

ALL HUNTING IS FORBIDDEN IN THE SUMMER \approx MARCO POLO
ten, and on another fifteen. And no baron or knight or other noble whatever dares to hunt or hawk unless he is enrolled under the captain of the falconers, or has a privilege in this matter;
 VA but in all other provinces and parts of his land they are quite able to hunt & hawk
 and to do as they please with birds and with dogs. And again you may know truly
 that through all the lands where the great lord has rule no king nor any baron nor
 FB P FB any man, however bold he may be, dares by any means or trap to take or hunt these four
 kinds of animals, that is to say hares or fallow-deer or roe-deer or stags or such kinds
 R of animals as this, and large birds, which are breeding, from the month of March
 VA R until the end of October, that they may increase and multiply. And he who should do
 contrary to this would be made to repent of it mightily, because the lord has so
 R appointed it, and I tell you that his command is so obeyed that for this reason the
 FB animals and birds multiply in the greatest numbers, so that the land is quite full of them
 V and the lord has as many of them as he pleases; and the hares and the deer and the other
 V animals which I have named to you often come right up to a man without fear, nor
 FB does he touch them nor do them any harm, and if one finds them asleep as he goes by
 the way he would not touch them for anything; but after this term which I have told you, from
 March to October, everyone can do as he wishes. In such way as you have heard the great
 lord stays in this place till about the Pasque of Resurrection. And when he has
 FB stayed there so long as you have heard from March till mid-May, in so great enjoyment
 as I have told you and said, then he departs thence with all his people and goes back
 FB L FB quite straight to the capital city of Cambaluc from which he came, that is the capital
 city of Catai as you have heard before, by that same road by which they were come
 VA VA to that place, and he goes always hunting and hawking with great pleasure and with
 VA great joy to the city, as I have said, of Cambaluc.

HOW THE GREAT KAN HOLDS GREAT COURT AND MAKES GREAT FEASTING.
 FB **H** And when he is come to his principal town of Cambaluc he stays
 FB in his principal [43c] palace three days and no more. He makes very
 FB great feasting and keeps very great court and rich table. He makes great joy and great
 R P festivity with his wives and with all his people who are with him. Then those who had
 FB been invited to this go home. And then from this palace of Cambaluc he goes off to his city
 which he has caused to be made, of which I have told you above, which has Ciandu for name,
 in which is his park and his palace of cane, where he keeps his gersfalcons in mew and stays
 there the summer because of the heat. For that place is very fresh, so that he stays there from
 the first day of May until the 28 day of August, on which he departs thence, when he sprinkles
 the milk of his white mares as is said here above. And he comes away back to his chief city of
 Cambaluc; and there he stays as I have told you the month of September to keep the feast of his
 birthday. And then October, November, and December, January, and February; in which