

OF THE
ORDERS
OF
KNIGHTHOOD
IN
VENICE.

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V E N I C E.

THE ORDER

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S T. M A R K I N V E N I C E:

THE ceremony in creating these Knights is much the same as the Knights Batchelors, being dubbed with a sword, and their title a mark of honour only; they have no revenue, nor are they under any obligation by vow, as other Orders are.

This honour is conferred by the Duke of Venice, and by the Senate, upon persons of eminent quality, and on such as have merited well of the commonwealth.

Absent persons are invested by letters patent, and, to aggrandize their honour and title, style themselves Knights of St. Mark.

In the year 828 the body of St. Mark was removed from Alexandria in Egypt (where it was buried) to the city of Venice. This Saint hath been taken for their titular Saint and Guardian. His picture was anciently painted upon their ensigns and banners.

The collar of the Order is a gold chain, to which is pendent a medal of gold; on one side is the emblem of St. Mark, viz. a winged lion sejant, with wings elevated, holding in his sinister paw a drawn sword erect, and in his right an open book, with this motto, *Pax tibi, Marce Evangelista meus*. See plate 82. On the reverse the portrait of the reigning Doge, with the image of St. Mark delivering a standard to him.

ST. MARK IN VENICE.

THE ceremony in creating these Knights is much the same as the Knights Bachelor, being dubbed with a sword, and their title a mark of honour only; they have no revenue, nor are they under any obligation by vow, as other Orders are.

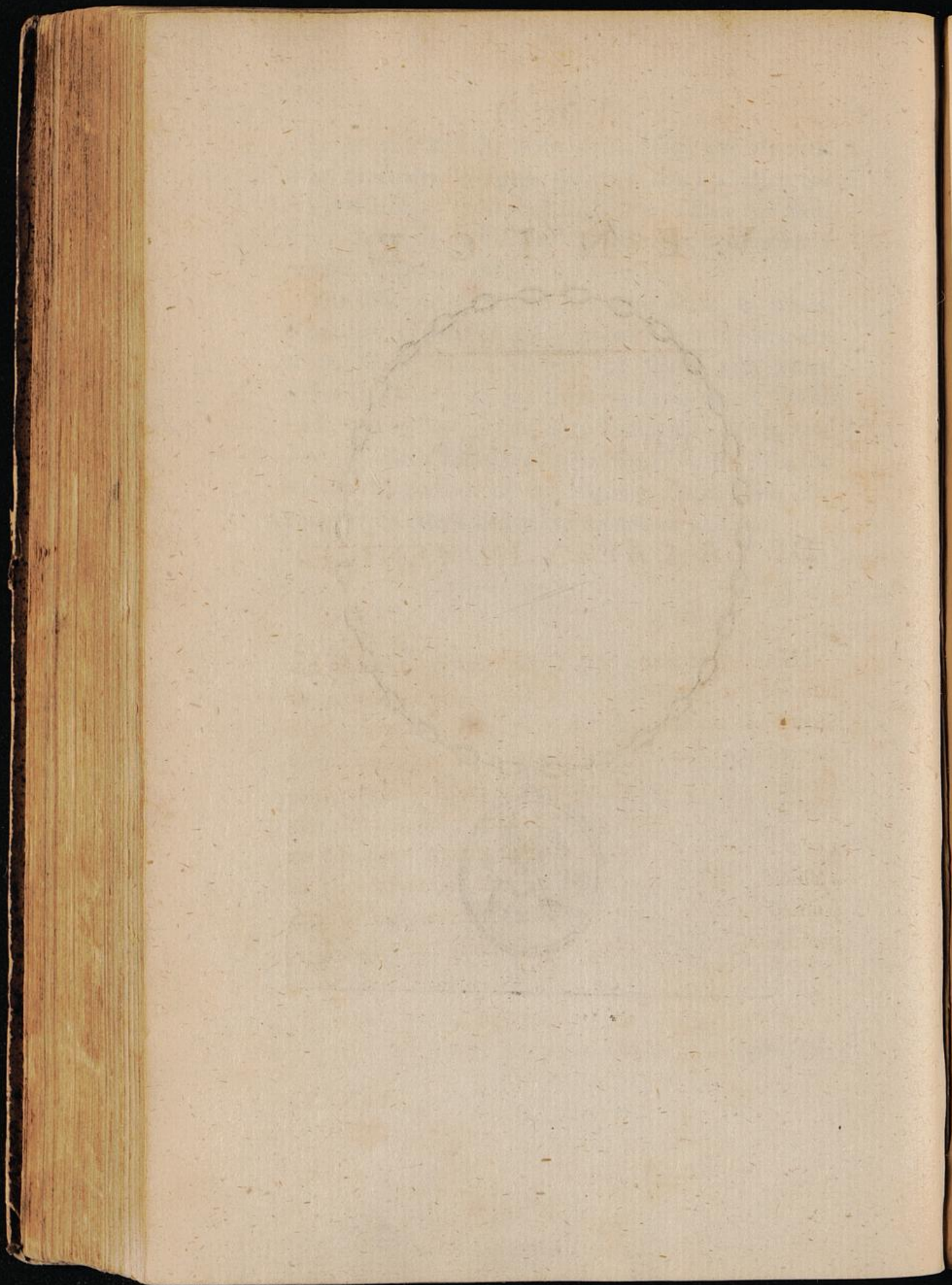
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Knights of St. Mark.

S^t Mark





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THE ORDER

DE LA CALZA IN VENICE.

IN the year 1400 this Order was instituted in honour of the Inauguration of Duke Michele Stelo, or Steno. It consisted of noblemen and gentlemen, who entered into a Society, and elected a person of eminence for their chief; and afterwards the said Order was confirmed, and privileges granted them. Their habit was a crimson senator's vest; and their ensign was a sun on a shield, which they used as well for their seal, as painted on their banners. This Order arrived to such profuseness, that in 1590 it was wholly laid aside.

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THE ORDER

DE LA CAZZA IN VENICE

GOLDEN STONE AT VENICE

In the year 1400 this Order was instituted in ho-
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 entered into a Society, and elected a person of eminence
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 a crimson tunic with a lion on their cap, and their
 shield, which they used as well for their feet, as
 painted on their banners. This Order arrived to such
 profusion, that in 1500 it was wholly laid aside.

DUPLE
 VENICE

V E N I C E.

T H E O R D E R

O F T H E

G O L D E N S T O L E A T V E N I C E.

THE badge of the Order was a broad stole richly embroidered with gold, thrown over the left shoulder, reaching down to the knee.

DUELS.

V E N I C E

T H E O R D E R

O F T H E

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DUPIN