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By the KING,

A DECLARATION,

For the Strict Discipline of the Army, and Due Payment of Quarters.

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WHeras it is Necessary, That the Forces which are Maintained within this Our Kingdom for the Defence and Security thereof, be kept in good Order and Discipline; And that Our Subjects may not suffer by any Disorders or Misdemeanour of any Officers or Soldiers with in Our Pay and Entertainment, We have thought fit hereby to declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That in what Place for any of Our Forces shall Pass or Remain, they shall duly pay their Quarters, and shall not, upon any Pretence whatsoever, Refuse or Avoid the same: To which Purpose, We do hereby Direct, That upon the Arrival of any Regiment, Troop or Company, in any Garrison, Town or Place, Publication be immediately made by Sound of Trumpet or Beat of Drum, and Notice given to the Chief Magistrate or Civil Officer, That no Officer or Soldier be Trusted in their Quarters beyond the Rates that have been, or shall be Prescribed by Act of Parliament, and that according to the said Rates, the Quarters shall be Duly Paid and Answered. In Order whereunto, Care is to be taken for the Remitting of Money to such Quarters; And where it shall happen, That the Subsistence due to any Regiment, Troop or Company, cannot be immediately Remitted, so as to Enable them to Pay their Quarters upon a sudden March, Our Will and Pleasure is, That the Officer in Chief with such Regiment, Troop or Company, before his Departure out of the Quarters, do Make up and Account with every Person with whom such Regiment, Troop or Company have Quartered, of what is due, and give a Certificate or Certificates by him Signed, to the Party or Parties to whom such Money is Owning, or to the Chief Magistrate or Magistrates of the Town, where the said Regiment, Troop or Company is Quartered, to the end the said Certificate or Certificates may be transmitted to the Pay-Master-General of our Forces; who is immediately to make Payment of the Sums so Certified to the Person or Persons to whom the same are due, or to his or their Order; And such Officer or Officers, who shall have Received, and to whom it belongs to Distribute the Subsistence-Money, neglecting to give Notice upon their Arrival in Quarters, as aforesaid, or to Pay the Quarters of the Regiment, Troop or Company, for whom he or they shall have Received the Pay or Subsistence, or who shall not Distribute the Remainder thereof (after the Quarters are Discharged) to the Officers and Soldiers to whom it is due, or in Default of Money, shall refuse to Sign a Certificate or Certificates of the Debts owing in such Quarters, as aforesaid, and so send a Duplicate thereof to the Pay-Master-General of our Forces, upon Complaint and due Proof made thereof, shall be Cast out and Dismiss'd Our Service; And further upon Complaint and Oath made of such Defaults of Payment, and of the Refusal of such Certificate, as before mentioned, at the next Quarter-Sessions of the County, City or Place where such Quarters Remain Unpaid, the Pay-Master-General of Our Forces is hereby Required, upon Certificate of the Justices of the Peace, before whom such Oath was made of the Sums due, and of the Person or Persons to whom the same is Owning, to Satisfy and Pay the said Sums out of the Pay of such Officer or Officers. And in Case any Officers of Our Army whom We have Ordered to give strict Attendance in their Quarters) or the Soldiers under their Command, shall Presume to Commit any Spoil or Disorder, or Use any Violence or Treating Words, upon any Pretence whatsoever, or otherwise Misdemean themselves, We do hereby further Declare, That besides the Ordinary Course of Justice for Reinforce, if the Party Agrieved shall make known the same to the Superior

Officers, the said Officers shall, and are hereby Required to Cause Satisfaction immediately to be given; And that if such Officers to whom Complaint is made, shall forbear or delay the causing due Satisfaction to be given, as aforesaid, the Persons to whom the Wrong is done, may then make their further Complaint to any Justice of the Peace of the County, City or Place where the Offence is Committed; Upon whose Representation of the Matter unto Us, or to the General Officers of Our Army, Sitting at Whitehall, for the Rectifying and Examining of Complaints, and Redressing Abuses, We shall Order speedy Justice to be done, as well by Reparation of the Injury, and Satisfaction of the Charge to the Persons Injured, as by Prosecuting of Justice and Obtaining Redress, as by Causing the Officers and Soldiers so Offending to be Punished, as the Nature and Quality of their Offences shall Demand. And We do further Declare Our Will and Pleasure to be, That no Officer or Soldier in their March or Quarters, shall be Lodg'd in any Private House whatsoever, without the Free and Voluntary Consent of the Owner; And that in Case any Officers or Soldiers shall, for any Reward or Consideration, Leave or Change the Quarters appointed them, or shall Demand or Exact Money for Quarters, or to Excuse or Excuse any Person from the same, or shall Presume to Exact or Demand Subsistence-Money in their Quarters, or upon their March, or knowingly suffer the same to be done, they shall be Punished by Casting and Loss of their Pay, and incur such further Penalty as the Law shall Direct. And We do likewise strictly Prohibit and Forbid all Officers and Soldiers to Destroy or Disturb the Garnit in any manner whatsoever, without leave from the Lords of the respective Manors; or others to whom it may belong to Grant the same: It being Our Royal Intention and Command, That all Officers and Soldiers in Our Service, behave themselves Orderly in all things, according to Law and Military Discipline, as becomes them, upon Pain of the Severest Consequences of Our High Displeasure.

Given at Our Court at Kensington this Eleventh Day of March, 1694. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

Naples, Febr. 22. The Gallies of this Kingdom are fitting out, and so soon as they are ready, are to Convoy several Vessels with Recruits to Final, for the service of our Troops in the Milanze.

Milan, March 2. The Preparations are continued for the Siege of Casal, but the Rendezvous of the Forces to be employed in it, which was designed to be about the middle of this month, is, by reason of the Coldness of the Weather, and the abundance of Snow that lies yet upon the Ground, put off for some days longer. Some Deserters that are lately come from Casal, say, the Garrison consists in about 3000 Men, and that there is a great scarcity of Provisions in the Place. We hear that a considerable number of Recruits are arrived at Como for the Imperial Troops in these parts.

Turin, March 7. The Governor of Milan came hither the 2d Instant, and several Councils of War have been since held here. The march of the Troops towards Casal is put off till the end of this month on account of the Weather. The Duke of Savoy is sending a strong Reinforcement to Conti.

Vienna, March 9. Prince Lewis of Baden will shortly return to Germany; General Caprara to Hungary; and General Veterani to Transylvania. The Imperial Regiments are to be compleat by the end of April. It is confirmed from the Frontiers, that the late Bassa, and other of the Principal Officers, who Signed the Capitulation for the Surrender of Gyula, are under Arrest at Belgrade. The Letters from Adrianople of the 8th of February give an account, that Sultan Achmet died there on the 6th of the same month, and that Mustapha Son of Makomet IV. aged about 33 years, was proclaimed Emperor the same day. He has continued the Grand Visier in that Station, and sent for the Sultana his Mother from Constantinople, intending to make use of her Councils. My Lord Payer, the English Ambassador, arrived at Adrianople the 2d of the last month from Constantinople, and was to have had Audience of the Viceroy on the 10th, but by reason of the Sultan's Death it would be deferred for some few days.

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