

LIBIUS SEVERUS

A.D. 461–465

Libius Severus, sometimes known as Severus III, was apparently a native of Lucania and was proclaimed emperor by the general Ricimer in 461, about four months after the death of Majorian. He was never recognized by the government of the Eastern Empire, nor did he exercise any real power, since this was firmly in the hands of Ricimer. He died at Rome in November 465, an event scarcely noticed by his contemporaries.

Obverse legends.

- A. DN LIB SEVERVS PF AVG.
 B. DN LIB SEVERVS P AVG.
 C. DN LIB SEVERVS PF AV.

Obverse bust.

rosette diadem, draped, cuirassed, right.

For a discussion of fifth-century silver denominations and their names, see the Introduction.

		VF	EF
15	Aa R VRBIS ROMA, Roma seated l. on cuirass, hldg. Victory and reversed spear. Rome $\overline{\text{SMPS}}$. siliqua	1,250	2,750
16†a	Aa R No legend, Chi-rho in wreath. Rome $\overline{\text{RM}}$. half siliqua .	750	1,750



16†b	Ba R As last. Rome $\overline{\text{RM}}$. half siliqua	750	1,750
16†c	Ca R As last. Rome $\overline{\text{RM}}$. half siliqua	750	1,750