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Leopoldo of Tuscany and located in Prato della Valle, a large square
in Padova, in 1780. It was sculpted by Pietro Danieletti a local artist.

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