

Foreword to the Web Edition

This text of *The Tang Code* 唐律疏議 is based on the Dai-nan-ge cong-shu 岱南閣叢書 edition and is to be used with Internet Explorer. Single characters as well as phrases can be searched using the **find** tool contained in the **Edit** window of the upper tool bar. Because of the limited number of Chinese characters contained in the font, some compromises had to be made. However the substitutions for uncommon characters that are listed below mean that only one image (a character that cannot be searched) is used in the text

1. The character 鬥 is used for the character 鬪
2. The character 果 is used for the character 菓
3. The character 啞 is used for the character 瘖
4. The character 犢 is an image and cannot be searched. It occurs only twice in the text, both times in Article 304.

In order to aid in reading the *Code*, the numbers and names of the articles are in sixteen point bold type while the characters in the text (文) of the articles are in fourteen point bold type. The characters in the commentary (注) and subcommentary (疏), are in plain type. Because certain common phrases are found many times in the text (for example, 加役流 occurs more than 100 times), the longer the phrase can be, the more quickly it will be found.

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