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Evidence of Venetian trade in Genoese Caffa is attested since the early fourteenth century. The relation between Venice and Genoa was complicated – as we know – due to their rivalry for the supremacy of the sea. However, notarial deeds of the time (drawn up in the Italian settlements situated along the coasts of the Black Sea) reveal that traders of both maritime cities did business together and could have a trusting relationship. That is the case of Manfredi Contarini, a Venetian nobleman who made his will when he stayed at the house of the Genoese Ansaldo Cattaneo in Caffa. The will, dated 10 October 1358, shows us that the two merchants were probably friends or at least business partners. Manfredi, in fact, entrusted the management of his assets in Caffa to Ansaldo and usually stayed at his house when he was in town.

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