

that should be mentioned is the fact that in regard to Africa he made the claims of superiority and was able to make them stick, the claims which previous bishops of Rome had made and had failed. Augustine you remember and the leaders of the African church refused to admit any supremacy but a supremacy of honor to the bishop of Rome. But now Leo was able to say now Leo was able to say we are the pastor set over the Christian of Africa and we can tell you what you should do and the African church accepted their domination. That was not because of the greatness of Leo and that was not because of the change of mind of on the part of the African church, but because of the Vandals. As you know the Vandalls had conquered (430) North Africa and the Vandalls were Arians and as a result the orthodox church in Africa was now a small persecuted group under the harsh overlordship of the Arian Vandalls. Augustine and his other great leaders had died and now a small group struggling for continuance and scattered all through North Africa and under circumstances the bishop of Rome who had always stood in friendly relations with North Africa, and always given honor and he also and ready to do most anything to get the help of the office. And he did not do anything that was humiliating to them but he declares in connection with the help and advice he gave them, he made declarations of his supreme authority over them and nobody thought under the circumstances thought it was worth arguing about. And so the authority ~~and~~ Augustine and leaders of Africa absolutely refused to recognize from the bishop of Rome was now established over Africa as a result of the conquest of the Arians Vandalls. Now Leo was anxious to establish his authority over France and in France the 28 years before the pope Zosimus had written the bishops an order, a church with seven provinces and told him that he would be the papal vicar and God and asked him to represent him there and told him that he should have authority over a large part of France, well the heads of these other sections of France did not like the arrangement and they said we don't recognize it, this man as having authority over us