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The concentration of small and medium-sized dynastic states in the central Po valley, yet in the second half of the seventeenth century, offers numerous opportunities for meetings between the representatives of their respective sovereign families, while the appointments of these princes with the members of the other Italian ruling families are rarer. The meetings between the princes of the Peninsula always play a familiar political role, so that the existence of disputes over their respective titles and «treatments» may require preventive action of ministers and advisers. The extensive use of the «incognito», i.e. private character, by the princes, both sovereign and non-rulers, who are traveling outside their home states allow them to avoid these embarrassments, sometimes even giving up the magnificent reception by foreign courts. Advocates of meetings are particularly princesses married abroad, for which their appointments with the beloved brothers are valuable opportunities to keep alive the ties with the homeland and with the memories of a spent childhood.

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