

and duplication that are the hallmarks of a mediating compilation at work. Of all these citations, only one instance in Ps.-Alexander, J³ †49, has no parallel in Benedict's collection. The passage at issue occurs only in this single decretal and nowhere else, because no mediating formal source was on hand to ensure a wider distribution⁴⁸.

48) For Ps.-Alexander cf. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* (as n. 1) p. 97: The pope deplores confessions that have been extorted *per metum aut fraudem aut per vim*, words that probably come from Lex Visig. 2.5.9, ed. Karl ZEUMER, *Leges Visigothorum* (MGH LL nat. Germ. 1, 1902) p. 110 l. 2–3. Beyond this instance, the False Decretals have no more than eleven loci from the Lex Visigothorum, always with a parallel in the False Capitularies:

1. Lex Visig. 2.1.10 in. (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 [as n. 48] p. 58 l. 11–12); in BL 2.343 (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 [as n. 1] p. 90). Twice in the False Decretals: Ps.-Stephanus J³ †256 and Ps.-Pelagius II, J³ †2044 (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* [as n. 1] p. 184 and 730).

2. Lex Visig. 2.1.13 (11) rubr. (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 60 l. 24); in BL 2.436, 3.352, add. 3.10 and 3.459a (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 p. 98, 90, 139 and 131). Twice in the False Decretals: Ps.-Euticianus, J³ †298 and Ps.-Felix II, J³ †505 c. VIII (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* p. 212 and 486).

3. Lex. Visig. 2.1.29 rubr. (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 76 l. 9–10); in BL 1.405 (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 p. 69) and CA 18bis (ed. SCHON, *Capitula Angilramni* [as n. 19] p. 164). Three times in the False Decretals: Ps.-Calixtus, J³ †160; Ps.-Marcellinus, J³ †321; and the Fifth Symmachan Synod (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* p. 137, 223 and 683).

4. Lex Visig. 2.4.1 (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 95 l. 3–5); in BL 2.397 and 3.369 (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 p. 95 and 125); CA 10bis (ed. SCHON, *Capitula Angilramni* p. 158 l. 1–4). Four times in the False Decretals: Ps.-Clemens, J³ †26; Ps.-Euticianus, J³ †298; Ps.-Felix II, J³ †505 c. XVI; Ps.-Eusebius, J³ †339 (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* p. 40, 211, 488 and 239).

5. Lex Visig. 2.4.5 in. (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 98 l. 3–5); in BL 2.147 and BL 2.345a (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 p. 80 and 90). Twice in the False Decretals: Ps.-Calixtus J³ †162 and Ps.-Damasus, J³ †568 (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* p. 141 and 519–520).

6. Lex Visig. 2.4.7 (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 99 l. 34 – p. 100 l. 1); in BL 3.322 and 3.440b (ed. SCHMITZ, *Book 3* [as n. 1] p. 84 l. 10–14 and 114 l. 2–4); CA 29 (ed. SCHON, *Capitula Angilramni* p. 133 l. 1–3). Four times in the False Decretals: Ps.-Alexander, J³ †49; Ps.-Stephanus I, J³ †256; Ps.-Melchiades, J³ †355; Ps.-Pelagius II, J³ †2044 (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* p. 96, 187, 244 and 730).

7. Lex Visig. 2.4.13 (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 104 l. 8–17); in BL 2.348 (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 p. 90). Once in the False Decretals: Ps.-Calixtus J³ †162 (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* p. 141).

8. Lex Visig. 8.1.2 (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 313 l. 7–9); in BL 2.161 and 2.353 (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 p. 81 and 90). Three times in the False Decretals: Ps.-Eusebius, J³ †340; the Fifth Symmachan Synod; and Ps.-John I, J³ †1690 (ed. HINSCHIUS, *Decretales* p. 237, 676 and 694).

9. Lex Visig. 12.2.9 in. (ed. ZEUMER, MGH LL nat. Germ. 1 p. 416 l. 9–11); in BL 3.351 (ed. PERTZ, MGH LL 2, 2 p. 124). Twice in the False Decretals: Ps.-Eu-