

*Dear editors*

Quite by accident, we ran into a presumably complete collection of papers from J.G.Dolré, director of various successive plantations in Surinam, 1771-82 in the Public Record Office, London HCA 30/744 and 749. These were on board a ship taken in the Fourth Dutch War, but we did not find out its name. The plantations are Nieuw Acconoribo (January 1771 - June 1777), Halle-in-Saxen (September 1777 - June 1778) and Geertruydenberg (August 1778 - July 1782). Another was Lust en Hoop, but we did not find out the dates. They were all on the River Cottica, near Wayapo Creek. I am not familiar with this kind of papers, but as they are private they could be of interest. The papers were divided into two major groups: all kinds of letters, mostly on business (including goods sent from Holland), and reports by Dolré on the plantations, mostly financial but also lists of slaves (Geertruydenberg had 179 in 1779 and only 134 in 1782) and a complete inventory of Nieuw Acconoribo with all coffee parcels and slaves, presumably done in 1776. As we are planning to have other papers in this series filmed, we would like to hear who is interested. Please write to drs. G.H.A. Raven, Historical Department Naval Staff, Jan van Nassastraat 112, 2596 BW The Hague.

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