

Edict against those who have damaged the ancient aqueducts from Bracciano (1 March 1608)

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The Lord Deputies in charge of the works leading water from Bracciano to Rome have learned that many have damaged and are damaging the ancient aqueducts by breaking off and carrying away stones and materials. They therefore order each and every person who has damaged or carried off a portion of the aforesaid aqueducts—whether stones or other materials—that they must bring them back and put back in the same places in the aforesaid aqueducts all the stones and materials which they took and repair what they have damaged [so that it is] just as it was before. Otherwise, they shall prosecute them for the penalties imposed on those who destroy and pillage public buildings and they shall make [these people] make good all the damage and expenses with interest.

For the future, let them not dare to damage these aqueducts nor take stones or anything else from the aforesaid aqueducts under penalty of 500 scudi—in addition to what was mentioned above—to be paid to the Reverend Apostolic Camera, as well as other penalties at the discretion of His Holiness. And in the see etc.

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