

78. Cicero writes to Brutus complaining in strong terms about having received such a short letter from him in such momentous times. He says that his own letters are always more substantial.

(Cicero *ad Brutum*, I.14)

CICERO BRUTO SAL.

breves litterae tuae - breves dico - immo nullae. tribusne **versiculis** his temporibus Brutus ad me? nihil scripsisses potius. et requiris meas! quis umquam ad te tuorum sine meis venit? quae autem epistula non **pondus** habuit? quae si ad te **perlatae** non sunt, ne **domesticas** quidem tuas **perlatas** arbitror. **Ciceroni** scribis te longiorem daturum epistulam. recte id quidem, sed haec quoque debuit esse plenior.

quibuscum in fauces

*versiculus, versiculi, m
pondus, ponderis, n
perf ero, perf erre, pert uli, perlatum
domesticus, domestic a, domesticum
Cicero, Ciceronis, m*

*short line
substance, weight
I deliver
domestic (means from a family member)
(refers to Cicero's son)*