

FRANCESCO II
By The Grace of God
KING OF THE TWO SICILIES, OF JERUSALEM, etc.
DUKE OF PARMA, PIACENZA, CASTRO, etc. etc.
HEREDITARY GRAND PRINCE OF TUSCANY, etc. etc. etc.

In consideration of documents presented by Our most favoured here mentioned Don Mario Paternò Castello e Guttadauro of the Dukes of Carcaci son of Don Giovanni and of the late Donna Eleonora Guttadauro Princess of Emmanuel-Reburdone as a result of whom there have come down to him the rights attached to the heraldic patrimony of The House of Guttadauro and to those of The Order of The Collar of The House of Paternò dedicated to Saint Agatha of Catania Virgin and Martyr as founded by his ancestors who ruled over the Balearic Islands and Pytiuse.

On the proposal of Our Minister The Secretary of State for Justice

We have resolved to decree and We do so decree as follows:

Article 1

We recognise in Don Mario Paternò Castello e Guttadauro of the Dukes of Carcaci the right to bestow nobiliary titles as permitted to him by the heraldic patrimony of The House of Guttadauro with the transmission in perpetuity of the aforementioned titles in the line of primogeniture to legitimate descendants, always excluding natural offspring even if legitimated or regularised by a marriage subsequent to their birth. In the event of a vacancy or an impediment in the male descendance of the aforementioned rights they should revert to the first son of the first daughter of all those born of a legitimate marriage, and so on in this manner in the collateral branches until the fourth degree. We recognise him also as the Head of The Dynastic Order of The Collar dedicated to Saint Agatha Virgin and Martyr, the incontestable patrimony of The Most Serene House of Paternò with the title and rank of Sovereign Grand Master with the faculty to bestow honours and ranks of chivalry and nobiliary titles on the family name, on their territories in the Balearic Islands the Royal Domain of his ancestors, and also on his Palace in Palermo.

In order to safeguard the continuity of the Grand Magistracy down through his legitimate descendants, We wish that the heirs descend in succession and in all rights and claims. Those heirs who have not yet contracted a marriage by the age of fifty years, their rights exceptionally will revert in the absence of direct and immediate legitimate male descendants having the requirements which have been decreed to the legitimate sons of legitimate daughters in order of primogeniture so that forever the Order of Chivalry may remain in the House of Paternò. In the event that transmission in the female line should also be excluded for the offspring of a different marriage of the Consort, the Grand Magistracy will revert to that branch of the House of Paternò which is related most closely to the last Sovereign Grand Master, respecting always in its transmission that which We in Our Wisdom have seen fit to allow.

Article 2

Wishing moreover to give to Our favoured aforementioned Don Mario Paternò Castello e Guttadauro di Carcaci of the City of Catania a particular attestation of Our Sovereign satisfaction, not least for the numerous and constant proofs of his

devotion and sincere attachment to Our Royal Throne, but also for the precious qualities with which he is graced, as also for the ancient nobility of his family, We have resolved to bestow on him the title of Prince of Val d'Emmanuel in the country of Pedagoggi, already a fief of the Guttadauro in the Country of Francofonte transmissible by an especial permission to his legitimate children born of a legitimate marriage be they male or female and then on in perpetuity in the order of male primogeniture among their legitimate descendants and in the collateral line until the fourth degree, in accordance with the laws of the Kingdom, ordering also that the legitimate possessors of the title include in the coat of arms of their Family the arms of Guttadauro being nine gouttes or on an azure field.

Our Minister the Secretary of State for Justice is ordered to carry out this present Decree. Given at Gaeta, the 16th September 1860

(signature: Francesco)

To: The Minister the Secretary of State for Justice

F/to Cav. di G. Croce Pietro C. Ulloa