Portraits at the Medical School
Professor Salvatore Luigi Pisani (1828-1908)

Graduated MD (Malta) in 1850 and MD (Edinburgh) in 1853. He was appointed Professor of Anatomy (1856-76), Midwifery and Gynaecology (1858-69) and Professor of Surgery (1868-95) at the University of Malta. He was with the British Army in the Crimea and served with Florence Nightingale. On the reorganisation of the Medical Services in Malta he was appointed the first Chief Government Medical Officer in 1885. Salvatore Pisani was also a well known numismatic and art collector and he bequeathed his renowned coin collection to the nation. His father, Luigi Pisani (1806-65) and grandfather (Salvatore -1813) were well known Maltese physicians.

Publications:
Pisani SL: Ktieb il-Qabla Malta 1883
Pisani SL: Medaglie di Malta e Gozo 1896.

Provenance: Unknown


An exhibition of paintings and sketches to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his death was held in 1982 and a retrospective exhibition in 19923.

References:
2. Cassar Paul: Malta Today 1982; 17(3):

Further details on the commissioning and provenance of the painting and major references on the subject or the artist will be appreciated. Please write to Prof George E. Camilleri, Medical School, Gwardamanga, MSD 08.

Errata/Corrige.

The attribution to E Caruana Dingli of the portrait of Col L Manche featured in the previous issue of the MMJ (Vol 7, 2) is probably incorrect. The portrait is signed but the writing is indecipherable.

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