

**THE POPE AND THE VIOLATION OF ROME**  
The Pope held a secret consistory on the 5th ult., in which he condemns the authority of the events that have been accomplished in Italy since September last. His Holiness rejects all ideas of accepting guarantees from Italy. He deplores the state of Rome. He makes a special allusion to the conditions of peace, and laments the war between Germany and France. His Holiness, in conclusion, expresses his gratitude for the many proofs of devotion he has received from the faithful believers of the Catholic world, and invokes the Divine Providence for them. His Holiness has preconized bishops for the vacant sees.