Camillus Addresses the Romans After the Gallic Invasion

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"Quid est, Rōmānī? Estis-ne ignāvī? Cūr ex hāc urbe iam mīgrāre dēsiderātis? Gēns vestra iterum erit valida, quod dī vōs iuvābunt. Mīlitēs vestrī et dī vestrī in arce mānsērunt, quamquam Gallī eam oppugnābant. Collēs Rōmae, campōs, flūmen Tiberim, agrōs nostrōs, hoc caelum Ītaliae amāmus. In urbe Veiīs fortūna erit dubia; hīc calamitās est magna, sed dī auxilium dabunt."

Using Latin I (1948), p. 214-215

Camillus called the citizens together into the forum. "What is it, Romans? Are you cowardly? Why do you want to move away now from this city? Your nation will be safe once more because the gods will help you. Your soldiers and your gods remained on the citadel although the Gauls were attacking it. We love the hills of Rome, its open fields, the Tiber river, our sown fields, this sky of Italy. In the city Veii our fortune will be doubtful; there our potential for disaster is great, but the gods will give us assistance."

The Question of Citizenship

Sī nihil aliud nisi dē cīvitāte ac lēge dīcimus, nihil dīcō amplius, causa dicta est. Quid enim hōrum īnfirmārī, Grattī, potest? Hēraclēaene esse tum ascrīptum negābis? Adest vir summā auctōritāte et religiōne et fidē, Mārcus Lūcullus; quī sē nōn opīnārī, sed scīre, nōn audīvisse sed vīdisse, nōn interfuisse sed ēgisse dīcit. Adsunt Hēraclīēnsēs lēgātī, nōbilissimī hominēs: huius iūdicī causā cum mandātīs et cum pūblicō testimōniō vēnērunt; quī hunc ascrīptum Hēraclēae esse dīcunt.

Cicero, Prō Archiā Poētā 8

If we are saying nothing else except about citizenship and the law, I speak no further; the case has been presented. For what of these points can be undermined, Grattius? Will you deny that (Archias) was enrolled (as a citizen) back then in Heraclea? There is present here a man of the utmost authority and scrupulousness and faith, Marcus Lucullus, who says that he does not think, but knows, has not heard, but has seen, was not just present, but conducted the matter. Ambassadors are here from Heraclea, very renowned men. They have come for the sake of this trial with orders and with public testimony, who say that this man was enrolled (as a citizen) in Heraclea.

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Memory and Records

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The Fury Allecto Rouses Turnus to Action

Fit Calvbē Iūnonis anus templīgue sacerdos. et iuvenī ante oculos hīs sē cum vocibus offert: 420 'Turne, tot incassum fūsos patiere labores, et tua Dardaniis trānscrībi scēptra colonis? Rēx tibi coniugium et quaesītās sanguine dotēs abnegat, externusque in regnum quaeritur heres. Ī nunc, ingrātīs offer tē, inrīse, perīclīs; 425 Tvrrhēnās, ī, sterne aciēs, tege pāce Latīnōs. Haec adeō tibi mē, placidā cum nocte iacērēs, ipsa palam fārī omnipotēns Saturnia iussit. Quārē age et armārī pūbem portīsque movērī laetus in arva parā, et Phrygiōs guī flūmine pulchrō 430 consedere duces pictasque exure carinas. Caelestum vīs magna iubet. Rēx ipse Latīnus, nī dare coniugium et dictō pārēre fatētur, sentiat et tandem Turnum experiatur in armīs.'

Vergil, Aeneid VII.419-434

[Allecto] becomes Calybe, the aged priestess of Juno and her temple, and presents herself to the young man before his eyes with these words: "Turnus, will you suffer these efforts to have been poured forth in vain? And your scepter to be turned over to Trojan settlers? The king denies to you the marriage and the dowry which you have sought with blood, and some heir from outside is being sought for the kingdom. Go now, offer yourself, scorned man, to thankless dangers; go, lay low the Tyrrhenian battle lines, protect the Latins with peace. When you were lying there in the peaceful night, thus all-powerful Juno herself has ordered me to speak these words to you openly. So, come on and gladly prepare your young men to be armed and to be moved from the gates into the fields; burn both the Trojan leaders who have settled by our beautiful river and their painted ships. The great power of the gods orders this. Unless King Latinus himself agrees to give you your bride and to stand by his word, let him realize this and at last experience Turnus as a foe in arms."

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