age. Apartments have also been taken for persons of high rank amongst the laity, and it is confidently reported that his Royal Highness the King of Portugal's brother, will make one of the number. The ceremony will probably come off in November, unless delayed by the absence of the new Governor-General. I should recommend all who intend to be present on this interesting occasion to make early arrangements, or they will not find a place in which to lay their heads.»

(This account, coming from a Protestant source, errs, as will be evident to all who know the facts of the life and death of St. Francis Xavier, in one or two important particulars. He was not martyred, or "murdered," at Macao, for the never entered China, but died of fever on the island of Sancian, in sight of the China coast)

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## AN ASTONISHING MIRACLE.

THE BODY OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FOUND UNCORRUPTED AND UNCHANGED, AT THE RECENT EXAMINATION IN GOA.

TESTIMONY OF AN EYE WITNESS, BISHOP LEO MEURIN, OE THE SOCIETY OF JESUS.

Graphic Account of the Opening of the Tomb and Coffin of the Apostle of the Indies at Goa.

Unnoticed by the Protestant press of Europe and America, almost unnoticed by the Catholic press, the ancient town of Goa, once the mistress of the East, was during the early part of last month the scene of the revelation once more to public knowledge, of the astounding miracle of the preservation incorrupt of the body of St. Francis Xavier, who, after death, was thrown into a