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■ Logudoro Privilege act

The State Archives in Pisa safeguard an important document, considered the oldest written document written in Sardinian: the so-called Logudoro Privilege act (fig. 1).



Fig. 1 - Logudoro Privilege act: parchment
(from <http://www.sardegnaicultura.it/cds/cd10/contos/istoria/6.html>).

The document produced by the clerk's office of the Giudice Mariano di Torres, is about the exemption from taxes on sales for the Pisa people, who were also guaranteed personal immunity. This concession by the sovereign - granted on request from the bishop and the Pisa consuls and Ugo Visconti - was aimed at establishing friendly, profitable relations between his lands and the Maritime Republic (fig. 2).

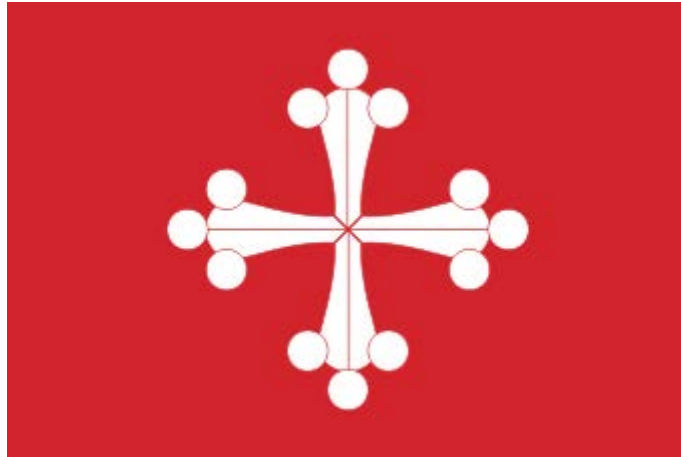


Fig. 2 - Flag of the Republic of Pisa (from https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Repubblica_di_Pisa#/media/File:Flag_of_the_Republic_of_Pisa.svg).

The parchment is not complete, in fact the name of some witnesses, the final penalty clauses and the final chronological notes are missing. The parchment is partially preserved, and, despite the absence of any dates, it has been possible to date the privilege act to a period between 1080 and 1085, because of the reference to Bishop Gherardo, who ruled the diocese of Pisa during those years.

The Logodoro privilege act was found and published for the first time in the last thirty years of the 19th century and since then many experts have given their opinion on its authenticity, widely debated until the 1990s, when the study carried out by A. Petrucci and A. Mastruzzo restored complete faith in the validity of the document (fig. 3).





Fig. 3 - Map of the Sardinian Giudicati (from https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/c/c5/Giudicati_sardi_1.svg/2000px-Giudicati_sardi_1.svg.png).

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