



**ARENT VAN CURLER & THE FLATTS**  
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**Purchase of Beverwijck property by Arent van Curler, March 1, 1661**

Appeared before me J. La Montagne, in the service of, etc., Albert Gisbert Raedemaeker (wheelwright), inhabitant of the Village of Beverwyck, and his honor Mr. Arent Van Curler, councillor of the colony of Rensselaerwyck, who declare that they have respectively contracted with each other in manner following, to wit : that the said Albert Gisbert grants and conveys as by these presents he does grant and convey in real and actual possession to said Heer Arent Van Curler his heirs or assigns, his house, lot and garden, lying in the Village of Beverwyck, adjoining on the east side Jan Barentse Wemp, on the south Wouter de Raedemaeker, on the west the highway, on the north the pallisadoes (*deffentie*) of the Village of Beverwyck ; the garden lies on the third [Vossen] kil, between Andries De Vos' land, for which house, lot and garden the aforesaid Heer Arent Van Curler has given in payment two horses and a cow of three years, which horses and cow the said Albert Gisbert acknowledges that he has received to his content, and promises the transferred house, lot and garden to free from all claims and demands, and a parchment patent of the same, to deliver into the hands of said Heer Arent Van Curler; all on pledge of his person and estate, real and personal, present and future, submitting the same to all laws and judges.

Done in Fort Orange, the first of March, 1661, in presence of Jan Meynardssen and Dirk Andriese, witnesses thereto invited.

This is the mark of Albert Gisbert, with his own hand set.

A. Van Curler.

*Jan Meinersen.*

*This is the mark of Dirk Andriese.*

Acknowledged before me,

La Montagne, Clerk at Port Orange.

*Source: Early Records of the City and County of Albany, and the Colony of Rensselaerswijck (1656 – 1657), p. 292.*