EDICTUM VESPASIANI DE PRIVILEGIIS MEDICORUM ET MAGISTRORUM

Edict of Vespasian on physicians and teachers privileges

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Latin translation

[*Imperator Caesar Vespasianus Augustus pontifex maximus tribunicia potestate VI imperator XIV Pater patriae consul V designatusVI censor dicit : Quoniam studia liberis (ciuibus) conuenientia ciuitatibus publice ac priuatim utilia deisque sacra habentur, alterum, quod est grammaticorum et rhetorum, qui adulescentium animos ad mansuetudinem et ciuilem virtutem instituunt, Mercurio et Musis, Apollini autem et Aesculapio alterum, quod est*] medicorum et iatraliptarum, [*siquidem certe Aesculapii alumnis*] solis corporum [*cura commissa*] est, eo quod sacri et diuini [*appellati*] sunt, iubeo neque ad recipiendos hospites [*cogi istos neque*] tributa exigi ab illis ullo modo. [*Quod si aliqui eorum, qui sub*] mea dicione sunt, uexare uel uadimonio obligare [*uel agere cum aliquo*] medicorum uel magistrorum uel iatraliptarum [*ausi erunt*], soluunto uexatores Ioui Capitolino [*drachmas . . . .*] ; si quis uero non habeat, uendatur et [*deo consecretur*] sine mora multa quam [*irrogauerit ad haec*] praepositus magistratus. Similiter, etiam si [*latitantem inuenerint*], deducant illum ubicumque deprehenderint, [*neque impediantur*] ab aliquo. Liceatque illis [*etiam collegia*] in fanis delubris [*templis habere*] ubicumque uoluerint immunes. Si quis [*uero illis uim intulerit*], obnoxius esto populo Romano [*impietatis in*] domum Augustorum. Imperator [*Caesar*] Vespasianus subscripsi et iussi [*proponi in*] albo. Propositum est anno VI mense [*Loo in Capitolio*], a. d. VI kal. Ian.

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