

In Catilinam 1 setting passages

Questions: where did a Roman orator usually speak? Where did the senate usually meet? Where did the senate meet when Cicero delivered his first Catilinarian? How does Cicero exploit this?

Cf setting in the *Verrines*

“how he dared in the temple of Castor, in that most illustrious and renowned monument, a temple which is placed before the eyes and in daily view of the Roman people, to which the senate is often summoned, where crowded deliberations on the most momentous affairs take place every day, why should I mention his having dared to leave in that place, in contempt of anything any one can say, an eternal monument of his audacity?” (*Verr.* II.1.129: Cicero claims that that gaining a contract for repairing the temple of Castor gave Verres an opportunity for plunder)

“You who chose the temple of Castor to be the witness of your thefts which the Roman people saw every day, and even the judges at the very moment that they were giving their decision concerning you” (*Verr.* II.1.154)

“We owe a great debt of gratitude to the immortal gods and especially to this Jupiter Stator,* the god who from the earliest times has stood guard over our city, for enabling us time and again to escape this pestilence, so foul, so revolting, and so deadly to our country. But we cannot go on forever allowing the survival of the state to be endangered by a single individual.” (*In Cat.* 1.11)

“With omens such as these, Catiline, and for the sake of the survival of the state, the death and destruction of yourself, and the ruin of those who have linked themselves to you in every type of crime and murder: be off to your sacrilegious and wicked war! And [pg 169] you, Jupiter, who were established by the same auspices as those by which Romulus founded this city, whom we rightly call the 'Stayer'* of this city and empire, may you drive him and his associates away from your temple and the other temples, away from the buildings and walls of the city, and away from the lives and fortunes of all the citizens! And on these men who are the opponents of decent citizens, the enemies of their country, brigands of Italy, and linked together in an unholy alliance and syndicate of crime, on these, living and dead, may you inflict everlasting punishment!” (*In Cat.* 1.33)