

Book I.
Title XXV.

Concerning those who take refuge at statues.
(De his qui ad statuas confugiunt.)

1.25.1. Emperors Valentinian, Theodosius and Arcadius to Cynegius, Praetorian Prefect.

Those who for the purpose of avoiding danger or the creation of ill-will, take refuge at imperial statues, shall, if they gave (good) reasons which make it necessary to flee to imperial statues, be protected by law and by the statutes. If, however, it is shown that they wanted to create ill-will in their enemies by their artful conduct, punishment shall be visited on them.

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C. Th. 9.44.1.

Note.

This law deals with the right of asylum already mentioned at length at C. 1.12. Statues of the emperor afforded such asylum, and this law purports to deal only with them. Protection was afforded to those who fled to such asylum only if they had good cause therefor, not otherwise. See C. 1.12 and the remarks made there.