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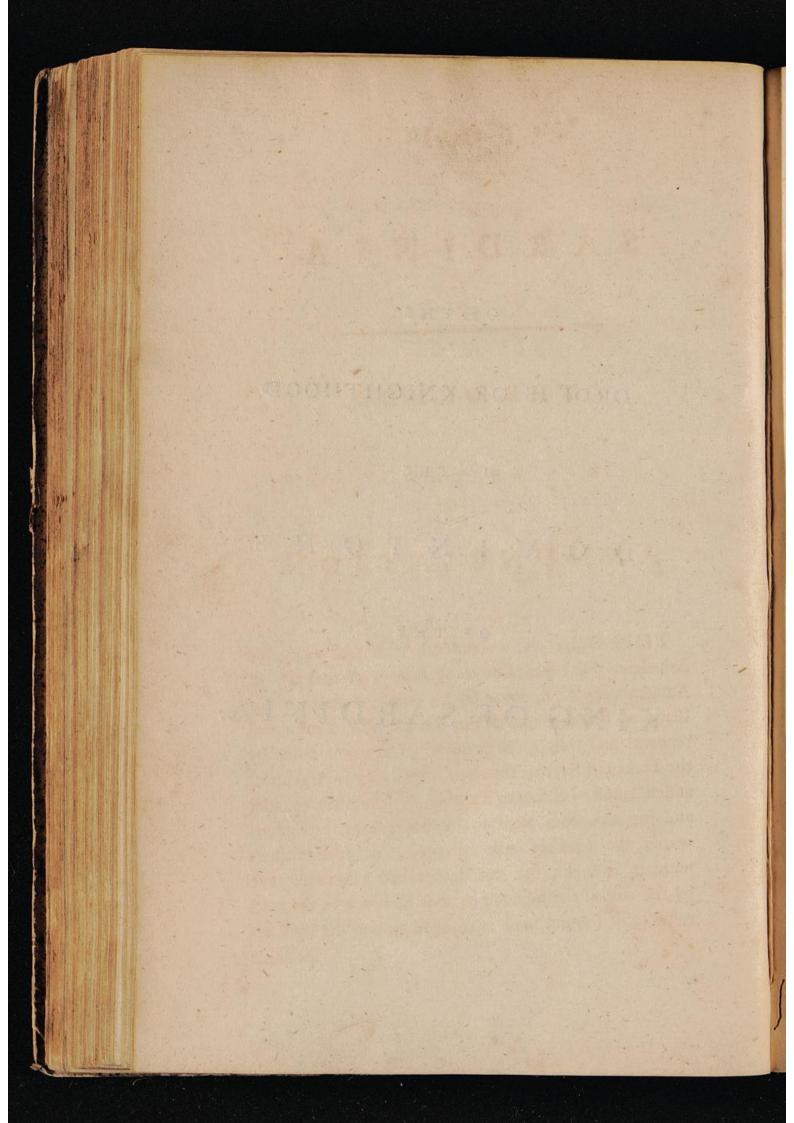
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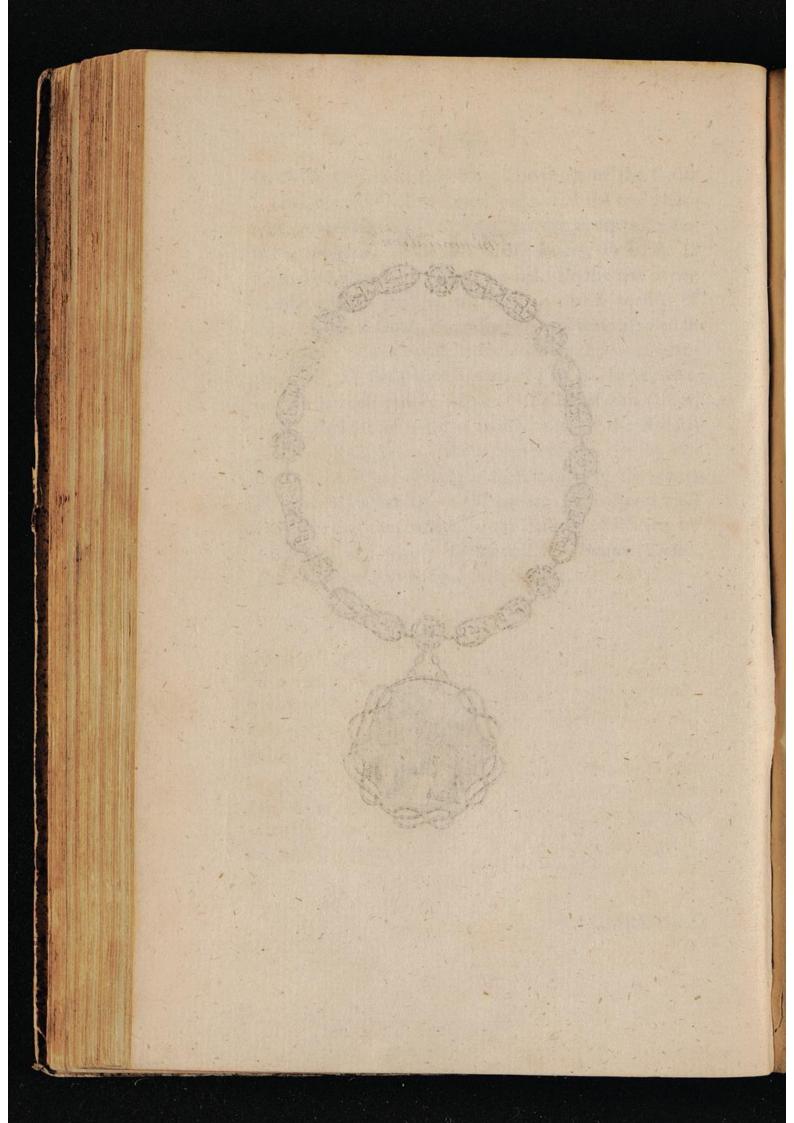
ANNUNCIATION.

THIS Order was instituted in the year 1355, by Amadeus the Fifth, Count of Savoy, in memory of Amadeus the First, who, by his famous defence of the Island of Rhodes against the Turks, gained immortal renown, and won those arms which are now borne by the Dukes of Savoy, that is, Gules, a cross Argent. It at first consisted of sifteen Knights, of whom the founder and his successors were to be Sovereigns, but afterwards the number was enlarged; at present their number is small, but not determined otherwise than by the will of the Sovereign: it is however on the most respectable sooting, and is counted among the most re-

spectable Orders in Europe. The collar of the Order is composed of Golden Roses, enamelled red and white, with Lovers Knots of the fame, but not enamelled: between the Knots are interlaced the letters, F. E. R. T. enamelled alternately white and red. To the end of the middle rose is pendent the badge, which consists of three chains of Gold, encircling an oval and disposed in knots, the whole enamelled white; on the oval is represented the Salutation, as related by St. Luke, enamelled in their proper colours. To be of this Order, a man must be of a noble family, and of the Roman Catholic Religion. Various constructions are by different authors put upon the fignification of the letters. F. E. R. T. which are on the collar; but it feems most probable that they allude to the defence of Rhodes by Amadeus, and fignify Fortitudo Ejus Rhodum Tenuit. For the collar and badge, see plate 65.

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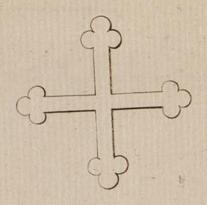
ST. MAURICE.

THIS Order was inflituted in the year 1434, by Amadeus the VIIth, in honor of St. Maurice Patron of Savoy: the founder of it leaving his court for a monastic life, was elected Pope, on the deposition of Eugenius the IVth, and reigned nine years, at the end of which time he turned hermit, and died at Repialle in the year 1451; soon after which the Order, which was never very flourishing, fell into obscurity and disuse. The badge of the Order is a cross Botone Argent, see plate 66.

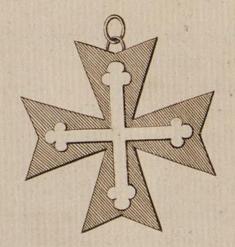
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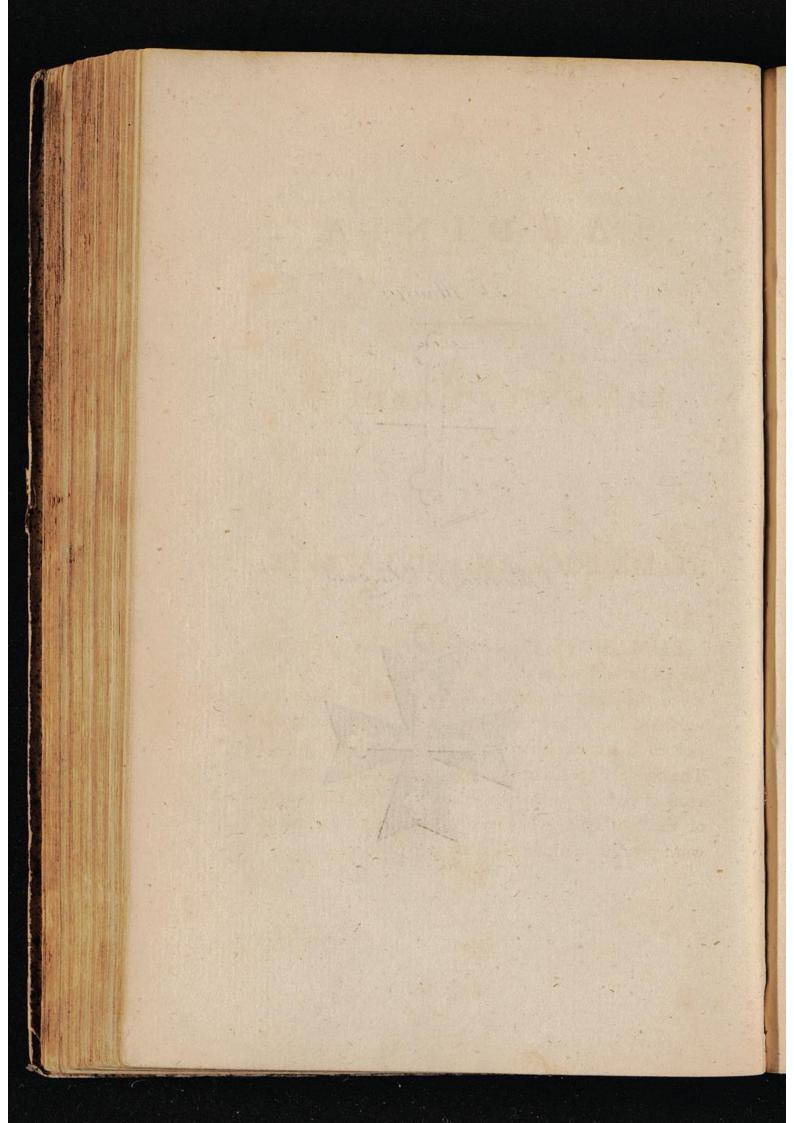
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THE UNITED ORDERS

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ST. MAURICE AND ST. LAZARUS.

EMMANUEL Philibert Duke of Savoy instituted the Order of St. Lazarus, and the same year 1572 revived the obsolete Order of St. Maurice, which he united to it, and had confirmed by the Pope, on condition of his maintaining two gallies against the Turks. The badge of the Order is a cross pomette, white, upon a cross of eight points Green (being the respective badges of the two Orders before they were united), and is worn pendent to a green ribbon. See plate 66.

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of Cyprus, it appeared reasonable to put this Order, now many ages extinct, in the same class with those of his dominions, more especially as the seat of it is no longer in the possession of a Christian Prince. This Order was instituted by Guy De Lusignan, about the end of the twelfth century, soon after he had acquired the kingdom of Cyprus by purchase from our Richard the First. This Order was on its institution conferred on three hundred Barons, who were then created: it continued to flourish until it became extinct, on the Turks conquering the island of Cyprus. The collar of it was composed of round cordons of white filk woven

in Love Knots, and interlaced with the letters S and R; to the collar was pendent a gold medallion, whereon was enamelled a fword white, and the hilt Gold, encircled with this motto, Securitas Regni. For the badge and collar, see plate 67.



