

Book XI.
Title V.

That no burden shall be added to the goods carried for the public.
(Ne quid oneri publico imponatur.)

11.5.1. Emperors Arcadius and Honorius to Rufinus, Praetorian Prefect.

No one shall add a private freight to the load carried for the public, nor dare to force carriers of grain in any way to haul any (private) freight. Whoever does so will not alone be responsible for any loss and for damage by shipwreck, but will also experience the vigor of public punishment.

Given at Constantinople January 9 (395).

C. Th. 13.8.11.

Note.

Private freight was forbidden to be carried along with public freight, mainly, doubtless because of the danger of shipwreck caused by overloading the ship. Public officials had evidently forced the carriers of public freight to haul private goods.