

God, to set about repelling and destroying the Enemy by Sea and Land. Thus, to wage War against France, is become a Precept of Religion incumbent upon all Mussulmen.

In consequence whereof, the afore-named Chargé d'Affaires, together with the Officers of that Mission, have been sent to the Seven Towers, to be detained there as Hostages until such Time as Aali Efendi before-named, and those of his Retinue, be arrived from Paris: And the Consuls, Merchants, and French Properties in Constantinople, and in other Parts of the Ottoman Empire, shall also be kept in Deposit and as a Security, until the Merchants, Dependents of the Sublime Porte, with their Shipping and Properties, as also the public Ships, with their Equipages, detained in the Province of Egypt, (Prisoners of War excepted,) be set at Liberty.

To repel the Perfidy of these Usurpers, who have raised the Standard of Rebellion and Trouble in France, is a Measure, in which not the Safety and Tranquillity of the Sublime Porte alone, but also that of all the Powers in Europe is concerned. Wherefore the best Hopes are entertained of the cordial Co-operation of all friendly Courts, as well as of their Disposition to fulfil by every Means in their Power, their Duties of Friendship and of Assistance in the present Cause.

1 *Rebulakbir*, 1213. (11 September, 1798.)

IMPERIAL DECREE, promulgated at the Porte on Saturday, 1st September.

TRANSLATION.

To you, *Kaimakam-Pasha*, these are addressed,

EVER since the Supreme Vizir, Izzed Mehemmed Pasha, came to that Office, Instructions were constantly given him to attend to the Defence of the Ottoman Dominions, and never to be off his Guard against the Plots of Enemies. He, however, from selfish Motives, has attended to nothing but his own Interest; so that in the Dark himself, with respect to the evil Designs of those *brutish** Infidels the French, from not procuring proper Intelligence, he did not apprise the Inhabitants of Egypt thereof in good Time.

When the unhappy Tidings from thence came to Our Imperial Ear, a full Month after that insufferable Event had come to pass, such were Our Grief and Concern, that We take God to Witness, it drew tears from Our Eyes, and deprived Us of Sleep and Rest.

We have, therefore, immediately deposed him from the Office of Grand Vizir, and have appointed, in his Place, *Youssouff Pasha*, Governor of Erzerum; until whose Arrival at Our Sublime Gate, we appoint and constitute you, Mustafa Bey, to be *Kaimakam*.

Now, it being incumbent upon all true Believers to combat those faithless Brutes the French, and it being become a positive Duty for Our Imperial Person to deliver the blessed Territories from their accursed Hands, and to revenge the Insult which they have offered to Mussulmans, no Delay whatever is to take place for the Arrival of the new Vizir; but

* Original, *Swine*.

the most vigorous Measures must be pursued to attack them by Sea and Land.

Wherefore, by a Deliberation with the Illustrious, Lawyers, Ministers, and Chieftains, our Subjects, you must (with a full Confidence in God and his Prophet) fix upon the effectual Means of freeing the Province of Egypt from the Presence of such Wretches. You will acquaint all the true Believers in the respective Quarters, that *We are at War with the French*; and, turning Night into Day, will apply your utmost Efforts to take Revenge of them.

You will adopt the most vigilant Conduct towards defending the other Mohamedan Provinces; and our Imperial Frontiers, from the Plots and Malice of the Enemy, by the due Reinforcement of every Port and Place with Troops and Military Stores.

You will likewise direct your zealous Attention towards the due Supply of Daily Provisions to the Inhabitants of this Our Imperial Residence; and will watch over the Affairs of all Persons in general, until the Supreme Vizir do arrive.

We shall observe your Exertions; and may the Omnipotent God ordain his Divine Favour to attend Our Undertakings, and render Us successful in the Vindication of Our Cause.

War-Office, October 27, 1798.

- 8th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet J. P. Watney to be Lieutenant, vice Armstrong, deceased. Jeremiah Dickson, Gent. to be Cornet, without Purchase, vice Watney.
- 10th Ditto, Major Josiah Cottin to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Kinsey, who retires. Captain Thomas Gooch to be Major, by Purchase, vice Cottin.
- Lieutenant James M'Dermot to be Captain of a Troop, by Purchase, vice Gooch.
- Cornet James Bird to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice M'Dermot.
- 11th Ditto, General William John Marquis of Lothian, K. T. to be Colonel, vice Field-Marshal Hodgson, deceased.
- Major George Lyon to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Carnegie, who retires.
- Captain Henry John Cumming to be Major, by Purchase, vice Lyon.
- Lieutenant James Wallace Sleight to be Captain of a Troop, by Purchase, vice Cumming.
- Cornet William C. Mabbett to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Sleight.
- Christopher Wardell, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Mabbett.
- 14th Ditto, Lieutenant Elrington Laing, from the 57th Foot, to be Lieutenant, vice Poitier, who exchanges.
- 26th Ditto, Major Thomas Watts to be Lieutenant-Colonel.
- Captain Philip Ditcher to be Major, vice Watts.
- 3d Regiment of Foot Guards, Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable Edward Stopford to be Captain of a Company, vice Major-General Pigot, promoted to the Command of the 82d Foot.
- Lieutenant George Clayton to be Captain-Lieutenant, without Purchase, vice Stopford.
- Ensign John Guise to be Lieutenant, without Purchase, vice Clayton.