

NOTES TO VOL. XXV

(Figures in parentheses, following number of note, refer to pages of English text.)

1 (p. 29).—For sketch of Raymbault, see vol. xi., *note 16*; of Davost, vol. v., *note 54*; of D'Olbeau, vol. xxiv., *note 12*.

2 (p. 49).—This "captain" was Arendt Van Curler (Corlaer). He was a cousin of the patroon Van Rensselaer, and came to New Netherlands with the colony sent hither in 1630 (vol. xxiv., *note 22*). Van Curler was commissary-general or superintendent of Rensselaerswyck, his jurisdiction extending from Beeren Island, near Coeymans's Landing, to the mouth of the Mohawk; he was also colonial secretary until 1642. He ruled the colony with firmness, justice, and honesty, and from the outset cultivated friendly relations with the Indians. Making numerous visits to the savages, in their own villages, and learning their language, he acquired their confidence, and a strong influence with them. In 1646, he retired to private life, but was often consulted by officials, both civil and military, in regard to Indian affairs. Two of his visits to the Indians, above referred to, are of especial interest,—one, in 1634–35, of which he preserved a record in his *Journal* (vol. viii., p. 299); and another, in September, 1642, to intervene in behalf of Father Jogues and other French prisoners among the Mohawks. Although he offered them a ransom of 600 guilders (then equal to \$250 of our money), the savages refused to release the captives; but they finally promised Van Curler that they would not kill Jogues, or torture him further. Later, Van Curler aided the priest to escape to his own country.

After a long and useful life, Van Curler met his death by accident, in the summer of 1667,—being drowned while crossing Lake Champlain, on his way to Quebec, going thither in response to an invitation sent him by the viceroy, De Tracy. So honored was Van Curler by the Iroquois that, until this century, they applied his name to the successive governors of New Amsterdam and New York; and, at this day, the Mohawks of Canada address the governor-general of that country as "Kora," a corruption of Corlaer. For more detailed information regarding this noted