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**Liber Decretorum
Sive Pannormia
Ivonis (1499)**

Book 8, Page 1, Source of the Law's Library

The Bishop of Chartres had to be diplomatic in his interactions. He held a highly visible position in the Catholic Church at a time when King-popeal lords, and equally powerful church leaders jeered the leadership in the late eleventh and early twelfth centuries. He also had to be wise to be held in the importance of the reforms presented by Gregory VII and, consequently, when faced with his in power. Indeed, his opposition to the decision of Philip I of France to divorce his wife, Bertha of Holland, in many respects of historical, led to his imprisonment for several months.

**Liber decretorum sive
panormia Ivonis ac
cur pro laboribus
Iudaeis in primum red-
acta consensio.**

First leaf of the Pannormia, probably the first printed and reprinted of this work.

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MAGNA CARTA'S RETURN VISIT TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Historical Call, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations, Law Library of Congress



On a day in June nearly five years ago, King John of England made an agreement with a group of barons on green field at Runnymede, near Windsor. King John met the barons' demands for reform, granting his subjects the right to hold their sovereignty accountable to the rule of law. The resulting document, Magna Carta, became the foundation of the constitutional order of the British Commonwealth countries and the United States of America.

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