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Development of the Bishopric and the Sees
--our introductory notes are on page 36!

--Events at Constantinople I

--judiciary complaints of bishops

--and eventually a study in "bigness" whether you approve of it or not!

2. Development of the offices:

Clergy

Laity

There are some interesting things in this account. Note the following:

The church mimics the state: а (I will spread this out a little just to give me more room) Western Ch. Govt, Eastern Ch. Govt. State government Emperor Monarchial Bishop Patriarch Senate Higher clergy Imperial governor Archbishop Provincial governor Local Bishop Metropolitan

There are other offices inserted in all places but the idea seems to have been..if the state has it, it is a good model for us.

And with this it is interesting to note how the clothing eventually adopted by the clergy was, on the whole, line items from the clergy of the military/state officials.

Impact

Citizens (civitas)

Common People

This gave superiority of position and made a great temptation for persons to seek advancement in the church for aggrandizing reasons more than spiritual benefit for the masses. The church would establish its own courts and protocol and in time this would produce many conflicts with the various governments that would come.

But political reality called for this sort of thing and it would have taken a very broadminded person to have successfully thought or acted otherwise.

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