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List of Abbreviations

Archives

BE-AnFA	Felix Archief in Antwerp
ES-AGI	Archivo General de Indias in Seville
ES-AGS	Archivo General de Simancas
ES-AHN	Archivo Histórico Nacional in Madrid
ES-AHNOB	Archivo Histórico de la Nobleza in Toledo
ES-AHPC	Archivo Histórico Provincial de Cádiz
ES-AHPM	Archivo Histórico de Protocolos de Madrid
ES-ARCG	Archivo de la Real Chancillería de Granada
NL-HaNA	Nationaal Archief in The Hague
NL-RtSA	Stadsarchief Rotterdam
NL-SAA	Stadsarchief Amsterdam
NL-UtHUA	Utrechts Archief

Names

VOC: Dutch East India Company / Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie

WIC: Dutch West India Company / Geoctroyeerde West-Indische Compagnie

RAC: Royal African Company

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List of Currencies¹

Dutch Currency

Guilders (<i>guldens</i> , f.)	Worth 20 <i>stuivers</i> and one <i>stuiver</i> was 16 <i>schellingen</i> .
Rixdollars (<i>rijksdaalders</i>)	Worth 2,5 guilders.
Ducats (<i>ducaten</i>)	One golden ducat was around 5 guilders, while one silver ducat was around 2,5 guilders.

Spanish Currency

Escudos	Silver ducat of 10 pesos. Worth 25 guilders.
Maravedis	Small united of currency. Its value fluctuated over time. By the seventeenth century, it was around 1/34 th of a real.
Pesos	Pieces of eight or rixdollars. Worth 2,5 guilders. In Dutch: stukken van achten or rijksdaalders.
Reales	Worth 0.3 guilders. In Dutch: kordaat or 6 <i>stuivers penning</i> or <i>schelling</i> .
Reales de ocho	Pieces of eight or rixdollars. Worth 2,5 guilders. In Dutch: stukken van achten or rijksdaalders.

¹ Based on Pedro van Belle, *Pertinent en Waarachtig Verhaal* (Rotterdam: Reinier Leers, 1689) appendix: Explanation of unclear words contained in this story; Danielle Danielle Teeuwen, "A Penny for the Poor. The Widespread Practice of Monetary Charitable Donations in Dutch Towns, 17th-18th Century," *TSEG* 11, no. 3 (2014): 15–38, <https://doi.org/10.18352/tseg.144>.

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