

Book IX.  
Title XI.

Concerning women who marry their own slaves.  
(De mulieribus quae servis propriis se junxerunt.)

Bas. 60.37.73.

9.11.1. Emperor Constantine to the people.

If a woman is detected to have anything to do secretly with her slave, she will be subjected to capital punishment, and the scoundrel (the slave) shall be burned to death. 1. Everyone shall have the right to bring an accusation for this public crime; the official staff of the judge shall have the privilege to denounce it; a slave shall have permission to report it, and when the crime has been proved, he shall be free. 2. And the children which such woman shall have be such union, shall be shorn of every vestige of rank, shall barely have liberty, and shall not, directly or through an intermediary, receive, by any sort of a gift, any of the property of the woman. 3. Her property shall pass as that of an intestate, to her legitimate children, if she has any, or to her nearest relatives, or to the party entitled thereto under the law, and whatever property the man who was her lover, or the sons conceived by him, might seem, in any case, to possess, shall be treated as the property of the woman and may be claimed by her successors above mentioned.

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