

Appendix 2.

Order of the emperor Justinian in regard to the privilege of the Council of Byzacium
(in Africa).

(Jussio Justiniani imperatoris pro privilegio concilii Byzaceni.)

Emperor Justinian Alamannicus, Gothicus etc. to Dacianus the metropolitan bishop
of Byzacium and the whole Council of Byzacium.

Restitutus and Heraclius, most reverend of men not only brought us a report of your council of priests, but also seem to have brought us your very presence. The purity of Your Authority and of your life is reflected in them. They benefited not only ecclesiastical matters but the whole province, telling us what benefits you already enjoy, and what benefits are to be conferred by Our Clemency. Receiving their supplications with the utmost kindness, we granted everything, and of what value their embassy to us was, is shown by what is granted by us. We confirm the privileges that belong to you and to your council according to the ancient order. Pray, therefore, for divine compassion, that He preserve us for the empire and the empire for us, and that we may, as we want to do, make the condition of those whom we have snatched from the yoke of the Vandals more flourishing than it anciently was.

Given at Constantinople Oct. 6, 541, in the 15th year of the emperor Justinian.