

*Adversus hosti facienda umquam
sunt ulla quam caute.*
When facing the foe, nothing must
ever be done recklessly!

Hadrian, Field 26

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