



## *M. Porcius Cato to Cicero*

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### **Excerpt**

As you once called upon me to defend you against Clodius, and later to uphold your victories to the senate, I now call upon you and our friendship in return. Here in Utica, standing before failure, I reflect not in sorrow, but in duty. Was there a path, however narrow, that might have averted catastrophe? I am writing to you now at greater length than ever before, for I wish there to be an account of the truth as I see it that is unmarred by ambition. From the beginning, I foresaw the tyrant approaching.

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