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Rome, Dec. 26. N. S.

THE Congregation of Cardinals, to whom the Pope referred the Consideration of the Manner of opening the Jubilee, having had several Meetings and warm Disputes, some being of opinion that it should be deferred till the Epiphany, in hopes the Pope might be then well enough to perform the Ceremony himself, and others thinking there was so little likelihood of his Recovery in so short a time, that this Ceremony ought not to be delayed beyond Christmas Eve, they resolved at last, That the Jubilee should be opened on Christmas Eve, the usual time, and because Cardinal Cibo Dean of the College of Cardinals, by reason of his great Age and Infirmities could not officiate on this occasion, they agreed, that the Cardinal de Bouillon, Sub-Dean, should be appointed to open St. Peter's Gate, and have the Character of Legate à Latere; And the Cardinals Panciatici, Pamphilio, and Merigia, were made Choice of to open the Gates of the other three Churches which are called Patriarchal, viz. St. Paul's, St. John's, and St. Mary Major, and that these three Cardinals should according to Custom have the Title of Legates. Matters being thus settled by the Congregation, and the Pope having approved thereof, the Legates received the necessary Powers, and had Audience of the Pope on Saturday last, who expressed to them how much he was concerned that he could not personally assist at this Solemnity. On Sunday the 20th Instant the College of Cardinals repaired to the Pope's Chapel, where a Solemn Mass was performed; After which the Sieurs Langetta and Jacometti, Auditors of the Rota, proclaimed the Pope's Bull for the Jubilee, reading it aloud at the Palace Gate in Latin and Italian, while the like was done at the Gates of the other Patriarchal Churches, which was followed by a treble Discharge of the Cannon and Salvo's of the Guards and Soldiers in Garrison here. The three following days the Bells were rung, and the Cannon discharged for an hour together every evening. On Thursday the 24th, being Christmas Eve, the College of Cardinals went to hear a Solemn Mass in the Chapel of Pope Sixtus in the Vatican, and from thence the Cardinal de Bouillon came to St. Peter's, attended by the College, and by the several Orders of Monks in their Habits, while the other Legates in like manner proceeded to the other Churches afore-mentioned. Over-against St. Peter's Church several Balconies were built for the Persons of Quality that came to see this Ceremony. The Imperial, French, and Venetian Ambassadors were likewise there, (the Spanish Ambassador, with the Count de Lemos General of the Gallies of Naples, being at the

Church of St. Mary Major,) who observing that their Seat was placed much lower than that of the Queen-Dowager of Poland, they complained thereof to the Cardinal de Bouillon, who gave Orders for their being placed to their Satisfaction. Then the Cardinal de Bouillon, assisted by three Canons of St. Peter's Church, having received from the hands of Signior Caprara, Dean of the Rota, a Silver-Gilt Hammer consecrated by the Pope for that purpose, he thrice struck with it St. Peter's Gate, which thereupon fell, what supported it having before been privately pulled down and carried away, and then the Superstitious Crowd was let in to obtain the promised Indulgences; a Discharge being made at the same time of the Cannon, and several Salvo's given by the Guards and Soldiers of our Garrison, who were ranged in the Streets between the Vatican and St. Peter's Church. Yesterday being Christmas day, the College of Cardinals were very splendidly entertained by the Pope's Order, and at his Charge. The Concourse of Strangers, that are come hither upon account of the Jubilee is very great, and Provisions begin to grow excessive dear. The Duke d'Uzeda, Ambassador from Spain, is on his departure from hence for Gaeta, where he is to confer with the Vice-Roy of Naples; he desired a private Audience of the Pope, but could not obtain it by reason of the ill state of the Pope's Health.

Cologne, Jan. 12. On Tuesday the 5th Instant the Elector of Cologne came hither from Bonn to assist at the Celebrating of the Feast of the Epiphany, which is always done with great Solemnity, because of the Opinion they have here, that the Eastern Kings lie buried in this City. His Electoral Highness was received by the Magistrates who attended him to his Palace, and he was saluted by several Discharges of the Cannon. On Wednesday his Electoral Highness gave a very splendid Entertainment to the Pope's Nuncio, the Count de Schallart Envoy from the Emperor, and other Foreign Ministers, the Chapter and Magistrates of this City, and on Thursday his Electoral Highness returned to Bonn. Monsieur Philippeaux, Envoy from France, has had Audience of Leave of the Elector, and is returned to France. They write from Dusseldorp, that great Preparations are making there against the Carnival, the Elector Palatine intending to keep it in that City, and afterwards to go to Heidelberg, which he intends to make the Place of his constant Residence. 'Twas discoursed at the Court of the Elector Palatine, that Prince Charles of Nieuburgh his Brother, who is at present in Silesia, is going to Marry the Princess Dowager of Radzville, and that the Elector offers on this account to settle upon him a Pension of 20000 Crowns a Year.

Hamburg, Jan. 14. The Affairs of Holstein continue in the same posture; The Danes make all the necessary Preparations to attack the Duke of Holstein's new Forts as soon as the