

Appendix 6.

Emperor Flavius, Justinian, Alamannicus etc. to Paulus, Praetorian Prefect of Africa.

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We perceive it to be best to write Your Magnitude that it shall not be permitted that serfs (coloni) who in the time of the Vandals left possessions and lived as free persons, shall be dragged back to the status of serfs, because we want them to be now what they were at the time of the Vandals. But aside from that, we direct that those who disregard the land to which they belong and betake themselves to other land, shall be restored.

Given at Constantinople, Sept. 6, 552.