

Looking southwardly across the East River (*Oost Rivier*), they could see on Long Island (*Lange Eylandt*) most of the buildings of the settlement to which had been given the name of Breukelen, that of a village in the province of Utrecht, in Holland, about fifteen miles south of the city of Amsterdam. Six English miles southeast of Breukelen, they learned was another small collection of houses and barns which had acquired the name of Amersfoort, that of another well-known village in the province of Utrecht, twenty-nine miles distant from the city of Amsterdam. They were further told that eight miles



VIEW OF THE CITY OF NEW AMSTERDAM.

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south of the hamlet of Breukelen was another called Gravesande, and seven northeastward of Breukelen was the site of a number of colonists' houses denominated Middelburg, the name of a village on the island of Walcheren, in the province of Zeeland, in the Netherlands; and that, three miles northeast of it, was still another settlement which had been called Vlissingen after a seaport on the south side of the island of Walcheren. They were likewise told that twenty miles eastward of Breukelen lay a sixth hamlet, distinguished by the name of Heemstede, the title of a village in the province of North Holland. (See map, page 2.)

One hundred and thirty-four miles north of the city of New Amsterdam, beginning at Bears' Island (*Beeren Eylandt*), in the Mauritius or *Noord Rivier*, the extensive manor of Rensselaerswijck stretched northward along both sides of the river as far as the northernmost mouth of the Mohawk River (*Maquaa Kill*). Small sections of this vast estate, as Tomys Swartwout and his wife were told, had been divided into farms which were cultivated by colonists