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such places where their undoubted right can be shewed by Patent of the high and
mighty Lords States Generall granted to the noble Lords Overseers of the West India
Company further by Bargain and Sale and Deeds of the Natives and Possession above
these forty years which is then Contrary to the Law of Nations and contrary to the
forementioned Articles of Peace to this time as yet continually observed to whose Judgment
and Decision all Questions if there should arise any between both Nations first must
be Referred according to the last Article of the Peace where our own forenamed Em-
bassadors are especially authorized and Comanded seriously to Request the foresaid
Lord Governour and his Counsell by Virtue of the said Articles of Peace to give us
right and Justice against the said Coll. Nathaniel with reparation of damages
already sustained by his frivolous Demands and Bloody Threatning in Conservation
of our plantations in the South River and River of the May be Enforced to do and further
by these our open Commission do request that the above mentioned Embassadors
Augustinus Heermans and Resolvert Watdron as our trusty agents according
to the Law of Nations may be Received Heard and full Credit may be given pro-
-mising to Ratify and to approve and to hold of force what shall be done by them
according this Commission as if such was done by our self these we have given
under our ordinary Cachett and Signature in Amsterdam in 16. Netherland
the 23^d of September Anno One Thousand Six Hundred fifty Nine
Locus Sigilli P. Stuyvesant

By Command of the Lord Director Generall of the
N. Netherland Curacao etc. & the Lords of the Council.
C. A. Ruyven. Secret.

After which the said Agents delivered the Enuincing
Declaration Viz

Declaration and Manifestation, by way of Speech
delivered unto the Honble Governour and Counsell of the Province of
Maryland in Chesapeake Bay from and in the Behalf of the Honble
Governour Generall and Counsell of the Province of the new Netherland

Notifying first and former the ancient original Right and
Title the Subjects of the high and mighty States Generall of the united Provinces
under the propriety of the Lords of the West India Company of Amsterdam in
Holland have unto the Province of the New Netherlands latitudes from degree
38 to about 42 by the great Ocean Sea and from thence so Circled all
Rivers Islands and main Continents Northwardly up to the River of Canada
on the East side Virginia and now Maryland upon the great Bay of Chesapeake
and on the East New England. To Say that their ancient right and Title to that
part of the new found world of America doth in a manner derive to them first
from the King of Spain as their Subjects or Vassals to the first finding and
Discoverers of that new World who after War and Peace with the said King
did Renounce and give over unto the united Republick of the seven Provinces
all his right and Title of those Countries and Dominions they have there
in Process of time Conquered and Seated in Europe America or elsewhere
whereof