

cumstance, added to others, made Pertz less approachable. For a time, however, all went well. Merkel and Bluhme produced a valuable volume of *Laws* (the third) in 1863, and two more recruits of worth appeared in Winkelmann,¹ the first of Waitz's pupils, and Arndt,² pupil of Ranke and Waitz. Against the excellent work of these and others had to be set some less successful editing of Pertz himself. Pertz was hardening in every way, and his aloofness towards his juniors may have hastened, though it certainly did not cause, the tragic dénouement of his relations with Jaffé. It would appear that Pertz in 1860 was responsible for blocking an offer made to Jaffé of an important post in the Florence archives. The matter rankled, and in 1862 Jaffé unexpectedly served on Pertz (who happened to be in Glasgow) the requisite six months' notice of withdrawal from the *Monumenta*. Pertz, stung by what he considered the ingratitude of his ablest lieutenant, accepted the notice but held Jaffé to his six months. Jaffé was still more embittered; he had friends in Berlin such as Ranke, Haupt, Mommsen, Dümmler and Wattenbach, all of whom took his part against Pertz. It was the beginning of a sad ten years in the life of the *Monumenta* and its chief. In the autumn of 1863, Pertz lost his loyal partner Böhmer, with whom he had often disagreed but never quarrelled, and who had often given good counsel. He was now monarch of the *Monumenta* and at sixty-eight showed no sign of choosing a partner or successor. Both the scholars who bought his goods and the politicians who supplied the funds felt that some control or at least a wider spread of responsibility was needed. Relations were embittered by the secretive habits of Pertz, who refused to allow scholars, even such a one as Sickel, to use materials accumulated twenty or thirty years earlier for future use.

The head and front of Pertz's offending, however, was his treatment of the *Monumenta* as private property, to be inherited by his son Karl, while he based his position on the constitution of a virtually extinct society. For months the intrigues continued. Bismarck was approached and endeavoured to withdraw the affair from the Federal Assembly to his own jurisdiction. Pertz fought

¹ 1838-96. For him and the other scholars of the *M.G.H.* the Nachruf or shorter obituary in the *N.A.* may be consulted; here the reference is *N.A.*, xxi, 770 ff.; see also *A.D.B.*

² 1838-9 *N.A.*, xx, 664 ff.; *A.D.B.* (supplement).