

The Pack House of the West India Company, on the Strand, lay between the large buildings belonging, respectively, to Paulus Leendersen van der Grift and Augustine Herrman. It was erected in 1649.—*N. Y. Col. Docs.*, XIV: 105. As enemy property, it was confiscated at the English conquest, under the Act of October 10, 1665 (cited in *Patents*, I: 99, Albany), and was occupied as the Custom House at New York until 1752. On July 14th of that year, Archibald Kennedy, "Collector of his Majestie's Customs," humbly petitioned:

That upon the Surrender of this Country by the dutch, there was a lott of ground with a store house upon it belonging to the Dutch West India Company, the which became vested in the crown

and being a Proper Situation at that time for a Custom House it was Sett apart for that Purpose, but our Assembly having Neglected to Keep it in repair . . . the house became ruinous and was at Last presented by a Grand Jury as a Nuissance & by order of Court demolished. Your petitioner has been obliged ever since to Shift from Place to Place with the books and Papers belonging to the Office to the no small Inconveniency both of the Officers and traders & charge of the Crown for the rent of a house to keep the Custom House in, . . .

He prays that he may have a grant of said "Lott," and receives the same under an annual quit-rent of four pounds.—*Land Papers*, XIV: 171 (map annexed), Albany; *cf.* *Cal. Land Papers*, 266.