

Book XII.
Title XI.

Concerning the counts and tribunes of the scholarians (palace troops).
(De comitibus et tribunis scholarum.)

Headnote.

The scholarians were palace troops, which had taken the place of the old praetorian guard. The subject is considered in more detail at headnote C. 12.17 and at C. 12.29 and headnote. They were under the general control of the master of offices, were ordinarily 3,500 in number, consisting of seven troops (scholarians) of 500 men each, each troop under the command of its own tribune (here called provost and tribune), who had the right to adore the purple and sit at the emperors table, and they probably ordinarily received the title of count of the first order. For curator of palace see headnote C. 12.25.

12.11.1. Emperors Honorius and Theodosius to Pristianus, Prefect of the City.

We have directed that the provosts (praepositi) and tribunes of the scholarians, who are also invited to the imperial table, and have long had the right of adoring the emperor, among whom also are numbered the counts of the imperial stable and the curator of the palace, shall, after relinquishing their office, if they have received the countship (comitiva) of the first order, with the provostship, and by accident have reached no higher rank, be numbered among those who have been counts of Egypt and of the diocese of Pontus, whose rank is equal. If they obtained their governmental position without the honor of the countship, then, we order, they shall, after their service, be numbered among the dukes of provinces.

Given at Constantinople March 21 (413).

C. Th. 6.13.1.