

Well, this Phocas repaid the favor by taking sides with the pope against the Bishop of Const° who had been appointed by the previous emperor, and acknowledged ~~that there~~ the Roman church to be the head of all ~~the~~ churches. But, after a disgraceful reign of eight years, the people got so disgusted with this man Phocas that they stripped him of his diadem and purple, loaded him with chains, insulted him, tortured him, ~~beheaded~~ beheaded him, and cast him into the flames. And so, this being the end of Phocas, if Greg° had been still living when he heard of this he would doubtless have regretted ~~having~~ having written such a letter to him. But I don't think we should count that as a great blot against Greg°. It would be if he knew had known the full circumstances. But, as far away as Const° was, it took time ~~for~~ for news to come; I can understand how, with his emotion against the previous emperor, he ~~was~~ would write ~~first~~ first before he got all the details. And I doubt if he heard of Phocas' death because they both died in the same year, and ~~it~~ it took time for information to reach that part in those days - much more than it would have two centuries earlier, when there was law and order in the ~~Roman~~ Roman empire.

Well, so much then for his relation to Const°. Then -

c. The Mission to England

And that is one thing for which Greg° deserves to be remembered. We discussed that already in connection with the missionary ~~developments~~ developments of this period. We noticed how Greg° as an abbot had been so attracted by these slaves from Eng°, and desired that the Gospel be brought to the people in that region from which they had come. And then when he became pope he picked out ~~Augustine~~ not Augustine - A- hippo, of course, who had died 150 years earlier, but another Augustine who came to be called "The Augustine of Cantelbury" because he established his headquarters at Canterbury in Eng° and the head of the Church of Eng° today, though his offices are in London, is called the Archb.° of Cant°, and theoretically his headquarters are at this ~~part~~ place of Cant. where Aug. was the first archb°, and ~~Greg°~~ Greg°