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## INTRODUCTION

The Kupp Collection has been arranged in four series:

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retirement in 1978 volumes 21-23, 25
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The majority of the material is composed of photocopies taken from Dutch and other European archives, with transcriptions, translations and explanatory notes prepared by Dr. Kupp.

Series 1 was prepared over a period of years, with a table of contents and alphabetic index for each volume. There is no cumulative index. The documentation relates to Dutch merchants and their French, English, Spanish and Portuguese business connections. The contracts by which the merchants chartered ships for trading and fishing ventures provide detailed information on the outfitting of ships, procurement of trade goods, disposal of cargoes and methods of both fishing and trading.

The index for series 1 includes names of individuals and major subjects, such as trade goods and cargoes. Care should be used in consulting the index, since there was great variety in the spelling of names. The notaries used phonetic spelling for foreign names, both personal and geographical.

### Warning to the Reader

Some of these documents refer directly to the fur trade and cod fisheries of North America during the period 1590-1760. Others do so indirectly. It is impossible to provide particulars about the numerous

merchants who appear in the documents. They all have a bearing on the development of the two trades. Further information may be obtained from Dutch biographies, or from the libraries of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Haarlem, Utrecht, Dordrecht and other towns. This collection is not complete. Only the most direct and informative documents have been taken from the hundreds of thousands available. The collection itself provides, however, sufficient material to form some judgement on the development of the two trades.



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