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**An Appeal by Frisian Aeltester Heinrich Janzen to have the Hoeppners brought to a fair trial.**

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PETITION

To the Praiseworthy Guardianship Comptoir of the Staworosijkschen Foreign Colonies!

Our most humble greetings in the name of the Schoenwiese and Kronsgarten vicinity.  
We wish to most graciously and in peaceful and heartfelt Christian concern make our plea for paternal attention to it.

Although we are unacquainted with the details of the imprisonment of Jacob and Peter Hoeppner, we certainly do not wish to, or be allowed to appeal a supreme judgment against them, but rather in a Christian responsibility of love for God's sake, Who has no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and love - - - and this in all humility and venerable respect, that if it be possible to consider that a gracious pardon might be reached since our Savior Himself calls for and teaches such, asking for forgiveness in His most perfect Prayer. And thus, we plead in gracious respect for the people and in particular for the minors. Possibly the charges brought against them have come through insult, slander or error and may be too hard, allowing our pleas to be permitted. Thus, we beg and plea whether this matter, before the sentence is carried out, that the parties or plaintiffs appear publicly before the Court in the presence of the Hoeppners. Thus, they would not suffer innocently, and if in the adverse case we beg for them that great grace might be shown until the matter is decided and that they be allowed to go home. Maybe they would want to pay their fines and seek their own counsel. We beg therefore to receive our humble presentation, not negatively even as we commend ourselves in this most important matter in all faithfulness and devotion.

Schoenwiese, November 29

Heinrich Janzen, Elder of the Frisian Church, 1800

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