

The Cross-Examination of Samuel Sidney Sylvester Scherzerade Socrates Scipio Schiller Simmons Scrutton Shacaback Swank Swizzle Liddell Diddell Macgregor Mac Kerrow Mathers, James IV of Scotland, Comte de St. Germain, Earl of Glenstrae, Comte Macgregor, Chevalier Mac-gregor, Macgregor-Mathers, S'Rhiogail mo Dhream, Deo Duce Comite Ferro, Chevalier of the Order of St. Germain, etc., etc., by Mr. Q. Scorpio, one of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law.

SCORPIO, K.C. What is your name?

MATHERS. The whole lot?

SCORPIO, K.C. The name on your birth certificate.

MATHERS. Mathers.

SCORPIO, K.C. You were educated at Bedford Grammar School?

MATHERS. Yes.

SCORPIO, K.C. And became a lieutenant in a Hampshire volunteer regiment?

MATHERS. Yes.

SCORPIO, K.C. Yet in Paris you were engaged in Jacobite conspiracies to overthrow the throne of England?

MATHERS. I pretended to be.

SCORPIO, K.C. Were you actually so engaged?

MATHERS. I refuse to answer the question.

SCORPIO, K.C. You became a Rosicrucian?

MATHERS. "Yes."

SCORPIO, K.C. You hold high rank in the Order?

MATHERS. "I am the Head of the Rosicrucian Order."

SCORPIO, K.C. You have read the constitutions of that Order?

MATHERS. "Yes."

SCORPIO, K.C. It is a secret Order?

MATHERS. Yes.

SCORPIO, K.C. By the constitution no member is permitted to declare himself to be a member?

MATHERS. That is what Waite says.

SCORPIO, K.C. Who is Waite?

MATHERS. The greatest living authority on the Rosicrucians.

SCORPIO, K.C. Let me read what he says. "Let me warn my readers that all persons professing to be Rosicrucians are simply members of pseudo-fraternities, and that there is that difference between their assertion and the facts of the case in which the essence of a lie consists." What have you to say to that?

MATHERS. "I am the Head of the Rosicrucian Order."