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ὀλίγον δὲ πρὶν ἡμᾶς ἀπιέναι μάχη ἐγεγόνει ἐν τῇ Ποτειδαίᾳ, ἣν ἄρτι ἦσαν οἱ τῇδε πεπυσμένοι.

*Shortly before we came away there had been a battle at Potidaea, of which the people here had only just had news.*

Plato Charmides 153b