

advanced, refused to submit to this other bishop and for the next 30 years they held their own meetings. Often they had to hold them outside the city but they continued in the Antioch area ~~to hold them~~. But the Arians got control, the people who were against the Arians continued their meetings very actively though under considerable difficulty for 30 years. Then Marcellus was attacked as being a Sabellian and they managed to find statements in some of his writings which would sound sufficiently that way that the council was persuaded to condemn him and he was exiled. Now they began to try to find ways of getting rid of Athanasias. So when there was a synod to be held at Tyre in 335 the Emperor was told that Athanasias had been guilty of extortion and of magic and even been implicated in the murder of a Myletian Bishop. The Emperor refused to believe these stories about Athanasias but he said let the synod investigate the facts and see if there is anything to it.

So at Tyre at this synod in 335 Athanasias was tried. Here was the proof, here was the hand. It sounds like the man I know who said he had ^{caught} ~~caught~~ a fish so long that he would prove it, he could show you the very lake he caught it in. Anyway they didn't have finger prints in those days so they couldn't prove this but fortunately some of Athanasias friends decided it was all a hoax and that this was _____'s hand but some of Athanasias friends decided _____ wasn't dead at all, and managed to find where he was being hidden so Athanasias was able to present _____ with both hands intact to the Council, so that they no longer accused him of murdering _____. But they proceeded on various grounds at the Synod of Tyre against Athanasias and he decided that it was impossible to secure justice from this tribunal so he left and went to Constantinople to appear before the emperor. Constantine then sent for his accusers to appear and present their charges. They came and said nothing about the charges they had made before but declared that Athanasias was guilty of high treason, that he had detained the corn ships from ~~Constantinople~~ Alexandria that supplied Constantinople with provisions. The ships had been delayed in coming that year and the people of Constantinople were having difficulty getting sufficient food. They say that if Constantine had really