

My dear Sir & Brother,

I acknowledge with many thanks a gift of your letter, enclosing the admirable photograph which you have most courteously sent to me, and which I shall value very highly as a mark of your friendly feeling. Agreeably to your wishes I have inscribed two cards which I have much pleasure to hand you herewith, together with a photograph of my pedigree beginning from the first member of the family of Duces who assumed the name of Rhodocamakis, as explained by our excellent friend Bro: Parker in the "Freemason's Magazine". The family of Duces could trace their pedigree up to the grandfather of Constantine the Great, who descended from the Ancient Kings of Troy, and consequently, from Venus daughter of Jupiter! - The shields which are round it belong to the Ladies with whom ancestors of mine married from the year of grace 890 and to those with whom members of my family married until the present time - The personal coat of arms of my ancestor & male relative of blood, as well as of the gentlemen who married daughters of my House are not blazoned, although are so in the original vellum roll, and will therefore be given in "The Gentlemen's Genealogies & Heraldry", before the end of the year -

Believe me to remain with sincere regard and esteem

My dear Sir & Brother

Yours most faithfully & fraternally

Rhodocamakis

18 March 1870

Bank Bank House

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To Richard Wool Esq. F.S.R., F.R.S.L.

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P.S.

The armorial Insignia, which are placed ^{at first} under the canopy in the centre, are those born by myself, and are the Proper arms of the Royal House of Rhodocamakis, those placed near them ^{are} those born by my father, and are the arms

of the Byzantine Empire, ^{the eagle} charged with the Rhodocamelian emblem on the base, to show
that the reigning ~~emperor~~ Emperor is a Rhodocamelian. The Byzantine Emperor always charged
the breast of the eagle with their family emblem. I sent the pedigree separately
I hope it will reach you safely.

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