

1797, August

The earlier entry is listed under "Sundry Expenses". It lists an artificial leg bought from a French soldier. The soldier left with a wooden leg and 100 lire. The clerk records this as an example of his master's generosity, and adds that the conte bought the limb because it was composed of a strange material - ceramic or some kind of stone - they could not tell - of unusual design.

1810, November

It records that the leg of a statue in the courtyard of the Palazzo Rezzoniani (a noble's palace taken over by the Austrian invaders) was damaged by lightning, and that the Conte Gremanci was for unstated reasons ordered to replace it within twenty-four hours or face charges of treason; but if he succeeded in making a new leg, he would be put on trial as a witch.

The workmen resigned themselves to their loss of their livelihood, but then a limb of the exact dimensions needed (of 'an odd ceramic cast') was found, and the Conte himself fixed it to the statue so cunningly that none could find fault in it. The Austrians, convinced by the earlier purchase records of this miracle, dropped all charges.