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fewer than 20 tunnels one of
more than a mile in length.
At Herbesthal we passed from Belgium
into Prussia - the word Douane and
the sign of the ~~double headed~~ Black
Eagle indicating the fact. and
and soon a respectful officer
opened the car door & said
"Avez vous quelques declaration
a faire" to which we answered
No. and the Ceremony was
over till we reached Aix la
Chapelle where we gave our
keys to Cerutti. who soon returned
then to us without our leaving
the cars We did not stop. but
as we passed around the birth
place & burial place of Charle
magne now Celebrated as a
great Manufacturing town, we
could not but revert to the
great Events of which it has been
the scene of action since its Hot
springs made it a favourite place
of resort for the luxurious Roman
by whom it was called Aqua
Corrupted in German Aachen and
French Aix. The la Chapelle is
an addition for distinction
Here the birth place of Charle-
-magne. his favourite place
the seat of his Empire and the
place at which many of the
Emperors were crowned.
Charle Magne was buried here
and ~~about~~ during the 18th Century
the tomb was opened & his
perishing bones found seated
and crowned. there are here some
of the most blasphemously absurd
relics which give such an atmosphere
of ridicule to a superstition which
might else captivate the warm
imagination and pervert the