

A PROVD AND BLASPHEMOVS CHALLENGE



Given out in denuntiation of warre, by *Amurath* the great Turk, against all Christendome.
Coming with an Army of 1600000. men.

Emperour of Constantinople.

Emperour of Rome.



WE alone the only Monarch of
Cæsar, King of all Kings,
the most noble families of Pa
for of the crucified God, sub
upon the name of Christ.

We denounce unto the
with thee, unto the great
and subjects, we earnestly
open warre.

We give you to under
domes, and sixteene hund

Turkish armes, yea, with all our strength and power (such
or heard of, much lesse had any prooffe of) to besiege you
sword to persecute you, and all yours, and whosoever shall
most exquisit torments wee can devise to torture unto death,
hands, because we heare that you fall out amongst your selves,
therefore we will regulate you.

We will keepe you as slaves, and use you like doggs in continuall misery, impaile your fairest sonnes, and daughters
upon stakes, and to the future shame, and reproach of you and yours, we will after a most bloody, and cruell manner,
rip open your women with child, and trample their children under our feet; for we are resolved to bring into our sub-
jection you which cannot rule quietly in small Countries, and by a strong hand and force of Armes to keep your King-
domes from you; as also to oppresse, roote up, and destroy, your Sees, together with the golden Scepter of Rome, and
we will prove whether your crucified Iesus will helpe you, and do for you as yours perswade you. Beleeve him still, and
trust in him, and see how he hath holpen his messengers which have put their confidence in him; for we neither beleeve,
neither can we endure to heare of such incomprehensible things, that he can helpe which is dead so many worlds of
years agoe, which could not helpe himselfe, nor deliver his owne Country and Inheritance, from our power, over
which we have a long time reigned.

These things, oh ye poore and miserable of the world, we thought good to signifie unto you that you with your Princes
and Councillors may know what you have to doe, and to looke for.

*Given in our most mighty, and Imperiall City of Constantinople, which our Ancestors by force of armes tooke
from yours, and having slaine, and taken prisoners all their Citizens, reserved such of their wives and children as they
pleased, unto their lust, to your perpetuall infamy and shame.*

the world, a great and mighty God on earth, an Invincible
om the East unto the West, Sultan of Babilon, Sovereigne of
a, and Armenia, tryumphant victor of Ierusalem, Lord posses-
ter, and sworne enemy of the Christians, and of all them that call

the Emperour of Rome, and to all Nations taking part
pop also, all the Cardinalls and Bishops, to all your sonnes
I lay) by our Crowne and Empire, denounce unto you

and that our purpose is, with the power of thirteen King-
d thousand of men, horse and foot, with our Turks, and
is neither thou, nor any of thine hath ever yet either seen
your chiefe and metropolitane Cities; and with fire and
I give you helpe, to burne, destroy, and kill, and with the
and slight such Christian captives, as shall fall into our