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IN an article entitled 'Reglemens de la Maison du Roi, 1585,' mentioned in the 10th volume of *La Archives Curieuses de l'Histoire de France*, it says, "Both Charles and his mother seem to have had a singular partiality for Dwarfs. In 1572, three dwarfs were sent him as a present from the Emperor of Germany. In the same year, six score and five livres tournois are paid for the expenses of bringing some dwarfs from Poland to the king. One of these, little MAJOSKI, was given to the Queen Mother; and, in the extracts from her accounts, we find 30 livres expended for "little disbursements for the said MAJOSKY, as well in clothes, books, pens, paper and ink, as to the regent of the college;" he, therefore, must have received a university education. Mention is also made of 53 livres tournois being paid to *Noel Cochon*, governor of the dwarfs; to *Rondeau*, tailor to the dwarfs, 66 livres tournois; and to *Yoes Bourdin*, valet to the dwarfs, 55 livres tournois. Doubtless, these dwarfs were maintained as appendages to the Royal equipage.

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