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279. GIO IOACHIMO TO KING FRANCIS.

I have told the King [of England] the news of Italy and Germany, at which he was much pleased. Respecting the deliberations upon, and answers to (*deliberatione o risposta*) the proposal of a conference to be held with the Emperor in Burgundy, the King thinks that Your Majesty ought to be very careful, and not expose your person to the dangers of an interview, especially before the restitution of the sons of France. In short, the King shewed by his words that he sincerely wished for Your Majesty's happiness and welfare. Mr. de Norfolk afterwards spoke to me in the very same terms, complaining bitterly of the ingratitude of the Emperor, who, he said, after the King, his master, had helped him with money, and enabled [486] him to put down rebellion in his Spanish dominions, had not done one single thing to please him, and secure his friendship. The Duke then spoke at length (*diffusamente*) of the cardinal of York (Wolsey), and of the challenge and declaration of war sent to the Emperor, which, he observed, were entirely his doing.<sup>1</sup> Thanked the Duke in Your Majesty's name, but could not help remarking that the Cardinal had in these latter times shewn himself a friend to France, &c.

At the request of the said Cardinal, who for some days past had urgently desired me to call on him, especially as he said that he was to leave Richmond in a week, I decided to visit him as soon as I had an opportunity. He was then at the Chiartosa (Carthusian Convent) near that place where he had been for the last 20 days, on his way to his own diocese (York), which the King has fixed for his residence.<sup>2</sup> Consequently on my return from Windsor I visited him, and **tried to console him in his misfortune. I found him so completely resigned, and so armed with patience that there was hardly any need for me to advise such a course. He thanked most humbly Your Majesty and Madame for the pity they have shewn him in the midst of his misfortunes, as well as for their kind and affectionate interference in his affairs, for the continuance of which he now most urgently begs and entreats**, bringing to the recollection of both of you the many services he rendered at other times, as well as the offers and promises so often made by you, and lastly confirmed at Amiens, of cheering (*amarlo*), and helping him in times of need. He also promised to send me the three receipts for the three quarters of this pension due to him, &c.

To-day a courier has come from Bologna, dispatched on the 15th, advising the arrival in that city of the earl of Vulchire (Wiltshire) the day before. The Earl had been most graciously received by the Emperor and the Pope. The courier, who was dispatched by merchants, had brought no letter from him; but to-day, since the above was written, another courier has come, sent by Mr. de Vulchier (Wiltshire) himself, and though his despatches are still here [in London] to be conveyed to Moro (the More), where the King is at present, they have not yet been opened. I have reason to believe that the Earl is not very well pleased with his reception at the Imperial Court. Indeed, as far as I have been able to ascertain, the Earl has been unsuccessful in his mission. It is, moreover, reported that about the end of this month the Emperor intends leaving Bologna for Germany, and will stay four or five days at Mantua on his way to that country.

I have tried, as much as was in my power, to bring the matters pending between this king and His Holiness to a settle- [487] ment equally satisfactory for both parties; but nothing, I hear, has been concluded yet. The affairs of Florence continue in the same state.—London, 27-9th March 1530.

Italian. Copy. pp. 3.

1 "Et della disfida e guerra ultimamente mandate et fatta a S. M.; la causa et origine d'essa in tutto et per tutto attribuendo al preditto sig. cardinale."

2 "Quanto che fra otto giorni el se parte da Rlichemont, ove già a xx. giorni el si tiene alla Chiartossa, per andarsene alla sua chiesa do Diorch."