Cicero In Verrem II 11



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Watch out for a passive verb. And *isti* again! *Quod cum isti renuntiaretur de basi ac litteris, Quod* here "in respect to which". *Renuntiare* "to report" *existimavit homines in oblivionem totius negoti esse venturos Existimare* "to think" "to calculate" "to suppose". The rest of the phrase is translatable as "men would come to forget the whole business." *si etiam basim tamquam indicem sui sceleris sustulisset*. *Etiam* here is best translated "also". *Tamquam indicem* "as it were a witness/informer".

Translate and compare.

But when it was told him about the pedestal and the writing, he thought men would come to forget the whole business if he even took away the pedestal [which was] as it were a witness of his crime.

Itaque tollendam istius imperio locaverunt;

tollendam locaverunt "they arranged/contracted the removal" *istius imperio* "by the command of this man"

quae vobis locatio ex publicis litteris Segestanorum priore actione recitata est. Locatio "contract" ex publicis litteris "from the public records", prior actio "the previous part of the trial" recitare "to read aloud".

Translate and compare.

And so they contracted the removal [of the pedestal] by the command of this man, which contract has been read out to you from the public records of the Segestans at the previous part of the trial.

Can you find words in Latin this lesson related to these English words?

base	 	 	
oblivion	 	 	
recite		 	

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