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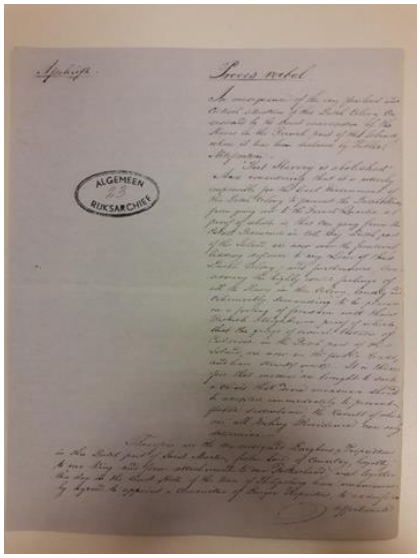

Proces verbaal (afschrift) door ingezetenen van het Nederlandse gedeelte van Sint Maarten
Procès-verbal (transcript) by Residents of the Dutch Part of Sint Maarten

TRANSCRIPTIE:

Proces verbal

In consequence of the very Perilous and

Critical situation of this Dutch Colony Oc:

casioned by the recent emancipation of the

Slaves in the French part of this Island

Where it has been declared by Public

Notification

'That Slavery is abolished'

And considering that it is utterly

Impossible for the local Government of

This Dutch Colony to prevent the Dutch Slaves

From going over to the French Quarter, al

Proof of which is, that one gang from the

Estate Diamond in Cole Bay Dutch part

of this Island, are now over the fronteers,

bidding defiance to any Laws of this
Dutch Colony; and furthermore, Con
sidering the highly excited feelings of
All the Slaves in this Colony, loudly and
Vehemently demanding to be placed
on a footing of freedom with their
French Neighbours, proof of which,
that the gangs of several Estates of
Culdesac in the Dutch part of this
Island, are now in the Public Roads,
and have struck work. It is there-
for that matters are brought to such
a crisis that some measures should
be adopted immediately to prevent
public disturbance, the result of which,
are, all ruling Providence can only
determine.

Therefore we the undersigned Burghers, Proprietors
In this Dutch part of Saint Martin, from love of Country, loyalty
To our King and firm attachment to our Fatherland, met together
this day in the Court Hall of this Town of Philipsburg, have unanimous-
ly agreed to appoint a Committee of Burger Reprieters, to address an
affectionate

VOLGENDE PAGINA, NIET TE ZIEN OP DE TENTOONSTELLING

Affectionate, earnest, and loyal petition to His Majesty our beloved
King praying that the slaves in this colony should be emancipated
Without any delay and that the honest integrity of the metropolitan
Government, by the paternal recommendation of our good monarch

Be incited to remunerate the Proprietors of the Colony for the said emancipation, whereby Ruin will be prevented, and every heart in this colony have cause to rejoice and be glad.