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Letters of scholar Hadriaan Beverland (1650-1716)
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19 January 1684

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❖ development

- our own or established platform (Vele handen)
- developers (Digital Humanities Lab UU)
- create or adopt framework (SCR•BE)
- editing the interface (from tutorials to buttons)
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  - meeting the volunteers and more outreach

(have a look at cemrol.hum.uu.nl)
Thank you!

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