

Book XI.
Title XIII. (XII.)

Concerning the Marines.
(De classicis.)

11.13.1. Emperors Valentinian and Valens to Auxonius, Praetorian Prefect.

We want the fleet at Seleucia, and all other fleets to be subject to the office in your charge, so that the number of Marines may be filled from persons not on the census list (*incensitis*) and from reservists (*ad crescentibus*), and the fleet at Seleucia may be assigned to the count of the Orient as help in keeping the Orontis¹ purged (of bandits) and for other necessary purposes.

Given (about 369, 379).

C. Th. 10.23.1.

Note.

The fleet here mentioned was that at Seleucia in Syria. The marines were to keep the Orontis river purged of bandits, because that river was of importance. The *incensiti* were persons not enrolled on the census list (assessment roll), and were opposed to the *censiti*. The *ad crescentes* were the supernumeraries or reservists who waited to take the place of those regularly on the register of the marines. Gothofredus on C. 10.23.1.

¹ [Blume] The Orontis is a river rising in the range of Libanus and emptying into the Mediterranean close to Antioch.