in feates of warre to the great strength and defence of the
realme.

This yere the xii. daie of February died the Emperor
Maximilian, for whome the kyng caused a solemne Obsequy
to be done at Paules churche, all the nobles of the realme
and knightes of the Gartier beyng present, of whiche orde
the saied Emperour was one.

THE XI. YERE.

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n the beginnyng of this yere, the kyng with all the
knightes of his orde beyng in Englane, roade on
double horsses, with the henxmen folowing the kyng,
from Colbroke to Wincsore in gorgious apparel, and there he
kept with greate solemnité the feast of S. George, and
dined in the hall. And the byshop of Wynchester prelate
of the orde sat at the boordes ende alone. The kyng was
solemly served and the surnap cast like the feast of a coro-
nacion. All thynges were plenteous to straungers that
resorted thether. At the masse of Requiem was offered
the banner and other hachementes of honor belonging to
Maximilian the Empeor late deceased. After this feast
ended, the kyng came to Richemond, and so to Grenewyche, and laie all Maie.

In whiche moneth the kynges counsail secretly communed
together of the kynges gentlenes and liberalitie to all per-
sone: by the whiche they perceived that certain young men
in his privie chamber, not regardyng his estate nor degree,
were so familiar and homely with hym, and plaid such
light touches with hym that they forgat themselfes: Whiche
thynges although the king of his gentle nature suffred and
not rebuked nor reproved it: yet the kynges counsail
thought it not mete to be suffred for the kynges honor,
and therfore thei altogether came to the king, beseching
him al these enormities and lightnes to redresse. To whom
the kyng answered, that he had chosen them of his counsail,
both for the maintenence of his honor, and for the defence
of all thyng that might blemishe the same: wherfore if they
sawe any about hym misuse theimselfes, he committed it to
their reformacion. Then the kynges counsail caused the
lorde chamberlein to cal before them Carew (and another
who
who yet liveth, and threfore shall not at this time be named) with diverse other also of the privy chamber, whiche had bene in the Frenche court, and banyshed them the courte for diverse consideracions, laiyng nothing particulary to their charges. And they that had offices were commanded to go to their offices: whiche discharge out of the courte greved sore the hartes of these young menne whiche were called the kynges minions. Then was there foure sad and auncient knightes, put into the kynges privie chamber, whose names wer sir Richard Wingfeld, sir Richard Jer- 
nyngham, sir Richard Weston and sir Willyam Kyngston : and diverse officers were chaunged in al places.

Then sir Jhon Pechy was made deputie of Caleis, and sir Rychard Wingfeld therof discharged, and Nicholas Carew made capitan of Ricebanke and commanded to go thether, whiche was sore to hym displeasent. These young minions which was thus severed from the kyng, had bene in Fraunce, and so highly praised the Frenche kyng and his courte, that in a maner they thought little of the kyng and his court, in comparison of the other, they were so high in love with the Frenche court, wherefore their fall was little moned amonst wise men.

This yere in the moneth of June was elected to be Emperor Charles kyng of Castel, and nephew to the quene, by the whole assent of the electors of thempire : Although the Frenche kyng sent his great Master to cause hym to be elected to the high majestie of the Empire : yet his ambas-
sador and great Master of his houshould called Gonfier lord of Boisy, and brother to Willyam Gonfier lorde Bonevet 
Admirall of Fraunce, whiche was Ambassadour of England the last yere as you have hard, did not so his message that it toke any effect. The kyng which had sent doctor Pace his secretory for the avancement of his nephewe the kyng of Castell to the dignitie imperiell, because he had the duchie of Ostrick and many other seigniories in Almain, was very joyous of this eleccion, and caused a solempe Masse to be song at Paules the viii. daie of July : at whiche Masse, was present the Cardinall Campeius, the Cardinall of Yorke, the Duke of Buckyngham, of Norffolk and Suffolk, with the Ambassadors of Spain, Fraunce, Venice and Scotlanye. And after Masse was done, the quier sang Te deum, and then all the lorde departted to Baynardes Castle to dinner,
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