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a) I <sup>do</sup>wish, ~~o~~ members of the senate, to be merciful,

I <sup>do</sup>wish that I do not seem weak in the

midst of such great danger to the state, but

already, I am condemning myself for inaction

and negligence. There is a camp in Italy

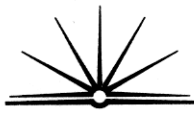
opposed to the Roman people, positioned on

the passes of Etruria, the number of our

enemies increases every single day, yet,

you see the ~~leader~~ commander of that camp

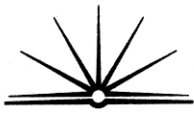
and the leader of our enemies inside



the city walls, and what is more, you see

him in the senate, daily ~~is~~ plotting some

internal undoing of the state.



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b) But if out of such ~~a large~~ great banditry,

that one despicable man is removed, we

shall appear, perhaps, ~~to have been~~ for a

certain brief period, to have been relieved

of worry and fear, but the danger will

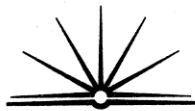
remain and ~~it~~ will be embedded deep in

the veins and the viscera of the state.

Just as often, men sick with a serious

illness, when they are tossed about in

feverish heat, if they have drunk cold water,



seem at first to be relieved, then they are struck much more seriously and violently, in the same way, this disease, which is in the state, relieved by the punishment of that awful man, <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ grow ~~more~~ more violently worse as long as the rest remain alive.

For this reason, let the wicked depart, let them separate themselves from the good, let them be gathered together in one spot, and at last, by a wall, something



which I have often suggested already,

let them be separated from us;