

No. 5

All that remained of the Monfoort grants in this block was sold, May 12, 1657, apparently under execution against Thomas Swartwout, of Midwout, L. I. (Deed not recorded, but

recited in *Liber Deeds*, A: 273.) His connection with the Monfort heirs, who were also Long Island settlers, is not clear.

Cornelis Barendsen, baker, and Hendrick Barendsen, smith, bought the land which covered the present Nos. 49 to 59 Broad Street and 35 Beaver Street, and divided it equally, Cornelis taking the Prince Straet corner. Then ensued long and bitter litigation between Barendsen, Swartwout, Joannes Verveelen, and Douwe Hermsen (purchasers from Cornelis Barendsen), which taxed the patience of the court, and explains the fact that the house which Douwe Hermsen built (No. 5) and Jan Swaen's little cottage (No. 6) were the only improvements on the land in July, 1660.—*Rec. N. Am.*, III: 48, 66, 81, 94, 99-100, 151, 157, 237 and 324. See Map of Dutch Grants and Key thereto.