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The Life of Pomponius Atticus

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Atticus was of an ancient and Equestrian family, he had a diligent & indulgent father, he was instructed by his father in <sup>all</sup> arts & sciences, who also left him to the care of the best masters. he excelled all his school-fellows by his application amongst his school-fellows were L. Torquatus the younger Marius & M. Cicero. His father died very early. He went to Athens the most famous City in the world for learning that he might improve himself & to avoid engaging himself in the quarrell which then was betwixt Cinna & Sylla he was vastly liked by every

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opposed by Marius and his friends & some  
of y<sup>e</sup> Citizens ~~standing at top of y<sup>e</sup> houses &  
throwing stones & javelins at last~~  
Marius & Sulpicus were driven out of  
the City. Marius escaped & Sulpicus had his  
head cut off and as many of Sulpicus's  
friends and relations were slain  
it is wonderful how Atticus escaped

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The King

(as a child)

there for  
body, therefore, his great politeness, pru-  
-dence & generosity towards everyone. He  
lent money to the state without interest.  
They offered to give him his freedom to  
give him his freedom but he would  
not accept it, because it was thought by  
some that if he had received it, he must  
have lost the freedom of Rome. As  
long as he was at Athens, he would not  
allow any statue to be erected for him,  
but when he was absent, he could  
not hinder it.

It is impossible to judge of the providence of Atti-  
-us by which he escaped so many dangers with-  
out considering about the times in which he  
lived, the first danger he escaped was from

his being related to P. Sulpicius who was a  
Tribune of the People, & acted as follows A. U.  
C. 665 the Romans resolving to make war a-  
-gainst King Mithridates, gave <sup>e</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>e</sup>  
command of <sup>e</sup> army to Sylla. When Marius came  
back to Rome he was very angry, & he engaged  
Sulpicius to persuade the ~~Pop~~ People to take  
<sup>e</sup> command away from Sylla and give it to  
himself, upon which he sent two officers to Sylla  
to take away his command, who were both  
stoned to death by Sylla's soldiers. Sylla advan-  
-ced <sup>erectly</sup> <sup>immediately</sup> to Rome where he was opposed by Marius  
his friends & some of <sup>e</sup> Citizens. at last  
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out of the City, Marius escaped & Sulpicius  
had his head cut off, & as many of Sulpicius's friends  
& relations were slain. it is wonderful how Athens escaped.