

on the King's right hand, the faithful D'Arentas riding on the left.

Dom Francisco, as yet a bachelor monarch, insisted on Da Piera and his party occupying their old quarters at the Palace, and a proud woman was Miss Dodds, who in her after life, when she was again settled down in her beloved Bath, would descant often and at great length upon the glories of those times when, with her beautiful niece, she assisted at the various Court functions which marked the accession of Francisco III. to the throne of his fathers.

Standen's part in sheltering the President and his family, and in the discovery of the treasures, was, of course, made known to the King, who commanded his presence at the Palace and received him most cordially. Nor was John Burch forgotten, the only ring he ever wore, a single diamond of great value, testifying to the royal gratitude.

As soon as Dom Francisco heard of Standen's betrothal to the ex-President's daughter the King sent for him, and, in very gracious words, he offered to give him an estate in Boravia and to confer upon him the title of Visconde ; but, as this would have involved Standen's becoming a naturalised Boravian subject, he respectfully declined the honour.