

Book XII.  
Title XLIV (XLV).

Concerning the custody of the shores and the roads.  
(De litorum et itinerum custodia.)

12.44.1. Emperors Honorius and Theodosius to Eustathius, Praetorian Prefect.

We decree by this most beneficial sanction that no forbidden goods shall be carried to barbarous peoples. Ships that leave any port or shore shall suffer no extortion or detriment; but their masters shall state, into what province they are about to sail, and when that is done they shall be subject to no insult or extortion.

Given at Constantinople September 18 (420).

C. Th. 7.16.3.

Note.

Certain things were forbidden to be exported to the barbarians. C. 4.41. The shores and the roads leading into barbarian lands were guarded to prevent violation of the law. This law being directed to the praetorian prefect, he presumably was charged with the duties in this connection. But that was not true, at all times, in any event, in the Western Empire, for the count of the imperial exchequer was charged with these duties, according to Cassiodorus, Var. 6.7.