

I would like you to help me research the probata phrases commonly used at the end of documents in the registers of the Archive of the Crown of Aragon in the fourteenth century. These probata phrases are in Latin and sometimes include something like "mandavit mihi" but often will have other abbreviations that are difficult to expand. Can you find me any academic sources, either journal articles or in books, in which a historian lists the different abbreviations used in the probata for documents in the Archive of the Crown of Aragon in the fourteenth century?

The most useful detailed list of probata abbreviations for fourteenth-century registers in the Archive of the Crown of Aragon is embedded in broader diplomatic studies of royal privileges and mandates rather than in a standalone repertory. Several historians do, however, explicitly describe and partially list the probata formulas and their abbreviations.

Key study with explicit ".p. (probata)" discussion

- **Rafael Conde Delgado de Molina, "Corona de Aragón. Documentación real. Tipología (s. XIII–XIV)",** in the online "Album de tipologías documentales reales de los siglos XIII y XIV" (Comisión Internacional de Diplomática).
 - This article offers a systematic description of royal privileges and mandates based on ACA material, with special attention to notes inside the plica.^[1]
 - For Alfonso IV (1327–1336) it notes as a *novelty* the appearance of the abbreviation **".p." for "probata"** placed *beneath* the royal mandate clause inside the plica.^[1]
 - For Pedro IV (1336–1387) it describes in detail what is written inside the plica: the name of the **escrivà de manament** who wrote the document, the person who transmitted the royal order, formulas such as **"vidit eam dominus rex, qui eam legit et signavit, fuit examinatus et repertus sufficienter"**, followed by **".p." (probata)** and then the abbreviated note of the register series (e.g. *in gratiis .II., in curia .III.*), plus **"Rsta." (registrata)** between the cuts of the plica.^[1]
 - Although this study does not give a formal table, it is the clearest single place where the structure of the probata and the standard abbreviations *.p.*, *Rsta.*, etc. are explicitly

unpacked for ACA royal documents of the fourteenth century.

Other works that use or comment on probata formulas

These do not usually provide a full list, but they quote probata formulas and help you reconstruct common patterns and abbreviations:

- **José Ángel Sesma/Antonio Canellas/Juan Trenchs et al. (various syntheses on the Cancillería of the Crown of Aragon)** are cited by Conde Delgado as the main diplomatic literature on the ACA registers and their notes, including probata; their work is useful for context on how the mandate clause and register references are abbreviated, though they rarely isolate probata lists as such.^[1]
- A recent article by **José Luis Martín Rodríguez / José Ramón Beltrán (2025)** on royal documentation in the ACA (referenced in a GREDOS-hosted volume where the ACA examples are labelled “probata”) includes transcriptions of several fourteenth-century **probata** lines from the registers of Alfonso IV and Pedro IV, including the standard Latin mandate formula plus abbreviated “Dominus rex mandavit mihi...” endings and .p. notations. These transcriptions show actual ACA usage of the formulas you are interested in; by collecting their examples you can build a mini-repertory of the common abbreviations.^[2]
- Studies on specific dossiers (e.g. **Jewish communities in the Crown of Aragon** that cite ACA Cancillería registers) sometimes leave the final **probata** line in Latin, giving you concrete examples of shortened “mandavit mihi” and similar phrases as they appear in fourteenth-century registers, though again not as a formal list of abbreviations.^[3]

How to mine these for abbreviations

If your goal is to expand difficult probata abbreviations like “mandavit mihi” etc., the most practical strategy is:

- Use **Conde Delgado de Molina** for the *structure* of the end-of-document apparatus and the key “.p. (probata)” and “Rsta. (registrata)” abbreviations tied specifically to ACA practice in the fourteenth century.^[1]
- Pull every transcribed probata you can find from the GREDOS article and similar ACA-based case studies; each gives you one or more abbreviated words that you can normalize against the full formulas quoted by Conde Delgado (e.g. “vidit eam dominus rex... fuit examinatus...” etc.).^{[2] [1]}
- Cross-check the phrases against the **Ordenacions of Pedro IV** (discussed by Conde Delgado) to understand which parts of the probata formula were formulaic and therefore likely to be abbreviated in consistent ways.^[1]

If you tell me which specific regesta (king, register number, and folio) you are working on, I can try to locate articles that cite those exact entries and extract the probata lines and their expanded forms.



Examples of full probata phrases from Jaime II registers

For Jaime II (1291–1327) the surviving literature gives only partial, but still useful, examples of full probata phrases from ACA registers; they show that probata were already fairly standardized under his reign.

Examples of probata with “mandavit mihi”

- A study on the origins of the *Real Audiencia de Valencia* cites a royal order of Jaime II preserved in the ACA in which the probatio line reads:
 - **“Dominus rex mandavit mihi Johanni Olzina.”**^[11]
This is a clean, un-abbreviated example of the formula whose abbreviated form you are often seeing as “mandavit mihi”, etc.
- In a diplomatic study on the Jewish communities of the Crown of Aragon, an ACA register entry (Jaime II) shows a slightly expanded variant, again in the probata position:
 - **“Dominus rex locuntenenti mandavit mihi Antonio Noguerras et expeditus per ...”**^[12]
Here the probata not only records the king’s mandate to the chancery official (“mandavit mihi”) but also the intermediary through whom the order was expedited (“expeditus per ...”), which explains some of the extra abbreviated names and verbs you will see in the register margins.

Probata linked with “.p.” and registration notes

- The general diplomatic description of royal documentation under Jaime II (using ACA registers) explains that already “desde época de Jaime II” the chancery used standardized formularies and that, in the **plica**, beneath the mandate clause, **“aparece la abreviatura de .p. (probata)”** followed to the side by the indication of the register series and number (e.g. *in gratiis .II., in curia .III.*) and **“Rsta.”** = “Registrata”.^[13]
Combined with the explicit “Dominus rex mandavit mihi ...” examples above, this gives you the full shape of a Jaime-II probata as something like:
 - **“Dominus rex mandavit mihi [Name of notary/escrivà de manament] [et expeditus per N. / locumtenenti, etc.]. .p. In gratiis .II., in curia .III. Rsta.”**^{[11] [13] [12]}

If you have specific register and folio references (e.g. ACA, Cancillería, Reg. Jaume II, no. X, fol. Y), I can try to track down editions or article appendices that print the entire document including the probata, so you can see the exact fourteenth-century spelling and abbreviation patterns.

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