Caesar Dictator

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49: Dictator I (to oversee elections)

47: Consul II
   Dictator II for a year after Pharsalus

46: Consul III
   Dictator III annually renewed for 10 yrs.

45: Consul IV – sole consul – resigned in Fall
   Dictator IV

44: Consul V
   Dictator in perpetuity
Caesar’s transformation of the Roman Forum

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Cicero, *Letter to Atticus* 4.16.8

We ‘friends of Caesar’… have spent without any qualms sixty million sesterces towards that monumental work you used to praise so highly – the expansion of the over-crowded Forum, and its extension all the way to the Atrium of Liberty. The private owners of the land would not have sold for a lesser sum.
Forum of Julius Caesar
54-29 BC

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‘But it was the following action in particular that roused deadly hatred against him. When the Senate approached him in a body with many highly honorary decrees, he received them before the temple of Venus Genetrix without rising.’

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