

Ding Li Hui Bian:
The True Feature of *Tang Ming Qing San Lü*
***Huibian* Kept by Bibliophile Tian Tao**

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Xue Yunsheng, a great legal scholar of the late Qing Dynasty as well as the President of the Board of Punishments, wrote numerous works and was of great influence; he focused great efforts for over forty years on the Qing Code. However, due to his sudden death on the way back to Beijing in 1901, most his manuscripts were scattered except *Du Li Cun Yi*, which was officially printed that same year under the leadership of Shen Jiaben. Another book, *Ding Li Hui Bian*, had almost been completed during his lifetime, but was lost in the process and disappeared for decades. In the 1990s, the late bibliophile Mr. Tian Tao collected a manuscript by Xue Yunsheng and published it under the name of *Tang Ming Qing San Lü Huibian*. Comparing this with the manuscripts of more than ten volumes of *Du Li Cun Yi* recently discovered in Beijing, Tokyo, and Shanghai, and the manuscripts of *Tang Ming Lü Hebian* preserved by the Naitō Konan Collection held by Kansai University in Japan, and conducting a comprehensive review of the names and nature of the documents, we find that the book *Tang Ming Qing San Lü Huibian* is actually the lost *Ding Li Hui Bian* and offer a new evaluation of the value of this book as a legal document.

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