

account therefore was directed to an Italian-speaking audience fully familiar with the Donation of Constantine and with a history of Catholic crusading against Muslims in the eastern Mediterranean. In those turbulent times, so grandiose a claim to immunities and to status as a holy land did not carry the day either in Renaissance Italy or on Cyprus. As the medieval popes had already discovered, high claims to imperial terrestrial sovereignty without the protection of a cooperative earthly power often proved difficult to sustain. Yet, like the rediscovery of St Barnabas's relics at a more opportune time of need, Bustron's claim to imperial privileges would be recovered in later modern historical contexts where it would bear much more fruit. Ironically, this would all take place under the auspices of two new imperial authorities: the Ottoman and British governments.

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