

Description of the Seal of
The Holland Society of
New York



In chief, the arms of the Netherlands, a lion rampant, holding in dexter paw a curved sword, partly unsheathed, and encircled with a wreath of laurel of seven leaves, showing seven States; in sinister paw a bunch of seven arrows, tied - also symbolical of the unity of Seven States - and supporting the liberty-hat.

In fess sinister, the arms of the city of Amsterdam granted by Count William to the city in the year 1242.

Gules, a pale sable; thereon three Latin crosses in saltire argent.

In fess-point, a war ship of the period of 1609, sailing west.

In dexter, the arms of the State of New York.

In base, a tree (the device of the Princess of Nassau, and signifies that this vigorous sapling derived its glory from the parent branches), and underneath, the motto, "Eindelijk wordt een Spruit een Boom."

Around the upper half of the seal, the title of the Society.

The shape of the seal is similar to that of coins used in Holland about 1574, and later; and the other emblems are copied from coins and medals used there, subsequent to the Confederation of the seven United Provinces of the Netherlands.

The motto, rendered in Latin, is "Tandem fit surculus arbor", and is taken from a medal of the period of 1605.