

Novel 138.

Emperor Justinian to Hermogenes, Master of Offices.

The constitution of Our Majesty is very clear, which limits recovery for a debt to double the amount (of the loan). If some of your creditors, therefore, have received double the amount, and others have received less, then those who have received such double amount through payment of interest at various times will not be permitted to trouble you by any suit, and the others will likewise be silenced when they have been paid in similar manner. And we direct by the present order, if your petition is true, that if they have received their indebtedness, you can recover the due-bills, or if they remain in the hands of the creditors, they have lost their force.