*HIPPO #8*

*“Life on an Early Medieval Manor” (Chapter 17, page 448)*

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| **H** | ***H****istorical Context* | This was written and issued in 807 CE at the height of the Carolingian Empire’s power. Islamic forces had already seized Spain and invaded France before being turned back at the Battle of Tours. The Roman Empire has fallen and Western Europe is mostly a feudal state. |
| **I** | ***I****ntended Audience* | Charlemagne issued this decree as a guide to his stewards in the hopes that the many feudal estates in his empire could be better held accountable for the goods and services they produced. |
| **P** | ***P****urpose* | Charlemagne wanted a better accounting of the resources (and taxes) of his vassals. Better accounting would mean more money and resources for him. |
| **P** | ***P****oint of View*  *(P.O.V.)* | This was issued by Charlemagne although he was illiterate. So this was most likely dictated and then issued to his stewards to put into action. Since he was the king/ emperor, he would expect that his orders were carried out to the letter. |
| **O** | ***O****utside Info.* | After Charlemagne’s death his empire was divided among his grandsons in 843 CE. It was during this time that the Viking raids started to increase in frequency and ferocity, plaguing what was left of Charlemagne’s empire. |