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Northern Italy, c. 1531-1535

Charles V, Roman Emperor, Arbitration between Pope Clement VII and Alfonso d'Este, Duke of Ferrara, 1531

Title page Laudum inter papam Clementem et illustrissimum ducem Ferrariae.

ff. 173r-178v Carolus quintus Augustus, divina favente clementia Romanorum imperator ... Ad perpetuam rei memoriam recognoscimus et notum facimus tenore praesentis universis quod, cum inter multiplices imperialis culminis curas et sollicitudines illa nobis semper praecipua fuerit, ut post tantos bellorum tumultus Christianam rempublicam pacatam redderemus, et ob hoc ex regnis nostris Hispanicis in Italiam descendimus, ac pacatis fere totius Italiae rebus plurimam operam impenderimus, ut contraversias [*sic*] ac contentiones inter sanctissimum patrem nostrum Clementem septimum, pontificem maximum, sanctamque sedem apostolicam, et illustrem Alfonsum Estensem, Ferrariae ducem (quae superesse videbantur) pluribus abhinc annis exortas continuatas componeremus ... In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium his litteris sive huic publico instrumento per suprascrittum secretarium vestrum [*sic*], Alfonsum Valdesium, notarium ad hanc causam per nos spetialiter deputatum, confecto et signato sigillum nostrum caesareum appendi iussimus. Actum in oppido nostro Gandavo, comitatus nostri Flandriae, die vigesima prima mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo primo, imperii nostri undecimo, regnorum autem nostrorum decimo sexto. [*signed:*] Carolus. [*below:*] Ad mandatum Caesareae et Catholicae Maiestatis proprium, [*signed:*] Alf(onsus) Valdesius.

Contemporary copy of the charter, granted by Charles V, Roman Emperor (1500-1558), by which he arbitrated in the conflict between Pope Clement VII (Giulio de' Medici, 1523-1534) and Alfonso I d'Este, Duke of Ferrara (1505-1534), Ghent, 21 April 1531. J.C. Lünig, ed., *Codex Italiae Diplomaticus* v. 1 (Frankfurt, Leipzig, 1725), 1663-1674.

Paper, ff. 8??, 295 x 220 mm. Watermark Briquet 6088?? The text leaves have early foliation "173"- "178". The paper is damaged and the legibility is impaired by the acidity of the ink.
Collation

Written without ruling?? in a single column of c. 32-35 lines.

Copied by one hand writing Humanistica Cursiva.

The leaves are part of a volume formerly in the possession of Thomas Phillipps, containing mostly copies of documents related to the affairs of the Medici dukes of Tuscany Alessandro (1531-1537), Cosimo I (1537-1574) and Ferdinand I (1587-1609). Purchased in 1990 from H.P. Kraus, New York.