

The Burgomaster of Cologne.

The memorable instance of courage related of Gryn,^{*} the burgomaster of Cologne, occurred during the contest between the inhabitants of that city and the archbishop Engelbert II., in 1262.

Gryn, as it is related, having been invited to dine with the archbishop, was received, on his arrival at the archiepiscopal palace, by two monks, who, instead of conducting him to the banquet-room, forced him into a court-yard in which a lion was kept; not doubting, by this means, to get rid of their formidable adversary. The intrepid burgomaster, however, boldly encountered and slew his terrific assailant, and was soon after triumphantly delivered by his fellow-citizens, who had suspected some treachery might have been meditated against him. The emperor Rodolphus put an end to the

quarrel between the town and the archbishop by ordering a public combat between the troops of each party for the possession of the keys of the town. Gryn, at the head of the citizens, won the victory, and thus preserved the rights of his fellow-townsmen.

With the present exquisite sketch, the series of designs is completed.

The event which forms the subject of the poem is commemorated in front of a bow-window of the town-hall of Cologne: another representation in relief, and in good preservation, ornamented also a similar window in the interior of the court of the same edifice.^{**}

The authoress must lay claim to indulgence for a few poetic licences she found it necessary to introduce in treating this interesting incident.

^{*} Ancient Chronicle of Cologne, anno 1262 and Münster's Cosmography.

^{**} Views of the squares, remarkable buildings and monuments of Cologne, by G. P. Meyer, together with vignettes drawn from the history of that city, by Th. J. A. Leuter, 1827.

The Government of Virginia

The first thing that I should mention is that the government of Virginia has a long and rich history. It was one of the first colonies to declare independence from Britain in 1776. Since then, it has played a significant role in the development of the United States. The state is known for its beautiful scenery, including the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Shenandoah Valley. It is also home to many important historical sites, such as the University of Virginia and the Monticello plantation. The government of Virginia is committed to providing a high quality of life for its citizens and to promoting economic growth and development. It has a strong focus on education, healthcare, and infrastructure. The state is also known for its agricultural and manufacturing industries. Overall, the government of Virginia is a model of good governance and public service.

The second thing that I should mention is that the government of Virginia has a strong commitment to environmental protection. It has implemented a variety of policies and programs to protect the state's natural resources and to address climate change. These include the creation of state parks and the establishment of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The state is also a leader in the use of renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power. In addition, the government has been successful in cleaning up contaminated areas and restoring degraded ecosystems. The commitment to environmental protection is a key part of the state's identity and is a source of pride for its citizens. The government of Virginia continues to work hard to ensure that the state's natural resources are preserved for future generations.