

15-12-69 [*handwritten date*]

Vittorio Emanuele IV

King of Italy

With the affection of a son but the loyalty of a king, having reached the legal age of majority, and therefore maturity of intellect and heart, by Our serious knowledge and will, upon the advice of Our council, we have formulated the following principles for safeguarding the nation and the Dynasty:

Art. 1 – The Statute of the Kingdom, sanctioned and issued under the law n. 674 on 4 March 1848 by Our magnanimous forebear, Carlo Alberto, was extended to all the States of the Kingdom of Sardinia and became the fundamental Statute of the Kingdom of Italy with the law of 21 April 1867 no. 1.

Art. 2 – The laws of 27 July 1860, 17 August 1867, 11 April 1870 and 11 May 1871, sanction a xxx [*meaning?*] to Act. 1 of the Statute which accomplished the entire freedom of the Italian State x from any interference on the part of the Church.

Art. 3 – Nothing however had ever been added to the Statute to question its “perpetual and irrevocable” character, when 25 June 1944 – in the reign of Our magnanimous forebear, Vittorio Emanuele III – the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom, with his own Edict n. 151, instituted a constituent assembly to discuss “the new State constitution”.

With another Edict law of 16 March 1946 n. 28 the Lieutenant established that the monarchical-representative form of the State government would be submitted to a “referendum of the people” which was carried by a simple majority of the votes, and was thus replaced by a republican form. Hence the Statute was not legitimately abrogated but xxxxxstatly violated and consequently it remains to this day “the fundamental, perpetual and irrevocable law of the monarchy”.

n. 4 - Acts which Our beloved and for me x xxx Fxxx Ma [?] later performed, being King of Italy,



such as the dissolution from the oath of loyalty to His Person by the Royal Armed Forces; the consequent succession of His powers on the part of the government which He himself considered rebellious, as well as using irregular practices in scrutiny; and His departure – to all appearances voluntary – from the national territory on the conclusion of the Farewell military ceremony held for the event, constitute an unquestionable abdication from the Throne.

Art. 5 – Under article 2 of the Statute “ipso pure” we would succeed Him in his condition as virtual Sovereign of the Kingdom of Italy and as sole legitimate pretender to the Throne.

Art. 6 – This succession having taken effect, we are also entitled to assume the right of legitimate Head of the Savoy Dynasty, and such rights as we shall exercise from this time forth, tempered only by the discretion that the physical and moral state of His Majesty, the ex-King Umberto II advises Our conscience as son.

Signed in Geneva, on the 15 of the month of December of the year 1969.

*[unsigned carbon copy]*

Royal Edict n. 1

*[handwritten by others]*

The original of this Edict has been deposited by His Majesty with the notary Desert E. Lucien [*Edmon-Lucien DESERT*] of Geneva. It has been deposited in a closed envelope.

The Council

Aldo A. Giacci

Giordano Gamberini

*x = illegible*

Gamberini = Grand Master of the Freemasons

