

8. Whether her son Myndert thereupon did not say: "Strike the dog, or I shall strike him. Is he to say that my mother is a thief? It is not true."

Answer: "Yes."

9. Whether I, Jan Gerritsen, did not answer: "Myndert, I am not saying that your mother is a thief."

Answer: "Yes."

10. And whether Myndert did not grab him by the head and drag him by the hair over the floor and beat him?

Answer: "I saw that Myndert dragged him over the floor but did not see who started it."

11. Whether Myndert, when he let him go and ran out of the door, asking for his hat, did not say: "Why didn't you let me alone? I would have thrown him in the cellar and broken his neck."

Answer: "Yes, but I do not know exactly whether he said broken or wrung his neck but heard one or the other."

12. Whether, further, she did not hear Sweer say: "The court record is so scandalous that we are ashamed when we open it. Yes. so scandalous is it and such [awful] things are written in it."

Answer: "Yes, but I did not hear him say: 'Such [awful] things are written in it. '"

Teun On the 15th of September, or thereabouts, the aforesaid Grietie Harmensen heard Sweer isse in the presence of the whole court say to Jan Gerritse van Marken: "You are a scoundrel and a thief and I shall prove it. We have your signature and it is down here."

Grietie Harmense, aforesaid, also says in the presence of the above mentioned magistrates that when she was at Schaenhechtade to submit the interrogatory under oath, in the matter of the aforesaid Jan Gerritsen van Marken, the honorable magistrates of Schaenechtade said to her: "You need give no further testimony, nor give him any affidavit of it. It is sufficient for you to have sworn to this interrogatory." All of which Grietie Harmense has confirmed by solemn oath before the aforesaid magistrates, in Albany, on the 29th of September 1675.

On the same day a second deposition is taken, this time from Jannetie Schermerhorn. Jannetie was Jannetie Cornelise, daughter of Cornelis Segerse Van Voorhoudt. She was married to Jacob Janse Schermerhorn. Both women deponents were the daughters of, and married to, substantial members of the community.

Jannetie Schermerhooren, at the request of the said Jan Gerritse and before the aforesaid magistrates, also declares that she heard Jan Gerritse van Marken say to Maritie Mynders, the wife of Sweer Teunise: "I am not saying that the raccoon coat was stolen, nor that the five beavers were stolen; nor do I say that the money of the poor was stolen." She also understood the said Jan Gerritse to say (so she thinks): "I am not saying that the letters were concealed." And he also said to her: "Is that the reward for the favors done by me? I was present when powder and lead were sold here." The deponent knows nothing further of the matter and is ready, in case of need, to confirm what is hereinbefore written by solemn oath.

After comparison the former was acknowledged by Robert Livingston.

Post script:

Nothing was found regarding the final disposition of the aforementioned court case. On 9 February 1690 Maritie Mynderse, Sweer Teunise van Velsen/Westbroeck and Myndert Janse Wemp were brutally murdered in the French and Indian raid on Schenectady [see volume 1, pages 86-89].

The interrogation portion included above can be found in the *Andros Papers: Files of the Provincial Secretary of New York During the Administration of Governor Sir Edmund Andros 1674-1678*, 2 vols., Peter R. Christoph and Florence A. Christoph, trans. Charles T. Gehring (New York: Syracuse University Press, 1989), 1:204-206.

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