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Nr. 840 - *Notice served in the name of Diogo Nunes Belmonte upon Adolf Wenck concerning the payment of an I.O.U.*

1615, May 5.

Not. Arch. 345, fol. 78v.-79, Not. Willem Cluyt.

Diogo Nunes (Nonges) Belmonte in Amsterdam, notifies Adolf Wenck, merchant in Amsterdam, that he is to pay him the sum of 641 gld. that he owes to Belmonte because of an I.O.U. which matured on February 3, 1615 or that he is to deliver within four hours the merchandise that he owes Belmonte according to the I.O.U. Wenck answers that he notified Belmonte a few days ago that a mistake had been made in the account and that he is willing to pay if this mistake is corrected and after Nunes Belmonte has delivered to him 28 pieces of coarse program.²⁷

Nr. 841 - *Agreement between Manoel Carvalho and his insurers concerning the restitution of an insurance premium in case of fraud.*

1615, May 6.

Not. Arch. 139, fol. 109v.-110, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Manoel Carvalho in Amsterdam, makes the following agreement with the underwriters who insured a cargo of goods for him, who also acts for Giovanni Baptista Sigalla from Venice, for a journey from Venice to Tunis and La Goulette (Goletta) with the ship "Croon", large 120 lasts. The cargo consisted among other things of planks, red lead, tartar, silks, hawker's wares, lac and wax and was insured for a sum of 2500 p. Flem. The insurance policy was signed on June 2, 1614. According to the policy the insurers would bear the risk of the journey until the goods had been in the hands of the insured party or his agent for three times twenty-four hours. Although the directors of the Insurance Chamber in Amsterdam had convicted them to pay out the insured money on December 15, 1614, Carvalho now binds himself to retribute this money if they can give proof within the year that Sigalla, or someone else for him, bought the goods that were seized by privateers, back and made a profit on them or that they were defrauded in another way.²⁸

Nr. 842 - *Affidavit of João da Silva da Costa, Manoel Martins and Baltasar Pinel at the request of Leo Maderus concerning the seizure of a ship by captain Hans Cornelisz. who has allied himself with the Turks.*

1615, May 6.

*Not. Arch. 62, fol. 627v., Not. David, Mostart.
Deed in Latin.*

João da Silva da Costa, Manoel Martins and Baltasar Pinel declare at the request of Leo Maderus that the latter has been looking for days for a certain captain Hans Cornelisz. from Zeeland, who has allied himself with the Turkish army and in particular with Musafia Rays, Hassan Rays and ... Rays^h and who seized a ship belonging to Maderus on April 4, 1614. Maderus has not been able to find him.

Nr. 843 - *Deed in which Gomes Rodrigues Milão alias David de Olanda, stands surety for Jan Hendricksz. and his owners for a square transomed ship.*

1615, May 8.

Not. Arch. 139, fol. 113v.-114, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Gomes Rodrigues Milão alias Daniel de Olanda in Amsterdam, stands surety as principal for skipper Jan Hendricksz. and his owners for all claims that may be made on the new square

^h The first name is illegible because of damage by water.

²⁷ See also deeds nos. 705 etc.

²⁸ See also deed no. 753.

transomed vessel (spiegelschip) with belongings that Hendricksz. bought from him. An earlier surety was provided in Hamburg. He authorizes the skipper to pay the purchase sum of 12750 gld. to Thomas Nunes de Pina. Manoel Lopes Nunes is one of the witnesses.

Nr. 844 - *Affidavit concerning a relationship between Belitge Pelgroms and David Abudiente.*
1615, May 11.

Not. Arch. 274, fol. 281-281v., Not. Frederik van Banchem.

Walbrich (Elbrich) Jan, about 42 years old, wife of Otto Hermansz., shoemaker, Janneken Jans, about 30 years old, Trijntgen Martens, about 21 years old and Hester Tymonsz., about 16 years old, make the following statement at the request of Beltige Pelgrom from Goch. The first three women declare that about eight days ago David Abudiente (Bodient), Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam,²⁹ came to Walbrich with Belitge with the request to lodge her and to take care of her because she was expecting his child. Abudiente promised to pay her living expenses and to pay for the baby's clothes. Beltige said that she did not have any money of her own except a piece of ten stivers that Abudiente had given her and she wanted to keep that. Hester Tymonsz. declares that Abudiente asked to have a word with her while she was at work and asked her to ask Belitge what she might need for the child and he had given her a piece of eight for Belitge with the promise to bring more later.³⁰

Nr. 845 - *Protest for non-acceptance of a bill of exchange in the name of Lopo da Fonseca Ramires against Pascoal Rodrigues.*

1615, May 12.

Not. Arch. 139, fol. 119v., Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Pascoal Rodrigues in Amsterdam,³¹ drawee, receives in the name of Lopo da Fonseca Ramires in Amsterdam,³² holder, a protest of a bill of exchange drawn in Pisa on March 22, 1615 by

²⁹ Signs: Davyd Abudiente. In 1619 David came again in difficulties, this time because of his marriage to Branca Abudiente. On December 14, 1617 the intended marriage was registered of David Abudiente from Lisbon, 25 years old, assisted by his mother Margarida Lopes, and Branca Abudiente from Lisbon, 18 years old, assisted by her father David Abeatar. According to a registration in the Livro de Bet Haim the Jewish marriage had been performed in 1616. The civil marriage was performed on January 14, 1618. In the meantime difficulties had arisen for on January 8 of that year Abudiente received a notarial notice served upon him in the name of the deputy sheriff that he had to pay a fine of 100 gld. because he was living with his sister's daughter. According to the ordinance of the States of Holland and West-Friesland of 1580 such a marriage was forbidden. Abudiente answered that he had been heard by the court of magistrates. On October 9, 1619 the clerk wrote under the deed of their intended marriage in the register of intended marriages that David had now declared that he was the bride's uncle but that he had understood at the time that they were cousins. A marriage between cousins was allowed. On October 16, 1619 two Portuguese declared that they had been to the committee for marriage affairs together with David and Branca and that the committee had agreed to the marriage because this was permitted according to the Jewish law. It is not known if there were any further developments. Abudiente further only appears in two other deeds as arbiter and as witness. His Portuguese name was Duarte Gomes, This alias was also used by Efraim Abranel and does not appear in the deeds very frequently. Abudiente was a member of the community Bet Jacob and succeeded his father-in-law as member of Dotar in 1645. Ten years later he was in turn succeeded by his son Moseh Abudiente. (See Not. Arch. 280, fol. 28, Not. F. van Banchem; Not. Arch. 645, fol. 562, Not. S. Cornelisz.; G.A.A., D.T.B. 668, fol. 132; idem, 943, fol. 51; P.I.G., 6, fol. 55, 56, 251; idem, 1143, fol. 4, 52; W. Ch. Pieterse, Livro de Bet Haim, p. 146; E. M. Koen, The earliest sources, Stud. Ros., vol. IV, no. 1, p. 32).

³⁰ Beeltge finally did get married after all, for according to the register of intended marriages the intended marriage was registered on August 3, 1616 of Beeltge Pelgroms from Goch, 25 years old, having lived in the Bantamstraat for 10 years, having no parents, assisted by her cousin Trijn Jansz. and Pieter de Vervielje from Frankfurt, skipper of a flat-boat, widower of Moeder Ennerdr. This marriage was performed in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam on August 20. (See D.T.B. 423, fol. 346; idem, 989, fol. 219; see further also deeds nos. 855, 860 and 861).

³¹ Signs: Pascoal Roiz. According to the deeds he was born around 1573. From the period 1615-1622 there are 11 deeds known in which his name appears. In nine of these deeds he appears as broker. He was appointed in 1612 as one of the first Jewish brokers and remained in that capacity until July 11, 1640. His name appears frequently in the complaints-book of the guild because he mediated between two Christians whereas he was only allowed to mediate between Jews or a Jew and a Christian. His sons Abraham Cardoso and Nicolao Rodrigues are mentioned as interlopers. Another son of his, Isaac Juda, was suspected of having had an affair with a Frisian girl according to a deed of 1618. No alias of him is known. (See Not. Arch. 645, fol. 238, 973, Not. S. Cornelisz.; G.A.A., gildearchieven, 1115; idem, 1187, fol. 50, 58 etc.).

³² Signs: Lopo Ramirez. He was one of the most important merchants of the Portuguese nation in Amsterdam and a lot has been written about him. From the period 1614-1620 there are about 23 deeds known in which his name appears and from the period 1621-1658 another 33 deeds. According to the deeds he was born around 1591 or 1593. He was the son of Dr. Jeronimo Nunes Ramires and Maria da Fonseca and a brother of Duarte Nunes da Costa, another important merchant. According to the Livro de Bet Haim he and his brother Jacob (alias Diogo) came to Amsterdam from St. Jean de Luz. He married before the rabbi with Rachael Curiel on June 15, 1617. In 1658 he was staying in Antwerp. It is not known whether he stayed there. In any case he

Domingos Nunes "Thamalho" for a sum of 100 duc. (at 10½ reals a duc.), to be paid at usance to Ramires, the value received from Duarte Nunes da Costa. Rodrigues refuses to accept the bill of exchange because he does not know the drawer.

Nr. 846 - *Notice served in the name of Mathias Rodrigues upon his insurers concerning the damage of bags of aniseed coming from the ship "Croone"*.

1615, May 13.

Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 293, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

Mathias Rodrigues in Amsterdam, proxy of Gaspar van Ceulen and Ghijsbert Theulincx, notifies Pieter Bas, Thymon Jacobsz. Hinlopen, François Boudewijn, Hillebrant den Otter, Jacob Brouwer and Bartholomeus Bisschop who have insured 107 bags of aniseed for a journey from Venice to Amsterdam with the ship "Croone" of skipper Christiaen Adriaensz. Croon, that a number of the bags were damaged and that part of the aniseed is spoilt. The bags are stored in a ware-house behind the house of Geurt Dircksz., magistrate of Amsterdam and can be evaluated there.⁸³

Nr. 847 - *Affidavit of three labourers to the benefit of Mathias Rodrigues concerning the damage of bags of aniseed coming from the ship "Croone"*.

1615, May 14.

Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 297, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

Three labourers declare at the request of Mathias Rodrigues in Amsterdam, that the 23 damaged bags of aniseed that the latter pointed out to them in the warehouse behind the house of Geurt Dircksz., were unloaded by them about one month ago from the ship of Christiaen Croon from Delfshaven. The bags were at that time in the same bad condition. They estimate that the damage amounts to a loss of weight of about two bags.⁸⁴

Nr. 848 - *Notice served in the name of Diogo Nunes Belmonte upon Jacob Symonsz. Louw concerning the latter's insurance of goods loaded in various ships.*

1615, May 15.

Not. Arch. 140, fol. 77-78, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Diogo Nunes Belmonte in Amsterdam, notifies Jacob Symonsz. Louw of the following. On May 2, 1614 Louw insured goods for a sum of 300 p. Flem. for a journey from Goa, Cochín and other places in the East Indies to Lisbon with one or more of the following ships: "Na. Sra. da Luz", "Na. Sra. da Guadalupe", "Na. Sra. dos Remedios", "Sao Filipe (Philippo) e Stan' Iago", "Sta. Boa (Bona) Ventura" or "Na. Sra. da Boa (Bona) Ventura". Belmonte requests Louw to give surety for this amount. If he cannot do so he will insure with others. Louw answers that he withdraws from the insurance.⁸⁵

Nr. 849 - *Notice served in the name of Sebastiao Pimentel and associates that he withdraws his appeal from the Supreme Court.*

1615, May 18.

Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 311, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

must have died before 1667 because in that year his widow is mentioned in the index of the Amsterdam Exchange Bank. Ramires worked for the Spanish as well as for the Portuguese king. In 1641 he made a contract with the Portuguese ambassador Tristão de Mendonça Furtado for the delivery of war materials to a value of 100,000 crus. According to the deeds he traded to Italy, France, Germany, the East Indies and Africa in diamonds, textile, sugar, salt and spices. He was also co-owner of ships. In 1620 his account with the Amsterdam Exchange Bank took up 4 pages. In the following period until 1654 it declined to 1 page. After that year his name no longer appears. According to the assessment register of the 200th penny he owned a capital of 12,000 gld. in 1631. Ramires used the alias David Curiel. He was an active member of the Jewish community. In 1618 he was treasurer of the community of Bet Jacob and later also parnas of the community Talmoe Thorah. In 1630 he bought the house "Antwerpen" for the community of Bet Jacob in which the synagogue was established. In 1628 he became a member of Dotar. This membership was taken over by his son Manuel Curiel in 1668. Because of a disagreement concerning the inheritance from his brother-in-law Francisco Ramires he was excommunicated by the parnassim in 1641. Through the intervention of the burgomasters this was revoked. (See among others Not. Arch. 611a, fol. 317v., Not. P. Ruttens; Not. Arch. 645, fol. 882, Not. S. Cornelisz.; Not. Arch. 2205, fol. 488, Not. A. Lock; Not. Arch. 1505, fol. 57, Not. J. Volckertsz. Oli; Not. Arch. 638, fol. 154, Not. S. Cornelisz.; Not. Arch. 645, fol. 759, idem; G.A.A., P.I.G., 19, fol. 252; idem, 6, fol. 59, 60, 255; idem, 1142, fol. 89, 131, 175, 207; idem, 1143, fol. 131; Virginia Rau, A embaixada de Tristão de Mendonça Furtado e os arquivos notariais hloandeses, Lisboa, 1958, passim; Kellenbenz, p. 169 ff.; J. Meyer, Encyclopaedia sefadica neerlandica, Amsterdam, 1949, p. 177; W. Ch. Pieterse, Livro de Bet Haim, p. 118).

⁸³ See also the following deed.

⁸⁴ See also the preceding deed.

⁸⁵ See also deeds nos. 803-817.

Sebastiao Pimentel and associates notify Felipa Nunes that they withdraw their appeal with the Supreme Court against the verdict of the court of Holland to the benefit of Da. Felipa. According to this verdict Da. Felipa is free to leave whenever she likes.³⁶

Nr. 850 - *Abandonment of insured sugar loaded in the ship "Na. Sra. dos Remedios" by Jeronimo Rodrigues de Sousa to his insurers.*

1615, May 19.

Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 317, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

Jeronimo Rodrigues de Sousa in Amsterdam, proxy of Luis Gomes d'Aveiro, merchant in Oporto, notifies Jan Jansz. van Helmont, Thymon Jacobsz. Hinlopen, Willem Cornelisz. Amelant and François Wouters in Amsterdam, who have insured sugar for him for a journey from Pernambuco to Oporto with the ship "Na. Sra. dos Remedios" of skipper Antonio Rodrigues Borges, that on April 25 last he received the news from Gomes that the ship was seized by privateers and that he therefore abandons the sugar to them in proportion to the insured value.

Nr. 851 - *Affidavit of Samuel Sautijn concerning the sale of tobacco by Rodrigo Alvares and the manner of payment.*

1615, May 21.

Not. Arch. 345, fol. 115v.-117, Not. Willem Cluyt.

Samuel Sautijn, 22 years old, merchant in Amsterdam, declares at the request of Hendrick van de Sande and Jacob Hertsz., merchants in Amsterdam, that he put in writing the following statement of Rodrigo Alvares when he met the latter 3 to 4 months ago in the presence of a French servant among others. Some time ago Alvares had sold for Francisco Nunes Homem, broker,³⁷ a consignment of tobacco to Hendrick Jansz. Backer but Backer had not paid. They therefore tried to obtain payment in another way. With the previous knowledge of Antonio Lopes Pereira and Nunes Homem, Alvares asked Backer to deliver a consignment of cambric to Lopes Pereira. Backer was willing and agreed that he would be paid by Pereira partly in cash, partly in valuable securities, He would give the securities to the owner of the cambric. At the end of May or in the beginning of June Rodrigues went to the house of Hans van Maldegom, cambric-packer, to ask if he would deliver the cambric to Lopes Pereira. Van Maldegom then had a consignment of cambric in his stores that belonged to Van de Sande and Hertsz. Van Maldegom did not want to deliver before he had received the money and securities for the owners. Alvares then told him that the deal was off. Together with Nunes Homem he consulted two lawyers about the question whether the I.O.U. that was passed at the time of the delivery of the cambric, could be paid with the securities of Backer. He further declares that Luis Vas (Vaid) and Bento Rodrigues knew about this purchase because it had to be made via a sworn broker. He finally declares that Nunes Homem offered him 100 gld. if he would testify in his favour.³⁸

Nr. 852 - *Affidavit concerning a contract with Rodrigo Alvares de Vitoria for a voyage to the West Indies.*

1615, May 21.

Not. Arch. 345, fol. 121v.-122, Not. Willem Cluyt.

Salomon Cornelisz., inn-keeper of the "Gulden Vlies", Rodrigo van Erp, Andries Ysbrantsz., Philips Teerinck and Jacques van de Geere declare at the request of Jacob Mommer, proxy of Jan Pieter Heyns Engels, that a number of merchants have fitted out the ship "St. Pieter" of skipper Jacob Dircksz. from Zaandam, now living in Amsterdam, for a journey from Amsterdam to the West Indies. They have made a contract with Rodrigo Alvares de Vitoria that the latter will have 1/3 of the profits of the owner. If Alvares will not receive this 1/3 part, Heyns Engels will have 1/18 part and if he does receive this, Engels will have to give up this part. Cornelisz. Ysbrantsz. and Van de Geere were present when this contract was drawn up. Teerinck and Van Erp heard about this from well-informed sources.³⁹

No. 853 - *Notice served by Abraham Abelijn and Abraham de Praet upon Sr. Mesquita Nunes concerning the delivery of sumac.*

1615, May 26 ⁴⁰⁾

Not. Arch. 345, fol. 127v.-128, Not. Willem Cluyt.

Abraham Abelijn and Abraham de Praet, merchants in Amsterdam, notify Sr. Mesquita Nunes (Muskite Noenes), Portuguesæ that he is to deliver the sumac from Oporto that he sold to them.

³⁶ See also deed no. 838.

³⁷ Francisco Nunes Homem is officially appointed as broker in 1622. He remained in this capacity until his death in 1625. Rodrigues Alvares is mentioned in the complaintsbook of the broker's guild as interloper in 1614. (See G.A.A., gildenarchieven, no. 1115; no. 1187, fol. 36. See further deed no. 185, note).

³⁸ See also deed no. 654 and Not. Arch. 346, fol. 48, Not. W. Cluyt.

³⁹ See also deeds nos. 699, 831 and 839.

It concerns 6 bales of sumac for Abelijn and 4 or 6 bales for De Praet. It was sold through the intermediary of Claes Stoter, sworn broker. If Mesquita Nunes refuses to deliver, they will buy other sumac on his account. Nunes denies having sold the sumac.

Nr. 854 - *Notice in which Gaspar Rodrigues Nunes informs his insurers that the ship "St. Pieter" that they had insured, was burnt.*

1615, May 29.

Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 339, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

Gaspar Rodrigues Nunes, Portuguese merchant in Amsterdam,⁴¹ notifies Jan Jansz. Smit, Jan Jansz. van Helmont and Albert Schuyt, merchants in Amsterdam, who insured for him for the account of Francisco da Costa Brandão and Simão Rodrigues Lobo, merchants in Lisbon, the ship "St. Pieter" of skipper Rodrigo Alvares for a journey from Lisbon to Angola, that Rodrigues Nunes has received the news that the ship was burnt with its cargo in front of Lisbon.

Nr. 855 - *Affidavit concerning a relationship between Belitge Pelgroms and David Abudiente.*

1615, June 2.

Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 346, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

Anthoni Swijler, about 22 years old and Hans Wolff, about 20 years old, bachelors, declare at the request of David Abudiente (Obediente) that for a certain period of time they lived in a room in the "Twee Studenten" on Vlooyenburg and that they knew Belitge (Beeltjen) quite well in that period. She then lived in the neighbourhood of the house of Diogo da Silva where Abudiente was living. According to both of them she is a nymphomaniac. Wolff also declares that he slept with her.⁴²

Nr. 856 - *Power of attorney from Felipe Henriques to Manuel Mendes de Crasto to look after his affairs.*

1615, June 12⁴³

*Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 361, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.
Deed in Portuguese.⁴⁴*

Nr. 857 - *Affidavit of Manoel Peres at the request of Gaspar Ruis concerning Andre Nunes Pina.*

1615, July 7⁴⁵

*Not. Arch. 378b, fol. 419, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.
Deed in Portuguese¹.*

Manoel Peres (Pirez), merchant, about 40 years old, declares at the request of Gaspar Ruis in Amsterdam, that he has known Andre Nunes Pina for a long time in Antwerp and that he knows that Ruis supported him in his house for ten or twelve years. Ruis also stood surety for Nunes Pina for a sum of 400 p. Flem. and lent him much more money which Nunes Pina has never paid back. He also sent him a great many goods and was never paid for them.

¹ Fol. 420: Dutch text.

⁴¹ This name further appears in only three more deeds. The name Gaspar Nunes that appears quite frequently in the deeds, probably refers to two other merchants. According to a deed of December 8, 1622 Rodrigues Nunes had already died before that date. The deed concerns a power of attorney from his widow Antonia Soeira to her son Manoel Dias Soeira to transfer his father's account with the bank to the name of the widow and heirs of Rodrigues Nunes. In the alphabetical index of the Amsterdam Exchange Bank the name Gaspar Nunes appears only once in 1611. (See deeds nos. 760, 812 and 355, note; Not. Arch. 629, fol. 13, Not. S. Cornelisz.).

⁴² See also deed no. 844 etc.

⁴³ 1615, June 11. Not. Arch. 139, fol. 168v., Not. J. Fransz. Bruyningh. Power of attorney from Pieter Bas in Amsterdam, to Nicolo Giovanni Augustino and Steffano Balbi in Antwerp, to collect a bill of exchange there from Duarte and Gonçalo Ximenes.

⁴⁴ Alfonso Chillão and Manuel Lopes de Leão act as witnesses.

⁴⁵ 1615, June 12, Not. Arch. 378, fol. 362, Not. N. and J. Jacobs.

Power of attorney from Hans van der Voort to Cornelia Andries and Daniel Hendrick Schrijver, in which Manoel d'Orta acts as witness.

1615, June 12, Not. Arch. 139, fol. 176, Not. J. Fransz. Bruyningh.

Freightcontract between Jeronimo Fernandes Preto, Portuguese merchant and skipper Wessel Hermansz. for a voyage to Terceira, São Miguel and back to Amsterdam.

1615, June 12, Not. Arch. 139, fol. 170, Not. J. Fransz. Bruyningh.

Notice served in the name of Jeronimo Fernandes Preto, sojourning in Amsterdam, upon skipper Wessel Hermansz. concerning losses that were suffered because of the fact that the ship was chained up.

1615, June 22, Not. Arch. 378, fol. 391, Not. N. and J. Jacobs.

Freightcontract between Volcardus Overlander, proxy of João Moreno in Lisbon and skipper Pieter Bruyn for a voyage to Setubal and back to Amsterdam with a cargo of salt coming from the salt-works of Moreno and loaded by Gaspar de Leão.

Nr. 858 - *Power of attorney from João Gonsales and Simão Fernandes in Amsterdam, to Jan Sweerts in Amsterdam, to defend their interests with the commissioners of minor offences.*
1615, July 8.

Not. Arch. 345, fol. 215-215v., Not. Willem Cluyt.

Nr. 859 - *Freightcontract between Jeronimo Rodrigues de Sousa and Antonio Martins Viegas on the one hand and skipper Claes Cornelisz. Kley from Zaandam, on the other.*
1615, July 9.

Not. Arch. 139, fol. 209v.-210v., Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Jeronimo Rodrigues de Sousa and Antonio Martins Viegas in Amsterdam, freight the ship "Hoope", large about 70 lasts of Brouage salt, of skipper Claes Cornelisz. Kley from Zaandam, for a journey from Amsterdam to Faro and from there to Albufeira and back to Amsterdam. The freighters will load the ship in Amsterdam within a fortnight after it has become ready. The skipper and the crew are allowed to bring some goods for themselves on the upper deck. There must be sufficient ballast on board for the journey from Faro to Albufeira. The lay-time in Portugal will be 8 to 9 weeks. After the ship has been unloaded in Amsterdam a freight-price of 2050 gld. will be paid plus a flag of 3 p. Flem. for the skipper. If the skipper is detained longer in Portugal he will receive 7 gld. a day extra. He will not be allowed to carry letters for others or passengers, which is to be fined with 200 gld.

Nr. 860 - *Affidavit of Walbrich and Janneken Jans and Trijntgen Martens at the request of Belitge Pelgrom concerning a relationship between the latter and David Abudiente.*
1615, July 9.

Not. Arch. 345, fol. 216-216v., Not. Willem Cluyt⁴⁶.

Nr. 861 - *Affidavit of Manoel Marcos and Elias Pereira, diamond cutters, concerning Belitge Pelgroms.*
1615, July 15.

*Not. Arch. 378b, fol. 442, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.
Deed in Portuguese¹.*

Manoel Marcos, about 30 years old and Elias Pereira, about 27 years old, both diamond cutters of the Portuguese nation in Amsterdam, make the following statement. Marcos declares that about two years ago he had Belitge Pelgrom in his house to work the diamond mill for five to six months. She was so free with men, Portuguese as well as Dutch, that there was talk about it and that the parnassim of the Portuguese nation requested him to send her away. Pereira declares that he has known Belitge for three years and while she worked with other diamond cutters, she used to come to his house every evening because she had an affair with one of his employees. He has also heard that she slept with a mulatto in the house of a Portuguese and that she had an agreement with another Portuguese before. Their meeting did not take place because the Portuguese had wanted to give her half a piece of eight instead of a whole piece.⁴⁷

Nr. 862 - *Contract for the delivery of salt between Duarte Fernandes and Claes Andriesz.*
1615, July 15.

Not. Arch. 140, fol. 137v.-139, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Duarte Fernandes in Amsterdam and Claes Andriesz., merchant in Amsterdam⁴⁸ agree that Fernandes will deliver Andriesz. about 4000 'mooien'⁴⁹ of good white Setubal salt. The salt will be delivered to Joost Benninck, merchant in Lisbon, by Gaspar Lopes Henriques, son of

Fol. 444: Dutch text.

⁴⁶ See further deeds no. 844 etc.

⁴⁷ See also deeds 844 etc.

⁴⁸ Claes Andriesz. was born around 1568 according to the deeds. He was a brother of Jan Andriesz. the Elder and the Younger and of Adriaen Andriesz. In 1608 he had his second marriage registered with Nicolette Doedessem from Amsterdam, living in Antwerp. His name appears in a great number of deeds. For the period 1594-1602 IJzerman mentions him as freighter 11 times and there are also freightcontracts of a later period. He mainly acted as insurer and according to a notarial affidavit of 1620 he was the most important insurer together with Barent Sweerts. In 1601 he formed an insurance company with Pieter Gerritsz. Preeckstoel, Pieter Martensz. Cod, Pieter Jan Mieuusz., Elbert Roelofs., Jan Lambertsz. Cuyper, Claes Gerbranz. Pancras, Pieter Evertsz. Hulft, Jan Coenensz. and Symon Hendricksz. Roo, all merchants in Amsterdam. Their contract was renewed every year, for the last time in December 1605. Pancras signed in the name of the company and after his death this was done by Andriesz. Preeckstoel. Cod and Cuyper left the company in 1602 and 1603 and Pompeius Occo joined in 1602. After 1605 no more contracts of the company have been found. In 1607 Roelofs. and Occo became partners of Sweerts. (Information from Dr. S. Hart. See Not. Arch. 200, fol. 43, 479, Not. J. Fransz. Bruyningh; Not. Arch. 36, fol. 242, 372, Not. J. Gijsbertsz.; Not. Arch. 28, fol. 37, idem; Not. Arch. 34, fol. 84v., 431, idem; Not. Arch. 35, fol. 188, 429, idem; Not. Arch. 36, fol. 154, 428v., idem; G.A.A., D.T.B., 666, fol. 140; Van Dillen, p. 173. See also deed no. 485, note).

⁴⁹ Dutch 'mooi': 4000 mooien = 160 hundred = 1120 lasts; 25 mooien = 1 hundred = 7 lasts. (See Tresoir van de maten ..., p. 119; Not. Arch. 1122, fol. 65v., Not. J. v. d. Ven).

Fernandes in Lisbon, or by the agent of Fernandes. Benninck will inspect the salt before delivery. If he does not agree with the quality, the deal will be off. The salt will be shipped according to his instructions in between December 12 and 31 next. The price will be fixed by impartial experts for each consignment and a sum of 20 reis a 'mooi' will be deducted from the purchase price for tolls and other expenses. With every consignment Benninck will give Lopes Henriques a written statement of how much salt was delivered, at what price and rate of exchange from Lisbon to Antwerp or he will mention this on the bills of lading. Andries will pay per consignment in Amsterdam at the stated rate of exchange at usance, beginning from the date of signature of the bills of lading, to Fernandes, his son Miguel Lopes Fernandes or someone else.

Nr. 863 - *Affidavit of Reinier Scholier at the request of Miguel de Pas concerning a consignment of sugar that was booked in the wrong name.*

1615, July 16.

Not. Arch. 378b, fol. 450, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

Reinier Scholier, about 36 years old, merchant in Amsterdam, declares at the request of Miguel de Pas in Amsterdam, that in February 1610 he bought six cases of sugar and paid these to Sebastião Rodrigues. He booked the cases erroneously in the name of Diego Lourenço because he had mistaken Rodrigues for Lourenço. This came about because Rodrigues also did the administration of six cases that belonged to Lourenço and that were sold to Nicolaes du Gardin. Because he has heard from De Pas that Rodrigues has paid for these cases without paying the interest due on them, he now declares that Rodrigues still has to pay the interest.

Nr. 864 - *Affidavit of Manuel Peres Brandão concerning an I.O.U. to the benefit of Mose Palache.*

1615, July 18.

Not. Arch. 62, fol. 636v., Not. David Mostart.

Manuel Peres (Pires) Brandão⁵⁰ confirms to have passed an I.O.U. to a value of 700 gld., to be paid within four months, on May 17 last to the benefit of Mose Palache and binds himself to pay this I.O.U. He transfers all his goods to Palache in case he fails to do so.

Nr. 865 - *Freightcontract between Juan Gonçalves and Manuel Mendes de Crasto on the one hand, and skipper Jan Willemsz. Tel from Zaandam on the other.*

1615, July 23.

Not. Arch. 140, fol. 149-150, Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Juan Conçales and Manuel Mendes de Crasto in Amsterdam⁵¹, freight each for one half, the ship "Waterhondt", large 60 lasts of skipper Jan Willemsz. Tel from Zaandam, for a journey from Amsterdam to Malaga and back to Rouen or Amsterdam. The lay-time in Malaga will be six weeks. After the snip has been unloaded in Rouen or Amsterdam a freight-price of 2000 gld. will be paid. It is further agreed that skipper Hendrick Hendricksz. will sail aboard the ship. If he is prevented from coming, the ship will sail without him.

Nr. 866 - *Affidavit of Gomes d'Avila, proxy of his wife Maria Gomes d'Avila in Delft, that he has liquidated the accounts with Manoel Carvalho.*

1615, July 27.

Not. Arch. 140, fol. 154v., Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Nr. 867 - *Freightcontract between Juan Gonçalves and skipper Hendrick Hendricksz. from Amsterdam.*

1615, July 28.

Not. Arch. 378b, fol. 476, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.

Juan Gonçalves in Amsterdam, proxy of Bento Rodrigues from Lisbon in Antwerp, freights the ship "Hope", large about 100 lasts, armed with 10 iron guns and 8 stone guns, of skipper Hen-

⁵⁰ Signs: Manuel Pirez. As such he only further appears in deed no. 857.

⁵¹ Signs: Manuel Mendes Crasto. He was born around 1583. He was married to Felipa Pimentel alias Ledisa Abenicacar, a daughter of Garcia Pimentel and he was a brother of Alvaro Mendes in Madrid. In the period 1613-1637 his name appears in about 47 deeds. Mendes mainly traded to Malaga. He also dealt in bills of exchange. In 1615 he had an account of 1 page with the Amsterdam Exchange Bank. In 1618 it appears that he had gotten into difficulties. The States of Holland and West-Friesland granted him a sureté de corps on August 6 of that year. This was renewed on October 15 until August 1 of the following year. According to a deed of 1637 Mendes had been living at the Leprozenburgwal in Amsterdam since 1631. His alias was Manuel Israel de Crasto. From 1616-1637 he was a member of the community Neveh Salom. He was a member of the Dotar society since 1615. In the books of this society he often appears as debtor. He appears to have died in 1655 and his membership is taken over by his son Mardochay de Crasto. (See Not. Arch. 611a, fol. 319v., Not. P. Ruttens; Not. Arch. 378a, fol. 269, Not. N. and J. Jacobs; Not. Arch. 625, fol. 517, Not. S. Cornelisz.; Not. Arch. 611b, fol. 745v., Not. P. Ruttens; Not. Arch. 611a, fol. 271v., idem; Not. Arch. 415, fol. 28, Not. N. and J. Jacobs; Resoluties van de Staten van Holland en Westfriesland 1618, pp. 223, 229; G.A.A., P.I.G., 9, p. 2 ff.; idem, 1141, pp. 7, 19; idem, 1143, p. 41).

drick Hendricksz. from Amsterdam, for a journey from Texel to Malaga, Motril or Velez Malaga and back to Amsterdam or possibly to Rotterdam or other places if the weather makes this necessary. The ship will be loaded in Malaga during a lay-time of 6 weeks by Pedro Gonçales or his agent. A freight-price of 4000 gld. will be paid after the ship has been unloaded in Amsterdam.

Nr. 868 - *Affidavit of Leonard de Beer concerning a consignment of goods belonging to Dominicus de Matos.*

1615, July 28.

Not. Arch. 457, fol. 315-315v., Not. Palm Mathijssz.

Leonard de Beer, merchant in Amsterdam, about 37 years old, declares the following at the request of Pascual Rodrigues, sworn broker in Amsterdam. About 5 months ago Dominicus de Matos, Portuguese, came from Madeira with the ship "Vergulde Star" of skipper Gerrit Symensz.. This ship carried among other things sugar, fruit preserves and other merchandise belonging to De Matos and his uncle and cousin in Madeira, consigned to Jacob Symonsz. Louw. Louw was to assist De Matos in selling these goods. Although Louw has gone bankrupt De Matos, after having consulted De Beer, has agreed with the creditors of Louw that the latter will assist him as arranged. One of the witnesses is Josua de Moura (Moire).

Nr. 869 - *Notice served in the name of Daniel de la Barre upon Daniel de Olanda concerning the delivery of chinese silk.*

1615, July 30.

*Not. Arch. 378b, fol. 488, Not. Nicolaes and Jacob Jacobs.
Deed in Portuguese.*

Daniel de la Barre, merchant in Amsterdam has the following notice served upon Daniel de Olanda. According to a purchase-contract that they made about three months ago, De Olanda has to deliver 20 p. of chinese silk to De la Barre and to pay him a sum of about 13 p. Flem. The sum was to be paid within one year but the silk should have been delivered. De la Barre has asked for it repeatedly. He now declares that he will no longer accept the silk and that he wants to receive the value in money. De Olanda answers that he has to accept the silk even if it would be delivered seven years later.

Nr. 870 - *Notice served in the name of Diogo Nunes Belmonte upon his insurers that the insured goods loaded in the ship "Breton Corrier" have suffered damage.*

1615, August 4.

Not. Arch. 254, fol. 301, Not. Jacob Meerhout.

Diogo Nunes Belmonte in Amsterdam, notifies Pieter van Geel, Antoni van Diemen, Daniel van den Eynde for himself and for Harman Dankelman who is staying with him, Rijckert Gerritsz. Kiest for Wijbrant Warwijck who died in his house, Jacques van Hanswijck, Jacob Jacobsz. Bontenos, Lambert van Erp, François Boudewijns, Albert Schuyt, Willem Pauw, Barent Sweerts, Pieter Munnickx, Bartholomeus Bisschop, Aert Spieringh, Jan van der Straeten, Jan Jansz. van Helmont, Jan Pietersz. du Bien, Paulus (Pauwels) Bisschop, Jan van Penen and Govert van de Raeck Jochemsz. for Daniel and Jan van Geel, who insured hides and "pedraounia"⁵³ for him for a journey from Constantinople to Venice with the ship "Breton Corrier" of skipper Pedro de Juani de la Gola, that this ship arrived in Venice with a lot of damage. He is willing to write to Venice for an exact statement of the damage if the insurers want him to do so.

Nr. 871 - *Affidavit and power of attorney from Thomas Nunes Pina and Pieter Evertsz. Hulft concerning the ship "Omval".*

1615, August 13.

Not. Arch. 139, fol. 240v., Not. Jan Fransz. Bruyningh.

Thomas Nunes Pina in Amsterdam, and Pieter Evertsz. Hulft, brewer of "Haentje" and burgher of Amsterdam, acting for the owners of the ship "Omval" of skipper Claes Jansz. Omval from Zaandam, confirm the contents of the compromise made between them on December 13, 1614.⁵³ Since the ship has arrived in the meantime, they grant a power of attorney to Hendrick Pots and Dirck Boot respectively, attorneys before the High Council, to let the High Council sentence them to carry out the verdict of the arbiters according to their compromise.⁵⁴

⁵³ 'Pedraounia'. This word may be a corrupted form of 'pedra-ume', the Portuguese word for alum. This was also imported from Constantinople. It was used in medicine and as mordant in textile-dyeing. (See *Nederlandsch Handelsmagazijn* ..., pp. 45-46; Ph. A. Nemnich, *Waaren-lexicon in zwölf Sprachen der Hamburgischen Comerz-deputation*, Hamburg 1797, 1801, 2 vols).

⁵³ See deed no. 792.

⁵⁴ See deed no. 890.