

The speech or declaration of Sultan Mahomet, the Great Turk,

which he sent to the emperor of Germany, dated March 25th, 1683, from Adrianople, just after the Baron Saphonara, the Emperor's Ambassador, had his last audience of the Prince Vizier, wherein the said Ambassador could not comply with the extravagant demands of the Turk; which caused the said Grand Seignior to transmit the same to his Imperial Majesty: which is faithfully translated out of High Dutch.

Mahomet the Fourth, son of emperors, and of the famous and renowned God; emperor of the Turks, king of Greece, Macedonia, Moldavia, Samaria, and Hegha; king of great and lesser Egypt; king of all the inhabitants of the earth, and prince of the earthly paradise; acknowledged prince and obedient son of Mahomet; preserver of the cities of Hungaria; *possessor of the sepulcher of your God*; lord of all the emperors of the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof; king of all kings, lord of the tree of life, conqueror of the Malonian Hegley, and the city Prokenix; the great persecutor of the Christians, and all wicked people; joy of the flourishing world, commander and guardian of your crucified God, lord of the multitude of the heathens. We command you to greet the emperor Leopold, in case he desire it; and you are a friend to our majesty, whose power and will we have extended very far.

You have for some time past acted to our prejudice, and violated our friendship; though we have not offended you either by war or otherwise; yet you have taken secret advice with other kings, and your councils, how to shake off your yoke; in which you have proceeded very indiscreetly; and thereby you have exposed your people to fear and danger, who have nothing to expect now but death, which you have brought upon yourselves: for I declare I will make myself your master, and pursue you from the east to the west, and extend my majesty to the end of the earth. In the procedure of all which, you shall find my power exerted to your extreme prejudice, and shall feel the dreadful effects of my wrath. And since you have put your hope in the strength of some towns and castles, I have given command to overthrow them, and trample under my horses' feet all that is delightful to you, leaving no room hereafter to make friendship with me, or suffer you any fortified place to remain to put your trust in; for I have resolved forthwith to destroy you and your people, and to depose you of the German empire, after my will, leaving in the empire a remembrance of my dreadful sword, that it may publicly appear that I will establish my religion therein, and pursue your crucified God, whose wrath I fear not, nor his coming to defend, or deliver you out of my hands; but will condemn your sacred priests to the plough, and suffer the breasts of your wives to be sucked by dogs and

beasts. You will do well to forsake your religion, otherwise I will give order to consume you with fire. This is enough to let you understand my will, if you will be so wise as to know it.

An answer to the speech or declaration of the great Turk, and others

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