

whether they would know him; so into the coach they went, and when they had made a turn or two in the streets, they pretended to have need to make water, so all three went against a wall; but presently my gallants whipt into the coach and drove away, leaving Maldachino alone in the whoore's habit, until at length the watch took him, and used him as a whore in words and language, until that he told them that he was one of Cardinal Maldachinie's mistresses, and he should know all how they used her, upon which they used him the worse for scandalizing a Cardinal, and carried him to the prison door, where he turned off his head clothes, and said, *Son io! Son io!* It is I! It is I! Withat the watch bowed to his eminence, and cried him mercy, and they conducted him to his palace.

When he came to wear a beard he looked more like a man and the picture. J. B. 1662.]

LVI.

FRIDERICUS SANC. MARIAE NOVAE S. R. E. DIACONUS CARD.
DE HASSIA GERMANUS. XIX FEBR. MDCLII.

II Cardinalismo,
p. 162.

He is a person of spirit and generosity, suitable to the nobleness of his extraction. He is very just and exact in his judgement, distinguishing between good and bad to a hair. So it may be said with reason his commendations is* without flattery, his reprehensions without envy, because his praises or rebukes (void of all passion) are proportioned to the merits of the party.

He was translated from the camp to the cloister, from the sword to the cross, from the Protestant religion to the Catholick; which, at the beginning of his promotion, made several persons believe that he would gain but little honour by the Cardinalship—supposing that he had imbibed too much of the confused principles of Protestant and souldier. But they were undeceived when they saw him

* Sic MS.

give such testimonies of himself that he was expressly a good Catholick and a true observer of the maxims of the Court of Rome. However, the general opinion is that his talent would have been better employed in matter of arms than the gown, which seemeth to be something forced and unnatural to him, because imposed, and not generated with him, whereas this inclination to arms was born with him,* and he hath retained it from his cradle. The being without (or at least not over well furnished with) the ornaments of learning, which do oftentimes work upon the hearts of the Popes to confer subsidies extraordinary upon such Cardinals as are foreign, is the reason that he wants more conveniences than he enjoys, everyone withdrawing himself from his supply, because that to relie him according to the largeness of his own thoughts would require too much. The Spaniards themselves, whose maxim is to enlarge their hands to persons of that quality, have been close enough as to him, because they see that to maintain him in his original grandeur would ask as much as would maintain six others. So that, failing in assignments that were promised him and not paid, he was forced to retire into Germany. The truth is, when he is in Germany, his inclinations are for Rome, and when he is at Rome his inclinations are for Germany.

[The picture is very like him. His family, of the several Landgraves of Hessen, are zealous Protestants; as the confederacy of Smalcald witnesseth. J. B. 1677.]

LVII.

CAROLUS BARBERINUS S. R. E. DIAC. CARD. S. CAESARII
ROMANUS. XXIII JUNIJ, MDCLIII.

He is the third of that family all at a time Cardinals—never known before, or scarce will be ever again. He is very obsequious

II Nipotismo,
pt. i. l. iii. p.
106.

* The words "Whereas with him," are restored from the printed book, as being necessary to the sense.