

SANCTIONS AGAINST ETHNIC POPULATIONS

Papal Bulls set the stage for Domination and Slavery

A papal bull is a type of public decree, letters patent, or charter issued by a pope of the Catholic Church. Bull from Bulla / Seal

Sanctioned by the Pope(s) who wrote one - Papal Bull (Decree) - after another that gave instruction and latitude to ferret out heresy. Local and regional church officials were empowered to question, punish, imprison, convert, enslave, torture and kill in the name of the Catholic Church giving rise to 'sanctioned violence against 'the other'



13 C Bulla seal

1184 - November 4 - Pope Lucius III

Ad Abolendam - Established the Inquisition

To abolish the malignity of diverse heresies,....

it is but fitting that the power committed to the Church should be awakened, of the imperial strength, that by the concurring assistanceboth

the insolence and impertinence of the heretics, in their false designs, may be crushed,....

1452 June 18- Pope Nicholas V

Dum Diversas

It authorized Alfonso V of Portugal to reduce any "Saracens (Muslims) and pagans and any other unbelievers" to perpetual slavery. This facilitated the Portuguese slave trade from **West Africa**.

1455 - January 5 - Pope Nicholas V

Romanus Pontifex

Extended to The Kingdom of Portugal, Alfonso V and his son, the Catholic nations of Europe dominion over discovered lands during the Age of Discovery. Along with sanctifying the seizure of non-Christian lands, it allowed for the enslavement of native, non-Christian peoples in Africa and the New World.

1478- November 1 -Pope Sixtus IV.

Exigit Sincerae Devotionis Affectus

Authorized King Ferdinand V of Aragon and Queen Isabella I of Castile to **establish their own Inquisition** as well as appoint inquisitors without interference from the Church.

1493 - May 4 - Pope Alexander VI - This is a bit complicated

Inter Caetera

Spain and Portugal are authorized to colonize the Americas and its Native peoples as subjects. It also justifies the enslavement of Africans.

granted to the Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella (as sovereigns of Castile) all lands to the "west and south" of a pole-to-pole line 100 leagues west and south of any of the islands of the Azores or the Cape Verde islands.^[1] <https://upstanderproject.org/firstlight/doctrine>

The line of demarcation divided Atlantic zones only.^[7] Spain and Portugal could pass each other toward the west or east, respectively, on the other side of the globe and still possess whatever lands they were first to discover. The bull was silent regarding whether lands to the east of the line would belong to Portugal, which had only recently reached the southern tip of Africa (1488) and had not yet reached [India](#) (1498). cont.

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These lands yet "to be discovered" lay beyond those along the west coast of Africa as far as [Guinea](#), and were given to Portugal via the 1481 bull *Aeterni regis*, which had ratified the [Treaty of Alcáçovas](#).^[10]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inter_caetera