

Published under the Name of Pedro of Sevil, in order to
Give it the Greater Authority, or because there was truly
Another Collection begun by him, which after ward was
Completed by Morcator, who inserted many other Letters In
to it down to the time of Zachary. Another Collection also
appeared at this time under the title Capitula Papae Adri-
ani, which was published in France by Fulg. Rannius
Bishop of Metz in the Year 785. But this Collection was
not Received in the Rank of Canons. In Rome likewise in
the same eight Century there appeared another Collection
of the ancient formulars, Intitled, Diurnis Rememorari-
Pontificum, which the Popes made use of only in their
Dispatches.

Lib. 14.
Chap. 3.
sect. 1.

All Collections of Canons made in the Eleventh
Century, were the first wherein the Canons are distributed
According to the subjects; but were almost polluted with
the many fabulous Stories of Pedro Guisard among
them. Bernardus Bishop of Worms composed one which
he Intitled Magnum Canonum Volumen V. Mastrichte
Hist. Jur. Can. n. 250. There is another attributed to the
John Bishop of Luca; but tho' it bears his Name, yet
Another must have been the Author of it; for it contains
some Decrees of Urban 2. And of other Popes his succes-
sors who lived after Anselm. Anton. August. de Emend.
Great Part. Post. cap. 5 & ibi Baluz. sect. 19. But that Col-
lection which Prof. of Chartres computed about the End of
the Eleventh Century and Intitled Decretum, eclipsed all
the others; for the other Collections, Intitled Pannonia
or Pannormia attributed to the same Pro, there are some,
who made Hugo Acatalan, Author of it Anton. August.
lib. 2 Dialogue 5. Stephan Baluz in Prefat. n. 20. Fed.
Striv. Hist. Jur. Can. These were the most famous
Collections, till that so noted one of Gratian appeared,
which Obscured all the Rest, and was Received with
such Applause by the Canonists, that it was publicly
taught in the Schools, and in a short time had so many
Commentators, that it was lookt upon as the principal
part of the Canon Law.

Gratian was a Monk of the order of St. Benedict, who, in
the Pontificate of Alex. 3 taught Divinity in Bologna. He
was born in Chiusi a City of Tuscan, and it was Reported that
he was Begotten in Italy, and Peter Lombard, called Magis-
ter sententiarum, and Peter Comestor, a Writer of scholastic
History, were said to be his Brothers Begotten the same way;
his likewise said, that their Mother could never be brought to
Report her of the Adulteries committed in Beggetting them, but
said she was well pleased, that she had brought into the
World three famous Great Men; and though her Confessor
Rebuked her, yet not able to prevail upon her, he at last she
joined her, at least to Express her sorrow for her want of
Repentance. But Guido Panciroli (Declar. leg. Interpret.
lib. 3 cap. 2 pag. 405) Confutes all the story as fabulous, Espece-
ally, because they were not of the same Country, For Gratian
was Born in Chiusi, Peter Lombard in Novara, and Comestor
in Gyrano. Gratian composed his Collection in Bologna in the
Monastery of St. Egidio about the Year 1151 in the Pontificate
of Eugen. 3. Martin. n. 304. Striv. Hist. Jur. can. sect. 17. This
Intitled Concordia Discordantium Canonum, and Divided
it into three parts. The first contains the Principles, and
what regards the Canon Law in General, and the Rights
and Priviledges of Ecclesiastical persons, under the title of
Distinctions. The second contains the Decision of sundry
Particular cases, by the help of which many Distinctions are
solved; and its Intitled Causes. The third has for title, de Con-
secratione, because it treats of what belonged to the Ecclesi-
astical Ministry, the sacraments, Rites ordinations and Conse-
crations. He presented it to Pope Eugen, but it does not appear
that he Confirmed it; yet tho' it was not Approved by any
Lick Law of the Popes, it had both Authority and force. It
was Received with so Great Applause, that the Popes them-
selves made use of it, and laudably promoted it, in order to Raise
their Authority, and pull down that of the Emperour and
other Princes; whoes, in the time of Frederick Barbarossa,
Arose the Desires of the Gueff faction, who stood up
for the Pope, in Opposition to the Ghibellins don loc. cit.
sect. 19. Tho' this work be so Erroneous, Inmethodical and
Confused, that the Industry and Care of many famous profes-
sors have not been able to Polish and Clear it all toge-
ther.