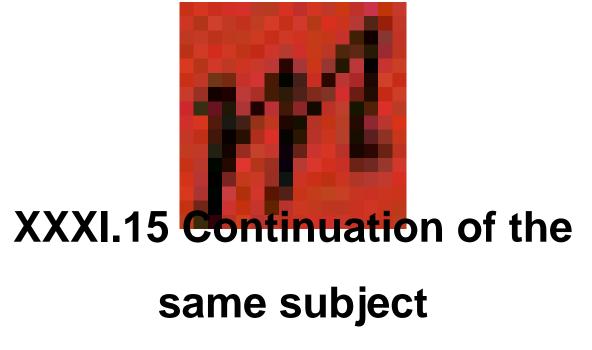
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XXXI.15 Continuation of the same subject

We must observe that, fiefs having been changed into Church properties, and Church properties having been changed into fiefs, fiefs and Church properties reciprocally took on something of the nature of the other. Thus Church properties had the privileges of fiefs, and fiefs had the privileges of Church properties: such were the honorific rights in the churches which came into being in those times. [1]

[1] See capitularies, book V, art. 44, and edict of Pistres, year 869, art. 8-9, where we see the honorific rights of the established lords just as they are today.

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