

Book XI.  
Title LXXVI. (LXXV)

Concerning Imperial herds.  
(De grege dominico.)

11.76.1. Emperors Arcadius and Honorius to Caesarius, Praetorian Prefect.

You will warn all men of high and low degree by edicts of Your Sublime Magnificence, that they must pay a pound of gold out of their own funds for each Hermogenian or Palmatian horse or mare which they do not return voluntarily; for each horse appropriated by any person out of other herds, he must pay six ounces of gold into the fisc.

Given at Constantinople November 30 (395).

C. Th. 10.6.1.

Note.

Reference in this law was probably made to imperial horses which escaped and were taken up by others. The Hermogenian horses were probably from Pontus, the Palmatian from Cappadocia. These horses were prized highly and were used solely for imperial purposes. The horses mentioned in the latter part of this law, were also, doubtless, imperial horses, since the rescript purports to deal only with them. See Gothofredus on C. Th. 10.6.1.