

Britibus erudiuit queri¹ innata probitas in milicia militibus.²
 ac si alterum hennicum adeptu interno congratulatur³ affectu.
 Tu⁴ quoque galerrane⁵ consul mellenit⁶ altera regni nostri
 columpna⁷ operam adhibeas⁸ tuam ut utriusque moderatione⁹
 communicata¹⁰ editio in medium producta pulchritus¹¹ elucescat.
 Te etenim ex illius¹² celeberrimi¹³ regis karoli stipe progeni-
 tum¹⁴ mater phylosophia¹⁵ in gremio suo excepit scientiarum-
 que suarum subtilitatem edocuit. ac deinde ut in militaribus
 clareres exercitus¹⁶ ad castra regum direxit.¹⁷ ubi commilitones
 tuos audacter supergressus¹⁸ & terror hostium existere¹⁹ &
 protectio tuorum esse paternis auspiciis addidicisti. Fideles
 itaque protectio tuorum existens me tuum uatem codicemque
 ad oblectamentum tui editum sub tutela tua recipias ut sub
 tegmine tam patula²⁰ arboris recubans. calanum musee tue²¹ sub
 coram inuidis atque improbis tuto modulamine resonare queam;²²

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 1 quam. 2 britannia. 3 roberto. 4 claudicestrie. 5 columna. 6 adbas.
 7 sr pulcrus. 8 tilo. 9 celeberrimo. 10 rege hennico progenitum. 11 phylosophia.
 12 aserchitis. 13 darenti. 14 supergrassus. 15 tassistera. 16 patula. 17 musee mee.
 18 omit militibus. 19 omit thanda. 20 gratulatur. 21 omit all that follows through
 resonare queam.

Britannia¹ insularum optima in occidentali² oceano inter r. &
 galliam³ & hiberniam sita. octingenta⁴ milia in longum.
 ducenta⁵ uero in latum continens. quicquid mortalium
 usui congruit⁶ indelicenti fertilitate ministrat. Omni etenim
 genere metalli fecunda campos late pansom habet colles quoque
 depollenti culture aptos in quibus frugum diuersitates ubertate
 glebe temporibus suis produuntur. Habet & nemora uniuersis
 fera- | rum generibus repleta quorum in salibus & alternandis
 animalium pastibus gramma conueniunt⁷ & aduolantibus⁸ apibus
 flores diuersorum colorum mella distribunt. Habet etiam
 prata sub aeriis montibus ameno situ⁹ urentia. in quibus
 fontes lucidi per nitidos riuos leni murmure narrantes. pignus
 suauis soporis¹⁰ in ripis accubantibus irritant. Porro lacubus
 atque piscosis¹¹ fluuiis irrigua¹² est & absque meridiane plage-freto
 quo ad gallias nauigatur. tria nobilia flumina. tamensis uidelicet.
 & sabrine. nec non & humbri. uelut¹³ tria brachia extendit quibus
 transmarina comercia¹⁴ ex uniuersis nationibus eidem nauigio
 feruntur. Bis denis etiam bisque quaternis ciuitatibus olim

1 octoginta. 2 ad uolandum. 3 saporis. 4 irrigua. 5 commercio.
 6 Brittonia. 7 octidantia. 8 Galliam. 9 dec. 10 cc. 11 comi written twice
 struck out in later hand. 12 congrui usui. 13 insert sr uolantibus. 14 sita. 15 uirentia.
 16 irrigati. 17 piscosis. 18 uelud. 19 comercio.

Brittaen, the best of the islands, which used to be called the white island, * f. 31 rec.
 situated as it is* in the western ocean between frank and lawrdon, [extends]
 eight hundred miles in its length and two hundred in its width, and whatso-
 ever men must needs use it supplies them in unfolding plenty. And with this
 it is full of numerous wide-spreading plains and noble hills, and hauens to
 which from overseas come foreign products in great variety. And there are
 also in it forests and thickets full of various kinds of animals and wild beasts,
 and many swarms of bees gathering honey among the flowers. There are f. 31 no.
 with this fair pastures at the foot of wind-swept mountains, and bright,
 clear springs, and further, there are lakes and rivers full of various varieties
 of fish. Moreover, there are in it three noble rivers, namely, the temys,
 and the hynnyr, and the hafrenm. These, like three arms, divide the island;
 and along them come various kinds of articles of barter from countries
 overseas. And further, of old there were adorning it three and thirty noble