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### Letter from A. C. V. R. to John Roost

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July 13, 1859

Holland, [Michigan]

A letter of the Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte to John Roost who is canvassing people in the East hoping to sell them bonds for the development of the Holland Harbor. Roost had written from Albany, New York, on July 11 concerning his efforts. Van Raalte sent this letter to the General Synod board rooms at 61 Franklin St. in New York City, in care of a Mr. W. Ferris. VR reported on the crop situation. He adds a cryptic sentence: "I did not yet talk to anybody, so I have not been tempted to relate our unfavorable circumstances." This may refer to the difficulties Roost has had with the township board which accused him of not turning over all the funds Roost collected the previous year for the harbor.

In Dutch; translation by Simone Kennedy.

Original in the archives of the Holland Historical Trust, Joint Archives of Holland, Hope College, T88-0230.

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Mr. J. Roost

Dear friend,

*Synod Rooms*

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address in the French's Hotel, that is why I thought it necessary to let you know. We are  
suffering from immense heat, which is exhausting for the people and their cattle. They are  
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but the corn did restore itself. Still, according to what they say we will have less potatoes and  
corn than usual. I did not yet talk to anybody, so I have not been tempted to relate our  
unfavorable circumstances. As long as they can continue to clear the trees I am happy. May  
God give you courage and strength, may He keep you healthy and give you grace in the eyes of  
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Mr. J. Roost

Geliefde vriend,

Voor U liggen er een paar brieven in Sij...oorns 61 Franklin St., care of Mr. W. Ferris. Ik had veronachtzaamd Uw adres in French's Hotel, daarom meende ik het noodzakelijk te zijn u daarvan te verwittigen. Wij hebben hier groote hitte die voor mensch en vee uitputtend is. Men is aan het tarwe maaijen en tevens zit men midden in hooijen. De tarwe is veel beschadigd door de vorst, het koorn heeft zich hersteld. Doch aardappelen en koorn zullen minder zijn zoo men zegt. Ik heb nog geen menschen gesproken en ben dus niet in de verzoeking geweest om van de ongunstige omstandigheden te moeten spreken. Ik ben maar altijd blijde zoo men nog aan het hakken kan blijven. God geve u moed en krachten. Hij spare u bij de gezondheid en geve U genade in de oogen des menschen ten zegen van ons gansche volk. Ontvang mijne hartelijke groeten en tevens aan alle de vrienden.

De Uwe A. C. van Raalte.

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ocht tevens den adres in French's  
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gen. Wij hebben hier groote hitte  
die voor menschen veel uitputtend  
is. - men is een het laatste maanden  
eintevens het men middelen in Florisje.  
De temperatuur is veel beschaetigd door

de Nacht het Koor heeft kich  
Held door aenschyn van Koor  
Zullen minde zijn toomen recht  
Ik heb nog geen menschen  
gesproken, en ben dus niet in  
dezes doekind geweest van van  
de ongelukkigste <sup>omstap de deese</sup> moeten smeken  
Ik ben nuar altijd by de Koor  
nog eenke A halde, kan kisten  
God geve de Moed en Krochten  
Hij spore in by de Koor held en  
geve de genade en de verluide men  
Schaar ten degen van ons gemach  
Ondring omme hartlyke spore  
en ten aannalle de Koor  
D. M. W. A. P. M. Kante