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Whoever demanded affidavits from a historian?

Seneca, *Apocolocyntosis*

As for those who would say that these matters fell out otherwise than as I relate them, I should account it no small favor, if they would produce the originals, and should what I write not accord with them, I would acknowledge the justice of their censure, and study to amend my ways.

Giovanni Boccaccio, *Decameron*,
Prologue to Fourth Day

In effect I can truly say that. . .not only is there nothing contrary to truth, though there may be things beyond truth, but also that there is no passage in which one can convict me of lying, and that through all the circumstances of the history, I can prove it as true when I please.

Gauthier de Costes de La
Calprenède, preface to
Faramond [1661]

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