

43. Charlton Road
Monclater, March 26/70

My Dear Sir & Son

Without any of your valued favors ~~desiring~~ to reply to, I write you now in regard to the order of the Red Cross.

I have been very much engaged all week on a M.S. of the ~~Comte~~ Order of St. George - which was handed to Mr. Martin myself a week ago by Prince Q. - I should have liked this to have been sent to you for inspection this week - but Mr. Martin has the historical part unfinished, it is leaving for Glasgow. The Costume only & Ceremonial of admission has fallen to my share but the descriptions are gorgeous. Lord Clarendon I may say seems favorable to the Order.

I noticed you gave in to-day "Precursor" in regard to the Masonic Red Cross, & I presume therefore that little hero taken the opportunity of revering himself by heading it by an insulting letter addressed against Prince Q. - I have had much to say in regard to this matter in the other publication, that I wish you would take up this matter in the "Precursor". Prince Q. whom I have seen to-day also

desiring [↑] ~~denies it very much~~ & has written to the Italian Ambassador, especially ^{in form} ~~as he is very~~ ^{about the alleged intelligence} ~~wrath~~ about it. You have I believe the Prince's pedigree before you. You have my letters to the Magazine on every word of which you may reply. I may mention also that the Pope has in his private collection a Coin bearing the inscription "Nicephorus Sincero Rhodocanathos" ^{which appears everywhere in the genealogy} a photograph of which is in the possession of a ~~person~~ ^{person} - the pedigree sent you is founded on an original open two numerous sheets of vellum, handed down in the family for God's sake. The Prince John Rhodocanathos has also in his

profession, obtained by them from the hands of the Paleologus, the original muster roll of the Knights Grand Cross, ~~60~~ from the time of Andronicus II. Paleologus (1294), with all their ^{personal} ~~personal~~ ^{signatures} ~~signatures~~ arms, &c. &c. 600 in number - created from that time (1294-1870) to the present Prince Demetrius.

Mr. Kettle's gross ignorance of history is shown by his admitting the fictitious Grand Master's of the Abbe' Guistmerin. On reference you will find that with the exception of Constantine the great & his three sons; Isaac II. Comnenus (R. 1057-9), Alexius Comnenus (R. 1081-1118) John Comnenus (R. 1118-43) & with the regenerators of the order Isaac II, Angelus (R. 1185-95, & 1203-4) all the others are fictitious Grand Masters of Guistmerin's own making - inasmuch as none of them are either known in history or ever received an Empire, whilst the family of R. claim through the whole list of ^{Emperors} ~~Emperors~~ ^{Emperesses} ~~Emperesses~~, as shown in my several articles - long steps of which they can prove in various ways.

If you would bring this into a leading article we should all be very much obliged to you. The Prince is carefully watch about it & would be inclined to go to the full extent of the law would allow. I could probably find some one who would be inclined to prosecute the promulgators of the order for swindling, or conferring for money a public decoration, and I am desired by P. write Prince D. to ask you as a lawyer, (understanding this question as you do) if you will at once write to Lord Kentis, calling his attention to this article & requesting to know whether in case a criminal prosecution is adopted he will accept a writ, or else require him to name some of his co-officials who will accept the defence of an action on his behalf. Can this be legally & successfully carried out.

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his assertions about the Italian ambassador is of course all false,
but even were it true, they could not give permission to
confer a decoration that in no way belonged to the Order.
You might comment on the illegality of the Sale of the
Amplius Maximo's Concessions of the Order to the Duke of Parma
which alleged sale took place in 1699 to Francis Stephen
Duke of Parma - remembering also that in the process
he had I have shown that he had no claim inasmuch
as the said A. S. F. C. did not derive any rights through
the bulk of the Paleologian Emperors, or of any other
Emperors reigning at Constantinople.

You will probably find also some information in the Notes
formerly sent you by Prince R. on the subject.

I remain, My Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally
John Gorker

P.S. Since writing the foregoing I have seen the Prince
who remarks that as the subject is rather a delicate one,
& some mistake might possibly arise, than which it
were better nothing at all were said - it were better
if you would send him on any article you might write.
You can do this direct & I will consult with the Prince when
it ~~you~~ arrives. - You will see I approve that you will not
object to do us this favor. I show that a list of the
C. M.'s from 312 to 1870 is already prepared, & I will ask
this to be sent on to you along with the Ceremonial
of Creation of a Knight.

By the bye the Prince desired me to inform you a fortnight ago
that he had not forgotten his promise about the Order, but was waiting
to see his father who would be in England before long.

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