

Abstract: Pepper, Pomegranates, and a Brewing Copper for the Heretics. Trade in High-end Goods from and to the Kingdom of Bohemia during the Hussite Wars

The article deals with the circumvention of the embargo, which was imposed by the papacy and the Catholic lay powers upon all trade and commerce with the Czech Hussites between 1420 and 1436. It scrutinises papal bulls, royal mandates, municipal correspondence, judicial sources and account books for information on trade in expensive high-end goods such as West European cloth, items of specialised high-quality craftsmanship, spices, exotic fruit, costly wine, manuscripts, and objects of art. The article thus identifies actors and trade routes and sheds light on the specific political and religious circumstances that characterised commercial relations between the allegedly heretic Czechs and their Catholic neighbours during the Hussite Wars.

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