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Dear Russell-Gibb,

Your letter reached me this morning and I reply at once. To that I hope you will excuse three hasty suggestions: It is high time to spreading the knowledge of Catalan contribution to the progress of cartography and travel literature, particularly in the later Middle Ages. There are several subjects, all of great interest to English students: -

Jeanne Ferrer and the discovery of West Africa (1375)

The Crusader school of map making: the portolano maps
at the Royal. National, Rec. de Catalogne, the Estense Library
in Modena.

Catalan cartographers at Major: their influence on Henry the
Navigator's and later fifteenth century maritime under-
taking.

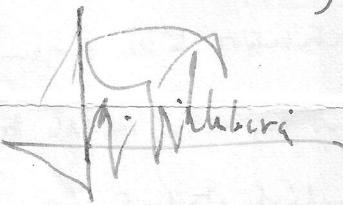
"Ivan Cabotus, Venetus": was he a Catalán?



I am very ignorant of Coptic antiquities in later periods. But I would suggest the travels of the adventurer domine Badis i Leblich (Ali Bey al-'Abbasi) in the early years of the XIX century should be an admirable subject for a lecture.

Please let me know if I can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely,


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