

XXIX. If any persons of position or importance, whosoever they may be, insist on requiring that such and such a woman shall be given to such and such a man, this shall not be carried out by force.

XXX. So likewise the demands that any one priest shall be deprived of his post in the church that it may be given to another priest, such offensive proposals shall not be carried into effect.

XXXI. When, for the punishment and reformation of a Christian, he sends what they call an excommunication, that is the document imposing this penalty, no one shall interfere.

XXXII. When any of the persons who contract (as mentioned above) marriages against the rules of their religion die, as it would infringe these rules if they entered the church, the judicial and executive officers, and persons of influence and position, whoever they may be, shall not force the priests, saying, "Bury the corpse."

XXXIII. As to such of the bishops and priests who obstinately refuse to pay the customary canonical dues, when the said Archbishop in canonical form, as we explained above, chastises them, cuts their hair, expels them and replaces them by others, no one shall hinder him.

XXXIV. When any Christians leave by will a third part of their substance to the churches, the monasteries and the Archbishop, it shall be exacted from the heirs through a court.

XXXV. When the arrest of a priest, monk or nun has been ordered and pronounced necessary by a court, this arrest shall be effected through the said Archbishop.

XXXVI. When any members of a monkish order, who have no post in any church or monastery, wander about from place to place, and provoke scandals, the said Archbishop, after the manner explained above, shall chastise and restrain them.

XXXVII. When the Archbishop makes his yearly audit of the accounts of the trustees of the churches and monasteries, upon the completion of their year of office, should they be shown to be in arrear, they shall be compelled through a court to pay. And when he dismisses such defaulters, and replaces them according to the customs of their religion by honest and fit persons, no one shall hinder him.

XXXVIII. No one of the monks, who under our exalted *Berat* enjoys the rank and performs the duties of a metropolitan or bishop, shall be harassed or annoyed by our executive officers.

XXXIX. When one of such dies, in pursuance of the imperial decrees in force *ab antiquo*, the necessary imperial *Berats* shall be issued to the person chosen to succeed him.

XL. The Archbishops of Cyprus shall not be removed except for crime, nor replaced by others through mere favouritism.

XLI. The petition of the Archbishops is allowed to be received. Touching matters of their religion whatever they submit and report to us shall receive a gracious hearing.

XLII. If persons wish to be appointed Archbishops, not even the smallest attention shall be paid in any way to their personal claims. For the bishops should be learned men, devoted to their religious duties, and clothed with full authority in all such matters; and according to our exalted imperial command as issued *ab antiquo*, they must be free from influence or annoyance from anyone soever.