

“Fr. Bruno of the Blessed John of the Cross, C.S.” (i.e. Discalced Carmelite).

“Fr. Joseph Ignatius of S. Mary, Vicar of the Discalced Carmelites of Julfa.

“Fr. Conrad of the Assumption, C.S.

“Fra Francis Mary of S. Sirius” (also a Carmelite).

“I, Paul Baptist, Archbishop of Nakhchiwan, witness to the truth of this narrative of the Armenian persecution. . . .

“Ignatius Franciscus Zapolski, Legate and Plenipotentiary of the king of Poland to the Persian king.

“I, Fr. Stephen Mary, Provincial of the Dominicans of Nakhchiwan, O.P., testify that “this has happened.

“We also are witnesses: Fr. Gaspar of the kings, Prior of Isfahan of the convent of the “Augustinians.

“Fr. Antoninus of Jesus, missionary of the same Order.”

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While he was writing that narrative, on 29.7.1694, there was brought to Fr. Elias news of the death of Shah Sulaiman, who had fallen ill¹—“was confined to bed”²—about the time of the expulsion of the Carmelites from Julfa. (Fr. Krusinski’s *Memoirs*, however, speak of Shah Sulaiman

“having been confined to his bed for two whole years by a very painful gout during which, “being shut up within the walls of his haram, none but eunuchs came near his person”.)

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¹ According to Fr. Elias’ letter to the Pope, 7.8.1694, *S.N.R.*, II.

² *Idem*, 10.8.1694, *S.N.R.*, II, p. 110.