

Novel 151.

That no curial or apparitor of the president shall be summoned or compelled to appear in court (in another province or in this city) without an imperial order communicated to the prefect.

(Ne curialis aut officialis sistatur aut in jus deducatur sine imperiali jussu praefectis insinuando.)

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The same Augustus (Justinian) to Johannes, glorious Praetorian Prefect.

Preface. Your Sublimity has made a report to us stating that curials or apparitors of a president should not be sent from the various courts into this fortunate city or into another city to carry on litigation, but that imperial pragmatic sanction be issued prohibiting this, so that no apparitor of a president or curial be taken from one province into another or be dragged into this fortunate city, and that if imperial letters are issued concerning the same, that they be reported to Your Sublimity, so that a proper decree might be issued relative thereto.

c. 1. While we are averse to anyone being brought to or exhibited in court, still if anything of that kind becomes necessary, we permit no magistrate except you to order any president's apparitor or a curial to be brought to this fortunate city, unless an imperial command is given specifically directing it, and which is properly brought to the attention of Your Sublimity, and, on account of the best interests of the fisc, such person shall not be brought into (such) court without your decision, in order that those who manage public affairs may not, while being drawn into court, use that as the occasion for fraud in public affairs.<sup>a</sup>

a. See C. 3.14.1 and note.

Epilogue. Your Sublimity, therefore, must be zealous to carry this, our will, declared by this imperial law, into force and effect.