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Italy (Rome?, Florence?), c. 1440-1450

Liber taxarum, Provinciale ecclesiae Romanae

1. ff. 1r-22r Taxe omnium mundi ecclesiarum. Abelonensis in Romania et provincia Atheniensi flor. [amount not entered]. Aberdonensis in Scotia et provincia sancti Andree flor. MCC. Aboensis in regno Suetie et provincia Upsaliensi flor. CC ... Zuerinensis in Polonia et provincia Zeznensi flor. VI^c LXVII. Zamorensis in provincia Compostellensi flor. VI^c.
2. ff. 22r-66v Abondioli Cumani ordinis sancti Benedicti flor. [amount not entered]. Achane vel Aniane ordinis sancti Benedicti diocesis Magalonensis flor. VIII^c. Acheoli ordinis sancti Benedicti diocesis Ambranensis flor. CLXXX ... Zenonis Pisani ordinis Camaldulensis flor. CCC. Zenonis Vernensis ordinis sancti Benedicti flor. CCC LXVI **.

Artt. 1-2: *Liber taxarum*. Alphabetical lists of all the churches and monasteries of the Christian world with the amount of the ecclesiastical tax each of them is required to pay.

3. ff. 66v-82v Provinciale omnium ecclesiarum mundi. In civitate Romana sunt quinque ecclesie patriarchales et sunt he: Ecclesia sancti Iohannis Lateranensis, que consuevit habere archiepiscopum qui debet esse cardinalis. Ecclesia sancti Pauli extra muros urbis, que est monasterium et habet abbatem ordinis sancti Benedicti ... tenentur Romanam curiam personaliter vel per procuratorem visitare seu lumina [*l. limina*] apostolorum Petri et Pauli in urbe Romana.

Provinciale ecclesiae Romanae. A similar text is ed. by M. Tangl, *Die päpstlichen Kanzleiordnungen von 1200-1500* (Innsbruck, 1894), pp. 3-32.

4. ff. 82v-83v De regibus rubrica. Sequitur de regibus Christianorum. Et sunt quidam coronandi et quidam non. Tamen illi qui coronandi sunt debent inungi et illi habent privilegium ab antiquo, videlicet: Rex Iherosolimitanus coronatur et ungitur ... Et sciendum est quod hodie non sunt plures reges Christianorum. Sequitur de regibus qui sunt feudatarii ecclesie Romanę: rex Iherosolimitanus, rex Sicilie, rex Anglorum, rex Aragonie, rex Sardinie.

List of the Christian kings of the world with their status from an ecclesiastical viewpoint.

5. ff. 83v-84r Ante nativitatem Domini nostri Ihesu Christi rex Herodes regnabat per totam illam terram in qua Ihesus Christus Dominus noster humilis nasci voluit ... Natus in Bethleem, nutritus in Nazaret, sepultus in Iherusalem.

Notes on Herod the Great (73-4 B.C.), his son Archelaus and the latter's successors Herod Antipas (c. 21 B.C.-A.D. 39) and Herod Agrippa I (10 B.C.-A.D. 44), followed by a note on the three ways of defining the beginning of the era based on the Incarnation (either Nativity or Circumcision or Annuntiation); the last paragraph is on the reign of Christ on earth.

6. ff. 84r-88r Modus dividendi quinque minuta servitia camerę et collegii. Ut de quatuor servitiis, quę familiaribus et officialibus Romani pontificis et ecclesię Romanę a prelatiis promotis in Romana curia et alibi summi pontificis auctoritate debentur ... Medietas vero camerario et clericis predictis perveniens sic dividitur: quilibet clericus habet unam partem et camerarius habet quatuor partes, videlicet pro quatuor clericis. [f. 87v:] Anno a nativitate Domini M CCC LXVIII in mense Ianuarii [Jan. 1368] Romę apud Sanctum Petrum sanctissimus pater, dominus noster dominus Urbanus papa quintus, voluit et ordinavit ac mihi Arnolde, archiepiscopo Anxitanensi, camerario suo, precepit ... Sed duntaxat pro rata illius temporis quo fuerint presentes non obstante statuto vel consuetudine in contrario observatis.

Regulations for the distribution of the *servitia* (products of the taxes) to the various members of the Curia. Ed. J. Haller, "Die Verteilung der Servitia minuta und die Obligation der Praelaten im 13. und 14. Jahrhundert", *Quellen und Forschungen aus Italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken*, 1(1898), pp. 281-295 (284-289).

7. ff. 88r-90v Stipendia quę dantur per cameram apostolicam officialibus curię. Dominus vicecancellarius recipit in die 47 turonenses gross., valent lb. 3, sol. 6, den. 4 ... hic non pono, quia amplius non dantur per cameram ista stipendia.

List of stipends to be paid to all the various officials of the Curia.

8. ff. 90v-91r De valore diversarum monetarum. Quia in hoc libro et in aliis libris camerę frequenter fit mentio de diversis monetis ratione censuum vel oblationum, ideo de valore monetarum est aliquid pcedendum. Unus marabatinus valet unum florenum. Octo papienses valent unum turonensem grossum argenti ... Una libra turonensis parvorum comitiis in camera ponitur pro uno floreno.

Table of the value of the various monetary units used in the books of the Camera Apostolica.

9. ff. 91r-93r De divisione fructuum ecclesię inter papam et cardinales. Incipit statutum domini Nicholai papę quarti [1288-1292], continens quod de omnibus et singulis fructibus, redditibus et proventibus, quos recipit et recipiet perpetuis temporibus sacrosancta Romana ecclesia ... [f. 91v:] Sequitur forma bullę. Nicolaus episcopus ... Cęlestis altitudo potentie clementi providentia cuncta disponens ... Datum etc.

Regulations for the distribution of the taxes between the pope and the cardinals. The bull of Pope Nicholas IV (1289) is ed. by A. Tomassetti, *Bullarium Romanum*, v. 4 (Turin, 1859), pp. 88-90.

10. ff. 93r-94v Instrumentum donationis factę collegio dominorum cardinalium per dominum Benedictum XII papam anno Domini milleximo tricentesimo tricesimo tertio,

quod sequitur in hac forma. In nomine Domini. Amen. Anno Nativitatis eiusdem 1333°, die vicesima quarta mensis Decembris ... scripsi et in hanc publicam formam redegam meoque signo consueto signavi, rogatus et requisitus a dominis cardinalibus et camerario supradicto, etc.

Donation by Pope Benedict XII [1334-1342] to the college of cardinals. The date given here, 24 Dec. 1333, needs to be investigated.

11. ff. 94v-95r Inter cetera multa que habet ecclesia in regno Francie debet habere denarium unum annuatim a qualibet domo. Unde Gregorius papa septimus ita scribit legatis suis in Francia, prout habetur in registris eiusdem Gregorii in libro VIII°, cap. XXIII°. Gregorius episcopus ... Vobis commissa negotia non latent ... et posuit signum devotionis et libertatis, sicut ipsi Saxones habent scriptum et prudentes illorum satis sciunt.

Pope Gregory VII (1073-1085), *Epistola* 8.23, about the Peter's pence. E. Caspar, ed., *Das Register Gregors VII*. MGH, *Epistolae selectae in usum scholarum*, vol. 2, fasc. 2 (1923), pp. 565-567.

12. ff. 95r-96r De ecclesiis vacantibus bis in anno ordinatio facta tempore domini Ioannis XXII pape [1316-1334] super servitio camere apostolice persolvendo. Anno Domini 1331° die quarta Septembris ... Item declaratio super predicta ordinatione facta tempore dicti domini Iohannis anno Domini 1337°. Sciendum est quod, cum dominus noster summus pontifex ... de suo communi servitio solvendo restabat et residuum pro seipso.

More regulations about ecclesiastical taxes.

13. f. 96r *Scripta*. In diebus solemnibus et solemnitatibus infra positis consueverunt Romani pontifices missarum solemnia celebrare in propria persona et ipsimet predicare consueverunt in eis solemnitatibus ... et datur potus post Vesperos et Matutinum habet papale; non predicatur. ff. 96v-100v blank

Unfinished note on the feasts at which the pope personally celebrates mass and preaches, from *Ordo Romanus*, XIV.98. PL 78.1222C-1223A.

Parchment, ff. 100, 225 x 155 mm.

I-X¹⁰. Horizontal catchwords right of the center.

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4/5 -line white vinestem initials at the head of artt. 1, 2 and 5; one red rubric (f. 96r).

Contemporary binding: brown leather over wooden boards, both covers blind-tooled with frames of fillets, a roll and rope tools.

The manuscript belonged to Tommaso Spinelli (1397-1472) and was no doubt made on his order. This member of the wealthy Florentine Spinelli family was a banker enjoying the lasting friendship of several popes and playing a major role in papal and ecclesiastic finances. Pope Eugenius IV named him in 1445 *depositarius* (treasurer) of all the taxes paid to the Church of Rome. Already before that date he may have ordered the making of the present manuscript, which in the lower margin of f. 1r bears his coat of arms, together with two other, unidentified coats of arms: argent, lily gules and azure, bend sable. On the flyleaves contemporary notes probably in his hand: (1) front flyleaf r: “+ 1458. Adì XI del mese d’Agosto in venerdì, negli anni di Christo nostro Signore, fu cielebrato gienerale parlamento in Firenze insulla piazza de Singniory. Addio piaccia sia com buono fine”; (2) rear flyleaf f. 106r: “+ M CCCC° XXXVIII°. Qui disotto si fara nota nel modo et forma si dividero i danari delle tasse d’ogni chiesa che si paga in corte di Roma per lo papa in chonciostoro ... Questo che disopra è scritto è l’ordinario di quanto paghare si deve”; (3) rear flyleaf f. 107r: “+ M CCCC° XXXVIII°. Ricordo facciamo qui comme questo dì, XVIII di Dicembre 1439, per nostro signore lo papa Eugenio III° [1431-1447] nello suo anno VIII° pubrichò XVII kardinali trovandosi in Firenze in Sancta Maria Novella in conciestorio segreto ... A Dio piaccia che tutti faccino bon frutto nella chiesa **, etc. (1) Note in Italian on a “general parliament” held in Florence on 11 August 1458; (2) note in Italian on the distribution of taxes between the pope and the cardinals, dated 1439; (3) list in Italian of the 17 cardinals created on 18 Dec. 1439 by Pope Eugene IV.

The content of this manuscript is very close to that of MS 997. In 1988 it was acquired, together with the whole family archive, from the Spinelli family of Florence. See R. Babcock, *The Spinelli Family. Florence in the Renaissance, 1430-1535. Guide to an Exhibition at the Beinecke Library, April 28 - August 25, 1989* (New Haven, 1989).