

Book X.
Title XLIX.

From what liturgies or contributions no one can excuse himself.
(De quibus muneribus et praestationibus nemini liceat se excusare.)

10.49.1. Emperors Honorius and Theodosius to Herculius, Praetorian Prefect.

All persons without exception must provide and transport supplies in kind for the support of the Illyrians. We direct that at least in connection therewith no one shall be exempt under any claim of privilege, but under the condition that they shall be subject to that kind of contribution, when the time shall demand it, so that not only the wealthy, but all others also, shall be compelled to bear these burdens in proportion to their property and their landed tax-units. The burden is imposed on the highest and on the lowest.¹

Given at Constantinople April 11 (408).

C. Th. 11.17.4.

10.49.2. Emperors Theodosius and Valentinian to Taurus, Praetorian Prefect.

Since, for the purpose of making the expedition of our majesty easy, assistance must be rendered to us at all the places of the province which we touch, we direct that no person whatever shall be excused from the duty of furnishing haulage on the highways, or by-ways or wagons, of from any other liturgy, whatever, but all persons, whether belonging to the imperial house or that of the venerable Augusta, to the holy churches or to any illustrious house, shall, without being excused by a pragmatic sanction, imperial notation or imperial favor, obey the indictions (directing liturgies) of the office of Your Magnificence at the time of our expedition.

Given at Constantinople February 17 (445).

C. Th. 1.2.11.

10.49.3. Emperor Leo to Dioscorus, Praetorian Prefect.

By this provincial law, we direct that without exempting or excepting any person or rank whatever, whenever necessity shall demand it in places committed to the charge of Your Sublimity, walls shall be constructed or grain or other provisions shall be furnished, without hindrance, as shall seem proper and necessary to your Magnitude. (472).

¹ [Blume] Illyria was the border province between the Eastern Empire and the West; hence liable to incursions and in need of support.