

by the determination of the arbitrators. Also we ordain that any one may have his property, his rights, and his jurisdictions as he may possess of this kind by action of law in proper time in and outside the city, which also we wish to be observed as respects Adolphus and his nephews and heirs of the same. Also that all the movable goods of the religious societies in the city held by the people of Groningen, which, by order of settlement, shall be found safe and preserved to this time, according to the oaths of the four burgomasters, shall be returned unrestrictedly to their ancient and true owners. Also that the freedom of the Frisians, which the people of Groningen have in common with the Frisians maintained against all oppressors, shall be free according to the unanimous decision of the arbitrators. Also if those who by reason of revenge have killed any person among the aforesaid parties to the injury of our compact, that the slayer shall pay a hundred marks sterling to the heirs of the slain, but if by misfortune or other mishap in conflict, the slayer shall pay sixteen marks sterling to the legitimate heirs for requital or amends. Also that the people of Groningen shall give the same measure and weight in all things to the Frisians and Drenthens in such kind or as much as they shall receive from the same. Also that the people of Groningen shall keep faith with the Frisians and Drenthens as may be expressed in writings after this shall have been more fully executed. Also that in the exchange of anything bought or sold, and in the circulation of gold and silver by the people of Groningen, Frisia, and Drenthe, they shall not perpetrate any fraud and deceit or hindrance. Also that anyone who shall make or repair aqueducts for his own convenience shall be looked upon to put more in order for himself and the people. Also that if any foreigner shall stop for four days in Groningen he shall then depart, and that one who has killed, mutilated, injured, entrapped, or despoiled any person among the Frisians, Drenthens, or people of Groningen and returns he shall depart further than to stop just there; a foreigner moreover shall answer for himself or a community of citizens for him, unless he shall have made satisfaction through the rulers; moreover no person of Drenthe, Groningen, or Frisia shall defend one under penalty of the destruction of his house and the payment of a hundred marks sterling to the judges in whose jurisdiction the aforesaid transgression has been committed. Also, as was said, a fortification which the Frisians shall demolish and which shall be brought back to the same condition in which they found it at Groningen, Groningen shall remain under a penalty of a hundred marks sterling during legal adjudication. Also that all controversies that have arisen in the time of this war between the Frisians and Drenthens be entirely at rest under the same compact. Also that if any doubts shall have arisen in the premises through some adverse circumstances the interpretation of a doubt shall rest with us the arbitrators according to the legitimate sanctions of the law. Also we ordain that on the Lord's day, in every year, next after the festival of Corpus Christi, four judges of Hunsingo, four of Fivelgo, four of Westerampt, four of Drenthe, and four burgomasters of Groningen, with the abbot of Adewarthe and the abbot of Werum or with two persons deputed by them, shall convene in the council-house in Groningen for examining money and regulating and determining the soundness of the same according as its serviceableness is valued and required in circumjacent countries. Also that we wish this our proclamation to be published on the Lord's day, in every year, after the festival of Corpus Christi as aforesaid. If any one shall presume to violate by rash enterprise this our compact in any way whatsoever, he himself shall come to know the indignation of all the people of Frisia, Drenthe, and Groningen and make himself incur a penalty of a hundred marks sterling. In perpetual remembrance of all which testimony and the carrying out of the matter the seals of the countries of Frisia, Hunsingo, Fivelgo, Drenthe, Groningen, Vredewold, Langewold, Hummerse, and the Eight Parishes are appended to these presents. Given and published by Selwert, in the year of the Lord one thousand three hundred and thirty-eight in commemoration of the Blessed Paul. Wherefore we, the other compromisers or arbitrators aforesaid, are contented with the aforesaid seals. --Attestation-book of Groningen and Drenthe. No. 354.

*Translation of the certificate of the burgomaster and council of the city of Groningen of the renting of two parcels of land by William Zwartewolt, on the evening of Saint Lawrence's festival, August 10, 1459.*

We, the burgomaster and council of Groningen, testify by this open letter that William Zwartewolt, the warder, has come before us and declared for himself and his heirs that he has hired, at a ground-rent, of Evert Jarchs, Ludeken, Albert Jarchs's widow, and of Lysen, Herman Jarchs's widow, and their heirs, two parcels of ground and land, lying on the north side of the Damster road, Roloff Scemaker is nearest contiguous upon the east side to that one piece, Alifke Thonnys, Johan Sickens, Henric Yserman, and Lubbert Venyng on the west side, and it stretches northward to Johan Hissen's land. And Roloff Scemaker is nearest contiguous on the west side to that other piece, and Egbert Zotens upon the east side, and it stretches northward along the Damster road to Johan Hissen's land, free and exempt from entail and heritage, to use and to possess yearly for three overland Rhenish gold florins, coined before the date of this letter, or payment that is good for it; he is also to pay city-dues without malice. Which we attest with our city-seal. Given in the year of the Lord one thousand four hundred nine and fifty, on Saint Lawrence's, the martyr's, evening [August 10].

According to the original, in the Imperial-archive, at Groningen. Register, sub. 1459, No. 2.