Following is a transcript of a letter from John Winthrop, Governor of the Connecticut Colony, to Peter Stuyvesant, Governor of New Netherlands, dated March 2, 1657, and probably written from New London, Conn., this being the place of residence of the Governor at that time. It was published in the Massachusetts Historical Collections, by the Massachusetts Historical Society, in Vol. VIII, 5th series, and reads as follows:

Honored Sir:--

Complaint being made to me by Daniell Cone that one James Parker (for whom he stands bound with John Cockrill for fifteen pounds due to Richard Fellows of Hartford) is with the said John Cockrill escaped to New Netherlands and understanding it they are there at present. Upon this said complaint I thought it necessary to request this favor in his behalf that you would please, upon examination of the case, to cause the said James & John to be returned to New Haven by Joseph Alsop or Mr. Lamberton, except they doe pay the said debt or put in good security for ye same, the said debt being now called for to be paid by the said Daniell Cone. If there shall be the like occasion I shall not be wating to attend the furtherance of equall justice in any case wherein any of yours may be required for.

Your affectionate friend and servant,

John Winthrop