Labienus, with the destruction of Sabinus and the slaughter of the cohorts h/b learned, when all of the forces of the Trev had come against him, h/ feared lest if he had made a departure similar to the flight from the winter-camp, he would not be able to sustain [withstand] the attack of the enemy, especially since he knew that they were being affected [emboldened] by the recent victory. He sent back the letters to Caesar explaining with how much danger he led the army out of the winter-camps. He described in detail the affair conducted among the Ebur. He reveals that all of the troops of knights and of footsoldiers of the Trev have settled three miles [3000 paces] from his own camp.

Chapter 48.

With his [not Caesar’s] plan h/b approved, Caesar, even if h/b disappointed by the knowledge of three legions he returned to two, therefore was quickly placing one auxiliary of the common safety. He came on a great march to the Nervian borders. There he learns from the captives how much danger the matter, which was managed in the presence of Cicero, and in how much danger the matter is in. Then Caesar persuades one [man] with great rewards out of the Gallic knights to carry away a letter to Cicero.

He sent this message h/b written in Greek letters lest our plans, w/ the letter h/b been intercepted, be known by the enemies. If he is should not be able to approach, Caesar warns that he should throw a spear or javelin with a letter h/b attached to the strap into the fortification of the camp. He writes in in letters that he, h/ set out with his legions, will quickly be present: he encourages him to retain his pristine courage. The Gaul, h/ feared danger, sent a spear as it had been ordered.

This, by chance, stuck in a tower, and, not being observed by our men for two days, was caught sight of by a certain soldier on the third day. It is broken down, it is carried to Cicero. He, h/ read through the letter, recites it in an assembly of the soldiers, and it affects all with the greatest joy. Then the smokes of the fires were seen in the distance, which pushed out all doubt of the arrival of the legion.