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PREFACE.

ORIGINAL sources of information concerning the early Dutch settlers of Manhattan Island are neither many nor rich. The two volumes of Holland Documents, published by the State of New York, contain the official papers of the colony and the West India Company. Some contemporary descriptions exist, of which Van der Donck's is the best. But the Dutch wrote very little, and on the whole their records are meagre. Concerning their social conditions, the best authority is to be found in the proceedings of the burgomasters and schepens, preserved in the City Hall and in the books of the Surrogate's and Register's offices. These sources and the collections of the New York Historical Society have been relied upon in the preparation of this book. The author's thanks are due to Mr. WILLIAM KEBBY, Librarian of the Historical Society.

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