

Book XII.
Title XLIII (XLIV).

Concerning recruits.
(De tironibus.)

12.43.1. Emperors Valentinian and Valens to Modestus, Praetorian Prefect.
No tramp (vagus),¹ veteran or unfree serf shall be enrolled in the army.
Given at Hieropolis September 18 (370).
C. Th. 7.13.6.

12.43.2. Emperors Gratian, Valentinian and Theodosius to Europius, Praetorian Prefect.
Anyone who has caused another's slaves to be enrolled in the army as a recruit shall, when discovered and convicted, be compelled to pay a pound of gold into our treasury, and the slave, if his master did not know of it, shall be returned to the owner.
Given at Tyrus, the metropolis, May 15 (382).
C. Th. 7.13.11.

12.43.3. Emperors Honorius and Theodosius to _____, Count of the Imperial Exchequer.
The recruits in the departments (scholae) shall always be placed last in the list, and no one shall climb to a higher place, except by diligence and length of service.
Given at Ravenna November 25 (408).
C. Th. 7.13.19.

Note.

This law did not relate to the armed military service, but to the imperial civil service, which was called militia just as the service in the army. The term recruit, too, is used in this connection. Persons who entered the imperial civil service were required to commence at the bottom.

¹ [Blume] deserters from other places.