

Articles concluded upon Between Commander Abraham Crynsens Admiral of a Squadron of Ships belonging unto the Noble and Mighty Lords the States of Zeeland, and Coll. William Byam late Lieut. General of Guiana and Governor of Willoughby Land.

1. All Renounces what's ever gifts or land which are appointed for the use of the Church and maintenance of Ministers especially the rent of Ino. Allen's estate given for that and by my Lord Willoughby, be absolutely reserved for that one to wit as well for the payment of Dutch as English Ministers. That the English shall have the election of their own Ministers, the same to be paid their exhibitions as well as the Dutch, from the said renounce, That the present Minister Mr. Gee. Vernon be satisfied for arrears from Mr. Marcus Munnick out of the said rents, and that all persons of what nation so ever have free Liberty of Conscience in matters of Religion whose opinion and practice is not inconsistent with the Government.
2. That no other oath shall be required of the English but the following
I. A: B: do in the presence of almighty God promise from my heart & faithfully swear to be true and faithful to the Noble and mighty Lords the States of Zeeland here in Surynam whilst I shall live in it and will neither directly nor indirectly endeavour to oppose or undermine the same and shall to my utmost fight assist and fight against all their Enemies what so ever that shall come to annoy them attack or annoy them, but in case my Sovereign Lord the King of England my Lord Willoughby or any what so ever of the Subjects of the King of England shall come to attack Surynam, in that Case I do Swear that I will keep myself quite and neither directly or Indirectly assist them. And if it shall please the Governor render my self a prisoner in his hands.
- 3 That all persons what so ever of what nation so ever whither they be English Jews & c. that at present do personally inhabitate Surynam with their Families, shall have absolutely reserved and Continued unto them their estates Lands goods of what nature & condition so ever to enjoy inherit and possess them to themselves and their heiress for ever, without the least molestation or hindrance, But that all these that do not live in Surynam and yet have estates therein, be absolutely excluded out of this Articles, notwithstanding yet they have persons yet do represent there persons and Families, And that all their estates of what nature and Specie so ever from hence forth be absolutely Confiscated unto the Province of Zeeland according to their Lordships order.

- 4 That all present inhabitants of what nation so ever shall have and enjoy all equal privileges as the Netherlanders yet shall Cohabit with them.
- 5 That in case any inhabitants of this Colonie shall now or hereafter intend to depart hence he shall have power to sell his estate, and the Governor in that case shall secure that he be transported at moderate Freight together with their estates.
- 6 That the Liberty of Fishing and Turtling upon the Bay's as before and to trade with the Indians is permitted provide they have a Ticket from the Governor.
- 7 That they shall have Liberty to cut Specklewood.
- 8 That we shall be furnished with Indian Trade.
- 9 That all acts laws and declarations shall be published in the Dutch and English Tongues, because the inhabitants do not understand the Dutch Languish & that the inhabitants shall be governed by the Netherland laws.
- 10 That there be no prohibition upon our planters to make anything a Commodity for their best profits.
- 11 That the Carrebees our neighbours shall be used civilly and that care shall be taken that we and our estates shall not be undamaged by the Dutch, French & other Indian Nations.
- 12 That all persons present inhabitants in the Rivers of Cummaweene & mapauuny are included with these Articles.
- 13 That the inhabitants shall keep only so many arms as every one in his Family shall need to keep his Negroes in awe and to defend themselves against the Indians, wild Beasts and all other vermin's, the rest of the Arms to be delivered up.
- 14 That the Inhabitants shall raise 100000 lbs. of sugar for the noble and mighty Lords of the States of Zealand to take it with them.
- 15 The Inhabitants shall pay till further orders the same impositions and bear the same charges which were imposed upon them before the Country was Conquered

according to the tenor of an Act made by my Lord Willoughby which shall be put into our hands.

- 16 That the records shall be delivered and secured in the hands of the Governor and that a perfect list shall be given in of the inhabitants slaves, Cattle, Coppers, & c. which are in the Country as also a perfect list of the Christians and Hebrew inhabitants, that are in every division.
- 17 That sixty Negroes shall be sent by the Inhabitants to work at the Fort for four months if occasion shall require them so long.
- 18 That all inhabitants which are willing to go of with the Fleet shall not be detained in the least by any debts Contracted before the date of these Articles, And that Commissions shall be appointed who best understand the nature of these matters with full power to examine the debts, as well of such as go of as of these which remain inhabitants, and of such as leave attorneys behind them, and to make them to pay the same the Governor after Sentence of the Commission being to assist them, that those that are Condemned to pay and refuse may be Compelled there unto.
- 19 That such as intend of shall be furnished with a vessel to transport themselves with their Slaves and goods & c. with a pass from Commander Crynsens, and be permitted to take their sloops with them, provided they set sail together with us.
- 20 That all & every expression in every Article aforesaid shall at all times and ever be interpreted according to the right meaning mind and true intent of the words and expressions and at now time wrested to the prudence of the Inhabitants.
- 21 That this present treaty be Confirmed by the Lords of the States of Zealand as soon as it is possible and that an authentic Copy thereof be sent hither with all expectation for further security of the Inhabitants of this Colonie, And the said Authentic Copy be delivered unto them, This done aboard the Ship Zealand the 6 th. of march still nova 1667.

Abraham Crynsens William Byam