

Laurentius Johannis, a priest from the diocese of Strängnäs, wished to study but had no means to do so. He therefore made a written promise to the Johannite brothers in Eskilstuna that he would join their order, if they supported his studies. For seven years he has studied at the expense of the monastery and has now been promoted to Holy Orders. However, since Laurentius doubts that he can bear the austerity of regular life, he has changed his mind and no longer wishes to enter any religious order. Instead, he wants to remain a secular priest and intends to repay the monastery for its expenses. The regent Julianus, bishop of Bertinoro, absolves Laurentius from breach of faith, changes the vow to other pious deeds, grants him dispensation to remain a secular priest and assigns defence for him, on condition that the written document does not contain an implicit or explicit binding clause. The auditor Mercurius adds that the monastery's expenses must be refunded. The case is referred to the bishop and the archdeacon of Uppsala or their substitutes.

47:354r Laurentius Iohannis presbyter Strengensis diocesis exponit, quod, cum ipse alias desideraret litterarum studio operam adhibere, et ad id facultates ei non suppeterent, quibusdam fratribus monasterii Eskels-tuna ordinis sancti Iohannis Ierosolimitani promisit se eorum ordinem, postquam in alio studio generali litteris operam dedisset, ingredi et profiteri velle, prout in quodam cerographo seu appodissa manu ipsius exponentis scripta reperitur. Et deinde dictus exponens in huiusmodi proposito continuans per septennium sumptibus cuiusdam monasterii dicti ordinis litteris operam dedit ac ad omnes etiam sacros et pres-byteratus ordines se fecit sub titulo religionis huiusmodi promoveri. Cum autem, pater sancte, dictus exponens dubitans austeritates regu-lares sufferre posse huiusmodi propositum / mutaverit nec ulterius animum suum ad ingressum religionis alicuius inclinare possit cupiatque presbyter secularis remanere ac ipsi monasterio expensas successive, ut illas accepit, refundere et restituere intendat, supplicatur etc., quatenus ipsum a transgressione voti et mutatione propositi huiusmodi absolvit eidemque votum ipsum in alia pietatis opera commutari ac cum eo, ut presbyter secularis remanere possit, dispensari mandare necnon executores seu iudices defensionis sibi deputare misericorditer dignemini de gratia speciali et expresso, nisi cyrographus prefixionem tacitam vel expressam induxit vel ex nunc inducat. Julianus episcopus Brichtonoriensis regens. Et refectis monasterio expensis. Mercurius

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361 Anno septimo domini Alexandri pape vi *in marg. sup. fol. 354r*; Rome apud Sanctum Petrum *in marg. sup. fol. 354v*; Rome vi Kalendas Iunii *in marg. sin. fol. 354r*; Stregensis diocesis *in marg. dext. fol. 354r.* | 361,4 Ierosolimitani] Ierosolimatini *cod.* | 6 cerographo] *i.e.* cirographo | appodissa] *i.e.* apodissa (*vide GMLS*) | 15 etc] scil. (humiliter eidem sanctitati vestre) pro parte ipsius exponentis *vel sim.*; *cfr e.g. n. 119,19; 278,13; 341,8.* | 21 inducat] inducant *cod.*

auditor. Et committatur ordinario et archidiacono Upsilonensi vel eorum
vicariis. Fiat. Iulianus.