

by the approval of the Reformation, and ordered that no  
thing should be added to it, altered in it, or taken from  
it. But as the Reformation of the Calendar was not thought  
sufficient, and therefore was rejected by some, so that of  
Gratian's Decrees was not looked upon to be so exact, but  
some discovered other Errors, and found fault with the  
formers for their Carelessness; Among the best Anti-  
quaries Augustinus Bishop of Jarragona was one, who left  
us many of his works, but the most learned of them all  
was that upon the Reformation of Gratian's Decrees, and  
Stephanus Baluzius was another.

In the Pontificate of Gregory the Decretals were  
likewise Reformed, and Restored according to the Ancient  
Collections, and the Pontifical Register; So that More or  
less Editions were published, amongst which that of  
Polus Petrus, & Francisus his brother is the best. From  
these Registers were afterwards compiled those five Volumes  
which contain the Pontifical Constitutions under the title  
of Bullarium Romanum sive Hist. Jur. Can. cap. 7 832. And  
to this Pope is likewise owing that famous Collection of  
the Gratian's Decrees which take up many Volumes.

About the end of the sixteenth Century Petrus Mat-  
theus a Lawyer of Lyons, without any Authority, observing  
the same Number of Books, and the same order of titles with  
the Gregoriana, made another Collection of the different  
Pontifical Constitutions Established after the first, the  
Chromantine, and the Extravagant Non-printed, and called  
Septimus Decretalium, and Dedicated to Cardinal Gaetano,  
which, tho' it was not approved of, we find in the last  
Edition added to the Ancient. But Gregory seeing that  
this seventh Book wanted Public Authority, resolved  
to have a seventh Book of Decretals Collected by his  
own Authority, and committed the charge of that work to  
the Cardinal Julius Orsino, Francisco Alciato, and An-  
tonio Caraffa; but soon after Death put a stop to his  
Design; so that Gregory being dead, his Successor  
thereafter charged the Cardinal Pinello, Aldo Brandino,  
Matteo Colonna, and many others with that work sive.  
Loc. Cit. who could not finish it during his life; but  
the same Cardinal Aldo Brandino being afterwards Elec-  
ted Pope, by the Name of Clement 8 published upon leaving  
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the work completed, and there being a question started, whether  
they ought to insert in it the Canons of the Council of Florence  
and Trent concerning Doctrine, it was thought fit to insert them  
so that this seventh Volume was finished 25 July 1598 contain-  
ing the Pontifical Constitutions and Decrees of that Council for  
500 Years back, divided into five books and disposed under  
many titles; but because in this Collection there had been  
many Decrees of the Council of Trent inserted, and it being  
already in the press, under the title of Septimus Liber Decre-  
taliū, Clement Octavi, a Great Doubt arose, which at last  
stayed the publication of it; because if this Volume had been  
published, some Doctors and Interpreters would have been  
apt to make Glosses & Comments upon it, not with standing  
the severe Censures fulminated by Pius against those that  
should dare to Gloss or other ways Interpret the Canons  
and Decrees of that Council; so that by suppressing the  
Publication of this Volume, the Doctors were prevented from  
falling under those Censures, and it remains in profound  
Obscurity sive. Loc. Cit.