the contratadores (lessees) of the Alfândega (Alfandige: customs house).

<sup>89</sup> Amrioz, Amrici Baz. Perhaps: Henrique Vaz.

<sup>90</sup> Certificates. Port.: “certidão”, plural “certidoês”. Certificates of lading and discharging. The certificate of lading served the administration in the colonies which issued the bill of lading as proof that the goods were properly shipped on board. On arrival in Portugal the certificate of discharging was filled in and sent with the bills of lading to the Conselho de la Fazenda in order to compare the two papers. (See Mauro, Le Portugal..., p. 133).

<sup>91</sup> IJzerman: 91 gld.

<sup>92</sup> 1601, March 31, Not. Arch. 91, fol. 128v-129, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Deed of conveyance of a bond, to the value of 289 p. 10 sh. passed before Nicolays de Witte in Leyden on 16 Dec. 1600 from Manuel Fernandes (Francisco Fernandes) de Lyon to Jan Colijn, merchant of Amsterdam, for goods delivered by the latter.

N.B. Appended to the deed is a confirmation of “Manuel Fernandez de Lyon” in his own handwriting. In the deed, the name “Manuel” has been added above the name “Francisco”.

Baer, solicitor at the Law Courts of Amsterdam, to reclaim from Cornelis Hermisz. of Venhuizen, skipper of the ship "de Hondt", capacity about 80 tons, the 375 gld. he received from Rodrigues Vega for  $\frac{1}{4}$  share in his ship.<sup>93</sup> This share was never delivered since, inter alia, it was abandoned because of previous bottomry debts in Zeeland. Furthermore Rodrigues Vega requests the restitution of a sum amounting to 250 gr. Flem. which he furnished the skipper.

**Nr. 84** - *Freight contract between Jorge Rodrigues and skipper Jan Pietersz.*

1601, April 24.

*Not. Arch. 91, fol. 184-184v, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.  
Mentioned by IJzerman, no. 998.*

Freight contract between Jorge (Jois) Rodrigues,<sup>94</sup> merchant of Amsterdam, and Jan Pietersz., skipper of the ship the "Moeriaen", capacity about 100 tons. The skipper is to sail from Zeeland to Setubal, where the merchant's supercargo is to ship salt. With it the skipper is to sail back to Amsterdam. The freight rate is to be 29 gld. per last of salt.

**Nr. 85** - *Power of attorney granted by Manuel Rodrigues Vega to Martijn Rosa,<sup>n</sup> solicitor at the Court of Holland, to defend his case against Hans de Verne and Hans Staes. Manuel Rodrigues de Nantes acts as witness.*

1601, May 10.

*Not. Arch. 54, fol. 230v-231, Not. Lieven Heylinc.  
Mentioned by Zwarts, p. 159.<sup>95</sup>*

<sup>l</sup> The day of the month is not given.

<sup>m</sup> São. Probably: São.

<sup>n</sup> The Christian name "Martijn" has not been filled in the text. Martijn Rosa, however, occurs repeatedly in other deeds as solicitor at the Court of Holland.

<sup>93</sup> See no. 59.

<sup>94</sup> IJzerman: Jan Rodrigues.

<sup>95</sup> Zwarts mentions that the deed is signed "Nantes Manuel Rodrigues de Vega" and concludes from this that at this time Manuel Rodrigues Vega once more was residing in Nantes, where he resided before he left for the Netherlands (See granting of a sureté de corps to Rodrigues Vega with wife and 8 children on 28 Dec. 1596 by the States General and on 4 March 1597 by the States of Holland and West-Friesland. Resolutions Stat. v. Holl. 1597, p. 60). According to the text, however, there appears as party "Manuel Rodrigues Vega, ingeseten coopman der selver stadt" (resident merchant of the same town, i.e. Amsterdam) and as witness "Manuel Rodrigues de Nantes". This act was not signed. It is obvious that two persons are involved here. Rodrigues de Nantes is perhaps Manuel Rodrigues Spinosa, resident of Nantes, whom Rodrigues Vega authorised to act as his proxy in connexion with the ship "De Hoop" seized at Blauet (see no. 10). For this Rodrigues Spinosa, alias Abraham de Spinosa, who was resident in Amsterdam in 1618, see Vaz Dias, Spinoza, pp. 41 et seq.