

all had served Maximilian, and expected to be rewarded for their services extravagantly by his brother. The Emperor was indeed annoyed very much, and in self-defence had to look somewhat coolly on the numerous claimants. This may explain the unsatisfactory reception of my husband, though his exceptional position with Maximilian might perhaps have justified a slight exception on the part of his brother. Decorations are very cheap at Courts, and often bestowed much out of place, and they were so without doubt on the breast of Baron Lago, about whom Maximilian had expressed himself so explicitly. Kind and yielding as he was, however, he had given to this impotent diplomatist a written testimony of his good behaviour, which the Baron took good care to present as soon as possible in Vienna, and in consequence of which he obtained a decoration, on which he, however, ought never to look without blushing. From this noble Baron the Emperor probably received information in reference to my husband, for a letter which Maximilian gave the minister to show in Vienna, in order to inform the Emperor of the intimate connection existing between the poor Prince and my husband, Baron Lago had destroyed, afraid that it might be found upon him and endanger his precious neck. Thus it happened that the friend of Maximilian did not receive from his brother even such a token of his satisfaction as was granted to a Baron Lago ! He felt much grieved