

In the Emperor's Service: Identity among  
the Slaves and Freedmen of the *Familia Caesaris*

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1. CIL 06 33787: M (arcus) Livius/ Augustae lib(ertus)/ Prytanis/ Liviae Drusi [uxoris] paedag(ogus).

Marcus Livius Pritanus, freedman of Augusta, *paedagogus* of Livia Drusus' [wife]. (My translation).

2. CIL 06 4222: Dis Manibus/ Aug(ustae) lib(ertus) Bathyllus aeditu(u)s templi Divi Aug(usti)/ [e]t Divae Augustae quod est in Palatinum/ immunis et honoratus.

To the gods of the dead/ freedman of Augusta, Bathyllus keeper of the temple of the divine Augustus/ and of the divine empress which is on the Palatine/ free from taxes and honored. (My translation).

3. "*Pallanti, quem repertorem eius relationis ediderat Caesar, praetoria insignia et centiens quinquagens sestertium censuit consul designatus Barea Soranus.*" (Tacitus. *Annals*. 12.53.1-3).

"That Pallas, **whom the Caesar had specified as the inventor of his proposal**, should receive the praetorian insignia and fifteen million sesterces, was the motion of the consul designate, Barea Soranus." (Translated by John Jackson, 1937. Loeb Classical Library).

4. "*Huic senatus ob fidem pietatemque erga patronos ornamenta praetoria decrevit et sestertium centies quinquages, cuius honore contentus fuit.*" (Pliny the Younger. *Epistles*. 7.29.2).

"To him the Senate decreed in return for his loyal services to his patrons, the insignia of a praetor, and the sum of fifteen million sesterces, but he thought fit to accept the distinction only." (Translated by Betty Radice, 1969. Loeb Classical Library).

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5. “*Maxime tamen hic me titulus admonuit, quam essent **mimica et inepta**, quae interdum **in hoc caenum, in has sordes abicerentur**, quae denique ille furcifer et recipere ausus est et recusare, atque etiam ut moderationis exemplum posteris prodere.*” (Pliny the Younger. *Epistles*. 7.29.3-4).

“This inscription more than anything makes me realize what a **ridiculous farce** it is when they can be **thrown away on such dirt and filth**, and that rascal could presume to accept and refuse them, all with a show of setting posterity an example of moderation.” (Trans Radice, 1969).

6. “*Mitto quod Pallanti servo praetoria ornamenta offeruntur (**quippe offeruntur a servis**).*” (Pliny the Younger. *Epistles*. 8.6.4).

“I say nothing of this offer of the praetorian insignia to a slave (**for they were slaves themselves who made the offer**).

” (Trans Radice, 1969).

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