**Tribonian**

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**Excerpt from The Code of Justinian**

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**Book II, Of Things** - **I. Division of Things** If the wheat of **Titus** is mixed with yours, when this takes place by **mutual** **consent**, the mixed heap **belongs to you in common** because each body, that is, each grain, which before was the property of one or other of you, has by your mutual consent been made your common property; but, if the intermixture were accidental, or made by Titus without your consent, the mixed wheat does not then belong to you both in common; because the grains still remain **distinct**, and **retain** their proper substance. ...if either of you keep the whole quantity of mixed wheat, the other has **a real action [claim or suit]** for the amount of wheat belonging to him, but it is in the **province** of the judge to **estimate the quantity** of the wheat belonging to each.

1. Under this law, what happens if someone takes your property without your permission?

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2. How do you think this law helped the government maintain order?

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3. Why do you think it was important for the Byzantine Empire to have extensive legal codes?

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| Match one of the **bold, underlined** words from the reading with a synonym or definition below: |
|  | Keep; hold on to |
|  | Jurisdiction; area of power |
|  | Agreement |
|  | Shared; common |
|  | Separate |