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to recommend them. that they were in error on certain points which might be rather vital so that I don't believe we give letters to them and I don't see that we have much reason to object if they refuse to give letters to us. We declare them to be apostate--why should they then feel that they have to give a letter to us? I know some people think it's a terrible thing if they give a letter and others feel that it is a terrible thing if somebody asks for a letter from them. Well, these things are just matters of calling attention to vital differences and if they are effective in attracting attention and getting the truth, but they're merely rather than actual matters of real importance, but Yes? (Student) Yes, they went down there because the emperor there was anxious to get the pope to work with him. If he could get the pope in his hands, he would be in a stronger position in the world and so they went there to try to work out a deal with the emperor but the emperor wasn't as strong as a good many emperors have been. A good many of them would have simply told the patriarch and made another patriarch, but this particular emperor wasn't strong enough to do that. The patriarch had the bulk of the people with him and they would be ready to enter into relations with the church of Rome if the Church of Rome would recognize them as having the same authority in their area that is claimed in this area but when the pope said, "We will not work with your folks unless you recognize we're supreme," they refused to go along. Now the emperor wasn't much worried about who was supreme in the church.

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the Bishop of Rome so they stayed in the imperial palace but the patriarch refused to have anything to do with it. The patriarch said, "As long as you refuse to admit me as equally important with your patriarch, there's nothing for us to talk about" and so they walked into the church and put this notice up in a conspicuous place giving the declaration of the Bishop of Rome which was after all, I suppose a month's walk in those days or perhaps two weeks' ride on horseback--