

Examples of indirect command

οἱ δ' ἀπεκρίναντο ὅτι “καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ τὴν ἡμετέραν χώραν ἔρχεσθε.” λέγειν ἐκέλευον οἱ στρατηγοὶ ὅτι “οὐ κακῶς γε ποιήσοντες, ἀλλὰ βασιλεῖ πολεμήσαντες ἀπερχόμεθα εἰς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, καὶ ἐπὶ θάλατταν βουλόμεθα ἀφικέσθαι.”

They answered "You are invading our country". And the generals ordered him to say "We are doing so not out of any wish to do you harm, instead we are coming into Greece to fight with the king and we want to reach the sea".

Xenophon Anabasis 4.8

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ἐμοῦ τοίνυν, ὦ ἄνδρες, οἱ μὲν νόμοι οὐ μόνον ἀπεγνωκότες εἰσὶ μὴ ἀδικεῖν, ἀλλὰ καὶ κεκελευκότες ταύτην τὴν δίκην λαμβάνειν·

Wherefore I, sirs, not only stand acquitted of wrongdoing by the laws, but am also directed by them to take this satisfaction:

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Μήδεια: τοσοῦτον οὖν σου τυγχάνειν βουλήσομαι,
ἦν μοι πόρος τις μηχανή τ' ἐξευρεθῇ
πόσιν δίκην τῶνδ' ἀντιτείσασθαι κακῶν
τὸν δόντα τ' αὐτῷ θυγατέρ' ἢ τ' ἐγήματο,
σιγᾶν.

*if I find any means or contrivance to punish my husband for these wrongs and the bride's
father and the bride, keep my secret.*

Euripides Medea 259-263