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all marry'd; and that all the Twenty four with their several Wives, had been seen in a Company together: Though there is nothing in this but what is very possible, yet 'tis extremely rare.

I hope I shall quickly receive a Letter from you; and you may expect another from me before I leave this City. I am,

Venice, Jan. 20.
1688.

S I R,

Your, &c.

LETTER XVII.

S I R,

This Bridge is founded on ten thousand Piles of Elm: And it appears by the Publick Registers, that it cost Two hundred and fifty thousand Ducats.S.Did.

There are some Observations which I cannot forbear adding to what I have already sent you, concerning the City of Venice: For Example, the Bridge of Rialto is so famous a Piece, that I must not forget to say something of it. Venice is divided by a great Canal, of the Figure of an S, and the Bridge is about the middle of this Canal. When they begin to praise the Structure of this Work, they break forth into Admirations, and can find no Terms but what are too weak for expressing their Thoughts; but all this is purely the effect of Prejudice. This Bridge hath but one Arch, and all the Wonder consists in the Greatness of this Arch. I took care to measure it, that I might give you a certain Account of it. The Compass of the Arch makes exactly the third part of a Circle, and there are Ninety five Foot from one End, or one Extremity of the Arch to the other, on the level of the Canal: From which we may gather, that the