

Item, in the month of December. . . Giovanni Fratello, Venetian, while coming to Crete with a galley, met a vessel from Monemvasia [a place in Crete] which belonged to a man named Maurosumi, and captured it. And in it were cloth, oil, money, weapons, valued at 2,200 hyperpers, as well as thirty men, who were sold for 500 hyperpers . . .

Item, in the month of March. . . Nascimbene, behaving as a pirate, took 36 men from a place called Ceconi [on the island of Crete] and sold them in Rhodes. . . .

-Byzantine Scribe, "International Disputes over Trade, Constantinople and Venice"
(1319-1320) excerpt.