In my recent brief account of the printed Italian statutes in the British Library, I made one misleading statement when I failed to mention the statutes of the Duchy of Savoy, of which the Library has three editions printed before 1600. I wrote: 'It will be noted that certain important cities, such as Naples and Turin, did not produce any early printed editions of their statutes'. Turin was in fact busily printing not the statutes of the city itself, but of Savoy, which, although not at that time politically part of Italy as we know it, deserves to be included here. The following editions are in the British Library:

1. *Decreta Sabaudiae ducalia* (Turin: Johannes Fabri, 17 November 1477), fol. 180 leaves. *B.M.C.* vii, p. 1054 (IB. 32415 = G.6257). Our copy is imperfect, wanting sheet e5 (leaves 53 and 54) and the blanks. This edition gives to Savoy a place in the chronological list of statutes not far short of that of Venice, whose statutes had appeared in Italian on 24 April of the same year.

2. *Statuta Sabaudiae* (Turin: Franciscus de Silva, 28 April 1505), fol. 106 leaves. The anonymous editor, in his dedicatory letter dated 5 September 1505 to his equally anonymous patron (whom he addresses on leaf 6 verso simply as 'Reuerendissime Pater' and later as 'Canzellarie') refers to the previous edition as ancient, the need now being for an edition to be printed 'melioribus caracteribus'. The considerable difference in date between the 28 April 1505 of the colophon and the 5 September 1505 of the dedicatory epistle is not easy to explain, for some unknown obstacle must have held up the book's publication for another four months and more after the text had been printed off: it has nothing to do with the calendar, since the year generally began in Savoy on 25 December at that time. The book, which formerly stood at 5326.g.8, is now a cassebook in the Official Publications Library at D.E.J.3.


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2 On the last leaf this Chancellor is described in a document of 5 December 1503 as 'R.A. ex marchionibus romagnani Episcopo montisregali Cancellario sabaudiae'. This identifies him as Amedeo Romagnani, who was Bishop of Mondovi from 1497 to his death on 17 March 1509.