

1026. Nov. 4. To all suffragans of the ch. of Canterbury. Announces that the pope has confirmed the sentence of suspension uttered by apostolic authority against Stephen archbp. of Canterbury by P(eter) bp. of Winchester and Pandulf papal subdeacon and *familiaris*. Orders them to observe it and to show no obedience to the archbp.

Lateran. Prid. non. Nov.—*Ad communem volumus*.

Wendover, iii. 345, and Paris, *Chron. maj.* ii. 634. Whence Mansi, *Concilia*, xxii. 1070. Pott. 5005.

1027. Nov. 4. To the clergy and laity of the province of Canterbury. Mandate in the terms of no. 1026.

Lateran. 2 non. Nov. an. 18.—*Ad communem volumus*.

P.R.O., Close roll 12 (17 John) m. 17d. Whence Rymer, i. i. 139; *SLI* p. 220. Pott. 5006.

1028. Dec. 11. To the treasurer, R. penitentiary, and W. canon, of York. Mandate to hear and decide case, on complaint of the canons of the ch. of Ripon against (John) abbot and the convent of Fountains, O. Cist., about a sum of money and other matters.

Lateran. 3 id. Dec. an. 18.—*Canonici Ripon' ecclesie*.

Ripon memorials, iv. 47.

1029. Dec. 16. To (Hugh) abbot of Abingdon, (William) archdn. of Poitiers, and Mr. Ranulf, official of the ch. of Norwich. Mandate to publish and enforce throughout England the general excommunication, recently pronounced by the pope in the General Council, of those barons of England and their accomplices who attack King John. Thirty-one persons are named as already excommunicated by the bp. of Winchester, the abbot of Reading, and Mr. Pandulf, papal subdeacon and *familiaris*. They are Robert FitzWalter, Saer earl of Winchester and Robert his son, Geoffrey de Mandeville and William his brother, Richard earl of Clare and Gilbert his son, Henry earl of Hereford, Richard de Percy, Eustace de Vesci, John constable of Chester, William de Mowbray, William d'Aubeny and William his son, Robert de Ros and William his son, Peter de Brus, Robert de Creissi and John his son, Ranulf FitzRobert, Roger Earl Bigod and Hugh his son, Robert de Vere, Fulk FitzWarin, William Malet, William de Montacute, William son of the Marshal, William de Beauchamp, Simon de Kyme, Roger de Montbegon, Nicholas de Stuteville. Offenders' lands and the city of London are to be laid under interdict. Mr. Gervase chancellor of St. Paul's, London, is to be denounced and suspended from office.

Lateran. 17 kal. Ian. an. 18.—*Ad vestram volumus*.

Wendover, iii. 354, and Paris, *Chron. maj.* ii. 642, with probably unauthorized retouching of Wendover. Whence Rymer, i. i. 139; Bouquet, xix, 599; *SLI* p. 221. Pott. 5013.

According to the Giessen report on the General Council, the pope pronounced the excommunication in the third session, on 30 Nov., and made a speech linking it with the injunction of *firmissima pax* for the forthcoming crusade, and condemning the opponents of King John for obstructing the plans of such a promising crusader (S. Kuttner and A. Garcia y Garcia, 'A new eyewitness account of the Fourth Lateran Council', *Traditio*, xx (1964) 128, 156-8). The list of thirty-one excommunicates in the only text of the letter is open to some doubt (*SLI* p. 222 n. 2), and the title of Master is never given to Pandulf in the better-authenticated papal letters.

1030. Dec. 21. To the prior and convent of Christchurch, Twynham. Grants protection and confirms their possession of the churches of Puddletown and Stourpaine and land at Fleet.

Lateran. 12 kal. Ian. an. 18.—*Sacrosancta Romana ecclesia*.

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1031. Dec. 23, 1198 × Dec. 23, 1215. To the master and brethren of the hospital of Oswestry.