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BY THE
Prince of ORANGE,
A. DECLARATION

For the better Quartering of the Forces.

Whereas We are informed, That divers Regiments, Troops and Companies, are, contrary to Our Intentions, Quartered in Private Houses; We have thought fit hereby to declare Our Pleasure to be, That none of the Forces, of what Nation or Quality soever, shall presume to quarter in any Private House, without the free and voluntary Consent of the Owner, and that all Houses be Deemed Private Houses, except Victualling Houses, and Houses of Publick Entertainment, or such as sell Wine, or any other Liquor by Retail: In which Houses; We do think fit, that all Officers and Soldiery be Lodged by the Direction and Appointment of the Chief Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, or Constables of the Place, where any Forces shall come, and not otherwise; And We do hereby strictly forbid all Officers and Soldiers, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take up any Quarters for themselves or others, without such Direction or Appointment, upon pain of being Castroed, or suffering such other Punishment as the Offence shall deserve.

Given at St. James's this Eighth Day of January, 1688.

W. H. Prince of Orange.

Vienna, Decemb. 26. Prince Louis of Baden parted from hence yesterday, being sent by the Emperor to assure the Electors and Princes of the Empire of his Care for their common Defence and Security; and that his Imperial Majesty will, for that purpose, have a very good Army on the Rhine the next Spring. The Imperial Regiments designed for that Service (several of which are already on their march, and the rest have Orders to follow,) are, of Foot; The Regiment of Serini 2000 Men, Nieuburg 2000, Lorrain 2000, Saxony 1500, Old Staremberg 2000, Maximilian of Staremberg 2000, half of Caunitz 1000, Athalt 2000, 3000 Hungarians commanded by Palfi; Of the new Levies, Loburg 1500, Mersburg 1500, and Bek 1500, making together 22000 Foot. Of Horse, Taff 800, Montecuculi 800, Nieuburg 800, Dunewald 800, Carafa 800, Palfi 800, Kessler 800, Holstein 800, Commercy 800, Bay 1000, Strum 1000. Of the new Levies Bury 1000, Leuenschild 800, Tobors Hungarians 2000, together 13000 Horse; Which in all make 35000 Men. This Army will be commanded by the Duke of Lorrain, and under him by Prince Louis of Baden, and General Dunewald. And, if a Peace be made with the Turks, of which

there is great appearance, the rest of the Imperial Forces, now in Hungary and the new Conquests, except the necessary Garrisons, will be likewise sent against France. The Velt Marechal Count de Souches is gone to Nuremberg, and the Duke de Croi to Ulm, by the Emperor's Order, to take care of those places. The new Levies must be completed by the end of February; And the Emperor has given out Commissions for 6 new Regiments more. Yesterday arrived here an Envoy from the Elector of Saxony, but 'tis not yet known what Business he comes upon. We have advice from Valachia, that a great Body Tartars was come into the Country of Budziac, with a design to make an Incursion into Transilvania; And that the Count de Veterani, who commands the Imperial Forces on that side, had thereupon secured all the Passes, and had reinforced the Garrisons of the Frontier Places. The King of Hungary, who has, since his Coronation, gone cloathed after the Hungarian Manner, put on this day again the German Habit; And dined publickly with the Emperor. The Baron Pankyar offers to raise 500 Hussars at his own Charge.

Francfort, Jan. 3. The first instant we had advice, that a French Party of Horse and Dragoons, of the Garrison of Mentz, commanded by the Sieur de Breche, having passed the Rhine on a Bridge of Boats, had plundered several Villages in Wetteravia; Whereupon the Count de Lippe marched immediately with a Detachment from hence to cut off their Retreat; But in his march he was informed that the French were returned to Mentz.

Francfort, Jan. 6. We hear the French have, upon the approach of the Troops of Saxony, quitted Haslbrun, having first plundered and set Fire to the Town.

Cologne, Decemb. 31. The French have begun to lay the Foundations of the Bridge they intend to build over the Rhine at Bou; For the Security whereof they will raise a Redoubt on the side of Bergues. They stop at Bou all the Vessels that are bound to this place. The Cardinal of Eurstemberg has desired of these Magistrates that he may come hither, for a few days, with his Guards; But they have refused it. They write from Manheim, of the 26th instant, that the French had began to demolish the Fortifications of that place, having summoned in 4000 Country People for that work, who were obliged to provide themselves with Provisions for 15 days; And that the Cannon and Ammunition would be carried from thence to Mentz.

Cologne, Jan. 3. Yesterday arrived here 400 Brandenburg Horse; And more Troops are daily expected to reinforce this Garrison; Which may be then strong enough to oblige the French to retire out