

us or cause desertion from us. I sent to give them word where the protecting lord, desirous of command, who is the chief of the Roman mercenaries, reaches. The subject chiefs of my pledged cities he subdued.

Lord Agbe, seeing Marcellus approach towards me, leaves the famous commanding lord helpless, to make his submission. Where he reaches I sent to give them word secretly. I marched to him to place my command to his help. I made known to the famous lord Junius the inability of the caring lord, in order to the help of the caring lord. He promises to consider the call of the commander given instead of the enemy, of the commander Laeca, telling him to approach Nobilior. Until the lords promising to come to help did help him into safety, I sent to give them word that we attended to his cry, who descended to Ricina on our behalf.¹⁰²

The lord, cherishing desire towards the enemy, sends to him to give the news, that, to join Nobilior, the Roman lord, Annovi-Gabe, the lord desiring to help, the lord of Alba, withdraws from our protection. I am grieved that the lord of Alba should have undertaken the word of command. I received him, promising me to keep far away from Agbe, being more desirous of our good than of his.¹⁰³

[Some Tables are wanting in this place.]

¹⁰² Marcellus; in Etruscan Merkala, is M. Claudius Marcellus, junior, whose presence in Gaul some time before is mentioned by Livy XL., 1.

The famous commanding lord and the caring lord are equally Annovi-Gabe of Alba.

¹⁰³ The lord cherishing desire towards the enemy is the chief of Ratevansa.