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To My Lord, The Most Eminent Cardinal De Bagni, My BEst, and Most Honoured Master.

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Conclust of which, Your Excellency has made

To My LORD,

The Most Eminent

Cardinal De BAGNI,

My Best, and Most Honoured MASTER,

Non equidem hoc studeo, Bullatis ut mihi nugis, Pagina tungescat dare pondus idonea fumo: Secreti loquimur, tibi nunc, Hortante Gamæna, Excutienda damus præcordia. (Pers. Sat. 5.)

Tis not indeed my Talent to engage
In lofty Trifles, or to fwell my Page
With Wind and Noife; but freely to impart,
As to a Friend, the Secrets of my Heart.

Mr. Dryden.

My LORD,

Since You are now at Rome, enjoying those Shonours, which are the Recompence of your Merits, and living in that Repose, which you have happily acquired by Your Publick Administrations of seven Governments, one Vicelegateship, and two Nunciatures, I thought I could not better employ that Leisure which your Goodness, and extraordinary Bounty have made me likewise a Partaker of, than by entertaining You with those resin'd Maxims of Policy.

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licy, and those great Affairs of State, by the Conduct of which, Your Excellency has made your Prudence so remarkable, that the great Genius's who govern all Europe at present, remain astonish'd at it, and have never succeeded better in their most difficult Deliberations and Enterprizes, than when they have been managed by the happy Advice that You have been pleased to give them. For,

Tis without Fear we cut the foaming Tide, When Teucer bids us go, and Teucer is our Guide.

Nil desperandum Teucro duce, & auspice Teucro.

