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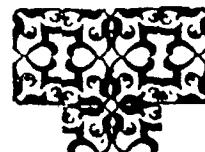
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L A VV E S
and Ordinances militarie,
sett downe and established by the
right excellente ROBERT Earle of LEYCESTER,
Baron of Denbigh, Justice of Oyer and ter-
miner of her Maiesties Forestes, Chaces and Par-
kes on thisside Trente, Maister of the Horse to
the Queenes moste Excellent Maestie One of
the Lordes of her moste honorable priuie Coun-
saile, Knight of bothe noble Ordres, of the
Garter and S. Michaell: her Highenes Lieute-
nant and Captaine GENERAL of her Maiest. Armie
and Forces in the lowe Countries: And Go-
uernor GENERAL of all the Prouin-
cies and Cities united in the saide
lowe Countries, and there
associates.

To be obserued by all suche as shall serue in her Maiest.
Armie vnder him in the saide Countries.



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Inasmuche as there is not any Estate, which in peace or warre can be accounted sure, or preserved from dishonour & ruine, unlesse it bee supported and borne vp by Justice duely administered, and discipline orderly obserued: And for that no man can be so ignorant as not to knowe, that honor, fame and prosperitie, doe duely follow that commona Wealth or Nation, wherein good lawes are established, the Magistrate ministering Justice is duely regarded, and the people fearing to offend, are drawen vnder the rules of Justice and obedience: And seeing that martiall discipline aboue al things (proper to men of warre) is by vs at this time most to be folowed, aswell for the aduancement of Gods glorie, as honourable to gouerne this Armie in good order: And least that the euill inclined (pleading simplicie) shoulde couer any wicked facte by ignorance: Therefore these martiall Ordinances and Lawes followinge are established and published, whereby all good mindes endeououringe to attaine honour, may stand armed, and receive
A ij encou-

² encouragement to persevere in well doing,
& such as are inclined to lewdenesse, be war-
ned from committing offences punishable.
which being embraced with carefull respect,
and followed with obediece, doe promise good
order and agreement amongst our selues, with
victorie and good euents against our enemies.

blasphemers.

¹ **F**irst, Forasmuch as the holy Name
of our most mightie and invincible God, with
all reverence ought to be regarded, and that
destruction is pronounced to suche as blas-
pheme or abuse the same: it is therefore orde-
ned and commanede, that no person whatso-
euer, either in common conference or com-
munication, or for any cause whatsocuer, shall
blaspheme, or take his Name in vaine, vpon
paine of losse of v.s. to the releefe of the poore
for the first offence: for the seconde, fwe dapes
imprisonment: for the third, losse of his place
and wages.

vaine service.

² And because the continuall and unspe-
keable fauours of our Almighty God, by our
unthankfulness may be taken from vs, and
that no good euent of any action can be expec-
ted, wherein God is not first and principally
honored and serued: It is therefore especially
ordeneed and commaunded, that all persons
whatsocuer, shall vpon general warning gi-
uen either by sound of Trumpet or Drum, re-
paire to the place appointed, where the Diuine
ser-

³ seruice is to be vsed, there to heare the same
read and preached, vntesse for the present by
sicknesse or other seruice he be impeached,
vpon paine to lose his dapes wages for the
first, two dapes wages for the second, and so
to be increased by the discretion of the Judge,
and for every such default in the Souldier, as-
well the Captaine as his inferiour officers,
to be punished with like penaltie.

unlawfull ga-
mes.

³ And seeing it well beseemeth all Chri-
stians, especially such as professe the militarie
service, to passe away the time in matters re-
quisite for their profession: And because no ti-
me can be more vainely spent, then that
which is consumed in unlawfull games, be-
sides the breeding of much contention and
quarrelles: And for that there be many allo-
wable and commendable exercises for all sorte
s of men to vse: Therefore it is st freightly
commanded, that no private Souldiour or
inferiour Officer shal play at Dice and Car-
des, nor any other unlawfull games, vpon
paine of two dapes imprisonment for the first
time, and for after committing the like, to bee
further punished by the Judges discretion.

Vagrant wo-
men.

⁴ And for that it often happeneth, that
by permitting of many vagrant & idle wo-
men in an armie, sundry disorders and horri-
ble abuses are committed: Therefore it is or-
deined that no man shall carrie into the fiel-
de, or detaine with him in the place of his

A iii garri-

Woment with
Childe.
Aged persons.
Widowes.
Virgins.
Babes.

Violent despising
of women.

Drunkennes and
riotousness.

Concealement of
treason.
Conspicacie.

garrison, any woman whatsoever other then such as be knownen to be his lawfull wife, or such other women to tende the sickle and to serue for laundres, as shall be thought meete by the Marshall, vpon paine of whipping and banishment.

5. And insomuch as clemencie amongst men of warre in some respectes is a singuler vertue: It isordeined that no man in any part of this service that he shall doe, shal lay violent handes vpon any woman with childe, or lyng in childebed, olde persons, widowes, young virgins, or babes, without especiall order from the Magistrate, vpon paine of death.

6. Noe man of what degree so euer he be, shall enforce any wife, widow, maide or virgin, and by violence defile any of them vpon paine of death.

7. What person soever that shall be commonly given to drunkenesse, or riotously behauie himselfe, shall be banished the Armie.

8. Whosoever shall conceale, or in any sort kepe secrete, Treason, any dangerous conspiracie, or other practise which may be hurtfull, and may concerne the peril of her Maisties person and realme, or of her General, or the estate of this Armie, and shall not with all diligence reueale the same either vnto the Generall, or some other Officer of especiall trust, shal incurre the paines of death with tormentes.

9. If

4. If anie man whatsoever shall practice and conspire anie thinge to the hurte or perill of her Maisties person, and realme or of her Generall, or the estate of this Armie, and be therof lauffullie convinced, shall suffer death with tormentes.

10. No man shall haue speche or conference, send message, deliuer or receiuie letters to or from the enemie, or any his confederates, either secretly or openly, without manifestering the same presently vnto the Generall or Marshall, or hauing former authoritie so to doe, vpon paine of death.

11. No man being in this service shal depart the Campe or place of Garrison for any cause whatsoever, without the Generals especiaall Pasport, or other head Officer authorised, vpon paine of death.

12. No man shall breake out, or leaue the order of his ranke, being once ordered in the fieldes by the Marshall or Sergeant Maior, without some great occasion first made knownen vnto the saide Officer, vpon paine of losse either of life or limme, at the discretion of the Generall or of the Marshall.

13. No man appointed to watch or warden, shall shun or depart the place, neither shall sleepe, or neglect his duetie therein, especially after the watch is set and the woordes giuen, unlesse he be orderly relieved, or for some great occasion enforced, with licence of his Captaine

Treason and
Conspicacie.

Confessio[n] or
writinge with or
to the Enemie.

Departinge from
the Camp or the
Garrison with
out leaue.

Breakinge oder
of the ranke.

Watch woorde
neglected.

Captaine or Officer, vpon paine of death.

watchwo^de be-
w; and.

Mutynie o^r un-
lawful assemblies

Weapon against
Magistrats.

Quarrelinge o^r
fraelmakinge in
Campe o^r Tow-
ne of garrison.

Forreiner abused
by English men.

14 No man shall bewray the watchwo^de to the enemie o^r to any other, o^r give any other worde then is delivred by the Officer, vpon paine of death with torment.

15 No man shal raise any mutinie, o^r procure unlawfull assemblies vpon priuate, secrete, o^r hidden purpose, whereby to disturbe the peace and quiet of the Armie, vpon paine of death.

16 Noe man shall lift vp his weapon against the Magistrate, his Captaine or Officer, vpon paine of death.

17 No man shall quarell, braule, o^r make any fray within the Campe o^r Towne of garrison, vpon olde malice, o^r newe occasion whatsoeuer, but shall complaine to the Officer, who is to decide the cause and punish the partie offending, vpon paine of losse of life o^r limme, at the discretion of the Generall o^r Marshall.

18 And whereas sundrie nations are to serue with vs in these warres, so as through diuersitie of languages occasion of many controuersies may arise o^r happen to growe: It is therefore ordeined, that if any person of English nation shall finde him selfe aggrieved with any wrong profered him by any forreiner, that then without profering further revenge hee shall signifie the same unto his Captaine o^r other officer, whereby order may be taken

taken so as no further quarrell grove thereof, ⁷ but that quietnesse in all respects may be preserved, vpon paine of such punishment as the head officers shall chinke meete, either by losse of life o^r limme.

19 No man appointed to the defence of any Breach, Trench, o^r Streight, either Captaine or Souldiour, shall willingly leauie it, o^r vpon any false o^r imagined cause o^r excuse shall absent himselfe from the place, without sufficient warrant, vpon paine of death.

20 No man shall enrolle his name vnder two Captaines, nor muster in severall companies at one time, o^r otherwise passe in an other mans name, o^r lende armour, weapon, o^r other furniture vpon the muster day, whereby to abuse her Maiestie, and weaken the present service, vpon paine of a moneths impysonment, and banishment.

21 No man shall embezill o^r diminish any of his Armour, weapon and furniture, which is appointed him by his Captaine, vntesse he can prooue that he lost the same in seruice. And that no man shall take in payne any Souldiour's weapon or furniture, vpon paine to the Souldiour of losse of his place, and to the other that shall take it in payne, the losse of the double value.

22 No man shall play away, engage, o^r lende away his furniture, but shall alwayes keepe his Armour and weapon cleane and

Leavinge breach/
trench, o^r streight
vpon fained
excuse.

Souldier enrol-
led vnder two
Captaines.

Armour embez-
illed / bpayns his
o^r pawned.

Playing away of
Armour.

Offering of his
fellowes victuals

Offerable exac-
tion of victuals
or goodes.

Victuals
so restalled.

Robbing or spo-
linge of victale or
Marchant.

Exceeding the
daies for takinge
of victuals.

None to be spo-
led bringe of the

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seruicable vpon paine of being discharged.

23 No man shall deceitfully take away his
companions prouision, victuals, or furniture,
vpon paine of imprisonment.

24 No person traueyling, lodging, or abi-
ding in any the Townes or Contreis of her
Maiesties friendes or Allies, shall in any wi-
se exact or take by force from the people either
victual or other their goods whatsoeuer, with-
out present paymeut, or other sufficient or-
der to the iust satisfaction of the partie, vpon
paine of death.

25 No man shall forestall any victuals
brought for the Campe or place of garrison,
but suffer the same peaceably to come into the
Market place, there to bee rated and priced
by the Marshall or his officer, before he buy
the same, vpon paine of death.

26 No man shall robbe or spople any
Shop or Tent, or any victualler or Marchant
comming for relief of the Campe or garrison,
but in all good sort shall entertaine and de-
fend them, vpon paine of death.

27 No Souldour commaunded at any
time to take victuals for certaine daies, shall
excede the same daies, or sped the same other
wise then according to the proportions and
time allowed him, vpon paine of imprison-
ment, or other such punishment as the lawfull
officers shal appoint.

28 No man shall distresse or spople any
person

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person standing on her Maiesties partie, or
bringe vnder the Generals protection, vpon
paine of death.

29 No man shall disobey or transgresse
any Proclamation made by Drumme or
Trumpet, set foorth by the Generall, vpon
such paine as he shall set foorth.

30 No man shall resist the Prouost or his
other officer in apprehending of any malefac-
tor, but if neede require, shall ayde and assist
him therein, or otherwise if by suche occasion
any escape be made, it is ordeneed that euery
person by whose defaulte the escape was com-
mitted, shall suffer like punishment that the
parties so escaped shoulde haue endured.

31 No man shall molest or trouble any
person being vnder his owne regiment, or the
leading of any other, once placed by the Mar-
shall, fortier, or Herbinger in the Campe or
Towne, but quietly to permit and suffer eue-
ry one to enioye his severall roome or lodging,
vnlesse it be by mutuall consent and agree-
ment, neither shall any man lodge out of his
Captaines quarter without licence, vpon
paine of imprisonment.

32 No man shall ouerthrowe or destrope
any water Milles or water workes without
speciall commaundement of the Generall, or
other heade Officer vpon paine of death.

33 No man contrarie to order shall set on fire
B ii or

Generalls pro-
tection.

Proclamation
transgressed.

Resisting the
apprehension of
Malefactors.

Disturbance of
any there lod-
gings.

water milles.

Burninge by
spc.

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or burne any house, milne, or corne, nor at dislodging or remouing shall set the Campe on fire, without speciall commaundement from the General or other head Officer present, vpon paine of death.

Silence in watch
ward or Am-
bush.

34 No man shall make anie owercie or noise in any watch, warde, Ambushe, or anie other place where silence is requisite and necessarie, vpon paine of losse of life or lyvme, at the generals discretion.

Alarme.

35 No man without great occasion shall make any Alarme, but if any chance to arise, then shall every man presently repaire in all haste vnto his appointed place, vntesse some true excusable cause doe hinder hym, vpon paine of death.

Harboiring of
Strangers not
in paye.

36 No man shall harbour or receive into his lodging any person being a stranger, or of our owne nation not being enrolled in her Maiesties paye, but shall presently acquaint the Generall or Marshall with his name, countrey, the time of his comming, and busines, vpon paine of imprisonment, and losse of his place and wages.

Talking with
the Enemies
Trumpeters.

37 No man shall talke or haue conuersation with any Trumpetter or Drummer of the enemies, or other sent in message, but such as bee appointed by the Generall, vpon paine of death.

Attendance by
pon Carragies.

38 No man shal attende vpon the carriages

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riages, but such as are appointed to thac charge, neither linger, or lopter behinde with them to ride or ease themselves, vntesse it be such as by sickenesse, hurtes, or other infirmities knowē to the officers, to be permitted so, vpon paine of imprisonment, & losse of wages.

Foraginge.

39 No man shall attempt to goe a foraging, without the officer appointed for that purpose deliuer them a sufficient guardē for their defensē, vpon paine of death.

Souldiers
prisoner.

40 Every Souldier shall present such prisoners as are taken to their Captaine immediatly at their returne to the Campe, and none shall either kill them, or license them to depart, without commaundement or leaue from the Generall, or other head Officer therunto appointed, vpon paine of being disarmed, and banished the Campe.

Obedience of the
Souldier to his
Captaine or his
deputie.

41 Every Souldier at all times in seruice shalbe obedient and faithfull, aswell to their Captaines as other inferiour Officers, & not to refuse direction of any, vnder whom they are appointed to serue, vpon paine of imprisonment, and losse of a moneths wages. And whensoeuer anie Captaine of anie bande shall vpon urgent causes appoinete in his absence anie other whome he shall thinke good to supplie and execute his roome of captainship, every man ought to followe and obey the saide deputie with noe lesse care and diligence, then they woulde the Captaine

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him self vpon the same paine.

Supporting the
Ensigne.

Sounde of
Drum, Fifte, or
Trumpet to be
learned.

Slaughtier of
beastes.

Garbage.

Waters vnde-
filed.

Easementes.

Prisoners and
booties certifid.

42 Every man shall support and defende his owne Ensigne bothe night and day, and shall resort vnto the same vpon the first warning, and not depart vntill it be brought into safetie, vpon paine of death.

43 Every souldier shal diligently obserue and learne the sound of Drums, Fiftes, and Trumpets, to the end hemay knowe howe to answere the same in his seruice.

44 No man shall slaughter or kill any beast of what nature soever within the Campe or Garrison, but in such places as are appoynted for that purpose, nor shall suffer the garbage to remaine vnburied, neither shall any man trouble or defile the waters adiowing, but in the lower part of the stremme some good distance from the Campe, vpon paine of imprisonment.

45 No man shall easse himselfe or defile the Campe or Towne of Garrison, saue in such places as is appointed for that purpose, vpon paine of imprisonment, and such further punishment, as shall be thought meete by the chiefe Officers.

46 If any man doe take a prisoner or bootie, he shall immediately after hee is returned vnto the Campe or Towne of Garrison, make his Captaine or Gouernour acquantied therewith, and the Captaine shall declare the same vnto the Marshall, who

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euery eight dapes shall make certificate thereof vnto the Generall, vpon paine of imprisonment, and further punishment as the Generall shall set downe.

47 In Marching by the fieldes, no man at the putting vp of any Hare, or any other beast shal make any shout or crie, whereby to disquiet or stay the rest of the bands, but to kee all quietnesse and silence in their march, vpon paine of imprisonment.

48 No man shall givē vp or deliver vnto the enemies any place left to his charge or keeping, vpon paine of death.

49 If any man flie to the enemies, or be taken vpon his departure towards them, he shall suffer death.

50 That no person whatsoeuer shall passe by any other way either in Towne or Campe, but at the ordinarie gates and passages, vpon paine of death.

51 That all heralds of Armes shall doe there messagies, and make proclamation at such times and places and in such order without addicion, dimynucion or alteracion, accordinge vnto there direction and commission from the generall, vpon paine to be inflicted at the generals discretion, accordinge to the qualitie of there faulte.

Crie/ att the pn
tinge vp of an
hare.

Place of charg
geuen to the En
emie.

Flynge to the
Enemie.

Passage by oþdi
nari wais.

Herauts.

Cap-

Captaynes,

Entinge of a
Souldier from
his Captaine.

Doinge any En-
treprise without
the generalls
knowledg.

Watch and ward
by private Cap-
taines.

Prisoner ranso-
med or soldie.

Souldier trans-
gressing to be
taken by any
Captaine.

52 No Captaine, Officer, or other per-
son, shal receive or entertaine any other mans
Souldiour or seruant, without consent of his
former Captaine or Maister, neither shall
entice an other mans Souldiour from him;
vpon paine of losse of a Monethes wages,
and to restore the partie to his former Cap-
taine or Maister.

53 No Captaine shall sende foorth any
men to doe any enterprise, wch thicke know-
ledge of the Generall, or chiefe officer appoin-
ted therunto, vpon paine of losse of his place.

54 All private Captaines being no head
Officers, shal watch and warde wth their
Ensignies, vntesse it be by speciell leage, vpon
paine of the losse of a monethes paye, and for
the second time, losse of his place.

55 No Captaine shall sell or rausome
his prisoner without license of the Generall,
and shall not suffer them to depart without
making the high Marshall prisone to the same,
vpon paine of losse of his prisoner, and im-
prisonment.

56 Any Captaine finding any Souldier
of what band or company so euer, which hath
transgressed any of these Lawes and Ord-
inances, may take him and bring him vnto the
Marshall to be punished.

57 That

57 That no Captaine shall receive or
enroll any person vnto his paye vnder him,
but that he cause the sayde Souldier to recei-
ue the oche, vpon paine to the Captaine for
not obseruunge the same, of losse of a mon-
eths paye.

58 Noe inferior Captaine shall for cor-
ruption, or any other cause license any of his
souldiers to departe the Campe, or Garrison
without speciell license of the Generall, or
other hedde Officer, vpon paine of losse of
his monethes paye, and expulSION out of his
office.

59 If any Captaine hereafter receauinge
his souldiers paye, doe not paie the same vnto
them within 8. daies after, and beinge de-
maunded, Then vpon complainte made, and
the Captaine therof convicted, he shall lose
his monethes paye, and be deprived of his of-
fice; banished the Campe, and disabled from
henceforth to serue in this Armie.

60 Captaines and Officers shall fre-
quent & resorte vnto the Souldiers lodgings
to see in what stace there Armour and Muni-
tions be in. And to geue greate charge that
there furniture be alwaies in a redines, the-
re corslets with all peeces belonginge to the
same, and there Calivers to be made cleane
and oyled, to haue match and powder drye,
and Stringes for there Bowes, there bylls
and halberts to be kepte cleane and sharpe.
C vpon

Souldier sworn
before he be re-
ceaved.

Captaine not to
license any soul-
dier to departe
the Campe.

Souldiers paye.

Distinge the
souldiers from
theire.

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Upon paines and punishment arbitratie,
according to the qualitie of there negligence.

Punishment of
all other Offens-
ers.

61 All other offences and Actes that may
tende to disorder, not comprised within these
Articles, shalbe subiect to such maner of pu-
nishment, as the Lieutenant Generall shall
inflict upon them, as if it had bene specially
expressed and set downe.

Publisshing of
the Articles.

62 And to the intente that no man maie
pretende and alleage any iuste cause of igno-
rance of the afore recited lawes and Ordin-
ances, or anie of them, the said lord Gene-
rall dothe ordaine, That all chief Officers,
and Captaines of this Armie shall cause the
same to be red and published with in there
Bandeuerie xx. daies, to all those whitch be
under there charge respectuelie accordinge to
there quarters, especiallie in all those placeis
where they shall lie in Garrison, aswell horse-
men, as footemen, and to cause the same to
be kepte and obserued iuviolable as much
as in them lieth in every branche &
article of the same, accordinge,
to the tenor, forme and
effecte therof.



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The forme of the Othe

Whiche all Officers, Captaines, Soul-
diers, and all other seruinge in this
Armie shall take and
performe.

I .A. B. doe sweare and promise to doe all Othe.
I lopall, true and faithfull seruice unto the
Quene of England her moste excellente Maestic,
and unto the Provinces and Cities unites in
these Countries, and there associats vnder the
charge and obedience of the right excellente
the Earle of LEYCESTER, Gouernour gene-
rall of the saide Provinces and Cities, & there
associats, and of her Maiesties armie and forces
within the same. And all laufull and due obe-
dience unto the saide Gouernour, and to any
other superior, that shall haue charge vnder
him for gouernment in this Armie. And farther
I do promise to endeavour my self to fulfill and
kepe all suche laufull Ordinances as his Ex-
cellencie hath or shall sette forth and establishe
for the better ordering of this Armie, as muche
as concerne me, so longe as I shall serue
in the same vnder him. So helpe
me God, by Jesu Christ.

