THE FIRST ABBOT DID NOT ARRIVE WITH HIS OWN:

- BAGS OF GOLD, CAPITAL WEALTH,
- SOURCE OF REGULAR, RECURRING INCOME,
- FLEET OF GALLEYS, BARGES,
- SOURCE OF, OR ANY CONTROL OF BUILDING RESOURCES
- TEAMS OF SKILLED ARTISANS OR UNSKILLED LABOUR.

At first he had 12 monks:

- with oaths of poverty, chastity and obedience,
- who spent the majority of their time on religious and intellectual functions, copying Manuscripts,
- then hospitality, tending the ill; gardening, cellaring and making medicine.
- plus normal daily living functions; cooking, eating, washing, cleaning, etc.



