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Al^l M^{mo} S^r. S^r. P^{ro} C^{mo}
Al S^r. Marchese Paolo
Raimondo Como

S.^{ro} Marchesino Fama-
bilità m^o

Milano 6 del 1720

Io ho tardato alquanto a rispondere all' amantissimo e gentil m^o tuo.
Foglio per poter avere tutte quelle istruzioni, che Ella gentilmente
mi domanda. Eccogli che adunque qui incluse. Spiacenti rom-
man^{te}. Di non avere alloggio per poterlo servire quando verrà a pren-
der la Laurea, per l'angustia grande della Casa, non avendo che cin-
que camere, due delle quali servono per me, due altre per l'^{ro} Mar-
chese Lucchesini, che ha voluto seguirmi a Pavia, e la quinta è ad
uso del servitore. Trovo un'indubitabile contento il poterlo per-
sonalmente abbracciare e rinnovare l'antica mia familiarità, e
amicizia. Mi ha ripetuto convenienti al dignissimo suo Sr. Padre
e suo congiunzato di pace, e obsequio

Spallanzani

Lo am^o. Obb^o. Loro^{te}.