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ENGLISH AT  
AMBOYNA.

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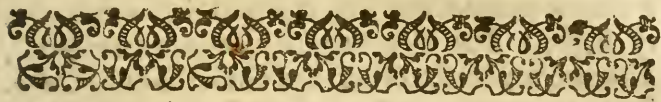
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Copy of the Confessions and Sentences against Mr. *Towerson*, and Complices, concerning the bloody conspiracy enterprised against the Castle of *Amboyna*, the which by the manifest grace, and providence of God was discovered the 23. day of *February*, in the yeare 1623. as also the Resolutions of the Governour *Van Spelle*, and of the Councell taken in the busines.

### *The Translation.*



Hereas on the 23. of *February* 1623. by the manifest grace and providence of God, it was discovered; That a certaine *Iaponesse* called *Hytieso*, at night, and at vnlawfull howers at Sermon, and Prayers time, contrary to order, and to

his condition, did passe diuers times along by the Ramparts, and before the Points : and at diuers times there where he found the Souldiers yong and vnexperienced, made enquiry how many Souldiers of the *Lowe Countries* there were in the Castle,

and how many times they changed the watch every night : The Worshipfull *Harman van Speult*, Councillor of the *Indies*, and Governour of *Amboyna*, vpon great reasons taking his actions and demands for suspicious, caused the sayd *Iaponeze* to appeare before him and the Councell, and examining him of the truth, he confessed as followeth, *Datum ut supra* : Being signed

*Harman van Speult*, *Laurence de Marschalck*, *Clement Kerseboom*, *Iohn Iohnsō vischer*, *Iohn van Leeuwen*, *Iohn Iacobson-wincoop*, *Leonard Clocq*, *Martin Ianson-Vogell*, *Iohn Iooften*, *Iacob Cooper*, *Iohn van Nienpoort*, *Peter Ianson van Zanten*, *Harman Crayevanger*, *Rowland Tailler*, *Vincent Cortbals* Secretarie.

*Hytiesō Iaponois* of the age of 24. yeares, borne at *Ferando* in *Iapon*. denied the same, but the Souldiers being produced before him, of whom he had divers times, and in divers places asked those questions, he confessed that he had done it out of a merry disposition and for pleasure : whereupon his Worth: sayd vnto him, that such things at vnreasonable times could not be asked for pleasure of the yonger and vnexperienced Souldiers, but that of necessity it must be otherwise: and in pursuit thereof being of that opinion, he with those of his Councell; caused him to be brought to the torture: the Prisoner having beene tortured a while, desired that they would cease; and hee would confesse all that did belong to the busines, and then he confessed that a certaine other *Iaponeze*, being also Souldier to the



the Dutch Companie in the East *Indies*, called *Sidney Migiell*, (who had heretofore beene servant to the honorable English Company) had desired him to enquire of the thing aforesayd, and moreover he confessed, that he had beene asked by the sayd *Migiell*, if he would lend his ayde amongst other *Iaponezers*, to deliver the Castle into the hands of the *English*, to the which he answered, he would vpon condition of good recompence, which was offered him by the sayd *Iaponeze*, in the name of the *English*.

Hee confessed, that hee had communicated and consulted concerning the delivery of the Castle divers times, as well in the quarters of *Mardiques*, as in the *English* house with divers other *Iaponezes*, and with Mr. *Timothie Johnson* English Merchant, and *Abell Price* English Barber, and that within three moneths last past.

He sayth that the *Iaponian* Souldiers which were in the Castle, did agree to deliver the said Castle into the hands of the *English*, and that they had ingaged themselues to serue them.

Further he confesseth, that they would put this exploit and treason in execution, when any *English* ship should haue ariued in this place.

Hee saith, that the *Iaponezes* did consulte for to keepe two men in every Corner of the Castle, and the rest in the Hall, for to seize vpon the Governor, and that they would haue killed all that wete not on their side: Thus confessed the 23. of *February* 1623. in the Castle of *Amboyna*, and it was subscribed, the marke of *Hytieso Iaponois*.

*Harman van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerseboom,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John van Lecuwen,*  
*John Jacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogel,*  
*John Iooften,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*John van Nieuport,*  
*Peter Iansen van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger*  
*Rowland Tailer,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

By reason of which conspiracie and treason, the Governour *Van Speult* being moved and troubled, kept the Prisoner by him, and presently caused the Gate to shut and looked to, and the points of the Castle with double guard, and likewise the Armes of all the *Iaponezes* to be taken away, and themselves to bee put in Irons: giving commaund that none should stirre out of the Castle, vntill such time as he should bee better informed, and all things were set in order: knowing well that there was great danger in delayes, and that for the finding out of such conspiracies and offences, he was not to make any pause, but to search out the end thereof; for which cause hee commaunded *Sidney Migiell* to bee sent for, & commaunded the Advocate *Fiscall de Brune*, with the Councell, to take diligent information:

who

who after some torture, the said *Migiell* and others made the confessions following.

Done in the Castle of *Amboyna* the 23. of Feb. Anno 1623. And it was subscribed;

*Harman Van Spelut*

*Laurence de Marschalck,*

*Clement Kerseboom,*

*Iohn Iohnson Vischer,*

*Iohn Van Leeuwen,*

*Iohn Iacobson Wincoop,*

*Leonard Clocq,*

*Martin Iohnson Vogell,*

*Iohn Ioosten,*

*Iacob Cooper,*

*Iohn Van Nienpoort,*

*Peter Iansen van Zanten,*

*Harman Crayevanger,*

*Rowland Tailler,*

*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Sidney Migiell Iaponeze*, of the age of 24. yeares, borne at *Nangasaque*, confesseth that he did enquire of another Souldier being a *Iaponeze*, called *Peter Conge*, how many *Dutch* Souldiers were in the Castle.

He confesseth, that *Abell Price* English Barber within 2. or 3. moneths since asked him, if he knew a way for to get and induce the *Iaponezes* to deliver the Castle to the *English*.

He saith, that afterwards he consulted with the *Iaponezes* about the said businesse, and that all of them.



them agreed therevnto.

He saith, that divers times he consulted concerning the prosecution of the businesse, and concerning the time with Captaine *Towerson*, *M. Tompson*, *John Clarke*, *Abell Price*, and other *English*.

He confesseth also, that they would haue put in execution this plot or treason, when any *English* ship or Pincke had arrived here, and that then with the *English*, and their slaves, they would haue attempted to make themselues Masters of the Castle, and haue killed all that were not on their side.

He saith, that they had appointed two *Iaponezes* to be in every point of the Castle, and the rest in the Hall, for to seize vpon the Governour *Van Speult*.

He confesseth also, that the *English* did promise to every *Iaponeze* 1000. Ryals of Eight, over and aboue their share in the bootie. Thus confessed the 24. of February, Anno 1623, *Stilo Nouo*, in the Fort of *Amboyna*. And it was subscribed.

This is the marke of *Sidney Migiell*.

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kersebooms,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogell,*  
*John Ioosten,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nienpoort,*

*Peter*



*Peter Iansen Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Peter Congi Iaponeze*, aged 31. yeares, borne at *Mangasague*: confesseth, that the said *Migiell* questioned him concerning the Souldiers of the *Dutch*, how many there were, and that he enquired of the said *Hytieso*.

He confesseth, that he did consult as the other *Iaponezes* did with the *English*, concerning the delivrie of the *Castle*, and he promised his service therein. Thus confessed the 24. of *February* 1623. in the *Castle of Amboyna*. The marke of *Peter Congi*.

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*John Johnson Fischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Jacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogell,*  
*John Ioosten,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nieupoort,*  
*Peter Iansen Van Zantem,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Soysimo, Iaponeze* of the age of 26. yeares, borne at *Ferando*: confesseth, that he had likewise knowledge of the consultation of the *English*, and that he had presented his service to the said *English* to win the Castle. Confessed, Dated in the same place, and it was marked, signed, *Soysimo Iaponeze.*

*Harman Van Spelut,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Iacobson Winscoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogell,*  
*John Iooften,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nienpoort,*  
*Peter Iansen Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Thome Corea Iaponeze*, of the age of 50. yeares, borne at *Mangasagne*: confessed, that hee with the rest of the *Iaponezes*, had knowledge of the consultation of the *English*, and that hee should likewise haue bene employed in their service. Thus confessed, the 24. of *February* 1623. and was signed. The marke of *Thome Corea.*

*Harman van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*Iohn Iohnson Vischer,*  
*Iohn van Leeuwen,*  
*Iohn Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Iohnson Vogel,*  
*Iohn Iooften,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*Iohn van Nieupoort,*  
*Peter Iansen van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Tsiosa Iaponeze* of the age of 32. yeares, borne at *Firando* Souldier: confesseth, that hee with the rest of the *Iaponezes* should haue been assistant in the surprizing of the Castle for the *English*. *Datum ut supra*: and was signed. The marke of *Tsiosa Iaponeze*.

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*Iohn Iohnson Vischer,*  
*Iohn Van Leeuwen,*  
*Iohn Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Iohnson Vogell,*  
*Iohn Iooften,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*

*John Van Nieupoort,  
Peter Iansens Van Zanten,  
Harman Crayevanger,  
Rowland Tailler,  
Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Quiendayo Iaponeze, aged 32. yeares, Souldier,  
borne at Coreats : confessed, that they being 12. Iaponezes, thought to haue made themfelues Masters of the Castle with the ayde of the English. Confessed and signed as aforesaid. Signed thus the name of Quiendayo.*

*Harman Van Speult,  
Laurence de Marschalsk,  
Clement Kerseboom,  
John Iohnson Vischer,  
John Van Leeuwen,  
John Iacobson wincoop,  
Leonard Clocq,  
Martin Iohnson Vogell.  
John Iooften,  
Iacob Cooper,  
John Van Nieupoort,  
Peter Ianson Van Zanten,  
Harman Crayevanger,  
Rowland Tailler,  
Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Sinsa Iaponeze, of the age of 32. yeares, borne at Ferando, Souldier: confessed, that they 12. Iaponezes did intend to deliver and betray the Castle to the English.*



*English.* Confessed in the said place, and on the said day subscribed. The name of *Sinsa Iaponeze.*

*Harman Van Spente,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogell,*  
*John Iooften,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nieupoort,*  
*Peter Iansen Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayewanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

*Tsauinda Iaponeze,* aged 32. yeares, borne at *Ti-oucketge,* Souldier: confesseth as the rest, that they 12. with the assistance of the *English,* intended to make themselves Maisters of the Castle. Thus confessed the 24. of *February 1623.* And was subscribed. The name of *Tsauinda.*

*Harman Van Spente,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Iacobson Wincoop,*

*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Iansen Vogell,*  
*John Iooften,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nienpoort,*  
*Peter Iansen Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayewanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Cortbals Secretarie.*

*Zanchoo Iaponeze,* aged 22. yeares, borne at *Fisien,*  
 Souldier : Confesseth as the afore-going. Dated as  
 the afore-said, and was vnder-signed.

The marke of *Zanchoo.*

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kersebooms,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Iacobsen Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogell,*  
*John Iooften,*  
*Jacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nienpoort,*  
*Peter Iansen Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayewanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Cortbals Secretarie.*

*Sacoube*

*Sacoube Iaponeze*, of the age of 40. yeares, borne at *Ferando*, Souldier: Confesseth, that he also had knowledge of the consultation of the *Iaponezes*; but being old and sicke, he did not present his service. Dated the 25. of February 1623.

The marke of *Sacoube*.

*Harman van Speult,*  
*Lauren. e de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerseboom,*  
*Iohn Johnson vischer,*  
*Iohn Van Leeuwen,*  
*Iohn Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Iohnson Vogell,*  
*Iohn Ieosten,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*Iohn Van Nieupoort,*  
*Peter Ianson Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals* Secretarie.

His Worship vnderstanding by all the precedent Confessions the designe of the Agent of the honourable *English* Company of *Amboyna*, with the Merchants and other Confederates; and although that he was sufficiently informed: that hee might haue taken them into custody, yet he would not haue thereunto: but first he caused to be brought before him *Abell Price* English Barber, who for other offences (as an Incendiarie, for vsing violence

in other mens houses) was already in prison: and after the said Prisoner was told the place, persons, and times where he had consulted with the *Japonezes*, and with other *English* vpon the consultation afore-said: they vnderstood by him that which followeth. Dated the 25. of February 1623. Subscribed.

Harman Van Spenk  
 Laurence de Marschalek,  
 Clement Kerseboom,  
 Iohn Iohnson Fischer,  
 Iohn Van Leeuwen,  
 Iohn Iacobson Wincoop,  
 Leonard Clocq,  
 Martin Iohnson Vogell,  
 Iohn Iooften,  
 Iacob Cooper,  
 Iohn Van Nicupoort,  
 Peter Iansen van Zanten,  
 Harman Crayevanger,  
 Rowland Tailer,  
 Vincent Corthals Secretarie.

The Confession of *Abell Price*, aged 24. yeares, borne at *Neles* in *Wales* in the Countie of *Pembroke*. Confessed;

That he by the command and order of Captaine *Tower*, had conference with *Sidney Migiell Iaponeze*, concerning the taking of the Castle, promising vnto every *Iaponeze* their share in the bootie.

Further



Further he confesseth, that he did treat two or three times in the Quarter of *Mardriques* with *M. Thomson*, *M. Johnson*, and *John Clarke*, and the *Iaponezes* concerning the said matter.

Further he confesseth; That the said *Migiell Iaponeze* was three or foure times in the *English* house with him, and conferred with him and them divers times, and they informed *Captain Towerson* of their discourse.

Confessing further, That the said treason should haue been put in execution when any *English* ships should arriue.

Further he confesseth, that all the Merchants of the Factories, resorting to *Amboyna*, had knowledge of the said treason.

Further he saith, That they intended to put it in execution when one of their shippes should come.

Further he confesseth, That if they had taken the Castle, they would haue done all the dammage and offence possible to the Citizens, if they agreed not with them. And this he confirmed with his name *Abell Price*.

His Worship vnderstanding this, hee thought good for to send for *Captaine Towerson* to the Castle, the which he did presently by a certaine Merchant, who went to the *English* House, and presently returned to the Castle with *M. Towerson*: who was very much troubled and altered, and then his Worship said to him, that hee was very much amazed and sorry for that which he had vnderstood by the *Iaponeze* and the *Barber*; having many times ad-

monished the said Captain *Towerfon*, that he should not entertaine or draw vnto him ( as hee did ) the *English, Iaponeze, and Spanish* Prisoners, which were in the service of him and the *Low-Countries*. That it did cause and giue suspition of ill consultation, and other things, but as he thought Captaine *Towerfon* did not know any thing: but that now hee marked in him a great alteration and astonishment.

The Governour *Van Speult* with his Councell found good that they should retaine by way of provision the said Captaine *Towerfon*, and *M Thomson*; and he was told presently that he should stay there as Prisoner, and should take a lodging in one of the Chambers of the Merchants. But the said Master *Towerfon* desired that by reason of his qualitie, they would grant him to be Prisoner in his owne Chamber, in the House of the honourable *English* Company: to the which his Worship agreed, vpon condition that first he should cause to come, or send all his men into the Castle, the which was done; and that he should bee there Prisoner with some Keepers.

Captaine *Towerfon* being gone, his Worship holding a Councell thought good presently to examine all the *English* one after another, and they were examined; some before torture, others after a little torture confessing as followeth; Done the 26. of *February* 1623. Signed.

*Harman van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*

*Clement*

*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*Iohn Iohnson vischer,*  
*Iohn Van Leeuwen,*  
*Iohn Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Iohnson Vogell,*  
*Iohn Iooften,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*Iohn Van Nieuport,*  
*Peter Ianson Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Certbals Secretarie.*

*The Confession of Timothy Iohnson Factor, borne  
at New-Castle; aged 29. yeares.*

Confesseth; That he was in one of the houses of the *Iaponezes*, in the Quarter of the *Madrigues* with *M. Thomson*, *Iohn Clarke*, and *Abell Price*, three or foure times, for to consult of the taking of the Castle, and of massacring those of the *Low-Countries*, which consultation, was kept six or seaven dayes agoe.

Further he confesseth; That Captaine *Toverson* on New-yeares-day last, having all his Merchants assembled with him, proposed vnto them how that the *Hollanders* did great injuries to the *English*: and asked them if they had not the courage to help to revenge all their wrongs: for his own part, he knew the wayes and meanes, both within and without;

with the ayde of certaine Souldiers *Iaponezes*, that were lodged in the Castle, to make himselfe Master thereof. And they all answered that they had.

And hee confesseth; That their exploit should haue beene put in execution, when the Governour should be out of the Castle vpon some exploit, and those that were in the Castle should be weake and ill provided.

And also that all the Merchants of other Factories resorting thither, had knowledge of the said Treason.

And further he saith; That they would haue shared the boorie with the *Iaponezes*, and this is confirmed with the signe and name of *Timothy Ianson*,

*The Confession of Robert Browne, borne in Edinburrow in Scotland, aged 24. yeares.*

Confessed; That Captaine *Towersson* about *New-yeares-day* last past, called an Assembly of all his Familie and the forraine Merchants, and told them that hee would haue them take an oath on the Bible for fidelitie and secrecie, the which they did accordingly.

Further he saith; That afterwards the said *Towersson* propounded, that the *English* had suffered great wrong by the *Hollanders*, asking them if they had the will and courage to revenge the same. To the which some of them answered, that they were too weake to effect it. But then the said Captaine *Towersson* answered, that they would waite the opportunitie of the arrivall of some *English* Ships: wherevpon all

of:



of them agreed to make tryal, to make themselves Masters of the *Castle*.

Also ; That *Captaine Towerson* reported that the *Iaponian* Souldiers that were within the *Castle* were at his service.

Saith moreover ; That *Captaine Towerson* at the arrivall of some of their Ships, should cause all their Merchants and Slaves of the other Facturie to come thither for that purpose.

And further he saith ; That they would haue killed all that should haue made any resistance against them. And it is subscribed by the marke *R. B.*

*The Confession of Iohn Fardo the English Stewart  
of the age of 42. yeares.*

He confesseth ; That about two moneths since he was in conference with others, wherein he tooke his oath vpon the Bible to be faithfull and secret.

He saith ; That *Captaine Towerson* with their ayde, intended to make himselfe Master of the *Castle*.

And further he saith ; That some whereof hee Prisoner was one, answered that they were to weake in men : and *Captaine Towerson* said, that he knew a way to finde men enough, and that they should referre the businesse to him, and that they only should doe their endeavour.

Further he saith ; That hee amongst the rest offered his service and endeavour.

Furthermore hee saith ; That about 14. dayes since, when he was with *Captaine Towerson*, for money for the Kitchin, *Captain Towerson* asked him the

same, and if hee would doe his best for to take the Castle, to the which hee answered, that he among others would doe their best. And it was confirmed by the signe of *Iohn Fardo*.

*The Confession of Edward Collins English Merchant, borne at London, aged 25. yeares or thereabouts.*

Confesseth, That he amongst others was at the said consultation, and tooke his oath vpon the Bible, to be faithfull and secret.

And further; That he amongst others did consent to doe his best in the taking of the Castle.

*Item*, That within three or foure dayes after the said consultation, they assembled againe: and then *Captaine Tower*son told him, that he had at his devotion the *Iaponian* Souldiers, and that at his appointment they would make themselues Masters of the Points, and that some should attend in the Hall for the Governour, when he should come forth vpon the noyse.

*Item*; That they would put their designe in execution, when one of their Ships should arriue.

*Item* he confesseth, That if so be they could haue gained the Castle, they would haue done the Citizens all the hurt and dammage possible, vnlesse they would agree with them. And it is confirmed vnder *Edward Collins* his hand.

*The Confession of Iohn Beomont English Merchant, borne in Barke-shire, aged 48. yeares.*

Confesseth, That on *New-yeares-day* last past, he was in conference, and among others tooke his oath vpon the Bible to be faithfull and secret.

*Item* hee confesseth; That *Captaine Tower*son required all their aydes for the taking of the Castle. Other circumstances at present he remembreth not, having beene sické, and having an ill memory, and growing in age. And it is confirmed vnder the hand of *Iohn Beamsont*.

*The Confession of Ephraim Ramsy, borne at Carrelstow in Scotland, aged 21. yeares. Assistant to the English at Lohoe.*

He confesseth, That vpon *New-yeares-day* last, he was at *Lohoe*, and therefore he could not bee at the said conference with the *English*.

Further he saith; That this is the first day that he hath vnderstood, that the *English* did consult on *New-yeares day* for the taking of the *Castle* in a time convenient.

*The Confession of Iohn Sadler, borne at London, aged 20. yeares, English Steward at Larico.*

He confesseth, That at the time aforesaid hee was at *Larico*, and that hee knew not of any consultation.

*The Confession of William Grigs of Dunstable in the Countie of Bedford, aged 28. yeares, English Merchant at Larico.*

He confesseth ; that he was present at the consultation vpon New-yeares day last, and that amongst others he took his oath vpon the Bible to be loyall and secret

Further he confesseth, that he offered his service for to take the Castle.

*Item*, Captaine Tower son did make great complaint of the wrong which the *English* did receiue from the *Hollanders* ; and for the reuenge thereof with the ayde of the *Iaponian* Souldiers, slaves, and some *Spanish* Prisoners, hee intended to make himselfe Master of the Castle : if every one of vs would ayde him, the which if we would doe, he knew a way to keepe the Castle in spight of the *Hollanders* teethes.

*Item* hee saith, that they would haue killed all those which should make any resistance, and taken the rest prisoners.

Further hee saith, that within a few dayes after they should haue had another consultation, and that then Captaine Tower son would giue order for all things, and haue given a signe to the *Iaponexes*, at which they should haue gone about the businesse within the Castle.

*Item* he saith, that they would haue divided the goods and bootie among themselues. And it was confirmed vnder the hand of *William Grigs*.

*The Confession of Iohn Clarke, borne at Ordington, aged 36. yeares. A Ristant to the English.*

Confesseth, That he treated and spake with the *Iaponian* Souldiers concerning the taking of the Castle

*Item*



*Item* he confesseth, That he was in the consultation on New-yeares day last past, and that *Captaine Towerson* caused them to take an oath vpon the Bible to be faithfull and secret: saying that it was necessary so to doe, for if that which he should say vnto them should come to be known, it would cost them all their liues.

Confesseth moreover, That *Captaine Towerson* said afterwards, that he intended with the helpe of the *Iaponian* Souldiers, and them, to make himselfe Master of the Castle.

*Item* he saith, That *Captaine Towerson* said, that when time should be fitting, he would send for all his men and slaves of the other Factories.

He saith moreover, That they resolved to kill all those that should resist them, and that they should haue shared all the monies & goods amongst them. And this was confirmed vnder the hand of *Iohn Clarke*.

*The Confession of William Webber, borne at Ty-  
verton in Devonshire, aged about 32. yeares.*

He confesseth, that about five weekes since, hee received a Letter from *Iohn Clarke* of *Hitto*, wherein among other things it was written, that the *English* in *Amboyna* had consulted concerning the taking of the Castle.

*Item* he saith, that he hath no other knowledge of the treason, nor he did not consult with any person concerning the same. And it was confirmed vnder the hand of *Williams Webber*.

*The Confession of George Shacock, of the age of 31. yeares, borne at Westchester, Assistant to the English at Hitto.*

He confesseth and saith; That he was not in *Amboyna* since the 1. of December last past, and therefore hee could not be at the consultation held here by the *English* at New-yeares tide last.

He confesseth, that about a moneth or five weeks since he vnderstood of *Iohn Clarke* of *Hitto*, being in the *Gallery*, that the *English* in *Amboyna* had consulted and resolved for to take the Castle.

*Item*, that hee promised to *Iohn Clarke* his ayde concerning the businesse. And it was confirmed vnder the hand of the said *George Shacocke*.

*The Confession of Samuell Coulson English Merchant, borne at Newcastle, aged 39. yeares.*

Confesseth; That hee was at the conference of the *English*, and had taken an oath vpon the Bible for to be faithfull and secret, as others.

*Item* he confesseth, that Captaine *Towersson* complained of the great wrong & injuries that the *Hollanders* did them, and if that they would ayde them he knew with the helpe of the *Iaponian* Souldiers, a way to take the Castle.

*Item* he confesseth, that he promised his ayde in the same act.

Further he confesseth, that the time of the putting of the same in execution, was not yet determined, but

but with opportunity, Captaine *Towerfon* would tell him.

*Item*, in case that their intention had taken effect, they resolved to kill all that should make resistance, and take the rest Prisoners. And this was confirmed by *Samuell Coulsons* name.

*The Confession of Gabriell Towerfon, Agent for the English in Amboyna, of the age of 49. yeares, borne in London.*

He confesseth, That he was in conference with the *English*, and with the others, hee tooke an oath vpon the Bible to be faithfull and seeret.

*Item* he saith and confesseth, That he had an intention, and divers times consulted with his men for to make himselfe Master of the Castle.

*Item* hee confesseth, That all his men were consenting to it, and that he would haue put the same in execution the next time that the Governour *Van Speult*, had gone forth with his Curricuries.

Being asked what should moue him therevnto, he answered, desire of honor and profit.

Further being asked of whom hee looked to receiue that honor, and for whom he would haue kept the Castle, he answered, that if his intent had bene atchieved, he would haue informed those of his Nation in *Batavia*, and require their assistance: the which being sent him, he would haue kept the Castle for his Companie: but if they did not, hee would haue kept it for himselfe, and seeke some agreement with the *Blacks*, and so by some way or o-

ther haue had his intent.

He confesseth moreover, That he gaue order to his men for to get him men and companions to effect the same; as *M. Thomson, M. Johnson, John Clarke* and *Abell Price*, and they had already negotiated with the *Iaponian* Souldiers.

Hee saith, That the *Iaponezes* were twice in his house; but that he himself did not speake with them but he caused them to be treated with by others.

He saith, That as yet he did not appoint the time because it was too soone.

He saith, when time should come convenient, he would to this intent haue sent for all his men and slaves from the other Factories.

Further he saith, that no person whatsoever gaue him any order, instruction, or charge for the said businesse, but onely he was the first inuenter and author of this enterprize and plot, for the reasons aforesaid.

*Item* he confesseth, That on New-yeares day last he consulted with the Merchants, and those of his Family concerning the taking of the Castle, and made them all sweare vpon the Bible to be faithfull and secret.

Further he confesseth, that he hath not given any order to any person whatsoever, to confer with those of *Loehoe, Hitto, or Cambello*, concerning this matter. So farre was he from promising them any powder, Ordnance, Bullets or Muskets, or any other Ammunition of warre, at the arrivall of the Ships. Signed *Gabriell Towerson*.



*The Confession of Emanuel Tompson English Merchant in Amboyna, borne in Hamburrough, of the age of 50. yeares.*

He confesseth, That on New-yeares day last past, a day after or before, hee, with other *English Merchants* was sent for to the chamber of *Captaine Tower-son*, and that the said *Captaine Tower-son* then said vnto them, that hee had a businesse to impart vnto them, but first they must take their oathes vpon the Bible to be faithfull and secret to him; the which they all did.

Afterwards *Captaine Tower-son* told them in what manner the *English* were esteemed in that Country, and that every where they must be the lowest; and that they could not receiue justice in any kinde, and that he had found a way to be revenged thereof, and that he could be Master of the Castle if they would assist him. Vnto the which they all agreed.

*Item* the said *Captaine Tower-son* said, that those of *Loehoe* would come with certaine *Caricorrowes* to assist him.

*Item* hee saith, that eight dayes after the conference, *Captaine Tower-son* told him, that hee had sent *M. Johnson* and *M. Price* forth to treat; and get the *Japonian* Souldiers to consent to the same.

Further hee confesseth, that after the said conference, he had sundry times asked *Captaine Tower-son* how he proceeded in the businesse, but he was still answered, that he should content himselfe, and leaue the busines to those that were wiser then himselfe; and that he should take heed, least by his drunken-

nesse the businesse should be discovered. Signed *E-mannell Tompson*.

*The Confession of Iohn Wetherall English Merchant, dwelling at Cambello, borne at Glaston in the Countie of Rutland, aged 31. yeares.*

Confesseth, That he was at the conference with others on New-yeares day, and tooke his oath as others did on the Bible, to be faithfull and secret.

That *Capraine Tower son* after he had told them, how that the *English* had indured a great deale of wrong by the *Hollanders*; and that he with the ayde of the *Iaponian* Souldiers and with the *Blacks*, knew a way how to get the Castle; if they would all ayde him: they presently promised to doe it.

This exploit should haue benee put in execution when their ships should haue arrived,

*Item*, He confesseth that the next day they were againe assembled, to animate and encourage one another in the advancement of their deligne. Signed *Iohn Wetherall*.

*The Confession of Iohn Paul Assistant to the English at Cambello, borne in Bristoll, aged 31. yeares.*

Saith, that he hath not benee neere the Castle of *Amboyna* this five moneths, & that he knoweth not any thing therein.

*The Confession of Thomas Sharke; borne at Colchester, aged 36. yeares.*

Saith,

Saith, That hee hath not beene in *Amboyna* this six moneths, and that he knoweth nothing.

[ Augustine Peres Marinho *Captaine of the Slaves*, aged 36. yeares, borne in Bengala.

Confesseth, That two moneths since, he was asked by a *Iaponeze* called *Hytieso*, in the name of *Captaine Towerson*, if hee would together with the *Iaponezes* assist the *English* in the taking of the Castle: the which he consented to. Thus confessed in the Castle of *Amboyna*, the 3. of *March* 1623.

The Worshipfull *Harman Van Speult* Councillor in the *Indies*, Governour in *Amboyna*, &c. having seene and vnderstood the conformable confessions of divers persons and Nations, being kept in divers places, and examined at divers times; doth not think any wayes necessaric by reason of the enormitie of the offence, that the cause could, nor ought not to suffer any reference: because at the present they were charged with more then 40. Prisoners, and they did not know what enemies might be besides, either within or without. Yet notwithstanding, for the abundant satisfaction of the Honourable *English* *Companie* and Nation, it was thought fit to be debated by Councill, whether the cause could suffer any referring, or no.

Wherevpon by a generall voyce it was judged and resolved, that the fact and crime should be punished in the place where it was conceived and con-



cluded, for example to others: and the rather because at the present the *Tarnatans* and *Mores* hereabouts contrary to their custome, did a while since (in likelihood by the instigation of the *English*) beginne to rebell, and had slaine and killed certaine of the *Dutch* Nation, and servants of the *Companie*. Therefore his Worship caused the *Fiscall Brune* for to forme such demaund and conclusion against the said Prisoners, as in reason he should thinke fitting. Thus done, and resolved the 8. of *March* 1623. Subscribed.

*Harman Van Speult,*

*Laurence de Marschalck,*

*Clement Kerseboom,*

*John Johnson Vischer,*

*John Van Leeuwen,*

*John Iacobson Wincoop,*

*Leonard Clocq,*

*Martin Johnson Vogelt,*

*John Iooften,*

*Iacob Cooper,*

*John Van Nieuport,*

*Peter Iansen Van Zanten,*

*Harman Crayevanger,*

*Rowland Tailler,*

*Vincent Corihals Secretarie.*

Whereas by the preecedent Acts and confessions it appeares sufficiently, that *Gabriell Tower* son Agent for the Honourable *English* *Companie* in *Amboyna*, with his creatures and Confederates aforesaid, hath



committed treason, and fought the overthrow of the *State*, of the priviledged Company of the *Low-Countries* in *Amboyna*; wherein depends the greatest part of the prosperitie of the said Company: and by a horrible murder and efusion of bloud, wholly to ruinate the same; Therefore the Advocate *Fiscall Isaack Brune, nomine officij*, forming his Demaund, concludes, that the said *Gabriell Towerfson* with all the other Delinquents, as well *English* as *Iaponezes*, aboue named (except *Ephraim Iohn Paul* Assistant to the *English*, *Thomas Sharke*, and *Iohn Sadler*) should be carried to the place accustomed for execution of the Law and Justice, and that they should there be beheaded, and put to death with the confiscation of all their goods. And that the said *Towerfson* after his death should be cut in foure quarters, and his head should bee set vp vpon the Gate vpon a pole, & every quarter should be fixed vpon a Gibbet. Done in the Castle of *Amboyna* the 8. of *March*, 1623. And it was signed *Isaack de Brune* Advocate *Fiscall*.

The Worshipfull *Harman Van Speult*, Councillor of the *Indies*, Governour of *Amboyna*, &c. with the ordinary Councill of his Worship, as also those in the ships named the *Rotterdam*, *Amsterdam*, the *Vnicorne*, *Edam*, and the *Little-Hope*, having heard the demaund and conclusion of the Advocate *Fiscall de Brune*, made against the said Delinquents, after they had called vpon the name of God, that hee would be pleased to assist them in their course during this heavie assembly, and to inspire into them nothing but equitie and justice, after mature confi-

deration in all that was necessary. To you the Delinquents aswell *English*, as *Iaponezes*; to wit, *Capitaine Gabriell Towerson, Samuel Coulson, Emannell Tompson, Timothy Johnson, William Grigs, John Clarke Abell Price, Robert Browne, John Wetherall, John Fardo, Augustine Peres Marinbo.* The Slaues, *Hytieso, Sidney Migiell, Pedro Conge, Thome Corea, Tsiosa, Quiandao, Sinsa, Tsaveianda, and Zancheo.* Declare that you having committed treason, having conceived and plotted together a horrible massacre & treason, to bee Masters of the Castle, and so haue compassed not onely to overthrow and ruinate the State of the *East-India Company* in the vnited Provinces of the *Low-Countries*, which the conservati-  
 on of this place much concerneth: but also to ruinate the *Vnited Low-Countries* themselues, and their prosperities; partly consisting in Navigation and trafficke to the *Indies*, which by this meanes would haue beene vndermined and weakened. In pursuite whereof, and in the name, and in the qualitie of Governour of the high and mighty Lords the *States*, Generall of the *Vnited Provinces of the Low-Countries*, haue condemned the said Delinquents, as by these presents we condemne them; to be carried to the place where Law and Iustice is ordinarily executed, and there to be punished with the sword in such sort as death may ensue: with the confiscation according to the Law of their goods proper and in particular. And the heads of *Gabriell Towerson, Sidney Migiell, Hytieso, and Pedro Conge*, for example vnto others shall be set vpon poles.

Thus pronounced in the Castle of *Amboyna*, the ninth

ninth day of *March*, one thousand six hundred twenty three. And it was subscribed-

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck;*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Iacobson Winscoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogell,*  
*John Iooften,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nieuport,*  
*Peter Ianssen Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Cortbals Secretarie.*

Whereas the said Governour *Van Speult* for the service of the honourable *English* Companie, hath thought good to spare two of the said *English* Merchants *pro tempore*, for the grace and pardon of the Lord Governour Generall *Peter de Carpentier*, to the end that with other Deputies of his Worship they might looke to the goods of the said honourable *English* Companie. His Worship for certaine reasons hath cholen for one of them *John Beumont*, *English* Merchant in the Factorie of *Lohce*. And ordaineth that *M. Collins*, *M. Thomson*, and *M. Coulson* should draw lots betweene them three, which of them should enjoy the like favour. Declaring not-

withstanding that their proper goods shall bee particularly confiscated according as the others. And his Worship pardoned *Ephraim John Paul*, *Thomas Sharke*, and *John Sadler*, as having little and no knowledge of the said plot. Done and resolved the 8. of *March 1623.*

Master *Coulson*, *Thomson*, and *Collins*, being brought in a place together, and the Lots being presented to them, after a short prayer which every one made, they drew : first *M. Thomson*, next *M. Collins*, and last *M. Coulson* : the which being opened, it fell to *M. Collins* to be saved. Done in the Castle of *Amboyna* the day aforesaid. Subscribed.

*Harman Van Speult*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerffeboom,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*  
*John Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Cloeq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogell,*  
*John Iosten,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nienpoort,*  
*Peter Iansen van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

Whereas *Augustine Peres Marinbo* of the Slaues, had knowledge of the treason and conspiracy aforesaid,



said, and being that he promised his ayde, it is concluded of him, as is afore said: and that the wife of *Augustine Peres*, which hath beene a Slaue of the honourable *Dutch East-India Company*, who was given to the said *Augustine* in hope of his good carriage, for the present, shee shall returne to her ancient Maisters of the said Companie, vntill such time that shee shall be otherwise disposed of by the Governour. Done in the Councell of *Amboyna* the 9. of *March* 1623. And was subscribed.

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalsk,*  
*Clement Kerseboom,*  
*Iohn Iohnson Vischer,*  
*Iohn Van Leeuwen,*  
*Iohn Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Iohnson Vogell.*  
*Iohn Iooften,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*Iohn Van Nienspoort,*  
*Peter Ianson Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailer,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

We here vnder-named, doe declare for a truth instead of an oath, that *Gabriell Towerson* after he was examined concerning the said plot, and the Governour *Van Speult* condoling with him for that which is afore said, asking him if that was the recompence

of his former friendship shewed to the said *Tower-son*? The said *Tower-son* with a deepe sigh answered him and said, alas! if it were to beginne againe, it should never be done. Done the 9. of *March*, in the Castle of *Amboyna*. Subscribed.

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerseboom,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Peter Van Zanten,*  
*Leonard Clocq:*

The 9. of *March* 1623. in the Castle of *Amboyna* it was resolved, That the *English* Prisoners that were for the present reserved to the pardon of the Lord Generall *de Carpentier*, as *M. Beomont*, and *M. Collins*, as likewise those that had none or little knowledge in the said intended Treason, should be againe remitted to the *English* lodgings, with others appointed by the Governour *Van Speult*, to keepe and looke to the goods of their Companie, vntill the arrivall of some *English* Shippe, for to dispose thereof, as should be found most necessary and profitable for the said Companie. Thus done in the Castle of *Amboyna* the day aboue written. Subscribed.

*Harman Van Speult,*  
*Laurence de Marschalck,*  
*Clement Kerseboom,*  
*John Johnson Vischer,*  
*John Van Leeuwen,*

*John Iacobson Wincoop,*  
*Leonard Clocq,*  
*Martin Johnson Vogel,*  
*John Iooften,*  
*Iacob Cooper,*  
*John Van Nieupoort,*  
*Peter Iansen Van Zanten,*  
*Harman Crayevanger,*  
*Rowland Tailler,*  
*Vincent Corthals Secretarie.*

Vnder was written, collationed with the Original, and found to agree with the same in substance. Done the 29. of *March*, 1623. in the Castle of *Amboyna*. Subscribed.

*Fredericke Houtman, Martin Souck, John Iacobson Wincoop, Garrit Fredericke, Delbit Vesterman, Laurence de Marschalck, John Van Leeuwen, Leonard Clocq, Isaack Migielsen Bogace, Peter Iansen Van Zanten.*

Wee whose names are here vnder-written, being servants vnto the honourable *English* Companie in the *East-Indies*, having beene required by the Worshipfull *Harman Van Speult* Governour of *Amboyna*, to examine the processe of *Captaine Tower*son and his Complices, being written in *Dutch* and *English*. Wee haue heard and read the said Processe in two Languages, and according to our judgements, and as we can comprehend it, the substance of both the translations agree in substance. Thus done in

the Castle of *Amboyna* the 23. of *May* 1623. *Stilo Angli.e.* And is subscribed by those whose names hereafter follow. To wit;

*Richard Welding,*  
*John Cartwright,*  
*Henry Gill,*  
*John Van Nieupoort,*  
*Rowland Hollers,*  
*George Williams.*

Collation being made of this Translation with the Authentick Copy sent from the *Indies*, and subscribed as aforesaid, is found to agree therewith. The 12. of *August* 1624.

By me the Secretarie of the *States* Generall,  
of the *United Provinces.*

*I. Van Goch.*

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