

Book XII.
Title XXXII.

Concerning the dignity of perfectissimus (honorable prefect).
(De perfectissimatus dignitate.)

12.32.1. Emperor Constantine to Paternus Valerianus.

Those who have received letters-patent as perfectissimus, may enjoy the benefit thereof if they are not slaves, are not subject to the fisc or a curia, have not been bakers, have not engaged in trade, have not bought the honor by bribery, and have not managed the property of anyone.

C. Th. 6. 37. 1.

Note.

The title of "perfectissimus" appears in C. 12. 23. 7, and was a title next in importance to that of clarissimus, honorable. Hirschfeld, Die Rangtitle d. R. K. 15, says that the title no longer existed as one of rank in the year 412 A.D. The titles of worshipful and illustrious had then been created, as already stated in the note to the preceding title. Willems, Le Droit Public Romain 561, says that the title of perfectissimus was bestowed thereafter on members of the principal municipal families.