

water mark of the papacy. Because, during that period, 1073 to 1294, many of the popes succeeded in exerting a power over various emperors, not as spectacular but as thoroughly as that which Gregory had. And one of them, for instance, declared that the people ~~fr~~ of England were free from any responsibility to obey their king, King John, as the king of ~~fr~~ France to conquer England, put John out of the way, and the king of France made great preparations to do it, and King John, as a result found himself practically powerless in his own land, and John sent word to the pope that he would surrender everything, and turn over England to the pope, so the pope would own England and John would just be his representative. And the pope thereupon agreed to~~x~~ that and he took England as his personal property and John was his representative. Then the English nobles, shortly after that, gathered together against John and forced John to sign the Magna Carta, the foundation of English liberty, and when they did that, the pope declared that the Magna Carta was null and void, because he had owned England and~~x~~ John had signed it ~~xx~~ without his permission. However, the English people did not consider it null and void and to this day it is the charter of English liberty. And the King of France was very angry because after the pope had put him to the great expense of gathering a big army to attack England, then the pope told him not to do it, because John had surrendered. So the king of France was very angry at it. I don't think that the pope came out of that particular situation with a great deal of glory, but in the course of it, it certainly showed his tremendous power, and this very king of France he had done the same thing to, before, ~~x~~ and he had with various other rulers. ~~ix~~ This period of 200 years, this particular period of Pope Innocence III and on, is the very highest point of the claim of the pope to power over capital rulers and his actual carrying on of the claim. Never again, for any length of time, was the pope able to carry out this claim, and never before, though some had made attempts. So, that is the high water mark of the papacy.

Now these two dates, 1073 to 1294, if you don't remember 1073 and you say 1050, I don't care. But if you remember the 73 very exactly and say 873