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In a biography of Rev. Lammert J. Hulst, entitled *Sixty Three Years as Preacher*, published by Eerdmans Sevensma, during this year, an excerpt from the book on page 12 makes a reference to Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte and the abuse he took from two soldiers and the mayor of Ommen at the time Van Raalte was preaching in a barn near Ommen. Implied in this report was that Hulst was present at the occasion.

Translation by William Buursma.

Extract from Biography of Rev. Lammert J. Hulst, entitled "Sixty-Three Years as Preacher" – published by Eerdmans Sevensma, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1913

This extract is found on page 12 and refers to Rev. A. C. Van Raalte preaching a sermon in a large barn in a small community near Ommen. While he was preaching, the mayor of Ommen, accompanied by two soldiers, stormed into the building and called out, "Van Raalte, shut your mouth!"

Van Raalte did not make any effort to obey this command, and the mayor continued "Van Raalte, are you going to shut up, or not?" Van Raalte asked "What do you want?" The mayor said, "I am here by the authority of the King and I command you to disperse this meeting!"

Van Raalte answered, "But I have an assignment from the King of Kings to preach the gospel to these people. My assignment is higher than yours, and I want you to know that I am not able to obey your command."

The mayor shouted, "I will institute judicial proceedings against you," Then Van Raalte responded to the mayor by saying, "Go your way," and he continued his sermon at the point where he had been interrupted. The mayor slunk away. This brought me (Rev. Hulst) great joy.

*W. D. Buurisma*