

Jan is pardoned in consideration of the fact that he served the country as a soldier on that occasion, on condition that he give security for the damage done by him and that which he might do in the future and that if he commits similar crimes again he shall be hanged without mercy.

The 4th of February

Jochim Kersteede, plaintiff, vs. Sybolt Clasen, defendant. Plaintiff demands payment for his share in the bark sold to the defendant in company with Lambert Huybersz and Dirck Dircksz for fl. 75. Defendant is ordered to pay fl. 75 and to seek his remedy against the farmers' baker (boere backer).

Piere Pia, plaintiff, vs. Jan Percel, defendant. Plaintiff again requests proof of the accusations made by the defendant. Case is adjourned until the arrival of the secretary to examine the documents in the matter.

The 25th of February

¹ We, Willem Kieft, director general, and the council of New Netherland, having considered the petition of the Negroes named Paulo Angolo, Big Manuel, Little Manuel, Manuel de Gerrit de Reus, Simon Congo, Antony Portuguese, Gracia, Piter Santomee, Jan Francisco, Little Antony and Jan Fort Orange, who have served the Company for 18 or 19 years, that they may be released from their servitude and be made free, especially as they have been many years in the service of the honorable Company here and long since have been promised their freedom; also, that they are burdened with many children, so that it will be impossible for them to support their wives and children as they

¹ Revised from Laws and Ordinances of New Netherland, pp. 36-37.