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A PROCLAMATION

For prolonging and appointing the time for the first general Meeting of Their Majesties Commissioners for executing the Act of Parliament lately made for Granting to Their Majesties an Aye of Twelve Pence in the Pound for one Year, and for Authorizing and Impowering the respective Commissioners to Proceed and act accordingly.

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William and Mary by the Grace of God King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas and by one Act lately made in Parliament, (Entituled, An Act for a Grant to Their Majesties of an Aye of Twelve Pence in the Pound for one Year, for the necessary Defence of Their Realms.) And by an Additional Act also lately made in Parliament, for appointing Commissioners for executing the other Act aforesaid, it hath been Provided, That it should and might be Lawfull for Us to Issue or cause to be Issued out, under the Great Seal of England, such and so many Commissions as We should think fit, and therein and thereby to Nominate, Constitute and Appoint such and so many Persons being qualified, as in the said Acts or either of them is prescribed or directed, as We should think convenient to be Commissioners, for putting in Execution the said Act of Parliament, for Granting unto Us the said Sum of Twelve pence in the Pound, which said Commissioners so as aforesaid to be Nominated and Appointed, were, and are, by the said Acts, or one of them, directed and enjoyned in the Respective Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Divisions, Towns and Places, for which they should be appointed Commissioners, respectively to meet together at the most usual or common place of Meeting within each of the said Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Divisions, Towns or Places respectively, at or before the third day of this Instant September, or such other Day as We should Appoint; and further to do, perform and execute, as in and by the said Acts, or one of them, is Required and Commanded, and as by the same (relaion being thereunto respectively had) may more fully appear. And whereas We have Issued, or are now Issuing, under Our Great Seal of England, several Commissions for executing the Act of Parliament for the Aid aforesaid. But it being necessary, that (pursuant to the Power given Us in the same Act) a further time be appointed for the first General Meeting of the said Commissioners, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Appoint, and We do by these Presents Appoint the Respective Commissioners by Us Nominated and Constituted, or to be Nominated and Constituted for the Execution of the said Acts and either of them, in the respective Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Divisions, Towns and Places, for which they are or shall be appointed Commissioners, respectively to meet together at the most usual or common places of Meeting within each of the said Counties, Cities, Boroughs, Divisions, Towns and Places respectively, at or before the Thirtieth Day of this Instant September, And We do hereby Direct, Authorise and Command the said Commissioners, or so many of them, as by the said Acts, or either of them, are requisite, not only at the first General Meetings, to be at or before the said Thirtieth Day of this Instant September as aforesaid, but at all other Times, and in all Cases and Respects whatsoever, to proceed and to act, do, perform and execute, and to cause to be done, performed and executed, all Matters and Things whatsoever, by the said Acts or either of them authorized, entrusted or impowred, to be acted done, performed or executed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the same. And these Presents shall be to them and every of them a sufficient Warrant and Discharge in this Behalf.

Given at Our Palace at Hampton-Court the Second Day of September 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

From the Camp before Mentz, September 2. The 24th of the last month we continued to work on several Mines, in order to blow up the Palisadoes planted on the top of the Glacis of the Counterscarp. The 27th the Imperialists threw a great many Bombes into the Counterscarp, and the night following sprang a Mine at the left Angle of the Attack of the Covered Way, and made a lodgment there. The Prince Palatin of *Weldentz* was mortally wounded in the Trenches. The 26th we continued to sap the Glacis of

the Counterscarp, and secured our two new Redoubts with Palisadoes. The 27th four Deserters reported, that our Bombes and Carcasses had done great execution, and that there were 1500 wounded in the Town. The great Battery of 36 Pieces of Cannon and 10 Mortars at the Saxon and Bivarian Attack was finished this day. The 28th at six in the morning it began to play upon the Town and the Citadel, the Elector of *Bavaria* having ordered, that all the Musketers should first give 3 Volleys, and that at each Volley 8 Bombes should be shot into the Place, which was performed with the sound of Trumpets, Kettledrums, and Hautboys. At the same time the Imperialists and Lunenburgers made a great fire from their Batteries, as did likewise the Bavarians from another Battery of 48 Pieces of Half Cannon. The Enemy answered with their Cannon and Hautboys from their Ramparts. The night following we continued our Works at both Attacks. The Imperialists advanced with sapping above 60 paces on the right and left. And the Bavarians made a Line of Communication to their great Battery, and a new place of Arms. The 29th the Elector of *Bavaria* went to the Duke of *Lorraine's* Quarters, and viewed the Works on that side. We discovered 1500 of the Enemies Mines; and our Batteries play'd very fiercely upon the Balistons of *St. James*, *St. Martin*, *Alexander*, and *Boufface*, as also the Curtains. The 30th one of our Bombes set fire to another parcel of Hand Granadoes, which the Enemy had brought together on the Counterscarp. The Saxons began another Battery of 12 Half Cannon. The 31 a Defeater came out of the Town, and reported, that the Garrison which at the beginning of the Siege consisted of 8000, was now hardly 5000 fighting Men; but that they had Ammunition enough. The Bavarians brought five Pieces of Cannon to bear upon the Counterscarp. Yesterday the Enemy sprang a great Mine on the right of the Lunenburg Attack, but it did no harm. Our Miners went about an hour after to view it, but the Enemy made so great a smother that they had like to have been stifled. They have begun another Mine on the left hand, which we are countermaining. Our Cannon have made great Breaches; so that we are now preparing for a Storm. We hear that the Duke of *Duras* intends to attempt the Relief of the place; If he does, we do not doubt but to give him a good reception.

Francfort, September 4. The Duke of *Duras*, who was according to our last advice encamped at *Lichtenau* with 18000 Men, but many of them sick, makes Preparations for the relieving of *Mentz*, which by the Boats he is arming, he seems resolved to attempt by Water; and the Imperialists to hinder his design, are laying Chains across the River not far from their Bridge of Boats, filling the *Rhine* with Flores, &c. An Exprels come this day from the Camp before *Mentz*, says, that their Cannon had made such large breaches, that they could see into the Streets of the Town, and that we shall now quickly hear of their storming it. Duke *Christian of Saxony* was killed last night in the Trenches. The Duke of *Hannover* sends a Body of his Troops to join the Army before *Mentz*.

Cologne, September 6. The Marriage of the King of Spain with the Princess *Palatin* was solemnized at *Neubourg* on the 28th past, the King of *Hungary* representing the person of the King of Spain on this occasion. The Elector of *Brandenburg* continues with his Forces before *Bonne*; but the Dutch Cavalry is marched towards the *Moselle*.

Hamborgh, September 6. The 8000 Men which the Duke of *Hannover* was to have sent to *Flanders*, are upon the instances of the Count *de Martinitz*, the Imperial Minister, on their march to join the Confederate Army before *Mentz*, where the said Duke intends to command them in Person.

From the Spanish Camp at Odrigny, Sep. 7. Our Governor General having on the 31 past joined the Prince of *Fraunce* at *Harlebecke*, he continued his march with a resolution to force the Line the French had made between