

GLITIUS DECIANUS' Correspondence with Rome

TO THE IMPERIAL TREASURY, ROME. SEPT LXVIII.

I would like to humbly ask you for some additional funds to maintain the 7 Legions defending the Rhine from the barbarian hordes. The upkeep cost of these Legions is 280 Talents per quarter, although I expect to meet 50 Talents of this cost from the Regional Revenue. The remaining Funds being for road maintenance and keeping the locals content.

Your Humble Servant, Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica Durocortorum, Belgica.

TO THE IMPERIAL TREASURY, ROME. OCT LXVIII.

The situation on the Rhine is grave. We have only been able to pay for 2 of our 7 legions. Should the barbarians attack now we would be unable to stop them.

Please send 200 Talents now.

Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica

TO THE TREASURY

BELGICA will be sent 280 Talents for upkeep of legions + 10 talents each for the 4 loyal legions (I, XV, V & IV).

The Treasurer.

TO THE SENATE, ROME. DEC LXVIII.

Senators,

I feel it my duty to inform you that the loyalty bonus missed 5 of our 9 Legions. They have also not received the celebratory bonus of 10 talents each. In addition to this 140 Talents I must humbly ask your noble selves to ask the Imperial Treasury to send sufficient funds to pay these Legions next quarter. This will cost 315 talents over what the province provides.

Total required = 455 Talents

Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica

TO GERMANY

I'm sorry to inform you that you are at the bottom of the Emperor's financial priorities.

I've managed to scrape 47 talents together.

the Treasurer of the Senate

TO THE SENATE, ROME. FEB LXIX

Dear Senate,

Thank you so much for the 47 Talents you 'scraped together'. Are you gentlemen so poor you are unable to pay your loyal servants who are stopping the barbarian hordes from sweeping through Belgica & Gaul towards Italia & Rome itself?

Reports indicate that there are six barbarian warbands raiding across the Rhine on a regular basis.

Failing to fund the brave & loyal legions will result in a catastrophic collapse of the frontier.

Your loyal servant Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica

TO G. DECIANUS, PROCURATOR OF BELGICA

In Nom Galba Imp it SPQR

We are in receipt of your request for bonus payments as promised. I have brought your message to the attention of the Imperial Treasurer, who will pay the monies as a matter of priority as soon as recalcitrant provinces honour their commitments to pay their surplus income to Rome.

V. Crispus (Secretariat to Senate) P.S. Please encourage your Governor to send a written sitrep as requested.

TO THE SENATE, ROME. MAR LXIX.

Gentlemen,

You will be pleased to hear that the Nobles & Citizens of Belgica & Germania have loaned our Treasury large sums of their personal wealth to pay the Legions and upkeep the fleet.

This means that our Treasury is running a deficit of 377 Talents. We have quarterly expenditure of 345 Talents and an income of 70.

For those of you who cannot count we require 652 Talents as a minimum by JUNE.

Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica

TO THE SENATE, ROME. MAR LXIX.

I would advise hiding your valuables and locking up your daughters.

The Barbarian hordes are attacking en masse.

Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica

TO THE SENATE, ROME. JUN LXIX.

Gentlemen,

Just a reminder that we have a deficit of 350 talents after our tax income & before paying for the legions.

Your servant, Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica

TO THE SENATE, ROME. AUG LXIX.

GENTLEMEN

THE GOVERNORS OF GAUL, GERMANY & BELGICA HAVE ASKED ME TO BE THEIR PROCURATOR. I WILL FORWARD ANY SURPLUS TO YOU.

LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC! Glitius Decianus PROCURATOR OF THE WEST, LUGDUNUM

TO THE SENATE, ROME. AUG LXIX.

Gentlemen,

We urgently require 1300 Talents to repay loans & pay the legions of Gaul, Germania, Belgica & Britannia.

Glitius Decianus Procurator of Belgica

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