

It is only half of the truth. He says that Phocus 10 and of course you might say that he wouldn't needed to have said that, but he did give that part of the truth here, murdered and seized his throne in 602, he says Phocus unlike other eastern emperors definitely acknowledged the universal supremacy of the seat of Peter. Well, if one of the eastern emperors acknowledged the universal supremacy of the church of Rome, surely then this man is of considerable importance and so we are rather surprised when we look in the Cath. Enc. under the name of Phocus and do not find any head given under that name. We do not find that he is there considered worthy of special discussion with an account of his reign. It seems rather strange in view of the importance that M gives to him here, but if you turn in the Cath. Ency. to the article on Gregory I you will find there that in the Catholic Ency. instead of dwelling on this fact that Phocus definitely acknowledged the universal supremacy of the of Peter, that the articles try to excuse Gregory for the letter which he wrote which I trust you all read by this time, the letter which he wrote to phocus telling how wonderful it is that he is now King, and praising him and telling what a grand thing it is. Phocus, the Cath. Encyclopedia says when Greg. wrote the letter he of course did not know how Phocus had become Emperor and therefore he must be excused for having lived in this way. It is one of the blots on Gregory's career which was on the whole a very excellent and praiseworthy career. It is one of the few blots on it that when this man Phocus murdered his predecessor and all the predecessor's family and made himself king emperor and ruled with great cruelty and with no evidence of ability and anything that would entitle him to be emperor, except his power and cruelty, but Gregory took and make common cause with Phocus and praised him so and did everything he could to support this cause in return for which Phocus recognized the bishop of Rome as head of the universal church. The bishop of Constantinople, who was , of course, could not stand for the wickedness of Phocus and was opposed to him and naturally ~~was opposed~~ Phocus looked to distant Rome for support and in the end when Phocus was killed and a better emperor took control