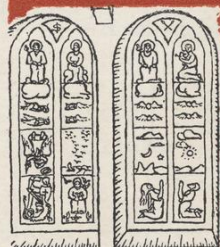




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THE EIGHTH CANTO



THESE fragments you have shelved
(shored).

“Slut!” “Bitch!” Truth and Calliope
Slanging each other sous les lauriers:
That Alessandro was negroid. And
Malatesta

Sigismund:

*Frater tamquam
Et compater carissime: tergo
.. hanni de
.. dicis
... entia*

Equivalent to:

Giohanni of the Medici,
Florence.

Letter received, and in the matter of
our Messire Gianozio,

One from him also, sent on in form and with all due dispatch,
Having added your wishes and memoranda.
As to arranging peace between you and the King of Ragona,
So far as I am concerned, it wd. give me the greatest possible pleasure,
At any rate nothing wd. give me more pleasure
or be more acceptable to me,
And I shd. like to be party to it, as was promised me,
either as participant or adherent.
As for my service money, perhaps you and your father wd. draw it
And send it on to me as quickly as possible.
And tell the *Maestro di pentore*
That there can be no question of his painting the walls for the moment,
As the mortar is not yet dry
And it wd. be merely work chucked away

(buttato via)

But I want it to be quite clear, that until the chapels are ready
I will arrange for him to paint something else
So that both he and I shall get as much enjoyment as possible from it,
And in order that he may enter my service
And also because you write me that he needs cash,
I want to arrange with him to give him so much per year
And to assure him that he will get the sum agreed on.

Piero della
Francesca

Petrus de
Burgo