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ARTICLES granted by the French King, to the City of GHEENT.

A General Oblivion of all past. 2. The City taken into the Kings Protection. 3. The Romish Religion to be onely Tolerated. 4. The City to have the same Rights over the adjacent Countrey as formerly. 5. To keep their Priviledges. 6. All the Ecclesiasticks to keep their Goods and Offices. 7. Even the Goods confiscated on occasion of the War. 8. The Council of Trent to be observed, as formerly. 9. The Burgbers to continue in their Offices. 10. All Relicks, Ornaments, and Bells of Churches to remain within the City. 11. All Burgbers, and such as are fled thit'er, may continue there three months. 12. When they depart, may take with them all their Goods, or sell them. 13. The Deputies of the Province, and all Strangers being in the Town, may in like manner depart, with all their Goods. 14. The Burgbers and Ecclesiasticks dwelling at present elsewhere, may within three months come back to the Town, and depart again within other three months. 15. The Taxes and Impositions shall be charged, as when under the Spanish Government. 16. The Gentlemen shall be exempted from the Ban and Arrierban. 17. The Abbies and other Ecclesiastical Benefices, shall be given to the Religions of the same Order. 18. The chief Baillieu of Flanders, shall remain in his place, during his life. 19. As also the Raedtsheeren, Secretaries, and other Officers, being in the Service of the City. 20. Likewise the Commissaries and Receivers of the City. 21. No Person shall be disturbed for bearing Arms in the Siege. 22. All the Companies shall preserve their Priviledges. 23. As to the Revenues of the City, consideration shall be had thereof hereafter. 24. The Debts contracted in the name of Spain, shall be satisfied out of the Spanish Dominions. 25. The Commissary of the Impositions, shall give no account of his Administration. 26. Nor the Receiver General. 27. The Bank of Loan to be pro- vided. 28. The Alms houses to remain under the Government of the Magistrates. 29. The Religious Fraternities to preserve their Priviledges. 30. The Records and Papers of the City to remain there. 31. The Gentry and the Kings Officers may wear Arms. 32. No Goods or House shall be visied. 33. Every Person to keep the Goods he hath bought. 34. That concerning the building a second Citadell, they shall not go beyond the Right the King of Spain had to build one. 35. The Merchants of Flanders to enjoy their Priviledges, as far as the King can permit the same. 36. The Customs to be paid as formerly. 37. The Duty of Exportation and Importation to be regulated by the King. 38. As also the Penalties on those that defraud the same. 39. On packing of Goods. 40. The Bierwiltse Toll to continue. 41. As likewise the Staple of Corn. 42. Linnen, Tired, and other Manufactures of this City, may be Exported without any Duty. 43. Free Trade with Spain. 44. All Messengers, Waggoners, Skippers, shall come free with their Merchandizes. 45. The Effects, belonging to Spa-

niards, not to be Confiscated. 46. Or to any other Enemy. 47. The King to swear the Rights, Priviledges, &c. of the City. 48. The Town-House to remain to the City. 49. That the Inhabitants may go and come in France, and the French Conquests. 50. The Monies of the Town not to be taken. 51. The Comptroller and Castelyn of the Princes Hof to continue. 52. The Gentry of Flanders to enjoy the same liberty as those of Lille. 53. The Inhabitants to be free from quartering of Soldiers, but to provide Baraques. 54. The Commissary of the Musters shall have three months to remain, or to depart. 55. The other Officers in like manner. 56. The free Skippers to enjoy their Rights. 57. The Sergeants Majors to be discharged upon half pay. 58. The wounded Officers may remain till they are well. 59. They of St. Peters to have the benefit of these Articles. 60. And finally this City to enjoy all the advantages granted to Arras, Douay, and Lille.

In the Camp before Gheent, March 9.

was Signed LOUIS.

Mittaw in Courland, Febr. 25. We have been here in some pain, occasioned by the reiterated demand of the Suedes for passage through this Countrey, which upon our Dukes refusing, it seemed as if they intended to have forced it; wherefore the Militia of this Countrey was drawn together, consisting in 3000 Foot, and 1000 Horse, besides the Nobility, who make 1000 Horse more, and the assistance the General of Lithuania in such case promised our Duke, which the Suedes understanding, and their General Count Bent Horne dying suddenly, they have changed their resolution, and, as we understand, have embarked most of their Troops, and intend to transport them to Pomeran; and we receive this day an account from Riga, that two Vessels with men were already sailed from thence.

Hamburg, March 15. In our former we gave you an account, that Count Coningsmarke was advanced with a considerable Body of Men near Rostock, the advice we have received since is, that having sent his Parties to ravage the Countrey of Mecklenburg, they were returned with great Booty, viz. 5 or 6000 great and small Cattel, Corn, &c. That the Brandenburg and Lunenburg Troops, upon the News they had of this Expedition, having made all the haste possible to get together, the said Count was retiring towards Straelsund, having first greatly alarmed Wismar, by his advancing within two Leagues of it, inasmuch that the Garison there stood in Arms two or three dayes together. It is reported that the Lunenburg and Brandenburg Troops having overtaken Count Coningsmarke in his retreat, have so beset him, that he will hardly be able to disengage himself, but this meets with no great credit.

Naples, Feb. 28. From Sicily we have an Account, that the Duke de la Feuillade having marched with what Force he could draw together from Messina, to attack the Castle of Mola, the Duke of Bourbonville upon notice thereof, assembled the Spanish Troops, and with them Engaged the Duke de