

Book XII.
Title LI (LII).

Concerning passports and post stations.
(De tractoriis et stativis.)

12.51.1. Emperors Theodosius, Arcadius and Honorius to Rufinus, Praetorian Prefect.

Passports over the public post with usual (mention of) rest places, shall limit the rest to two days. They shall not, however, be issued so as to apply not only to the person to whom they are issued, but also to his necessary attendants except in the case of persons who accompany animals, and (particularly) horses, destined for imperial use; and these must contain, nevertheless, a limitation of five days for stops, so that no one shall have the right to stop at any place at his pleasure, longer than that time.

Given at Constantinople August 26 (392).

C. Th. 8.6.2.

Note.

Stativa were the rest places along the route of the public post. Those with passport had a right to stop there, this right had evidently been abused and a time-limit of two days was set. A passport issued to anyone did not entitle his attendants to any of these privileges, except in the cases mentioned. A longer time for stopping would frequently be required when animals were taken through a place, but the passport was limited to five days even in such case.