



C O N S I D E R I N G E The obligation, which his catholike magestye my lord and master hath receaved of gode almighty for to defend and protect his holy faythe and the Apostolical Romane church: he hath procured by the best means he could for to reduce vnto the auncient and trewe religion the kingdomes of England and Ierland as muche as possibly hath beyn in his pouer: and all hath not beyn sufficient to take auay the offensis doun agaynst god, in damage of the selfe same kingdomes with teardall of euill christianity: eye rather abusing the clemency and benygnyty of his catholike magesty: the heades and chiefe of the heretikes with littill feare of god haue taken courage for to extendethey euill doctrine with the oppresing of catholikes, mattering them, and by diuers wayes and means taken from them theyr liues and goods, for singe them by violence to followe theyr damnable sects and errors, the which they haue don vnto the loos of many soules. The which considered his catholike magesty is determined to fauor and protect thos catholikes, which corragiously haue defended the catholike faythe, and not only thes, but also thos vho for pusillanimity and humayne respects haue condescended vnto them, forced theyr vtterthorou the hard and cruell dealinges of the sayd heretikes. And for the execution of this his holy zeale, he hath commaunded me, that with the forcs of sea and land, which be and shalbe at my charge, to procure all means necessary for the reduction of the sayd Kingdomes vnto the obedience of the holy catholike Romane church. In compliment of the which i declare and protest that the sayd forces on ly shalbe employed for to execut this holy intenc of his catholike magesty directed only to the common good of the treu religion, and catholikes of the sayd Kingdomes, as vuell thos which be already declared catholikes, as others vho vull declare hem selves for suche, for all shalbe vuell receaued and admitted by me in his riall name, which shall seperat and apart them selves from the heretikes and furthermore they shalbe restored into theyr honors, dignities and possessions, which here tofore they haue ben deprived of. Morouer every one shalbe requarad accordinge vnto the demonstrationes and feats which he shall shouue in this godly interprise: and he vho shall proceede with most valor, more largely and amply shalbe remunerated with the goods of the obstinate heretikes. Vnto for singe god almighty doothe present vnto his elected so good an occasion: that with liberty and in publicke they may confess the trewe religion: let not pass and escap so fit an opportunity, seing they can not excuse them selves et her before god or man; ether before god or man; ether can they lament of any body, but of them selves. And for theyr more security i ordeare and commaund the captaynes Generals of horse and artillery, the master General of the fild, as also other masters of the fild, the captaynes of companies of horse and foot, and all other officers greater and lesser and men of vuar: the Admiral General, Genera Captaynes of squadrones, and the rest of the Captaynes and officers of the Army, that as vuell in land as in sea, they vse uae l and receaue with all curtesy the catholikes of the sayd Kingdomes, vho shall come to defend the catholike cause with arms or without them: for i commaund the General of the Artillary that he provide them of vae pones which shall bringe none. Also i ordeare and strealy commaund that they haue particular respect vnto the houses and families of the sayd catholikes, not touching any thinge of theyr but only thos which vull obstinately followe the part of the heretikes: in doing of the which, they be also gether vnuorthy of thos fauors, which be here graunted vnto the good, vho vull declare them selves for trewe catholikes, and as suche shall take armes in hand or at least seperat them selves from the heretikes, agaynst vuhom and theyr fauors all this vuar is directed in defence of the honor of god, and good of the sayd Kingdomes: trustinge in gods diuine mercy, that they shall recouer agayne the catholike religion so longe ago lost, returne to theyr auncient quietnes and felicity, and to the due obedience of the holy Romane church norouer the sayd Kingdomes shall enioy theyr former immunitys and priuilegis with increase of many other for the tyme to come, in great friendship, confederation and traffic with the Kingdomes of his catholike magesty, which in tymes past they vuarre vount to haue for the vniuersall good of al Christianity. And that this be putt in execution, i exhort all the faythfull to the fulfilling of that which is here conteaned, vuarrenting them vpon my vuord (the which i gine in the name of the catholike Knge my lord and master) that all shalbe obserued which here is promised. And thus i discharge my selfe with the losses and damages, which shall fall vpon thos, vho vull followe the contrary way with the ruyn of theyr soules, the good of theyr ouune country, and that which is more the honor and glory of god almighty. And he which can not take presently armes in hand, nor declare him selfe by reason of the tyranny of the sayd heretikes shalbe admitted, if being in the enemyes camp, shall pass vnto the catholike part in some sermische or battell, or if he can not pass, should fly, before vuc shall come to the last encounters. In testimony of all the which i haue commaunded to dispatche this present, signed with my ouuen had, and sealed with the scale of my armes, and referred by the secretary vnderwritten.

The great Adelantado of Castilla earle of sant Gadea and of Buadia commendador of Salamea Captayne General of the gallyes and army of the ocean sea, and of the catholike camp.