

FRAGMENTS OF BOOK XXIII

79 "Οτι ἐλθόντων Νουμαντίνων πρέσβεων οἱ Ῥωμαῖοι ἔξω τοῦ τείχους ἐδέξαντο αὐτούς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ βεβαιοῦν ἐκ τούτου τὰς σπονδὰς δόξωσι. ξένια μέντοι σφίσι καὶ ὡς ἐξέπεμψαν, μὴ βουληθέντες πῶ τὴν ἐλπίδα αὐτῶν ὡς καὶ συναλλαγη-
 2 σομένων ἀφελέσθαι. ἔλεγον δὲ οἱ μὲν περὶ τὸν Μαγκίνον τὴν τε ἀνάγκην τῶν ὁμολογημένων καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν σεσωσμένων, ὅτι τε πάνθ' ὅσα καὶ πρότερον ἐν τῇ Ἰβηρίᾳ ἐκέκτηντο εἶχον· ἠξίουσαν τ' αὐτοὺς μὴ πρὸς τὴν παρούσαν σφῶν ἄδειαν ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὸν τότε περιστάντα τοὺς
 3 στρατιώτας κίνδυνον ἐκλογίζεσθαι οὐχ ὅσα ἔδει γεγενῆσθαι, ἀλλ' ὅσα ἐνεδέχετο πραχθῆναι. οἱ δὲ Νουμαντῖνοι πολλὰ μὲν περὶ τῆς προτέρας σφῶν ἐς αὐτοὺς εὐνοίας, πολλὰ δὲ καὶ περὶ τῆς ἐκείνων μετὰ ταῦτα ἀδικίας, ὑφ' ἧς ἐς τὸν πόλεμον κατέστησαν, τὴν τε τοῦ Πομπηίου ψευδορκίαν προέφερον, καὶ τῆς τοῦ Μαγκίνου καὶ τῶν ἄλλων σωτηρίας εὐεργεσίαν ἀπήτουν. καὶ τὰς σπονδὰς ἔλυσαν καὶ τὸν Μαγκίνον ἐκδοθῆναι τοῖς Νουμαντῖνοις ἔγνωσαν.—U^o 18 (p. 383) and καὶ τὸν Μάγκινον—ἔγνωσαν Suid. s.vv. ἔγνω and Μάγκινος.

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THE Romans received the Numantine ambassadors, B.C. 136
 on their arrival, outside the walls, in order that their reception might not seem to imply a ratification of the truce. However, they sent gifts of friendship notwithstanding, since they did not wish to deprive them as yet of the hope of coming to terms. The associates of Mancinus told of the necessity of the compact made and the number of the saved, and stated that they still held all their former possessions in Spain; and they besought their countrymen to look at the matter not in the light of their present immunity, but with reference to the danger that had at the time encompassed the soldiers, and to consider not what ought to have been done, but what had been possible. The Numantines, for their part, had much to say about their previous good-will toward the Romans and much also about the subsequent injustice of the latter, by reason of which they had been forced into war, and about the perjury of Pompeius; and they asked for kindly treatment in return for the preservation of Mancinus and the rest. But the Romans terminated the truce and also decided that Mancinus should be given up to the Numantines.

- 81 "Ὅτι ὁ Κλαύδιος πολλὰ ἂν καὶ ἄτοπα ὑπὸ τραχύτητος εἰργάσατο, εἰ μήπερ ὁ συνάρχων αὐτοῦ Κύντος ἐκώλυσεν. ἐπιεικῆς γὰρ ὢν καὶ ἐναντιωτάτην αὐτῷ φύσιν ἔχων ὀργῇ μὲν οὐδέν οἱ ἀντέπραξεν, ἐνδιδούς δέ πη καὶ πράως πως αὐτῷ χρώμενος οὕτως αὐτὸν μετεχειρίσατο ὥστε ἐλάχιστα πικράνασθαι.—V. 68 (p. 621).
- 82 "Ὅτι ὁ Φούριος ἐξήγαγεν ἐν τοῖς ὑποστρατήγοις τὸν Πομπήιον καὶ τὸν Μέτελλον, καίπερ καὶ ἑαυτῷ καὶ ἀλλήλοις ἐχθροὺς ὄντας, ὅπως ὡς καὶ μέγα τι πράξων τὸν τε ἔλεγχον τῶν ἔργων ἀκριβῆ δι' αὐτῶν ποιήσεται, καὶ τὴν μαρτυρίαν τῆς ἀρετῆς καὶ παρὰ ἀκόντων σφῶν λάβῃ.—V. 69 (p. 621).

Claudius by reason of his harshness would have done many outrageous deeds, had he not been restrained by his colleague Quintus.¹ For the latter, who was amiable and possessed exactly the opposite temperament, did not oppose him with anger in any matter, but in fact occasionally yielded to him, and by gentle behaviour so managed him that he found very few opportunities for irritation.

Furius took out among his lieutenants both Pompeius and Metellus, though they were hostile both to him and to each other; for, expecting to achieve some great success, he wished to have in them sure witnesses to his deeds and to receive the evidence of his prowess from their unwilling lips.

¹ Ap. Claudius Pulcher and Q. Fulvius Nobilior were censors in B.C. 136.

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