

Book X.
Title LXXVI.

Concerning the crown-gold.
(De auro coronario.)

10.76.1. Emperors Gratian, Valentinian and Theodosius to Cynegius, Praetorian Prefect.
It has been decided that no one shall be compelled to contribute toward the coronary gold, contrary to custom.
Given at Constantinople January 15 (384).
C. Th. 12.13.5.

Note.

The "coronary gold" was originally a gold crown offered to a victorious general by provincials and allies to grace his triumph. Under the emperors, it became a complimentary, but compulsory, present to the emperor on stated occasions, such as his accession, happy events in the imperial family, etc. An analogy can be found in the feudal "benevolences." See article "aurum coronarium" in Smith's Dict. of Greek and Roman Antiq.; Arnold, Roman Provincial Administration 210.