THE MEMOIRS OF NAPOLEON'S CONFIDANT IN EXILE, EMANUEL DIEUDONNE, THE COUNT DE LAS CASES, WRITTEN AFTER LAS CASES'S EXPULSION FROM ST. HELENA

Dieudonné, Emanuel Augustus. *Memoirs of Emanuel Augustus Dieudonné Count de Las Casas, Communicated by Himself, comprising a letter from Count de Las Casas at St. Helena to Lucien Bonaparte, giving a faithful account of the voyage of Napoleon to St. Helena, his residence, manner of living, and treatment on that island, also a letter addressed by Count de Las Casas to Lord Bathurst.* London: printed for Henry Colburn, 1818. Hardcover. 228 pages.

French writer Emanuel Augustus (or Augustin) Dieudonné, le Comte de Las Cases (or Casas) (1766-1842), pen name A. Lesage, was so loval to Napoleon Bonaparte that he followed him into exile on the island of St. Helena. Las Cases served Napoleon on St. Helena from 1815-1816; during that time, he began writing a book about Napoleon's exile, Mémorial de Ste Hélène, which was published after Napoleon's death. This volume publishes three works written during Las Cases's time in St. Helena, including his letter to Napoleon's brother Lucien Bonaparte concerning Napoleon's quality of life in exile, which caused Las Cases to be expelled from Saint Helena in 1816.¹ Also included are Las Cases's memoir and his letter to British Lord Bathurst concerning his expulsion. According the volume's forward, Las Cases intended this book to be "a full and circumstantial vindication of his conduct and character".² It is interesting to note that the volume's title presents Las Cases's letter to Lucien Bonaparte as "a faithful account" of Napoleon's life in exile, while the author is often said to have fabricated details of his Mémorial *de Ste Hélène*.³ This volume is half-bound in brown leather with marbled paper-covered boards and matching marbled end pages. The book is in god condition for its age; the covers and spine strip are worn and the front cover is separating from the spine, but the pages are strong and undamaged.

NOTES:

- "Preface" in Dieudonné, Emanuel Augustus. Memoirs of Emanuel Augustus Dieudonné Count de Las Casas, Communicated by Himself, comprising a letter from Count de Las Casas at St. Helena to Lucien Bonaparte, giving a faithful account of the voyage of Napoleon to St. Helena, his residence, manner of living, and treatment on that island, also a letter addressed by Count de Las Casas to Lord Bathurst. London: printed for Henry Colburn, 1818. viii.
- 2. Ibid. vii.
- "Emmanuel, comte de Las Cases". Wikipedia.org. <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emmanuel, comte_de_Las_Cases</u>. Accessed January 26, 2015.

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