**Later Middle Ages -- ~1000-~1500 ce/10**

Institution of the Quarantìa = Council of Forty, presided over by the Minor Council, to occasionally relieve the workload of the Major Council in various matters; aggregated to the Major Council.

<http://www.arielcaliban.org/PX_quarantia_1223.pdf>

Statutory discipline of the gifts by the husband to the wife: they do not accrue to the *repromissa.*

**1225**

Trading agreement between the Comune and the Sultanate of Aleppo

<http://www.arielcaliban.org/PX_aleppo.pdf>

**1226**

Rapid urbanisation of the capital city. The whole of the territory is now called Ducatus (in a geographical sense, as metropolitan territory), while the city at and around Rialto is called Venetia.

<http://www.arielcaliban.org/PX_city_xii-xiii.pdf>

Statutory law introducing the legal institute of *venditiones ad usum novum* = land sales in a new (optional) way.

Instead of performing *investiciones*, repeated notification by public officers to neighbours that the land is for sale (giving time to those abroad to receive news and enact pre-emption), the seller now can have the land estimated by public officers, and if it remains unsold at the price, the Comune buys it at a discount. Thus the Comune maintains control of the use of the territory and moderates the excalating prices of land and buildings.

**1227**

The expansion of the Mongol empire of Gengis Khan and his Tatar army has expanded westward to the Caspian Sea; death of Gengis Khan.

Early maritime statutes: *Ordinamentum super saornatione, caricatione et stivatione navium*= safety rules about ballast, load distribution and provisions for ships, limiting private contractual freedom in the name of safety during navigation.

**1228-1229**

*Capitulare navium* = restatement (with additions) to the whole discipline of navigation, including technical guidelines for shipbuilding.

**1229**

Death of Pietro Ziani. The new doge is Jacopo Tiepolo. Likely introduction of Correttori alla promissione ducale, a magistrate tasked with updating the text that the new doge will swear.

The *promissio ducis* of Tiepolo is in fact longer and more articulated than the earlies ones, and remains the permanent draft for the following.

It includes the promise to have a *rector* for Chioggia elected by the Major Council.

The experience of government in the dominions of Romània has consolidated the recourse to unipersonal magistrates, elected to short-term offices, whose powers are appointed through very detailed capitulars called commissioni (*commissions*), which specify the duties of the rector with consideration to the current affairs of the territory entrusted to him.

**1230**

Instead of 3 electors chosen by the trentacìe, 10 electors are elected by the Major Council and approved by the Forty: the trentacìe are abandoned as obsolete, with a shift from territorial representation of all parts of the territory to semi-professional politics.

*Novae leges* = statutes in civil matters; new maritime statutes, collecting and expanding former statutes and legificating additional customs to keep pace with technical innovations.