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My Dear Sir Brother.

The Doctor degree to which I alluded was that of the University of Heidelberg - There is nothing whatever wrong in obtaining any foreign title but the reverse, the only thing is that they are more cheaply rarely obtained than say Cambridge titles, but this is unknown to ~~999~~ ^{our} people in a thousand. The Cambridge examination is I believe ~~the~~ strictest in the world, but I have been told by university people that these ^{degrees} are often obtained by people of very superficial knowledge, by a system of Cronism in a Corridation. You would I should say find no difficulty in getting the Heidelberg "Doctor," - the professor to whom I alluded I believe represented himself as a private agent, but it is several years ago. My relative has

left Manchester & I forgot the Agent's Name,
Route however by this post for it, without
saying why I want it. If I remember
rightly the fees are under £30 for 'Doctor'.
I think about £25 or £28 was mentioned,
I doubt whether it gives the magic herb,
as I was told. John Watts' title here
was an Feildsbury one & ⁱⁿ ~~was~~ it as
Doctor John Watts - though a man of no
great position the title procures him a
good deal of consideration.

You do not inform me at what point
Michael Pharis ^{is} arrives in regard
to Dr. Constantine? Whatever it is I
should not believe it unless corroborated
by evidence, Mr. business Greek even tells
the truth if he can by any possibility
make a lie answer his purpose, & I
only place more faith in Prince Demetrius
& a man of wholly different stamp to the other Greeks here,
because he is an accurate writer. He gives
an account of Doctor Constantine R -
in N & R. Page 403 - Vol 7 - to the Editor

appends an engraven list of his works Vol III page 169 - The printer
Demetrius brought from Oxford photographs ^{of letters} which he showed some
of 'Carmine Graeca rhythmica gratulorum de rege Caroli II.'
No 160 Oxon. - The spirit of the opposition to the title amongst his
Countrymen my experience amongst them seems to be this,
Whatever family claims existed, during the Greek Empire were destroyed
by the Turks, & all were placed on an equality, they now say -
what right have you to call yourself a Prince when I am worth
as much money as you & as Cleves, I have as much right to be King
as you have! Last ~~time~~ night I spent the evening with one of
his countrymen, who admitted he was a true Prince, but said there
were plenty of better men who assumed no rank; but he does not
speak so well of this young brother as of Demetrius.

Suppose Napoleon III expelled the Guelfs
abolished all English titles, you know
it would delight the carnaille, &
more especially if these titles could be
stamped out for 3 or 4 centuries, but I
think you will agree with me that
the Duke of Manchester or the Marquis
Westminster, (whatever their ~~titles~~ position
might then be) would be justified in
retaining & assuming ^{to} their hereditary
titles, by force of arms or any way, &
would receive the support of every true
Conservative.

The Family of R. I take to be precisely
his position. The Prince Demetrius
in his notes to that old roll of arms,
printed in N. L. that the family of R.
first the scutcheon of pretence of the
Byzantine Empire or the expulsion of the
Goths by the Latins, he does not say how
the claim arose, but adds that it was
after retained through Michael Paleologus
the last ruler of the Byzantine Empire.

Yours faithfully,
John Parker.

P.S. - My plan is getting so almost each other in the stream of Saturday last.
I am saying: - "I must also strongly object to have Mr. Ad. Webb (the editor) these
to no one I more, respect) - I must also strongly object to have Mr. Ad. Webb (the editor) these
language or so used of me, but I will use the construction that the Duke of Manchester, &
- it so I could not use the title of Duke of Manchester, but I will use the construction that the Duke of Manchester, &
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