

Book X.
Title LXXIV.

Concerning attendants of public gold.
(De auri publici prosecutoribus.)

10.74.1. Emperors Honorius and Theodosius to Anthemius, Praetorian Prefect.

The attendants (on shipments) of gold sometimes presume to take over gold without a preceding letter of authorization, as is customary, and sometimes retain it a long time, when it should be delivered at once. 1. We order, therefore, that no person shall take gold to be delivered¹ without an order of the illustrious Count of the Imperial Exchequer, or retain it after taking it.

Given July 20 (409).

C. Th. 12.8.1.

Note.

The gold that was collected as taxes, was directed, as shown by C. 10.23.1 and note, and C. 10.727, to be delivered promptly, just as other collections. The gold was hauled to the treasuries. It was, accordingly, necessary, in order to insure safety, that reliable persons should attend such shipments. This duty devolved either on curials or on officials of the ministers of finance. Gothofredus on this law.

¹ [Blume] Read with Gothofredus "cogendum" rather than "coquendum."