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VITTORIO FRAJESE, *Visti da Roma. Paolo Sarpi e Fulgenzio Micanzio nel triennio protestante (1606-1609)*

After the appearance of the first writings in defense of Venice during the Interdict, Cardinal Scipione Borghese, in close collaboration with the Holy Office, placed under strict surveillance Paolo Sarpi and his collaborator Fulgenzio Micanzio. The documentation preserved in the Vatican Secret Archives and in the Archives of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith thus constitute a precious source of knowledge on the thought, life and political initiatives undertaken by the two theologians. The article goes over these Roman sources and concludes that the relationship maintained by Sarpi and Micanzio with the British Embassy and then with Calvinist theologians did not entail any adherence to the reformed theology, even generically understood, but was part of an ethical-political strategy aimed at liberalizing the Venetian religious life by compressing the ecclesiastical jurisdiction and simplifying the conditions of faith imposed to the faithful.

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