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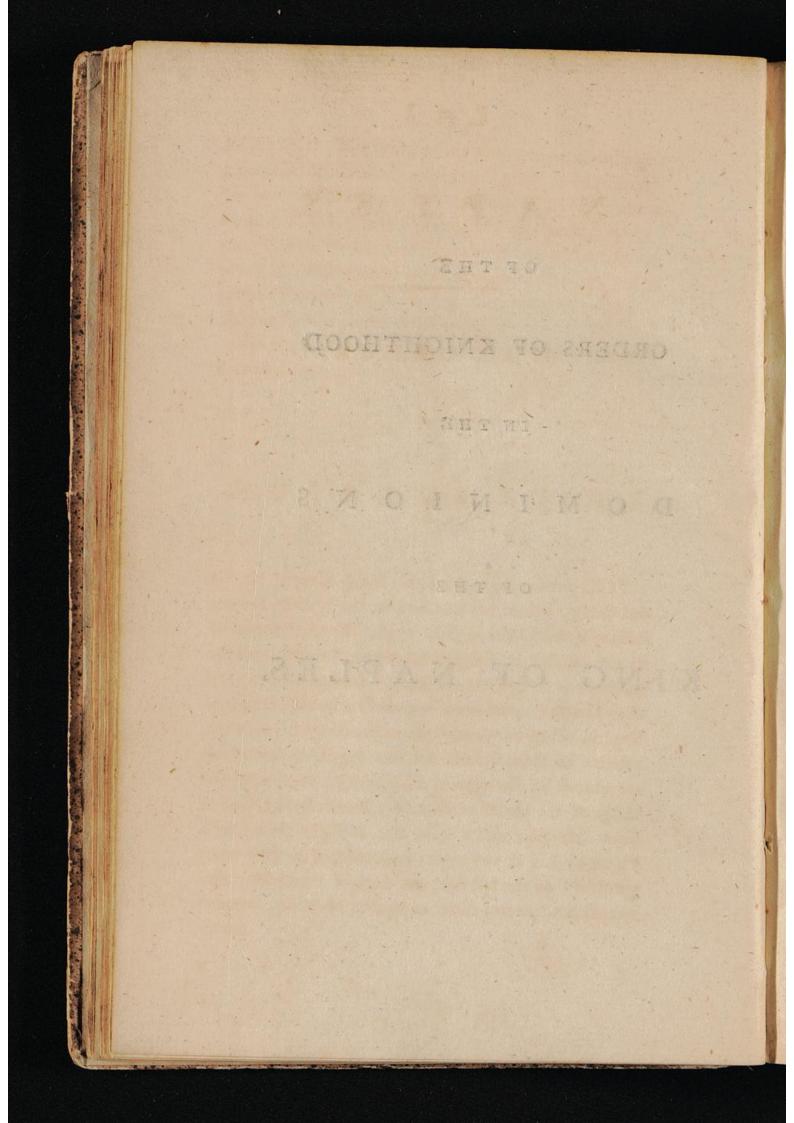
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THE prefent King of Spain being King of Naples and Sicily, before his acceffion to the Spanish throne; instituted this Order in July 1738. By the statutes of it, the number of Knights is limited to thirty, and the inftitutor is to continue Sovereign during his life, and after him that office is to be poffeffed by the Kings of Naples; all upon whom it is conferred muft prove the nobility of their defcent for four centuries, and they are addreft by the title of Excellency; they wear the badge of the Order pendent to a broad fcarlet ribbon worn fash-wife, and a gold star of eight points with Fleurs-de-Lis at the angles embroidered on their outer garment : on the left fide, on days of ceremony, they wear it pendent to a collar composed of caffles, banners, mitres, 5

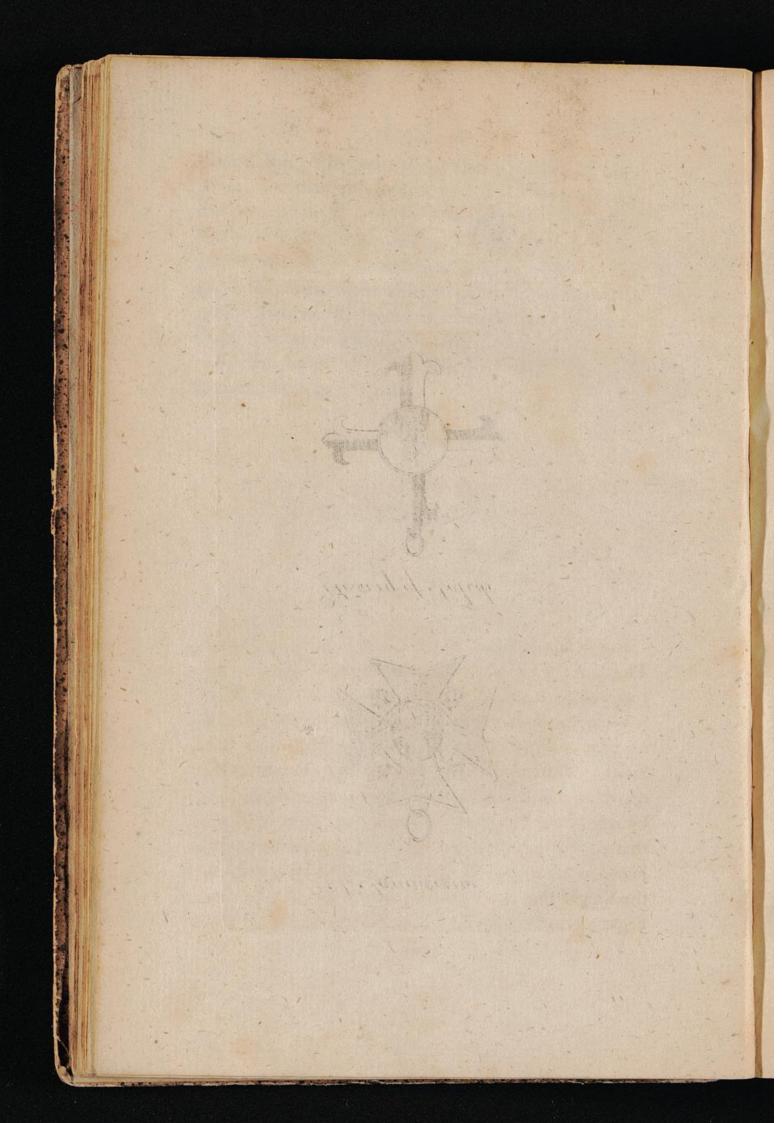
mitres, &c. The badge of the Order is a crofs of eight points enamelled white, edged with gold, and in the centre is reprefented a bifhop holding in his left hand a book and crofier, below his waift is this motto, In fanguine Fædus: on the reverfe is a book, on which are two phials red, furmounted with two palms, all enamelled in proper colours. St Januarius, the celebrated patron of Naples, is the patron of this Order.

For the badge of it, fee plate 43. Note, the plate is copied from an original.

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RENE of Anjou, brother and heir to Louis the Third, King of Naples, inftituted this order in the year 1464, at the city of Angiers in France. The Sovereignty of the Order he fettled upon himfelf and his heirs or fucceffors to the kingdoms of Naples and Sicily. The enfign of the Order was a golden crefcent, on which the letters L, OZ. were enamelled in red, by which was meant to be implied L, Oz en croiffant, that is, "Praife by increasing." To this crefcent were joined as many tags of gold, enamelled with red, as the Knight that wore it had been prefent at battles, fieges of towns, joufts, tournaments, and fuch like Vol. II. D

feats of gallantry or valour. The collar of the Order was composed of three gold chains, as is represented on the annexed plate. The number of Knights of it was limited to thirty-fix, including the Sovereign. This, like many other Orders inftituted in the fame age with it, furvived the founder but a few years; for the house of Anjou, having never had quiet possession

the houfe of Anjou, having never had quiet poffeffion of the Kingdoms of Naples and Sicily, from which they were expelled as faft as they came in, the Order which they founded and patronized could not receive from them fuch fupport as would render it refpectable, or an object worthy of the acceptance of men of confequence or merit. For the collar and badge fee plate 44.

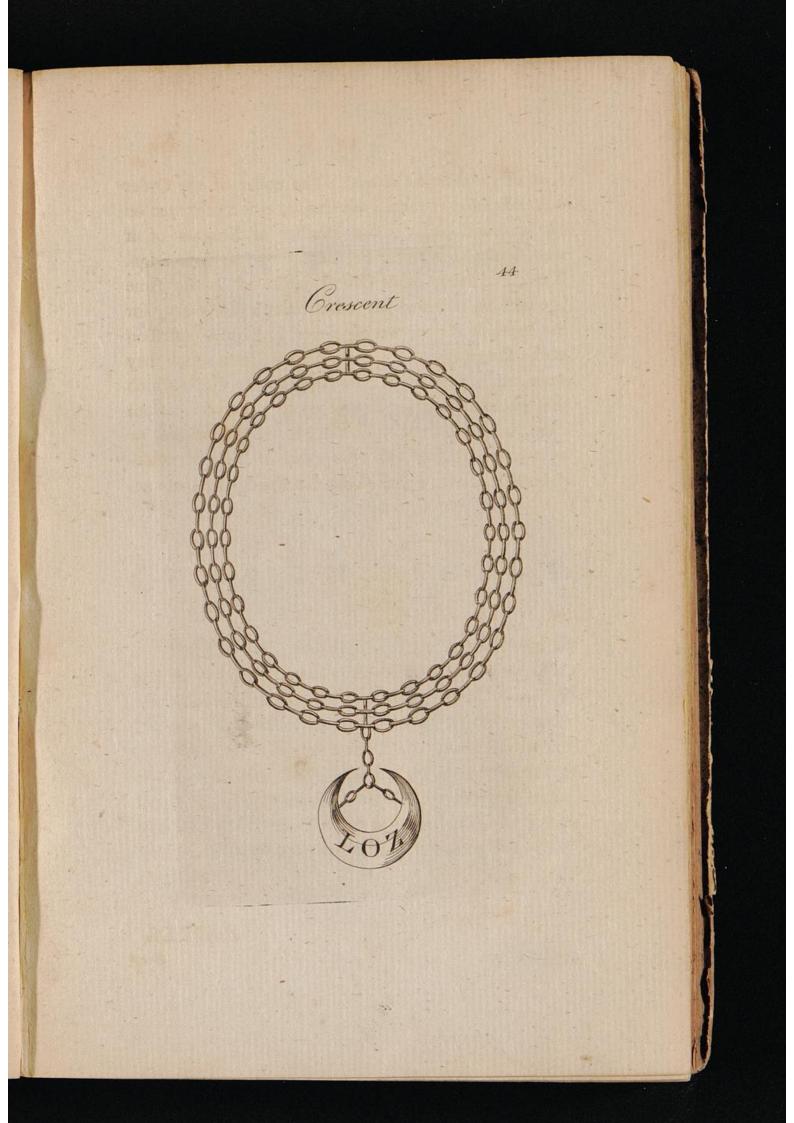
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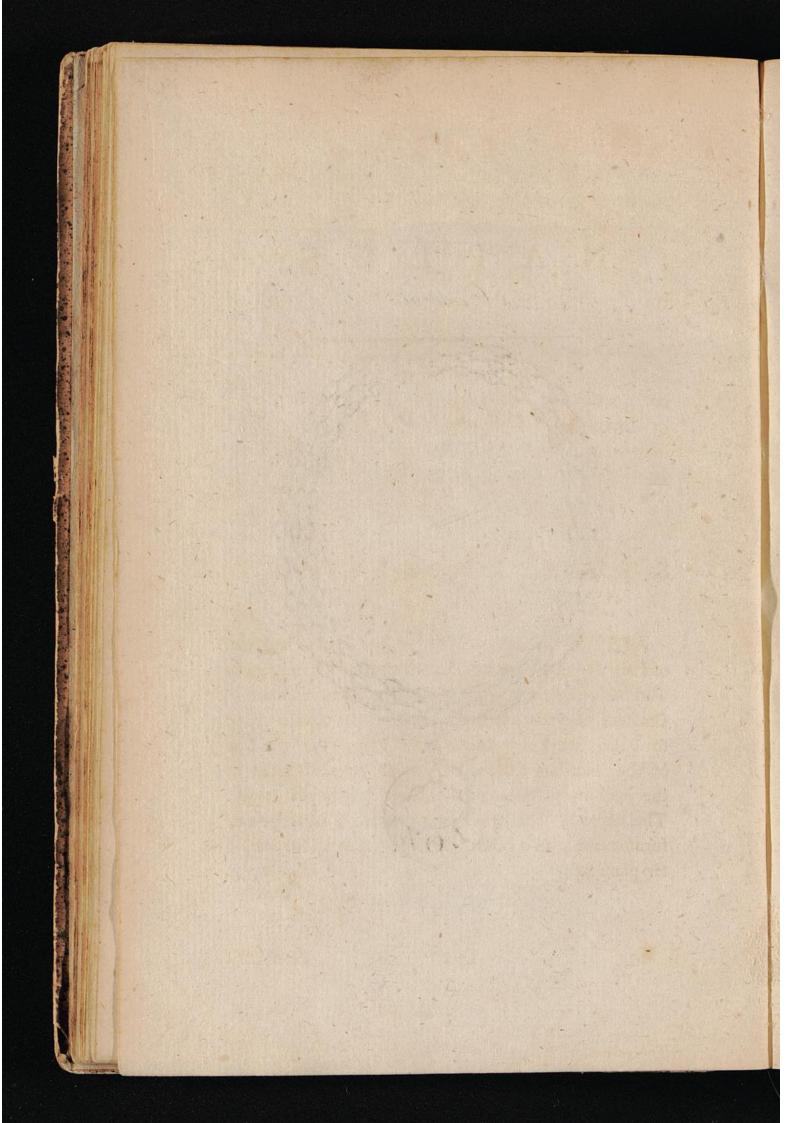
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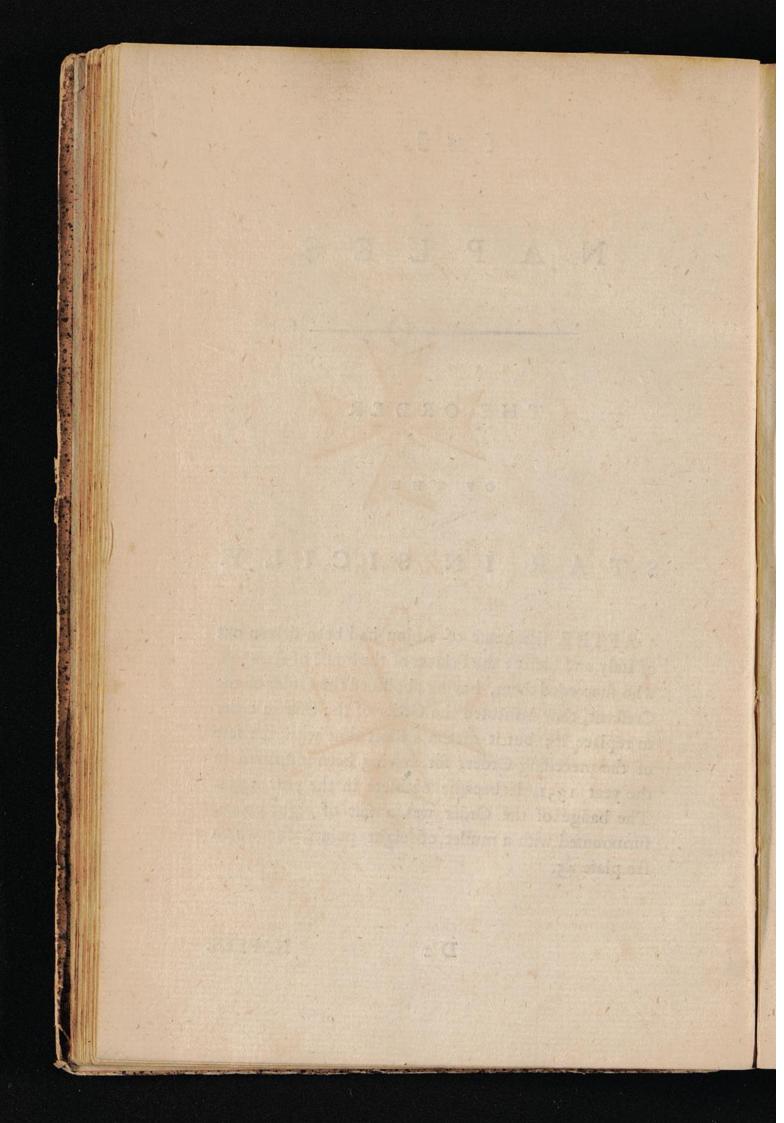
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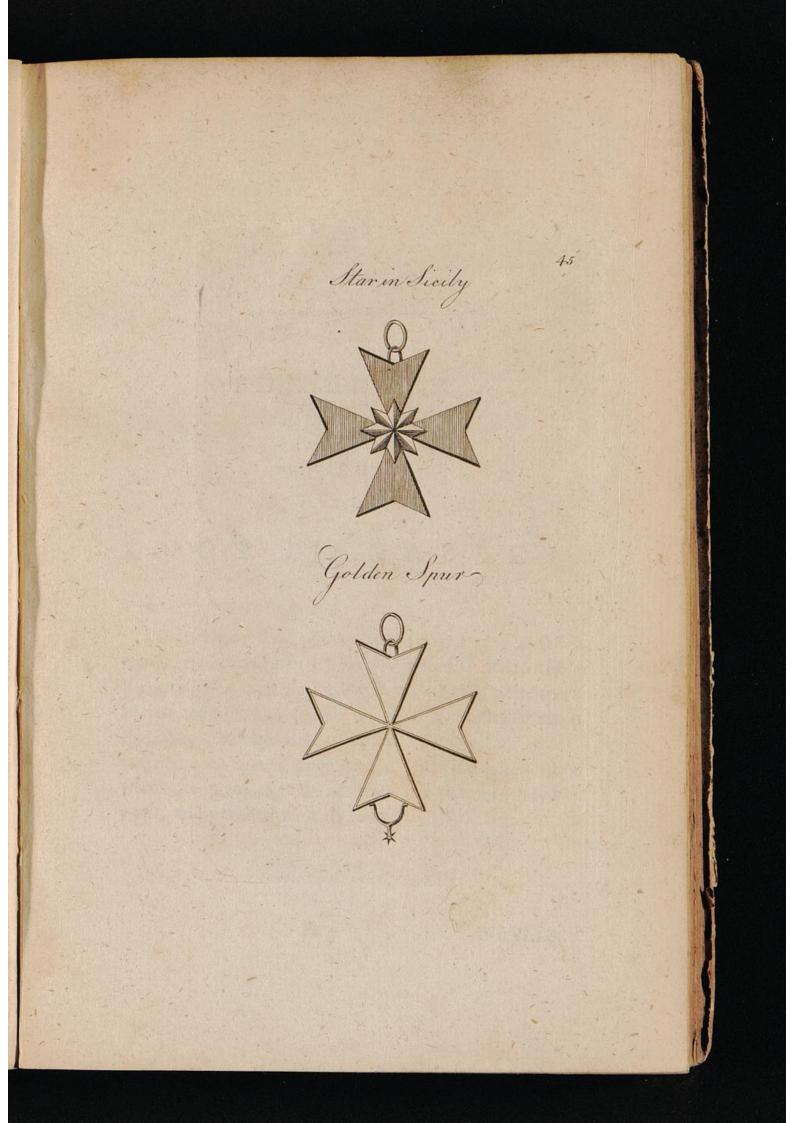
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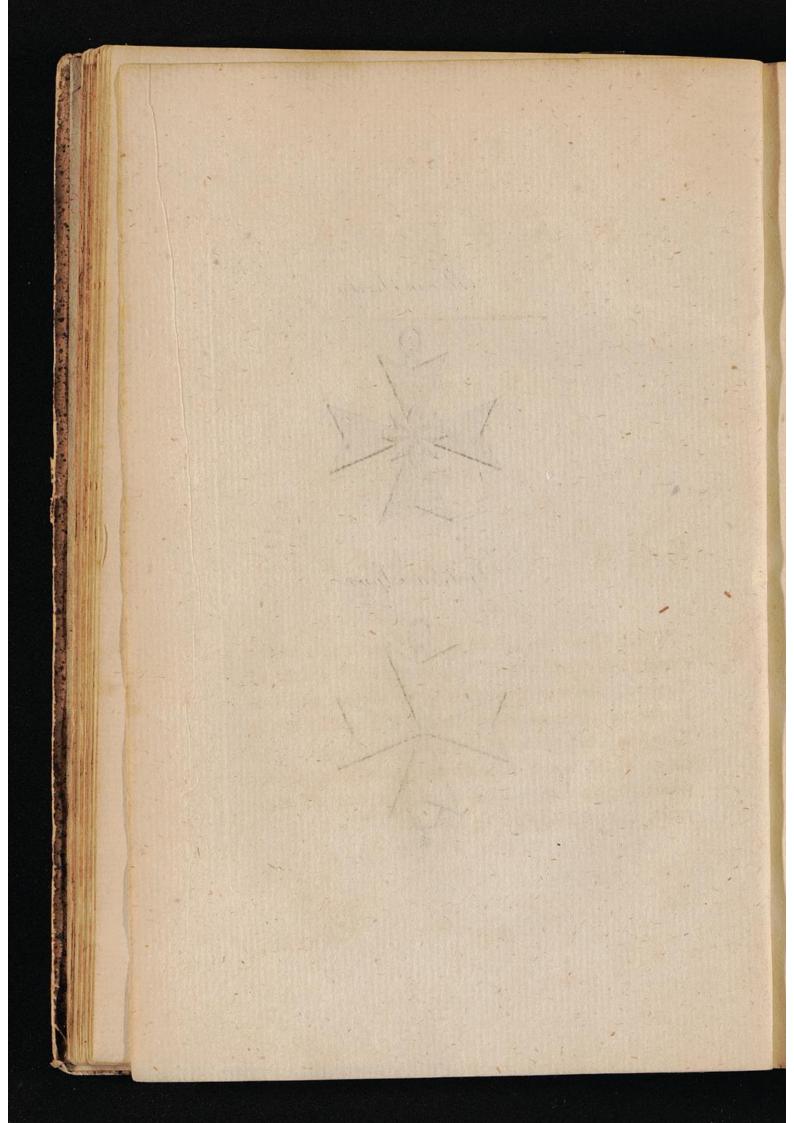
AFTER the houfe of Anjou had been driven out of Italy and Sicily; the Princes of the houfe of Arragon, who fueceeded them, having abolifhed the Order of the Crefcent, they inftituted the Order of the Star in order to replace it; but it met in a flort time with the fate of the preceding Order, for, having been inftituted in the year 1351, it became obfolete in the year 1394. The badge of the Order was a flar of eight points, furmounted with a mullet of eight points, for which fee plate 45.

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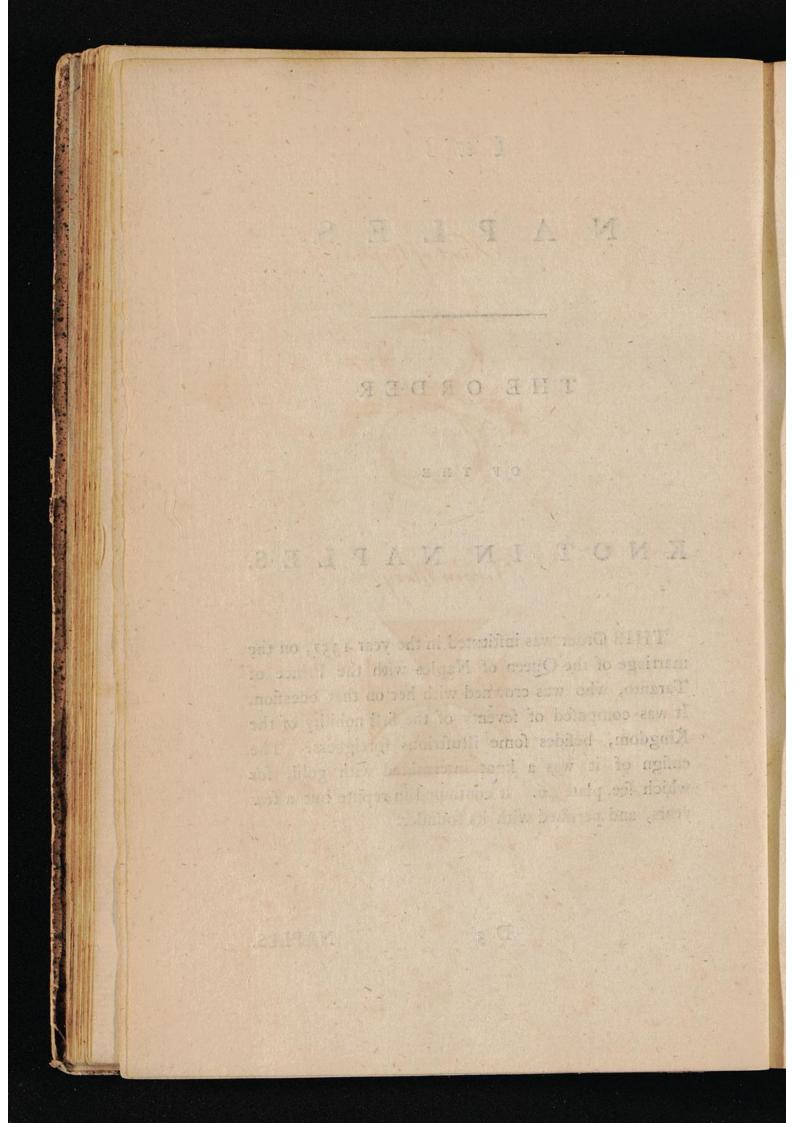
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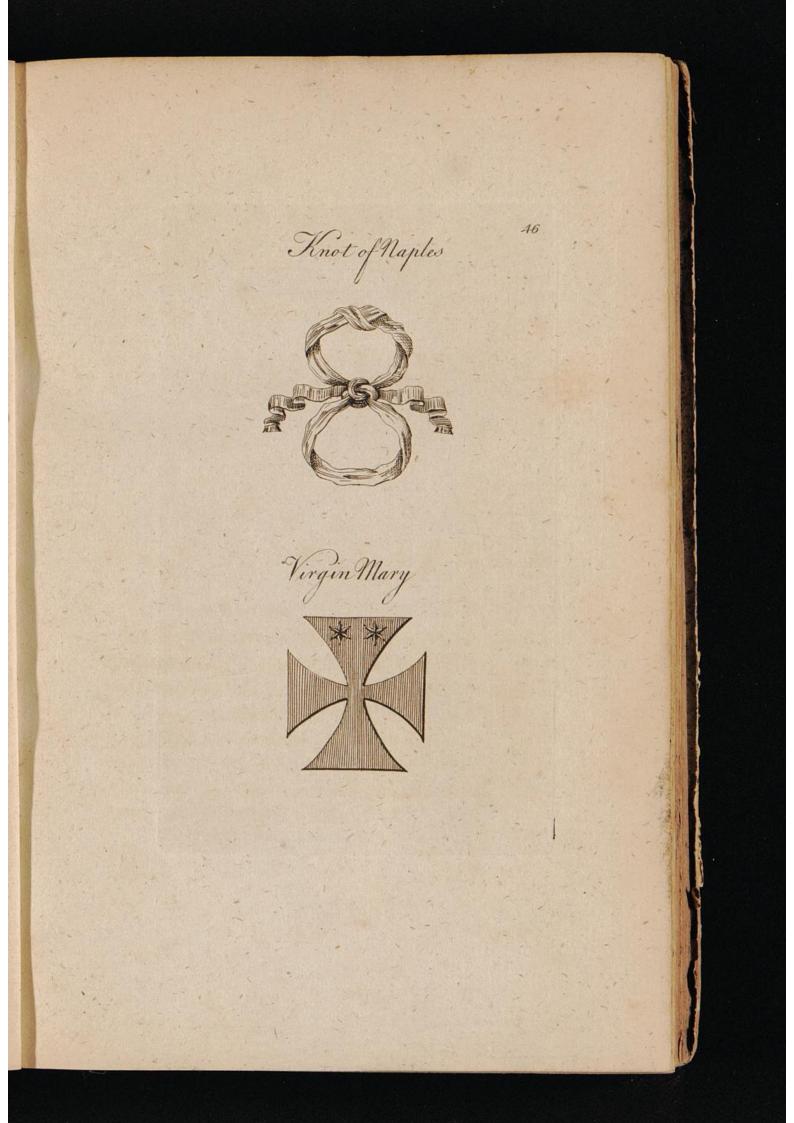
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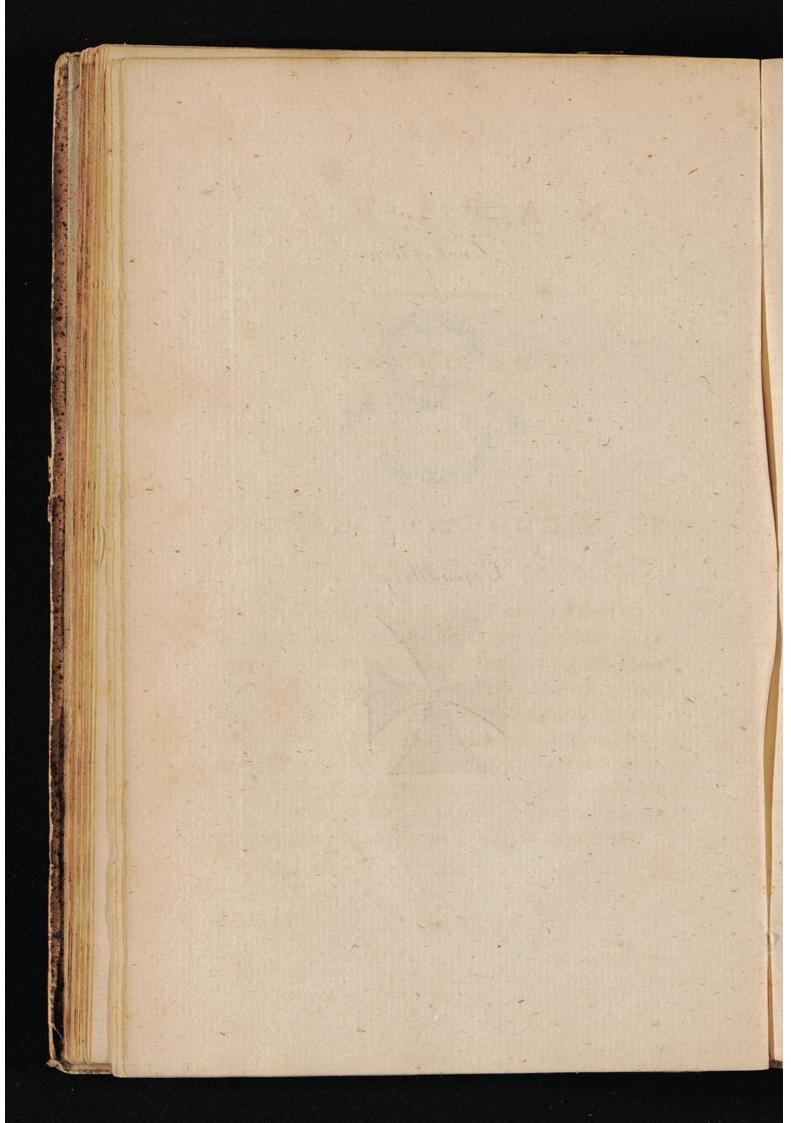
THIS Order was inftituted in the year 1351, on the marriage of the Queen of Naples with the Prince of Taranto, who was crowned with her on that occasion. It was composed of feventy of the first nobility of the Kingdom, befides fome illustrious foreigners. The enfign of it was a knot intermixed with gold, for which fee plate 46. It continued in repute but a few years, and perished with its founder.

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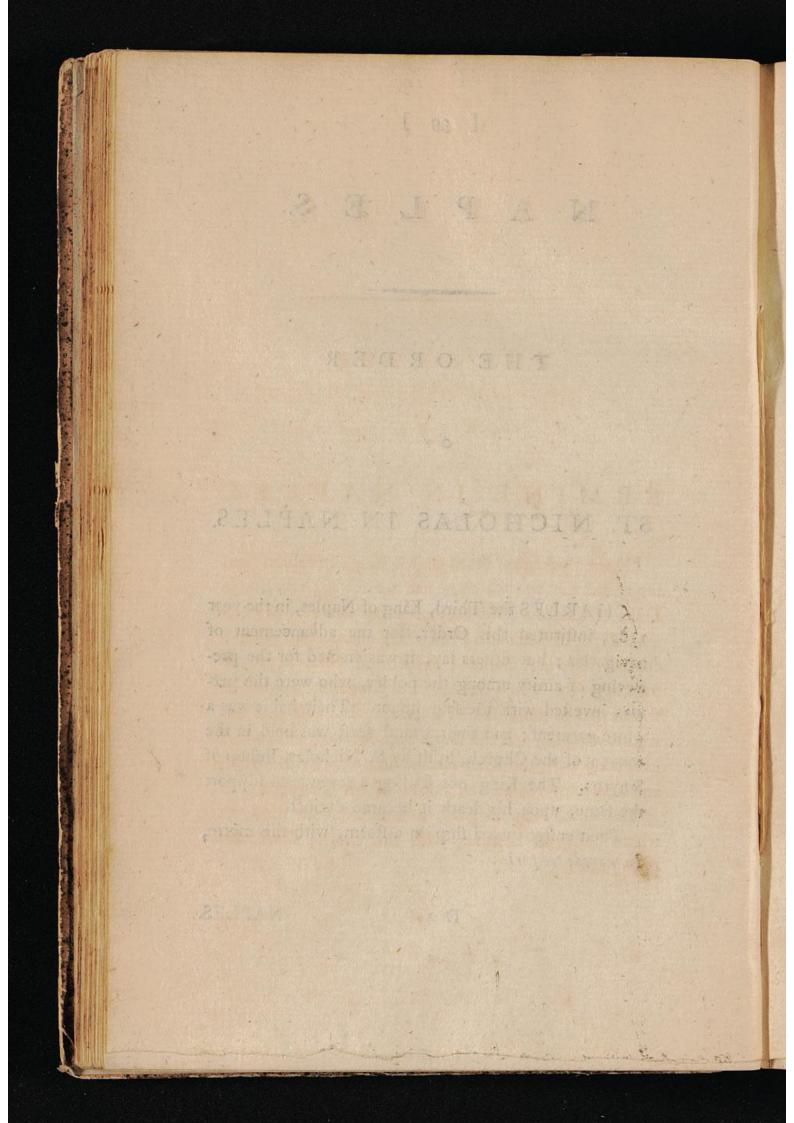
ST. NICHOLAS IN NAPLES.

CHARLES the Third, King of Naples, in the year 1382, inftituted this Order, for the advancement of havigation; but others fay, it was erected for the preferving of amity among the nobles, who were the perfons invefted with the faid honor. Their habit was a white garment; and their grand feaft was held in the convent of the Church, built by St. Nicholas, Bifhop of Smyrna. The King not fettling a revenue to fupport the fame, upon his death it became extinct.

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IN the year 1463, Ferdinand I. King of Naples, having ended the war which he had againft John of Lorain Duke of Calabria; his brother in law Marinus-Marcianus, Duke of Seffa and Prince of Rofiano, had raifed a confederacy, and intended to kill him when they were together, by which means the Kingdom might be transferred to the Duke of Calabria; but this plot being difcovered, and the Duke apprehended, inftead of executing him, the King elected him one of this Order, and alfo admitted all the nobles of his Kingdom.

The collar was of gold, intermixed with mud, to which hung an Ermine, with this motto, Malo mori guin fadari.

