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Letter from The Mayor and Councilmen of Ommen to the Governor of the Province

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The Mayor and Councilmen of Ommen sent a communication to the Governor of the Province saying that those persons who petitioned the Governor not to send a military detachment were without adequate grounds for complaint. Those persons who have ill members of the family will not have to billet soldiers. Those who do are paid thirty five cents a person per day for expenses. The Mayor and Council would like to have the military detachment certainly through 5 December when an annual market is held. "The plenteous use of strong liquor then may give rise to unrest."

In Dutch; translation by Nella Kennedy, 2002.

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

landelyte Lyn wynig Low Wry Op times then Nat by det Request allengespro him word. van het balancy bederigen vanorestige bud gers done down wel president, terring the higher brouge door & ten Graden, aun Ume Exillen the gepresenture trangaries wan met men del mandt gesproten dan nant ten provi te Zyn aan een apgeruid gemeen! - welke beide leringen antes inteens nogal eenig verschil op levert Han ZE Men Burgemester en deferforen Here Goures news de Frans La Overysfel re Nº212 ammen den 30 Novimber 1836 Th Inclouvery. Het teng serving der door thre Exellente by de le appostelle vanden 23 derer, 1. Afaciling 821558 In onze handen gestelse Misfere van Heren Mn Burgemeester en Asfesfaren der Gemeente Dalf. den van den 97 de ser, NIII. en bylage, 13. hebben vy de eer te beregtent Lat my, alheren de Maanden Shaart. In April van elk faar negt Harteten hebben waaronder den op Haumagna Fasihens Dat ait Steers op Chen maandag nivrot ge housen les de averge op une Zoo veel moog ly to An brensedige myde daarna worden geregete; - waar toe men telken fare eine opgove aan deres Mh Ples

26 deser, 1: A colong I to fine wante right in consideration in ande hunder gesteld De andertukinan H Weertman, Hellige nente en & Wartento doch hebben tot naglar 2 geene intimartiering gehad, In & markente heeft the war het tigenwaardege oak met te weren not hoofie Lyne wround Lich in Liebelythe on Standigheden beventt. Orte de mese anserte linacen de Reinders en Johnsel Lyn tot heden cehtere war in Time turne Midchoond gebleven, the en vermits in de varige week Zyne vrame Lutethe ansere but hoofde by tuen Telf angesteld Deze pers onen helben alzo geen de men Ite reden tot Magen in de rukorukting end the Requestranter berigen, dat Ly Doorde inthivastiering van Militairen in line Leer naugelythen toestand gebragt Zyn in taler van den Aruketenden last geheelongepast en averdreven is, aangerun het Luh than alher beveroinde detachement, buten gewoon besades in te uneden is; in de jongetzetenen. cloorde aun hun betante mardende 35 fentoper hoofs, over het algemen genver zaam, voor hunne tosten en moute warden Scharelausge Steld, lets dat branciers votento aente geblyte nut het telen getal undertukenaren, welke men duartoe huft Eurnen overhalina

Hoe de anverteelemaren van dat Request of Devels en J Ly anger deanbeschuams here ous ven hebben, van dan te voeren dat numandan Lye de peningiro hebben, am, des ve Zocht mardende lac Let hand havena des rust made te mer ten, be uft orygien, dans of Verels en de zoon van Johan Jed, in den avond van den 19 dezes opgevorgen Tynde, amter bewaring der voice onde, the want te betrekken, beide Lyn achtergebleven; - en der last Ste heeft lin antivaard gegeven, dat, aangeren hynog werkelyk in Schutterlyke dunst was, Doch Such met groot verlof alher bevano, hy geene an dere arens webe afwachten van den kapitein defempagnie maartue by beholarde. My Lyn Derhalu gesåstelyte in gena , In dat het ting emelle requeste veratte geen the minste wirles up het langer of Thates verbly des troupen les deser Store, Han utriferen; Mach nemen vants de Musher in bedenting to gever, and allow quel her thans alles musting is, det nerblyfin allen gevalle te rettlent tot via den 5 Deum ber withtamenae, als zyrae het alsoan are nut an aan Zeenly to Janomas het, out Novi al des avanos lene mengte jonge leden naar herwaarts lott, - het geen by het num gebruik van Sherten Mank tig belyk aanlewing tot anaangenaam heren Konnegeven.

Commen den 19 November 1836 On erwery Sangerun lety the wet van den 28 8 oven Demulu van ander ber 1818 Thats blad 8 40) untoruttalyto by note Mat waar de getrouwie vrouwen net domuile Unnancers tund dat haved mannen is, in vol gens byg aandy tract not het Register derhu welytis action de Stad Twolle Christina van Salfsen mer hely to met Johannes Skuttemange hund is , Las helben my ter reserrente vantile acht buren i Mustine van den le dezer 18934 cle ser het by onden bruef van den 18 October bevarens 8985 ged aan verzoek to herhalen Wywegen her by dat fhrestina wandalf Sen nog geen telem time ten haven laste huft en nat deserged by want during wood capagin he re beharften wordt naarzen. Man Heren Bur Brugemuste en enteferform yemuster en Sche penin des Sans Marstrutt Ommen Ulen 28 1800 1836 not in Bri A immer hebben my een Requiest in hande gehao, dat Loo-ontbloot van granden tot restmatege belagte was, dan het her by levers gaarine daar & venels (& aan Une Exellen the gepresenteer in by appostelle van den

Translation by Wella Kennedy, 2002

Number 211

Ommen, November 28, 1836

We have never seen a petition that was so devoid of grounds for lawful complaint than the one returned hereby by G. Nevels, c.s. [=cum suis], presented to Your Excellency and with "appostitle" [? appostille?] of the

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26th of this month, submitted to us, department[?][?] for information and consideration.

The undersigned H. Weertman, H. Meyerink and E. Woertink have not until now been billeted yet, and E. Woertink does not have to fear such since his wife is in sickly circumstances.

Also fellow signatory K. Reinders and J. Spanje have been spared the billeting until this morning, the former because his wife was sick last week, the latter because he himself was ill.

These persons therefore do not have the least reason for complaint, and the expressions used by the petitioners that they have been put in a very difficult position and under stress by the burden of the billeting of military personnel. This is totally improper and exaggerated since the detachment commissioned here is extraordinarily calm and peaceful, and the residents are paid 35 cents per person and this is generally sufficient to cover their costs and difficulty. The small number of signatories which were persuaded to sign are ample proof of that.

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How the signatories of that petition, G. Nevels and J. Spanjer, have the temerity to argue that nobody has refused to participate is difficult to understand. When requested both G. Nevels and the son of J. Spanjer, having been called on the evening of the 19th of this month to keep guard to preserve the peace, did not do so. The latter answered that he really was engaged by the Civic Guard but was here on long furlough, and that he therefore did not wish to wait for another command from the captain of the company to which he belonged.

Therefore we feel duly justified that the aforementioned request did not contain the least influence on deciding to continue to keep the troops for a long or short duration in this town. Moreover we take the liberty to express [the following] thoughts. Although everything is peaceful presently, [we would like] to continue the [military presence] in any case until after December 5 when a sizable annual market is held which especially at night lures a host of young people to this town. The plenteous use of strong liquor then may give rise to unrest.

Finally we are so bold to note that in the request only three to four persons are named in the wanton insults against quiet civilians, although the early complaint of E. ten Tooren, presented to Your Excellency, spoke of having been victim[s] of an incited mob. It seems to us that these two documents are rather different.

Mayor and Councilmen

To His Excellency, governor of the Province of Overijssel, residing in Zwolle