

Report of the Conventus of 1082

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This account is found at the end of Atto of San Marco's *Breviarium*, a collection of canons which is, perhaps, indicated in the initial phrase "Per hec capitula", "through these chapters".

... On 4 May in the ninth year of Pope Gregory VII, bishops, cardinals, abbots, and archpriests assembled so that they might say whether the property of the churches could be pawned to gather funds to resist Wibert, archbishop of Ravenna, who was trying to invade the see of Rome. After searching through these chapters for the authorities and the examples of the saints, they all unanimously decreed that the sacred property of the churches could in no way be spent on knights of this world, but could only be used in almsgiving to the poor, for the holy use of divine affairs, and in the redemption of captives. So, too, under Joseph's administration, the lands of priests were immune from tribute,¹ and blood money was not given out nor put into the temple fund,² nor did the Heliodorus who stole sacred things remain unpunished under the priest Onias.³

Present at these proceedings were: Bishop John of Porto, Bishop John of Tusculum, Bishop Uberto of Preneste, Bishop of Bruno of Segni, Cardinal Beno of San Martino, Cardinal Peter of San Crisogono, Cardinal Benedict of San Pudenziana, Cardinal Romanhs of Santa Susanna, Cardinal Cono of Santa Anastasia, Cardinal Atto of San Marco, Cardinal Bonussenior of Santa Maria,

¹ Gen. 47:22.

² Matt. 27: 6.

³ II Macc. 3.

Abbot Maurus of San Saba, Parentius the cantor, Peter, the archpriest of Porta Latina, John, archpriest of San Sebastiano, John, archpriest of Santa Cecilia, Maurice, archpriest of San Salvatore, and many others.