

Cicero: Pro Roscio Amerino (chapters 15-29, 62-75, 79-88, 92-104, 109-115)

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[15] Sex. Roscius, pater huiusce, municeps Amerinus fuit,

15. -ce - a demonstrative particle; strengthens *huius* and points to the man in court
municeps municipis (m) - townsman Amerinus - of Ameria

cum genere et nobilitate et pecunia non modo sui

cum...tum - this puts side by side two sections, where the second is more particular or
noteworthy - don't translate cum, translate *tum* as 'while in particular...'
genus generis (n) - family nobilitas nobilitatis (f) - noble lineage pecunia - money,
financial resources non modo... verum etiam - not only...but also
municipium - municipium, a free town, particularly in Italy, which had the
right of Roman citizenship vicinitas vicinitatis (f) - vicinity, neighbourhood
gratia - favour, influence hospitium - tie(s) of hospitality
florens florentis (lit. 'flowering') - flourishing, outstanding

municipi, verum etiam eius vicinitatis facile primus, tum

gratia atque hospitiis florens hominum nobilissimorum.

Nam cum Metellis, Serviliis, Scipionibus erat ei non

modo hospitium, verum etiam domesticus usus et

domesticus - of the home, private
usus (4) - habitual dealings between people, social intercourse
consuetudo consuetudinis (f) - a familiarity between people, 'friendship'
quas...familias - families which.... aequus - fair, just honestas honestatis (f) -
honour, integrity, decency amplitudo amplitudinis (f) - distinction, eminence,
prestige, greatness
gratia + gen. (follows the relevant noun) - for the sake of nomino (1) - name
commodum - advantage

consuetudo, quas, ut aequum est, familias honestatis

amplitudinische gratia nomino. Itaque ex suis omnibus

commodis hoc solum filio reliquit; nam patrimonium

relinquo (3), reliqui, relictum - leave, bequeath patrimonium - patrimony,
inheritance domesticus - of his own family

domestici praedones vi eruptum possident, fama et vita

praedo praedonis (m) - brigand, somebody who lives by robbery vis (f) - force
(irreg; vi is abl.) eripio (mix), eripui, eruptum - snatch away possideo (2),
possedi, possessum - possess fama - reputation

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innocentis ab hospitibus amicisque paternis defenditur.

innocens innocentis - innocent hospes hospitis (m) - guest, visitor; host, ‘family friend’
paternus (adj.) - of one’s father *defenditur* agrees with th nearest subject *vita*

[16] Is cum omni tempore nobilitatis fautor fuisset, tum

16. fautor fautoris (m) - supporter tumultus (4) - a sudden outbreak of violence

hoc tumultu proximo, cum omnium nobilium dignitas et

proximus - immediately preceding, most recent dignitas dignitatis (f) - dignity, standing salus salutis (f) - safety

salus in discrimen veniret, praeter ceteros in ea vicinitate

discrimen, discriminis (n) - danger praeter + acc. - surpassing, exceeding

eam partem causamque opera, studio, auctoritate defendit;

pars partis (f) - party causa - (a political) cause opera - effort, efforts
studium - enthusiasm, favour, support auctoritas auctoritatis (f) - authority, influence

etenim rectum putabat pro eorum honestate se pugnare,

etenim - and indeed, the fact is rectus - right pro + abl. - in defence of

propter quos ipse honestissimus inter suos numerabatur.

propter + acc. - because of honestus - honourable
numero (1) - number, count, ‘regard’

Posteaquam victoria constituta est ab armisque recessum,

posteaquam - after constituo (3), constitui, constitutum - establish
recedo (3), recessi, recessum - retreat; ab armis recedere - give up arms

cum proscriberentur homines atque ex omni regione

proscribo (3), proscripti, proscriptum - proscribe, put on a public list of outlaws

caperentur ei, qui adversarii fuisse putabantur, erat ille

adversarius - personal opponent, adversary