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25 November 1836

Ommen, the Netherlands

Sixteen citizens of Ommen sent a communication to the Governor of the Province that they saw no need for him to send a military detachment to Ommen now that the disturbances had ended. Besides, a relatively few people were the troublemakers. The billeting of military people will be a great burden to the citizens of Ommen.

In Dutch; translation by Nella Kennedy, 2002.

Original in the Gemeentearchief of Ommen. Copy of original was provided by Dr. Cornelis Smits, 1973.

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On November 26, 1836 the Governor sent the letter written on the other side to the mayor and city council of the town of Ommen for information and consideration.

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Ommen, November 25, 1836

To His Excellency the Governor of Overijssel

We the undersigned, residents of the town of Ommen, would like to inform you most respectfully that a small number, yes, of only three to four people, have insulted us and other decent inhabitants in a reckless way, and have brought us in a very difficult situation. The billeting of military personnel will become a very burdensome and expensive matter for the decent and quiet inhabitants in this winter season, if this is going to be of some duration. Furthermore, we cannot refrain to inform Your Excellency as well that the bewilderment is shared by others. Why did the government call in military personnel now that everything is quiet and orderly, especially since the government had requested of decent and well-meaning people to cooperate in curbing such few frenzied disturbers of the peace? Nobody would have refused; it would have been easy to subdue that small number and restore quiet.

That is why we take the liberty to implore Your Excellency to take the necessary measures as soon as possible so that they, as well as all town dwellers, may be released from the oppressive burden of billeting since there is not the least reason to send military personnel here to keep the peace if the government is only too intent to counter those who destroy order and call in the aid of the following undersigned:

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