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LETTER X.

S I R,

Between *Nuremberg* and *Ingolstadt*, the Ways are very bad and full of Forests; but when you come near this City, you find a Champaign Country, excellently well till'd. *Ingolstadt* is seated on the *Danube*, in the Dutchy of *Bavaria*, of which it is the strongest place. It is indifferently large, and most part of the Houses are painted or whited without. The Streets are broad, straight, and well pav'd: And the whole City seem'd pleasant enough, tho' it is poor and ill Peopled. They boast much of the *Arsenal*, but they must be so much courted for a sight of it, that we would not take that trouble. I have observ'd, that these inaccessible Arsenals are commonly the worst furnish'd; for if they were well fill'd, they would make a publick Show of them, rather than hide them. But they always make a Mystery of 'em, when they have nothing to show but Cross-Bows and rusty Firelocks. Nothing is more easily obtain'd, than a sight of the Arsenals in *France*; and it is as true, that there are none in the World either finer, or in better order.

I observ'd at *Ingolstadt*, as in most other Cities in *Germany*, that every where near the Fountains there are Casks of Wood or Brass, mounted on little Sleds with four Wheels, which serve to carry Water when any Fire happens. And this is very wisely contriv'd: But they have another Custom throughout all this Country, which we thought much more troublesome than useful. There