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Abstracts

DOMENICO VENTURA, Fiscalità statale e banchieri privati nella Sicilia alfoncina. A proposito dei meccanismi di riscossione e di deposito della *regia collecta*

By the consultation of unreleased notarial sources kept in the Catania Register Office and dated from the middle of the fifteenth century, in particular reference to two districts of the Middle-Eastern Sicily (the feudal Motta Camastra and the State owned Randazzo), we want to illustrate the collection procedures of that particular royal tax (regia collecta), which, established as an extraordinary income, became a perpetual and ordinary tax known as donatio, during the reign of Alphonso "il Magnanimo". It's also an occasion to highlight the functions and the roles of personalities who don't just belong to the local circle, but concern dynasties of merchants-bankers, mostly foreigners (and especially from Pisa), who, thanks to their high-level technical and accounting skills and to their operative range of financial, commercial and entrepreneurial operations, ruled the insular scene, rising to become favored partners of the Royal Court itself.

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