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My Dear Sir & Bro.

I am obliged with you two valued favors; with both of which I entirely agree. The only question in your first, unanswered, is as to the 33. The English S.C. introduced a clause requiring that the Grand Energy should be in favor of the S.C. 33. - Capt. Phillips was introduced to Archbishop Hycornes who informed them that they would offer no opposition, but that they could not promise their support. So the matter had to be postponed until the confirmation of the minutes. And the petition has now been presented to Scotland & will be decided early next month, it is more to be granted by one or the other.

Of course the object in seeing Lord Clarendon
was more of a political nature, which
you will understand when I state that
the family have a high class Newspaper
at Athens, in their interest, which
circulates all over the Turkish Empire.

Naturally they would not formally
recognize the order, whilst in Amity
with the Sultan, but a quasi recognition
was to be given (or rather a toleration)
at the English Court. The policy of
the Government being to prepare the
Greek mind for the dominant
influence of England, when a proper
time arrives.

Little is the Editor of the Magazine,
he has not distinctly put forth any
list of Grand Masters, but he claims
the Christianian list. This is enclosed
herewith & you will observe that
after 1191 all the Emperors are omitted
in their place are inserted a number
of Dukes of Devosto, of whom no one

Know anything, some of whom are possibly altogether pious,
The object of them being accepted by the Pope seems to oppose the
Greek faith, & set up a puppet to give his relative Francis
Francis a coronable title. Guistinian's work is very scarce,
& naturally the Roman Catholics will.

(Sp. of note & queries)

Capt. Lawrence Archer is thoroughly well up in the genealogy
of the English Paleologi. He informs me most distinctly that
the Prince has nothing to fear there, as there is great doubt
whether they were of the Royal family at all, that the Barbados
Palaeologi is extinct, & no record beyond the name "Palaeologi"
with six "x" x x x x x - that all proof of any ^{in the English line} descent if it ever
existed has vanished. If Dr Paleologus, represents himself as
one of them he is an impostor.

Therefore the Rhodocrae represent all the female line
of the Paleologi, & are besides ^{in the male line} the second branch of the Ducal
family of Constantine, the first branch of Emperors being extinct.

Besides which I mentioned that they had the
original list of Knights Grand Priors from 1294 - 1890,
- 501 are entered up, & a description
of the book will appear in our history.
I should not however place stress too
far upon this, but merely mention casually
that you understand that the Family
are in possession of the original records
of the Order from Andronicus 1. (1294)
to the present time.

I am sorry I am not in possession
of the whole of the History. You will
receive herewith however the Costume
of the Order & Ceremonial, with list
of Grand Masters, please return it
to me by Saturday (break on Sunday)
if convenient to you.

Opaternally Yours
John Garter

P.S. - Up to the present time I have not
received the list of G. M's - The Courtiers
M.S. and Messrs therefore you will receive it
direct from Prince R.