

Portuguese, at this moment, rendering necessary all the aid which their English allies could give them, caused another direction to be taken by the British forces destined for the American expedition. In consequence of this change of the destination of the English troops, the labors and great expenditures of the colonies, to which New York had contributed twenty thousand pounds, were sacrificed to European policy."¹

With this expedition, it appears, Daniel Ketelhuyn was connected as a lieutenant of one of the volunteer companies organized to go on it. This is evident from the action taken in 1717 by the provincial assembly, which, that year, authorized the colonial treasurer to pay in bills of credit certain "officers and soldiers who served and were employed in the expedition against Canada, in the year one thousand seven hundred and nine," and is more definitely set forth in the following paragraph forming a part of the act:

"To Daniel Ketelyn, Lieut., his Executors or Assigns, the quantity of Forty Four ounces of Plate aforesaid."²

The liberty granted the city of Albany, by its charter of 1686, to purchase from the Indians five hundred acres of land at Schaghticoke, was not exercised until 1707. On February 28, that year, at a meeting of the mayor, recorder, aldermen and commonalty, at which the mayor, David Schuyler, the recorder, John Abeel, and twelve aldermen and assistants (Daniel Ketelhuyn being at that time a member of the common council) were present, the matter of establishing the right and title of the city to a tract of land at Schaghticoke came under consideration. To further the business, the following resolution was taken:

"Whereas ye Commonalty have Lately Resolved to send to Mashahaes and other Indian owners of ye land & woodland Caled Shaaktekook to ye End that ye Commonalty might agree & purchase the same for ye Behoofe of ye Citty in order thereto ye sd Indians doe here appear, vizt.: Mashahaes & Machatawe; who, after some time spent in making an agreement, the said Mashahaes & Machatawe, for themselves & on behalf of Caemskaek, aesiah quanch, Jan Concel, Schachaempe, Tassawampe, and ahantowit, Indian owners and native proprietors of ye sd lands & woodlands, have sold & transported ye sd lands, Situate on ye East side of hudsons River, above ye half-moon, commonly called Schaahkook, is bounded on ye west side by ye sd River, on ye south side by ye bounds of Eghb^t Teunise & Barent Albertse bratt, & Runns northward along the said River side to ye End of two miles from Schaaghkooks Creek, and striks from thence into ye woods by an East line twelve

¹ Essay on the history of New York, in the Gazetteer of the state of New York. By Thomas F. Gordon, Philadelphia, 1836, p. 39.

² Acts of the Assembly from 1691 to 1725. Bradford, 1726. Laws of 1717, pp. 137, 166.