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ΠΡΟΛΟΓΟΣ

Με αφορμή τη συμπλήρωση φέτος των δύο αιώνων από την ίδρυση του Τάγματος Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου αλλά και τη θεμελίωση του ομώνυμου Ανακτόρου που δεσπόζει στην πόλη της Κέρκυρας, την ύπαρξη αρχειακού υλικού σχετικά με το τάγμα στα ΓΑΚ της Κέρκυρας και τη σχετική συζήτηση με τους επιβλέποντες καθηγητές μου αποφάσισα να ασχοληθώ με την μεταγραφή του καταστατικού του τάγματος που διαφυλάσσεται στα ΓΑΚ της Κέρκυρας συνοδευόμενη από μια αναφορά στην πορεία του τάγματος από την ίδρυση του έως και σήμερα.

Το Τάγμα του Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου αποτελεί μέρος της ιστορικής πορείας της Κέρκυρας αλλά και των Ιονίων νήσων γενικότερα. Εντάσσεται στην ύπαρξη και επιρροή που άσκησε η Αγγλική παρουσία στα Ιόνια νησιά και στο πως καθόρισε την εξέλιξή της πόλης της Κέρκυρας και ολόκληρου του νησιού κατ' επέκταση.

Η μεταγραφή πραγματοποιήθηκε μέσω φωτογραφιών σε ψηφιακή μορφή του καταστατικού του Τάγματος « THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE» που παρέλαβα από τα ΓΑΚ της Κέρκυρας. Σε αυτό το σημείο θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω την διευθύντρια των ΓΑΚ Κέρκυρας κα. Σοφία Αικατερίνη Πανταζή για την παροχή του αρχειακού υλικού.

Για την παράθεση του ιστορικού πλαισίου του τάγματος άντλησα πληροφορίες από την βιβλιοθήκη των ΓΑΚ Κέρκυρας, της Αναγνωστικής Εταιρίας Κέρκυρας, από το διαδίκτυο και την ηλεκτρονική ιστοσελίδα της Εφημερίδας της Κυβερνήσεως της Μεγάλης Βρετανίας. Ευτυχής ήταν η συγκυρία των εγκαινίων της περιοδικής έκθεσης « ΤΟ ΤΑΓΜΑ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΑΝΑΚΤΟΡΟ ΑΡΧΑΓΕΛΟΥ ΜΙΧΑΗΛ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ ΣΤΗΝ ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ» του Μουσείου Ασιατικής Τέχνης και της παραχώρησης πληροφοριακού και φωτογραφικού υλικού σχετικό με το τάγμα. Θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω την διευθύντρια του Μουσείου Ασιατικής Τέχνης κα. Ζερνιώτη Δέσποινα για το σχετικό υλικό. Κυρίως όμως θα ήθελα να ευχαριστήσω τους καθηγητές μου κ. Μανόλη Δρακάκη και κ. Δημήτριο Μεταλληνό για την βοήθεια και καθοδήγηση στην εκπόνηση της διπλωματικής μου εργασίας. Τέλος, θέλω να ευχαριστήσω τους γονείς μου για την υποστήριξη τους.

Ι.Ιστορική προσέγγιση

Α)Ίδρυση του Τάγματος του Αγίου Μιχαήλ και Αγ. Γεωργίου.

Το Τάγμα του Αγίου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου ιδρύθηκε στις 28 Απριλίου του 1818[1], έπειτα από αίτημα του Henry Bathurst. Συγκεκριμένα, αποτελεί την ανώτατη βρετανική τιμή για προσφορά υπηρεσιών εκτός του Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου. Βρίσκεται στην 6η θέση στο βρετανικό σύστημα των τιμών μετά το Τάγμα του Μπαθ και πριν το Τάγμα του Άστρου της Ινδίας.

Το όνομα[2] του δυσκόλεψε ιδιαίτερα τον Bathurst, καθώς οι πολίτες της Μάλτας ήταν καθολικοί στο δόγμα ενώ των Ιονίων Νήσων ήταν χριστιανοί ορθόδοξοι. Ο Bathurst έπρεπε να βρει δύο ονόματα αγίων που θα ήταν αποδεκτά και από τις δύο πλευρές. Έτσι, κατάληξε στην επιλογή του Αρχάγγελου Μιχαήλ , κοινός άγιος και για τα δύο κράτη, και τον Άγιο Γεώργιο, προστάτης Άγιος του Ηνωμένου Βασιλείου.

Το Τάγμα αποτελείται από 5 αξιωματούχους[3]: τους δύο Ιεράρχες (Prelates), King of Arms, τον Secretary και τον Registrar. Ο μονάρχης είναι ο κύριος του τάγματος και το επόμενο ανώτερο μέλος είναι ο Μέγας Μάγιστρος (Grand Master). Διαθέτει τρεις τάξεις[4]: των Μεγαλόσταυρων Ιπποτών και Δεσποσυνών (G. C. M. G.), των Ταξίαρχων Ιπποτών και Δεσποσυνών (K. C. M. G.) και των Συνοδών ή Cavallieri, για μέλη που προέρχονταν από την Μάλτα, (C. M. G.). Μετά την αποχώρηση του τάγματος από τον ελληνικό χώρο προστέθηκαν στους αξιωματούχους ο Chancellor και ο/η Gentleman/ Lady Usher of Blue Rob. Τα μέλη είναι 44, 8 G. C. M. G., 12 K. C. M. G. και 24 C. M. G.. Ο αριθμός των μελών αυξήθηκε τα επόμενα χρόνια. Μέσα από δύο παραδείγματα ,αυτό του William MacGregor και του Henry Ayres, μαθαίνουμε ότι τα μέλη μπορούσαν να προαχθούν από την μία τάξη στην αμέσως επόμενη ανώτερη. Αρχικά, η τελετή του τάγματος πραγματοποιούνταν στο Ανάκτορο των Αγίων Μιχαήλ και Γεωργίου. Σήμερα, πραγματοποιείται στο παρεκκλήσι του Καθεδρικού Ναού του Αγίου Παύλου στο Λονδίνο. Το ρητό του τάγματος είναι το λατινικό « Auspicium Melioris Aevi», που θα μπορούσε να αποδοθεί σαν «Προοιωνίζεται καλύτερη εποχή ».

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[1] Russell, M., 2018. *The Order of St Michael and St George: 1818 to 2018 (part one).* The Gazette, [online] Διαθέσιμο από: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

[2] Galloway, P., 2000. *The Order of St. Michael and St. George*, Third Millennium Publishing, United Kingdom, σ. 17.

[3] Galloway, σ. 21.

[4] Risk, J. C., 1945. *British orders and decorations*. [e-book] New York: American Numismatic Society. Διαθέσιμο από: American Numismatic Society Library < http://numismatics.org> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

Τα σχέδια δημιουργίας του ξεκίνησαν το 1817[5] ταυτόχρονα με την διαδικασία σχεδιασμού του νέου συντάγματος του κράτους των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών των Ιόνιων Νήσων. Πιο συγκεκριμένα, ο Bathurst δεν ολοκλήρωσε την επίσημη διαδικασία μέχρι το επόμενο έτος, στο Ανάκτορο της Κέρκυρας το 1818. Να σημειωθεί εδώ ότι μέχρι το 1860 κανένας πίνακας με τα ονόματα των προσωπικοτήτων ,που τους είχε αποδοθεί τιμή, δεν είχε δημοσιευθεί στην Εφημερίδα της Κυβερνήσεως, εκτός κάποιον εξαιρέσεων.

Η συνθήκη των Παρισίων, Νοέμβριος 1815[6], προέβλεπε την διοίκηση των Ιονίων Νήσων από έναν ανώτερο αξιωματούχο της Αγγλικής Αυτοκρατορίας. Εκείνη την εποχή ο Sir Thomas Maitland[7] εκτελούσε χρέη κυβερνήτη στην Μάλτα. Ο Bathurst έκρινε ότι ήταν ο καταλληλότερος να αναλάβει και τον ρόλο του Ύπατου Αρμοστή. Έτσι, ο Sir Thomas Maitland διατέλεσε τον πρώτο Μέγα Μάγιστρο (Grand Master) του νεοσύστατου Τάγματος των Αγίων Μιχαήλ και Γεωργίου. Από τότε έχουν υπάρξει 9 Μέγα Μάγιστροι[8] (Grand Masters). Ο παρόν Μέγας Μάγιστρος (Grand Master) είναι ο Πρίγκιπας Εδουάρδος, Δούκας του Κεντ.

Β)Το μεγάλο άλμα του Τάγματος κατά την βικτωριανή εποχή.

Κατά την βικτωριανή εποχή η βρετανική αυτοκρατορία[9] επεκτάθηκε κατά πολύ, με αποτέλεσμα να δίνονται όλο και περισσότερες τιμές σε κυβερνήτες των αποικιών και σε πρεσβευτές. Γι' αυτόν τον λόγο κρίθηκε αναγκαία η επέκταση των μελών τόσο του Τάγματος του Μπαθ όσο και του Τάγματος των Αγίων Μιχαήλ και Γεωργίου. Το Τάγμα επεκτάθηκε κατά 65 μέλη. Ο Πρίγκιπας Γεώργιος , Δούκας του Κέιμπριτζ, έγινε ο τρίτος Μέγας Μάγιστρος, έπειτα από τον πατέρα του. Ενώ παράλληλα, ανώτερος αξιωματούχος των Ιονίων Νήσων χρίσθηκε ο William Gladstone.

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[5] Russell, M., 2018. *The Order of St Michael and St George: 1818 to 2018 (part one).* The Gazette, [online] Διαθέσιμο από: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

[6] Κολυβά, Μ., 2012. *Αρχειονομία: Φορείς παραγωγής αρχείων. Ιστορική Αναδρομή.* Αθήνα: Εκδόσεις Πατάκη, 2η έκδοση, σ.343.

[7] Galloway, P., 2000. *The Order of St. Michael and St. George*, Third Millennium Publishing, United Kingdom, σ. 9.

[8] Πίνακας 1

[9] Risk, J. C., 1945. *British orders and decorations*. [e-book] New York: American Numismatic Society. Διαθέσιμο από: American Numismatic Society Library < http://numismatics.org> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

Το 1864[10] οι πολιτικές εξελίξεις είναι ραγδαίες και φυσικά το τάγμα δεν έμεινε ανεπηρέαστο. Το 1864 ,έπειτα από έντονες πιέσεις του λαού των Ιονίων Νήσων, η Βρετανία παραχωρεί τα Ιόνια Νησιά στην Ελλάδα, όπου και την 21η Μαΐου του 1864 γίνεται και επίσημα μέρος του Ελληνικού Κράτους. Το γεγονός αυτό οδήγησε στο να περιοριστεί το τάγμα μόνο στο νησί της Μάλτας .

Καθώς το τάγμα περιορίστηκε στην Μάλτα, οπού υπήρχε και το Τάγμα του Αγίου Ιωάννη, ο Bathrust παρουσίασε ένα σχέδιο βασιζόμενος στο γεγονός ότι καμία παρόμοια τιμή δεν είχε γεννηθεί για κάποια άλλη αποικία εκτός της Ινδίας. Το σχέδιο αφορούσε στην επέκταση του τάγματος σε όλη την βρετανική αυτοκρατορία, εκτός βέβαια της Ινδίας, η οποία είχε το δικό της σύστημα τιμών. Το σχέδιο παρουσιάστηκε στην Βουλή των Κοινοτήτων, όπου και έγινε δεκτό.

Ακολούθως, το καταστατικό του τάγματος αυξήθηκε σε 200 μέλη[11], το 1868 ενώ για πρώτη φορά δημοσιεύονται στην Εφημερίδα της Κυβερνήσεως τα άτομα που προορίζονταν να τιμηθούν. Στη συνέχεια, στο καταστατικό του 1877 υπάρχει πρόβλεψη για την προσθήκη τιμητικών μελών ενώ τιμές που αφορούσαν σε υπηρεσίες εξωτερικών υποθέσεων προστέθηκαν το 1879.Οι πρώτες τελετές για την απονομή των τιμών γνωστοποιήθηκαν το 1869.

Μετά τις μεταρρυθμίσεις ,που πρότεινε ο Bathurst, το Τάγμα άνοιξε για ευρύτερη χρήση. Πλέον, απονέμανε τιμές όχι μόνο σε πολιτικά πρόσωπα αλλά και σε στρατιωτικούς και ναυτικούς. Αποτέλεσε κατά αυτόν τον τρόπο ένα παρακλάδι του στρατιωτικού Τάγματος του Μπαθ.

Γ)Α’ Παγκόσμιος Πόλεμος και τα μεταπολεμικά χρόνια.

Τα γεγονότα που μεσολάβησαν μεταξύ της δεκαετίας του 1860 και την έναρξη του Α’ Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου αποτυπώθηκαν από το Τάγμα. Πιο συγκεκριμένα, ο αντίκτυπος του πολέμου ήταν καθοριστικός για το τάγμα καθώς σε διάστημα 5 χρόνων διορίζονται περισσότεροι από 3.000 αξιωματικοί, αριθμός εξωπραγματικός για τα μέχρι τότε δεδομένα του.

Για να μπορέσει το τάγμα να ανταποκριθεί στις ανάγκες επιβράβευσης των ατόμων που συνείσφεραν στον πόλεμο , δημιουργεί νόμο με τον οποίο ορίζει ότι απόκτηση τιμής θα δίνονταν μόνο σε όσους είχαν προσφέρει αξιόλογες υπηρεσίες σε στρατιωτικές επιχειρήσεις εάν και εφόσον είχαν δημοσιευτεί να

[10] Galloway, P., 2000. *The Order of St. Michael and St. George*, Third Millennium Publishing, United Kingdom, σ. 53-54.

[11] Russell, M., 2018. *The Order of St Michael and St George: 1818 to 2018 (part one).* The Gazette, [online] Διαθέσιμο από: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

ονόματα τους στην Εφημερίδα της Κυβερνήσεως ως αναφερόμενα σε αποστολές. Παράλληλα, θέτει όρια για την απόκτηση τιμής σε κάθε βαθμό ,όπως για παράδειγμα ότι το K. C. M. G προορίζεται για συνταγματάρχες. Ακόμη, περιορίσανε την απονομή του βαθμού G. C. M. G. απονέμοντας έτσι λιγότερα από 30.

Το Τάγμα σταμάτησε να απονέμει τιμές σε στρατιωτικές και ναυτικές προσωπικότητες μετά το 1920, αναλαμβάνοντας αυτόν τον ρόλο το Τάγμα της Βρετανικής Αυτοκρατορίας. Με αυτό τον τρόπο το τάγμα επέστρεψε , στην πριν τον πόλεμο ειδικότητα του, δηλαδή στην απονομή τιμών σε προσωπικότητες της κοινοπολιτείας.

Οι κύριες αλλαγές παρατηρούνται στις υπηρεσίες που είναι υπεύθυνες για την ανάδειξη υποψήφιων για την απονομή της τιμής του τάγματος. Παράλληλα, στην επιλογή των μελών συμμετέχουν πλέον οι υπουργοί του εσωτερικού και οι υπουργοί των αποικιών . Η Εφημερίδα της Κυβερνήσεως έκανε σαφή διαχωρισμό των τιμών[12] που δόθηκαν βάσει της σύστασης των εσωτερικών και των υπερπόντιων υπουργών.

Περίπου 1.400 διορισμοί και προαγωγές έγιναν κατά την βασιλεία του Γεωργίου ΣΤ', με περισσότερους από 700 να προέρχονται από τις αποικίες.

Δ)Το Τάγμα από την άνοδο της Βασίλισσας Ελισάβετ της Β' μέχρι και σήμερα.

Η Βασίλισσα Ελισάβετ η Β' ανέβηκε στο θρόνο το 1952, από τότε μέχρι και σήμερα έχουν προσχωρήσει στο τάγμα περισσότερα από 3.000 μέλη , με πολλά να έχουν προαχθεί σε ανώτερη βαθμίδα. Συγκεκριμένα , μετά την άνοδο της Βασίλισσας τα μέλη της Κοινοπολιτείας μειώθηκαν , καθώς τα έθνη απέκτησαν την ανεξαρτησία τους και ανέπτυξαν δικά τους συστήματα απονομής τιμών.

Ο τρόπος ένταξης των μελών ,πλέον, αντικατοπτρίζει τη πολιτική που αποφάσισαν να ακολουθήσουν οι κυβερνήσεις της Κοινοπολιτείας σε σχέση με εκείνη που ακολουθούσαν και ακολουθούν οι ενδοχώριοι υπουργοί. Πιο συγκεκριμένα, από την μια πλευρά οι υπουργοί της χώρας χρησιμοποιούσαν και συνεχίζουν να χρησιμοποιούν την απονομή τιμής κυρίως για να ανταμείψουν την ξένη υπηρεσία. Από την άλλη πλευρά οι χώρες της Κοινοπολιτείας χρησιμοποιούν την απονομή τιμής του τάγματος σε μεγάλο βαθμό για εγχώριους σκοπούς.

Ο περιορισμός της παρουσίας απονομής τιμών σε πολίτες της Κοινοπολιτείας αντικατοπτρίζεται ξεκάθαρα στην λίστα του έτους 2018, για την απονομή τιμών του τάγματος. Λίγοι πολιτικοί διορισμοί έγιναν κατά την περίοδο

[12] Russell, M., 2018. *The Order of St Michael and St George: 1818 to 2018 (part two).* The Gazette, [online] Διαθέσιμο από: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

βασιλείας της βασίλισσας ενώ ο μεγαλόσταυρος σταυρός απονεμήθηκε και σε μερικούς ξένους αρχηγούς κρατών, όπως στον Πρόεδρο de Marco της Μάλτας.

Δ.1) Προσχώρηση γυναικών στο Τάγμα.

Με την άνοδο στο θρόνο μονάρχη γένους θηλυκού αλλά και με την πρόοδο των εποχών, ήταν αναμενόμενη η ένταξη γυναικών[13] ανάμεσα στα μέλη του τάγματος. Πιο αναλυτικά, το Τάγμα ανοίχθηκε στις γυναίκες , για πρώτη φορά, το 1965, όταν τιμή D. C. M. G. απονεμήθηκε στην Nancy Parkison του Βρετανικού Συμβουλίου.

Περίπου 140 γυναίκες έχουν προσχωρήσει στο τάγμα, ενώ η πρώτη D. G. C. M. G. ήταν η Minita Gordon, το 1984. Ο πιο πρόσφατος κατάλογος περιλαμβάνει μία απονομή τιμής για την αστροναύτη Helen Sharman.

Ε)Διακριτικά του Τάγματος Αγ. Μιχαήλ και Αγ. Γεωργίου.

Τα διακριτικά του Τάγματος είναι το περιδέραιο, ο μεγαλόσταυρος του ιππότη, το επτάκτινο αστέρι σε επιστήθια κονκάρδα και η ταινία. Δίνονταν στα μέλη χωρίς να υπάρχει διάκριση στα μετάλλια που δίνονταν στο ναυτικό και στο στρατιωτικό προσωπικό. Οι περισσότεροι υποψήφιοι[14] για το μετάλλιο προέρχονταν από τα Ιόνια νησιά, οι υπόλοιποι προέρχονταν από την Μάλτα ενώ υπήρξαν και λίγοι βρετανοί.



Το περιδέραιο[15] περιλαμβάνει σταυρούς, μονογράμματα των Αγίων Προστατών του Τάγματος, SM για τον Αρχάγγελο Μιχαήλ και SG για τον Άγιο Γεώργιο και τον εστεμμένο λέοντα της Αγγλίας. Στο σημείο του στήθους

[13] Russell, M., 2018. *The Order of St Michael and St George: 1818 to 2018 (part two).* The Gazette, [online] Διαθέσιμο από: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

[14] Russell, (part one)

[15] Ζερνιώτη Δ., Χονδρογιάννης Στ.. 2019.*Το Τάγμα και το Ανάκτορο Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου στην Κέρκυρα*. Κέρκυρα: Μουσείο Ασιατικής Τέχνης, σ.118.

τοποθετείται ο φτερωτός λέοντας της Επτανήσου, ως υπενθύμιση του δεσμού των Ιονίων νήσων με την Βενετική Δημοκρατία. Τα επτά βέλη που κρατά το λιοντάρι παριστάνουν τα νησιά που σχηματίζουν το Ιόνιο Κράτος. Οι λευκοί σταυροί της Μάλτας που περιλαμβάνονται στο περιδέραιο ήταν οικείο σύμβολο των Ιπποτών του Τάγματος του Αγίου Ιωάννη.

Ο μεγαλόσταυρος του ιππότη φέρει επτά ακτίνες, που συμβολίζουν τα επτά νησιά του Ιονίου Κράτους, και μια κορόνα από πάνω. Στο κεντρικό του τμήμα απεικονίζεται από την μια πλευρά ο Άγιος Γεώργιος για την Αγγλία ενώ από την άλλη ο Αρχάγγελος Μιχαήλ που καταπατά τον Σατανά. Το κεντρικό τμήμα περιβάλλεται από το σύνθημα του Τάγματος «Auspicium Melioris Aevi» που σημαίνει « Προοιωνίζεται καλύτερη εποχή».

Το επτάκτινο αστέρι[16] σε επιστήθια κονκάρδα το έφεραν οι ιππότες Grand Cross και Knight Commander. Συνδυάζει την εικόνα του Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ με τον κόκκινο σταυρό του Αγίου Γεωργίου.

Η ταινία συνδυάζει το μπλε και το κόκκινο χρώμα , σε σκούρο τόνο, που ήδη από τον 16ο αιώνα αποτελούσαν χρώματα της Κέρκυρας.

Τα διακριτικά που φορούσε ο Grand Master και τα μέλη του τάγματος δεν έχουν αλλάξει ουσιαστικά από το 1818. Οι κυριότερες αλλαγές[17] που έγιναν ήταν: α)η αλλαγή του υλικού από χρυσό σε αργυρόχρυσο την δεκαετία του 1880, για μείωση του κόστους, β) η προσθήκη των στεφανωμένων κεφαλαίων γραμμάτων MG στο σήμα του Grand Master το 1905, γ) γενική μείωση του μεγέθους των κονκάρδων και των αστεριών από το 1910, δ) η τοποθέτηση του CMG εμβλήματος από το στήθος κρεμασμένο στο λαιμό το 1917. Λίγες αλλαγές σημειώθηκαν στο στυλ κατά την διάρκεια της σημερινής βασιλείας συμπεριλαμβανομένων μερικών αλλαγών που έγιναν όταν οι γυναίκες άρχισαν να εντάσσονται στο τάγμα την δεκαετία του 1960.

Ο Καγκελάριος του Τάγματος φορά μανδύα από σατέν ύφασμα σε χρώμα μπλε Κορσικής με κόκκινη φόδρα, κορδόνι και το αστέρι σήμα του τάγματος στερεωμένο αριστερά στο στήθος. Ο Γραμματέας και ο Ληξίαρχος του Τάγματος φορά κόκκινο σατέν ύφασμα με μπλε χρώμα, κορδόνι και στρογγυλή κονκάρδα με στέμμα και παράσταση του Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ στο κέντρο.

[16] Russell, M., 2018. *The Order of St Michael and St George: 1818 to 2018 (part one).* The Gazette, [online] Διαθέσιμο από: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

[17] Russell, (part two)

Εικόνα 1: Ο μεγαλόσταυρος του ιππότη 1

Εικόνα 2: Το επτάκτινο αστέρι σε επιστήθια κονκάρδα







Εικόνα 3: Μανδύας που φορά ο Καγκελάριος του Τάγματος.



Εικόνα 4: Μανδύας μου φορά ο Γραμματέας και ο Ληξίαρχος του Τάγματος.

ΙΙ.Η θέση και αξία του καταστατικού του Τάγματος στην τοπική και αγγλική κοινωνία.

Η ύπαρξη του καταστατικού στην Κέρκυρα και η ίδρυση του Τάγματος για τα Ιόνια νησιά μαρτυρά την Αγγλική παρουσία στην ευρύτερη περιοχή, τον τρόπο διοίκησης της από τους Άγγλους αλλά και τη σπουδαιότητα της περιοχής γι' αυτούς καθώς ίδρυσαν ένα τάγμα αποκλειστικά γι' αυτόν τον τόπο καθώς και το άνοιγμα του στους πολίτες της Μάλτας ισχυροποιώντας έτσι την παρουσία τους στην Μεσόγειο.

Η δημιουργία του Τάγματος έκρυβε κυρίως πολιτική σκοπιμότητα[18] καθώς η απονομή των τίτλων- μελών του κέρδιζε την εύνοια των επιφανών πολιτών του Ιονίου Κράτους και ταυτόχρονα καθιστούσε σαφή την κυριαρχία της Αγγλικής αυτοκρατορίας στην περιοχή. Χαρακτηριστική ήταν η δήλωση του πρίγκιπα αντιβασιλέα και μετέπειτα Βασιλιά Γεωργίου του Δ' που υπέγραψε την ιδρυτική πράξη του τάγματος: « Επιθυμούμε να συναινέσουμε στη συγκρότηση ιπποτικού τάγματος ως ένδειξη τιμής και μνήμης της ένταξης των Ιονίων Νήσων υπό την προστασία μας, όπως και η νήσος Μάλτα τελεί υπό την διακυβέρνηση και την κυριαρχία μας. Μέσω του Τάγματος αυτού θα μας δοθεί επίσης η δυνατότητα να ανταμείβουμε την αξιοσύνη και την νομιμοφροσύνη. Επιπροσθέτως, εκφράζουμε την βασιλική μας βούληση και την ικανοποίηση ότι όλα τα άτομα, στα οποία θα απονέμεται ο εν λόγω τιμητικός τίτλος του τάγματος, είτε θα τυγχάνουν ευγενικής καταγωγής είτε θα έχουν διακριθεί λόγω της ικανότητας, της αρετής και της αφοσίωσης του»[19]. Αξίζει να αναφερθεί ότι ο Βαρόνος Εμμανουήλ Θεοτόκης, ο Σερ Στάμος Χαλικιόπουλος και ο Κόμης Αντόνιο Κομούτο , ήταν από τα πρώτα μέλη του τάγματος.

Η πολιτική αυτή, παρά τους αρχικούς σκοπούς της, δημιούργησε δεσμούς με το Βρετανικό κράτος που ισχύουν μέχρι σήμερα. Χαρακτηριστικά παραδείγματα αποτελούν η διατήρηση έως τώρα της ονομασίας του ανακτόρου που ήταν έδρα του Τάγματος και του ύπατου αρμοστή, η δημιουργία εκθέσεων για την παρουσία του Τάγματος στην Κέρκυρα, με πιο πρόσφατη αυτή που εγκαινιάστηκε στο Μουσείο Ασιατικής Τέχνης Κέρκυρας με τίτλο «Το Τάγμα και το Ανάκτορο Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου στην Κέρκυρα», η συνεχής παρουσία βρετανών επισκεπτών στο νησί. Τέλος, η απονομή του τίτλου C. M. G. στην κα. Δέσποινα Ζερνιώτη, διευθύντρια του Μουσείου Ασιατικής Τέχνης Κέρκυρας, από την Βασίλισσα της Μεγάλης Βρετανίας, αποτελεί το ύψιστο παράδειγμα δεσμών και προώθησης πολιτιστικών σχέσεων.

Για την συνέχιση και διατήρηση των δεσμών αυτών στην συνείδηση των δύο κοινοτήτων σημαντική θα ήταν η δημιουργία μιας μόνιμης έκθεσης στους χώρους του Ανακτόρου του Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου, στην οποία

[18] Risk, J. C., 1945. *British orders and decorations*. [e-book] New York: American Numismatic Society. Διαθέσιμο από: American Numismatic Society Library < http://numismatics.org> (Πρόσβαση 26/8/2019)

[19] Ζερνιώτη Δ., Χονδρογιάννης Στ.. 2019.*Το Τάγμα και το Ανάκτορο Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου στην Κέρκυρα.* Κέρκυρα: Μουσείο Ασιατικής Τέχνης, σ. 18.

θα εκτίθενται αναγνωριστικά του Τάγματος τεκμηριωμένα με το σχετικό αρχειακό υλικό που φυλάσσεται στα ΓΑΚ Κέρκυρας. Παράλληλα, να δύναται η δυνατότητα συνεχούς εμπλουτισμού της συλλογής με νεότερα αντικείμενα, καθώς το τάγμα είναι ακόμα ενεργό.



ΙΙΙ.Αρχειακή προσέγγιση κατάστιχου.

Το καταστατικό είναι μέρος της Συλλογής Σπύρου Πογιάγου[20], με κωδικό αναγνώρισης GR, ΓΑΚ, Αρχεία Ν. Κέρκυρας, ΣΥΛΛΟΓΕΣ Α.Β.Ε. 58, Α.Ε.Ε. Συλλογές/4.1. Αποτελείται από 200 περίπου φύλλα, με αρίθμηση, διαστάσεων 38,5 Χ 23,5 εκατοστά. Πρόκειται για κατάστιχο που είναι χειρόγραφο δερματόδετο και φέρει ερυθρά ετικέτα με χρυσά γράμματα. Είναι γραμμένο στην αγγλική γλώσσα ενώ στο οπισθόφυλλο του εξωφύλλου είναι κολλημένο έντυπο δίφυλλο, που αφορά την ίδρυση και λειτουργία του τάγματος στα Ιόνια νησιά. Το κείμενο είναι ευανάγνωστο. Ο εντοπισμός δύο διαφορετικών χαρακτήρων μαρτυρά την ύπαρξη δύο γραμματέων του Τάγματος για τη συγγραφή του καταστατικού αλλά και των τελετών που περιγράφονται. Παράλληλα είναι προσβεβλημένο από ζώντα ξυλοφάγα, με αρκετές οξειδώσεις.

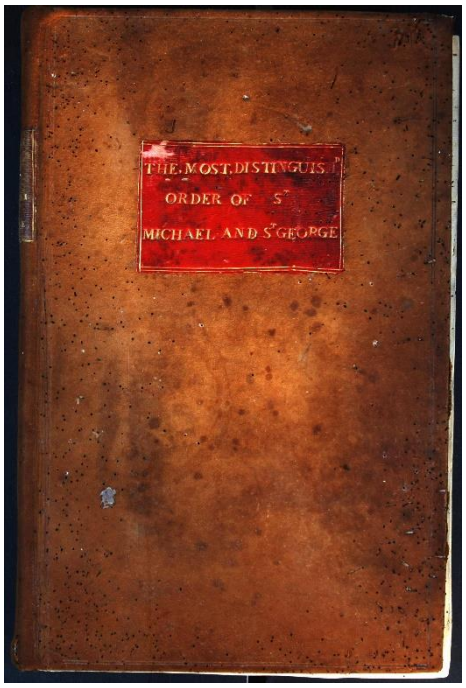
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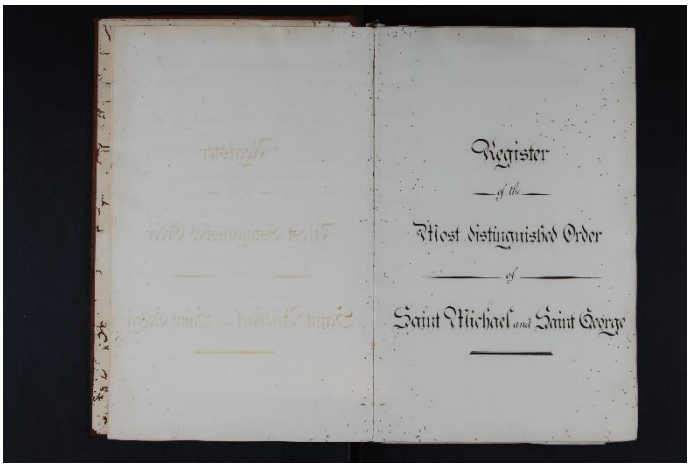
- Οι πράξεις που αφορούν την ίδρυση και λειτουργία του Τάγματος του Αγίου Μιχαήλ και Αγίου Γεωργίου.
- Η προκήρυξη του Αντιβασιλέως των Ιονίων Νήσων Sir Thomas Maitland, για την ίδρυση του Τάγματος στην Κέρκυρα. 10/11/1818

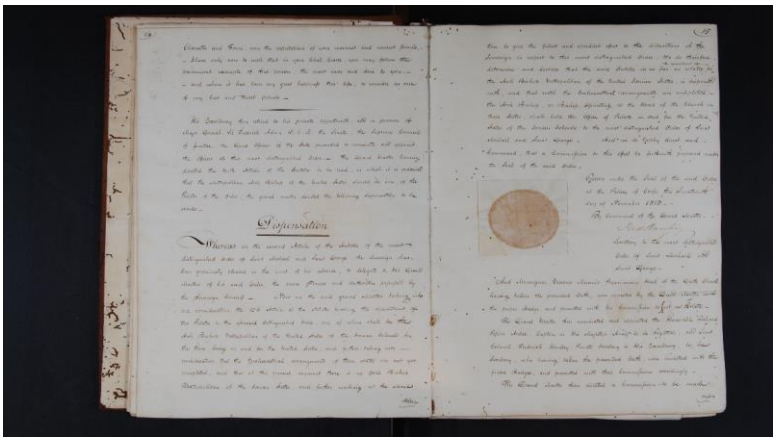
[20] ΓΑΚ Ν. Κέρκυρας: *ΔΙΠΑΠ Συλλογής Σπύρου Πογιάγου*.

- Αντίγραφα των τιμητικών επιστολών που απηύθυνε ο Βασιλιάς της Μ. Βρετανίας στα μέλη του τάγματος.
- Κανονισμός με τον οποίο καθιερώνεται η 23η Απριλίου ως επίσημη ημέρα εορτασμού του Τάγματος. 23/04/1818
- Επίσημες αναγγελίες του θανάτου μελών του Τάγματος.
- Κατάλογος των ιπποτών. Από 18/11/1818 έως 11/10/1825
- Τύποι των διαφόρων εγγράφων εντολής περιβολής ενός ιππότη, ο τύπος της γνωστοποίησης, ο τύπος του τελετουργικού τυπικού.

Η κατάσταση διατήρησης του κρίνεται επισφαλής.







IV.Παράρτημα

Ι)Μεταγραφή Κατάστιχου

Register
Of the
Most Distinguished Order
Of
Saint Michael and Saint George

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Proclamation

The Right Honorable Sir Thomas Maitland, Knight Grand Cross of the most
[1]Honorable Military Order of the Bath, one of the His Majesty's most Honorable [2]Privy Council, Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's [3]Forces in the Mediterranean, Governor of the Island of Malta and its [4]Dependencies, and His Majesty's Lord High Commissioner in the United States of the [5]Ionian Islands.

[6]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been pleased in the [7]Name and on the behalf of His Majesty by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of [8] the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date 27th April last, [9]to institute and create an Order of Knighthood by the Name, Style and Tittle of [10]the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

[10]And Whereas His Royal Highness has been by the said Letters Patent also [11]pleased to constitute and appoint His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Thomas [12]Maitland, Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order of the [13]Bath, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, His Majesty's Lord [14]high Commissioner in and for the United States of the Ionian Islands, Governor [15]of Malta and its dependencies and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's [16] Forces in the Mediterranean, to be Grand Master of the said most distinguished [17]Order.

[18]And whereas lastly His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in the Name [19]and on the behalf of His Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate [20]Major General Sir Frederick Adam, Knight Commander of the most Honorable [21]Military Order of the Bath, Knight of the Imperial Military Order of Maria [22]Theresa of Austria, and Knight of the Imperial Order St. Anne of the [23]last

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[24]last Class of Russia, to be the representative of His Royal Highness, for the purpose [25]of investing the Grand Master with the Insignia of that high Office. It is [26]Proclaimed that said Investiture will take place at the Palace of Corfu on [27]Monday neat the 16th Instant.

[28]And it is further hereby Proclaimed that His Excellency the Lord high Commissioner [29] of these States, Grand Master of the most distinguished Order

of Saint Michael | [30]and Saint George, will hold at the Palace of Corfu on the following day | [31] a Chapter of the said Order for the purpose of investing with the Insignia of | [32]the Order those distinguished persons who may have been already named by the | [33]Sovereign Members of the said Order.

| [34]The form and manner of the Ceremonial to be observed on the two days
| [35]above mentioned, will be hereafter made known.

| [36]Palace of Corfu 10th November 1818

| [37]By Command of His Excellency

| [38] (ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [39]Private Secretary

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Palace, Corfu 12th November 1818

Programme of the Ceremonial on the Investiture of the Grand Master of the | [1]most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George at the Palace of | [2]Corfu on Tuesday the 17th November 1818.

| [3]At ten o'clock the Royal Standard will be displayed on the Citadel of Corfu
| [4]and a Royal Salute will be Fired which shall be the Signal for the Troops | [5] to repair to the different Posts allotted then in the Ceremonial.

| [6]At Eleven o'clock the Civil and Military Officers of Government herein
| [7]afternamed to form the Procession of the Major General, will assemble at the
| [8]Palace, and be conducted to the different appointments destined for their reception.

| [9]On the arrival there of Major General Sir Frederick Adam, Knight
| [10]Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight | [11]of the Imperial Austrian Military Order of Maria Theresa, and Knight of | [12] the Imperial Russian Order of Saint Anne of the first Class, appointed to | [13]represent His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, on the Investiture of the | [14] Grand Master of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint | [15] George. The Troops will pay him the due Military Honors.

| [16]The Major General will be received by a Deputation appointed for that
| [17]purpose, and be conducted by it to the appointment prepared for his reception,

in | [18]the South Wing of the Palace, where the persons appointed to form the Major | [19]Generals Procession, will be in readiness to receive him.

| [20]At twelve o'clock precisely the Ceremony of the Investiture will summoner | [21]by the procession of the Major General in the following Order Vigil.

| [22]The Brigade Major and

| [23]Town Major of Corfu

| [24]The Deputy Assistant Assistant General

| [25]Chaplain of the Forces

| [26]Municipal Officers of Corfu

| [27] Justices

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| [28]Justices of the Peace of Corfu.

| [29]Judges of the Tribunals of Corfu

| [30]Field Officers of the Garrison (Juniors in front)

| [31]Aides de Camp.

| [32]Military Secretary bearing on a Velvet Cushion the Commands of

| [33]His Royal Highness the Prince Regent addressed to the Major General

| [34]To perform the Investiture.

| [35]The Major General supported by the Illustrious Regent of Corfu, and by

| [36]The President of the Tribunals of Justice.

| [37]This procession will enter the great Hall of the Palace by the Front Door (the | [38]music playing "God Save the King") and proceed through the line of Serjeants | [39]to the Throne at the Head of the Hall. The Ensigns will drop their Colours | [40]to the representative of His Royal Highness.

| [41]The Major General will take his seat on the Right hand of the Throne, having | [42]first made his due reverences to it, and the procession will arrange itself on the | [43]right side of the Throne.

[44]The Music will cease, and a Royal Salute will be fired, at the close [45]of the salute, the Major General will send a Deputation to His Excellency, [46]to inform him that all is ready for the reception of the Grand Master.

[47]At the hour of Eleven His Highness the President and the most Excellent [48]the Senate of the United States of the Ionian Islands, are requested to assemble [49]at the Palace, where they will be received by His Excellency, in his Private [50]appartments, to which also will be conducted, the principal Officers of the [51]General Government who are herein afternamed, as forming the Procession of [52]the Grand Master on this Solemn occasion.

[53]On receiving the information that the Major General is already at the [54]Throne in the Grand Hall, the procession of the Grand Master will move [55]forward as follows.

[56]General Half of the Army of the Mediterranean. [57] (two

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[59]The Deputy Quarter Master General and

[60]the Deputy Assistant General |last|

[61]The Archivist General

[62]The Inspectors General of Health

[63]The Collector General of the Revenue

[64]The Advocate General

[65]The General Treasurer

[66]Members of the Legislative assembly

[67]Supreme Council of Justice

[68]The Senate the Executive Government of these States preceded by [69]its two Secretaries in the Financial and Political Departments, [70]and having at his Head the Secretary of the General [71]Department.

[72]The Private Secretary of the Lord high Commissioner surrounded [73]by His Excellencies Aides- de- Camp bearing the Insignia [74]of the Grand Master, of

the most distinguished Order of | [75]Saint Michael and Saint George on a red velvet Cushion.

| [76]Two Equerries of His Excellency bearing the Mantle.

| [77]The Bishop of Corfu supported by two principal Dignitaries of | [78]the Greek Church.

| [79]His Excellency the Lord high Commissioner of the protecting | [80]Sovereign, Grand Master of the most distinguished Order of | [81]Saint Michael and Saint George supported by His | [82]Highness the President of the Senate, and the most | [83]Illustrious the President of the Supreme Council of Justice.

| [84]The whole of the above high Officers of State in their Habits of | [85]Ceremony.

| [86]This Procession will also enter the Grand Hall by the Front Door, | [87] and

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| [88]and procced through the line of Serjeants direct to the Throne, (the music | [89]playing “God save the King”) and His Excellency will make his due | [90]reverences to it, His two distinguished supporters will take their places on | [91]his Right Hand, and the remainder of the Procession will arrange itself on | [92]the left side of the Throne. The Private Secretary with the Insignia, | [93]and the Equerries with the Mantle, will remain on the right, and on the | [94]left hand. The Music will then cease.

| [95]The Chaplain to the Forces will write an appropriate Prayer, and the Major | [96]General will cause to be read and published the Commands of His Royal | [97]Highness the Prince Regent addressed to him to Invest the Grand Master of | [98]the Order.

| [99]The Major General will then procced to invest the Grand Master (after | [100]an address to His Excellency) by putting over His Excellency’s Shoulder the | [101]Badge of that most exacted Office. Framing the Star on His Excellency’s Breast and attaching the Mantle which being performed, His Excellency | [102]will reply to the Major General.

| [103]And when His Excellency shall have ceased speaking a Royal Salute will | [104]be Fired, and the Band will strike up “Rule Britania”.

[105]At the same time the Grand Masters procession will begin to retire to [106]the private Appartments of the Palace, and the Major General Procession [107]will afterwards return to the appartments in which it assembled both these [108]distinguished Persons making due reverences to the Throne on retuning.

[109]The Grand Master of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and [110]Saint George will afterwards, in the private Appartments and in the presence of [111]the Senate of the United States of the Ionian Islands, and of the Chief Officers [112]only nominate and invest the Relate, the King of Arms, the Registrar and the [113]Secretary of the Order, and administer to them the Bath, and with this the Ceremony [114]of the day will be concluded.

[115]Palace Corfu 12th November 1818

[116](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[117]Private Secretary

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Corfu 17th November 1818

On Tuesday the 17th November 1818 His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right [1]Honorable Sir Thomas Maitland G. C. B Lord high Commissioner of the United States [2]of the Ionian Islands, Governor of Malta and its dependencies (συντομογραφία) [3]was invested at the Palace of Corfu with the Insignia of Grand Master of the [4]most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George by Major General [5]Sir Frederick Adam K. C. B. (συντομογραφία) the person delegated by the [6]Sovereign to perform that Office, according to the form specified in the annexed [7]Programme and Gazette.

[8]The following are the prayer (and) address from Sir Fred|erick| Adam and His [9]Excellency's reply.

[10]Oh Lord God Almighty, King of Kings and Fountain of all time Honor and [11]Excellence, who, in Heaven, hast appointed thy Ministering Angels, like the Lights [12]of the Firmament, in different Orders and Degrees of Glory and hast at [13]various times inspired thy Saints on Earth valiantly to stand forth in Arms [14]to vindicate the Game of Truth and Virtue; bless with thy peculiar grace thy [15]Servant here before thee, (/) now called by his earthly Sovereign to preside

over those [16]whose Merits and Services he may be graciously pleased to distinguish, by his Favor, in uniting them under the Banners of Saint Michael and St. George.

[17]Grant that he and all who may be associated with him in earthly Honor [18]may be fully sensible of their entire Dependance upon thee the Source of every [19]truly valuable privelege in Heaven and on Earth, and thence may feel it [20]their duty to make their Honors contribute to thy Glory.

[21]Give them Grace to shed their fostering influence of Wisdom (and) Beneficence [22]on all over whom they may be raised by Royal Favor to Honor and [23]pre-emnience.

[24]And grand Oh Lord we beseech thee that the approaching Solemn Union [25]of

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[26]of the Members of the protecting and protected Countries, under the same Illustrious [27]Chief, and the same Honorable Insignia, may prove a real Emblem of the Union [28]of the Hearts and Interests of all their Countrymen, and may be crowned with thy [29]continual Blessing, for the sake and in the Name of our common Mediator and [30]Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

||Address by Sir. F. Adam||

[31]Sir,

[32]I feel myself at once gratified and relieved from what otherwise [33]might have been a most arduous task -to state to Your Excellency, the [34]sentiments with which I am impressed in carrying into effect the gracious orders [35]of my Sovereign, pleased undeservedly in my hands.

[36]I feel myself gratified, because from the long habits of intimacy [37]which have subsisted between Yours Excellency and myself, I am sure it is [38]unnecessary for me to state any personal feeling on this occasion; and I feel [39]myself relieved because on Gracious Sovereign having already been pleased to [40]decorate Your Excellency with the highest Order attached to Military Merit, [41]any thing I could say would be equally presumptuous and unnecessary.

[42]I must however be permitted to observe, that in carrying into effect [43]my Sovereign's Orders in investing Your Excellency with the Insignia of the high [44]Office, to which His Majesty has now appointed you. I can not conceal [45]my personal satisfaction, or my admiration, of that demonstration of affectimate [46]regard, which His Royal Highness the Prince Royal, in the name and behalf [47]of His Majesty, has shown to the United States of the Ionian Islands, of [48]which he is the sole and exclusive Protector, - and to His Majesty's Sovereignty [49]of Malta, and its Dependencies, which forms a new, eminent and hitherto [50] unexampled proof of consideration, wise policy, and deep attention to the [51]interests of those, who are happily placed under His Royal Highness's [52]Government, Rule, or protection.

||Sir T. Maitland's answer||

[53]Sir Frederick Adam,

[54]I have received from your hands this new and high [55]mark

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[56]mark of the favour and consideration of my Sovereign, with those deep [57]sentiments of devotion to his Government, - and of attachment and [58]admiration towards His Royal Highness's person and character, already so [59]indelibly impressed on my heart, that even this fresh instance of gracious [60]condescension can not increase them; far less can they ever be altered, [61]shaken, or eradicated by any change of circumstance or time.

[62]On any other occasion I should have been satisfied with this [63]general expression of my feelings, - and with simply stating to you Sir, [64]the personal sense I entertain of the gracious manner in which you have [65]now executed the high Commands of the Sovereign.

[66]But when I consider this splendid testimony of Royal favour, and [67]affection, I can not repain from expressing the satisfaction I derive, in being [68]the humble organ of carrying into effect the wise, beneficent, and [69]magnanimous views of my Royal Master, of that August Prince, [70]who well knows whether in the exercise of positive Rule, or direct Protection, [71]that it is not only wiser, but accords better with the noblest feelings of [72]our nature, and the soundest experience to be learnt from past times, to [73]live in the hearts, - and

not in the fears of the People; - and that | [74]the connection between the Protecting, and the Protected Power, should be | [75]established, not on the consideration merely of right, - but on, the more | [76]solid foundation of mutual affection, mutual esteem, and mutual | [77]interest.

| [78]That the People of the Ionian States will participate with my | [79]Sovereign in these feelings, I can have no doubt: - nor do I hesitate | [80]to declare, that the deep solicitude, affectionate regard, and paternal care | [81]which His Royal Highness has eminently displayed as Protector of these | [82]Islands, must attain the sole object of His Royal Wishes; a general | [83]sentiment of filial affection, of gratitude, and veneration from those so | [84]happily placed under his Protection. To you Sir, you will permit me | [85]now to add, that as you have already by your own conduct, your own | [86]merits, and your own gallantry surpassed in acquirement of Military | [87]Character

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| [88]Character and Fame, even the expectations of your warmest and nearest friends, | [89]I have only now to wish that in your Civil Career, you may follow the pre- eminent example of that person, the most near and dear to you: | [90]and whom is haw been my great happiness thro' life, to consider as one | [91]of my best and truest friends.

| [92]His Excellency then retired to his private appartments; and in presence of | [93]Major General Sir Frederick Adam K. C. B. the Senate, the Supreme Council | [94]of Justice, the Great Officers of the State proceeded to nominate and appoint | [95]the Officers of this most distinguished Order: The Grand Master having | [96]directed the tenth Article of the Statutes to be read, in which it is orderwised | [97]that the Metropolitan Arch Bishop of the United States should be one of the | [98]Prelates of the Order, the grand master directed the following dispensation to be | [99]made.

Dispensation

Whereas in the second Article of the Statutes of the most | [1]distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Sovereign has | [2]been graciously

pleased in the event of his absence, to delegate to His Grand | [3]Master of his said Order the same Powers and authorities possessed by | [4]the Sovereign himself. Now we the said grand Masters taking into | [5]on consideration the 10th Article of the statutes touching the appointment of | [6]two Prelates to the aforesaid distinguished Order, one of whom shall be the | [7]Arch Bishop Metropolitan of the United States of the Ionian Islands for | [8]the time being in and for the United States; and father into – | [9]consideration that the Ecclesiastical arrangements of these states are not yet | [10]completed, and that at this present moment there is no Arch Bishop | [11]Metropolitan of the Ionian States, and further wishing at the same | [12]time

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| [13]time to give the fullest and speediest effect to the dispositions of the | [14]Sovereign in respect to this most distinguished Order. We do therefore | [15]determine and declare that the said Statute in as far as relates to `the appointment of | [16]the Arch Bishop Metropolitan of the United Ionian States, is dispensed | [17]with, and that until the Eccleseastical arrangements are completed | [18]the Arch Bishop, or Bishop Officiating at the Head of the Church in | [19]these States, shall hold the Office Prelate in and for the United | [20]States of the Ionian Islands to the most distinguished Order of Saint | [21]Michael and Saint George. And we do hereby direct and | [22]Command, that a Commission to this effect be forthwith prepared under | [23]the Seal of the said Order.

| [24]Given under the Seal of the said Order | [25]at the Palace of Corfu this Seventeenth | [26]day of November 1818.

| [27]By the Command of the Grand Master.

| [28] (ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [29]Secretary to the most distinguished | [30]Order of Saint Michael and | [31]Saint George.

| [32]And Monsignor Veseovo Macario Rrovisionary Head of the Greek Church | [33]having taken the prescribed Bath, was invested by the Grand Master with | [34]the proper Badge and presented with his Commission to act as Prelate.

| [35]The Grand Master then nominated and appointed the Honorable Richard | [36]Pepper Arden, Captain in His Majesty's Army to be Registrar, and

Lieut | [37]Colonel Frederick Hankey, Private Secretary to His Excellency, to be | [38]Secretary, who having taken the prescribed Oath, were invested with the | [39]proper Badges, and presented with their Commissions accordingly.

| [40]The Grand Master then directed a Commission to be made | [41]out

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| [42]out nominating and appointed Sir George Nayler K. (συντομογραφία)to | [43]be King at Arms to the Order, and also ordered Lieutenant Colonel Hankey | [44]to read a Letter of A Horney from Sir G. Nayler empowering him (Lieut | [45]Colonel Hankey) to act in his absence as King at Arms to the Order, | [46]which the grand master was pleased to approve of. | [47]The following dispensation was then made by the Grand Master.

Dispensation

Whereas by the sixth and tenth Articles of the said Statutes (of | [1]the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George) the | [2]Habits and decorations ordained to be worn on all Solemn occasions and | [3]particularly at all Investitures, are set forth and described.

| [4]And whereas it has not been possible to procure the whole of such | [5]decorations and Habits for the Investiture to be held at the Palace of | [6]Corfu on Wednesday the 18th day of November Instant.

| [7]Now know ye, that we are pleased to declare that such past of the | [8]said Article as relates to the mantles and round Chapeaux appointed to | [9]be worn by the various dignitaries and Officers of the said most | [10]distinguished Order is dispensed with at the Investiture above Stated.

| [11]Given under the Seal of the said Order, at the Palace of Corfu this 17th day of November | [12]1818.

| [13]By Command of the Grand Master

| [14](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [15]Secretary to the most distinguished Order of | [16]Saint Michael and Saint George.

| [18]And with this the business of the day finished.

[19](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[20]Registrar to the most distinguished Order of [21]Saint Michael and Saint George.

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Extract from the Programme of the Ceremonial on the Investiture of [1]the Knights of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint [2]George at the Palace of Corfu on Wednesday the 18th November 1818

[3]The General Staff of the Mediterranean Army, two (and) two,

[4]The Deputy Quarter Master Generals last

[5]The Deputy Adjutant General

[6]The Field Officers of the Army, two (and) two, Seniors last,

[7]The Archivist General

[8]The Inspector General of Health

[9]The Receiver General of the Revenue

[10]The Advocate General

[11]The Regent of Corfu

[12]The General Treasurer

[13]The Members of the Legislative Assembly

[14]The Supreme Council of Justice

[15]The Senate, the executive Government of these States, preceded by its [16]two Secretaries in the Financial and Political Departments, and having [17]at its Head the [18]Secretary in the General Department.

[19]The Secretaries and Personal Staff of the Lord high Commissioner.

[20]The Officers of the Order Vigo

[21]The Secretary, on the right bearing the Patent of Creation of the [22]Order under the Great Seal if Great Britain and Ireland on a [23]Cushion.

[24]The Registrar on the left bearing on a Cushion the Statutes and [25]Seal of the Order.

[26]The Prelate of the Order.

[27]The Kings of Arms- bearing the Sovereigns Commission for the [28]Investiture, on a blue Velvet Cushion.

[29]The Sword of State.

[30]His Majestys Lord High Commissioner in and for the United States of the [31]Ionian Islands, habited in the full robes and mantle of the Grand Master [32]of

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[33]of the Order, his train borne by two of His Excellency's Equerries - supported by [34]Major General Sir Frederick Adam, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military [35]Order of the Bath, Knight of the Imperial Austrian Military Order of Maria [36]Theresa, and Knight of the Imperial Russian Order of St Anne of the First [37]Class, and by the most Excellent the President of the Supreme Council of [38]Justice.

[39]The Procession will enter the Great Hall of the Palace by the front Door, [40]and will pass through the line of Serjeants to the Throne.

[41]The Senate, the Supreme Council of Justice, the Members of the Legislative [42]Assembly, the Prelate, and the King of Arms, will proceed to the right side of [43]the Throne.

[44]The offer Great Officers of State to the left, and also the Registrar and – [45]Secretary of the Order.

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Corfu 18th November 1818

Wednesday 18th November the day appointed by the Grand Master for the [1]Investiture of the Knights of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and [2]Saint George. At mid- day His Excellency being seated on the Throne and [3]surrounded by the Officers of state, and the Officers of the Order as in the [4]foregoing Programme, directed that the Patent sealed with the Great seal and [5]the Statutes of the Order and the Commands of the Sovereign to His Excellency [6]to proceed in the Investiture to be read.

[7]The King of Arms, then by order of the Grand Master, proclaimed the [8]Names of the Persons about to be invested and he then together with the [9]Registrar retired making three Bows to the Throne and they returned [10]introducing His Highness the President of the Senate of the United States of [11]the Ionian Islands Emanuel Baron Theotokey of Corfu the King of Arms [12]bearing on a blue Velvet Cushion, the Insignia oh a Knight Grand Gross, [13]and conducted him to the Throne, making as before three Bows. On [14]arrival at the Throne, the Baron knelt down, and after having taken the [15]prescribed Oath from the Bishop, was decorated by the Grand Master with [16]the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross, receiving at the same time from the [17]Grand Master the prescribed admonition. The Baron then rose and placed [18]himself on the Right of the Throne, receiving from the Registrar a Copy of [19]the Statutes of the Order.

[20]The most Illustrious Senator The noble Cavalier Stamo Calichiopulo of [21]Corfu was then introduced and invested a Knight Grand Cross, with the [22]same forms and Ceremonies.

[23]The Registrar was then directed by the Grand Master to introduce The [24]noble Senior Antonio Conut Cornuto the Younger of Zante on whose [25]arrival at the Throne the following dispensation was made by order of the [26]Grand Master.

Dispensation

Whereas

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[1]whereas it hath been represented and made known to us by his [2]Medical advisers, that the present State of Health of Antonio Count Cornuto of [3]Zante hath not permitted him to attend at the present Investiture, for [4]the purpose of being Invested with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of [5]the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George as [6]directed by the Sovereign.

[7]And whereas it is extremely uncertain when it will be possible for him [8]to give his attendance at Corfu to be so Invested.

[9]Now We being, most anxious, on the one hand to fulfil the Gracious [10]Order of the Sovereign, and on the other to afford a high and distinguished [12]Proof of the Sense we entertain of the great talents, eminent Virtues, and [13]tried Loyalty of the said Antonio Count Cornuto, do declare that the [14]Statutes of the said Order in as far as they relate to the Investiture of [15]a Knight Grand Cross of the said most distinguished Order, are [16]dispensed with in the person of the said Antonio Count Cornuto.

[17]And We do further declare that until such Investure do take place, [18]he shall enjoy all the Rights Privileges and Honors appertaining to the [19]high Dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the most distinguished Order of [20]Saint Michael and Saint George.

[21]Given under the Seal of the said Order at [22]the Palace of Corfu this Eighteenth day of [23]November 1818.

[24]By Command of the Grand Master

[25](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[26]Secretary to the most distinguished Order [27]of Saint Michael and Saint George.

[28]And Antonio Count Cornuto the younger was presented with the Insignia [29]of a Knight Grand Cross, and a Copy of the Statutes of the Order [30]to

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[31]to be by him carried to his Father, and he retired immediately.

[32]The King of Arms then retired as before and introduced successively [33]the most Noble Vittor Caridi of Cefalonia, The most Noble Senior [34]Antonio Count Theotokey of Corfu and The most Noble Senior Donisius [35]Bulzo of Zante who having in due form taken the Oaths and received [36]the admonition from the Grand Master, were invested with the Insignia [37]of Knights Commanders.

[38]The Aching King at Arms / Lieutenant Colonel Hankey/ then retired [39]accompanied by the Registrar, and returned, the Registrar bearing the [40]Insignia of a Knight Commander on a blue Velvet Cushion and Lieut

[41]Colonel Hankey having knelt down received the Oath and admonition [42]from the Grand Master, and was invested with the Insignia of a [43]Knight Commander.

[44]Each of the Knights Commanders on being Invested received from [45]the Registrar a Copy of the Statutes of the Order, and took then [46]places on the left of the Throne.

[47]The King at Arms then declared the Chapter of the Order closed, [48]and the Grand Master (συντομογραφία) severally retired.

[49](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[50]Registrar of the most distinguished [51]Order of Saint Michael and Saint [52]George.

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Velletta 15th December 1818

At a chapter of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and [1]Saint George, held at the Palace of Valleta on Tuesday the 15th December 1818 [2]for the purpose of Investing the Relate in and for the Island of Mata, and [3]its Dependencies, and in presence of Rear Admiral Sir Charles V. Penrose [4]K. G. B. (συντομογραφία) Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships and [5]Vessels in the Mediterranean, Major General Layard Commanding the [6]Troops in the said Island, and the different Great Officers of State, The [7]Grand Master directed the following Dispensation to be made.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Lieutenant General Sir Thomas [1]Maitland Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order of the [2]Bath, Grand Master of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael [3]and Saint George (συντομογραφία).

[4]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent acting in the [5]name and on the behalf of His Majesty, has been graciously pleased to [6]express his pleasure in regard to His most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael [7]and Saint George, instituted and created by Letters Patent bearing date, the [8]twenty

seventh day of April last, by Statutes under the Seal of the Order, [9]framed for the Government of the said most distinguished Order.

[10]And whereas by the second Article of the said Statutes, the Sovereign [11]has been graciously pleased in the event of His absence, to delegate to the Grand [12]Master of His said Order, the same power and authorities possessed by [13]Himself.

[14]Now known ye, that we the Grand Master of the most Distinguished [15]Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, taking into consideration the Tenth [16]Article of the said Statutes, touching the appointment of Prelates of the said [17]Order and further taking into consideration, that it hath been represented to [18]us

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[19]us, that the Arch Bishop, and Bishop of Malta is on account of ill [20]health, unable to take upon himself the Office of Prelate of said Order [21]in and for the Island of Malta and its Dependencies and being [22]anxious to give the fullest and speediest effect to the Dispositions of the [23]Sovereign in regard to this most Distinguished Order, are therefore [24]pleased to determine and declare, that the said Statutes, as far as [25]they relate to the appointment of the said Arch bishop and Bishop of [26]Malta, is dispensed with, and that the Dignitary of the Church of [27]Malta next in Rank to the said Arch bishop and Bishop Vigil.

[28]The most Reverend The Arch deacon, shall hold the Office of [29]Prelate of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint [30]George. And we do hereby direct and Command, that a [31]Commission to this effect be forthwith prepared, under the Seal of [32]the said Order.

[33]Given under the Seal of the said Order [34]at the Palace of Valletta, in the Island [35]of Malta, this Fifteenth day of [36]December 1818.

[37]By Command of the Grand Master

[38](Δυσανάγνωστη υπογραφή)

[39]Secretary of the most distinguished Order [40]of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

[41]And the same having been read in English and Italean, the prescribed [42]Oath was administered to, and taken by the most Reverend Dr [43]Giuseppe Bartolomeo Xerzi Arch deacon and first Dignitary of the [44]Cathedral Church of Malta, and he was Invested by the Grand Master [45]with the proper Badge, and presented with his Commission as Prelate [46]accordingly. [47] Here the Chapter closed.

[48](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[49]Registrar of the most distinguished Order [50]of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

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Proclamation

/Thomas Maitland/

[1]The Right Honorable Sir Thomas Maitland, Knight Grand [2]Cross of the most honorable Military Order of the Bath, One of His Majestys [3]most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief [4]of His Majestys Forces in the Mediterranean, Governor of the Island of [5]Malta and its Dependencies, His Majestys Lord high Commissioner in the [6]United states of the Ionian Islands, and Grand Master of the most [7]distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (συντομογραφία).

[8]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent acting in the [9]name and on the behalf of His Majesty, has been graciously pleased by [10]Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain [11]and Ireland, bearing date the 27th day of April last, to institute and [12]create an Order of Knighthood, by the name, Style and Title, of the [13]most distinguished Order of Saint Michael George.

[14]And Whereas by the said Letters Patent, His Highness has also [15]been graciously pleased, to constitute and appoint His Excellency Lieutenant [16]General Sir Thomas Maitland Knight Grand Cross of the most honorable [17]Military Order of the Bath, one of His Majesty's most Honorable Privy [18]Council, His Majesty's Lord High Commissioner in and for the United [19]States of the Ionian Islands, Governor of Malta and its Dependencies [20]and

Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in the Mediterranean [21]to be Grand Master of the said most distinguished Order.

[22]And Whereas His Excellency hath been by Command of the [23]Sovereign

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[24]Sovereign solemnly Invested, by Major General Sir Frederick Adam Knight [25]Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight of [26]the Imperial Military Order of Maria Theresa of Austria, and Knight [27]of the Imperial Order of Saint Anne of the First Class of Russia, with [28]the Insignia of Grand Master of the said most distinguished Order, at [29]the Palace in Corfu on the 17th Ultimo.

[30]It is Proclaimed that the first Chapter of the most Distinguished [31]Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, in and for the Island of [32]Malta and its Dependencies, will be held in the Great Hall of the [33]Palace on Wednesday next the 16th Instant, in form and manner as will [34]be hereafter published.

[35]And His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct, that the said [36]Great Hall shall henceforth and for ever, be styled the Hall of Saint [37]Michael and Saint George.

[38]Palace Valletta 10th December 1818

[39]By Command of His Excellency

[40](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[41]Chief Secretary to Government

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Valletta 16th December 1818

At a Chapter of the most distinguished Order of [1]Saint Michael and Saint George held at the Palace of Valletta [2]on Wednesday the 16th December 1818 for the Investiture of [3]the Knights of the said most distinguished Order.

[4]At mid_day the Procession of the Grand Master [5]having entered the Hall of Saint Michael and Saint George [6]in the Order stated in the annexed Programme, and His [7]Excellency being seated on the Throne, Divined Service was [8]performed by the most Reverend the Prelate, and His Excellency [9]then directed the Patent under the Great Seal, the Statutes [10]and Commands of the Sovereign for him to proceed to the [11]Investiture to the read, which being done, the Grand Master [12]also directed the following dispensation to be read by the [13]Secretary of the most distinguished Order.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Lieutenant [1]General Sir Thomas Maitland, Knight Grand Cross of [2]the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Grand [3]Master of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and [4]Saint George (συντομογραφία).

[5]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince [6]Regent acting in the name, and on the behalf of His [7]Majesty, has been graciously pleased to signify His [8]pleasure in regard to His most Distinguished Order of [9]Saint Michael and Saint George, (Institute and created [10]by

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[11]by Letters Patent, having date the twenty seventh day [12]of April last) by the formation, under the Seal of [13]the Order of Statutes and Ordinances for the Government [14]of the said most Distinguished Order.

[15]And Whereas by the second Article of the said [16]Statutes The Sovereign has been graciously pleased in [17]the went of His absence to delegate to the Grand [18]Master of His said Order the seance Powers and [19]Authorities possessed by himself.

[20]And Whereas by the sixth and tenth Articles of the [21]said Statutes, the Habits and Decorations ordained to the [22]worn on all Solemn occasions, and particularly at all [23]Investitures, are set forth and described.

[24]And Whereas it has not been possible to procure [25]the whole of such decorations and Habits for this [26]first Investiture (in and for the Island of Malta)

to | [27]be held at the Palace of Valletta on Wednesday the 16th | [28]day of December Instant.

| [29]Now know Ye, that we are pleased to declare, | [30]that such parts of the said articles of the Statutes | [31]aftersaid as relate to the Mantles, and round Chapeaux | [32]appointed to be worn by the various Dignitaries, and | [33]Officers of the said most Distinguished Order, are | [34]dispensed with at the Investiture above stated. | [35]Given

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| [36]Given under the Seal of the said | [37]Order at the Palace of Valletta | [38]this fifteenth say of December 1818.

| [39]By Command of the Grand Master

| [40](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [41]Secretary of the most Distinguished | [42]Order of Saint Michael and | [43]Saint George.

| [44]And the King at Arms having proclaimed the Names of the | [45]Eminent persons about to be Invested, he then accompanied | [46]by the Registrars, retired making three Bows to the Grand | [47]Master, and returned introducing Rear Admiral Sir Charles | [48]Vinicombe Penrose, Knight Commander of the most | [49]Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross | [50]of the Royal Order of Saint Ferdinand, and merit of the | [51]two Sicilies, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and | [52]Vessels in the Mediterranean (συντομογραφία). The King of Arms | [53]bearing on a blue Velvet Cashion the Insignia of a Knight | [54]Grand Cross, and conducted him to the Throne making as | [55]before three Bows, - on arrival at the Throne the Rear | [56]Admiral knelt down, and having taken the prescribed | [57]Oath and received the appointed admonition, was invested | [58]with the Insignia of First and Principal Knight Grand | [59]Cross of this most distinguished Order. The Rear Admiral | [60]then rose and placed himself on the Right of the Throne | [61]receiving from the Registrar a Copy of the Statutes of the | [62]Order. The Registrar and King of Arms then retired | [63]and returned in the same manner introducing the most | [64]illustrious

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| [65]illustrious Dr Giuseppe Borg Olivier, President of His | [66]Majesty's High Court of Appeal of Malta and its Dependencies | [67]and Member of the Supreme Council of Justice for the | [68]said Island and its dependencies, who being conducted to | [69]the Throne as above, and having taken the prescribed | [70]Oath, and received the appointed admonition, was | [71]invested with the Insignia of Knight Grand Cross | [72]of this most distinguished Order, and placed himself | [73]on the Right of the Throne, receiving from the Registrar | [74]a Copy of the Statutes. The Registrar then retired to | [75]his place. The King of Arms accompanied by the two | [76]Knights Grand Crosses already invested then retired as | [77]before, and returned introducing the most illustrious Dr | [78]Raffaele Buspino Xerre Member of the Supreme Council | [79]of Justice for the Island of Malta and its Dependencies, | [80]who was conducted to the Throne and Invested with the | [81]Insignia of Knight Grand Cross as above.

| [82]The King of Arms then retired above, bowing as | [83]before and returned introducing the most Illustrious Dr | [84]Giuseppe Nicolo Lammit one of His Majestys Judges | [85]for the Island of Malta and its Dependencies, who was | [86]conducted to the Throne as above, and having then knelt | [87]down and taken the prescribed Oath, and received the | [88]appointed admonition, was Invested with the Insignia | [89]of Knight Commander of this most distinguished Order | [90]he then retired to the Left of the Throne, receiving from | [91]the Registrar a Copy of the Statutes.

| [92]The King of Arms then retired as above, and | [93]returned introducing Richard Plasket Esquire, His | [94]Majesty's

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| [95]Majesty's Chief Secretary for the Island of Malta and its | [96]Dependencies, who was with the like formalities Invested | [97]with Insignia of Knight Commander of this most | [98]distinguished Order.

| [99]The Grand Master then directed the King of Arms | [100]to proclaim that the Chapter was closed, and the Procession | [101]quitted the Hall of Saint Michael and Saint George, in the | [102]order in which it entered except that the newly

| [103]Invested Knights Grand Grosses, Knights Commanders, and | [104]Knights wearing their respective Insignia of the Order, fell | [105]into the Procession immediately before the Officers of the | [106]Order. The Knights and Knights Commanders walking | [107]two and two, the Knights Grand Crosses one by one, Juniors | [108]first.

| [109](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [110]Registrar of the most | [111]distinguished Order of | [112]St Michael (and) St George.

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||Extract||

Programme of the Ceremonial of the First Chapter of | [1]the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint | [2]George, in and for the Island of Malta and its Dependencies, | [3]and of the Investiture of the Knights of the said most | [4]distinguished Order, at the Palace of Malta on Wednesday | [5]the 16th Instant.

| [6]At Eight o'clock a.m. the Royal Standard will be displayed | [7]on the Palace, when a Royal Salute will be fired, and the | [8]Coloms Located on all the Forts.

| [9]The Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Navy having | [10]expressed his readiness and wish to contribute to the honors | [11]of the Day, the Squadron will receive on that subject the | [12]necessary Orders from His Excellency.

| [13]At Eleven o'clock Grand Parade of the Troops under the | [14]personal Command of Major General Layard, who will be | [15]pleased to attach from it such Grands of Honor, with | [16]Coloms and Bands of Music as may be required by the | [17]Adjutant General of the Forces, in consequence of | [18]instructions which will be transmitted to him.

| [19]At Twelve o'clock the distinguished persons, duly | [20]summoned by the Secretary of the Order, to be invested | [21]with the Insignia, will repair to the Palace, they | [22]will be received by the Master of the ceremonies, and | [23]conducted by the him to the State apartment, prepared | [24]for their reception, these to await the further Commander | [25]of the Grand Master.

| [26]At the same hour too, the persons hereafter named, | [27]habited

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[28] (habited in their Dress of Ceremony) destined to form [29]the Procession of the Grand Master to the Throne in [30]the Hall of Saint Michael and Saint George, will [31]assemble int the Tapestry Room and the order of this [32]Procession will be arranged by the Master of the [33]Ceremonies as follows.

[34]Officers of the Navy and Army, below the Rank [35]of Field Officers, two and two, Juniors in front.

[36]Heads of the Civil Branch of the Naval and [37]Ordnance Departments.

[38]Sitting Police Magistrates, and intendant of Marine [39]Police.

[40]Jurats of Valletta.

[41]Reggente and Jurats of Notabile.

[42]Collector of the Customs.

[43]Comptroller of the Customs

[44]Civil Auditor of Accounts.

[45]Collector of Loud Revenue.

[46]Commanders and Captains of His Majesty's Navy, [47]under three Years Standing, and Field Officers of the [48]Army, under the Rank of Colonel, two and two, [49]Juniors in front.

[50]Advocate of the Crown.

[51]Judges of His Majesty's Courts.

[52]Lords Lieutenants of Districts.

[53]Inspector General of Police.

[54]Colonels of the Army and Captains of the Navy [55]of three Years Standing.

[56]Luperintendant of Quarantined.

[57]His Majesty's Assessor.

[58]The Treasurer. [59]The

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[60]The Chief secretary of Government.

[61]The Commissioner of the Navy.

[62]The Supreme Council of Justice.

[63]General Staff of the Mediterranean Army.

[64]Deputy Quarter Master and Adjutant General last.

[65]His Excellency's Aides-de-Camp, Military and [66]Private Secretaries, and Chaplain.

The Officers of the Order Vigil.

The Secretary bearing the Letters Patent, instituting and [1]creating the Order, on a Cushion of Crimson Velvet.

[2]The Registrar bearing the Statutes of the Order on a [3]Cushion of Crimson Velvet.

[4]Prelate of the Order, supported by the Dignitaries [5]of the Church.

[6]King of Arms bearing the Sovereign's Commission [7]for the Investiture, on a blue Velvet Cushion.

[8]The Sword of State carried by the Junior Colonel.

[9]The Grand Master of the most Distinguished Order of [10]Saint Michael and Saint George, wearing the Insignia [11]of His Office, habited in his Mantle, his Train borne by [12]two Equerries, and supported on the Right by the Commander [13]in Chief of His Majesty's Navy, attended by his Flag [14]Lieutenant, and on the Left by the Major General com(mander) [15]manding the Troops attended by his Aide-de-Camp.

[16]The Procession will be conducted by the Master [17]of the Ceremonies, from the Tapestry Room turning to [18]the left, through the great Corridor into the Banquetting [19]Room, and entering the Hall of Saint Michael and Saint [20]George

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[21]George, by the door opposite the Throne, will advance [22]to it through the line of Serjeants. The Grand Master [23]after having made the due reverences, will

take his | [24]seat on the Throne, when a Royal Salute will be | [25]fired, on the Procession beginning to move, the Military | [26]Bands of Music will play "Lord save the King", | [27]and they will cease at the end of the Statute.

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Corfu 23th day of April 1818

For the reason specified in the following Dispensation | [1]there was no convention of the Knights Grand Crosses, | [2]Knights Commanders, and Knights of the Order on this day, | [3]and Letters were sent to the different Dignitaries of the | [4]Order resident in the Corfu apprizing them of the same.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Lieutenant | [1]General Sir Thomas Maitland, Knight Grand Cross of the | [2]most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Grand Master | [3]of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and | [4]Saint George (συντομογραφία).

| [5]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, | [6]acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, | [7]has been graciously pleased to signify his pleasure in | [8]regard to His most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael | [9]and Saint George (instituted and created by Letters Patent, | [10]bearing date the twenty seventh day of April last) by | [11]the formation under the Seal of the Order, of Statutes | [12]and Ordinancies for the Government of the said most | [13]Distinguished Order.

| [14]And whereas by the second articles of the said | [15]Statutes, The Sovereign has been graciously pleased in the | [16]went of His absence to delegate to the Grand Master of | [17]His said Order, the same powers and authorities possessed | [18]by himself.

| [19]And whereas by the eighth article of the said | [20]Statutes

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| [21]Statutes it is ordained that every Year on the twenty | [22]third day of April being the day of Saint George, there | [23]should be a convention of all the Knights Grand Crosses, | [24]Knights Commanders and Knights to meet whenever the

| [25]Grand Master might appoint, invested in their proper | [26]Habits and Ensigns with the Officers of the Order in | [27]their respective Robes and Badges.

| [28]And whereas it has not been possible to procure | [29]the whole of such Decorations and Habits for the | [30]convention appointed to be held on the 23th day of | [31]April Instant.

| [32]And whereas further, His Excellency the Grand | [33]Master would be unable to attend the said convention | [34]by reason of indisposition.

| [35]Now know ye, that we are pleased to declare | [36]for the reasons above stated, the convention appointed | [37]to be held on the twenty third day of April Instant | [38]is dispensed with.

| [39]Given under the Seal of the | [40]said Order at the Palace of Corfu | [41]this twenty third day of April | [42]one thousand eight hundred and | [43]nineteen.

| [44]By command of the Grand | [45]Master

| [46](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [47]Secretary of the most distinguished | [48]Order of St. Michael (and) St. George.

| [49](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [50]Registrar of the most distinguished | [51]Order of St. Michael (and) St. George.

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At Chapter of the most distinguished Order of Saint | [1]Michael and Saint George held at the Palace of Corfu on the | [2]26th day of October 1819.

| [3]Present

| [4]His Excellency The Lord High Commissioner | [5](συντομογραφία)

| [6]Grand Master

| [7] | Knights Grand Crosses |

| [8]His Highness Baron Theotoky President of the Senate (συντομογραφία)

| [9]The most Illustrious Senator, The noble Cavalier Stamo Cahichiopulo

| [10]Sir Frederick Hankey, Knight Commander and Secretary | [11]The Prelate for Corfu and the Registrar.

[12]The Grand Master directed the following dispensation [13]should be passed under the Seal of the Order and [14]promulgated.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Lieutenant [1]General Sir Thomas Maitland, Knight Grand Cross of [2]the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Grand [3]Master of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael [4]and Saint George (συντομογραφία).

[5]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent [6]acting in the Name on the behalf of His Majesty [7]has been graciously pleased to signify His pleasure in [8]regard to His most distinguished Order of Saint Michael [9]and Saint George (instituted and created by Letters [10]Patent bearing the twenty seventh day of April 1818) [11]by

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[12]by the formation, under the Seal of the Order, of [13]Statutes and Ordinances for the Government of the said [14]most Distinguished Order.

[15]And Whereas by the second Article of the said [16]Statutes The Sovereign has been graciously pleased in the [17]went of His absence, to delegate to the Grand Master [18]of His said Order the same Powers and Authorities [19]possessed by himself.

[20]And Whereas by the sixth and tenth Articles of [21]the said Statutes, the Habits and Decorations ordained [22]to be worn on all Solemn occasions, and particularly at [23]all Investitures, are set forth and described.

[24]And Whereas it has not been possible to procure, [25]the whole of such Decorations and Habits for this [26]Investiture to be held at the Palace of Corfu on the [27]26th day of October 1819.

[28]Now know Ye that we are pleased to declare, that [29]such parts of the said Articles of the Statutes aforesaid [30]as relate to the Mantles and round Chapeaux appointed t [31]o be worn by the various Dignitaries, and Officers of the

[32]said most Distinguished Order, are dispensed with at the [33]Investiture above stated.

[34]Given under the Seal of the Order [35]at the Palace of Corfu this twenty [36]sixth day of October 1819.

[37]By Command of the Grand Master

[38]Fred(erick) Hankey

(ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[39]Secretary of the most Distinguished Order [40]of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George.

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[41]And Captain the Honorable Anthony Maitland Commanding [42]His Majesty's Frigate Glasgovo, was introduced by the [43]Registrar, bearing the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross [44]on a blue Velvet Cushion, and having advanced in the [45]usual manner to the Throne, the Grand Master directed [46]the following Dispensation should be passed under the [47]Seal of the Order and promulgated.

Dispensation

Whereas it hath not been possible for His Excellency [1]Sir Thomas Fre[[e]]mantle, vice Admiral of the blue, Knight [2]Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order of the [3]Bath, Knight Commander of the Imperial Austrian [4]Military Order of Maria Theresa, Commander in Chief [5]of all His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean. [6] (συντομογραφία) [7] in consequence of the Public Service requiring his presence [8]elsewhere for the moment, to attend at the present [9]Investiture, for the purpose of being invested with the [10]Insignia of first and principal Grand Cross of the most [11]Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George [12]as directed by the Sovereign.

[13]And whereas it is extremely uncertain when it [14]will be possible for him to give his attendance at [15]Corfu to be so invested.

| [16]Now We being most anxious on the one hand, to | [17]fulfil the gracious Orders of the Sovereign, and on the | [18]other, to afford a high and distinguished proof of the | [19]sense we entertain of the great Talents, eminent Virtues, | [20]and

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| [21]and tried Loyalty of the said Sir Thomas Fre[[e]]mantle, | [22]Vice Admiral of the Blue (συντομογραφία), do declare that | [23]the Statutes of the said Order, in as far as they relate | [24]to the Investiture, of a first and principal Grand Cross | [25]of the said most Distinguished Order, are dispensed with, | [26]in the person of the said Sir Thomas Fre[[e]]mantle.

| [27]And we do further declare, that until such Investiture | [28]do take place, he shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, | [29]and honors, appertaining to the high dignity if a first | [30]and principal Grand Cross of the most Distinguished | [31]Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

| [32]Given under the Seal of the said | [33]Order, at the Palace of Corfu, this | [34]twenty sixth day of October 1819.

| [35]By Command of the Grand | [36]Master

| [37]Fred(erick) Hankey (ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [38]Secretary to the most Distinguished | [38]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George

| [38]And the Insignia were then presented by the Grand | [39]Master to Captain Maitland, to be by him borne to | [40]His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Fre[[e]]mantle G(rand) C(ommander) B(ath) (συντομογραφία) and the Registrar presented | [41]him with a Copy of the Statutes.

| [42]The Registrar then retired as before, and bearing the | [43]Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross on a Blue Velvet | [44]Cushion, introduced Sir Spiridion Foresti Knight, and | [45]having

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[46]having advanced aw before to the Throne, the Grand [47]Master directed the following Dispensation to the passed [48]under the Seal of the Order and promulgate.

Dispensation

Whereas in consequence of the absence of the Right [1]Honorable Frederick North, Earl of Guilford (συντομογραφία) in [2]England, it hath not been possible for him to attend [3]at the present Investiture, for the purpose of being [4]invested with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross [5]of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and [6]Saint George, as directed by the Sovereign.

[7]And Whereas it is extremely uncertain when it will [8]be possible for him to give him attendance at Corfu [9]to be so invested.

[10]Now We being most anxious on the one hand, [11]to fulfill the gracious Orders of the Sovereign, and on the [12]other, to afford a high and distinguished proof of the [13]sense we entertain of the great Talents, eminent Virtues [14]and tried Loyalty of the said Frederick North, Earl of [15]Guilford, do declare that the Statutes of the said Order, [16]in as far as they relate to the Investiture of a Knight [17]Grand Cross of the said most Distinguished Order, are [18]dispensed with, in the person of the said Frederick North [19]Earl of Guilford.

[20]And we do further declare, that until such [21]Investiture do take place, he shall enjoy all the Rights, [22]Privileges, and Honors, appertaining to the high Dignity [23]of Knight Grand Cross of the most Distinguished Order [24]of

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[25]of Saint Michael and Saint George.

[26]Given under the Seal of the said [27]Order, at the Palace of Corfu, this [28]twenty sixth day of October 1819.

[29]By Command of the Grand [30]Master

[31]Fred(erick) Hankey

(ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [32]Secretary to the most Distinguished | [33]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George.

| [34]And the Insignia were then presented by the Grand | [35]Master to Sir Spiridion Foresti, to be by him given to | [36]the Earl of Guilford.

| [37]The Secretary then by order of the Grand Master, | [38]proclaimed that the Chapter was closed.

| [39](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [40]Registrar to the most Distinguished | [41]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George.

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At a Chapter of the most Distinguished Order of | [1]Saint Michael and Saint George held at the Palace of Corfu | [2]on Wednesday November the 13th 1819.

| [3]Presents

| [4]His Excellency The Lord High Commissioner

| [5](συντομογραφία)

| [6]Grand Master

| [7] | Knight Grand Cross |

| [8]His Highness Baron Theotoky President of the Senate (συντομογραφία)

| [9] | Knights Commanders |

| [10]Antonio Count Theotoky (συντομογραφία)

| [11]S. Col. Sir Fred(erick) Hankey Secretary of the Order.

| [12]The Prelate for Corfu and the Registrar.

| [13]The Grand Master directed the following dispensation to | [14][[to]] be passed under the Seal of the Order and promulgated.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Liucetenant | [1]General Sir Thomas Maitland Knight Grand Cross of | [2]the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Grand | [3]Master of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael | [4]and Saint George (συντομογραφία).

| [5]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent | [6]acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty | [7]has been graciously pleased to signify His pleasure in | [8]regard to His most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael | [9]and

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| [10]and Saint George, (instituted and created by Letters | [11]Patent bearing date the twenty seventh day of April 1818) | [12]by the formation, under the Seal of the Order, of | [13]Statutes and Ordinances for the Government of the said | [14]most Distinguished Order.

| [15]And Whereas by the second Article of the said Statutes | [16]The Sovereign has been graciously pleased in the event of | [17]his absence to delegate to the Grand Master of His said | [18]Order the same Powers and Authorities possessed by himself.

| [19]And Whereas by the sixth and seventh Articles of the | [20]said Statutes, the Habits and Decorations ordained to be | [21]worn on all Solemn occasions, and particularly at all | [22]Investitures, are set forth and described.

| [23]And Whereas it has not been possible to procure, | [24]the whole of such decorations and Habits for this | [25]Investiture to be held at the Palace of Corfu on Wednesday | [26]November 13th.

| [27]Now know Ye that we are pleased, to declare, | [28]that such parts of the said Articles of the Statutes | [29]aforesaid as relate to the Mantles and Round Chapeaux | [30]appointed to be worn by the various Dignitaries and | [31]Officers of the said most distinguished Order are | [32]dispensed with at the Investiture above stated.

| [33]Given under the Seal of the said | [34]Order, at the Palace of Corfu this | [35]thirteenth day of November 1819.

| [36]By Command of the Grand Master

| [37]Fred(erick) Hankey

(ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [38]Secretary to the most Distinguished | [39]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George.

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| [1]And the Junior Knight Commander (Sir Frederick Hankey) | [2]and the Registrar then retired and they returned introducing | [3]Colonel P. Ross Lieut Colonel 15th Regiment and Resident | [4]for the Lord High Commissioner in Zante, the Registrar | [5]bearing on a blue Velvet Cushion, the Insignia of a Knight | [6]Commander, and having advanced to the Throne, Colonel Ross | [7]then knelt down, and having taken the prescribed Oath and | [8]received the appointed admonition, was Invested with the | [9]Insignia of a Knight Commander of the most Distinguished | [10]Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and took his seat | [11]accordingly.

| [12]The Secretary then by Order of the Grand Master | [13]proclaimed that the Chapter was closed.

| [14](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [15]Registrar to the most Distinguished | [16]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George.

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| [1]At a Chapter of the most Distinguished Order of | [2]Saint Michael and Saint George held at the Palace of Corfu | [3]on Saturday the 26th February 1820.

| [4]Present

| [5]His Excellency The Lord High Commissioner

| [6](συντομογραφία)

| [7]Grand Master

| [8] | Knights Grand Crosses |

| [9]His Highness Baron Theotoky | [10]President of the Senate (συντομογραφία).

| [11]The Right Honorable | [12]The Earl of Guilford.

| [13]The most Excellent Senator | [14]Cavalier Stamo Calichiopulo.

| [15] | Knights Commanders |

| [16]Antonio Count Theotoky | [17](συντομογραφία)

| [18]Sir Frederick Hankey | [19]Secretary of the Order

| [20]The Prelate for Corfu and the Registrar

| [21]The Grand Master directed the following Dispensation to | [22]be passed under the Seal of the Order, and promulgated.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Lieutenant | [1]General Sir Thomas Maitland Knight Grand Cross of the | [2]most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Grand | [3]Master of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael | [4]and Saint George (συντομογραφία)

| [5]Whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent | [6]acting in the Name and on the behalf of His Majesty | [7]has been graciously pleased to signify His pleasure in | [8]regard to His most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael | [9]and

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| [10]and Saint George (instituted and created by Letters | [11]Patent bearing date the twenty seventh day of April 1818) | [12]by the formation, under the Seal of the Order of Statutes | [13]and Ordinancies for the Government of the said most | [14]Distinguished Order.

| [15]And whereas by the second Article of the said | [16]Statutes The Sovereign has been graciously pleased in the | [17]evet of his absence to delegate to the Grand Master | [18]of His said Order the same Powers and Authorities | [19]possessed by himself.

| [20]And Whereas by the sixth and tenth Articles of the | [21]said Statutes, the Habits and Decorations ordained to be | [22]worn on all Solemn occasions, and particularly at all | [23]Investitures, are set forth and described.

| [24]And Whereas it has not been possible to procure, | [25]the whole of such Decorations and Habits for this | [26]Investiture to be held at the Palace of Corfu on | [27]Saturday the 26th of February 1820.

[28]Now known Ye that we are pleased to declare, t [29]hat such parts of the said Articles of the Statutes [30]aforesaid as relate to the Mantles and round Chapeaux [31]appointed to be worn by the various Dignitaries, and Officers [32]of the said most Distinguished Order are dispensed with [33]at the Investiture above stated.

[34]Given under the Seal of the Order [35]at the Palace of Corfu this twenty [36]sixth day of February 1820.

[37]By Command of the Grand Master

[38]Fred(erick) Hankey

(ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[39]Secretary of the most distinguished [40]Order of S(ain)t Michael and s(ain)t George. [41]Then

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[42]The Registrar then retires and returned introducing [43]M(i)s(te)r Fre[[e]]mantle who delivered to the Grand Master the Insignia [44]of first and principal Knight Grand Cross worn by the [45]late Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Squadron [46]in the Mediterranean, the late Vice Admiral Sir Thomas [47]Fre[[e]]mantle G(rand) C(ross) B(ath) (συντομογραφία).
[48]M(i)s(te)r Fre[[e]]mantle then retired.

[49]The Names of the distinguished persons about to be [50]Invested were then proclaimed.

[51]The Grand Master then directed the following dispensa [52]=tion to be passed under the Seal of the Order and promulgated.

Dispensation

Whereas in consequence of the indisposition of The [1]Honorable Anthony Maitland, Companion of the most [2]Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Captain in the Royal [3]Navy, Commander in Command of His Britannic Majesty's [4]Squadron in the Mediterranean, it hath not been possible [5]for him to attend at the present Investiture, for the [6]purpose of being invested with the Insignia of Knight [7]Commander of the most Distinguished Order of Saint [8]Michael and Saint George as directed by the Sovereign.

[9]And Whereas it is extremely uncertain when it will [10]be possible for him to give his attendance here to be invested.

[11]Now we being most anxious on the one hand to [12]fulfil the gracious Orders of the Sovereign, and on the other [13]to afford a high, and distinguished proof of the sense [14]we entertain of the great Talents, eminent Virtues, and [15]tried Loyalty of the said Anthony Maitland, do declare, [16]that the Statutes of the said Order, in as far as they relate [17]to

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[18]to the investiture of a Knight Commander of the said [19]most distinguished Order, are dispensed with, in the [20]person of the said Anthony Maitland.

[21]And we do further declare that until such Investiture [22]do take place, he shall enjoy all the Rights, Privileges, [23]and Honors, appertaining to the high Dignity of Knight [24]Commander of this most Distinguished Order.

[25]Given under the Seal of the said [26]Order, at the Palace of Corfu this [27]twenty sixth day of February 1820.

[28]By Command of the Grand Master

[29]Fred(erick) Hankey

(ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[30]Secretary of the most Distinguished [31]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George.

[32]And the Registrar then retired and returned introducing [33]Lieut Colonel The Honorable John Maitland 32nd Regiment, [34]and bearing on a Blue Velvet Cushion the Insignia of [35]a Knight Commander, and having advanced to the [36]Throne the Grand Master delivered to Colonel Maitland [37]the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the most [38]Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to [39]be by him delivered to his Brother Commander The [40]Honorable Anthony Maitland (συντομογραφία).

[41]The Grand Master then ordered the two Junior Knights [42]Commanders present to retire accompanied by the Registrar [43]and they returned introducing The most Excellent Senator [44]Count Nicolo Anino of

Cefalonia, the Registrar bearing | [45]on a blue Velvet Cushion the Insignia of a Knight | [46]Commander, and having advanced to the Throne, | [47]Count

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| [48]Count Anino knelt down and having taken the prescribed | [49]Oath, and received the appointed admonition, was Invested | [50]with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the most | [51]Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George and | [52]took his Seal accordingly.

| [53]The two Junior Knights Commanders and the Registrar | [54]then retired as before, and returned introducing The most | [55]Illustrious D(octo)r Cappadoca of Corfu member of the Supreme | [56]Council of Justice who with the same formalities as | [57]above was invested with the Insignia of a Knight | [58]Commander of the most Distinguished Order of Saint | [59]Michael and Saint George, and took his Seat accordingly.

| [60]The most Excellent Signor Marino Veja of Cefalonia | [61]President of the most noble the Legislative assembly , and | [62]Lieut Colonel Sir Frederick Stovin Knight Commander of | [63]the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieut | [64]Colonel of His Majesty's 92nd Regiment of Foot, and late | [65]Military Commandant and Resident for the Lord High | [66]Commissioner in the Island of Santa Maura, were | [67]successively introduced, and with the like formalities | [68]were each invested with the Insignia of a Knight | [69]Commander of the most Distinguished Order of Saint | [70]Michael and Saint George, and took their Seats accordingly.

| [71]The Grand Master then directed to be proclaimed | [72]that the following most distinguished persons has | [73]received the decoration of Knights of the most | [74]Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George | [75]as had been notified to them respectively by the | [76]Secretary of the Order. | [77] The

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| [78]The most noble Signor Giovanni Melissino of Zante

| [79]The noble Signor Giulio Domenichini of Zante

| [80]The most noble Signor P. Petrizzopulo of Santa Maura

[81]The noble Signor Paolo Cappadoca of Corfu

[82]The noble Signor Demetrio Valsamachi of Cefalonia

[83]The noble Signor Andrea Mustoxidi of Corfu

[84]The noble Signor Paolo Prossalendi of Corfu

[85]The Secretary then by order of the Grand Master [86]proclaimed that the Chapter was closed.

[87](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[88]Registrar to the most Distinguished [89]Order of Saint Michael and S(ain)t George.

[90]At the close of the Chapter, The Grand Master directed [91]the following dispensation to be passed under the Seal of [92]the Order.

Dispensation

Whereas in consequence of the absence in London of [1]Alexander Wood Esquirre, Resident Agent of the United [2]Ionian States in London, and take Chief Secretary to [3]Government in the Island of Malta and its dependencies, [4]it hath not been possible for him to attend at the present [5]investiture, for the purpose of being invested with the [6]Insignia of Knight Commander of the most Distinguished [7]Order of Saint Michael and Saint George as directed by [8]the Sovereign.

[9]And Whereas it is extremely uncertain when it will [10]be

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[11]be possible for him to give his attendance here to be invested.

[12]Now We, being most anxious on the one hand to fulfil [13]the gracious Orders of the Sovereign, and on the other to [14]afford a high and distinguished proof of the sense we entertain [15]of the great Talents , eminent Virtues, and tried Loyalty of [16]the said Alexander Wood, do declare that the Statutes of [17]the said Order, in as far as they relate to the investiture [18]of a Knight Commander of the said most Distinguished [19]Order, are dispensed with, in the person of the said [20]Alexander Wood.

[21]And We do further declare that until such Investiture [22]do take place, he shall enjoy all the Rights, Privileges, [23]and Honors, appertaining to the high Dignity of Knight [24]Commander of this most Distinguished Order.

[25]Given under the Seal of the said Order, [26]at the Palace of Corfu, this twenty [27]sixth day of February 1820.

[28]By Command of the Grand Master

[29]Fred(erick) Hankey

(ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[30]Secretary to the most Distinguished [31]Order of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

[32]And the Secretary was directed to notify the same to [33]Alexander Wood Esquire (συντομογραφία).

[34](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[35]Registrar to the most Distinguished [36]Order of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

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The 23th of April Saint George's day, being the day, that [1]appointed by the Statutes for a meeting to be held of all the [2]Members and Officers of the Order, the whole members present in [3]Corfu assembled at the Palace at five P. M. and were magnificently [4]entertained by His Excellency The Grand Master.

[5]Present

[6]His Excellency Lieut General Sir Thomas Maitland G(rand) C(ross) B(ath)

[7](συντομογραφία)

[8]Grand Master

[9] Knights Grand Crosses

[10]His Highness Baron Theotoky [11](συντομογραφία)

[12]The most Illustrious Senator [13]Stamo Calichiopulo

[14] Knights Commanders

[15]The most noble Vittor Caridi

[16]The most noble Dionisius Bulzo

[17]The Honorable A. Maitland

[18]The most Illustrious Doctor [19]John Cappodoca

[20]The most noble A. Count Theotoky

[21]S. Col. Sie Frederick Hankey [22]Secretary of the Order (συντομογραφία)

[23]The most Excel(l)e(nte) Senator Count Anino

[24]The most Excel(l)e(nte) Marino Veja

[25] Knights

[26]The most noble Gionanni Melissino

[27]The noble Paolo Cappadoca

[28]The noble Paolo Prossalendi

[29]The most noble P. Petrizzopulo

[30]The noble Demetrio Valsamachi

[31]The Prelate for Corfu and the Registrar

[32](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[33]Registrar to the most Distinguished [34]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George.

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The following is a Copy of an Extract from the London [1]Gazette of July 25th 1820.

Carlton House July 19th 1820.

This day a Deputation from the Unites States of the [1]Ionian Islands consisting of the most Excellent Senator [2]Zavo and the most noble Chevalier Petrizzopulo attended [3]by the Earl of Guilford, Knight Grand Cross of the most [4]distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, [5]Colonel Sir Frederick Hankey Knight Commander of the said [6]Order Secretary: and Captain Edwards Aide – de- Camp to [7]Sir Thomas Maitland G(rand) C(ross) B(ath)

Grand Master of the Order | [8]and His Majesty's Lord High Commissioner in the Ionian | [9]Islands, was introduced to His Majesty upon the Throne, | [11]by Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's House hold and | [12]His Majesty's Master of the Ceremonies to deliver an address | [13]from the United States of the Ionian Islands on His | [14]Majesty's accession to the Throne, after which His Majesty | [15]was most graciously pleased to invest the Senator Zavo | [16]with the Ensign of a Knight Commander of the Order of | [17]Saint Michael and Saint George which were presented by | [18]Sir George Nayler King of Arms of the Order, an a | [19]crimson velvet Cushion.

| [20](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [21]Registrar to the most distinguished | [22]Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

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Palace of Corfu 28th September 1820

By command of His Excellency the Grand Master the | [1] following dispensation was passed to enable Vice Admiral | [2]Sir Graham Moore K. G. B. (συντομογραφία). Commanding | [3]His Majesty's Fleet in the Mediterranean to wear the | [4]decoration of First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the | [5]most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George | [5] as directed by the Statutes.

Dispensation

Whereas it is not possible for His Excellency Sir Graham | [1]Moore, Vice Admiral of the Blue, Knight Commander of | [2]the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Com- | [3]mander in Chief of all His Majesty's Herps and Vessels | [4]in the Mediterranean (συντομογραφία) | [5] in consequence of the Public Service requiring his presence | [6]elsewhere, to attend here for the purpose of being invested | [7]with the Insignia of First and Principal Knight Grand | [8]Cross of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael | [9]and Saint George as directed by the Sovereign.

| [10]And whereas it is extremely uncertain when it will | [11]be possible for him to give his attendance at Corfu to | [12]be so invested.

| [13]Now we being most anxious on the one hand, to | [14]fulfill the gracious Orders of the Sovereign, and on the | [15]other to afford a high and distinguished proof of the | [16]sense we entertain of the great talents, eminent virtues, | [17]and tried loyalty of the said Sir Graham Moore, Vice | [18]Admiral of the Blue (συντομογραφία) do declare | [19]that

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| [20]that the Statutes of the said Order, in as far as they | [21]relate to the Investiture of a first and principal | [22]Knight Grand Cross of the said most distinguished | [23]Order are dispensed with, in the person of the said | [24]Sir Graham Moore.

| [25]And we do further declare that until such Investiture | [26]do take place, he shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, | [27]and honors appertaining to the high dignity of a First and | [28]Principal Knight Grand Cross of the most distinguished | [29]Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.

| [30]Given under the Seal of the said | [31]Order at the Palace of Corfu, this | [32]twenty eight day of September 1820.

| [33]By Command of the Grand Master

| [34]Fred(erick) Hankey (υπογραφή)

| [35]Secretary to the most distinguished | [36]Order of S(ain)t Michael and S(ain)t George | [37]and the decoration was transmitted to him with the | [38]accompanying Letter from the Secretary of the Order.

Palace of Corfu 28th September 1820.

Sir,

| [1]I am commanded by His Excellency The Right | [2]Honorable Sir Thomas Maitland the Grand Master of | [3]the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint | [4]George to transmit You the decoration of the First | [5]and Principal Knight Grand Cross of that most distinguished | [6]Order

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[7] Order which the Sovereign has been graciously pleased by [8]the Statutes of the said Order graciously to confirm on the [9]Naval Commander in Chief in the Mediterranean for the [10]time being.

[11]Have further the honor to inform you that a [12]Dispensation has been passed under the Seal of the Order [13]authorizing you to wear the Insignia now transmitted [14]without formal Investiture.

[15]Have the honor to be [16](συντομογραφία)

[17]/Signed/ Fred(erick) Hankey

[18]Secretary to the most distinguished [19]Order of Saint Michael (and) S(ain)t George.

[20](ΔΥΣΑΝΆΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[21]Registrar to the most distinguished [22]Order of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

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On Sunday the 28th day of January 1821 His Highness Baron [1]Theotoky and the most Illustrious Senator Stamo Calichiopulo [2](the only Knights Grand Crosses present in Corfu) attended [3]by Summons at the Palace, but His Excellency the Grand [4]Master being unable in consequence of indisposition to see [5]them, they were received by the Secretary and the Registrar [6]of the Order when the following Dispensation which had [7]been passed the day previous was communicated to them.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Lieutenant [1]General Sir Thomas Maitland Grand Master of the most [2]Distinguished Order of Sint Michael and Saint George, [3]Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order [4]of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Guelphic [5]Order (συντομογραφία).

[6]Whereas by the second article of the Statutes of the [7]most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint [8]George, the august Sovereign has been graciously pleased [9]in the went of his absence to delegate to the Grand

[10]Master of His said Order the same powers and authorities [11]possessed by himself.

[12]And Whereas by the tenth article of the said [13]Statutes it is set forth that "there shall be within the [14] "said United States of the Ionian Islands and our said [15] "Island of Malta and its dependencies, two Prelates of this [16] "most distinguished Order. One of the said Prelates shall [17] "be the Arch Bishop Metropolitan of the United States of [18] the

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[19]"the Ionian Islands, for the time being in and for the [20]"said United States, and the other the Arch Bishop and [21]"Bishops of our Island of Malta and its dependencies, [22]"for the time being, in and for our said Island of Malta [23]"and its dependencies".

[24]And Whereas for reasons submitted to the August [25]Sovereign of the Order, in a dispatch to His Majesty's [26]Secretary of State on that subject, it appears to us to [27]be requisite to other and amend certain parts of the said [28]article as far as relate to the Prelate for Malta. We [29]with the power and authority vested in us as Grand [30]Master of the most distinguished Order of Saint Michael [31]and Saint George, do abrogate and annul tile the pleasure [32]of the august Sovereign be known all that part of the [33]said article already cited beginning with the words "and [34] the other the Arch Bishop and Bishop" and ending with [35]the words "for our said Island of Malta and its [36]dependencies".

[37]And We further order that those parts of the said [38]article of the Statutes relative to any Prelate of the [39]Catholic faith be clearly abrogated and annulled tile [40]the pleasure of the August Sovereign of the Order, though [41]the medium of the Grand Master be ascertained upon [42]that subject. [43]Given

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[44]Given under the Seal of the said [45]Order, at the Palace of Corfu, this [46]twenty seventh day of January 1821.

[47]By Command of the Grand Master

[48]Fred(erick) Hankey

| [49]Secretary to the most distinguished | [50]Order of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

| [51](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

| [52]Registrar to the most distinguished | [53]Order of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

(σ.83)

At a Chapter of the most distinguished Order of | [1]Saint Michael and Saint George, held at the Palace of Corfu | [2]on Wednesday the 14th of March 1821.

| [3]Present

| [4]His Excellency The Lord High Commissioner

| [5](συντομογραφία)

| [6]Grand Master

| [7] | Knights Grand Grosses |

| [8]His Highness Baron Theotoky | [9]President of the Senate (συντομογραφία)

| [10]The Right Honorable The | [11]Earl of Guilford

| [12] The most Excellent Senator | [13]Cavalier Stamo Calichiopulo

| [14] | Knights Commanders |

| [15]Antonio Count Theotoky

| [16]The most Excellent | [17]Doctor P. Cappadoca

| [18]The most Excellent | [19]Senator B. Zavo

| [20]The Colonel Sir Fred(erick) Hankey, | [21]Secretary of the Order

| [22]The most Excellent | [23]Signor M. Veja

| [24]The Prelate for Corfu and the Registrar

| [25]The Grand Master directed the following Dispensation | [16]to be passed under the Seal of the Order and promulgated.

Dispensation

By His Excellency The Right Honorable Lieutenant | [1]General Sir Thomas Maitland Knight Grand Cross of the | [2]most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Grand Master | [3]of the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and | [4]Saint George (συντομογραφία). | [5]Whereas

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| [6]Whereas His Royal Highness The Prince Regent | [7]acting in the Name and on the behalf of His Majesty | [8]has been graciously pleased to signify His pleasure in | [9]regard to His most distinguished Order of Saint Michael | [10]and Saint George (instituted and created by Letters Patent | [11]beaning date the 27th day of April 1818) by the formation | [12]under the Seal of the Order of Statutes and Ordinances | [13]for the Government of the said most distinguished Order.

| [14]And Whereas by the second Article of the said Statutes | [15]the Sovereign has been graciously | pleased | in the went of his absence | [16]to delegate to the Grand Master of His said Order the same | [17]Powers and Authorities possessed by himself.

| [18]And Whereas it has not been possible to procure the whole | [19]of such decorations and Habits for His Investiture to be held | [20]at the Palace of Corfu on Wednesday the 14th March 1821.

| [21]Now know He that we are pleased to declare that such | [22]parts of the said Articles of the Statutes aforesaid as relate | [23] to the Mantles and round Chapeaux appointed to be worn | [24]by the various Dignitaries, and Officers of the said most | [25]distinguished Order on dispensed with at the Investiture | [26] above stated. | [27]Given

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| [28]Given under the Seal of the Order | [29] at the Palace of Corfu | the | fourteenth | [30]day of March 1821.

| [31]By command of the Grand Master

| [32]Fred(erick) Hankey

[33]Secretary of the most distinguished [34]Order of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

[35]The Names of the distinguished persons about to be invested [36]were then proclaimed.

[37]The Grand Master then ordered the two Junior Knights [38]Commanders present to retire accompanied by the Registrar [39]and they returned introducing the most Excellent Senator [40]Count Demetrio Foscardi of Zante, the Registrar bearing on a [41]blue Velvet Cushion the Insignia of a Knight Commander, [42]and having advanced to the Throne, Count Foscardi knelt [43]down and having taken the prescribed Oath and received the [44]appointed admonition was invested with the Insignia of [45]a Knight Commander of the most distinguished Order of [46]Saint Michael and Saint George and took his Seat accordingly.

[47]The most Noble Signore Doctor S. Calichiopulo Mangaro [48]President of the most Noble the Primary Council, and [49]advocate General of these States, was then with the take [50]formalities introduced and invested with the Insignia of [51] a Knight Commander of Saint Michael and Saint George [52]and took his Seat accordingly.

[53]The Registrar then by order of the Grand Master [54]proclaimed that the Chapter was closed.

[55](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

[56]Registrar to the most distinguished [57]Order of St(aint) Michael (and) St(aint) George.

(σ.89)

Palace Corfu 22nd March 1821

His Excellency The Grand Master of the most [1]distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George was [2]pleased to direct the Secretary of the Order to notify in the [3]customary form to the following most distinguished [4]persons Vigit.

[5]The most Excellent Signor Pandasiu Caridi [6]Regent of Cefalonia.

[7]The Noble Signor Marco Carazzia of Corfu

│[8]that they were appointed Knights of the said most │[9] distinguished order, and they received the decoration │[10]accordingly.

│[11](ΔΥΣΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΤΗ ΥΠΟΓΡΑΦΗ)

│[12]Registrar to the most distinguished │[13]Order of Saint Michael (and) Saint George.

II. Σύμβολα Μεταγραφής

(αβγδ) =	ανάλυση βραχυγραφιών.
│[1] , │[2], κτλ.=	δηλώνεται η αλλαγή στίχου με στιχαρίθμηση.
[[αβγδ]] =	εσφαλμένες διπλογραφές του γραφέα.
‖αβγδ‖ =	λέξεις ή φράσεις που είναι γραμμένες στο περιθώριο.
(σ.1),(σ.2) κτλ.=	δηλώνεται η αλλαγή των φύλλων.
│αβγδ│=	λέξεις ή φράσεις που είναι γραμμένες στο διάστιχο.

III.Γλωσσάρι

Prelates:	Ιεράρχες
Grand Master:	Μέγας Μάγιστρος
King of Arms	Βασιλιάς των Όπλων
Secretary	Γραμματέας
Registrar	Ληξίαρχος
G. C. M. G.	Grand Cross M. G.
K. C. M. G.	Knight Commander M. G.
C. M. G.	Companions M. G.
Chancellor	Καγκελάριος
Gentleman/ Lady Usher of Blue Rob	Ο/η Αξιωματικός των όπλων

IV.Πίνακας 1

	Διάρκεια	Όνομα
1	1818-1825	Sir Thomas Maitland
2	1825-1850	Prince Adolphus, Duke of Cambridge
3	1850-1904	Prince George, Duke of Cambridge
4	1904-1910	George, Prince of Wales
5	1917-1936	Edward, Prince of Wales
6	1936-1957	Alexander Cambridge, 1st Earl of Athlone
7	1957-1959	Edward Wood, 1st Earl of Halifax
8	1959-1967	Harold Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis
9	1967-	Prince Edward, Duke of Kent

(ΠΙΝΑΚΑΣ 1: Grand Masters του Τάγματος)

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