

your Holiness, that you will please to give Orders to your Nuncio's at *Vienna* and *Madrid*, to second your Fatherly Offices by their vigorous Sollicitations for obtaining the speedy Consent of those Crowns for a Neutrality in *Italy*, which would be a welcome Fore-runner to acquaint the World with the so much long'd-for Tidings of an approaching Peace, whereof Christendom stands so much in need. I wait impatiently for this Favour from your Holiness's Bounty. As soon as your Holiness's Orders are come to my Hands by this Courier, I will forthwith send Dispatches to the aforesaid Courts. In the mean time I continue to implore the favourable Influences of the Paternal Protection of your Holiness, to whom I wish a long Life, accompanied with all manner of Prosperity, and I do also in a most humble manner kiss your Holiness's most Holy Feet, as being

Your Holiness's

Most Humble and

Most Affectionate

Son and Servant

Turin, July
16. 1696

Victor Amadeus.

*His Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy's
Letter to his Imperial Majesty.*

YOUR Imperial Majesty's extraordinary Goodness, and the Equity which appears in all the Actions of your wise Government, sufficiently