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Alterum genus est equitum. Hi, cum est usus atque aliquod bellum incidit (quod fere ante Caesaris adventum quotannis accidere solebat, uti aut ipsi iniurias inferrent aut illatas propulsarent), omnes in bello versantur, atque eorum ut quisque est genere copiisque amplissimus, ita plurimos circum se ambactos clientesque habet. Hanc unam gratiam potentiamque noverunt.

alter, altera, alterum – another genus, generis - kind, group eques, equitis - horseman cum – temporal – notice the indicative form of est (review cum clauses) usus est – there is a need atque – and aliquod – some incido, incidere, incidi, --- happen, arise quod – [a thing] which fere – nearly – translate with quotannis – nearly every year adventus, adventūs – arrival accido, accidere, accidi - happen soleo, solere, solitus sum – be accustomed, be used to uti = ut - result clause aut...aut - either...or ipsi (review forms of ipse) – themselves, himself, hersel, itself (emphatic pronoun) iniuria, iniuriae - damage, violence infero, inferre, intuli, illatum - bring in, import, cause illatas [iniurias] – violence which was inflicted [on them] propello, -ere, -puli,-pulsum – repel, drive away verso, versare, versavi, versatum – turn, deal PASSIVE FORM AS A DEPONENT VERB – engage in ut – as atque eorum ut quisque est genere copiisque amplissimus - and as each of them is the most illustrious in his birth and his resources ita – in this way plurimos ...ambactos – very many vassals clients, clientis – clients (men beholden to the patron) hanc...noverunt – they know this one [kind of] influence and power (the idea is that these people understand the kind of power and influence that comes from having a large group of followers. The Romans had a patron/client system too and would have understood this arrangement.)