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683. EUSTACE CHAPUYS to the SAME.

The great wish, which as I wrote in my despatch of the 8th ult^o, the Queen had of addressing a letter to the Pope, has been considerably increased of late, through the annoyance she [114] has felt at the King being in constant communication with Rome, and having sent thither several couriers with despatches. She has therefore written to His Holiness the letter of which the enclosed is a transcript.

Since my last nothing important has taken place here. The ambassadors of France have just presented to this King in their master's name a very fine and artistic clock, on the dial of which the movement of several celestial spheres and planetary systems can be distinctly observed.¹ I fancy that if Jehan Jocquin has been the inventor of this device, Mars is sure to predominate over Mercury. I cannot say whether the report comes from Jocquin or not, but the fact is that the very day that the clock was presented to the King *the Grand Esquire said to the Queen that the king of France had declared to the Imperial agent at his court that he (the French king) could never be a true and sincere friend of Your Majesty, owing to the very rude manner in which he had been treated.* The said ambassadors went again to Court yesterday for the sake of one of them, La Guiche, taking leave before his return home; but they were not invited to the King's table, owing to his dining with the Queen on that day. The Princess has been for the last eight days suffering from indigestion (*passion destomac*). so much so that she can hardly retain what she swallows, but the physician who attends her tells me that, God willing, she will soon be free from this affection.

The Venetian ambassador has newly strengthened by some words that escaped him my very firm belief that these people *desire above all things* the arrival of the Turk in Germany. **The Chancellor himself complained some days ago to one of my secretaries, in a very piteous tone, of the blindness of those princes who refused to assist Your Majesty against so cruel and implacable an enemy,** and upon my secretary observing that perhaps those very princes, seeing Your Majesty engaged in the repulse of the Turk, intended to engage in some undertaking by themselves, or solicit and procure something else, the Chancellor replied that there was no actual danger of that on the part of this country at least, for there were no preparations or power to do so; which statement I really believe to be the fact, since their will is evidently stronger than their power.—London, 11th April [1531].

Signed: "Eustace Chapuys."

French, Holograph, p. 1.

¹ "Les ambassadeurs de France ont ces iours presente a ce roy de la part de leur maystre ung orologe fort artificieux, la ou lon voyt le mouement de plusuers (*sic*) spheres celestes et le cours daucungz planetes. Je Pense que si Jehan en a este le deviseur que mars [sera] plustot le predominates que mercure. Ne sçay sil procede du dit Jocquin ou non, mays le jour meme quil fust [en court] fere le dit present le grand escuyer dit a la royne," &c.