

THE CONSTRUCTIVE CONSERVATISM OF EMPEROR CHARLES IV ON THE BASIS OF THE CASE OF THE ARCHBISHOPRIC OF COLOGNE IN 1372

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This short contribution illustrates on the basis of an example, Emperor Charles IV's policy of strengthening his power by reviving old traditions. In 1372 he invested two knights with an *advocatia*. These knights were the Masters of Wersterholt with their seat in the Westphalien section of the Archbishopric of Cologne. The property which went with *advocatia* had long since been alienated. The impression of stronger imperial influence and control was underlined by the Emperor's repeated interference in *Landfrieden* and *Freistühle* affairs in Westphalia thereafter.