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Development Through the Centuries

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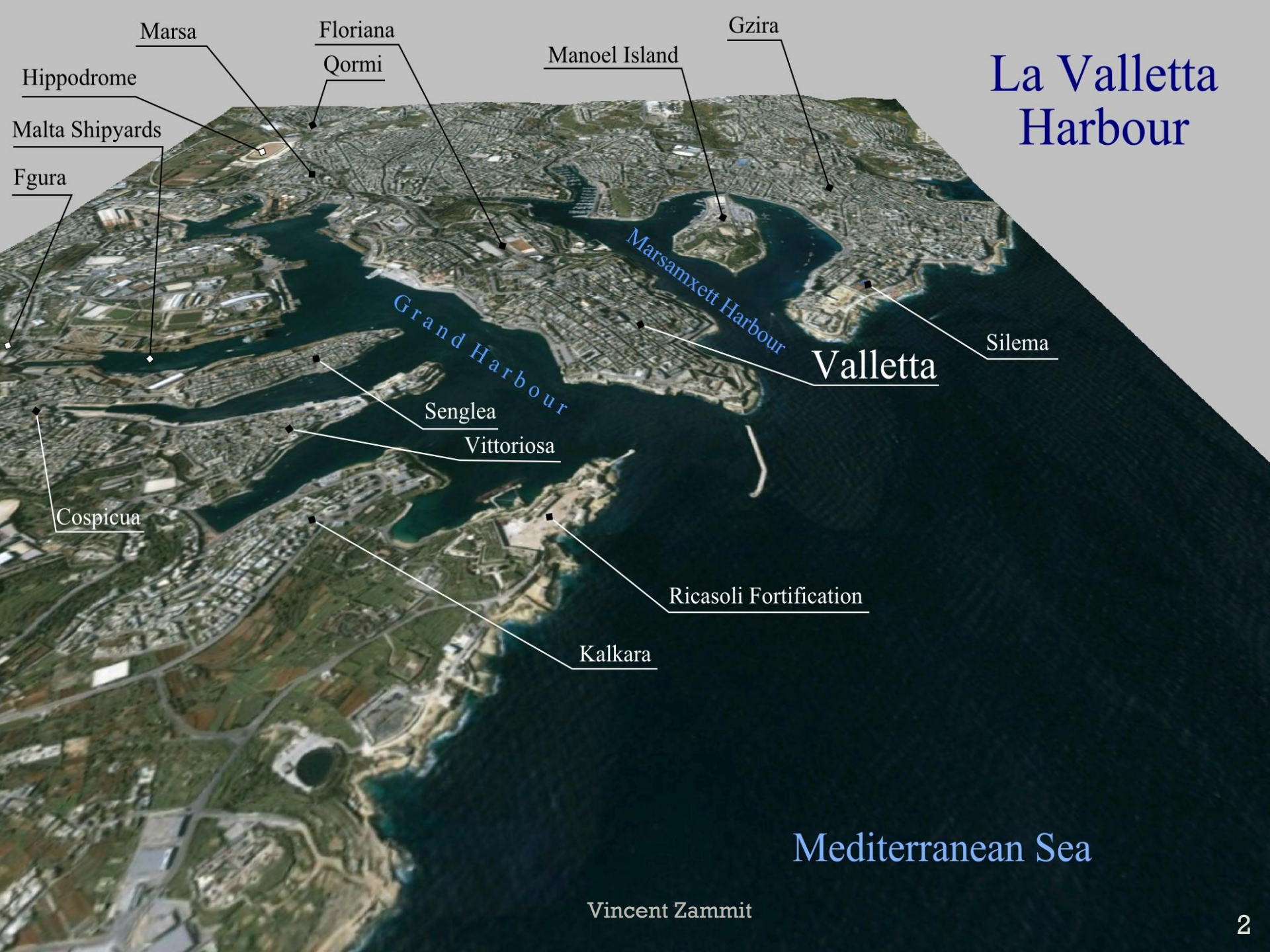
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Silema
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Vittoriosa
Cospicua
Ricasoli Fortification
Kalkara
Mediterranean Sea

- **First suggestions for the building of a city on the promontory opposite Fort St Angelo were being suggested before the arrival of the Knights in Malta**

- **The first such comments came from the commissioners who were sent to Malta in 1524:**
  - ***The site was well-positioned for the construction of a strong fortress – una buona fortezza***

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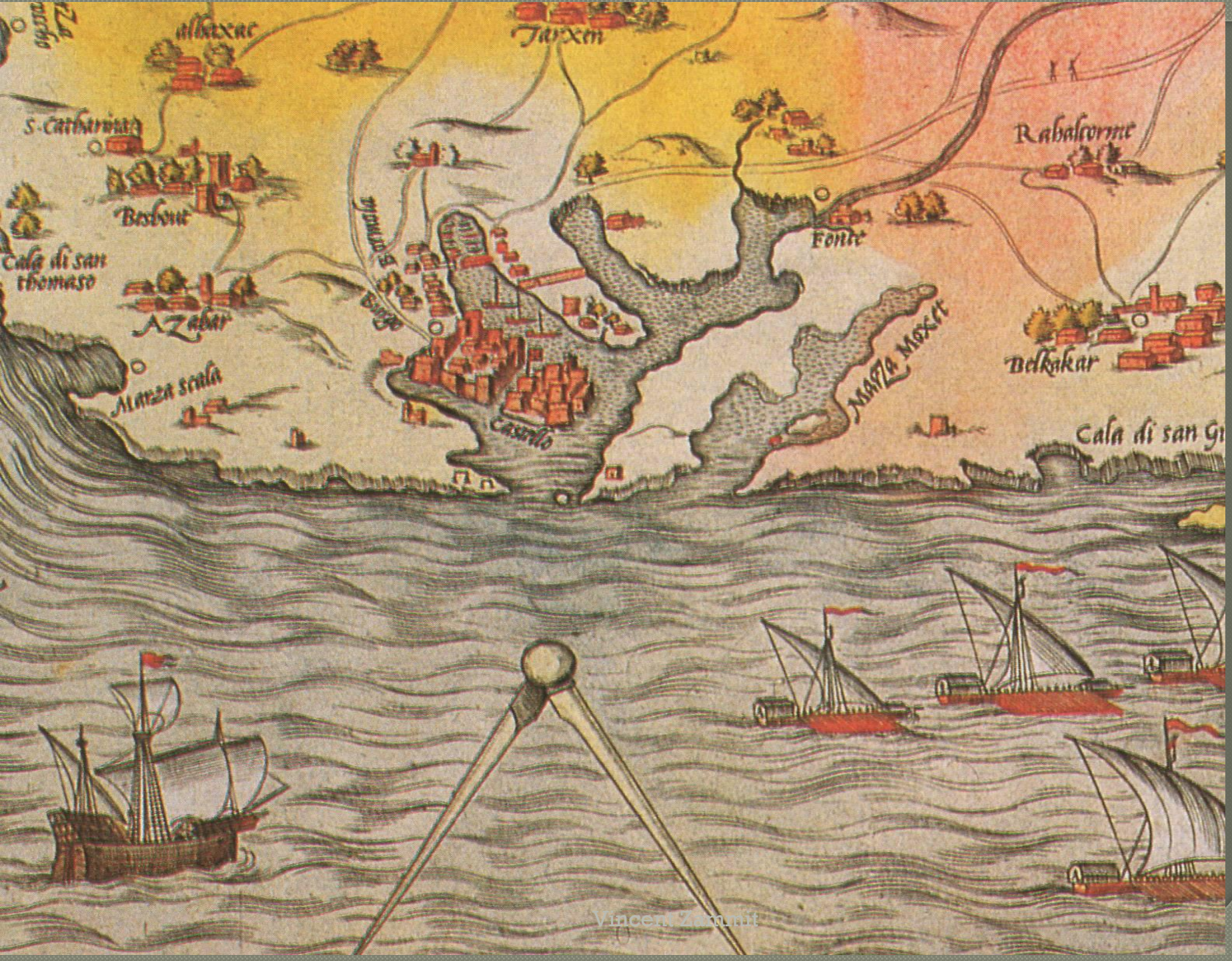
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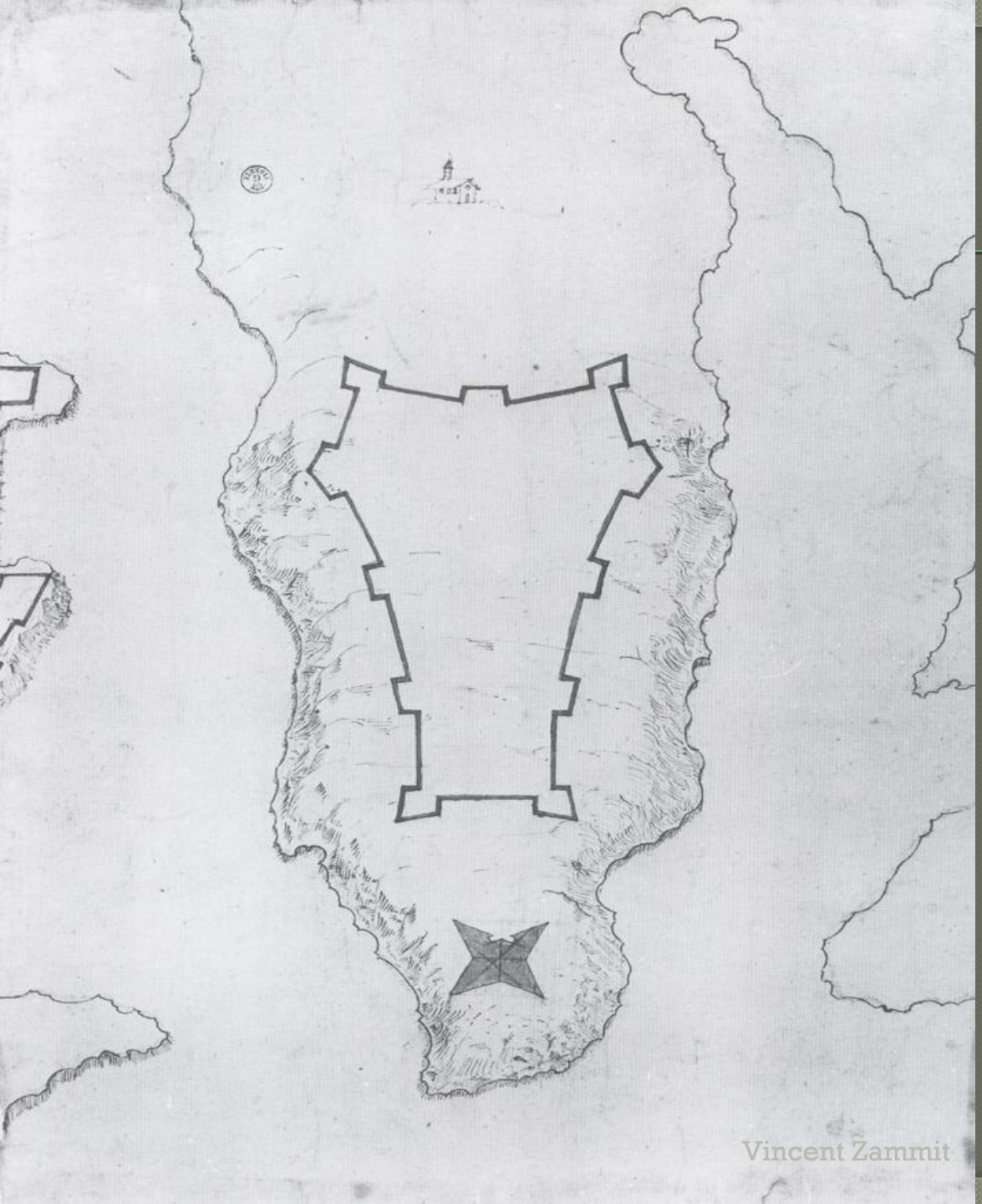
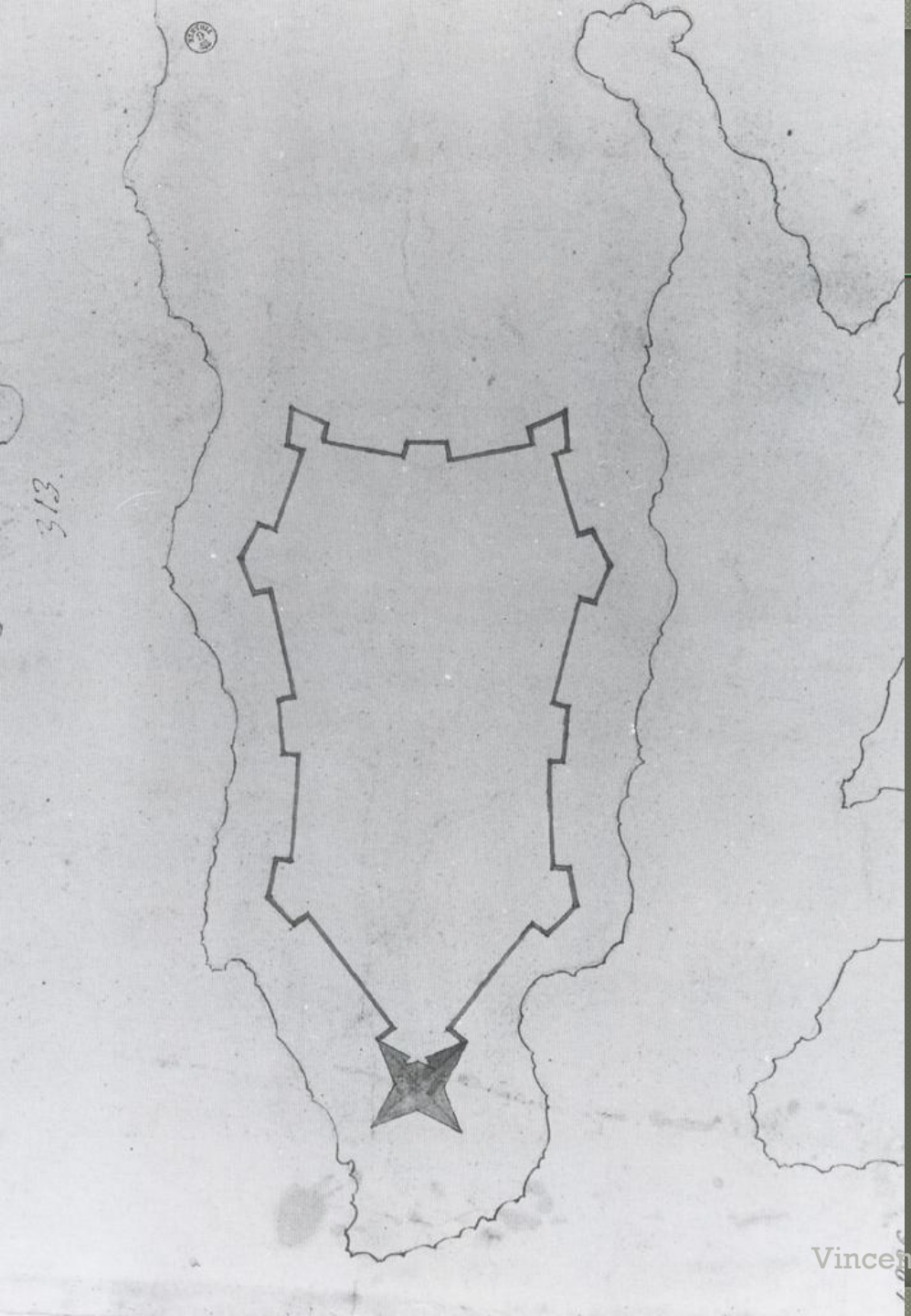
- **Bartolomeo Genga was in Malta in 1558**

- The plan was to build a city starting from near the end of the Floriana lines today, and stopping just short of Fort St Elmo



- **Another Italian military architect was invited to Malta to give proposals on the defence of the islands … Baldassare Lanci**



- **Baldassare Lanci's second proposal**

The Great Siege of Malta 1565

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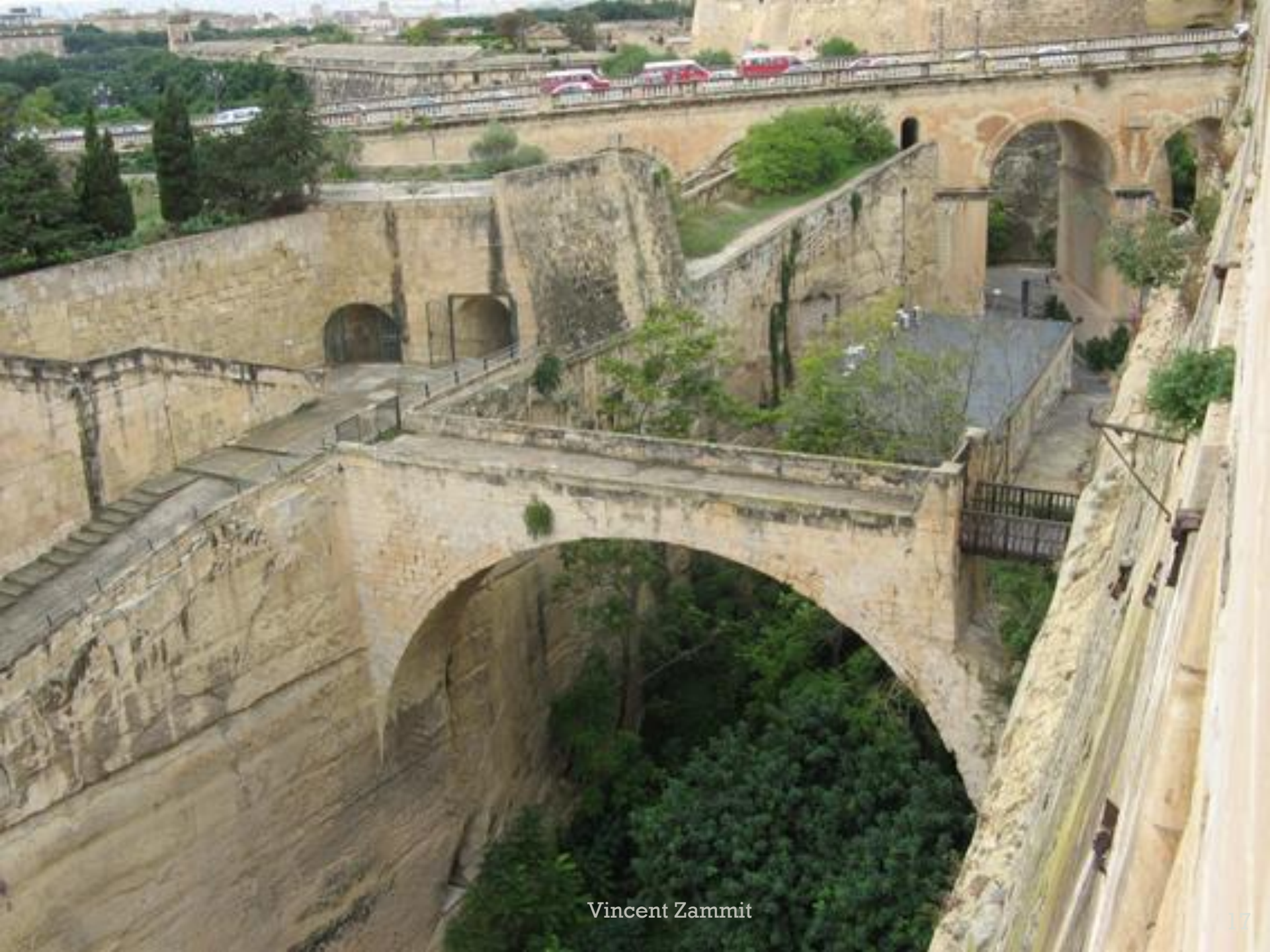
DI MALTA

Francesco Laparelli da Cortona



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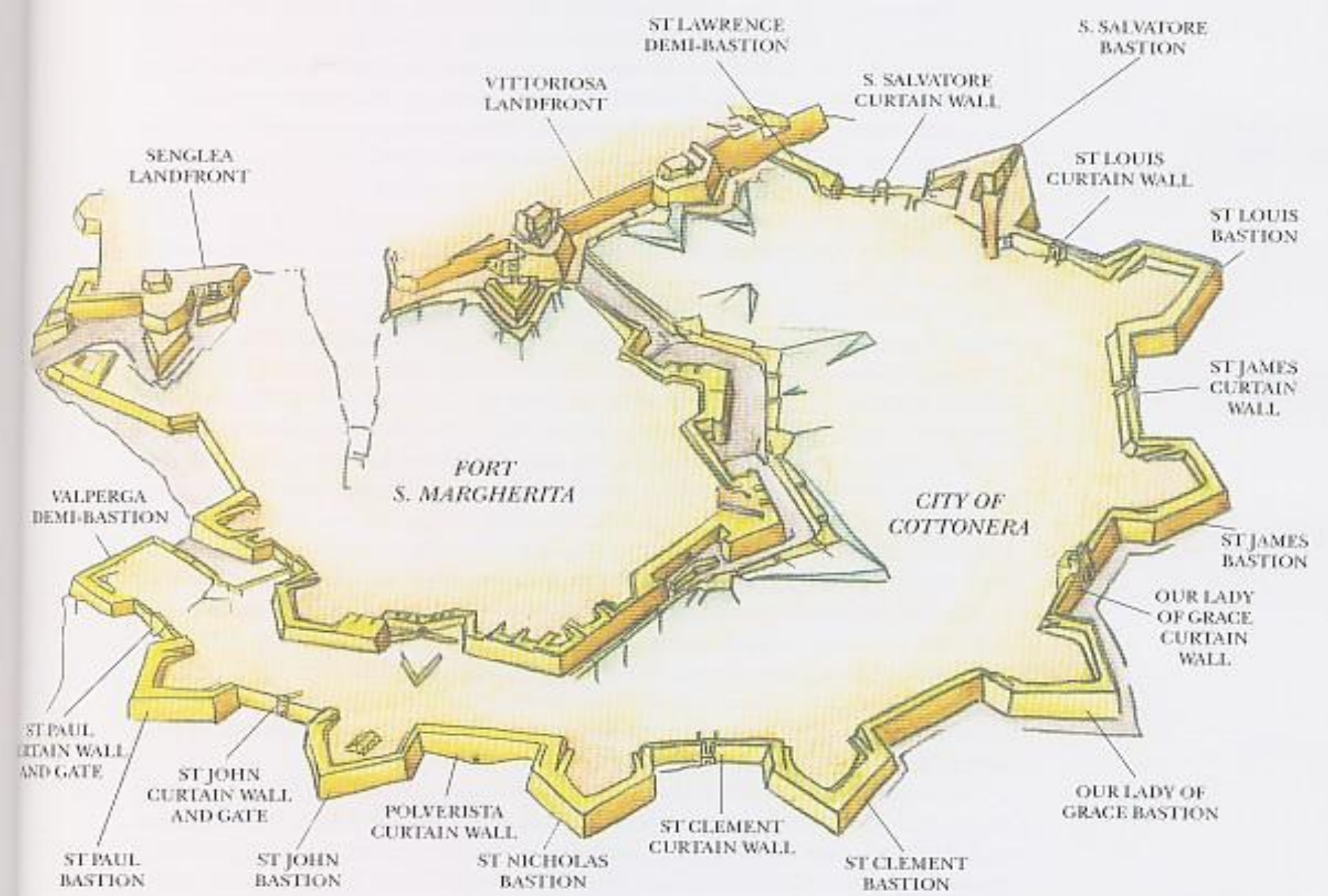

A drawing of the S. Margherita and Cottonera fortifications in the early eighteenth century. (Courtesy: Mr Stephen Spiteri)

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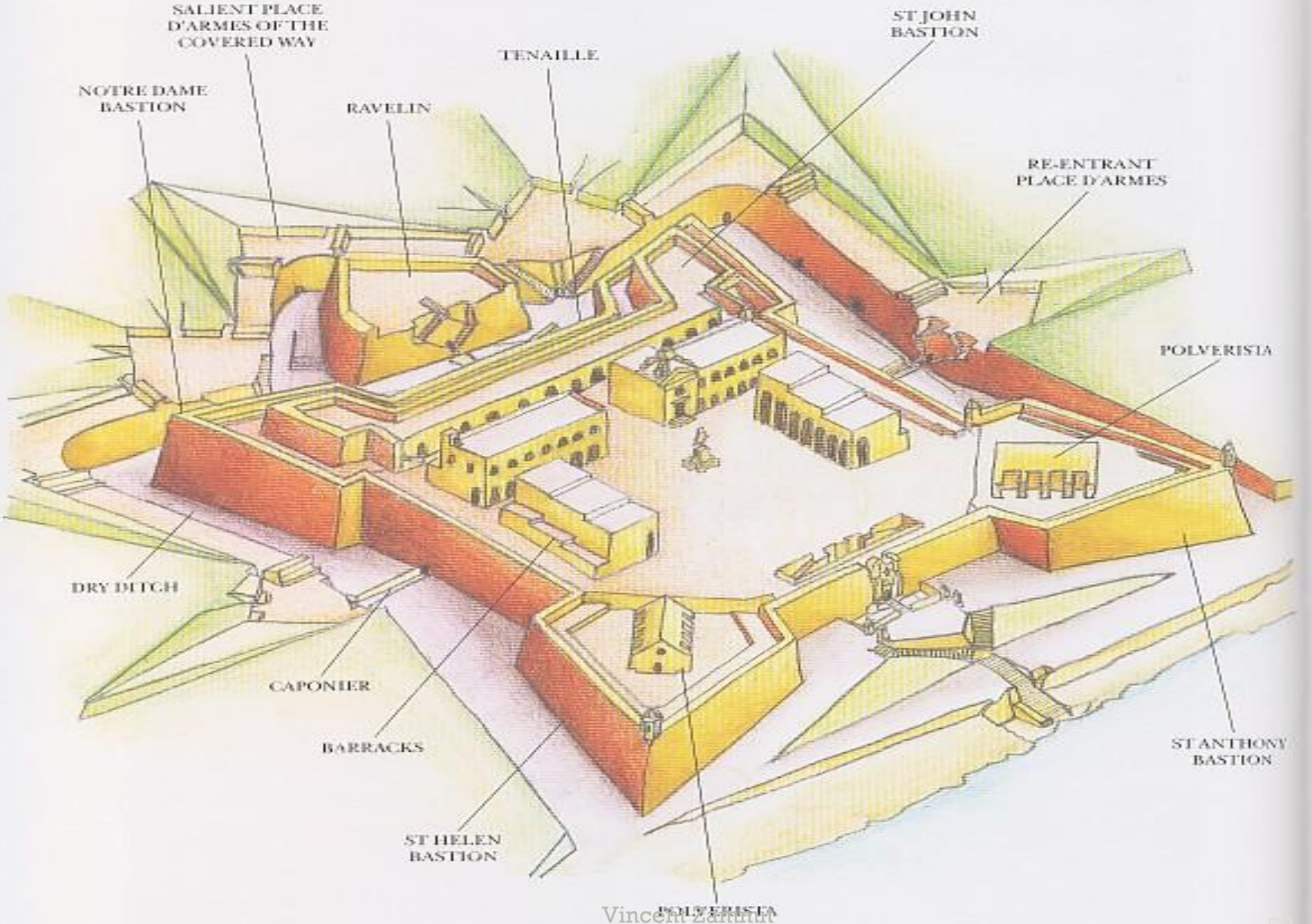

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- The recently restored Fort Manoel has been used for various functions:
  - Concerts
  - Cultural activities
  - Corporate meetings

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- The restoration, rehabilitation and the better use of the human fabric that makes Valletta, is an integral concept towards bringing to fruition the success of Valletta 2018

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