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Elbląg

Convent of Elbląg (prov. of Polonia)

*Cardinal Bishop William of Modena certifies a letter of donation from 1238 13/1, in which Landmeister Hermann von Balk of the Teutonic Order in Prussia and Livonia donates a site in Elbląg to the Friars Preachers for the construction of a priory. In addition, the cardinal states that from here the friars are meant to assist with the cura animarum of the newly converted souls, and to serve as good Christian examples in both word and action.*

Source: Transcript by A.T. Brakenhausen (†1777). City Archives of Elbląg.

Wilhelmus divina miseratione episcopus quondam Mutinensis penitentiarius domini pape apostolice sedis legatus dilectis in Christo fratribus omnibus presentem paginam inspecturis, salutem in nomine Jhesu Christi. Noveritis Hermannum tunc temporis magistrum fratrum domus Theutonice in Prussia cum deberet fundari civitas que dicitur Elbingum in ipso principio et fundatione civitatis de consensu fratrum suorum concessisse aream fratribus predicatoribus in eadem civitate ad edificandum ecclesiam et claustrum de ordine supradicto sicut in litteris infra scriptis plenius continetur: *In nomine sancte...* [*see ExDOP 1238 13/1*]. Nos autem videntes manifestam utilitatem et necessitatem quod in civitate predicta fratres predicatorum habitent qui curam habeant animarum neophitorum et aliorum ut ipsos verbo doceant et exemplo predictam concessionem autoritate qua fungimur apostolica confirmamus et presentis scripti pagina ac sigillo nostro appposito communimus. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc confirmationis nostre paginam violare. Et si quis contra hoc ausu temerario fecerit nisi penitentiam egerit noverit se indignationem incurrere Jhesu Christi. Datum in Elbing, anno Dominice incarnationis MCCXLII, sextodecimo kalendas aprilis.

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