

Book XI.
Title XXIII. (XXII)

Concerning the grain tribute of the City of Rome.
(De canone frumentario urbis Romae.)

11.23.1. Emperors Valentinian and Valens to Julianus, Prefect of Food Supplies.

The public seamen (nautici) shall depose on the records of the presidents or magistrates, that they have loaded unspoiled supplies, and those before whom such deposition is taken must satisfy themselves by inspection that such supplies are not spoiled. The prefecture is directed to observe the same thing, when the supplies arrive at the port of the sacred city.

Given at Remis June 16 (366).

C. Th. 14.15.2.

Note.

It was provided by this law, that the supplies should be inspected both at the time of shipment from the provinces as well as at the time when they landed at the port of Rome, namely, Ostia. On the general subject of supplying the capitals with free food supplies, especially bread, and supplying other cities, see headnote C. 11.25.

11.23.2. Emperors Arcadius and Honorius to the Senate and the people.

If any remission in regard to the grain and oil tribute for the city has been granted, by any special favor, such favor is contrary to the public interest, and void.¹

Given at Milan April 15 (397).

C. Th. 14.15.3.

11.23.3. The same Emperors to Messala, Praetorian Prefect.

We permit no one to ask a favor of Our Clemency in regard to changing the tribute (of supplies) for the City of Rome. Nor shall the rescripts obtained in any manner be accepted. We direct that persons violating these provisions, shall be liable for twofold. And we order for all time that vicars and other judges who do not abstain from using the city tribute unlawfully, shall be punished by deportation, and the primates of official staffs shall suffer capital punishment.

Given at Altinus September 4 (399).

C. Th. 14.15.5.

¹ [Blume] See C. 11.4.2.