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Vella Bernard, Lieut. A.H. - son of ^{late} Capt. A. Vella R. U.F. and Mrs Vella
ne Bernard, he was commissioned in the T. P. M. R. M. and served
with a detachment of his regiment in Cyprus in 1915, and volunteered
for active service on the front; he was given a permanent com-
mission in the East Lancashire Regt. and was later attached to
the King's Own Royal Lancashire. He went through a good deal
of fighting at the Arandellas and afterwards in Macedonia
and was killed in action while holding a dangerous trench
at "Hill 380" against heavy German attacks at 6.30 pm
on April 28, 1917. It was supposed at the time that he had
been recommended for the Victoria Cross, and his name ap-
peared in General Milne's despatch of the 25th October
1917, "for gallant and distinguished service in the field"
He was aged 22 years at the time of his death. Survived by his mother.

Vella, Mrs Marianna - (1846-1920) - Died aged 74 years on Thursday
18th November 1920; survived by her three daughters and two
sons, the Rev. Prof. Paul A. Vella M.A., D.D., and Dr E. Vella M.A.,
M.D., Anaesthetist, Central Civil Hospital.

Vella, Rev. Emmanuele, D.D. - parish priest of Casal Puster, and
nephew of the Very Rev. Gaicchino Guich D.D., Archpriest of
Vittoriosa and of his. Gaetano Guich, died at his parish
residence, Puster on January 10, 1917, aged 35 years.

Vella, Captain Giuseppe - (1844-1916) - one of the few surviving
Mallese master mariners who served in command of Malle's
merchantile marine, when Spanish ships braved the lengthy
voyages under sail in connection with sea borne trade; died
at his residence in Sta. S. Paolo, Sicily, on Monday the
2nd October 1916, aged in his 72nd year; buried at the
Addolorata Cemetery on October 3. Survived by three
sons and a daughter.

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Vella, Hon. Francesco, C.M.G., - (1835-1905) - retired civil servant. - Born in 1835; entered the civil service on 1st December 1851; appointed Collector of Customs and ex-officio member of the Council of Govt. on Jan. 1, 1886. Retired on pension in 1902 after 50 years service; died aged 70 years in Sicily, on Saturday, 11th Nov. 1905, and was buried at the Addolorata Cemetery.

Vella, Capt. Arthur, R.M.A. (1870-1902) - Son of Lt. Col. Henry Villoz former commanding the Royal Malta Regt of Militia and Private Secretary to the Admiral Superintendent, H. M. Dockyard. Served as private, corporal and sergeant in the cadet company of the militia; appointed 2/Lt. in the regiment, November 4, 1891, and in the R. M.A. in November 15, 1892; promoted Captain in 1895; died at his residence, No. 178, Sta Fanni, Valletta, of sunstroke, aged 32 years on July 21, 1902. Survived by his wife and children.

Vella, Fra Giuseppe - (1749-1814) - Abbot of San Pancrazio, Sicily & Professor of Arabic, Palermo University. Born in Malta in 1749, and after joining the Order of St John as Conventual Chaplain, he left the island and resided in Palermo where he led a secluded and scholarly life, although it was rumoured that he derived an income as an "accistito" or fortune teller of the winning lotto numbers. In Palermo he made the acquaintance of a Moorish slave belonging to the Prince of Capò, who taught him the elements of Arabic.

In 1780 he acted as interpreter to the Moroccan ambassador to the Court of the Two Sicilies, Mohammed Ibn Anouman, who it was later alleged could understand Fra Giuseppe Vella's native Maltese. He performed his duty as interpreter successfully thereby attracting the notice of the learned Inge. Cirilli and his academic circle, who were engaged in collecting material and information on the obscure period of the Saracenic period of rule in Sicily. Inge. Cirilli entrusted Vella with the translation of an important Arabic manuscript preserved at the Abbey of San Martino, near Palermo. Vella's translation revealed the document

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to be a collection of important diplomatic correspondence, and its publication in 1782 as the Siculo-Arabic Diplomatic Codex created a literary sensation. Criticism was not lacking; but although de Guignes of Paris expressed serious doubts, Prof G. Tychsen of Rostock University hailed it as a masterpiece and the work of a genius. Honours and riches were heaped on Fra Giuseppe Vella; he was appointed Abbot of the rich living of the Abbey of San Pancrazio, and Professor of Arabic at the University of Palermo. Fra Vella then undertook the translation of the "Norman Codex" which alleged to produce incontrovertible proof of the King of Sicily's feudal rights during the Norman period, which had been later usurped by the Austrian nobles. This publication endeared him to his royal patron but swelled the rancour of his enemies.

Some time later Vella's critics succeeded in proving the man and his works to be an unrepentant fraud. Professor Vella was found to have taught his native dialect in lieu of Arabic at Palermo University; that he had tampered with the manuscript loaned to him in such a manner as to render it indecipherable and even attempted to destroy it when he was asked to return it; and that the "translation" was nothing more than a close and elaborate fiction of his fertile mind, aided by old stories current in his native land and helped by the author's prodigious memory which enabled him to quote at will random passages of his "translation" from the original. On August 29, 1796 he was condemned to 15 years imprisonment, the confiscation of his private property and was deprived of his Abbotship and professorship. Fra Giuseppe Vella, however, appealed to the King, whose favour he had not forfeited in spite of the exposure, and who accorded him the privilege of serving his sentence at his comfortable villa in Mezzanotte; six years later, in 1803, when the scandal had been forgotten, his private effects were restored to him and he died aged 45 years in May, 1814. After his death doubts were again raised whether he had been fairly treated and whether his exposure had been due to his

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powerful and interested enemies. Such doubts also raised the question of the possible authenticity of his translation of the "Siculo-Arabic Codex" as distinct from the "Norman Codex" - a work which was obviously undertaken under secret orders from the King of the Two Sicilies for ends of his own; while Fra Giuseppe Vella agreed to this exploitation of his academic reputation established by the earlier genuine work in consideration of the royal promise of reward and patronage. Colonic is lent to such a version by the undoubted fact that although the scandal raised by Vella's enemies caused the King to abandon temporarily his protégé, he mitigated the sentence to such an extent that it was no punishment at all; and he turned to Vella as much of his property as he could prudently do so at the opportune moment when the scandal had been forgotten and his enemies appeared satisfied by his social disgrace and did not care to insist on his plenary punishment.

Vella, Carmelo - (1907-1958) - Assistant Registrar, Superior Courts.

Born on the 26th January 1907; entered the civil service on June 8, 1925; appt. Assistant Registrar, Superior Courts on March 21, 1945; died suddenly in the office of the Registry Registrar, Second Hall, Superior Courts, at the Auberge d'Italie, aged 51 years at 3.15 pm. on November 19, 1958. Survived by his wife, Genovina née Orlando Smith, and his children, Edwin Vella and Altea, wife of Sig. Mario Scopaggi, chief engineer n/p. "Stac of Malta".

Vella, Dr Alfred, M.D. - (1886-1952) - General District Medical Officer,

St. Julian's; retired on pension on Nov. 26, 1946, on reaching the age limit of 60 years; died at his residence in London, aged 66 years on October 13, 1952. Survived by his sons, Joe, Victor and Pio; his daughters, May, Nancy and Fida; his brother Salvatore Vella; and his sisters Marianna and Concetta

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Vella, Mgr. Antonio, D.D. - (1862-1920) - Born in Lija on the 28th December 1862, son of Dr Paolo Vella h.h.d. and Grazilla nee Sammut. He graduated in sacred theology in June 1886 and was ordained priest in September of the same year. He entered mission work in 1889, and for sixteen years was chaplain of the Good Shepherd Monastery; he was later appointed teacher of the Bishop's Seminary, and professor of Moral Theology there. His opinion was often sought in difficult questions by Bishop Pietro Pace a former professor of Moral Theology at the University. On the 17th March 1911 he was elected Canon of the Cathedral Chapter. Died aged 57 years on the 1st October 1920.

Vella Giuseppe - (1792-1852) - Teacher of Navigation at the Lyceum and University; was a widely travelled man and a collector of ancient coins; his talents in nautical science had won him the esteem of the Governor. Died of dysentery at Corfu on July 18, 1852, aged 60 years and was buried in the parish church there.

Vella, Hon. Tom - (1849-1923) - Retired civil servant. Born on the 15th September 1849, son of the late Dr Paolo Luigi Vella h.h.d. and Irene nee Magli; married Dolores Borg by whom he had one son; clerk, civil service, 1865-93; deputy Collector of Customs, 1893-95; Collector of Customs, 1902-03; Post Master General, 1903-1911; Treasurer, 1911-1916, when he retired on pension. Died aged 74 years on Wednesday, 18th April, 1923. Survived by his son, Dr G. Vella M.D.

Vella, Dr Raffaele LL.D., - died in Valletta, on Thursday 8th December 1887.

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Vella, Lt. Col. Victor G., C.V.O., D.B.E., E.D. — (1901-1965) Lt. Col. KOMR. (ret)

Commissioner General for Malta in London (purs.) - known as "Pankraji" or "Pankij" Vella. Born in Valletta on August 4, 1901, eldest son of Lt. Col. Alfred Vella R.M.A. Entered the Civil Service in June 1922 when he was appt. to the Public Works Dept.; joined the K.O.M.R. as appt. on its re-establishment as a Territorial Regt. in 1933; had been private secretary to Lord Strickland during his premiership (1927-30). Promoted Captain in 1936; just prior to the war was appt. secretary to the A.R.P. Co-ordination Committee, Lt. Col. in command 2nd Batt. KOMR, 1942-45; awarded O.B.E. in New Year Honours List of 1946. When he was released from military duties in March 1945 he was appt. Deputy Clerk to the Executive Council and Council of Government, being appointed Clerk to the Council on the instructions of Mr. P. P. Deceane in December, 1945 and in August 1946 was appointed Assistant Secretary to Government. In November 1947 he was appointed Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. Paul Boffa M.D., and Secretary to the Cabinet. In July 1949 he was appointed Civil Defence Planning Officer; on July 21, 1950 he was appointed Secretary to the Maltese Imperial Government and Clerk of Councils in succession to Mr. Emmanuel Camilleri, which post he retained until 1958, when following the resignation of the 1947 Constitution and the resignation of Dr. Edward Ellul, Commissioner-General for Malta in London he was appointed to this post which he retained until his retirement on pension on reaching the age limit of 60 being succeeded by Mr. John Azzopardo, Director of Emigration and later of Technical Education.

Lt. Col. Vella died in London aged 62 years on Friday the 12th April 1963. Survived by his wife, Maud nee Refalo, daughter of Chief Justice Refalo; his daughter Magda; his sisters Agnes wife of Judge Montanaro Ganci, Mrs May Martin, Mrs Mona Bailey, his brothers Louis and Frank and their wives, and Joe and Charles.

Chief Secretaries/Lt. Governors.

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- 1- Felice Cutajar - appt. Uditore and Secretary to Sir G. Ball, 1800; assistant Secretary (Protosecretario) to General Pigot, 1801.
- 2- Arthur Baines, Secretary to Major General Pigot, 1801.
- 3- Alexander Macalay, Public Secretary to the Royal Commission, 1801
- 4- Dr Giuseppe Nicolo Zammit M.D. Protosecretario, signing documents with Mr Macalay and Mr. S.J. Colridge
- 5- Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Public Secretary, 1805
- 6- E. J. Chapman, Public Secretary, 1805
- 7- Rev. Francis Loring - Acting Secretary, 1806-07; Public Secretary 1811-1815.
- 8- Alexander Wood - appt. Chief Secretary 2-2-1816
- 9- Sir Richard Plackett - appt. Chief Secretary, on 12-9-1817
- 10- Col. Sir Frederick Hankley - appt. Chief Secretary, on 12-4-1824
- 11- Sir Hector Gueig - appt. Chief Secretary on 23-10-1837
- 12- Henry Lushington - appt. Chief Secretary on 16-2-1847.
- 13- Sir Victor Koulton appt. Chief Secretary on 20-9-1855
- 14- Sir Walter Hely Hutchinson - appt. Chief Secretary on 23-3-1883
- 15- Sir Gerald Strickland - appt. Chief Secretary, on 1-11-1889.
- 16- Sir Edward March Wetherill - appt. ^{Act. Govt} Chief Secretary on 26-8-1902
- 17- Major John E. Clauson - appt. Lt. Governor + Chief Secretary on 3-7-1911
- 18- William C. F. Robertson - appt. Lt. Governor + Chief Secretary on 7-5-1917.
- 19- Sir Harry Lister - appt. Lieut. Governor on 12-8-1930.
- 20- John Adams Hunter - appt. Lieutenant Governor 30-7-1938
- 21- Sir Edward St. John Jackson, appt. Lieut. Governor 31-1-1940.
- 22- Sir David Campbell, appt. Lieut. Governor, 12-2-1943 - 1953
- 23- Trifford Smith C.M.G., appt. Lieut. Governor, - 23-3-53 = 23 Aug 1953
- 24- Ann Campbell (Chief Secretary) 1959 - 3-3-1962 (post abolished)

Assistant Secretary / Clerk to Council / Secretary to Maltese
Imperial Government.

- 1 - William Nis - 1st appt. 19-3-1817, Assistant Secretary and in 1835
Clerk to the Council. dismissed on 1-6-1851.
- 2 - Vincenzo Mauro - 1st appt. 15-7-1802; appt 2nd Assistant Secretary, 15-6-1817.
- 3 - Richard Cornwall Leigh - appt. Assistant Secretary and Clerk to the
Council 9-5-1852 to 21-6-1858, when he was appt. Auditor-General.
Gastano Scristino - 1st appt. 11-5-1825; appt 2nd Audit. Sec. 20-9-1835
- 4 - Giovanni Battista Trapani M.A. 1st appt. 15-6-1838; appt. Assistant Secretary and
Clerk to Council on 1/1/59. (part of 2nd Audit. Sec. abolished)
- 5 - Luigi Paolo Mauro M.A. - 1st appt. 11-4-1843; appt. Ass. Sec. and Clerk to
the Council 1-12-1864;
- 6 - Francesco Villa - 1st appt. 1-12-1851; appt. Ass. Sec. and Clerk to the Council
on 27-11-1871;
- 7 - Emilio de Pelsi - 1st appt. 1-11-1863; appt. Ass. Secretary and Clerk to
the Council on 1-1-1886;
- 8 - William Carolan - 1st appt. 15-5-1863; appt Ass. Secretary and Clerk
to the Council on 12-7-1894;
- 9 - Francis C. Fuller - appt. Ass. Secretary 5-4-1902; pens. 24-7-1920 (54yrs)
George Borg Cardona - 1st appt. 19-12-1876; appt. Deputy Assistant
Secretary and Clerk to the Council, 24-3-1902;
- 10 - Ernest Percy Stuart Roupell - appt. Ass. Secretary to Govt. 8-4-1908
- 11 - Edgard Bonavia - 1st appt. 29-3-1886; appt. Ass. Secretary to Govt and
Clerk to the Council on 1-4-1912.
- 12 - Edgar Arrigo - 1st appt. 22-10-1887; Appt. Deputy Assistant Secretary to
Government & Clerk to the Council, 1-8-1915; pens. 6-8-1920

Edward Robert Wifand - 1st appt. 1-2-1892; appt. Deputy Ass. Secretary to Govt on 6-8-1920; Secretary to Government and Chief to the Council 1934. to 1935; retired on pension on 1-5-1938, aged 63 years. Awarded C.M.G. & D.B.E. d. 2-3-1970, aged 95.

Roque Castillo O.B.E. - 1st appt. 15-2-1901; appt. Secretary to Government on 1-7-1937; retired on pension, after an extension of services on 26-10-1944. d. 24-8-1948.

Emmanuel Camilleri - 1st appt. 1-11-1907; appt. Secretary to Government on 26-10-44; retired on pension on 24-7-1950; awarded C.M.G. & O.B.E.; d. 6-2-1968, aged 80

Lt. Col. Victor G. Vella - 1st appt. 1-7-1922; appt. Secretary to Govt. 24-7-1950; sic. to Maltese Imperial Govt. in 1947; awarded as Commissioner for Malta, London in 1958; appt. Commissioner for Malta, London 1-7-1958. d. in London, 12-4-1963, aged 62 years.

(Maj. Edward Axisa R.M.A.) Acting Secretary to Government, 1958
(post abolished in 1962) - Maj. E. Axisa reverted to the R.M.A.

Governors of Gozo (After 1800.)

Emmanuele Vitale

Filippo Castagna.

Chief Civil Officer. (New post)

Major Frazet, 30th Regt. - appt. 7-3-1818.

Lt. Col. G. De Courcy - Appt. 7-5-1818. (vice Maj. Frazet, resigned)

Lt. Col. Otto Bayer, 10th Regt (Commandant, 1-5-1816) - appt. C.C.O. 15-12-1819.

Lieutenant Governor, Gozo (new post)

Lt. Col. Otto Bayer - appt. Lt. Gov. 1-11-1823 - died in 1820 - buried in St. Charles's.

Capt. Charles Andrews Bayley - appt. Governor & Commandant, 22-9-1826)

Lieut. Governor, 5-5-1827.

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Commissioners/Assistant Secretary, Gozo.

Micalef Richard (later Sir Richard) - 1st appt. 20-11-1863; appt. to the new post of Assistant Secretary to Govt., Gozo, on 1-8-1885;

Trapani Paolo - 1st appt. 1-6-1867; appt. Assistant Secretary to Govt., Gozo on 6-11-1886;

Gatt Camillo - appt. Supt. Printing Office on 1-2-1882; appt. Assistant Secretary to Govt., Gozo, on 28-12-1891; (prev. salary £175 p.a., new salary, £350 p.a. - this was a political appointment)

Casolani Edward - 1st appt., 24-2-1865; appt. Assistant Secretary to Govt., Gozo, 14-4-1879.

Millard William C. - 1st appt. 29-3-1886; appt. Assistant Secretary to Govt., Gozo, 5-8-1909; pensioned w.e.f. 5-4-1922, at the age of 54, owing to ill-health.

Tonna Barthet Alfonso - 1st appt. 12-11-1891; appt. Assistant Secretary to Govt., Gozo, on 15-5-1922; transferred to Printing Office, 3-5-1926, and reverted to the Assistant Secretaryship, Gozo, on 12-9-1927, 40-styled, Commissioner for Gozo

Pace Lorenzo - 1st appt. 7-8-1887; appointed Commissioner for Gozo, on 3-5-1926 to 11-12-1927,

Farrugia Roger - 1st appt., 16-4-1896; appointed Commissioner for Gozo, on 11-1-1934. (acting 1932-35)

Borg Cardona Joseph M. - 1st appt. 1-4-1909 Appointed Commissioner for Gozo, on the 11-3-1936

Martin Oscar William - 1st appt. 1-7-1902; appt. acting

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Commissioner for Gogo, 6th March 1941; went on vacation leave from July 1, to Sept 22, 1942; entered on pension on Sept. 23, 1942. 8 months prior to attaining the age limit of 60 years.

Ransley George - 1st appt. 10-11-1919; appt. Acting Commissioner for Gogo, July 1, 1942. (During his tenure of this office he effected the rapprochement between the Government, Lord Gost, and the black-belted Bishop Gogji. appt. Director of Finance June 26, 1944.

Montanaro, Edgar C. - 1st appt. 10-4-1923; appt. Commissioner for Gogo, 26-6-1944.

Castillo, Major Victor J. - 1st appt. 15-9-1933; appt. Commissioner for Gogo, 16-8-1950

Attard, Capt. Joseph W. - 1st appt. 18-4-1935; appt. Commissioner for Gogo, 1-1-1958

Cassar Chev. Edgato - 1st appt. 16-8-1930; appt. Commissioner for Gogo, 26-2-1960. (post upgraded in 1961)

Fiteni Henry J. - 1st appt., 14-3-1924; appt. Commissioner for Gogo on 10-1-1962; retired on pens. 20-11-1965; d.

Attard, Capt. Joseph - re-appointed Commissioner for Gogo, 21-11-1965

Mexllef Joseph M., L.P.

ConCommissioners of Police / Officers who have commanded Police Force

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| 1 | - | <u>Lt. Col. Count Ferris Rivabata</u> | - | Inspector-General | - | 1813-1822 |
| 2 | - | <u>Lt. Col. Henry Balucaris</u> | - | Dep. Insp. General | - | 1822-1831 |
| 3 | - | <u>Charles Godfrey Esq.</u> | - | Magis. of Judicial Police | - | 1832-1844. |
| 4 | - | <u>Frederick Sidley Esq.</u> | - | Inspector / Superintendent | - | 1844-1858 |
| 5 | - | <u>Hector Jinselli Esq.</u> | - | Superintendent | - | 1858-1869. |
| 6 | - | <u>Raffaello Bonello Esq.</u> | - | " | - | 1870-1880 |
| 7 | - | <u>Colonel Athilio Schizas</u> | - | " | - | 1880-1884 |
| 8 | - | <u>Capt. Richard Castani R.M.F.A.</u> | - | " | - | 1884-1888 |
| 9 | - | <u>Melitone R. Caruana Esq.</u> | - | " | - | 1888-1890 |
| 10 | - | <u>Capt. C. Laprimaudaye R.N.</u> | - | " | - | 1890-1903 |
| 11 | - | <u>Saverio Carmi Esq.</u> | - | " | - | 1903-1915 (a) |
| 12 | - | <u>Claude W. Duncan Esq.</u> | - | Commissioner | - | 1916-1919 |
| 13 | - | <u>Lt. Colonel H.W. Baulford</u> | - | " | - | 1919-1922 |
| 14 | - | <u>Anthony G. Brunell</u> | - | " | - | 1922-1923 |
| 15 | - | <u>Major Grant Strider</u> | - | " | - | 1923-1928 (b) |
| 16 | - | <u>Salvatore Galia Esq.</u> | - | " | - | 1928-1939 |
| " | - | <u>Lt. Col. G. G. J. Branden</u> | - | Co-Commissioner | - | 1930-1932 |
| 17 | - | <u>Joseph E. Arzian Esq.</u> | - | Commissioner | - | 1939-1947. |
| 18 | - | <u>Capt. Joseph R. Ulla</u> | - | " | - | 1947-1951. |
| 19 | - | <u>Herbert Felix Yeech Esq.</u> | - | " | - | 1951-1954 |
| 20 | - | <u>George W. Cashia h.P.</u> | - | " | - | 1954-1956 |
| 21 | - | <u>Vivian Byers de Grey</u> | - | " | - | 1956-1971 |
| 22 | - | <u>Alfred (Eddie) Buerme</u> | - | " | - | 1971. |

Note (a) Suspended from office, 2-2-1914 and resumed from office, 10-9-1915;
 W.C. Millard a/Supt. 2-2-1914 to Nov. 26, 1914; Asst. Supt. J. Andre Assfeld.
 a/Supt. 26-11-1914 to 3-7-1916

(b) Susp. from office, 25-2-28, & police under a Commission composed of Lord
 Strickland, Chairman; Supt. of Police S. Galia, & Supt. of Ports, S. Galia.

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Magistrates of Judicial Police

- 1 George Ogilvie Esq. asst. Magistrate, 1st District - 19-7-1814
- 2 Dr Giuseppe Johra. " " 19-7-1814 - Res. 1-7-1839
- 3 Dr Nicola Letard " " 19-7-1814 Died 26-8-1831
- 4 Lucius Cameron " " 19-7-1814
- 5 Dr Giuseppe Muscat " 2nd District 19-7-1814
- 6 John Docton Esq. " 1st District 25-10-1817
- 7 John L. Renaud 1st Magistrate of Judicial Police 1-1-1819 Died 11-12-1854
Magistrate 1st District 1-1-1819
- 8 Robert Cornes Magistrate of Ports 1-1-1819
- 9 Dr Massimiliano Detoro Magistrate, Gozo 13-11-1819 Died April 1824
- 10 Dr Luigi Buffa Magistrate of Markets 1-1-1819
- 11 Dr Bartolomeo Schifo " 1-1-1819
- 12 William Symonds Esq. Magistrate of Jud. Pt. 11-8-1819
- 13 Dr Ignatius G. Bravarita (a) " 9-11-1819 - 2-10-1827.
- 14 Edward Dalzel Esq. " 26-11-1822 Died 22-7-1828
- 15 Dr Salvatore Cey " 1-1-1829 " 28-4-1863
- 16 Dr Antonio Zammit " 1-1-1829
- 17 Dr Francesco Chapelle (a) " (Gozo) 19-9-1831 - 31-12-1838
- 18 Dr Giovanni Sabinio Vella " 24-10-1831 Died June 1846
- 19 Dr Aloncio Bardoni " (Gozo) 19-10-1832
- 20 Dr Gio Batta Schumbri " (Gozo) 10-9-1836
" (Malta) 9-6-1846 Res. 1-7-1859.
- 21 Dr Benedetto Bardoni " (Gozo) 1-2-1839 " 1-8-1873
- 22 Charles Harper Esq. " 26-6-1839 " 10-6-1865
- 23 Dr Carlo Carboni " (Gozo) 9-6-1846
" (Malta) 1-5-1863
- 24 Dr Filippo Fulgosi " (Gozo) 1-8-1849
" (Malta) 10-6-1863
- 25 Dr Antonio Gattani " (Gozo) 1-1-1856 died 400, 1856
- 26 Dr Paolo Vella (a) " 1-7-1859 - 30-11-1868
- 27 Dr Salvatore Berg " (Gozo) 1-5-1863 Res. 1-4-1864.
- 28 Dr Giovanni Caruana " (Gozo) 17-6-1865 Died 1873.
- 29 Dr Francesco Grunzo " 1-4-1867 Died 19-5-1873

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- 30 - Dr Giuseppe Xerrek app. Magistrate of J.P. (Gozo) - 1-4-1867
- 31 - Dr Francesco Migi " 1-12-1868 - Died 28-8-1886
- 32 - Dr William Kapinck " 9-1-1872 Renoued 1884
- 33 - Dr Giovanni Camilleri " 13-6-1873
- 34 - Dr Paolo Pemono " (Gozo) 1-8-1873
- 35 - Dr Giuseppe Micallef " 20-6-1876 Died 31-8-1888
- 36 - Dr Giuseppe Falson " 4-7-1885
- 37 - Dr Luigi Caruana " (Gozo) 22-1-1886
[Malta] 1-9-1903 Died 1-7-1905
- 38 - Dr Pasquale Fucado Azopardi " (Malta) 7-9-1888 Res. 1-4-1905
- 39 - Dr Salvatore Juapani " (Malta) 27-1-1888 Died 15-2-1901
- 40 - Prof. Gio Batta Mifsud (a) " (Malta) 1-6-1892 — 25-5-1909
- 41 - Dr Raffaele Imbrugiani " (Malta) 1-1-1897 Died 3-2-1899
- 42 - Dr Edgar Paris " (Malta) 1-1-1897 " 7-1-1913
- 43 - Dr Vincenzo Tabone " (Gozo) 10-10-1898
- 44 - Dr Annibale Titoni " (Malta) 7-7-1899 Died 24-11-1920
- 45 - Dr Vincent Fucado Azopardi (a) " (Malta) 1-1-1900 — 1-7-1923
- 46 - Dr Luigi Camilleri (a) " (Gozo) 1-9-1903
[Malta] 1-4-1905 — 10-10-1919
- 47 - Dr Ambrogio Mercica " (Gozo) 1-4-1905
" (Malta) 14-6-1907
- 48 - Dr Gio Batta Mifsud (a) (a) " (Gozo) 1-4-1905
" (Malta) 19-8-1905 — 2-1-1924
- 49 - Dr Giuseppe Pemono (a) " (Gozo) 19-8-1905 — 15-2-1919
- 50 - Dr Camillo Mifsud " (Gozo) 17-6-1907
" (Malta) 17-3-1913 Died 16-11-1921
- 51 - Dr Annetto Montanaro " (Gozo) 17-3-1913
" (Malta) 21-10-1919 - ref. 30-4-1923, D. 20-4-19
- 52 - Dr Robert Yanado (a) " (Malta) 10-8-1918 — 15-9-1925
- 53 - Dr Emmanuele Bartoli " (Gozo) 8-5-1919
" (Malta) 1-4-1928 Died 10-9-1941
- 54 - Dr Henry Micallef " (Gozo) 21-10-1919
" (Malta) 1-5-1923 Died 2-5-1928
- 55 - Dr Giacomo Depasquale (a) " (Malta) 1-4-1922 — 22-10-1929

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(Magistrates of Judicial Police, cont)

- 56 - Dr. Michelangelo Serrri - app. Magistrate of P. - (1930) - 1-5-1923
(Malta) 16-9-1925. Res. 1-7-1937
- 57 - Dr. Lewis A. Camilleri (a) " (1930) 3-1-1924
" (Malta) 16-9-1925 — 10-4-1930
- 58 - Dr. Lorenzo Ebbal " (1930) 16-9-1925
" (Malta) 23-10-1929
- 59 - Dr. Serafino Vella " 19-10-1927 Res. 3-12-1947
- 60 - Dr. Emmanuele Guich " (1930) 1-4-1928 Res. 2-5-1929
- 61 - Dr. William Dohu " (1930) 16-8-1929
" (Malta) 11-3-1930 Res. 10-9-1942
- 62 - Dr. Henry Mifsud " 23-10-1929 Res. 10-12-1955
- 63 - Dr. Henry Borg Cardona " (1930) 11-3-1930
" (Malta) 1-7-1937 Res. 18-3-1954
- 64 - Dr. Francis Wirth " (Malta) 25-3-1933 Res. 29-7-1946
- 65 - Dr. Carmelo Parisi " (1930) 3-4-1935 Res. 23-7-1948
- 66 - Dr. Albert V. Camilleri (a) " 31-5-1937 — 20-4-1941
- 67 - Dr. George Camilleri " (1930) 11-3-1940
" (Malta)
- 68 - Dr. J. Caruana (Stombo) (a) " 1-10-1944 — 20-11-1947
- 69 - Dr. Salvatore Attard " (1930) 26-1-1942 Res.
- 70 - Dr. Vincent Refalo " (1930) 12-7-1946
" (Malta)
- 71 - Dr. A. Gauci Maistrie " 30-7-1946 — 11-6-1963
- 72 - Dr. Edoardo Guina " 23-9-1946 Res. 10-3-1957
- 73 - Dr. John Dornosa " (1930) 2-6-1947
" (Malta) 1950
- 74 - Dr. Giovanni P. Gauder " (1930) 23-6-1948
" (Malta) 1950.
- 75 - Dr. Joseph Salomoni Reynaud " (1930) 19-4-1954
" (Malta)
- 76 - Dr. Giovanni D. Refalo " (1930) 29-12-1949
" (Malta)
- 77 - Dr. Joseph Dohu " (1930) 19-4-1954
" (Malta)

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78 - Dr Joseph Aghano - Appt. Magistrate of J.P. (Gozo) - 12-6-1957 (Malta) 10-8-1962.

79 - Dr Fortunato (Effie) Mizzi - Appt. Magistrate of J.P. (Gozo) - 26-12-1959
(Malta) 10-8-1962.

80 - Dr Carmelo Schembri - Appt Magistrate of J.P. (Gozo) - 10-8-1962

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Collector of Imports & Lotto

Oscar Sammut C.B.E. - 1st appt, 9 Sept. 1899 - Appt. Collector of Imports & Lotto (import) on 31 Aug. 1938. pens. 1 Oct. 1941; re-employed, Johns and Valletta's Office - Retired November 1945.

Nicholas Vincenzo Gatt L.L.B. - 1st appt. 1-10-1915 - Appt. Collector of Imports and Lotto on 15-11-1945; on 23-8-1948, after the passing of the Income Tax Ord., & the establishment of Government Lotteries, these latter were separated from the charge of the Collector, who was restyled Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Vincenzo Gatt L.L.B. - 1st appt. 1-10-1915 - Commissioner of Inland Revenue, 23-8-1948

Joseph Mifsud Bonnici - 1st appt. 19-10-1926 - Commissioner, 29-3-1958.

Albert Agius Ferrante L.P. 1st appt 22-11-1957 Commissioner 11-9-1965.

Director of Public Lotto

John Mifsud - 1st appt. 1-10-1917 - Appt. Director of P.L. 23-8-1948

William Leaver - 1st appt. 1-4-1929 - Appt. Director 24-4-1958

Joseph Lowell - 1st appt. 18-4-1936 - Appt. Director, 13-12-1966

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Maurice Gregory

Conti, Anacleto - (1822-1885) - well known Land Surveyor and expert, died in Valletta aged 63 years on the 15th July 1885.

Coffin, Thomas Walker - (1816-1889) - late Her Majesty's Postmaster at Malta, at a time when this department was under the control of the Colonial Office, (the Postmaster) died on the 22nd January 1889, aged 73 years at his residence, no 32, Concoragh Road, West Kensington. Buried at noon on Monday, 25th January at Brompton Cemetery.

Costa Rev. Father, S.J. - (1813-1889) - Born in Naples in December 1813. He was for some time Confessor to the Queen of Naples, and on the expulsion of the Order from that city he settled himself at Malta. He was subsequently appointed Chaplain to the Forces in Malta. Besides possessing great scientific knowledge, Father Costa was a veritable polyglott. He knew the English language to perfection and was an eloquent preacher in that tongue. Died in March, 1889.

(Malta Standard, 2-4-1890)

Colombos, Dr. C. J. Colombos Q.C. - (1888 -) - Barrister at Law. Born in Malta in 1888, he graduated in Law in London where he established himself and practised as a barrister. He was of Greek nationality and of orthodox religion, and a close personal friend of Sir Igo P. Mifsud, sometime Prime Minister of Malta, by whom he was once described as "quasi cattolico". In August 1933, after the return to power of the Nationalist Party with an absolute majority at the 1932 "religious" elections, Sir Igo abolished the post of Agent General for Malta in London to which the Hon. Sir James D. Conroy had been appointed by the Strickland administration, and appointed Dr. C. J. Colombos as "Legal Adviser to the Maltese Government in London" with office at no. 60 Lower Regent St. Dr. Colombos is a recognized authority in International Law & the recipient of degrees & decorations of various countries, and a professor at The Hague Academy of International Law. He erected at own expense the monument to Sir Igo Mifsud at the Mall, unveiled in his presence on Feb. 11, 1963; and was made an honorary member of the Order of Adornato, Malta in Oct. 1964; Q.C. in 1950.

MacIver Charles (1812-1885) - Co. founder of the Cunard Shipping and prominently connected with the history of the British merchant development throughout the 19th century. Among the managers of the great commercial firms of industrial Liverpool, no man had attracted more notice than the remarkable Mr. MacIver, a member of the Cunard Steamship Company during its duration as a private concern.

In 1839 Samuel Cunard had arrived in England from Nova Scotia to establish a mail service across the Atlantic by steam vessels and formed an association with David and Charles MacIver of Liverpool, and George Burns of Glasgow, who were engaged in running coastal steamers between Glasgow and Liverpool. The Government signed a postal contract with them for seven years and in 1840 the steam vessels "Britannia" "Arcadia" "Caledonia" and "Columbia" were built. The "Britannia" left Liverpool on July 17, 1840 and arrived in Boston in 14 days and 8 hours, thus inaugurating the Atlantic steam packet service.

After the death of David MacIver, Charles became the director of the Company in Liverpool and his management was not only a great success but exempt from casualties which attend marine ventures, although the active fleet of the company numbered 46 of the largest vessels then navigating, including those running on the Mediterranean service; and the establishment, ship crews, shore agencies at home and abroad, etc, numbered some 30,000.

From 1840 until 1875 the Cunard Company built a total of 122 steamers, but the number built by the firm from 1827 to 1875 was 158.

In 1860 Mr. MacIver enlisted a regiment of Volunteer Artillery, composed entirely of his own employees and maintained it as Lieut. Colonel until 1867. In 1880 the partnership was converted to a Limited Company, but owing to differences of opinion on ~~the~~ construction

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Charles MacIver and his sons withdrew from the board of directors.

Mr MacIver spent the last 30 winters of his life in Malta owing to delicate health, residing at St. Lucia Palace, Sliema, the home of the Hughes Hallet family, which, owing to this association with the shipping magnate, was sometimes called "MacIver Palace" on maps of the Sliema district (cf. "Sanitation for Sliema" Report, 1884). His public spirit was displayed in his liberal support of charitable institutions, for the benefit of the maritime classes in Liverpool. 575

He died at Palazzo Sliema on the morning of December 8th, 1885, aged 43 years. His body was conveyed to England by the steam vessel "Dynamic" which left Malta on Tuesday, April 6, 1886, and was buried in the family vault at Childwell parish cemetery on April 16.

A street which has been built on the site of the former Palazzo Sliema commemorates the name of this remarkable man who spent some of his days in this island, although the Maltese do not appear to have benefited from the association.

Martin, Mary Josephine - (1855-1885), wife of W. H. Martin Pyramachus, R.N., daughter of Mrs Seeberras and of the late Melvius P. L. Watson of Calcutta, and step-daughter of the late Col. Attilio Seeberras, died at Plymouth on the 25th April 1885, aged 30 years.

Masini, Dr Francesco, LL.D. - (1894-1962) - Barrister and Gozitan political leader - Born in Victoria, Gozo, on December 6, 1894, the son of Dr Giuseppe Masini and Francesca de Calleja. He was educated at the Gozo Seminary and the Royal Malta University where he graduated in laws in 1919. He married his only niece of Valletta in 1926. In 1947 he formed the Gozitan Party and was returned to Parliament with two other

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of his party's candidates, for the right (Gozo) Division. Dr. Maini did not contest the 1950 elections but continued to take an interest in Gozitan politics. In 1961, after the formation of the Gozo Civic Council he was nominated legal adviser. He died at his summer residence in Marsalforn, on July 9, 1962, aged in his 68th year, survived by his wife, his daughter Rosemary wife of Mr. V. Refalo, and his three sons Joseph, Francis & George. His funeral took place in Gozo on July 10.

Mackenzie, Rear Admiral K.H.L. (1889-1970) - Admiral Superintendent H.M. Dockyard during part of the war years (2nd World War). Came to Malta in January 1941 when the Dockyard was under heavy attack from the Luftwaffe, after the arrival of the damaged carrier H.M.S. "Hastings". Admiral Mackenzie C.B.E. remained in Malta until November 1943 during which period the naval yards were almost reduced to rubble by constant bombing. He received his C.B.E. for services in Malta. Died aged 81 years on Sunday 1st November 1970.

Naval Commanders-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station

1792	<u>Samuel Grantston Goddall</u>	Rear Admiral
1793	<u>Rt Hon Samuel Lord Hood</u>	Rear Admiral
1795	<u>William Hotham</u>	Admiral
1799	<u>Rt Hon George Lord Keith K.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1803	<u>Rt Hon Horatio Viscount Nelson K.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1805	<u>Cuthbert Collingwood</u>	Vice Admiral
1810	<u>Sir Charles Cotton Bart.</u>	Admiral
1811	<u>Sir Edward Pellew Bart</u>	Vice Admiral
1814	<u>Charles F. Penrose</u>	Rear Admiral
1815	<u>Rt Hon Edward Lord Exmouth G.C.B.</u>	Rear Admiral
1818	<u>Sir Thomas Fremantle G.C.B. (1)</u>	Rear Admiral
1820	<u>Sir Graham Moore K.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1823	<u>Sir Harry Neale Bart. G.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1825	<u>Sir Edward Codrington K.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1828	<u>Sir Pulteney Malcolm K.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1831	<u>Hon. Sir Henry Hotham K.C.B. (2)</u>	Vice Admiral
1833	<u>Sir Pulteney Malcolm G.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1833	<u>Sir Josias Rowley Bart K.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1837	<u>Hon. Sir Robert Stopford G.C.B.</u>	Admiral
1841	<u>Sir Edward Paken K.C.B., G.C.H.</u>	Vice Admiral
1845	<u>Sir William Parker Bart. G.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1852	<u>James W. Dundas</u>	Rear Admiral
1854	<u>Sir Edmund Lyons Bart. G.C.B.</u>	Rear Admiral
1858	<u>Arthur Fanshawe G.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1860	<u>William Fanshawe Martin</u>	Vice Admiral
1863	<u>Robert Smart K.H.</u>	Rear Admiral
1866	<u>Rt. Hon. Lord Clarence Paget P.C., G.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1869	<u>Sir Alexander Milne K.C.B., G.V.M.</u>	Vice & Admiral
1870	<u>Sir Hastings Reginald Yelverton K.C.B.</u>	Vice Admiral
1874	<u>Hon. Sir James P. Drummond K.C.B.</u>	Vice & Admiral
1877	<u>Geoffrey Phipps Hornby</u>	Vice & Admiral
1880	<u>Sir F. Beauchamp P. Seymour G.C.B.</u>	Vice & Admiral
1883	<u>Lord John Hay K.C.B.</u>	Vice & Admiral
1886	<u>H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., K.C.B.</u>	Admiral
1889	<u>Sir Anthony H. Hoskins K.C.B.</u>	Vice & Admiral

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1891	<u>Sir George Trueman K.C.B. (3)</u>	Vice-Admiral
1893	<u>Sir Michael Culme-Seymour Bart. K.C.B.</u>	Admiral
1896	<u>Sir John Ommanney Hopkins G.C.B.</u>	Admiral
1899	<u>Sir John Lubbock Fisher K.C.B.</u>	Admiral
1902	<u>Sir Compton S. Denville G.C.B., G.C.V.O.</u>	Admiral
1905	<u>Rt. Hon. Lord Charles Beresford G.C.V.O., K.C.B.</u>	Admiral
1907	<u>Sir Charles Carter Drury G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.S.I.</u>	Admiral
1908	<u>Hon. Sir Archibald Gore-Lygon-Howe G.C.V.O.,</u>	Admiral
1910	<u>Sir Edmund S. Poe G.C.V.O., K.C.B., A.D.C.</u>	Admiral
1912	<u>Sir A. Berkeley Milne G.C.V.O., K.C.B.</u>	Admiral
1914	<u>(Command in abeyance Sept. 1914 - Aug. 1917)</u>	_____
1917	<u>Hon. Sir Arthur Gough Calthorpe G.C.M.G.</u>	Vice-Admiral
1919	<u>Sir John M. de Robeck G.C.B., G.C.M.G.</u>	Vice-Admiral
1922	<u>Sir Edmund de Beauvoir Bosc. K.C.B., K.C.M.G.</u>	Admiral
1925	<u>Sir Roger Keyes Bt. K.C.B., K.C.V.O.</u>	Admiral
1928	<u>Sir Frederick L. Field K.C.B., K.C.M.G.</u>	Admiral
1930	<u>Sir Frank Chaffield K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O.</u>	Admiral
1932	<u>Sir William Woodsworth Fisher (4)</u>	Admiral
1936	<u>Sir Dudley Pound</u>	Admiral
1939	<u>Sir Andrew B. Cunningham (5)</u>	Admiral
1942	<u>Sir H. W. Pridham-Wippell</u>	Admiral
1942	<u>Sir Henry Harwood</u>	Admiral
1943	<u>Sir Andrew B. Cunningham</u>	Admiral
1943	<u>Sir John Hury Dacres Cunningham</u>	Admiral
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Notes
 (1) Died at Naples 17-12-1819 and buried in Florida Bastion Cemetery; (2) Died in Malta, 19-4-1855 and buried in Florida Bastion Cemetery; (3) Afloat with his flag-ship, H.M.S. Victoria off Spain coast. 22-6-1895.

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The haberdashery establishment in Timgeway, founded by his father and so flourishing during his lifetime, lost much of its patronage under George's inefficient management. Inevitably, the lonely man took a mistress, a German artist's Eva Mary Hildgner, 16 years his junior, born in Hamburg in 1904. This young woman proved to be a gifted organizer, and under her management the Timgeway establishment recovered its lost prosperity. George Vigo and his mistress became familiar figures at the Maresa Racecourse, with their own horses running in the field.

In 1940 when Italy declared war on Britain and Malta began to experience bombing attacks the couple took up residence for some time at the Pont de la Hotel, Rabat; but the war had a sobering effect on George's character, which was to prove lasting. He was suddenly assailed by religious scruples and determined to lead a regular life; but his first care was to provide adequate provision for the woman who had proved faithful to him and whom he could not marry. He endowed her with a brief share of the value of his business, and married her off to a John Bardsley of Valletta, 10 years her junior, the marriage taking place at Hamburg on the 27th October 1945 at the parish church.

After this date, George Vigo constantly carried a crucifix in the breast pocket of his jacket, over his heart, which he often took out and kissed devoutly. As a reparation for his previous sinful life, he contributed largely to charities and to the parish church of Hamburg. As a hobby he took up the study of the constitutional history of Malta, and published several contributions on this subject in the "Bulletin". He also contested the 6th Division at the 1950 elections, but only got 15 votes and forfeited his deposit. He then used the shed window of his Timgeway establishment to exhibit press cuttings which caught his

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fancy - one notable occasion which drew a large crowd being that of February 24, 1955, when the clerk of the Malta Builders Association, Anthony Aguirina, disappeared in broad daylight while en his way to make a deposit at the National Bank of Malta then in the Exchange Building, being afterwards found murdered in the well of Charles Lane on March 9.

on Sept. 1, 1954 his estranged wife, Mrs Maria Vigo nee Cammilleri died aged 56 years, at St. Luke's Hospital, Peter of cancer of the bowel, and was buried in her family vault at Lija Cemetery. His only son^F died in England some four years later.

In the autumn of 1960 we used to meet regularly for lunch at the "British" Restaurant in Valletta. In 1950 he had purchased a partially demolished house at 30, Butanania Square, Ghazija where he lived a retired bachelor's life until the end. On Sat. April 24, 1965, the Times of Malta published a notice to the effect that Vigo's in Tangway had been sold to Miss Chas Grech of "Square Deal" in Sliema & "Windrose" in Tangway, and that George Vigo had finally retired from business. The first notice of his death was an advertisement by his executor in the Times of Malta - but no obituary notice had appeared in this paper.

George Vigo died at St. Luke's Hospital, Peter on the 25th April, 1965, aged 73 years. He was buried with his parents at the Addolorata Cemetery

Vincent (Bxbsy) Vigo. Born at Lija on 23 March 1924, only son of George Vigo and Maria nee Cammilleri - 8 months after the attempt to murder her by her jealous husband and six months after his imprisonment when Oct. 4, 1923. Died aged 38 years in Salina on August 4, 1962. Survived by his wife Babs, his five children, his nephew and his father, George Vigo.

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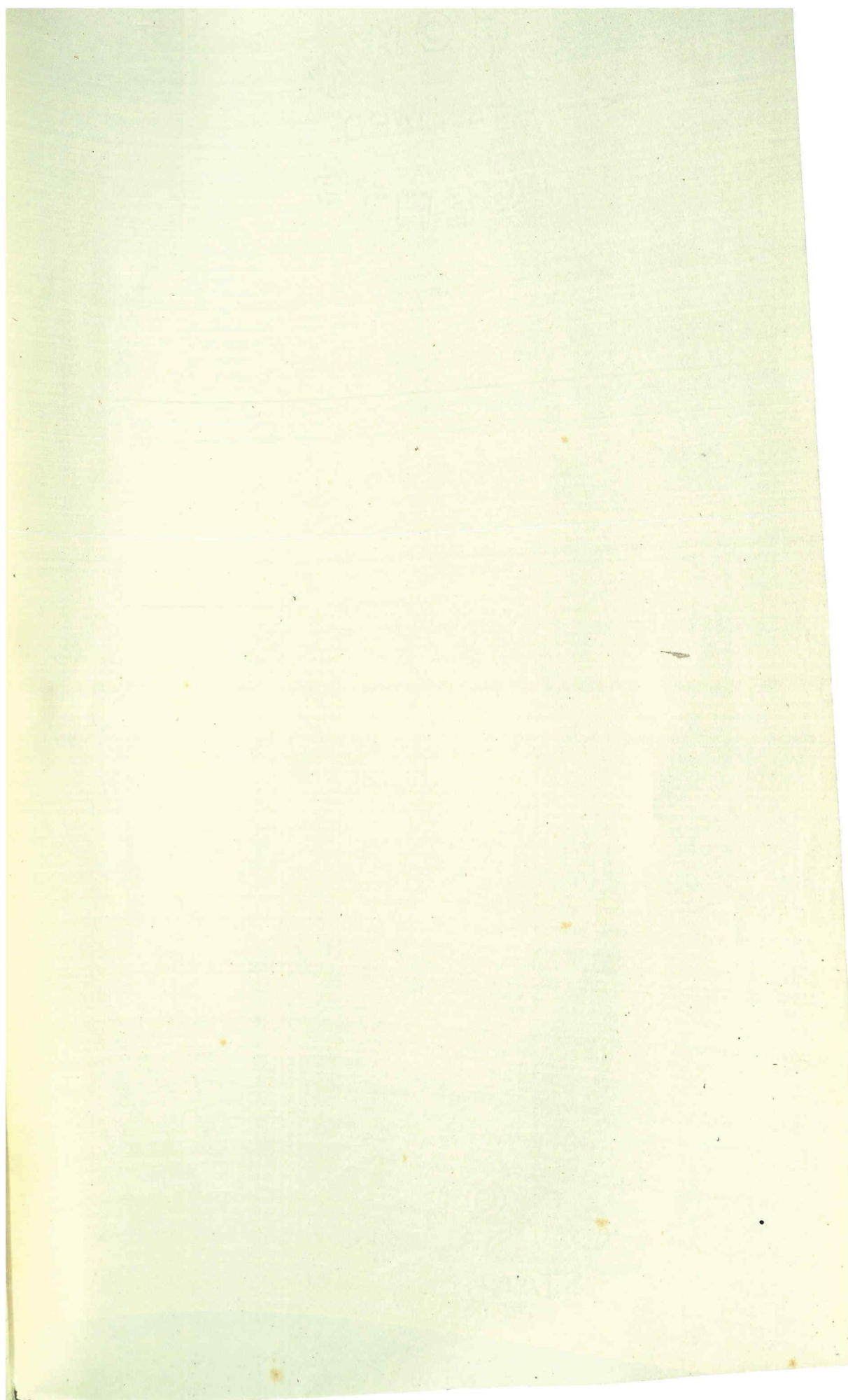
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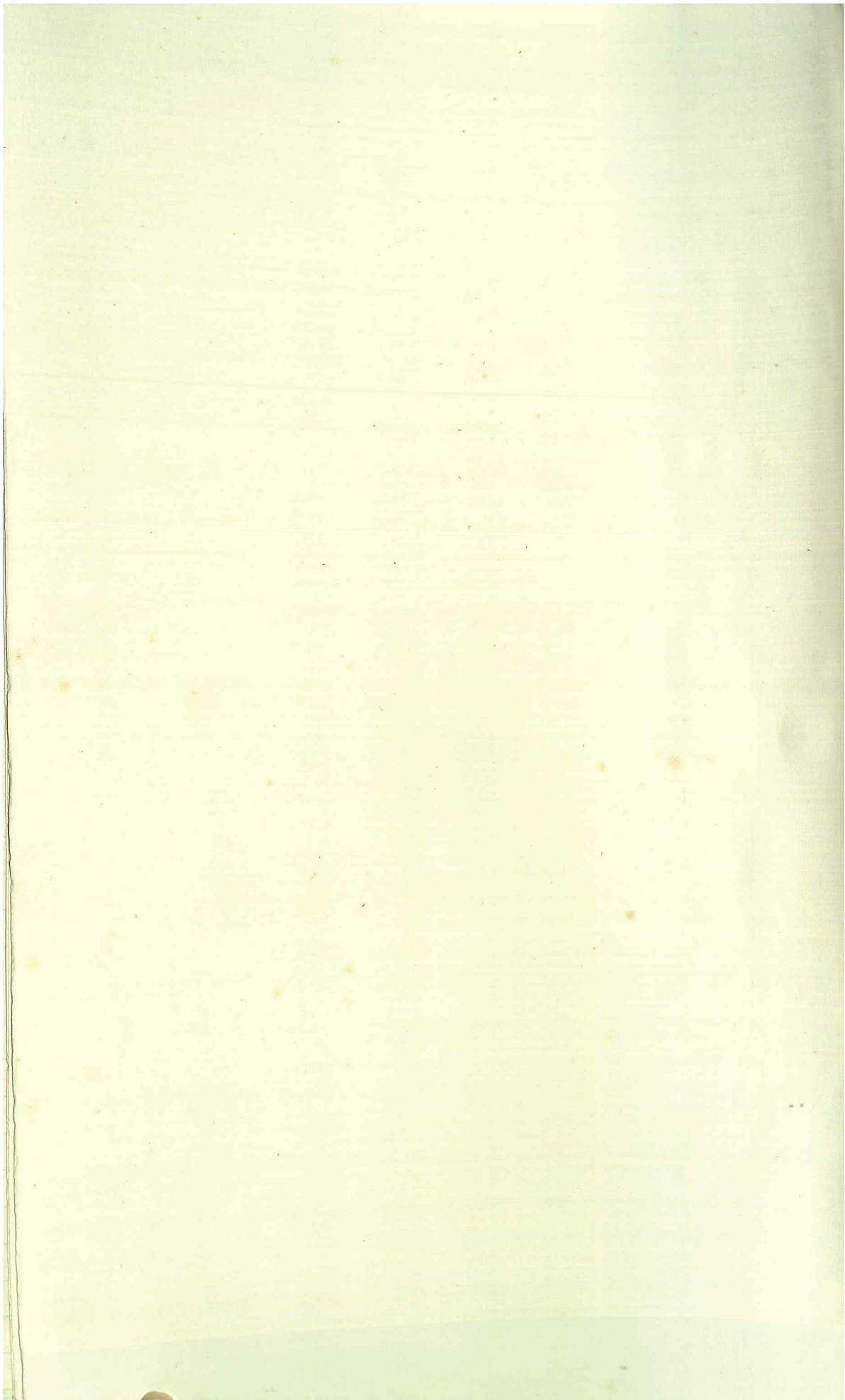
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