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## Traduction

### Texte

*Marūtha at the court of Theodosius*

**[trad. éd. Marcus p. 63] [arm. éd. Łewond p. 26]** After these things had happened in this way, he again requested the king to let him depart. And he [the king] gave him many gifts and messages of peace, and let him go to the Greek emperor. And the blessed one came to the pious Theodosius and saluted him and presented the decree of the king of the Persians. And when he had read it, he rejoiced greatly over his [Yazdgird's] love and friendship for the Christians. And he

asked the saint about everything; and he told him of the the miracles that had been performed in the name of the Lord, and of the cessation of the persecutions. And he [the emperor] gave thanks to God, who had in his mercy wrought deliverance through the prayers of the saint. And he loved him more than all his patriarchs. And the pious Theodosius gave thanks and praise to God. And he inquired of [him], and was instructed by him as by a holy and worthy man. Finally he asked him what he desired. And the man of God requested the emperor to fortify the city of Cop'k' (= Sophène) with a strong wall and to build a church to the glory of God in the midst of the city, wherein the sacrifice of Christ and praises of God might continually be performed; and that a certain number of all the saints might be [**trad. éd. Marcus p. 64**] brought together; and that it should be named the City of Martyrs. And the emperor said: "Thy words are good, and acceptable to God are thy designs. Therefore do as thou wilt, and the expenses of the building will be paid by me, as much as is needed." And he gave treasures of gold and silver, and craftsmen from the land of the Greeks and overseers and workmen as many as were needed. And furthermore he sent him off with all things and with a friendly reply by letter to the king of the Persians.

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