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LETTER V.

S I R,

COLOGN,
*an Archbishop-
rick, Universi-
ty, Imperial
City, and Hans-
Town. Otho
the Great,
made it an
Imperial City,
and gave it
the Privileges
it now enjoys.*

*There are 24
Gates, 13 to
the Land, and
11 on the
Rhine.*

THis Letter will give you an Account of part of what I could observe at *Cologn* in three Days. Since we only wander'd in our Walks abroad, you must expect no regular Order in the Relations which I send you. I am glad of this occasion to give you this Advertisement by the bye, that you may not expect to have things in a better Method than we found them.

Cologn may be seen at a considerable distance, and all in plain view in a level Country. The City is very large, surrounded with a Wall and dry Ditch, with Towers, and some Bastions which defend its Gates. There is rarely so great a number of Steeples to be any where seen at once, as appear'd to us on the side we approach'd it.

It is an Imperial City, govern'd by its Burgo-Masters: But the Arch-Bishop's Authority is very considerable. This Prince takes cognizance of all Affairs both Civil and Criminal, and can Pardon those whom the Magistrates condemn. And the Oath which the City takes, seems to be a kind of Homage: It is in these terms;

We the Free Burgesses of Cologn, do this Day, for now, and for ever promise to _____ Arch-Bishop of Cologn, to be faithful and favourable to him, AS LONG AS HE SHALL MAINTAIN IN OUR RIGHTS, HONOUR, AND OUR ANCIENT PRIVILEGES, Us, our Wives,
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