

Book X.
Title LXXIII.

Concerning weigh-masters and delivery of gold.
(De ponderatoribus et auri illatione.)

10.73.1. Emperor Constantine to Eyphrasius, Superintendent of the fisc of the three provinces.

The gold paid in by taxpayers, whether anyone wants to weigh gold pieces or bullion, must be received according to just and lawful weight.

Promulgated July 19 (325).

C. Th. 12.7.1.

10.73.2. Emperor Julian to Momertinus, Praetorian Prefect.

If a question arises as to the quality of gold coins, the dispute shall be settled by a weigh-master called zygotates in Greek, who, in accordance with his trustworthiness and care, should neither deceive nor be deceived.

Given at Salona April 23 (363).

C. Th. 12.7.2.

Novel 128, c. 15. (545 A.D.)

Collectors of public tribute, moreover, must use just weights and measures, so that our subject sustain no wrong in connection therewith. And if our subjects deem themselves damaged by reason of such weights or measures, they are permitted to receive the advice of the glorious prefect as to the measures and weights of produce, and the advice of the officiating Count of the Imperial Exchequer, as to the weights of gold, silver and other metal. And these measures and weights shall be kept in a holy church of each city, so that the payment of the tribute and the military and other burdens may, without difficulty, be made according to them.

Appendix VII, c. 19.

Concerning measures and weights.

In order that there may be no occasion to perpetrate fraud or injury on provincials, we ordain that money and products shall be given and taken according to the measures and weights which Our Piety has for the time being delivered to the blessed pope or the noble senate.