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his most beloved city, has consented
with kingly condescension to honor by
his august presence the town of St. Mar-
tinville on February 26th, (Mardi Gras.)

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and ordered to properly decorate Build-
ings, Stores, Residences etc., on the route
to be followed by his majesty.

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ing events of the battle of Gettysburg
and the siege of Richmond. One au-
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work, but it was paid, and the story was
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