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The author argues that after the restoration the papal government maintained much of Napoleon's police apparatus in order to enhance its absolute power as an administrative monarchy. By centralizing power, however, the new regime also centralized responsibility, and the new police soon found themselves incapable of dealing effectively with the prevailing problems of the day, including political conspiracy, rampant unemployment, widespread poverty, and endemic crime in city and countryside alike. Combined with hordes of beggars, insolent artisans, and radical agitators, their failure to prevent certain types of street crime created the impression of a society slipping into anarchy. Fear of social dissolution both helped discredit the sovereignty of the Pope and mobilized Bologna's elites into self-defense organizations that had inevitable political overtones. Twice within a twenty-year period, in 1828 and 1846, the papal government was forced to allow Bologna's elites to arm themselves in posse-style Citizen Patrols. On each occasion the Patrols became a rallying point of reform and, eventually, revolution. Following the complete failure of public security during the revolution of 1848, many elites began to look to Piedmont and "Italy" for a program which tempered political liberty with a commitment to public order.

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AA	Archivio Arcivescovile di Bologna
ASB	Archivio di Stato di Bologna
	LG = Legazione Apostolica, Protocollo Generale
	LR = Legazione Apostolica, Protocollo Riservato
	LS = Legazione Apostolica, Protocollo Segreto, also called Riservatissimo
	PG = Polizia Pontificia, Protocollo Generale
	TI = Providence Generali
	PR = Polizia Pontificia, Protocollo Riservato
	PS = Polizia Pontificia, Protocollo Segreto, also called Riservatissimo or Privato
ASR	Archivio di Stato di Roma
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	GMRP = Gendarmeria, Miscellanea Rapporti Politici, Bologna
AST	Archivio di Stato di Torino
ASV	Archivio Segreto Vaticano (unless otherwise noted, Segretariato di Stato, Interno)
BCB	Biblioteca Comunale di Bologna (L'Archigennasio)
BCMB	Biblioteca Comunale del Museo del Risorgimento di Bologna
HHSA	Haus-, Hof-, Staatsarchiv, Vienna

B. = Busta; F. = Fascicolo; R. = Rubrica; *RSDR* = *Rassegna storica del Risorgimento*.

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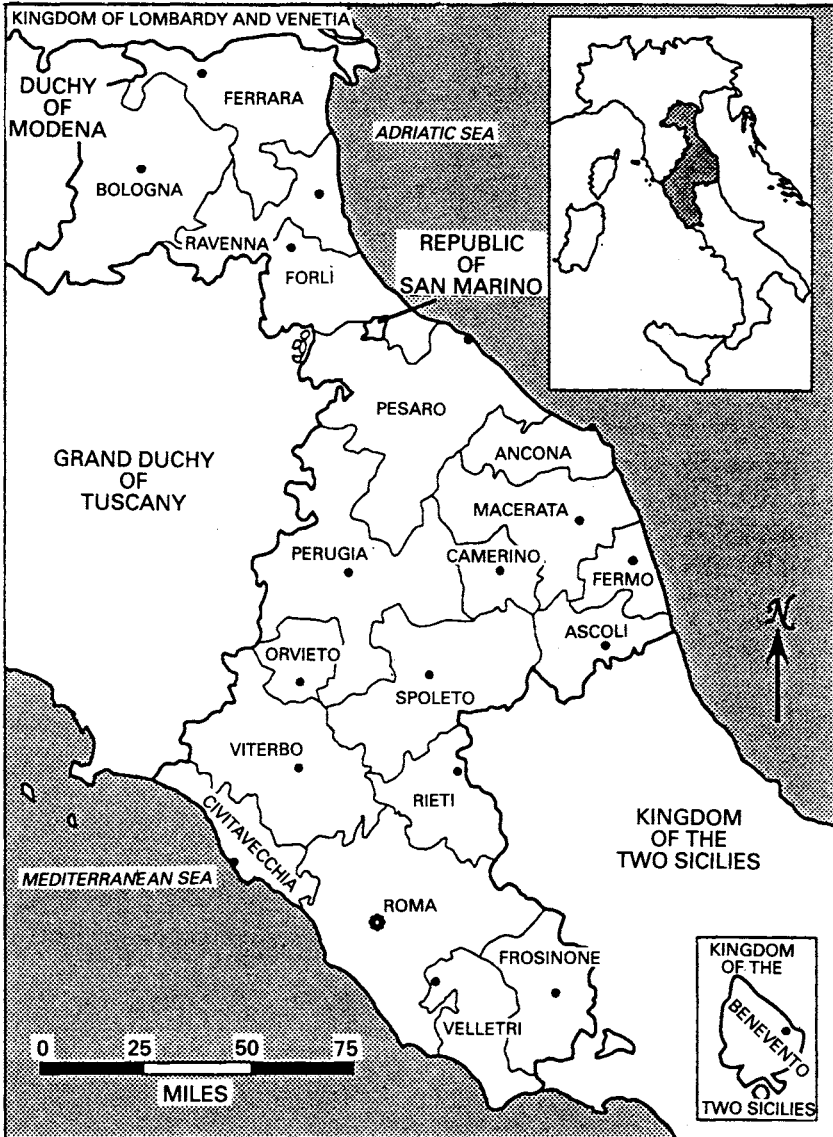
directly from the protocols and this has been cited as “protocol book.” For the sake of brevity I have greatly trimmed the original number of footnotes and especially the factual information in them. Those wishing more detailed notes should refer, at least for Chapters 1–6, to my Ph.D. dissertation, “Police, Public Order, and the Risorgimento in Bologna,” University of Michigan, 1984, available from University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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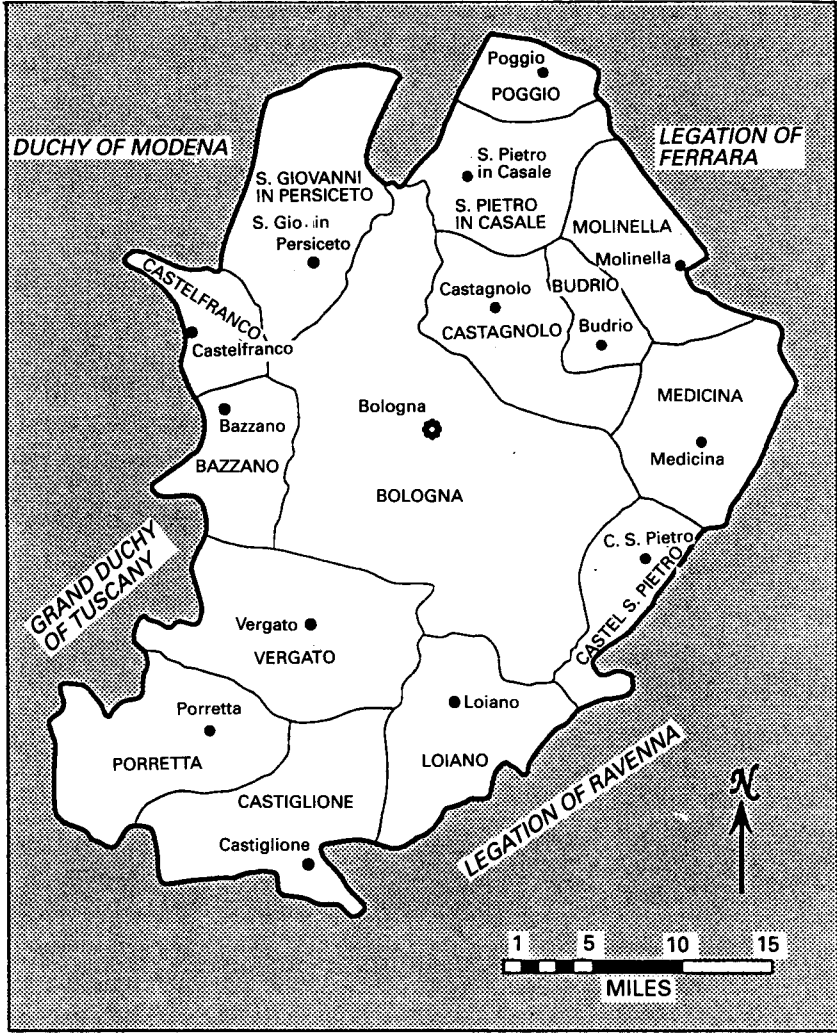
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