

unseen assignment: Sallust *Iugurtha* 84.1-2

[1] At Marius, ut supra diximus, cupientissima plebe consul factus, postquam ei provinciam Numidiam populus iussit, antea iam infestus nobilitati, tum vero multus atque ferox instare; singulos modo, modo univorsos laedere, dictitare sese consulatum ex victis illis spolia cepisse, alia praeterea magnifica pro se et illis dolentia; [2] interim quae bello opus erant prima habere, postulare legionibus supplementum, auxilia a populis et regibus arcessere, praeterea ex Latio sociisque fortissimum quemque, plerosque militiae, paucos fama cognitos, accire et ambiundo cogere homines emeritis stipendiis secum proficisci.

Notes

*cupientissima* (archaic)= *cupientissima*

ei: dative with *iussit*.

*dictitare* (frequentative form) "say often" (>indirect statement)

*alia praeterea magnifica pro se et illis dolentia*: direct objects with *dictitare* (note Sallustian lack of connective before). The presence of indirect statement then direct objects is typical Sallust: varied and unexpected change of grammatical structure.

*habere*: "regarded."

*fortissimum* [=fortissimum] *quemque*: i.e. all the bravest" (*quisque* + the superlative).

*militiae*: genitive of definition 'defining' the particular group (*militia*) from which 'most' of these men were drawn.