Romac (latter days of Louis XV and Louis XVI) had derived his pseudonym from an anagram of his actual family name, Caron The son of a modest watchmaker, he followed the family trade but sought his customers among the ladies of the French Court. With the help of a well-comrived marriage he became, by turns, an 'Officer of the King's Pantry', a music master to three royal princesses, and a honory royal secretary.

Pierre Augustin Caron wore a sword and with his own hands placed the King's meat upon the table, as his rank in the Royal pantry required. It was a dignity a French commoner might aspire if he had sufficient influence or the cash to pay for it. It was on par with the post of 'Cravat-Tyer in Ordinary to His Majesty' or 'Captain of the Greyhounds of the Chamber' The sales of these titles brought the Throne a ready

revenu at no expense save the ingenuity required to invent them.

In an earlier reign Montesquieu had written: 'The King of a France has no gold mines like the King of Spain, his neighbour, but has far greater wealth in the vanity of his subjects, which is more inexhaustible than any mine. He has been known to undertake or continue a war without any ressources but the titles of honor which he had to sell, and, owing to a miracle of human conceit, his troops were paid, his towns fortified and his fleet equipped.'

For the royal secretaryship, which involved no duties whatsoever, the ex-watchmaker pais 85,000 francs. Among other things the post gave him the rank of a petty noble and accordingly he could append to his name that of a fictional geographical fief. He thus became 'de Beaumarchais'. Later, with tongue in cheek, he insisted that hhis claim to nobility, unlike that of more prestigious families, was absolutely beyond question because he held a receipt for the purchase. A parvenue noble with an envy-

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wel dat hij bruinbaar. Voor Hans als politicus was. In Vraaf Minig of de ambastadeur pediend is Met de Poutro verse his het verleden? Zonden deze optnorhingen de poede mann be-

Ein van de dingen Zeide Don Buichet die Den deufdzaam en hoofstaand Man wel het meeste voldsering knoet schenken is om nog hij zijn leven een foede maam te genieten onder de Mannen, voral wanne

die Manu Gedrukt bookt. Certantes - 1600. Ven berdierde plenin is toch wel dat Auch To poed letreburpech Afreelet op hoof tikere they Mein Goff ist ein letre Burper."

[ Kels on ze froot Herror Ank ook not per felomphinenteerd met hour Makwerly haar Makwerly haar lebeur. a men avis (français) kan hak bigklussen door model te zijn voor Sel Schwarz hop haar behandelingen! Ne hat ander. Keef Dencan Trouvere (ko! En Van high andrie breen) met een kathaliele meige En hu de Old herh in Greda. Bair zepende Se slet huwligh in. De Kerk was t joh val of self 2 aterday midday. Hk. H. prince fuliana had sal via de telégraaf laten weten dat pleur Est de hostie selveiserd l'Catherina de frote vroes Egit leur au Voltaire, tocheen verlieht denher, te fam. Hij And wordde (in het fam den) that he breakfasted according to the Custom of the Country.

Deze wiebbel Blent als hefeliding brief van het boek vichy, wat ik heal interessant vand