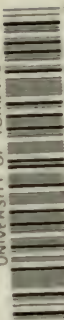


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## PREFACE.

I PROPOSE to include in a couple of volumes, of which the present is the first, an edition of the work commonly called *The Brut of England*, or *The Chronicles of England*. The entire Chronicle with its continuations embraces a period from the legendary time of Albina and Brutus to A.D. 1479, while the first part which forms the contents of this volume closes with the battle of Halidon Hill in 1333. The first part of our Chronicle is a mere translation of the French *Brut d'Engleterre*. Of this work there are two independent English translations, of which I have chosen the earlier and anonymous one for publication, for reasons which are fully explained in the general Introduction which will form the last volume of this edition.

After 1333 we have a certain number of original English continuations. The first of these, finishing with the death of Edward III in 1377, represents the same version in all MSS. But after that date we have several continuations which are quite independent of each other. Of these the most important ones have been chosen for publication.

Very few of these continuations can with any certainty be ascribed to a known author; most of them exist only in copies of MSS. which have perished or dropt out of sight. But the question of authorship ceases to be of paramount importance, when the information contained in the text can be thoroughly tested by contemporary writers, as is the case in the present Chronicle.—  
 ‘The value of such portions of the narrative as are incapable of external authentication, depends on the generally faithful character of the context where it has been so proved.’

As history, the first part possesses much original value in its later parts after the accession of Edward II; while in several of the continuations the narrative becomes even that of a contemporary.

As literature, the Chronicle is as worthless—except a few

inserted poems—as a mediæval Chronicle possibly can be. But nobody will expect to stop a wedding-guest by reciting mediæval history.

For everything else, the reader of these pages is referred to the final Introduction. This will contain a list, description and classification of 167 MSS. in French, English and Latin, 147 of which I have been able to examine myself; and some remarks about the language of the most important English texts; then a history of the study of the *Brut*, an analysis of the different French versions and their sources, a description of the two English translations, and an examination of the original English continuations and their sources; finally, a list of the 13 printed editions between 1400 and 1528, a description of the Latin versions, and a chapter on the influence of the *Brut* on later writers.<sup>1</sup> Besides that, I shall give a fair number of notes, mostly containing illustrations from contemporary writers, to explain the historical value of the facts related in the *Brut*. A Glossary of the more uncommon words and an Index of Proper Names will form the end.

It now remains to describe the MSS. which have been used for the present volume. They are three in number, designated respectively by the letters R, O and D.

R = MS. Rawl. B. 171 (Bodl.), which forms the text of this volume, represents the oldest English copy of the *Brut* known to me. The hand shows the time of writing to be about 1400. As the MS. wants the first leaves, these have been taken from MS. Douce 323.

O = MS. Douce 323 (Bodl.), a late, but very accurate transcript written in the beginning of the second half of the 15th century. It has been used too for the collation of the whole text, as well as

D = MS. Trin. College, Dublin, 490, which was written in the beginning of the 15th century.

Appendix A which closes this volume contains the poetical description of the battle of Halidon Hill which forms the end of the second translation. The text is printed from the two only existant MSS. of this version, MS. Harley 4690 and MS. Arundel LVIII in the College of Arms in London.

<sup>1</sup> An abstract of this Introduction has appeared in German under the title: *Geschichte und Quellen der mittel englischen Prosachronik The Brute of England oder The Chronicles of England*. Marburg. N. G. Elwert. 1905.

Further details about the MSS. employed will be found in the final Introduction.

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[THE PROLOG.]<sup>1</sup>

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**I**N<sup>3</sup> the noble lande of Surrye<sup>4</sup> ther was a noble kyng and myghty, & a man of grete renoun, þat me called Dyoclician, þat wel and worthily hym gouernede, & rewlede thurgh his noble chialrye, so þat he conquered alle þ<sup>e</sup> landes abowte hym, so that almoste aH þ<sup>e</sup> kynges of þ<sup>e</sup> world to hym were entendaunt. ¶ Hyt befêH thus, þat this Dioclician spoused a gentyl damysele þat was wondyr fayr, þat was hys Eemys doughter, Labana; & sche loued hym as reson wolde, so þat he gate vpon here xxxiiij doughtres, of þ<sup>e</sup> which þ<sup>e</sup> eldest me called Albyne. And þese<sup>5</sup> Damysels, whan þey comyn in-to<sup>6</sup> Age, bycomen<sup>7</sup> so fayre þat it was wondyr. ¶ Wherfore this Dioclician anon lete make A sompnyng, & comaundid by his lettres þat Alle þ<sup>e</sup> kyngys þat heldyn of hym schulde come at A certayn day, as in his lettres was<sup>8</sup> conteyned, to make A ryal feste. At which day, þedir þey comyn, & brought with hem Amyralles, Prynces & Dukes, & noble Chialrye. þe feste was ryally Arayd; & þere þey lyved in ioy and merthe y-now, that it was wonder to wete.

¶ And hit befelle þus, þat þis Dioclician poughte maryen his Doughtres among aH þo knyghtys<sup>9</sup> þat tho were at that solempnite;

<sup>1</sup> The text to the end of Chapter V is taken from MS. Douce 323, as it is wanting (except just the latter part of Chapter V, which is too blurred and indistinct to be copied) in MS. Rawlinson B 171. The collation following is of MS. Trin. Coll. Dublin 490 (D). <sup>2</sup> leaf 1.

<sup>3</sup> D has this heading: Her may a man hure How Engelande was ferst callede Albyon and through whome it hade the name.

<sup>4</sup> Syrrie    <sup>5</sup> pis    <sup>6</sup> vnto    <sup>7</sup> bicome    <sup>8</sup> were    <sup>9</sup> kynges  
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and so they speken<sup>1</sup> & dede, that Albyne, his eldest doughter,  
 & alle here<sup>2</sup> sustres, richely were maryed<sup>3</sup> vnto xxxiiij kynges<sup>3</sup> that  
 wer<sup>4</sup> lordes of gret honour, & Also power, at þis solempnite. And  
 whanne þ<sup>e</sup> solempnite was done, euery kyng nome his wyf, & lad 4  
 hem into here owne cuntre, and there maad hem quene. ¶ And  
 hit byfelle þus aftyrward<sup>5</sup>, þat þis dame Albyne bycome so stoute  
 & so sterne, þat sche told litel prys of her lord<sup>6</sup>, And of hym hadde  
 scorne and dyspite, and wolde not done his wylle, but wolde haue 8  
 here owne wyf in diuerses<sup>5</sup> maners. And aH her other sustres,  
 eche on<sup>6</sup> here hem so euel a-yens here lordes, þat it was wonder  
 to wete. ¶ And for-as-mych<sup>7</sup> as hem thought<sup>7</sup> þat here housebondes  
 were not<sup>8</sup> of so hye *parage* comen as here fadyr. ¶ But tho kynges 12  
 þat were her lordes, wolde haue chastyset<sup>9</sup> with fayr speche &  
 byhestes, & also for<sup>8</sup> ziftes, and warnyd hem in fayr maner vpon  
 aH loue and frenschipe þat þei scholde Amende hir<sup>10</sup> lithir condi-  
 cions; but al it was for nouzt, for they deden her owne wil in aH 16  
 þyng<sup>11</sup> þat hem lykede & hadde of power. wherfore þo xxxiiij  
 kynges, vpon A tyme, and oftyn-tymes, beten here wyfes, for þey  
 wende that þei wolde haue Amended here tacches and here wykkyd  
 thewes; but of such condicions þei were þat, for fayr speche & 20  
 warnyng<sup>1</sup>, þei deden the <sup>12</sup>wors, & for betynges <sup>13</sup>eft-sone mych<sup>13</sup>  
 wors. Wherfore þ<sup>e</sup> kyng þat hadde wedded Albyne, wrote þ<sup>e</sup>  
 tacches & þ<sup>e</sup>s condicions of his wyf Albyne, & þ<sup>e</sup> *lettre* sent to  
 Dioclician, her fader. ¶ And whenne þ<sup>e</sup>s other kynges herde that 24  
 Albynes lord<sup>6</sup> had sent *lettre* to Dioclician, anon þey sente lettres  
 enseled<sup>6</sup> with here seeles [of] þ<sup>e</sup> condicions and þ<sup>e</sup> tacches of here  
 wyfes.

¶ Whanne þ<sup>e</sup> Kyng Dioclician saw & herde so many pleyntes 28  
 of his doughters, he was<sup>8</sup> sore a-schamed<sup>6</sup>, & bycome wonder Angry  
 & wroth to-ward his doughters, & þought boþ<sup>e</sup> nyght & day how  
 he þo myghte amende hit þat þey so mysdede. ¶ And anon sente  
 his lettres vnto þo xxxiiij<sup>14</sup> kynges, þat þey schulde come to hym, 32  
 & brynge *with* hem here wyfes, euerychoñ at a certayn day, for he  
 wolde þere chastise hem of here wikkydnes, if he myghte in eny  
 maner wyse. So þat þ<sup>e</sup> kynges comen AH at þe<sup>15</sup> day & tyme þat

<sup>1</sup> spoken<sup>2</sup> her opere<sup>3</sup> knyghtes *struck out, and kynges written after it.*<sup>4</sup> weren<sup>5</sup> diuerse<sup>6</sup> euerycheoñ<sup>7</sup> þouzt nouzt<sup>8</sup> om.<sup>9</sup> chastisede ham<sup>10</sup> her maners þat wer so<sup>11</sup> þinges<sup>12</sup> leaf 1, back.<sup>13-13</sup> eftsones michel<sup>14</sup> xxx<sup>ti</sup><sup>15</sup> her



þo was sette bytween hem ; & þ<sup>e</sup> Kyng Dioclician hem vndir-fenge<sup>1</sup> with mychel honour, & made A solempne feste to aH þat were vndir his lordschipe. And þ<sup>e</sup> thrid day of þat<sup>2</sup> solempnyte, þ<sup>e</sup> 4 kyng Dioclician sente for<sup>3</sup> his xxxij doughtres, þat þei schulde come & speke with hym in his chambre. & whenne þey were comen, he spak<sup>4</sup> vn-to hem of here wikkydnes & of here cruelte, & dispitously<sup>4</sup> hem reproueð Anð vndirnam,<sup>5</sup> & to hem he sayde 8 þat, zif þei wolde not be<sup>6</sup> chastiseð, þei schulde his loue lese for euermore. ¶ And whanne þ<sup>e</sup> ladyes herd<sup>7</sup> al this, þei becomen<sup>8</sup> abassheð & gretly a-schameð ; & to here fadir þey seyð þat þei wolde make al amendes ; & so þey departed<sup>9</sup> out from here fadres<sup>9</sup> 12 chambre. and Dame Albyne, þat was þ<sup>e</sup> eldest suster, lad hem aH into her chambre, & þo made voide al þat were þerin, so þat no lyf was among<sup>10</sup> hem but sche & here sustres y-fere.<sup>11</sup> þ<sup>e</sup> saide þis Albyne ¶ “ My fair sustres, ful weel ze<sup>12</sup> knowiþ þat þ<sup>e</sup> kyng 16 oure fadir, vs hath reprouyð, schamed & dispiseð,<sup>13</sup> for encheson to make vs obedient vn-to oure housbandes ; but certes þat schal y neuere, whiles þat I lyve, seth þat I<sup>14</sup> am come<sup>14</sup> of a more hyere kynges bloð þan my<sup>15</sup> housband is.” & whan sche had so seyð, 20 aH here sustres seyð þe same. ¶ And þo seyð Albyne : “ ful wel y wot, fayr sustres, þat oure housbandes haue playneð vnto oure fadir vpon vs, wherfore he hath<sup>16</sup> þus vs<sup>16</sup> foul reproueð & dispiseð. wherfore, sustres, my conseil is þat, þis nyght, 24 when oure housbandes ben abed,<sup>17</sup> aH we with on assent cutten here throtes, & þan we mow be in pees of hem, & better we mowe do þis þing vndir our fadres power þan elles-where.” & anon AH þ<sup>e</sup> ladyes<sup>18</sup> consentið and graunted vnto þis counceil. ¶ And 28 whan nyght was comyn, þ<sup>e</sup> lordes & ladies wente to bedde, & anon as here lordes were in<sup>19</sup> slepe, þei cutte<sup>20</sup> aH here housbandes throtes, & so they slowen hem aH.

¶ whan þat Dioclician<sup>21</sup> her fader herd of þis þing, <sup>22</sup>he by- 32 come<sup>22</sup> hugely wroth A-zen his Doughtres, & anon wolde hem aH haue brent ; but Alle þ<sup>e</sup> barouns & lordes of Sirrye conceilyð hym not so for-to don suche sternys to his owne doughtres, but onlych schulde voide þ<sup>e</sup> land of hem for euermore, so þat þei neuere 36 schulde come azen ; & so he dede. ¶ And anon Dioclician, þat

1 vnderfong<sup>t</sup>    2 þe    3 after    4 despitely    5 vndenam  
 6 bene    7 harden    8 bicomē    9 fader'    10 amonges    11 infere  
 12 we    13 despitede    14-14 comen    15 myn    16-16 vs þus  
 17 in bede    18 leaf 2.    19 on    20 cotten    21 Dioclician þe kyng'  
 22-22 om.

was here fadir,<sup>1</sup> commaundid hem to gon in-to schipe, & deliuaryd to hem vitailles for half a<sup>2</sup> 3eer. and when þis was don, aH þ<sup>e</sup> sustryn<sup>3</sup> went in-to Shipe, & saylled forth in þ<sup>e</sup> See, & be-toke alle her frendes to Appolyn, þat was her god. And so long þey sailled 4 in þ<sup>e</sup> See, til at þe laste þei come<sup>4</sup> & aryued in an yle þat was aH wyldernes. ¶ And when dame Albyne was come to þat land, & aH her sustres, þis Albyne went first<sup>5</sup> owt of þ<sup>e</sup> shipe,<sup>5</sup> & sayde to here oper sustres: “for-as-mich,” quod<sup>6</sup> sche, “as I am þ<sup>e</sup> eldest 8 suster of aH þis cumpanye, & first þis land haue takyn, & for-as-meche as myn<sup>7</sup> name is Albyne, y wil þat þis land be called Albyon, aiter myn owne name;” & anon aH here Sustren<sup>3</sup> her graunted with a<sup>2</sup> good wylle. 12

¶ Tho wenten owt aH þ<sup>e</sup> Sustres of þ<sup>e</sup> Shippe, & tokyn þ<sup>e</sup> lond Albyon, as here Suster called hit; & þere þei wente vp and down, and founde neiþer man ne woman ne child, but wyldre bestes of diuers<sup>8</sup> kyndes. ¶ And whan here vitaiH<sup>9</sup> were dispendid, & hem 16 faylled, þei fedde hem with erbes & frutes in seson of þ<sup>e</sup> 3eer, & so þey lyued<sup>10</sup> as þei beste mygh<sup>t</sup>. And after þat, þei tokyn flessH of diuers<sup>8</sup> beestys, and bycomen wondir fatte, and so þei desirid<sup>11</sup> mannes cumpanye and mannys kynde þat hem faylled; and for 20 hete they woxen wondir coraious of kynde<sup>5</sup> þat hem faylled,<sup>5</sup> so þat þey desirid more mannys cumpanye þan eny other solas or merthe.

¶ Whanne þe DeuyH that perceyued and wente by diuers<sup>8</sup> contres, & nome bodyes of þ<sup>e</sup> eyre & likyng natures shad of men, 24 & come in-to þ<sup>e</sup> land of Albyon and lay by þe<sup>12</sup> wymmen, and schad tho natures vpon hem, & they conceiued, and after þei broughten<sup>13</sup> forth Geautes, of þe which on me called Gogmagog, and anoper Laughherigan, & so þei were nompned by diuers<sup>14</sup> 28 names; & in þis manere they comen forth, and weren<sup>15</sup> boren horrible Geautes in Albion; & þey dwellyd in Cauys & in hulles at here wiH, & had þ<sup>e</sup> lond of Albyon as hem liked, vn-to þ<sup>e</sup> tyme þat Brut Arryved & come to Tottenesse, þat was in þ<sup>e</sup> Ile 32 of Albyon. and þere þis Brut conquestid & scomfyted these<sup>16</sup> 17 geaunte; aboueseyd.

Here endeth þe prolog of Albyon, þat þo was an Ile. and herkeneth<sup>18</sup> now how Brute was geten, & how he slow, 36

<sup>1</sup> fader anon      <sup>2</sup> om.      <sup>3</sup> sustres      <sup>4</sup> comen      <sup>5-5</sup> om.  
<sup>6</sup> quod      <sup>7</sup> my      <sup>8</sup> diuerses      <sup>9</sup> vitailles  
<sup>10</sup> leueden      <sup>11</sup> desirden      <sup>12</sup> þo      <sup>13</sup> brouzt      <sup>14</sup> diuerse;   
<sup>15</sup> wer      <sup>16</sup> þe      <sup>17</sup> leaf 2, back.      <sup>18</sup> herkeþ

ferst his Modir, & Afterward his fadir; & how he Con-  
 quered Albyon, þat After he nepned Brytaine, after his<sup>1</sup>  
 name, þat now is y-calle<sup>2</sup> Engelon<sup>3</sup>, After þe name of  
 4 Engist of Saxoyne. *Capitulo Primo.*

**I**N the noble Cyte of gret Troye, þer was a noble knyght & <sup>3</sup>a  
 myghty, & <sup>3</sup>a man of gret power, þat me callyd Eneas. And  
 whan þe Cytee of Troye was lost & dystroyed thurgh hem of  
 8 Greek, þis Eneas, with al his mayn <sup>4</sup>fled<sup>5</sup> thens, & come in-to  
 Lombardy, þat þo was lord & gouernour of þat land a kyng þat  
 me calle<sup>6</sup> Latyme, and another kyng þo was þat me calle<sup>6</sup>  
 Turocelyn, þat stronglich<sup>7</sup> werred vpon þis Kyng Latyme, þat  
 12 often-tymes ded hym moche<sup>8</sup> sorowe & myche<sup>9</sup> harm. ¶ And  
 whan þis Kyng Latyme herde þat Eneas was come,<sup>10</sup> he vndirfonge  
 hym with myche<sup>11</sup> honour, and hym withhelde, for-as-myche as he  
 had herd of hym, and wyst wel þat he was a noble knyght, & a  
 16 worthy of body and of his dedes. ¶ This Eneas helpe Kyng  
 Latyme in his werre; & schortly for-to telle, so weel & worthyly  
 he ded, þat he slogh Turocelyn, & descomphyted<sup>12</sup> al<sup>12</sup> his peple.  
 And whan al this was don, kyng Latyme gaf al þat land þat was  
 20 Turocelyns, & gaf it to Eneas in mariage with Lamane, his  
 doughter, the moost fayr creature þat eny manne wiste; & so þei  
 louede<sup>13</sup> to-gider in ioy & myrthe aH here lyvys tyme.

¶ Hit bifel thus, þat Eneas dide, as God wolde. & whanne  
 24 that he was ded, Asquanius his Sone, þat come with hym from  
 Troye, vndirfenge<sup>14</sup> þe land, and helde it al his lyvys tyme. ¶ And  
 after, he weddid A wyf, & vpon here<sup>15</sup> begate A Sone þat me  
 callyd Sylveyn. And this Sylveyn, whan he conde<sup>16</sup> some reson  
 28 of man, vnwetyng his fadir, & azens his wyl, aqueynted<sup>17</sup> with a  
 damyseH þat was Cosyn to Lamane þat was Kyng Latymes  
 doughter, the quen þat was Eneas wyf, and brought þe damyseH with  
 Chylde. ¶ And whan Asquanius his<sup>9</sup> fader<sup>18</sup> yt wyste,<sup>18</sup> anon he  
 32 lete enquire of the<sup>19</sup> wysest maystres,<sup>19</sup> & of þe<sup>20</sup> grettest Clerks,<sup>20</sup>  
 what child þe damysele schulde bryng forth. & þey Answered &  
 seyde þat sche schuld bryng forth a Sone þat schuld qwelle boþe  
 fader & moder; & so he dede; for his modir dyde in beryng<sup>21</sup> of

<sup>1</sup> his owen    <sup>2</sup> callede    <sup>3-3</sup> om.    <sup>4</sup> meny    <sup>5</sup> MS. fledde fled  
<sup>6</sup> cleped    <sup>7</sup> strongly    <sup>8</sup> miche    <sup>9</sup> om.    <sup>10</sup> comen    <sup>11</sup> michel  
<sup>12</sup> and aH    <sup>13</sup> loueden    <sup>14</sup> vnderfonge    <sup>15</sup> her he    <sup>16</sup> couþe  
<sup>17</sup> aqueynte him    <sup>18-18</sup> wist þerof    <sup>19-19</sup> gret clerkes  
<sup>20-20</sup> wisest men    <sup>21</sup> bryngeng forth

hym. ¶ And whan þis Child was born, his fadir lete calle hym Brut; and þ<sup>e</sup> maystres sayd<sup>1</sup> þat þe Child schulde do<sup>2</sup> mych harm & sorowe in many diuers<sup>3</sup> places; & after, he schulde come to gret<sup>4</sup> honour and worschipe. ¶ This Kyng Asquanius deide whan 4 god wolde; & Sylveyn his sone receyued þe land, & made hym wonderlich wel be-louyd among his puple. <sup>5</sup>And<sup>6</sup> whan Brut, þat was Sylveynes sone, was xv 3eer olde, he went vpon A day with his fadir to<sup>7</sup> pley & solace; & as this Brut schulde schete<sup>8</sup> 8 vnto an hert, his Arwe mys-happed & glacede; And so there Brut quelled his fader.

**How Brut was dryue<sup>9</sup> out of þ<sup>e</sup> lanck, &<sup>10</sup> held hym in Greke.**  
*Capitulo ij<sup>o</sup>.* 12

**A**nd whan this myschaunce byfalle was, þ<sup>e</sup> people of þ<sup>e</sup> lanck made sorowe ynow, & were <sup>11</sup>an-Angryd<sup>11</sup>; & for encheson þerof þei dreven Brut out of þ<sup>e</sup> lanck, & wolde not suffre hym among<sup>12</sup> hem. and he Saw þat he moste<sup>13</sup> not Abyde, & went 16 fro thens in-to þ<sup>e</sup><sup>14</sup> Greek; & þer he fonde vij<sup>M</sup> men þat were of þ<sup>e</sup> lynage & kynrede of Troy, þat <sup>15</sup>weren come<sup>15</sup> of gret block, as þ<sup>e</sup> story telleth<sup>16</sup> as of men and<sup>14</sup> wommen & childryn, þe wheche weren<sup>17</sup> aH holden in thraldom and bondage [by] ¶ the<sup>18</sup> Kyng 20 Pandras of Greek, for the deth of Achilles, þat was betrayed and slayn at Troye.

This Brut was a wondir fair man, & a strong, & A <sup>19</sup>luge of his Age, & of glad chere and semblaunt, and also worthy of body, & 24 was wel beloued among his puple. This Kyng Pandras herde speke of his goodnesse & his condicions, & anon made hym dweH with hym, so þat Brut be-come wondir pryve & mych belouyd with þ<sup>e</sup> kyng, so þat longtyme Brut dwellyd with þe kyng. ¶ So at<sup>20</sup> last 28 þei of Troy & Brut spoken to-gedre<sup>21</sup> of kynrede & of lynage & of Aqueyntaunce, & þer<sup>14</sup> pleynd hem vnto Brut of her sorowe &<sup>22</sup> her bondeage, & of meny other schames þat þ<sup>e</sup> [Kyng] Pandras<sup>23</sup> hem don. & to Brut þei seyde<sup>24</sup> vpon A tyme: “3e ben A lord of oure 32

<sup>1</sup> saiden    <sup>2</sup> done    <sup>3</sup> diuerses    <sup>4</sup> miche

<sup>5</sup> leaf 3. *In the right hand top corner of this page is written, in a contemporary hand: ‘Bonus es, domine, et in bonitate tua Iudicas terram.’*

<sup>6</sup> A sic.    <sup>7</sup> forto    <sup>8</sup> shote    <sup>9</sup> dryuen    <sup>10</sup> And how he

<sup>11–11</sup> sore agreuede    <sup>12</sup> amonges    <sup>13</sup> mi3t    <sup>14</sup> om.

<sup>15–15</sup> wer comen    <sup>16</sup> telleþ of ham    <sup>17</sup> wer    <sup>18</sup> MS. ¶ The

<sup>19</sup> an    <sup>20</sup> at þe    <sup>21</sup> to-gederes    <sup>22</sup> and of

<sup>23</sup> Pandras hade    <sup>24</sup> saiden

lynage, & A strang<sup>t</sup> man & a myghty. <sup>1</sup>be <sup>3e<sup>1</sup></sup>oure Avowe & oure lord, & we wyl become <sup>3oure</sup>men, & <sup>3oure</sup>comandementes<sup>2</sup> done in alle maner thyng<sup>3</sup>; and brynge <sup>3e</sup>vs out<sup>t</sup> of this wrechidnes & <sup>4</sup>bondage, & fyght we with <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>kyng; for thurgh <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>grace of <sup>4p<sup>e</sup></sup>grete<sup>4</sup> god<sup>t</sup> we schul hym ouercome; & we schul make <sup>3ou</sup>kyng<sup>t</sup> of <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>land, & to <sup>3ow</sup>done homage, & of <sup>3ow</sup>we schullen holde<sup>5</sup> euermore.”

8 Brut hadde <sup>po</sup>gret pyte of hir bondage <sup>pat</sup>pei were brought Inne, And pryvyly<sup>6</sup> went hym from <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>kynges Court; & a<sup>t</sup> <sup>po</sup> <sup>pat</sup>were of Troy went & put hem in-to wodes and Into Moun- teynes, and hem helde, & sent to Kyng Pandras <sup>pat</sup>he schulde <sup>3eue</sup> <sup>12</sup>hem leue safely for-to wende out of <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>londe, for <sup>pei</sup>nolde<sup>7</sup> no lenger dwelle in his bondage. ¶ The Kyng Pandras wax so<sup>8</sup> sore anoyed<sup>t</sup>, & <sup>po</sup>swore that he wolde sle hem echon,<sup>9</sup> & ordeyned a gret power, & wente towards<sup>10</sup> hem a<sup>t</sup> for-to fight. but Brut <sup>16</sup>& his men <sup>11</sup>anon manly<sup>11</sup> hem defended, & fersly foghten & quelled a<sup>t</sup> <sup>pe</sup>kynges men, <sup>pat</sup>non<sup>12</sup> of hem Ascaped<sup>t</sup>, & took<sup>t</sup> <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>kyng, & hym helden<sup>13</sup> in pryson, & ordeyne<sup>t</sup> <sup>14</sup>counceyl between hem what <sup>pei</sup>myght do.<sup>15</sup> Sum seyde <sup>pat</sup>he schuld be put to deth, & <sup>20</sup>summe seyde <sup>pat</sup>he schulde be exyle<sup>t</sup> out of <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>land, & summe seyde <sup>pat</sup>he schulde be brent.<sup>16</sup> ¶ And <sup>po</sup>spak a wyse knyght <sup>pat</sup>me cleped<sup>17</sup> Menprys, & seyde to Brut & to<sup>18</sup> a<sup>t</sup> <sup>po</sup>of Troy: “yf Kyng Pandras wold <sup>3elde</sup>hym, & haue his lyf, y counceyl <sup>pat</sup>he <sup>24</sup><sup>3eue</sup>vnto Brut, <sup>pat</sup>is our<sup>t</sup> Duke & oure souerayn, his daughter Gennogen to wyf, & in Mariage with here an hundrid Shippes wel araye<sup>t</sup>, & al his tresour of gold<sup>t</sup> & of syluer, of corn,<sup>19</sup> of wyn, & as myche as vs nedith<sup>18</sup> for to haue of o thing & of o<sup>per</sup>; & <sup>pan</sup>go<sup>18</sup> <sup>28</sup>we out of <sup>pis</sup>land, & ordeine we vs land elles-wher; for we, ne non of our<sup>t</sup> kynrede <sup>pat</sup>comen<sup>21</sup> after vs, schuld<sup>22</sup> neuer haue pees in <sup>pis</sup>land amonges hem of Grek<sup>t</sup>; for we haue sleyn so meny of her<sup>t</sup> knyghtes & of o<sup>per</sup> frendes, <sup>pat</sup>euermor<sup>t</sup> werre & conctect <sup>32</sup>schuld<sup>t</sup> be Amonges vs.” ¶ Brut <sup>po</sup>, & his folk, consentyd<sup>t</sup> wel to <sup>pis</sup>counceyl; & <sup>pis</sup>ping <sup>pei</sup>tolden to<sup>24</sup> Kyng Pandras. ¶ And <sup>p<sup>e</sup></sup>kyng, for-to haue his lyf, <sup>graunted</sup>as meeche as <sup>pei</sup>axed, & anon <sup>3af</sup>vn-to Brut, Gennogen his Doughter, to wyf, & <sup>pe</sup>hundred

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10 towarde	11-11 manliche	12 noman	9 euerchon
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18 om.	19 corn and	20 his	17 callede
23 pat	24 to pe	21 comeþ	22 shnl

sheppes, with as myche as hem neded<sup>1</sup> of aH vitalles, as byfore was ordeyned.

Brut þo toke<sup>2</sup> his wyf, & aH his men þat forsoke þe lond of Greek, & wenten hem vnto þ<sup>e</sup> see & hadden wedir at wyH, & 4 comen þ<sup>e</sup> prid day in-to An Ile þat me calleþ<sup>3</sup> Loegers. ¶ Brut anon sent of his men a<sup>4</sup> land, for-to aspye þ<sup>e</sup> maner of þe<sup>5</sup> Cuntre. & þey founden an olde Cyte al wasted & forlete, þat nas þer-in nor<sup>6</sup> man ne woman, ne no thing dwellynge; & In þ<sup>e</sup> Myddyl of þis 8 Cytee þey founden an olde Temple of a fayr lady þat me called Diane þ<sup>e</sup> Goddesse. and þei <sup>7</sup>comen aȝen vnto Brut,<sup>7</sup> & told hym what þei had seyn & founden, & counceyled hym to go & do<sup>8</sup> sacrifice to<sup>9</sup> Dame Diane, for she was wont<sup>10</sup> to ȝeue answeere of 12 what þing þat<sup>6</sup> euere men prayed here, & namely vn-to hem þat her honoured with sacrifice. ¶ Brut went to þat ymage, & seyde: “Dyane, noble goddes, lady þat al þing hast in<sup>6</sup> myght & in þy power, wyndes, watres, wodes, felde, & al thinges of þe world, & 16 al maner bestes þat þer-In ben! to ȝow y make my prayer, þat ȝe me counceyle & telle where & in what place y schal haue a conuenable dwellynge for me & for my peple; & þer y schal make, in<sup>11</sup> honour of ȝow, a wel fayr temple, & a noble, wheryn ȝe schul 20 euermore be honoured.” ¶ When he had don his prayer, Dyane Answerid in this manere: “Brut,” quod sche, “go euenforth þy wey ouer þ<sup>e</sup> see in-to Fraunce, toward þ<sup>e</sup> west, & þer ȝe schul fynde an Ile þat is called<sup>12</sup> Albyon; and þat Ile is bycompassed al with 24 þ<sup>e</sup> see, & no man may come þer-In but<sup>13</sup> it be by schippes; and in þat lond were wont to be Geautȝ; but<sup>14</sup> it is not so, but al wyldirnesse; and þat lande to ȝou is destynyed, & ordeigned for ȝow & for ȝoure peple.”

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### How Coryn bycome Brutes man, & how Kyng Goffar was discomfited. Capitulo iij<sup>o</sup>.

W han Brut herde þis Auswere of Dyane þ<sup>e</sup> Goddes, anon he lete þ<sup>e</sup> Ancres wynd vp, & sayled in-to þ<sup>e</sup> hye see. & 32 whan he & his men had sayled xx dayes & more, þei founden fast bysyde<sup>15</sup> a coste of þ<sup>e</sup> see thre hundred men of þe lynage & kynrede of Troy, & her souerayn & her mayster of aH, men<sup>16</sup> Called Coryn.

<sup>1</sup> nedeth<sup>2</sup> nome<sup>3</sup> callede<sup>4</sup> on<sup>5</sup> om.<sup>6</sup> neyther<sup>7-7</sup> come vnto brut aȝeyne<sup>8</sup> doñ<sup>9</sup> vnto<sup>10</sup> wonede<sup>11</sup> in þe<sup>12</sup> leaf 4.<sup>13</sup> but if<sup>14</sup> but now<sup>15</sup> bisides<sup>16</sup> me

¶ And when Brut wyste whens þei were, he þo vndirfong hem with mychel ioy in-to his Shepys, & hem lad forth *with* hym. This Coryn þo bycome Brutes man, & to hym dede fewte & homage. 4 & so long þei sayled forth þan<sup>1</sup> in þ<sup>e</sup> See tul they come<sup>2</sup> to Gascoign; & anon þei arryued<sup>3</sup> in þ<sup>e</sup> hauene of Liegers, & þer þei dwellidde viij dayes, hem for-to rest,<sup>3</sup> & her sayles to Amend<sup>4</sup>, þer as <sup>4</sup>nede was.<sup>4</sup>

8 Tydyng sone come to Kyng Goffar, þat was lord of þ<sup>e</sup> land, how þat myche<sup>5</sup> folk<sup>4</sup> of *straunge* land weren Arryued in his land in þ<sup>e</sup> hauene of Liegers; wher-fore he was sore Angred<sup>5</sup> & anoyed<sup>6</sup> þat þey comen & aryued in his land *withoute*<sup>6</sup> leue. and anon he 12 ordeigned<sup>7</sup> power <sup>7</sup>hem to dryven<sup>7</sup> owt, & to<sup>8</sup> shende; but Kyng Goffar was discomfyte<sup>8</sup>, & al<sup>8</sup> his folk<sup>4</sup>, & hym-self fledde in-to ffrance to seche help & socour. ¶ And in þat tyme regned in Fraunce xij kynges; & þ<sup>e</sup> elleueneth<sup>9</sup> assembled a gret power for-to 16 helpe Goffar for-to fight azens Brut. Goffar dwelled with hem of Fraunce half a<sup>8</sup> zere & more. And Brut in þ<sup>e</sup> mene-tyme, & his cumpanye, destroyed<sup>8</sup> al þ<sup>e</sup> land<sup>4</sup> of Gascoigne, & lete take al þ<sup>e</sup> tresour þat Kyng Goffar hadde, & lete brynge it in-to his Shippes.

20 And þis Brut fonde in þat<sup>10</sup> lond<sup>4</sup> a fayr place & a couenable; & þer Brut<sup>11</sup> made a fayr CasteH & a strong. whan þat was don, Kyng Goffar come fro Fraunce, &<sup>12</sup> xj kynges *with* hym, & brougten<sup>13</sup> xx M<sup>t</sup> men for-to fight *with* Brut & his cumpanye. And Brut 24 hadde but vij M<sup>t</sup> men & thre hundred<sup>4</sup>. Netheles, whan þ<sup>e</sup> to osten metten to-gider,<sup>14</sup> Brutes folk<sup>4</sup>—thurgh help of hym-self,<sup>15</sup> & of Turyn his Cosyn, & of Coryn þat wel & manly<sup>16</sup> hym defended & fought; so þat in litil tyme þei hadde quelled of þ<sup>e</sup> Frenssh-men to 28 M<sup>t</sup> & mo; & þo þat were lyue<sup>17</sup> fledden away. ¶ And in this batayle Turyn, þat was Brutes Cosyn, was sleyn, & Brut lete hym entere worthyly,<sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup>whan he had space & leysur, in þ<sup>e</sup> CasteH þat he had made, & þo lete [calle hit] Castel Tours <sup>20</sup>after his owne 32 name<sup>20</sup> þat þere was entered. & zit in-to þis day þer is a noble Cytee þat is called Tours.

Whan Kyng Goffar wiste þat Turyn was ded, he come azen with his men, & after 3af a strong battaylle vn-to<sup>21</sup> Brut; but Brut & 36 his<sup>8</sup> men were so wery <sup>22</sup>of fyghtynge<sup>22</sup> þat þey myghte no lengere

<sup>1</sup> om.    <sup>2</sup> comen    <sup>3</sup> resten    <sup>4-4</sup> was nede    <sup>5</sup> michel  
<sup>6</sup> wipoute is    <sup>7-7</sup> him to dryue    <sup>8</sup> om.    <sup>9</sup> endeleueþ    <sup>10</sup> þe  
<sup>11</sup> Brus    <sup>12</sup> w[ith]    <sup>13</sup> brouzt    <sup>14</sup> togederes    <sup>15</sup> ham-self  
<sup>16</sup> manliche    <sup>17</sup> on lyf    <sup>18</sup> worthelich    <sup>19</sup> leaf 4, back.  
<sup>20-20</sup> for þe name of Turyne    <sup>21</sup> to    <sup>22-22</sup> forfoztten

endure; but maugre hym & al his, Brut & his men went in-to his CasteH with aH his men, and made þ<sup>e</sup> zates fast for-to saue hem-self, & for-to take counceiH amonges hem what were best to<sup>1</sup> done. ¶ Brut & Coryn nome counceiH, & ordeigned þat Coryn pryuyly 4 shuld gon out <sup>2</sup>at a Posterne of þ<sup>e</sup> CasteH,<sup>2</sup> with half his men, & schuld go<sup>3</sup> & bussē hem in A wode til amorowe,<sup>4</sup> so þat in þ<sup>e</sup> mornynge, whan Brut schuld fyght with his enemyes, Coryn schulde come with hes folk<sup>1</sup> in þat o<sup>5</sup> syde, & sle and do aH þ<sup>e</sup> harme þat he 8 myght. And amorow<sup>6</sup> in þ<sup>e</sup> dawnenge, Brut went out of þ<sup>e</sup> CasteH, & faught with his enemyes, & þey hem fersly defendid. but with-Inne a litil tyme Brut & his folk<sup>1</sup> hadden<sup>7</sup> slayn viij C of Goffars men; And þo come Coryn fro þe busschement, & smote to grounde, 12 he & his Cumpanye, al þat wold stande or Abyde, so þat Kyng Goffar & his folk<sup>1</sup> were discomfited, & faste they gunne to fle. ¶ And Brut & Coryn, with here companye, fresshly hem pursued, & quelled of hem mo in<sup>8</sup> fleyng þan þei dede in<sup>8</sup> batayH. And in 16 þat manere Brut hadde þ<sup>e</sup> victorye. And neþeles Brut made myche sorowe for his Cosyn Turyn, þat þer was slayn, & for oþer also þat he had lost of his men, <sup>9</sup>þat is to seyne,<sup>9</sup> vij C and xv, þe which<sup>10</sup> [he] noblich<sup>10</sup> lete entere in þ<sup>e</sup> CasteH of Tours, þer þat he had 20 entered Turyn his Cosyn.

**How Brut Aryued at Tottenes in þe Ile of Albyon; & of þ<sup>e</sup> Bataylle þat<sup>11</sup> was betwen Coryn & Gogmagog. Capitulo quarto.**

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**W**han al þis was done, Brut wolde no lengere þer dwelle for to<sup>12</sup> fight, ne mo lese of his peple, for Kyng<sup>1</sup> Goffarys peple myght euery day enrece mo & mo, & Brutes lassen; & therfore he nome aH his men, & went vnto þ<sup>e</sup> See, & hadde wynd & wedir at 28 wille. and þ<sup>e</sup> v day afterward they aryued in an hauene of Totnesse, & comen<sup>13</sup> in-to þ<sup>e</sup> Ile of Albion; & þer þey founde neiþer man ne woman, as þ<sup>e</sup> story telleþ,<sup>14</sup> but Geauntz; & þey woned in hulles and in<sup>15</sup> Caues. Brut saw þ<sup>e</sup> land was fayr, & at his likynge, 32 & good also for hym & for his folk<sup>1</sup>, as Dyane þ<sup>e</sup> goddes had hym behyght. þo was Brut wonder glad, & lete assemble vpon a day al his folk, to make a solempne sacrifice & a gret feste in honour

<sup>1</sup> for-to      <sup>2-2</sup> of the castel at a posterne      <sup>3</sup> gone      <sup>4</sup> on þe morw  
<sup>5</sup> on      <sup>6</sup> amorn      <sup>7</sup> hade      <sup>8</sup> in þe      <sup>9-9</sup> om.      <sup>10-10</sup> nobliche he  
<sup>11</sup> þai sic      <sup>12</sup> om.      <sup>13</sup> come      <sup>14</sup> telles      <sup>15</sup> om.



& reuerence of Dyane,<sup>1</sup> þurght whas counceiH he was come<sup>2</sup> iu-to þat land.

And whan they had her solemnyte maad, as þey<sup>3</sup> vpon a day  
4 were<sup>4</sup> at mete, þer come yu vpon hem sodenly xxx Geautz, &  
quellyd<sup>5</sup> of Brutes men xxx. Brut & his men<sup>4</sup> anon stertyn vp,  
& his men<sup>6</sup> foughten with þe Geautz, & quellyd hem euerychon  
but o<sup>7</sup> Geaut, þat was Mayster of hem aH, þat me called Gogmagog,  
8 þat was strengers<sup>8</sup> & heyer þan eny of þe other Geautz; & Brut  
kepte hym, & sauyl his lyf, for encheson þat he schulde wrestle  
with Coryn, for Coryn was grettere & hugere þan eny of Brutes  
men fro<sup>9</sup> þe gerdel stede vward. ¶ Gogmagog & Coryn vndirtook  
12 <sup>10</sup>to wastelyn<sup>10</sup> y-ferre; & so to-gider þey wrasteled long tyme, but  
at þe last Gogmagog helde Coryn so fast þat he brak ij rybbys of<sup>11</sup>  
his syde, wherfore Coryn was sore agreuyd, & nome þo Gogmagog  
betwene his Armes, & cast hym down vpon a roche, so þat  
16 Gogmagog brak al to peces, & so he dyde in eviH detH; & þerfore  
þe place is called 3it in-to<sup>12</sup> þis day 'þe sawte of Gogmagog.'

& þo 3af Brute al þat<sup>13</sup> Cuntre to Coryn; & Coryn<sup>14</sup> called  
[hit]<sup>4</sup> after his<sup>15</sup> name 'Cornewayle'; & his men he called 'Corne-  
20 wayles' & [so] schul<sup>16</sup> men of þat Cuntre be called for euermore.  
And in þat Cuntre dwellyd Coryn & his men, & made Tounes  
& houses,<sup>17</sup> & enhabited<sup>18</sup> þe land at her<sup>19</sup> wylle.

#### How Brut made London, & Called þis land Brytaine, & 24 Scotland Albyne, & Walys Camber. Capitulo quinto.

**B**Rut and his men wenten forth & <sup>20</sup>sought aboute in diuers<sup>20</sup>  
places wher they myghte fynde a good place & a conenable  
þat þey myghte [make] in a Cytee for hym and for his folk, so at þe  
28 laste þey come<sup>21</sup> by a fayr Ryuer<sup>22</sup> þat is<sup>23</sup> called þe<sup>4</sup> Tamyse; &  
þer Brut be-gan a fayre Cyte <sup>24</sup>for hym & for his folk,<sup>24</sup> & lete calle  
it 'þe new Troye,' in mynde & remembraunce of þe gret Troye, for<sup>25</sup>  
which place aH her lynage was comen. ¶ And þis Brut lete felle  
32 adoun wodes, & lete erye & sowe londes, & done mow medes<sup>26</sup> for  
sustinaunce of hym & of his peple. & he departed þe land to hem,  
so þat eche<sup>27</sup> of hem had a certayn place for to dwelle vpon. And

<sup>1</sup> Diane þe Goddes    <sup>2</sup> comen    <sup>3</sup> þai were    <sup>4</sup> om.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 5.  
<sup>6</sup> men and    <sup>7</sup> on    <sup>8</sup> stronge    <sup>9</sup> fram    <sup>10-10</sup> forto wrasteH  
<sup>11</sup> in    <sup>12</sup> vnto    <sup>13</sup> þis    <sup>14</sup> Coryn it    <sup>15</sup> his owen    <sup>16</sup> shulleþ  
<sup>17</sup> house    <sup>18</sup> inhabite    <sup>19</sup> his    <sup>20-20</sup> sou3ten forthe in diuerses  
<sup>21</sup> comen    <sup>22</sup> Ryuer side    <sup>23</sup> was    <sup>24-24</sup> om.    <sup>25</sup> fram  
<sup>26</sup> medowes    <sup>27</sup> eueryche

Brut lete Calle al<sup>1</sup> þis land Britaigne, after his owne name, & his folk<sup>2</sup> he lete calle Britouns. ¶ And þis Brut had geten on<sup>2</sup> his wyf Gennogen iij sones þat were worthy of dedes:<sup>3</sup> þ<sup>e</sup> firste me<sup>4</sup> callyð Lotryn, þ<sup>e</sup> secounde Albanac,<sup>5</sup> & þ<sup>e</sup> thryd kambyr. ¶ And 4 Brut bare Crowne in þ<sup>e</sup> Cyte of newe Troye xx 3eer after tyme<sup>6</sup> the Cyte was made; & ther he made þe lawes þat þ<sup>e</sup> Britouns holdeþ<sup>7</sup>: & þis Brut was wondirly weel byloued among aH men; & Brutes Sones also loueden wonderly<sup>1</sup> wel to-gydere.<sup>8</sup>

¶ And whan<sup>1</sup> Brut had sowte aH þ<sup>e</sup> lond in lengthe &<sup>9</sup> brede, he fonde A land þat ioyned to Brytaigne in þ<sup>e</sup> north; and þat land Brut 3af to Albanac his sone, and he lete calle yt Albanye after his<sup>10</sup> name, þat<sup>10</sup> now is called Scotland. ¶ And Brut 12 fonde anothir Cuntre toward þ<sup>e</sup> west; & þat he 3af to Cambre his other<sup>11</sup> sone, & he<sup>1</sup> lete calle yt Cambre aftyr his name, & now is called Walys. And whan Brut had regnyd xx 3eer, as byfore<sup>12</sup> is sayd, he dyde in þ<sup>e</sup> Cytee of newe Troy, & 16 þere his Sones hym entered with mychil honour. And Lotryn, Brutes sone, was Crowned kyng with myche<sup>13</sup> solempnyte of aH þ<sup>e</sup> land of Brytaigne. And after, whan he was Crowned, Albanak & Camber, his too brethryn, went a3en in-to here owne 20 Cuntre, & leuedyn with myche<sup>13</sup> honour, & Lotryn here brother regned & was kyng and gouerned þ<sup>e</sup> land wel & wysely, for he was a good man, & wondir wel belouyd of aH his land.

¶ And it befel so þat Albanac dwelde in his owne land with 24 myche<sup>13</sup> honour & worschepe.

And so come Kyng Humbar of Hunland with a gret power & strengthe, & Arryved in Albanye, & wolde haue conqueryd þ<sup>e</sup> land, & bygan to werre vpon Albanak, & hym quelled in bataylle. 28 Whan Albanac was slayn, þe folk of þ<sup>e</sup> land flye vn-to Lotryn, & told hym, for he was Kyng of Brytaigne, how þat his brother was slayn, & prayed hym of help for-to Auenge his brotherys detþ. Lotryn anon lete asemble aH þ<sup>e</sup> Brytouns of Kent, of<sup>14</sup> Douorre, 32 vn-to Derewent, of Northfolk & Southfole, of Kestefen & of Lyndeseye; & whan they were aH Assembled, þei spedde faste toward her enemyes for to 3eue hem bataylle. ¶ Lotryn had sent to Camber, his Brother, þat he schuld come also to hym with aH 36 þ<sup>e</sup> power that he myght, hym for-to helpe; & so he dede, with good

<sup>1</sup> om.      <sup>2</sup> of      <sup>3</sup> bodyes      <sup>4</sup> in sic      <sup>5</sup> albac      <sup>6</sup> tyme þat  
<sup>7</sup> helden      <sup>8</sup> togederes      <sup>9</sup> and in      <sup>10-10</sup> owen name and  
<sup>11</sup> leaf 5, back.      <sup>12</sup> MS. fyfore      <sup>13</sup> michel      <sup>14</sup> fro

with.<sup>1</sup> So þei comen aH to-gedres, & nome her wey priuily<sup>2</sup> for to seche Humbar wher þey myghte hym fynde. ¶ And so it byfel þat þis Humbar was besides a water þat was a gret Ryuer, with 4 his folk, hym for to dysport; and þo come Lotryn & Camber his brother, with aH his<sup>3</sup> folk sodeynly, or þat eny of þat oþer it wyste.

¶ And whan Humbar saw hem<sup>4</sup> come, he was sore adracl, 8 forasmyche as his men wist it not, & also þey were vnarrayed.<sup>5</sup> And anon Humbar for drede, leþt<sup>6</sup> in-to þ<sup>e</sup> water & drenchyd hymself, & so deide: he & his men weren<sup>7</sup> aH y-slayn,<sup>8</sup> þat non<sup>9</sup> of hem ascaped. And þerfore is þat<sup>10</sup> water called Humbar, & euer- 12 more schalbe, for encheson þat Kyng Humbar was þer-In drenched.

¶ And after þat, Lotryn wente to here shippes, & toke þer<sup>10</sup> gold & siluer, and as myche as he fand vn-to hym-self; & aH þat other pylfre he 3af vn-to other folk of þ<sup>e</sup> ost. & þei founden<sup>11</sup> in 16 oon of þo<sup>10</sup> shippes A fayr DamyseH þat was Kyng Humberys doughter; & me called her Estrilde. ¶ And whan Lotryn saw here, he took here with hym for here fayrnesse, and for here, was on<sup>12</sup> taken for loue, & wolde haue weddid here. <sup>13</sup>þis tydynges 20 come to Coryn: anon he thought to Auenge hym vpon Lotryn, for-as-meche as Lotryn had made couenaunt for-to spowen<sup>14</sup> Corynys doughter, þat me called Guentolen. ¶ And Coryn in haste wente to<sup>15</sup> hym, vn-to<sup>16</sup> þ<sup>e</sup> Newe Troye, & þus sayd to Lotryn: 24 “¶ Now certes,” quod he, “3e rewarden<sup>17</sup> me ful euel for aH þ<sup>e</sup> paynes þat I suffryd & hadde many tymes for Brut, 3oure fader; & therfore I wyl now Auenge me vpon 3ow;” & drow his fauchon an hye, and wold haue slayn Lotryn, but þ<sup>e</sup> DamyseH went 28 be-twen hem, & made hem acorded in þis manere, þat Lotryn schuld spouse Guentolen, þat was Corynys doughter; and so Lotryn dede, and nepeles, þei he had spoused Corynys doughter pryuylich, he come to Estrilde, & brought here with childe, & gate 32 on here A doughter þat me called Abraham. ¶ hyt byfel anon after, þat Coryn dide; & anon as he was ded, Lotryn forsook Guentolen his wyf, & made Estrylde quene. And Guentolen went þens al in wrathe in-to Cornewaylle, & seised aH þ<sup>e</sup> land 36 in-to her hand, for-as-myche as sche was here Fadrys eyr, & vndirfonge feautes & homages of aH þ<sup>e</sup> men of þ<sup>e</sup> land, and after

<sup>1</sup> wille and    <sup>2</sup> priueliche    <sup>3</sup> her<sup>9</sup>    <sup>4</sup> him    <sup>5</sup> vnarmede  
<sup>6</sup> lap    <sup>7</sup> wer    <sup>8</sup> slayne    <sup>9</sup> noman    <sup>10</sup> þe    <sup>11</sup> fonde  
<sup>12</sup> ouere    <sup>13</sup> leaf 6.    <sup>14</sup> spouse    <sup>15</sup> vnto    <sup>16</sup> to    <sup>17</sup> rewarde

Assembled a gret oste & a gret pöwer, for-to be<sup>1</sup> vpon Lotryn auenged, þat was her' lord, and to hym come, & zaf hym A Strong' bataiH. & þer was Lotryn slayn, & his men descomfited, þ<sup>e</sup> v 3eer of his Reigne. ¶ Guentolen lete take Estrilde, and Abraham here 4 dougter, and bynde<sup>2</sup> bop<sup>e</sup> hondes and fete, & caste hem in-to a water; & so þey were drenchyd; wherfore þat water was euermore called<sup>3</sup> after, 'Abraham,' after þ<sup>e</sup> name of þ<sup>e</sup> damyseH þat was Estrildes dougter; & englissH-men called<sup>4</sup> þat water Seuerne, & 8 Walsshimen <sup>5</sup>called þat water<sup>5</sup> Abraham, into þis day. ¶ And whan þis was don, Guentolen lete Crowne her quene of þat land, & gouerned þ<sup>e</sup> land ful weH & wysely vnto þ<sup>e</sup>6 tyme þat Madhon her Sone, þat Lotryn had begete vpon here, wer' of xx 3er Age, þat he 12 myghit be kyng; so þat þ<sup>e</sup> qwen regned xv 3eer; & þo lete she crowne here sone; & he regned & gouerned þ<sup>e</sup> land wel & honourably; & sche wente in-to CornewaiH, & þer sche dwellið al her lyves<sup>7</sup> tyme. 16

**8** Of Kyng<sup>t</sup> Madhan, how he regnede in pees al his lif; and of Menpris and of Manlyn his sones; and how Menpris slough Manlyn his broþer, and how wolfes drow him al to peces.

¶ **Capitulo Sexto.**

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**W**Hen Madhan hade regnede xxx<sup>ti</sup> 3ere, he deide, and liþ<sup>9</sup> at newe Troye, and he<sup>10</sup> hade ij sones: þat on me callede Menpris, and þat opere Manlyn; and þise ij breþerne, after here fadres deth, stryuen faste for þe lande; and Menpris, for enchesouñ 24 þat he was eldest, wolde haue hade al þat<sup>11</sup> Londe; and Manlyn wolde nouzt suffren<sup>12</sup> him, so þat þai token a day of loue and of accorde; and at þis day Menpris lete quelle his broþer þrouz tresouñ, and him-self afterwarð helde þe lande, and anone lete crowne him 28 kyng, and regnede, and after, he<sup>13</sup> bicom so luper a man þat he destroyede in a while alle þe men of his lande. ¶ and at þe last he bicom so wickede and so leccherous, þat he forsoke his owen wif, & vsede þe synne of Sodomye; wherfore almighty God was 32 wroþ,<sup>14</sup> and oppoñ him toke vengeance. ¶ ffor vpon a day, as he went in a wode in<sup>15</sup> huntynge, he loste <sup>16</sup>his fole,<sup>16</sup> and went

<sup>1</sup> bene      <sup>2</sup> bonde      <sup>3</sup> calle      <sup>4</sup> callen      <sup>5-5</sup> calleþ it.

<sup>6</sup> that      <sup>7</sup> lif

<sup>8</sup> leaf 1, back. The text here is from MS. Rawlinson B. 171, and the collations are of MS. Trinity College, Dublin, 490 (D), and MS. Douce 323 (O).

<sup>9</sup> leaf 2.      <sup>10</sup> om. D.      <sup>11</sup> þe D.      <sup>12</sup> sutlre O.      <sup>13</sup> om. O.

<sup>14</sup> wrot D.      <sup>15</sup> on O.      <sup>16-16</sup> MS. his fole his fole

allone vp and douñ criyng<sup>r</sup> after<sup>r</sup> his men ; and þere come wolfes, and alto-drowe him into pecis ; and þo he hade regnede xxiiij 3er<sup>r</sup>. and when his peple wist þat he was dede, þai made ioye ynow, and  
4 anone made Ebrak<sup>1</sup> his sone kyng ; and he regnede with michil honour<sup>r</sup>.

Of Kyng<sup>r</sup> Ebrac,<sup>1</sup> how he conquerede ffraunce, and bigate xx<sup>ti</sup> sones and xxiiij douz<sup>tres</sup>. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Septimo.

8 **T**His Ebrac regnede .lx. 3er<sup>r</sup>, and<sup>2</sup> stronge man was, &<sup>2</sup> miȝty, and þis Ebrac, prouȝ his miȝt, and helpe of his Britons, conquerede al ffraunce, and wan þere so miche golde and siluer<sup>r</sup> þat, when he come<sup>3</sup> aȝeyne into þis<sup>4</sup> lande, he made a noble citee, and  
12 after<sup>r</sup> his name lete calle it Ebrac, <sup>5</sup>after<sup>r</sup> his name,<sup>5</sup> þat now is callede Euerwik<sup>t</sup>. and þis king<sup>6</sup> Ebrac made þe castel of Maydenes þat now is clepede Edenburgh<sup>t</sup>. This kyng<sup>r</sup> hade xx sones and  
16 xxiiij douz<sup>tres</sup>, be diuerse wymmen geten ; and þe sones were callede  
16 as 3e shul hure ; <sup>8</sup> Brut Greneshal, Margand, Seisel, Morghwith Flenghan, Bladud, Iakyn, Kymbar<sup>r</sup>, Rocelyn, Spadogh, Godeherl, Thormnan, Eldaugh, Iorkanghut, Haybor, Ketyn, Rother<sup>r</sup>, Kaier<sup>r</sup>, & Assaruth. ¶ And þe doughtres highten as 3e shul hur<sup>r</sup> after : <sup>9</sup>  
20 Elegyne, Ymmogen, Oghdas, Guenbran, Guardiche, Angarel, Guentolde, Tangustel, Gorghoñ, Michel, Medham, Mailour<sup>r</sup>, Ondur<sup>r</sup>, Cambredan, Rogan, Reuthely, Neest<sup>r</sup>, Cheghem, Seadud<sup>t</sup>, Gladus, Heberhyn, Abalaghe, and Blandan : and<sup>t</sup> þise were þo<sup>10</sup> xxiiij  
24 douz<sup>tres</sup> ; and þe breþerne bicom gode knyȝtes and worþi in meny contres.

Of þe<sup>11</sup> Kyng<sup>r</sup> Brut Greneshal, þe ferste sone of Ebrac the<sup>12</sup> kyng.<sup>13</sup> ¶ Capitulo ¶ Octauo.

28 **A**fter<sup>r</sup> þe deth of Kyng<sup>r</sup> Ebrac, regnede Brut Greneshel, his sone xxx 3er<sup>r</sup>,<sup>14</sup> þat was<sup>15</sup> Ebrakes ferst sone,<sup>16</sup> þat wel and noblye regnede . and <sup>17</sup>when tyme come,<sup>17</sup> he deide, and ¶ lip at ȝork<sup>t</sup>.

Of kyng Leyl. ¶ Capitulo. ¶ Nono.

32 **A**Nd when<sup>18</sup> Brut Greneshal was dede, regnede his sone Leil xxij 3ere ; and he made a faire toune, and lete calle it Karleil after his name, and was a worþi man, and miche bilouede

<sup>1</sup> Ebras D.    <sup>2</sup> and a DO.    <sup>3</sup> came O.    <sup>4</sup> þe D.    <sup>5-5</sup> om. DO.  
<sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 2, back.    <sup>8</sup> here after.    <sup>9-9</sup> om. D.    <sup>10</sup> þe D.  
<sup>11</sup> om. D.    <sup>12</sup> om. O.    <sup>13</sup> The 2 eldest sons are here put into 1.  
<sup>14</sup> 3er and D.    <sup>15</sup> om. D.    <sup>16</sup> sone was D.  
<sup>17-17</sup> when tyme come D.    þe tyme come O, when tyme R.  
<sup>18</sup> MS. when when

of his people, and when he hade regnede xxij [years]<sup>1</sup> he deide, and lip at Karleil. ¶ And in his tyme rene<sup>2</sup>de Kyng Salamon in Jerusalem, þat made þe noble temple; and to him come to Ierusalem, Sibille, Quene of Saba, for-to hure and see if it were soþe þat 4 men spoken<sup>3</sup> of þe grete noblee and<sup>3</sup> wisdome, and of<sup>4</sup> witte of Kyng<sup>4</sup> Salamon: and she founde it soth þat men hade here tolde.

**Of Kyng Lud Ludibras, þat was Kyng Leiles sone. ¶ Capitulo**  
x<sup>mo</sup>. 8

**A**Nd<sup>6</sup> after<sup>5</sup> þis Kyng Leil, regnede his sone Lud Ludybras, þat made þe citee of Kaunterbery and of Wynchestre; and he regnede xiiij zere, and deide, and lith at Wynchestre.

**Of þe kyng<sup>7</sup> Bladuc,<sup>8</sup> þat was Ludybras sone, regnede,<sup>9</sup> and 12 was a gode man and a nygromancer<sup>1</sup>. Capitulo xi<sup>mo</sup>.**

**A**Nd<sup>10</sup> after<sup>9</sup> þis Lud Ludebras, regnede Bladud his sone, a grete nigromancer<sup>1</sup>; and þrouz his crafte of nigromancie he made þe meruailous hote bathe, as þe gest telleþ, & he regnede 16<sup>11</sup> xxj zere,<sup>11</sup> and he<sup>12</sup> lith at þe<sup>13</sup> newe Troye.

**Of<sup>14</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup> Leir, and of þe ansuere of his zongest douzter<sup>1</sup>, þat graciously was mariede to þe Kyng of Fraunce. C. xij.**

**A**fter<sup>1</sup> þis Kyng Bladud, regnede Leir<sup>1</sup> his sone; and þis Leir<sup>20</sup> made þe toune of Leyeestre, and lete calle þe toune after his name; and he gouernede þe lande wel and [nobly]. ¶ þis kyng Leir<sup>1</sup> hade iij doughtres: þe first highte Gonorille, þe secunde Rigan, and þe pridde Corleile; and þe zongest doughter<sup>1</sup> was 24 fairest<sup>1</sup> and best of<sup>1</sup> condiciouns. ¶ þe king<sup>1</sup> here fader<sup>1</sup> bicom<sup>1</sup> an olde man, and wolde þat his<sup>15</sup> doughtres were mariede or þat he deide. but first he þoug<sup>1</sup>t assaye whiche of ham<sup>16</sup> louede him most<sup>1</sup> and best<sup>1</sup>; for she þat louede him best shulde<sup>17</sup> best 28 bene<sup>18</sup> mariede. and he axede of þe first dought[er] how miche she<sup>19</sup> louede him<sup>19</sup>; and she ansuere<sup>1</sup>de and saide, ‘bette þan here owen

<sup>1</sup> zere D. zere O.    <sup>2</sup> spok D.    <sup>3</sup> and of D.    <sup>4</sup> of þe O.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 3.  
<sup>6</sup> In the margin is this note, in an ancient hand: Lud Ludibras y<sup>t</sup> byllyd ca[n]terbery.    <sup>7</sup> om. O.    <sup>8</sup> bladud D. bladud O.    <sup>9</sup> regne D.  
<sup>10</sup> In the margin, in an ancient hand: he mayd y<sup>e</sup> hoyt b[ath]. The edge of this page has evidently been cut off.  
<sup>11—11</sup> om. D.    <sup>12</sup> om. D.    <sup>13</sup> om. DO.    <sup>14</sup> Of þe O.  
<sup>15</sup> his DO. here R.    <sup>16</sup> his douztes D.    <sup>17</sup> shul D.    <sup>18</sup> be DO.  
<sup>19—19</sup> him louede D, hym loued<sup>t</sup> O.

lif.' "Now certes," quod<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>þe fader,<sup>2</sup> "þat is a<sup>3</sup> grete loue."  
¶ þo axede he of þe secunde doughter<sup>4</sup>, how miche she him louede;  
and she saide, 'more, and passing al þe creatures leuyng<sup>4</sup> of þe  
4 worlde.' "ma foy,"<sup>5</sup> quod þe fader, "y may no more axen."  
¶ And þo axede he of þe pridde doughter<sup>6</sup>, how miche she  
him louede. "certes, fader,"<sup>6</sup> quod she, "my sustres haue tolde  
3ow glosyng wordes; but for-soþe y shal tel 3ow<sup>7</sup> treuþ: for y  
8 loue 3ow as miche as <sup>8</sup>me oweþ<sup>8</sup> to loue my fader; and<sup>9</sup> forto  
bryng 3ow more in certeyne how loue goþ, I shal 3ow telle, for-as-  
miche as 3e bene<sup>10</sup> worþe, as muche<sup>11</sup> shal 3e bene<sup>12</sup> louede." ¶ The  
kyng here fader wende þat she hade scornede him, and bicomē  
12 wonder wroth, and swore by heuen and erþe þat she shulde neuer  
haue goode of him; but his douztres þat louede him so miche  
shulde be wel auancede and mariede. and þe ferste doughter  
he mariede to Mangles, King of Scotlande; And þe secunde he  
16 mariede to Hanemos, Erl of Cornewaile; and so<sup>13</sup> þai ordeynede  
and speke<sup>14</sup> bituene ham þat þai shulde departe þe reaune bituene  
ham too, after þe deþ of Leir<sup>15</sup> her' fader', ¶ So þat Cordeil his  
3ongest doughter shulde noþing' haue of his lande. but þis Cordeil  
20 was wonder' faire, and of so<sup>15</sup> goode condicions and maners, þat þe  
Kyng of Fraunce, Agampe, <sup>16</sup>herde of here<sup>16</sup> speke, and sent to þe  
Kyng Leir', he[r] fader', for to haue her' vnto wif, and prayede him  
þerof. And Kyng' Leir here fader' sent him worde þat he hade  
24 departede the lande <sup>17</sup>to his ij oþere<sup>17</sup> douztres, and saide he  
nade<sup>18</sup> no more lande wherwiþ <sup>19</sup>her' forto<sup>19</sup> marie.<sup>20</sup> ¶ And when  
Agampe herde þis ansuere, he sent anone a3eyne to Leir', and  
saide þat he axede noþing wiþ here, but oneliche<sup>21</sup> heir' cloping  
28 and oneliche heir' body; and anone<sup>3</sup> Kyng' Leire here fader' sent  
here ouer þe see to þe Kyng' of France; and he resceyuede here  
wiþ michel<sup>22</sup> worship and wiþ <sup>23</sup>michel solempnite,<sup>23</sup> & made here  
Queene of Fraunce.

<sup>1</sup> quod D.<sup>2-2</sup> he O.<sup>3</sup> om. D.<sup>4</sup> om. DO.<sup>5</sup> fey O.<sup>6</sup> leaf 3, back.<sup>7</sup> 3ow soth and D.<sup>8-8</sup> y owe D.

I owe O.

<sup>9</sup> MS. and and.<sup>10</sup> beth D. be O.<sup>11</sup> somiche D. so mych O.<sup>12</sup> be DO.<sup>13</sup> þo O.<sup>14</sup> spak D.<sup>15</sup> om. O.<sup>16-16</sup> Of her herde D.<sup>17-17</sup> vn-to his oþer too O.<sup>18</sup> hade D. hadde O.<sup>19-19</sup> he mizt her D.<sup>20</sup> maryen O<sup>21</sup> only O.<sup>22</sup> miche D. mych O.<sup>23-23</sup> miche solempnite her spoused D. mych solempnyte her spoused O.

How Kyng Leir<sup>1</sup> was dryuen out of his<sup>1</sup> lande þrouz his owen<sup>2</sup> folye ; and how Cordeil his zongest daughter halpe him in his nede. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Terciodecimo.

<sup>3</sup> **T**Hus it bifel<sup>4</sup> afterwarde, þat þo ij eldest doughtren<sup>5</sup> wolde <sup>4</sup> nouzt abide til þat Leir<sup>1</sup> here fader were<sup>6</sup> dede, but werrede oppon him whiles þat<sup>7</sup> he leuede, and miche sorwe and shame him dede ; wherfore þai binome him holly þe reaume, and bituene ham hade ordeynede þat one of ham shulde haue Kyng Leir<sup>1</sup> to<sup>8</sup> soiourne <sup>8</sup> al his lif tyme, with xl knyztēs and heir squyers, þat he might worshipfully gone<sup>9</sup> & ryde whider þat he wolde, <sup>10</sup>and into<sup>10</sup> what contre þat him likede, to playe and to solacen. ¶ So þat Managles Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Scotlande, hade Kyng<sup>1</sup> Leir<sup>1</sup> with him in þe maner þat<sup>11</sup> is <sup>12</sup> 12 aboue-saide,<sup>12</sup> and, or oþere half<sup>1</sup> zere were passede, Corneil his eldest<sup>1</sup> douzter, þat was Quene of Scotland, was so annoyed <sup>13</sup> wip him and wip<sup>13</sup> his peple, þat anone she and here lorde <sup>14</sup> spoken to-gederes,<sup>14</sup> wherfor his knyztēs half,<sup>15</sup> and his squyers,<sup>16</sup> fram him were gone, <sup>16</sup> 16 and nomo lefte but oneliche xxx. And when<sup>15</sup> þis was done, Leire biganne forto<sup>17</sup> make miche sorwe, for enchesoun þat his state was enpeirede, and men hade of him more scorne and despite þan ener<sup>1</sup> þai hade biforne ; wherfore he nyst what forto<sup>18</sup> done ; and at þe <sup>20</sup> last þouzt þat he wolde wende into Cornewaile, to Rigan his oþere doughter. ¶ And when he was comen,<sup>19</sup> þe erl and his wif, þat was Leires doughter, him welcomede, and with him made miche ioye ; and þere he duelledē with xxx knyztēs and squyers. And he nade<sup>20</sup> <sup>24</sup> 24 nought duelledē þere scarsly tuelf moneþ, þat his doughter of him<sup>21</sup> nas ful, and of his company ; and her<sup>1</sup> lorde and she, of him hade scorne and despite, so þat fram<sup>22</sup> xxx knyztēs<sup>7</sup> þai brouzten vnto x, and afterwarde v ; and<sup>1</sup> so þere lefte wip him nomo. ¶ þo <sup>28</sup> 28 made he<sup>15</sup> sorwe ynow, and<sup>1</sup> <sup>23</sup> saide, sore wepyng, ‘allas þat euer he come into þat Laude!’ and saide, ‘zitte hade me bene bettere forto<sup>6</sup> haue duelledē with my ferst doughter [and anon went þens azeine to his ferst douzter].’<sup>24</sup> But anone as she saw him come, <sup>32</sup> 32 she swore by God<sup>1</sup> and<sup>25</sup> his holy names, and by as miche as she might, þat he shulde haue nomo wip him but one<sup>26</sup> knyzt, if<sup>27</sup> he

<sup>1</sup> þis O.      <sup>2</sup> om. DO.      <sup>3</sup> leaf 4.      <sup>4</sup> fel DO.      <sup>5</sup> douzters D.  
<sup>6</sup> was D.      <sup>7</sup> om. D.      <sup>8</sup> forto D.      <sup>9</sup> go DO.  
<sup>10-10</sup> in D. into O.      <sup>11</sup> as DO.      <sup>12</sup> above-yseyd O.  
<sup>13-13</sup> of DO.      <sup>14-14</sup> spoken to-gidre O.      <sup>15</sup> om. O.  
<sup>16</sup> Squyers half O.      <sup>17</sup> to O.      <sup>18</sup> to D.      <sup>19</sup> come O.  
<sup>20</sup> hade D.      <sup>21</sup> his O.      <sup>22</sup> fro D.      <sup>23</sup> leaf 4, back.  
<sup>24</sup> supplied from D.      <sup>25</sup> and by D. & by O.      <sup>26</sup> o DO.      <sup>27</sup> if þat O.



wolde þere<sup>1</sup> abide. ¶ Þo bigan Leir' azeyn to<sup>2</sup> wepe, and made muche sorwe, and saide þo: "allas! now to longe haue y leuede, þat þis sorwe and meschief is<sup>3</sup> now to me<sup>3</sup> falle; for now<sup>4</sup> y am<sup>4</sup> poer', and<sup>5</sup> some tyme y<sup>2</sup> was ryche; but now haue y no frende ne kyn þat me wil do<sup>6</sup> eny maner' goode. ¶ But when<sup>7</sup> y was ryche, alle men me honourede<sup>8</sup> and worsshepede;<sup>8</sup> and now euery man hath of me scorne and despite! and now y wote wel þat Cordeil, my 8 3onge<sup>9</sup> doughter', saide me treuþ when she saide 'as michel<sup>10</sup> as y hade, <sup>11</sup>so michel<sup>11</sup> shulde y<sup>12</sup> be louede';<sup>12</sup> and all þe while þat y hade goode, þo was y belouede and honourede for my rychesse; but my ij doughtres me glosede þo, and now of me þai sette litel pris, 12 and soþ tolde me Cordeil, but y wolde nouzt bileue it, ne vnderstonde, and perfore y lete here goñ<sup>13</sup> fro me as a þing þat y sette litel pris of; and now wote y neuer' what forto done, seþ my ij doughtres haue me<sup>14</sup> þus desceyuede,<sup>15</sup> þat y so michel<sup>16</sup> louede; 16 and now moste me<sup>17</sup> nedes seche<sup>18</sup> here þat is in an opere lande, þat lightly y lete here go fro me without<sup>19</sup> eny reward of giftes; and she saide þat<sup>14</sup> 'she louede me as miche as she outh<sup>20</sup> here fader', bi al maner resouñ'; and þo y shulde haue axede of here no more; and 20 þo þat me opere-wise bihiȝten þrouz here faire<sup>21</sup> speche, now haue me desceyuede!"

¶ In þis maner' Leir' longe tyme him bigan<sup>22</sup> to make his mone; and at þe last he shoope him to þe see, and passede ouer into 24 France, and axede and aspiede wher the Quene myzt be founde; and men tolde where þat she was. <sup>23</sup>¶ And when he come to<sup>24</sup> þe citee þat she was in, priueliche<sup>25</sup> he sent his Squyer<sup>26</sup> vnto þe quene, to tel her' þat heir' fader' was comen<sup>27</sup> to<sup>28</sup> her' for grete nede. ¶ And 28 when þe squyer' come to<sup>28</sup> þe quene, he tolde her' euery dele of heir' sustres fram þe bigynnyng vnto þe ende. ¶ Cordeil þe Quene anone nome golde and siluer, grete plente, and toke it to<sup>28</sup> þe squyer', iñ conseile þat he shulde go and bere it vnto here fader', and þat he 32 shulde go into a certeyn Citee, and him arreyen, baþen and wessen,

<sup>1</sup> om. O.      <sup>2</sup> om. DO.      <sup>3-3</sup> to me now DO.  
<sup>4-4</sup> am y D.      am I O.      <sup>5</sup> pat O.      <sup>6</sup> done D.  
<sup>7</sup> whan þat O.      <sup>8-8</sup> om. D.      <sup>9</sup> 3ongest D.  
<sup>10</sup> as mich D.      as mych O.      <sup>11-11</sup> as miche D.      so mych O.  
<sup>12-12</sup> bene bilouede D.      be belouyd O.      <sup>13</sup> go DO.  
<sup>14</sup> om. D.      <sup>15</sup> destroyede D.      <sup>16</sup> miche D.      mych O.  
<sup>17</sup> y O.      <sup>18</sup> sechen O.      <sup>19</sup> withouten D.  
<sup>20</sup> ought D.      owt O.      <sup>21</sup> fals O.      <sup>22</sup> gan D.      <sup>23</sup> leaf 5.  
<sup>24</sup> into D.      <sup>25</sup> priuely D.      pryuyly O.      <sup>26</sup> Squyer DO.      Squyers R.  
<sup>27</sup> come O.      <sup>28</sup> vnto D.

and þan come <sup>1</sup>aʒeyne<sup>2</sup> to<sup>1</sup> her<sup>1</sup>, and bryng<sup>t</sup> with him an honest company of knyʒtes, xl. at þe leste, with here meny; and þenne he shulde<sup>3</sup> sende to<sup>4</sup> here lorde þe kyng<sup>t</sup>, and sayen þat he <sup>5</sup>was comen<sup>5</sup> forto speke with his douʒter<sup>t</sup>, and him to<sup>6</sup> seene. ¶ And when þe <sup>4</sup>kyng and þe quene <sup>7</sup>herde þat,<sup>7</sup> wiþ michel<sup>8</sup> honour <sup>9</sup>þai comen,<sup>9</sup> and him resceyuede.<sup>10</sup> þe kyng of Fraunce<sup>11</sup> lete sende þo<sup>12</sup> þrouʒ al his reaume, and commandede þat alle men <sup>13</sup>to him shulde<sup>13</sup> bene<sup>14</sup> entendaunt<sup>t</sup>, to Leire, þe Quenes fader, in al<sup>15</sup> maner þing<sup>t</sup> as it were <sup>8</sup>to him-self. ¶ when Leir hade duellede þere a monþe and more, he tolde to<sup>16</sup> þe kyng and to þe Quene his doughter<sup>t</sup>, how his ij<sup>17</sup> eldeste douʒtres hade him seruede. ¶ Agampe anone lete ordeyne a grete hoste of Fraunce, and sent it into Britaigne with Leir<sup>t</sup>, þe <sup>12</sup>Quenes fader<sup>t</sup>, forto conquere his lande aʒeyne, and his kyngdome; and Cordeil also come with her<sup>18</sup> fader into Britaigne, forto haue þe reaume after<sup>t</sup> her<sup>t</sup> fadres deth. And anon þai went to shippe, and passede þe see, and come into Britaigne, and fauʒt<sup>19</sup> wiþ þe felons, <sup>16</sup>and ham scomfitede<sup>20</sup> & quellede. And Leir<sup>t</sup> þo hade his lande aʒeyne, and after<sup>t</sup> leuede ij ʒere, and helde<sup>21</sup> his reaume in pees, and afterwarde deide; & Cordeil his doughter him lete entere wiþ michel<sup>22</sup> honour at Leycestre. 20

<sup>23</sup>**How Morgan and Conenedag<sup>t</sup><sup>24</sup> þat were Neueus to Cordeil, werrede oppon here, and put here into prison. C. xiiij.**

**W**Hen þat Kyng Leir<sup>t</sup> was dede, Cordeil his ʒongest douʒtre helde and hade þe lande v ʒere; and in þe mene tyme <sup>24</sup>deide here Lorde Agamp, þat was Kyng of Fraunce; and after his deth she lefte<sup>25</sup> widue. ¶ And þo come Morgan and Conenedag<sup>t</sup>, þat were Cordeiles sustres sones, and to here hade enuy, for-asniche þat<sup>26</sup> her<sup>t</sup> aunt<sup>t</sup> shulde haue þe lande; so þat bituene ham þai <sup>28</sup>ordeynede a grete power<sup>t</sup>, and vppoñ here werrede gretlich; and

<sup>1-1</sup> vnto D. <sup>2</sup> After aʒeyne MS. has with he *underlined for erasure.*

<sup>3</sup> shal D. <sup>4</sup> vn-to O. <sup>5-5</sup> wer<sup>t</sup> come O. <sup>6</sup> & O.

<sup>7-7</sup> harde tel þat he come D. herd þat he come O.

<sup>8</sup> mych O. <sup>9-9</sup> om. DO.

<sup>10</sup> resceyuede wiþ michel honour D. receyued with mych honour O.

<sup>11</sup> france þo D. france þo O. <sup>12</sup> om. DO.

<sup>13-13</sup> shulde to hym O. <sup>14</sup> be D. <sup>15</sup> MS. al al.

<sup>16</sup> om. O. <sup>17</sup> tweyne O. <sup>18</sup> her O. him R.

<sup>19</sup> fouʒten D. foughtyn O. <sup>20</sup> descomfitede D.

<sup>21</sup> hade D. <sup>22</sup> myche O. <sup>23</sup> leaf 5, back.

<sup>24</sup> Conedag throughout DO. <sup>25</sup> lyued O. <sup>26</sup> as DO.

neuer<sup>1</sup> þai rest<sup>1</sup> til þat þai hade here taken,<sup>2</sup> and put her<sup>3</sup> vnto deth.<sup>3</sup> ¶ And þo Morgan and Conenedag<sup>4</sup> seisede al þe lande, and departede<sup>4</sup> bituene ham, and þai helde it xij zere. ¶ And<sup>5</sup> when<sup>5</sup> the<sup>5</sup> xij zere were gone,<sup>6</sup> þere bigon bituene ham a grete debate, so þat þai werrede strongely in-fere,<sup>7</sup> and eueryche<sup>8</sup> of ham dede oþere miche disese, ffor Morgan wolde haue hade alle þe lande fram<sup>9</sup> biþende Humber<sup>9</sup>, þat Conedag<sup>9</sup> helde; but he come aþeynes him<sup>8</sup> with a strong<sup>8</sup> power<sup>8</sup>, so þat Morgan derst nouzt abide, but fley away into Walys; and Conenedag pursuede him, and toke him, and quelde him. ¶ þo come Conenedag aþeyue, and seisede al þe lande into his hande, and helde hit, and regnede after<sup>10</sup>, xxxiiij<sup>10</sup> zere, and þo deide, and liþ at New Troye.

<sup>11</sup>Of Rynallo,<sup>11</sup> þat was Conedag<sup>us</sup> sone: <sup>12</sup>how he<sup>12</sup> regnede after<sup>9</sup> his fader<sup>9</sup>; and in his tyme it raynede bloode iij daies, in <sup>13</sup>tokenyng of gret<sup>13</sup> deth. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Quinto-  
16 desimo.

**A**Nd after<sup>9</sup> þis Conenedag,<sup>14</sup> regnede Rynallo<sup>15</sup> his sone, an<sup>16</sup> Wise knyzt, and an<sup>17</sup> hardy and<sup>18</sup> curteise, þat wel and nobly gouernede þe lande, and wonder<sup>9</sup> wel made him bi<sup>19</sup>louede of al<sup>20</sup> maner<sup>9</sup> folc. and in his tyme it raynede bloode þat lastede<sup>20</sup> iij dayes, as God<sup>9</sup> wolde; and sone after<sup>9</sup> þere come a<sup>21</sup> gret deth of peple, for hostes with-out noumbre of peple fouzten til þat þai were dede, Wherof no man myzt ham lette til þat almyzty God<sup>9</sup> þerof<sup>24</sup> tok mercy and pitee; and tho gan it cesse. and þis Raynolde regnede xxij zere, & deide, & ¶ liþ at þork.

**How Gorbodian regnede in pees, þat was Rynallo<sup>22</sup> sone; and after, he<sup>23</sup> deide, and liþ at þork<sup>1</sup> C. xvj<sup>o</sup>.**

**A**fter þis Ryuallo,<sup>24</sup> regnede Gorbodyan<sup>25</sup> his sone xv zere, and deide and lith at þork<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1-1</sup> rest neuer D. þey restyd O.      <sup>2</sup> take D.  
<sup>3-3</sup> into prisoun deth D. to deth O.      <sup>4</sup> partede it D.  
<sup>5-5</sup> when þo D. þo O.      <sup>6</sup> ygone D.      <sup>7</sup> y-fere O.      <sup>8</sup> eche O.  
<sup>9</sup> fro D.      <sup>10</sup> xxx D.      <sup>11-11</sup> How Raynolde D. How regnold O.  
<sup>12-12</sup> om. DO.      <sup>13-13</sup> tokene of O.  
<sup>14</sup> Raynolde *in error* for Conedag D.      <sup>15</sup> Reynolde D. Regnold<sup>9</sup> O.  
<sup>16</sup> a DO.      <sup>17</sup> a D.      <sup>18</sup> and a D.      <sup>19</sup> leaf 6.  
<sup>20</sup> last O.      <sup>21</sup> om. O.      <sup>22</sup> Raynaldes D. reynoldes O.      <sup>23</sup> om. O.  
<sup>24</sup> Raynolde D. Regnold<sup>9</sup> O.      <sup>25</sup> Gordobodian D.

How Gorbodian<sup>1</sup> hade ij sones, & how<sup>2</sup> þat on slough þat oþere, forto haue þe heritage; & how Ydoyne her moder quellede þat oþere, wherfore þe lande was destroyede. ¶ Capitulo ¶ xvij<sup>mo</sup>.

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When þis Gorbodian<sup>1</sup> was dede, <sup>3</sup>his ij sones<sup>3</sup> þat he hade, bicomē<sup>4</sup> stoute men<sup>5</sup> and proude, & euer<sup>6</sup> werrede to-geder<sup>7</sup> for þe lande: þat one, men<sup>6</sup> called Ferrez,<sup>7</sup> and þat oþere Porrez; and þis Ferrez wolde haue hade al the lande, but þat oþere wolde nouzt<sup>8</sup> suffren<sup>8</sup> him. Ferrez hade a felounes hert<sup>9</sup>, and þouzt þrouz tresoun<sup>5</sup> slee his broþere; but priuely<sup>9</sup> he went into Fraunce, and þere abode with þe<sup>10</sup> kyng Syward<sup>10</sup> til oppoñ a tyme þat he come azeyne, and fauzt wiþ his broþer Ferrez<sup>11</sup>; but ful euel it hapede þo, for he was<sup>12</sup> slayn ferst. ¶ When Ydoyne, here<sup>12</sup> moder, wist þat Porrez was dede, she made grete sorwe, for enchesouñ þat she louede him more þan<sup>13</sup> þat oþere,<sup>13</sup> and þouzt him forto<sup>14</sup> quelle. priuely<sup>15</sup> she come to here sone oppon a nyzt wiþ ij knyfes, and þerwiþ cotte his þrote,<sup>16</sup> and þe body also into smale pecis. Who herde euer<sup>2</sup> soche a cursede moder<sup>1</sup>, þat quellede with here<sup>16</sup> owen hondes here owen sone! and Longe tyme after<sup>17</sup> Laste þe reprofē<sup>17</sup> & shame to þe moder<sup>1</sup> þat, for enchesouñ of þat o sone, mordrede þat oþere, and so loste ham<sup>20</sup> bothe.

How iiij kynges curteisely<sup>18</sup> helde al Britaigne; and whiche beth<sup>19</sup> here names. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Octodesimo.

When þise ij breþerne were so dede, þai made Lefte bihynde<sup>24</sup> ham noo<sup>20</sup> sone ne doughter<sup>2</sup>, ne none oþere of þe kynrede þat might haue þe heritage. &<sup>21</sup> for-asmiche as þe strongest men dryuen and descomfitede<sup>22</sup> þe feblest<sup>2</sup>, and token<sup>23</sup> al here landes, so þat in euery contre þai hade grete werre and stryfe. ¶ But amonge<sup>24</sup> alle oþere þinges, þere were amonges ham in þe contre þat ouercome<sup>25</sup> alle þe<sup>26</sup> oþere; and þrouz heir<sup>2</sup> strengþ and<sup>27</sup> myzt þai nomen and token<sup>28</sup> al þe landes; and eueryche<sup>29</sup> of ham tok a certeyne contre; and in his contre lete calle him kyngt. ¶ And on of ham, men<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gordobodian D. <sup>2</sup> om. O.

<sup>3-3</sup> Written twice in MS. and struck out the second time.

<sup>4</sup> bycomen so O. <sup>5</sup> om. D. <sup>6</sup> me D. <sup>7</sup> Ferrez DO.

<sup>8</sup> suffre DO. <sup>9</sup> priueliche D. <sup>10-10</sup> kynges Styward O.

<sup>11</sup> Porrez O. <sup>12</sup> his D. <sup>13-13</sup> þe toper O. <sup>14</sup> for O.

<sup>15</sup> priuely and priuely D. pryuyly And priuily O. <sup>16</sup> leaf 6, back.

<sup>17</sup> reprofē O. <sup>18</sup> curteisliche D. <sup>19</sup> ben O. <sup>20</sup> neyþere D. nother O.

<sup>21</sup> and for and D. <sup>22</sup> Scomfitede D. scomfited O. <sup>23</sup> toke D.

<sup>24</sup> amonges D. <sup>25</sup> ouercomen O. <sup>26</sup> þo D. <sup>27</sup> and here D. her O.

<sup>28</sup> tok D. <sup>29</sup> eche O. <sup>30</sup> me DO.

called Stater<sup>1</sup>; and he was Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Scotland; and þat opere me callede Dunwal,<sup>2</sup> and he was Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Loegers, and of alle þe landes<sup>3</sup> þat was Lotrynes, <sup>4</sup> Brutes sone.<sup>4</sup> ¶ þe þridde, men<sup>5</sup> callede Rudak<sup>t</sup>, and he was Kyng of Walys; and þe iii<sup>j</sup><sup>te</sup> me callede Cloten, and he was Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Cornewaile. ¶ But þis Cloten shulde haue hade al þe lande, be<sup>6</sup> resouñ for þere was no man þat wist none so ry3thful heire<sup>7</sup> as he was; but þo<sup>8</sup> þat were strongest sette litel by ham þat were of lasse estate, and þerfor þis Cloten hade no more lande amonges ham þan onliche<sup>9</sup> ¶ Cornewaile.

**Of Kyng Donewall,<sup>10</sup> þat was Clotene; sone, and how he hade wonne þe lande. ¶ Capitulo xix<sup>o</sup>.**

12 **T**His Cloten hade a sone þat me clepede<sup>11</sup> Donewal, þat, after þe deth of his fader<sup>t</sup>, bicomē an hardy man, and a faire and a curteise, so þat he passede alle þe kynges of Britaigne of fairenesse and of worþinesse. ¶ And<sup>12</sup> as he was knyght, he <sup>13</sup> Wiste wel<sup>14</sup> 16 when his fader<sup>t</sup> leuede<sup>15</sup> he was moste ryghtful heire of al<sup>7</sup> þe lande, and shulde haue hade it by resouñ; but opere kynges þat were of more strengþ þan he, binome him<sup>16</sup> his lande. ¶ And afterwarde þis Donebande ordeynede him powere, and ferst conquerede al þe lande 20 of Loegers; and after<sup>17</sup> he wolde haue conquerede al<sup>7</sup> Scotland and Walys; and Stater<sup>18</sup> wiþ his men come, and 3af him<sup>19</sup> bataile; and Rudak come a3eyne wiþ his Walshemen forto helpe him; But so it bifel þat Rudak<sup>t</sup> was slayn,<sup>20</sup> and Skater<sup>t</sup> also, in pleyñ bataile; 24 and so Donewal hade þe victorye, and conquerede al þe lande, and<sup>21</sup> wel mayntenede it in pees and<sup>22</sup> quyete, þat neuer<sup>t</sup> bifore it was so wel mayntenede.

**How Donewal was þe ferst kyng þat euere Werede crone of 28 golde in Britaigne. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Vicesimo.**

**T**His<sup>23</sup> Donewal lete<sup>24</sup> make him<sup>24</sup> a crone of golde, and werede þe crowne oppon his heuede, as neuer<sup>t</sup> kyng dede bifore; and he ordeynede a statute þat, <sup>25</sup> hade a man done<sup>25</sup> neuer so miche

<sup>1</sup> Scater D. Skater O. <sup>2</sup> Dawallier DO. <sup>3</sup> lande D. land O.

<sup>4-4</sup> that was Brute; sones D. þat was Brutes sones O.

<sup>5</sup> me DO. <sup>6</sup> by DO. <sup>7</sup> om. D. <sup>8</sup> þai D. þei O. <sup>9</sup> only O.

<sup>10</sup> Donebande throughout DO. <sup>11</sup> callede D. called<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>12</sup> And anon DO. <sup>13</sup> leaf 7. <sup>14</sup> wel þat O. <sup>15</sup> leuede þat D.

<sup>16</sup> om. O. <sup>17</sup> aftyrward O. <sup>18</sup> Skater DO.

<sup>19</sup> ham D. <sup>20</sup> quelled D. queld<sup>t</sup> O. <sup>21</sup> and þo D. <sup>22</sup> & in D.

<sup>23</sup> *In the margin is written by an ancient hand: Donwall we . . . y<sup>e</sup> first crowne . . . ordeyned y<sup>e</sup> temp[le] a savgard for m . . . The edge of the page has been cut away.* <sup>24-24</sup> hym done make O. <sup>25-25</sup> a man do O.

harne, and he might come into þe temple, þere<sup>1</sup> shulde no man him unisdo, but gone<sup>2</sup> þerin sauf and in pees, and afre gone<sup>2</sup> into what cōntre þat he wolde, withouten<sup>3</sup> eny harne; and if eny man sette hande oppoñ<sup>4</sup> him, he þan shulde lese his lif. ¶ And þis Donewal<sup>4</sup> made þe toune of Malmesbury, and þe toune of þe Vise; & when he hade regnede wel and nobly<sup>5</sup> .xl. 3ere, he deide, & lij at newe Troye.

**How Brenne and Belyn departede bituene ham þe lande, after<sup>8</sup> þe deth of Donewal, hir<sup>9</sup> fader<sup>9</sup>; & of þe werre. Capitulo xxj<sup>o</sup>.**

**A**Nd after<sup>9</sup> þat þis Donewal was [dede],<sup>6</sup> his sones þat he hade, departede þe lande bituene ham as her<sup>9</sup> fader hade ordeynede; <sup>12</sup> so þat Belyn, his eldest sone, hade al the lande<sup>7</sup> a þis halfe Humber, and his broþer<sup>8</sup> Brenne hade al <sup>9</sup>þe lande fram Humber<sup>9</sup> vnto<sup>10</sup> Scotland<sup>8</sup>; but for-asmich as<sup>11</sup> Belyn hade þe better<sup>9</sup> parte, Brenne þerfor wax wroþ, and wolde haue hade more of þe lande; and <sup>16</sup> Belyn his broþer wolde graunt him nomore; Wherfor contak and werre aroos bituene<sup>12</sup> ham ij. But Brenne þe zonger broþer hade no myzte ne strengþ azeynz Belyn; and þerfor Brenne, þrouz conseil of his fole, went fram<sup>13</sup> þens into Norway, to þe Kyng<sup>9</sup> Elsinges, and <sup>20</sup> prayede him of helpe and of socoure forto conquere al þe lande<sup>14</sup> of Britayn<sup>14</sup> vppon Belyn his broþer, oppoñ þat couenaunt, þat he wolde haue his douzter to wyf; and þe Kyng<sup>9</sup> Elsinges<sup>15</sup> him grauntede. ¶ Belyn, anone as his broþer was gone to<sup>16</sup> Norway, he <sup>24</sup> seisede into his hande al þe lande of Northumberland<sup>8</sup>, and toke al þe castelles,<sup>17</sup> and lete ham arraie, and also kepe þe costes of þe see, þat Brenne shulde nouzt arryue in no side but þat he were take. ¶ The Kyng Elsinges lete assemble a grete hoste, and delyuerede <sup>28</sup> his doughter<sup>9</sup> to Brenne, and alle þe peple þat he hade ordeynede. And þis damisel, Samye, hade longe tyme louede a kyng<sup>9</sup> þat me callede Gutlagh<sup>18</sup>; and to him she tolde al here counseil, how þat Brenne shulde here haue, and here lede wiþ him for euermore, and <sup>32</sup> so he<sup>19</sup> shulde her lese, but if þat she myzt forsake Breunne. ¶ And

<sup>1</sup> om. DO.      <sup>2</sup> go D.      <sup>3</sup> with-oute O.      <sup>4</sup> on D.

<sup>5</sup> worthelye D.      worthyly O.      <sup>6</sup> dede DO.      om. R.

<sup>7</sup> lande of brytayn D.      land of Britaigne O.      <sup>8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 7, back.      <sup>10</sup> into D.      <sup>11</sup> þat O.      <sup>12</sup> bituenes D.

<sup>13</sup> fro DO.      <sup>14-14</sup> om. DO.      <sup>15</sup> Elsyng<sup>9</sup> O.      <sup>16</sup> vnto D.

<sup>17</sup> casteñ O.      <sup>18</sup> Gutlaghen D.      <sup>19</sup> corrected from 3e in MS.

when Gutlagh herde þise tydynges,<sup>1</sup> he lay forto asprie Brenne, wiþ  
 also<sup>2</sup> meny shippes as he myzt haue, so þat þo<sup>3</sup> ij fletes <sup>4</sup>metten  
 to-gederes,<sup>4</sup> and longe tyme foughten, so þat Brenne and his shippes  
 4 turnede azeine, and were descomfitede; and Kyng Gutlagh toke  
 Samye, and put here into<sup>5</sup> shippe, and Brenne shamefully fleye<sup>6</sup>  
 þens as a man descomfitede. ¶ And Gutlagh wolde haue went into  
 his<sup>7</sup> countree; but þere come oppoñ<sup>8</sup> him a stronge tempest, þat .v.  
 8 dayes Laste, so þat þrouz þat tempest he was dryuen into Britaigne  
 with iij shippes, and wiþ no mo. and þo þat kepte<sup>9</sup> þe costes of  
 þe see token Gutlagh and Samye, and alle his folc, and ham pre-  
 sentede vnto<sup>10</sup> Belyn, and he<sup>3</sup> put ham into<sup>11</sup> prisouñ.

12 How Belyn<sup>12</sup> delyuerede<sup>13</sup> out of þis lande Kyng Gutlagh of  
 Dennemarc, and Samye. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Vicesimo Secundo.

**H**It<sup>14</sup> was nouzt longe after<sup>1</sup>, þat Brenne ne come azeine with a  
 15 stronge meny,<sup>15</sup> and sent to his broþer Belyn, þat he shulde  
 16 zelde azeine his lande to his wif and to his folc, & his castelles<sup>16</sup>  
 also, or elles he wolde destroye his lande. Belyn drade no þing  
 his<sup>17</sup> manace, and wolde no þing done<sup>18</sup> after þat he saide. Wher-  
 fore Brenne come with his folc, and fauzt with him<sup>19</sup>; and Brenne  
 20 was descomfitede, and his folc slayne, and him-self fleede wiþ xij  
 men into Fraunce. ¶ And þis Belyn, þat was Brennes broþere,  
 went <sup>20</sup>þen vnto<sup>20</sup> Þork, and toke<sup>21</sup> counseil what he myzt done,<sup>22</sup>  
 wiþ Kyng Gutlagh; for Kyng<sup>t</sup> Gutlagh proferede <sup>23</sup>to bicomē<sup>23</sup> his  
 24 man, and to holde his lande of him, zeldyng by zere <sup>24</sup>M<sup>t</sup> ti of siluer<sup>24</sup>  
 for euer<sup>2</sup> more; and for sikernesse of þis couenaunt<sup>t</sup> to bene holde,  
 Gutlaghe shulde bryng him gode hostages, and to him shulde done  
 homage, and al his folc, and zitte he<sup>3</sup> shulde suere oppon the book<sup>t</sup>  
 28 þat þise couenauntes shulde <sup>25</sup>nouzt bene broken<sup>25</sup> ne falsede.  
 ¶ Belyn þo, by counseil of his folc, grantede him his axing<sup>t</sup>; and so  
 Gutlagh bicomē his man; and Belyn vnderfonge of him his homage  
 by othe, and by wrytyng<sup>t</sup> þe same couenauntz. ¶ And oppoñ

<sup>1</sup> tydyng<sup>t</sup> D. tydyng O. <sup>2</sup> as DO. <sup>3</sup> om. O.

<sup>4-4</sup> mettes to-geder D. mettyn to-gidere O. <sup>5</sup> in-to his O. <sup>6</sup> fly O.

<sup>7</sup> his owen D. his owne O. <sup>8</sup> leaf 8. <sup>9</sup> kepten O. <sup>10</sup> to O.

<sup>11</sup> om. D. in O. <sup>12</sup> Brenne O. <sup>13</sup> drof DO. <sup>14</sup> Syt sic O.

<sup>15-15</sup> grete nauye D. gret meyne O. <sup>16</sup> casteñ DO.

<sup>17</sup> his nalyce ne his O. <sup>18</sup> do D. <sup>19</sup> Belyn D. hym Belyn O.

<sup>20-20</sup> þo to DO. <sup>21</sup> nome DO. <sup>22</sup> do O.

<sup>23-23</sup> Gutlagh forto ben D. <sup>24-24</sup> a M<sup>t</sup> pound<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>25-25</sup> neuer be broke D. neuere be brokyn O.

<sup>1</sup>þis Couenant<sup>1</sup> King<sup>1</sup> Gutlagh tok<sup>2</sup> Samye and his fole, and went þennes, and turnede aʒeyn <sup>3</sup>to Dennemarc. ¶ Euermore after<sup>3</sup> were the couenauntes Halden, and þe truage paiede, til þe tyme þat Hauelok was Kyng of Denmare, and also of þis lande, þrouʒ his wif <sup>4</sup>Gildeburch, þat he hade spousede, for she was þe ryʒt heire of þis lande. ¶ þis Belyn duelleded þo in pees, and worshepliche<sup>4</sup> him helde amonges<sup>5</sup> his barons; and he made iiij real waies, one fram<sup>6</sup> þe Est into<sup>7</sup> West, and þat was callede Watlyngstrete; and anoþere <sup>8</sup>fram<sup>6</sup> þe North into þe South, þat was callede Ikenyle strete; and ij oþere waies he made in bossinge þrouʒ-oute the lande: þat one is callede Fosse, and þat oþere Fossedik; and he mayntenede wel þe gode Lawes þat Donebau<sup>8</sup> his fader<sup>8</sup> hade made and ordeynede in <sup>12</sup>his tyme, as bifore is saide.

How accorde was made bituene Brenne and Belyn, through  
Cornewenne, hire moder'. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Vicesimo Tercio.

**B**Renne, that was Belynes<sup>8</sup> broþer, hade longe tyme duelleded in <sup>16</sup>France, and þere hade conquerede a grete lordeship þrouʒ marriage, for he was Duc of Burgoyne þrouʒ þe douzter of þe<sup>9</sup> due Fewyn þat he hade spousede, þat was right heire of þe lande. and þis Brenne ordeynede a grete power<sup>9</sup> of his fole and also of Fraunce, <sup>20</sup>and come into þis lande forto feight with Belyn his broþer. and Belyn come aʒeynes him with a stronge powere of Britons, and þo wolde haue ʒene<sup>10</sup> him bataile; but heir<sup>9</sup> moder<sup>9</sup> Cornewenne, þat tho Lenede,<sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>herde þat<sup>12</sup> þe o<sup>13</sup> broþer wolde <sup>14</sup>haue destroyede<sup>14</sup> þat <sup>24</sup>oþere, and went bituene here sones, and <sup>15</sup>ham made<sup>15</sup> accordede wiþ miche peyne; so þat at þe laste, þo ij breþerne, with miche<sup>16</sup> blisse, went to-geder<sup>17</sup> into newe<sup>17</sup> Troye, þat now is callede Londoñ, and þere þai duelleded al a ʒere; and after, þai toke<sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup>Heire conseile <sup>28</sup>for to go conquere al Fraunce; and so thai deden,<sup>20</sup> & brent tounes, and destroyede al<sup>21</sup> þe lande boþe in lengþ and in Brede. and þe Kyng of Fraunce ʒaf ham bataile wiþ his powere; but he was ouercomen,<sup>22</sup> and ʒaf truage vnto<sup>23</sup> Belyn and to his broþer. ¶ And <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> þis couenauntes D. these couenauntes O. <sup>2</sup> nome DO.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 8, back. <sup>4</sup> worshipfullich D. warschipfully O.

<sup>5</sup> amonge D. Among O. <sup>6</sup> fro O. <sup>7</sup> into þe DO.

<sup>8</sup> Belyn his O. <sup>9</sup> om O. <sup>10</sup> ʒeuen O.

<sup>11</sup> leuede hade D. lyved<sup>8</sup> had O. <sup>12-12</sup> MS. herde þat herde þat.

<sup>13</sup> to O. <sup>14-14</sup> destroye D. dystroye O. <sup>15-15</sup> made hem O.

<sup>16</sup> michel D. <sup>17</sup> grete D. gret O. <sup>18</sup> nome DO. <sup>19</sup> leaf 9.

<sup>20</sup> dede O. <sup>21</sup> om. DO. <sup>22</sup> ouercome DO. <sup>23</sup> to DO.



after<sup>1</sup> þat, þai<sup>1</sup> went forþe<sup>1</sup> to Rome, and conquerede Rome, and al  
Lumbardy and Germayne, and toke homages and feautes of <sup>2</sup>þe  
folc of þe Erles,<sup>2</sup> barons, and<sup>3</sup> alle oþere; and after<sup>4</sup>, þai comen<sup>4</sup>  
4 into þis lande of Britaigne, and duellede with here Britounes in  
ioye and reste. and þo made Brenne þe toune of Bristow; and siþ  
he went ouer<sup>5</sup> þe<sup>5</sup> see into his owen lordeshippe, and þere duellede  
al his lif. and Belyn duellede atte Newe Troye; and þere he made  
8 a faire gate þat is clepede<sup>6</sup> Billyngesgate, after<sup>7</sup> his owen name. and  
when þis Belyn hade regnede noble<sup>7</sup> xj zere,<sup>8</sup> he deide, & ¶ lip at  
newe Troye.

How Kyng Corinbatrus quellede þe Kyng of Dennemarc, for  
12 enchesouñ þat he wolde nouzt paye him his truage.  
¶ *Capitulo xxiiij<sup>to</sup>.*

And after<sup>1</sup> þis Belyn, regnede his sone Corinbatrus, a gode man  
and <sup>9</sup>a worþi. and<sup>9</sup> þe Kyng of Denmare wolde nouzt paye  
16 him his truage, þat is to seyn, <sup>10</sup>M<sup>1</sup> ti,<sup>10</sup> as he <sup>11</sup>hade sworne<sup>11</sup> by  
oth forto paye hit, and also be writyng <sup>12</sup>of<sup>12</sup> recorde,<sup>12</sup> to Belyn his  
fader<sup>1</sup>. wherfore he was euel<sup>13</sup> paiede and wroþ, and assemblede a  
grete hoste of Britons, and went into Dennemarc and slough þe  
20 Kyng Gitelagh, and brouzt þe lande in subieccioun al new, and toke  
of folc feautes and homages, and after went azeyne into his lande.  
¶ And as he come forthe bi Orkeneye, he fonde xxx shippes ful of  
men and of wymmen, bisides þe coste<sup>14</sup> of þe see, and þe kyng  
24 axede what þai were.<sup>15</sup> an Erl, that was maistre of ham<sup>16</sup> alle,  
curteisely ansuerede vnto the kyng, and saide þat þai were exiled  
oute of Spaygne,<sup>17</sup> and so þai hade trauailede half<sup>18</sup> zere and more  
in þe see, to weten<sup>19</sup> if þai myzt fynde eny kyng<sup>1</sup>, or<sup>20</sup> eny lorde,<sup>21</sup>  
28 þat of ham wolde haue pitee or mercy, to zeue ham eny lande in  
eny contre wherin þai might duelle and haue reste, and bicomme his  
liege men, and to him wolde done<sup>22</sup> homage and feautes<sup>23</sup> whiles  
þat he leuede, and to his heires after<sup>1</sup> him, and of him and of his  
32 heires holde<sup>24</sup> þat londe <sup>25</sup>for euermore.<sup>25</sup> ¶ And when þe kyng þis

<sup>1-1</sup> wenten boþe D.<sup>2-2</sup> Erles and D. erls O.<sup>3</sup> and of DO. <sup>4</sup> come O. <sup>5</sup> þer O. <sup>6</sup> callede D. called O.<sup>7</sup> nobli D. nobly O.<sup>8</sup> zjer and iiij monpes D. zjer & iiij monethes O. <sup>9-9</sup> worthi D.<sup>10-10</sup> a M<sup>1</sup> pound O. <sup>11-11</sup> swore O. <sup>12-12</sup> recordede D. recorded O.<sup>13</sup> ylle O. <sup>14</sup> costes O. <sup>15</sup> were And O. <sup>16</sup> them O.<sup>17</sup> leaf 9, back. <sup>18</sup> half a O. <sup>19</sup> wete O. <sup>20</sup> in O. <sup>21</sup> lande O.<sup>22</sup> do D. <sup>23</sup> feaute DO. <sup>24</sup> holden DO. <sup>25-25</sup> om. DO.

herde, he hade pite of ham, and 3af ham an Ile al wilderness, þere þat noman was duellyng, saf oneliche<sup>1</sup> wilde bestes. and þe Erl þankede miche þe kyng, and bicomē his man, and dede him feaute and homage, and tok<sup>2</sup> alle his fole, and went into þe same 4 Ile. and þe Erl<sup>3</sup> me callede Irlanyal; and þerfore<sup>4</sup> he lete calle þe lande Irlande, after<sup>5</sup> his owen name. ¶ The kyng þo, Corinbatrus, come aʒeyne into þis Lande, and regnede xxv ʒere; & after<sup>6</sup>, he deide, and liþ at newe ¶ Troye. 8

**How þe Kyng<sup>7</sup> Guentolen regnede in godenesse,<sup>8</sup> & wel gouernede þe lande al his lifyme.<sup>9</sup> ¶ Capitulo vicesimo Quinto.**

**A**Nd when Corinbatrus was dede, regnede Guentolen his sone, a man of goode condicions, and wel bilouede; and he 12 gouernede þe lande wel and wiseliche,<sup>7</sup> and he regnede xxvj ʒere, and after, deide, and lith at newe Troye.

**How Kyng Seisel regnede, and wel gouernede þe lande after Guentolen. ¶ Capitulo xxvj<sup>10</sup>.** 16

**A**Nd after<sup>11</sup> þis<sup>4</sup> Guentolen, regnede his sone Seisel wel and worþely, and wel gouernede þe lande as his fader<sup>12</sup> hade done biforne him; and he regnede xv ʒere, and after<sup>13</sup>,<sup>8</sup> deide, and lith at newe Troye. 20

**How Kymore regnede after<sup>14</sup> Seisel his fader; and he bigate Howan, þat<sup>15</sup> regnede after<sup>16</sup> him.<sup>8</sup> ¶ Capitulo ¶ Vicesimo ¶ Septimo.**

**A**Nd after<sup>17</sup> þis<sup>8</sup> Seisel, regnede his sone Kymor wel and nobly<sup>10</sup> 24 xix ʒere in pees; and Howan his sone x ʒere, and deide, and liþ at Herbaldouñ.

**How Kyng<sup>18</sup> Morwith deide þrouʒ meschaunce, þrouʒ<sup>11</sup> a beste for his wickednesse. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Vicesimo ¶ Octauo.** 28

**A**Nd<sup>8</sup> after<sup>19</sup> þis Howan, regnede Morwith; and he<sup>4</sup> bicomē wickedē, and so sterne, til at þe laste, grete vengeance come to him; for as he went on<sup>12</sup> a tyme bi þe seeside,<sup>13</sup> he mette a grete

<sup>1</sup> only O.    <sup>2</sup> nome DO.    <sup>3</sup> kyng O.    <sup>4</sup> om. O.    <sup>5</sup> pees O.

<sup>6</sup> lyf O.    <sup>7</sup> wysely O.    <sup>8</sup> om. DO.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 10.

<sup>10</sup> nobliche D.    noblich O.    <sup>11</sup> of O.    <sup>12</sup> vppon D.    vpon O.

<sup>13</sup> syde O.

beste, þat was blac, and horrible and hidouse; and he wende þat it hade bene a whale of þe see, and bent an Arweblast,<sup>1</sup> and wolde haue slayne þat<sup>2</sup> best wip a quareH; but he miȝt nouȝt smyte hit. 4 and when he hade shotte alle his quarelles,<sup>3</sup> þe beste anone come to him in grete haste, and him deuourede alif; and so he deide for his wickednesse, þrouȝ vengeance of Gode, after þat he hade regnede ix ȝere.

8 Of Grandobodian, þat was Morwithes sone, þat made the toune of Cambruge. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Vicesimo Nono.

A fter þis Morwith was dede, þe Britouns cronede Grandobodian his sone; 4 and þis Grandobodian<sup>4</sup> longe tyme regnede in 12 godenesse, and made temples and tounes; and þis Grandobodian made þe toune of Cambrugge and þe toune of Grantham, and was wel bilouede of ryche and of pore,<sup>5</sup> for he<sup>5</sup> honourede þe riche and halpe þe poer'. ¶ This Grandobodian hade iij sones, Artogaile, 16 Hesider', Higamus, and Petiter', and when he hade regnede xj ȝere, he deide, & liþ at newe Troye.

Of Artogaile, þat was Grandobodian<sup>us</sup> sone: how he was made kyng', & siþ put adoune for his<sup>6</sup> wickednesse. ¶ Capitulo 20 Tricesimo.

A fter Grandobodian, regnede his sone Artogaile v ȝere; and 7 he bicom so wickede and so sterne, þat þe Britons wolde nouȝt suffre him to bene<sup>8</sup> kyng', but put him adoune, and made 24 Hesider his broþer kyng'; and he bicom so gode and mercyable þat men him callede 'kyng of pitee.' and when he hade regnede v ȝere, he hade so[miche]<sup>9</sup> pitee of his broþer Artogaile, þat was kyng bifore; and anone he forsok his dignite, and toke his broþer þe 28 crone aȝeyne, and made him kyng' aȝeynes<sup>10</sup> al þe<sup>11</sup> barons wille of Britaigne.<sup>11</sup> and afterwarde, þis Artogaile bicom so gode of condicions þat he was wel bilouede of al þe lande; for he bicom so debonoure and free, and dede right and resouñ to alle maner' 32 man; <sup>12</sup> and he regnede vj ȝere, and deide, and lith at Grauntham.

<sup>1</sup> arweblaster D.                      <sup>2</sup> þe O.

<sup>3</sup> corrected from querelles in MS. quareH O.

<sup>4-4</sup> om. D. & þis Grandobodyan his sone O.

<sup>5-5</sup> for he DO. for R.                      <sup>6</sup> om. O.                      <sup>7</sup> leaf 10, back.                      <sup>8</sup> be DO.

<sup>9</sup> gret O.                      <sup>10</sup> aȝen O.

<sup>11-11</sup> britons wille D. brytoñs wyH O.                      <sup>12</sup> of men DO

How Hesider was made kyng<sup>r</sup> after<sup>r</sup> þe deth of Artogaile <sup>1</sup>his  
¶ broþer.<sup>1</sup> *Capitulo xxxj<sup>o</sup>.*

**A**fter þe deth of Artogaile, the Britounes crowned an-*opere*  
tyme Hesider<sup>r</sup>; but his ij broþern Higamus and Petiter<sup>r</sup> <sup>4</sup>  
haden of him grete despite, and eke scorne, and ordeynede ham  
helpe forto werre oppoñ þe kyng her<sup>r</sup> broþer. and so þai token him,  
and put<sup>2</sup> him into prisoun, the secunde zere of his regne; and þai  
departede al Britaign bituene ham ij. but Higamus leuede but vij <sup>8</sup>  
zere; and þo hadde Petitur<sup>r</sup> al þe lande; and he made þe toune of  
Pikeryng<sup>r</sup>, and after deide, þe secunde zere of his regne, & liþ at  
Pikeryng<sup>r</sup>,

How þe Britouns token<sup>3</sup> Hesider<sup>r</sup> oute of Prisoune, and made <sup>12</sup>  
him kyng þe þridde tyme. ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ <sup>4</sup>*Tricesimo*  
*Secundo.*<sup>4</sup>

**A**nd when þis Petitur was dede, the Britons toke<sup>5</sup> anoue right<sup>r</sup>  
Hesider, and made him kyng þe þridde tyme, and þo <sup>16</sup>  
<sup>6</sup>regnede he<sup>6</sup> in pees xiiij zere, & after deide, and liþ at Karleil.

How xxxiiij kynges regnede in pees, eche after<sup>r</sup> *opere*, after <sup>7</sup>þe  
deth of Hesider<sup>r</sup>. ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ *Tricesimo Tercio.*

**A**fter<sup>8</sup> þe deth of Hesider<sup>r</sup>, regnede xxxiiij Kynges, eche after<sup>r</sup> <sup>20</sup>  
*opere*, in pees; and wiþout eny longe tariyng<sup>r</sup> y shal <sup>9</sup>tel  
ham alle,<sup>9</sup> and how longe euery<sup>10</sup> of ham reguede, as þe story  
telleþ. ¶ The ferste kyng<sup>r</sup> of þo xxxiiij me elepede<sup>11</sup> Gorbodia,  
and he reguede xij zere. ¶ and after<sup>r</sup> him reguede Morgan ij <sup>24</sup>  
zere; ¶ and after<sup>r</sup> him reguede Eigamus<sup>12</sup> vij zere; ¶ and after<sup>r</sup>  
him reguede Idwalan viij zere; ¶ and after him reguede Rohugo  
xj zere; ¶ and after<sup>r</sup> him reguede Voghen xiiij zere; ¶ and  
<sup>13</sup>after him reguede<sup>13</sup> Katil xv zere; ¶ and after<sup>r</sup> him reguede<sup>14</sup> <sup>28</sup>  
Porrex ij zere; ¶ and after<sup>r</sup> him reguede Cheryn xvij zere;  
[; & after him regned Coil xij zer]<sup>15</sup> ¶ and after<sup>r</sup> him reguede  
Sulgenis xiiij zere; ¶ and after him reguede Estdad xx<sup>ti</sup> zere;

<sup>1-1</sup> *om.* D.    <sup>2</sup> *om.* D. puttyn O.    <sup>3</sup> nomen DO.    <sup>4-4</sup> xxxiiij D.

<sup>5</sup> nome DO.    <sup>6-6</sup> regned he DO. reguede R.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 11.

<sup>8</sup> And aftir O.    <sup>9-9</sup> hem aþ telle O.    <sup>10</sup> eueryche D. eche O.

<sup>11</sup> callede D. Called O.

<sup>12</sup> *It is impossible to distinguish n and u in these MSS. This might be Eigainus, Eiganius, Eigamus, etc. D and O have Eighnans or Eighnaus.*

<sup>13-13</sup> after him reguede D. after him regned O. after R.

<sup>14</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>15</sup> supplied from D.

¶ And after<sup>1</sup> him regnede Andragie xvij zere; ¶ And after<sup>1</sup> him regnede Vran<sup>1</sup> v zere; ¶ and after<sup>1</sup> him regnede Elind<sup>1</sup> ij zere; ¶ and after<sup>1</sup> him regnede Eldagan xv zere; ¶ and after<sup>1</sup> him regnede  
 4 Claten xij zere; ¶ & after him regnede Quirgund<sup>1</sup> viij zere; ¶ and after<sup>1</sup> him regnede Morian vj zere; and after him regnede Bledaghe ij zere; ¶ and after<sup>1</sup> him regnede Caph j zere; ¶ and after<sup>1</sup> him regned Gen ij zere; ¶ and after<sup>1</sup> him regnede Seisel and Kyng  
 8 Bled<sup>1</sup> xxj zere; ¶ and Kyng Grabreth<sup>2</sup> xj zere; ¶ and Archinal xiiij zere; <sup>3</sup>and Erol xxx zere; ¶ And Rodengu <sup>4</sup>xxxij zere; and<sup>4</sup> Herter v zere,<sup>3</sup> ¶ and Hampir<sup>1</sup> vj zere, And Carpoir<sup>1</sup> vij zere, ¶ and Digneile ij zere, ¶ and Samuel xxiiij zere, ¶ and Rede  
 12 ij zere, ¶ and Ely vij mounep<sup>1</sup>s; and þis Ely hade ij sones, Lud, Cassabilam, and Enmyoñ.

**How Lu<sup>1</sup> was made kyng<sup>1</sup> after þe deþ of Ely his fader.**

¶ Capitulo ¶ Tricesimo ¶ Quarto.

16 <sup>5</sup> **A**fter þe deþ of Ely, regnede Lud his sone, and gouernede wel þe lande, and miche honourrede gode folc, and temprede and amendit wickede folc. ¶ This Lud louede more to duelle at Troye þan at<sup>6</sup> eny oþere place of þe lande; Wherefore þe name of<sup>7</sup>  
 20 Troye was lafte,<sup>8</sup> and þo<sup>9</sup> was callede þe citee of<sup>9</sup> Ludstan; but now<sup>10</sup> þat name is chaungede þrouz variance of *lettres*, and now is callede Londoñ. ¶ and<sup>11</sup> þis kyng made in the citee a faire gate, and callede it Ludgate, after<sup>1</sup> his name; and þe folc of þe citee lete  
 24 hight<sup>12</sup> Loundres, and when he hade regnede xj zere, he deide, and liþ at Londoñ. and he hade ij zonge sones, Andraghen and Gormace<sup>13</sup>; but þai couþ neiþere speke ne go, for zeugeþ; & þerfore þe Britons crowneþ a stronge knyzt þat me called<sup>14</sup> Lud, þat was  
 28 Cassibalamus<sup>14</sup> broþer, and made him kyng of Britagne.

**How þe Britons grantede to Cassibalam, þat was Ludes broþer, þe land<sup>1</sup>:** <sup>15</sup>in whas time Iulius<sup>16</sup> come ij tymes forto conquere þe lande.<sup>15</sup> ¶ Capitulo Tricesimo ¶ quinto.

32 **A**fter<sup>1</sup> þe deþ of Kyng<sup>1</sup> Lu<sup>1</sup>, regnede his broþer Cassibalam, and bicome a goode man, and miche bilouede of his Britons, so þat, for his godenesse and curtesye, þai grantede him þe reaume for-

<sup>1</sup> vrian D. Vryan O.      <sup>2</sup> Trabreth DO.      <sup>3-3</sup> om. O.

<sup>4-4</sup> xxxij zer<sup>1</sup> D. xxxij and R.      <sup>5</sup> leaf 11, back.      <sup>6</sup> in O.

<sup>7</sup> of the new D. of newe O.      <sup>8</sup> lafte D. left O. laste R.

<sup>9-9</sup> þe citee callede D. was þe Citee cald O.      <sup>10</sup> om. DO.      <sup>11</sup> om. D.

<sup>12</sup> hit D. yt O.      <sup>13</sup> Tormace DO.      <sup>14-14</sup> sic in all three MSS.

<sup>15-15</sup> om. O.      <sup>16</sup> Iulius Cesar<sup>1</sup> D.

euermore, to him and to his heires. ¶ And the kyng, of his gode-  
 nesse, lete norisse worpliche bope <sup>1</sup>his broþeres sones, þe childerne  
 of Lud<sup>1</sup>; And after<sup>2</sup>, made þe eldeste sone Erl of Cornwaile, and þat  
 opere Erl of Londoñ. ¶ And while þis kyng Cassibalam regnede, <sup>4</sup>  
 come Iulius Cesar, þat was Emperoure of Rome into þis lande, with  
 a power of Romayns, and wolde haue hade þis lande þrouz strengþ;  
 but Cassibalam him ouercome in bataile, þrouz helpe <sup>2</sup>of þe<sup>3</sup>  
 Britons, and drof him oute of þis Lande; and<sup>4</sup> went azeyne to <sup>8</sup>  
 Rome, and assemblede<sup>5</sup> grete power<sup>1</sup> anoþer tyme, and come azeyne  
 into þis lande forto zeue bataile to Cassibalam; but he was des-  
 comfitede þrouz strengþ of þe Britons, and þrouz<sup>6</sup> helpe of þe erle of  
 Cornwaile, and<sup>7</sup> þe Erl of londoñ, his broþer, and þrouz helpe of <sup>12</sup>  
 Gudian, Kyng of Scotland, and of<sup>8</sup> Corbande, Kyng of north Wales,  
 and of Bretaile, Kyng of Southwalys. and in þis bataile was slayne  
 Nemion, þat was Cassibalamus broþer, wherfore he made miche  
 sorwe; and so went Iulius Cesar<sup>1</sup> oute of þis lande with a fewe of<sup>9</sup> <sup>16</sup>  
 Romayns þat were lefte a-lif<sup>1</sup>; And þo Cassibalam went azeyne to  
 Londoñ, and made a fest vnto alle his fole þat þo hade <sup>10</sup>him  
 holpen<sup>10</sup>; and when þe<sup>11</sup> fest was done, eche man went into here<sup>12</sup>  
 owen contree. 20

Of þe debate þat was bituene Cassibalam and þe Erle of  
 Londoñ; <sup>13</sup>& of þe truage þat was payede<sup>14</sup> to Rome.<sup>13</sup>  
 ¶ Capitulo xxxvj<sup>to</sup>.<sup>15</sup>

**A**Nd after, hit bifelle þus oppoñ a day, þat <sup>16</sup>þe gentil-men<sup>16</sup> of <sup>24</sup>  
 þe kynges householde and <sup>17</sup>þe gentelmen<sup>17</sup> of þe Erles house-  
 holde of Londoñ, after mete went in-fere<sup>15</sup> forto playe; and þrouz  
 debate þat arose amonges<sup>19</sup> ham, Enelyn, þat was þe erles broþer<sup>20</sup>  
 of Londoñ, quellede Irenglas þat was þe kynges cosyn; wherfore þe <sup>28</sup>  
 kyng swore þat Enelyn shulde bene<sup>21</sup> honget; but þe Erle of  
 Londoñ, þat was Enelynes lorde, wolde nouzt soffren<sup>22</sup> hit; wher-  
 fore þe kyng<sup>1</sup> was wroth towarde<sup>23</sup> þe Erl, and pouzt him<sup>24</sup> destroye.  
 and priuely<sup>25</sup> þe Erl sent *lettres* to Iulius Cesar<sup>1</sup> þat he shulde come <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> sones that wer<sup>1</sup> Lud his broþeres D. Sones þat were lud his broþerys O.  
<sup>2</sup> leaf 12. <sup>3</sup> om. O. <sup>4</sup> and he DO. and R. <sup>5</sup> Assembled a O.  
<sup>6</sup> purgh þe O. <sup>7</sup> and of D. <sup>8</sup> om. DO. <sup>9</sup> of his D. om. O.  
<sup>10-10</sup> help him D. hym holpe O. <sup>11</sup> þat DO. <sup>12</sup> his DO.  
<sup>13-13</sup> om. O. <sup>14</sup> paye D. <sup>15</sup> xxxvj<sup>to</sup> D. <sup>16-16</sup> a gentilman D.  
<sup>17-17</sup> a gentil-man D. gentylnen O. <sup>18</sup> y-fere D. <sup>19</sup> among O.  
<sup>20</sup> eosyn D. Cosyn O. <sup>21</sup> be DO. <sup>22</sup> soffre D. <sup>23</sup> towardes O.  
<sup>24</sup> hym to O. <sup>25</sup> priuelich D.

into þis lande forto <sup>1</sup>helpe him, and <sup>1</sup>helpe avenge him <sup>2</sup>oppon þe Kyng, and he wolde helpe him with al his myzte. ¶ And when þe Emperoure herde þis tydynges,<sup>3</sup> he was ful glade, and ordeynede <sup>4</sup>a stronge power, and come azeine þe þridde tyme into þis land; and þe Erl of Londone halpe him wip vij M<sup>t</sup> men. and at þe þridde tyme was Cassibalam ouercomen<sup>4</sup> and descomfitede, and made pees to þe Emperoure for<sup>5</sup> iij <sup>6</sup>M<sup>t</sup> <sup>ti</sup><sup>6</sup> of siluer, zeldyng by zere for <sup>8</sup>truage for þis lande for euermore. and after half<sup>7</sup> zere passede, the Emperoure went to Rome, and þe Erl of Londoñ wip him, for he derste nouzt abide in þis lande. and after, Cassibalam regnede xvij zere in pees, and þo<sup>8</sup> deide, þe xxvij zere of his regne, and lithe atte <sup>12</sup>3ork<sup>t</sup>.

**How þe lordes of þe lande, after þe deth of Cassibalam, for enchesoñ þat he hade none heire, made Andragen kyng.**

**Capitulo ¶ xxxvij<sup>mo</sup>.**

<sup>16</sup> **A**fter þe deth of Cassibalam, for-asmiche as he hade none<sup>9</sup> heire of his body, þe lordes of þe lande, by commune assent, cronede Androgen, Erl of Cornewaile, and made him kyng; and he regnede wel<sup>10</sup> worthely, and was a gode man, and wel gouernede <sup>20</sup>þe lande. and when he hade regnede viij zere, he deide, & lip at Londoñ.

**Of Kymbalyn, þat was Andragenus sone, a gode man, <sup>11</sup>and wel gouernede þe lande.<sup>11</sup> Capitulo xxxviij.**

<sup>12</sup>Natiuitas *Christi*<sup>12</sup>

<sup>24</sup> **A**fter þe deth of Andragen, regnede Kembelyn his sone, þat was a gode man, and wel gouernede þe lande in miche prosperite and in<sup>13</sup> pees al his lifes<sup>14</sup> tyme. ¶ And in his tyme was born *Ihesus Crist* oure saueoure, of þat swete virgine Marie.<sup>15</sup> ¶ þis <sup>28</sup>Kyng<sup>16</sup> Kembelyn hade ij sones, Ginder and Armoger, gode knyktes and worthi. <sup>17</sup>And when þis Kyng Kembelyn hade regnede xxij zere, he deide, and lip at Londoñ.

<sup>32</sup> **Of Kyng Gynder, þat was Kembalynes sone, þat wolde nouzt paye þe truage to Rome <sup>11</sup>for the lande þat Cassibalam hade grantede<sup>11</sup>; & how he was slayne of a Romaine.**

**Capitulo xxxix<sup>o</sup>.**

<sup>1-1</sup> om. D.      <sup>2</sup> leaf 12, back.      <sup>3</sup> tydyng O.  
<sup>4</sup> ouercom D.      ouercome O.      <sup>5</sup> with D.      <sup>6-6</sup> M<sup>t</sup> of ti O.  
<sup>7</sup> half a DO.      <sup>8</sup> þo he O.      <sup>9</sup> no O.      <sup>10</sup> wel and DO.  
<sup>11-11</sup> om. O.      <sup>12-12</sup> om. DO.      <sup>13</sup> om. O.      <sup>14</sup> lif D.      lyve O.  
<sup>15</sup> Marie y-blessede mot she be Amen D.      <sup>16</sup> om. D.      <sup>17</sup> leaf 13.

And after þe deþ of þis Kembalyn, regnede Ginder<sup>1</sup> his sone, a gode man and a worþi; and <sup>1</sup>he was of so hie<sup>1</sup> hert þat he wolde nouzt paye to Rome þat truage þat Kyng Cassibalam hade grantede vnto Iulius Cesar<sup>2</sup>; wherfore þe Emperoure þat was þo, þat<sup>2</sup> 4 me callede<sup>3</sup> Claudius Cesar<sup>4</sup>, was sore annoyede, and ordeynede a grete power<sup>5</sup> of Romay[n]s, and come into þis lande forto conquere þe truage þrouz strengþ, and haue it of þe kyng<sup>6</sup>; but þe kyng Gynder<sup>7</sup>, and Armoger<sup>8</sup> his broþer, gadrede a grete hoste ifere of 8 Britouns, and 3af bataile to þe Emperour Claudius, and quellede<sup>9</sup> of Romains grete plente. ¶ The Emperour hade a Stiwarde þat me clepede<sup>10</sup> Hamon, þat saw þat her<sup>11</sup> peple was faste slayne<sup>12</sup>: priuely<sup>13</sup> he<sup>2</sup> caste awai his owen armes, and toke<sup>14</sup> the Armes of a 12 dede Briton, and armede him wiþ his armure, and come into þe bataile to þe kyng<sup>15</sup>, and saide in þis maner: “Sire, beth of gode hert<sup>16</sup>, for Godes loue, for þe Romayns þat beþe<sup>17</sup> 10 your<sup>18</sup> enemys anone shullen<sup>19</sup> bene<sup>20</sup> slayn and descomfitede euerychon.”<sup>21</sup> ¶ and þe 16 kyng 3af no kepe ne rewarde to his speche, for encheson of þe armes þat he hade oppoñ him, and wende it<sup>22</sup> hade bene<sup>23</sup> a Britoune; but þe traitoure<sup>24</sup> euer<sup>25</sup> helde him<sup>26</sup> nexte þe kyng<sup>27</sup>, and priueliche,<sup>28</sup> vnder<sup>29</sup> þe shulders<sup>30</sup> of his armure,<sup>31</sup> he smote þe kyng, 20 Wherfore he was dede anone,<sup>32</sup> and fel doune vnto<sup>33</sup> þe erþe.

When Armoger<sup>34</sup> saw his broþer dede,<sup>35</sup> he caste away his Armez, and toke<sup>36</sup> to him his broþeres Armes, and come into þe bataile amonge þe Britons, and bade hertly forto<sup>37</sup> fyght<sup>38</sup>, and faste laide<sup>39</sup> 24 adoune þe Romaignes. and for þe armes, þai wende<sup>40</sup> it hade bene<sup>41</sup> Kyng<sup>42</sup> Gynder<sup>43</sup>, þat arst was slayne, þat þai wist nouzt, and þo gonne þe Britons hertly feizten,<sup>44</sup> and quellede þe Romayns; so<sup>45</sup> at þe last<sup>46</sup> þe Emperour forsok<sup>47</sup> þe felde, and fley as faste as þai<sup>48</sup> mizt 28 into þe citee of Wynchestre. and þe false traitour Hamonde, þat hade quellede þe kyng<sup>49</sup>, faste anone gane forto flee in<sup>50</sup> al þe haste þat he mizt<sup>51</sup>; and Armoger<sup>52</sup>, þe kynges broþer, persuede him ful fersly<sup>53</sup> wiþ a ferse herte, and drof him vnto<sup>54</sup> þe water, and þere 32

1-1 so hie of D.    2 om. O.    3 clept O.    4 Cesar & he O.  
5 om. D.    6 called DO.    7 y-slayn O.    8 pryueliche D.  
9 nome DO.    10 ben O.    11 shul D.    schul O.  
12 be O.    13 echeon O.    14 he DO.    15 be O.  
16-16 helde hym euer O.    17 priuely D.    pryuely O.    18 shulder D.  
19 Armes DO.    20 om. DO.    21 to D.    22 leaf 13, back.  
23 nome DO.    24 om. D.    to O.    25 lay D.    ley O.  
26 wende that D.    27 be þe O.    28 fyght O.    29 so þat O.  
30 took O.    31 he DO.    32 with O.    33 fast D.  
34 in-to O.



he<sup>1</sup> toke him, and anone smote of <sup>2</sup>boþe heuede,<sup>2</sup> hendes, and feete, and hewe þe body halto pecis, and þo caste it into þe water<sup>3</sup>; Wherefore þat water was callede Hamondeshauen; and after,<sup>3</sup> þere  
4 was made a faire toun þat zitte [standeth] þat<sup>4</sup> is callede Southampton. ¶ And afterwarde, Armoger<sup>5</sup> went to Wynchestre forto<sup>5</sup> seche Claudius Cesar þe Emperour; and þere Armoger<sup>6</sup> him toke.

¶ And Claudius þe Emperour, þrouz conseil of his Romayns þat  
8 with him were lefte alyf<sup>7</sup>, made pees wip Armoger<sup>8</sup> in þis maner as 3e shulleþ<sup>7</sup> hure, þat is to seyne, how<sup>6</sup> þat Claudius þe emperour shulde 3eue to Armoger<sup>9</sup>, Gennen<sup>8</sup> his<sup>9</sup> douzter, forto haue to wif<sup>8</sup>, so þat þis lande fro þat tyme afterwarde shulde be in þe Emperoure;  
12 power<sup>9</sup> of Rome, oppoñ suche couenant<sup>10</sup>, þat<sup>10</sup> none Emperour of Rome shulde take none oþere truage of þis lande, but oneliche feaute; and so þai were accordede. ¶ And oppoñ<sup>11</sup> þis couenant,<sup>11</sup> Claudius Cesar sent to Rome for his douzter Gennen; and when  
16 she was comen,<sup>12</sup> <sup>13</sup>Claudius Cesar 3af her<sup>12</sup> to Armoger to Wif; and Armoger<sup>13</sup> spoused here at Londoñ with michel<sup>14</sup> solempnite and merþe; and þo was Armoger cronede, and made Kyng<sup>14</sup> of Britaigne.

20 Of Kyng<sup>15</sup> Armoger, in whas<sup>15</sup> tyme seynt Peter prechede in Antyoche, wip oþere apostlis in diuerses<sup>16</sup> contres. <sup>17</sup>Capitulo xl.<sup>17</sup>

**T**His Kyng Armoger<sup>18</sup> regnede wel, and worthely<sup>18</sup> þe lande  
24 gournede, and Claudis Cesar<sup>19</sup>, in remembrance of þis<sup>19</sup> accorde, and for reuerence and honour of his doughter, made in þis lande a fare toun and a faire castel, and lete calle <sup>20</sup>þe toun<sup>20</sup> after<sup>20</sup> his owen<sup>21</sup> name 'Claucestre,' þat now is callede  
28 Gloucestr'. and when þis was al done, þe Emperoure toke<sup>22</sup> his leue, and<sup>23</sup> went a3eyne to Rome; and Armoger<sup>24</sup> was þo<sup>24</sup> kyng<sup>24</sup>, and gournede þe lande wel and nobli al his lif tyme. ¶ and this Armager<sup>25</sup> gete a sone on his wif, þat<sup>25</sup> was callede<sup>25</sup> Westmere. and

<sup>1</sup> thay D.    <sup>2-2</sup> boþe heede D.    his hed O.    <sup>3</sup> afterward O.

<sup>4</sup> and D.    <sup>5</sup> to O.    <sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> shul D.    schul O.

<sup>8</sup> Gelmen or perhaps Gelingen or Gelnien O.    <sup>9</sup> his fair D.    his fayre O.

<sup>10</sup> that neuer afterwarde D.    þat neuere aftirward<sup>10</sup> O.

<sup>11-11</sup> þese couenauntes O.    <sup>12</sup> come O.    <sup>13</sup> leaf 14.

<sup>14</sup> miche D.    mych O.    <sup>15</sup> who D.    <sup>16</sup> diuerse D.    diuers O.

<sup>17-17</sup> xl<sup>o</sup> Capitulo O.    <sup>18</sup> worthely and D.    worthyly & O.    <sup>19</sup> his O.

<sup>20-20</sup> MS. þe lande toun, with lande underlined for erasure.    yt O.

<sup>21</sup> om. DO.    <sup>22</sup> nome DO.    <sup>23</sup> and þo DO.    <sup>24-24</sup> þo was DO.

<sup>25-25</sup> Called was O.

whiles þat þis Armoger<sup>r</sup> regnede, seynt Peter<sup>1</sup> prechede in Antioche ; and þere he hade<sup>2</sup> made a noble cherche, in þe whiche he satte ferste in his chier<sup>r</sup>, and þere he duelledede vij zere.<sup>3</sup> after<sup>r</sup>, he<sup>2</sup> went to Rome, and was made Pope, til þat Nero þe Emperour lete him 4 martre. & þo prechede openly al þe Apostlis, in diuerses<sup>4</sup> landes, þe ryzt fay.<sup>5</sup> ¶ And when Armoger hade regnede xxiiij zere, he deyde, and lith at Londoñ.

**How Kyng<sup>r</sup> Westmer zaf to Berynger<sup>r</sup> an Ilande forlete; and 8 þere þis Beringer<sup>r</sup> made þe toune of Berwik<sup>r</sup>. *Capitulo xli.***

**A**nd after<sup>r</sup> þis Armoger<sup>r</sup>, regnede his sone Westmer<sup>r</sup>, a gode man, and a worþi of body, and wel gouernede þe lande. ¶ Hit bifelle so þat tydynges<sup>6</sup> come to him oppoñ<sup>7</sup> a day, þat þe Kyng<sup>8</sup> 12 Rodrik<sup>r</sup> of Gascoigne was comen<sup>9</sup> into þis lande wiþ an huge noubre of peple, and was duellyng<sup>r</sup> in Steynesmore. and when Kyng Westmer<sup>r</sup> herde þo tydyngus, he lete assemble<sup>10</sup> a grete<sup>10</sup> host of Britons, and come to þe<sup>8</sup> Kyng<sup>r</sup> Rodrik<sup>r</sup>, and zaf him bataile. and 16 Kyng Westmer<sup>r</sup> quellede Rodrik wiþ his owen hondes in pleyne bataile; and when þat<sup>2</sup> kyng Rodrikes men saw þat here Lorde was dede, þai zolden ham alle to þe<sup>8</sup> Kyng Westmer<sup>r</sup>, and bicom his men for euermore; and he zaf ham a contre þat was forlete, wher-in 20 þai myzt duelle; and þider<sup>r</sup> þai went, and duelledede þere al here lifes<sup>11</sup> tyme; and ix Ū men þere<sup>12</sup> were of ham, and nomo<sup>13</sup> lefte alif at þat bataile. Here gouernour and her<sup>r</sup> prince, me callede Berynger<sup>r</sup>; and anone he biganne a toune, þat þai myzt þerein duelle<sup>14</sup> and haue 24 resceyt, and lete calle þe toune Berwik<sup>r</sup> vp<sup>15</sup> Twede; and þere þai duelledede, and bicom riche. but þai nade<sup>16</sup> no wymmen amonges ham, and þe Britons wolde nouzt zeue here douztres to þo<sup>17</sup> Straungers; Wherefore þai went ouere þe see into Irland, and brouzt 28 with ham Wymmen, and ham þo spousede; but þe men coupe<sup>18</sup> nouzt<sup>19</sup> vnderstonde<sup>20</sup> þe langage<sup>21</sup> ne þe speche of þe wymmen, neyþer<sup>22</sup> þe wymmen of þe men, and þefore þai<sup>23</sup> speken to-gederes<sup>23</sup> as scottes; and aftirwarde, prouz chaungeyng of her<sup>r</sup> 32

<sup>1</sup> *In the margin in a contemporary handwriting: Peter was at Rome in nero[s] ty[me]: the edge of the page has evidently been cut off.*

<sup>2</sup> om. DO.

<sup>3</sup> zere & O.

<sup>4</sup> diuerse D. diuers O.

<sup>5</sup> feyth O.

<sup>6</sup> tydyng DO.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 14, back.

<sup>8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9</sup> come O.

<sup>10-10</sup> an huge O.

<sup>11</sup> lif D.

<sup>12</sup> þat O.

<sup>13</sup> noman D.

<sup>14</sup> om. D.

<sup>15</sup> vpon O.

<sup>16</sup> hadde O.

<sup>17</sup> þe D.

<sup>18</sup> coude O.

<sup>19</sup> nouzt þo D.

<sup>20</sup> vndirfonge O.

<sup>21</sup> lange D.

<sup>22</sup> ne O.

<sup>23-23</sup> spoken to-geder<sup>r</sup> D. speke to-gidere O.

langages,<sup>1</sup> in al Fraunce þei were callede þo<sup>2</sup> Scottes: and so <sup>3</sup>þai shal be callede<sup>3</sup> for euermore.

**How Kyng Westmer' Lete arere a stone in þe entryng<sup>4</sup> of West-**  
 4 merland, þere þat he slouzt Rodrik'; & þere he biganne  
 ferste Housyng'. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Quadragesimo<sup>5</sup> ¶ Secundo.

**A** Nd after' this bataile þat is aboue-saide, when Rodrik <sup>6</sup>Was  
 dede, Kyng Westmer', in remembraunce of his Victorie, lete  
 8 arere þere, bisides þe way, a grete stone<sup>7</sup> in<sup>8</sup> hye,—& zitte it  
 standeþ,<sup>9</sup> and euermore shal stande,—and Lete graue in þe stone  
 lettres þat þus saide: 'The Kyng Westmere of Britaigne quellede  
 in þis place Rodrik' his enemy.' ¶ And þis Westmere was þe ferst  
 12 man þat made tounes<sup>10</sup> and hous in Engeland. and at þat stone  
 bigynneth<sup>11</sup> Westmerland, þat Westmer' lete calle after' his owen  
 name. and<sup>12</sup> when Westmer' hade so done,<sup>13</sup> he duellede al his Lif  
 tyme in þat<sup>12</sup> contre of Westmerland, for he louede þat contre more<sup>14</sup>;  
 16 and when he hade regnede xxv zere, he deide. & liþ at ¶ Karleile.

**Of Kyng Coil, þat was Westmeres sone, þat helde his lande in**  
 pees<sup>15</sup> his lif-tyme. ¶ Capitulo xl Tercio.

**A** fter þis Kyng Westmer', regnede his sone Coil, a goode man  
 20 and a worþi, and of gode condicions, and wel gouernede his  
 lande, and of alle<sup>16</sup> men he hade loue and pees; and in his tyme  
 was neuer kontak, debate, ne werre in Britayn; and he regnede and  
 was kyng' in pees al his lif-tyme. & When he hade <sup>17</sup>bene kyng'<sup>17</sup>  
 24 xj zere, he deide, and liþ at 3ork'.

**How Kyng Lucye regnede after' Coel<sup>18</sup> his fader', þat<sup>19</sup> was a**  
 gode man; and after', he<sup>12</sup> bicom cristen. ¶ Capitulo xl  
 ¶ Quarto.

**A** fter' Kyng<sup>20</sup> Coel, regnede Lucie his sone, þat was a gode man  
 28 to God' and to al þe peple. he sent to Rome, to Apostle  
 Eulenchie, þat þo was, and seide þat he wolde bicom a cristen  
 man, and reseceyue baptisme<sup>21</sup> in þe name of' God', and turne to þe

<sup>1</sup> langagage sic D. <sup>2</sup> om. D. þ<sup>e</sup> O.

<sup>3-3</sup> shulleþ þe folc of that contraie D. schul þat folk of þat Cuntre O.

<sup>4</sup> Entre O. <sup>5</sup> Quinquagesimo D. <sup>6</sup> leaf 15. <sup>7</sup> toune D.

<sup>8</sup> an O. <sup>9</sup> stant DO. <sup>10</sup> Toun O. <sup>11</sup> bigynnes D.

<sup>12</sup> om. O. <sup>13</sup> y-done O.

<sup>14</sup> more þan eny oþere contre D. more þan eny oþer Cuntre O.

<sup>15</sup> pees al D. <sup>16</sup> all his O. <sup>17-17</sup> bene kyng' D. be kyng' O. bene R.

<sup>18</sup> om. D. <sup>19</sup> & O. <sup>20</sup> þis D. <sup>21</sup> bapteme O.

ryzt bileue. ¶ Eulenchie sent ij legates, þat me callede Pagan and Elibrayne, into þis lande, and baptisede þe kyng<sup>t</sup> and alle his menyne,<sup>1</sup> and after<sup>t</sup> went fro <sup>2</sup>toune<sup>3</sup> to toune, and baptisede þe peple til <sup>4</sup>al þat<sup>4</sup> Lande was baptisede, and þis was in þe c. lvi 4 3ere after<sup>t</sup> þe Incarnaciōn of Ihesu Crist. and þis kyng<sup>5</sup> Lucye made þo in þis lande ij erchebisshoppes, on at Kaunterbery and anoþere at 3ork<sup>t</sup>, and oþere meny bisshopes þat 3it bene in þis lande. ¶ And when þise<sup>6</sup> ij legates hade baptisede al þe<sup>7</sup> lande, 8 þai ordeynede<sup>8</sup> prestes forto baptisen<sup>9</sup> childern and forto make þe Sacrament<sup>t</sup>; and after<sup>t</sup>, þai went a3eyne to Rome, and þe kyng duelleded in his lande, and regnede with michel<sup>10</sup> honour xiiij 3ere, and after<sup>t</sup> deide, and lijþ at Gloucestre. 12

**How þis lande was longe wiþouten<sup>11</sup> a kyng<sup>t</sup>; and how þe Britons chosen<sup>12</sup> a kyng<sup>t</sup>. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Quadragesimo. ¶ Quinto.**

**T**His kyng<sup>t</sup> Lucie hade none heire of his body bigeten,<sup>13</sup> þat was 16 afterwarde grete harme and sorwe to þe lande; ffor, after þis kyng Lucies deth, none of þe grete lordes<sup>14</sup> of þe lande wolde suffren<sup>15</sup> an-oþere to bene<sup>16</sup> kyng<sup>t</sup>, but leuede in werre and debate amonges ham l. 3ere wiþouten<sup>17</sup> kyng. but þo it bifel <sup>18</sup>afterwarde 20 þat a grete Prince<sup>18</sup> come fro Rome into þis lande þat me callede Seuerey; nouzt forto werr<sup>t</sup>, but forto saue þe ryght<sup>t</sup> of Rome. ¶ But noþeles, he nade<sup>19</sup> nouzt duelleded half<sup>20</sup> 3ere in þis lande, þat þe Britons ne quelleded him. when þo of Rome wiste þat Seuerey 24 was so slayn, þai sent anoþere grete lorde into þis lande, þat me callede Allec, þat was a stronge man, and a myzty of body, and duelleded in þis lande Longe tyme, and dede miche sorwe to þe Britons, so þat after<sup>t</sup>, for pure malice, þai chosen ham a kyng 28 amonges ham, þat me callede Astlepades, and assemblede a grete host of þe Britouns, and went to Londoñ to<sup>21</sup> seche Allee; and þere þai founde<sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup>him, and quelleded him and alle his felawes þat

<sup>1</sup> mene D. meyne O. <sup>2</sup> leaf 15, back.

<sup>3</sup> a marginal note in an ancient hand: [fir]st cristes Kyng.

<sup>4-4</sup> þat alle þe D. <sup>5</sup> om. D. <sup>6</sup> þe O. <sup>7</sup> þat O.

<sup>8</sup> ordeigneden O. <sup>9</sup> baptisen D. baptisede R. <sup>10</sup> mych O.

<sup>11</sup> with-oute D. tyme with-oute O. <sup>12</sup> Chose hem O.

<sup>13</sup> bygete D. begete O. <sup>14</sup> om. DO. <sup>15</sup> soffre D. suffre O.

<sup>16</sup> be DO. <sup>17</sup> with-oute DO.

<sup>18-18</sup> afterwarde that a grete Prince D. afterward<sup>t</sup> þat a gret prince O. afterwarde R. <sup>19</sup> had O.

<sup>20</sup> half a O. <sup>21</sup> forto D. <sup>22</sup> founden O. <sup>23</sup> leaf 16.

were wiþ him, but one of his felawes, þat me clepede<sup>1</sup> Waloun, defendet him fersly, and fauzt longe with þe Britouns, but at þe laste he was descomfitede; and þe Britons token<sup>2</sup> him, and bounde  
 4 him<sup>3</sup> Hondes and feete, and caste him into a water; wherfore þat water afterwarde was clepede<sup>4</sup> euermore Walbroke.<sup>5</sup> ¶ Þo regnede þis<sup>3</sup> Astlepades in quiete, til one of his erles þat me callede Coel, made a faire tounne aþeynes þe kynges wille, and lete calle þe tounne  
 8 Colchestre after his name, wherfore þe kyng was ful wroth, and þouzt destroye þe erle, and bigan to werre vppon him, and brouzt grete power, and 3af bataile to<sup>6</sup> þe erl. and þe erl defendede him fersly with his power, and slough þe kyng<sup>1</sup> him-self in þat bataile;  
 12 and þo was Coel cronede, and made kyng of þis land. ¶ Þis Coel regnede and gouernede þe lande wel and nobly, for he was a<sup>7</sup> noble man, and wel bilouede amonges<sup>8</sup> þe Britons. ¶ When<sup>9</sup> þo of Rome herde þat Astlepades was slayne,<sup>10</sup> þai were<sup>10</sup> wonder glade, and sent  
 16 anopere grete prince of Romayns, þat me callede Constance; and he come to þe<sup>11</sup> Kyng Coel<sup>12</sup> forto chalange<sup>12</sup> þe truage þat was wont<sup>13</sup> to bene<sup>13</sup> paidede to Rome; and þe kyng ansuerede wel and worþely,<sup>14</sup> and saide þat he wolde paye to Rome al þat ryzt and  
 20 resoun<sup>15</sup> wolde, wiþ godewil<sup>15</sup>; and so þai accordede þo wiþ goode wil, and wiþouten<sup>16</sup> eny contact; and boþe þai duelledede togeder<sup>17</sup> in loue. ¶ The Kyng<sup>1</sup> Coel 3af his douzter Elyne to Constance, forto haue here for his spouse, þat was boþe faire, wise, and gode, and  
 24 wel lettrede: and þis Constance spousedede here þere<sup>3</sup> with michel<sup>18</sup> honour. and it bifelle sone afterwarde, þat þis kyng<sup>1</sup> Coel<sup>19</sup> deide in the 3ere of his regne xiiij, & Lith at Colchestre enterede.

**Of Kyng Constance, þat was a Romayn, þat was chosen<sup>20</sup> kyng**  
 28 **after<sup>21</sup> þe deth of<sup>21</sup> Coel, <sup>22</sup>for-asmiche þat<sup>22</sup> he hade spousedede Elyn, þat was Kyng Coeles douzter. Capitulo xlvj<sup>o</sup>.**

32 **A**fter þis<sup>11</sup> Kyng Coel, Constance was made kyng, and cronede, for-asmiche as he hade spousedede Kyng Coeles douzter, þat was heire of þe lande. þe whiche Constance regnede and worþely

<sup>1</sup> callede D. called O.      <sup>2</sup> nome D. toke O.  
<sup>3</sup> om. O.      <sup>4</sup> callede D. called O.      <sup>5-5</sup> Walbrok euermore O.  
<sup>6</sup> vnto D.      <sup>7</sup> an O.      <sup>8</sup> among O.      <sup>9</sup> And D.  
<sup>10-10</sup> than were þai D.      <sup>11</sup> om. D.      <sup>12-12</sup> and chalangede D.  
<sup>13-13</sup> be DO.      <sup>14</sup> wiselich D. wysely O.      <sup>15-15</sup> wil D.  
<sup>16</sup> with-oute O.      <sup>17</sup> to-gederes D.      <sup>18</sup> mych O.  
<sup>19</sup> leaf 16, back.      <sup>20</sup> chose O.      <sup>21-21</sup> om. O.  
<sup>22-22</sup> for-asmiche as D.      for as O.

gouernede þe lande; and he bigatē on his wif Elyn, a sone þat me callede Constantyn. and þis kyng bare trew fay, and trewly dede to ham of Rome al his lif. & when he hade regnede xv ȝere, he deide, and lip atte ȝork.

**How Constantyne, þat was Kyng Constance,<sup>1</sup> sone, & þe sone of seynt Elyne, gouernede and rewlede þe lande, & was<sup>2</sup> Emperour of Rome. ¶ Capitulo xl Septimo.**

**A**fter Kyng Con[s]tance<sup>3</sup> deth, Constantyne, his sone of seynt 8 Elyne, þat founde þat<sup>4</sup> croice in þe<sup>5</sup> holy londe, and how Constantyne bicomē Emperoure of Rome. ¶ Hit bifel so<sup>6</sup> in þat tyme þere was an Emperour atte Rome, a sarasynē, a tyraunt, þat me callede Maxence, þat put to þe<sup>2</sup> deth alle þat bileuede in God, 12 and destroiēde holy cherche by alle his power, and slought Cristen men þat he myȝt fynde; and amonge alle opere, he lete martre Seynt Kateryne, and meny opere cristen peple þat hade drede of deth, þai<sup>7</sup> fledden<sup>8</sup> and comen<sup>9</sup> into þis lande to Kyng Constantyne, and 16 tolde him of þe sorwe þat Maxence dede to al cristiente.<sup>10</sup> Wherof Constantyn hade pite, and grete sorwe made, and<sup>11</sup> assemblede a grete hoste and<sup>12</sup> grete power, and went ouere see<sup>13</sup> to Rome, and toke<sup>14</sup> þe citee, and quelledē al þat<sup>15</sup> þerin were mescreaunt,<sup>15</sup> þat 20 he myȝt fynde. ¶ And þo was he made Emperoure,<sup>16</sup> And was a gode man, and gouernede him so wel, þat al þe<sup>13</sup> Landes to him were entendaunt<sup>17</sup> forto be vnder his gouernaile. ¶ And þis deuēl tyraunt Maxence, þat þo was in þe lande of Greke, when<sup>18</sup> he 24 herde þis tydynges,<sup>19</sup> he bicomē wode, and sodeynely<sup>20</sup> deide, and so he<sup>2</sup> endedē his lif.

When Constantyne went fro þis land to Rome, he toke<sup>21</sup> wiþ him his moder Elyn, for þe michel<sup>22</sup> wisdomē þat she couþe,<sup>23</sup> and 28 þre opere grete lordes þat he moste louede: þat one me callede Hoel, anopere me callede Taberne, and þe þridde Morhyn<sup>24</sup>; and toke al his lande to kepe vnto<sup>25</sup> þe Erl of Cornwaile, þat men<sup>26</sup> callede Octouyan. ¶ anone<sup>27</sup> as þis Octouian wiste þat his lorde was 32 duellyng at Rome, he seisedē al þe lande into his honde, and þerwiþ

<sup>1</sup> Constance D. Constaunce O. <sup>2</sup> om. O. <sup>3</sup> Constance D.

<sup>4</sup> þe D. <sup>5</sup> þat O. <sup>6</sup> so þat O. <sup>7</sup> þat DO.

<sup>8</sup> fled O. <sup>9</sup> come O. <sup>10</sup> Cristene O. <sup>11</sup> made and DO. made R.

<sup>12</sup> and a DO. <sup>13</sup> om. DO. <sup>14</sup> nome O.

<sup>15-16</sup> wer þerin D. þer-In were mysbeleued O. <sup>16</sup> leaf 17.

<sup>17</sup> attendaunt O. <sup>18</sup> þo DO. <sup>19</sup> tydyngē O. <sup>20</sup> sodeynlich D.

<sup>21</sup> nome O. <sup>22</sup> miche D. mych O. <sup>23</sup> coude O.

<sup>24</sup> Morlyn D. <sup>25</sup> to D. <sup>26</sup> me D. <sup>27</sup> And anon D.

dede al his wil amonges<sup>1</sup> heye and law, & þo helde him for kyng.  
 ¶ when þis tydyng come to Constantyne þe Emperoure, he woxe  
 wonder' wroþe towarde þe Erl Octouyan, and sent Taberne with xij  
 4 m<sup>1</sup> men forto<sup>2</sup> destroye the erl for his falsenesse, and arryuede at  
 Portesmouthe. ¶ And when Octouyan wiste þat, he assemblede a  
 grete power' of Britons, and descomfitede Taberne. ¶ And Taberne  
 fledde þens into Scotlande, and ordeynede þere a<sup>3</sup> grete power', and  
 8 come aþeyne into þis lande forto zeue bataile anopere tyme to<sup>4</sup>  
 Octouyan. ¶ When Octouyan herde telle þat, he assemblede a  
 grete power', and come towarde Taberne as miche as he myzt, so  
 þat þo<sup>5</sup> ij hostes metten oppon Staynesmore, and strongely<sup>6</sup> smyten  
 12 to-gederes.<sup>7</sup> and þo was Octouyan descomfitede, and fledde þens  
 into Norwaye; and Taberne seisede al þe lande into his hande,<sup>8</sup>  
 Tounes, castelles, and<sup>5</sup> as mich as þai þere hade. ¶ And sipenes<sup>9</sup>  
 Octouyan come aþeyne fro Norway wiþ a grete power', & slough  
 16 Taberne, & seisede<sup>10</sup> al þe lande aþeyne<sup>3</sup> into his honde, & drof  
 oute alle þe Romayns, <sup>11</sup>and was þo made Kyng, and regnede.

How Maximian, þat was þe Emperoure; cosyn <sup>12</sup>of Rome  
 spousesede Octouyane; douzter, and was made kyng,  
 20 ¶ Capitulo xlvij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>12</sup>

**T**His Kyng<sup>5</sup> Octouian gouernede þis<sup>13</sup> lande wel and nobly<sup>14</sup>;  
 but he<sup>15</sup> nad<sup>16</sup> none heire, saf a douzter þat was a zonge  
 childe, þat he louede as miche as his lif. and forasmiche þat he wax  
 24 sike, and was in<sup>17</sup> poynt of deþ, and myzt no lenger' regne, he wolde  
 haue made one of his Neveus to haue bene<sup>18</sup> kyng', þe whiche was  
 a<sup>19</sup> noble knyzt' and<sup>20</sup> stronge man, þat me callede Conan Merche-  
 dok',<sup>21</sup> and he shulde haue kepte þe kynges douzter, & haue<sup>15</sup> mariede  
 28 her' when tyme hade bene; but þe lordes of þe lande wolde nouzt  
 suffre hit, but 3af here conseile to bene<sup>22</sup> mariede to some hye man  
 of great honour, and þan myzt she haue al her' wille at<sup>23</sup> þe conseile  
 of þe Emperoure Constantyne, here Lorde. and at þis conseile, þai  
 32 accordede and chose<sup>24</sup> þo Cador, Erl of Cornewail, forto<sup>25</sup> wende

<sup>1</sup> among O.    <sup>2</sup> to O.    <sup>3</sup> om. DO.    <sup>4</sup> vnto O.    <sup>5</sup> om. O.

<sup>6</sup> strongliche D.    <sup>7</sup> to-gider' O.    <sup>8</sup> handis O.    <sup>9</sup> seth O.

<sup>10</sup> seisede aþeyn D.    seised aþen O.    <sup>11</sup> leaf 17, back.

<sup>12-12</sup> conquerede the lande of American and 3af it to Conan Meriedok' D.

<sup>13</sup> þe O.    <sup>14</sup> wisely D.    <sup>15</sup> om. D.    <sup>16</sup> ne had O.

<sup>17</sup> oppo[n] D.    vp O.    <sup>18</sup> be O.    <sup>19</sup> an O.    <sup>20</sup> and a DO.

<sup>21</sup> Meriedok D.    Meridiok' O.    <sup>22</sup> be DO.    <sup>23</sup> and DO.

<sup>24</sup> chosen O.    <sup>25</sup> to O.

to þe Emperour to<sup>1</sup> done<sup>2</sup> þis<sup>3</sup> message. and he toke<sup>4</sup> þe way, and went to Rome, and tolde þe Emperour þis tydynges<sup>5</sup> wel and wiselich.<sup>6</sup> and þe Emperoure sent þo into þis lande with him his owen cosyn, þat was his Vncles<sup>7</sup> sone, a noble knyzt and<sup>8</sup> 4 stronge, þat me callede Maximian; and he spousede Octouyanus douzter, and was cronede kyng of þis lande.

How Maximian, þat was þe Emperoures cosyn, conquerede the Lande of American, and gaf it to Conan Meriedok.<sup>8</sup>  
¶ *Capitulo xlix<sup>o</sup>.*

**T**His Kyng Maximian bicom so real, þat he þouzt conquere þe lande of American for þe grete richesse þat he harde<sup>9</sup> telle þat was in þat lande; so þat<sup>10</sup> he ne<sup>10</sup> lefte<sup>11</sup> man þat<sup>12</sup> was of worþi- 12 nesse—knyzt,<sup>13</sup> squyer<sup>1</sup>, ne none opere man—þat he ne toke ham<sup>14</sup> with him, to grete damage and harme to al þe lande,<sup>15</sup> but nome ham with him fram<sup>16</sup> þis lande, xxx M<sup>1</sup> knyztes þat were doughty mennes bodyes, and went ouer<sup>1</sup> into þe lande of American, and þere slough 16 þe kyng þat me callede Imbal, and conquerede al þe lande. ¶ And when he hade so done,<sup>2</sup> he callede Conan, and saide: “For-asmiche as þe Kyng Octouyan wolde haue made 3ow kyng<sup>1</sup> of Britaigne, and þrouz me ze were lette and destourblede, þat ze were nouzt kyng<sup>1</sup>, 20 I zeue 3ow al þis lande of American, and 3ow þerof make kyng<sup>1</sup>. ¶ And for-asmiche as ze beth<sup>17</sup> a Britouñ, and 3oure men also, and bene comen fram<sup>18</sup> Britaigne, I wille þat þis lande haue þe same name, and nomore bene<sup>19</sup> callede American, but bene<sup>19</sup> callede ‘litel 24 Britaigne’; and þe lande fro whens ze<sup>20</sup> beþe comen<sup>20</sup> shal bene<sup>21</sup> callede ‘michel Britaigne’; and so shul<sup>22</sup> men know þat one<sup>23</sup> Britaigne fram<sup>24</sup> þat opere.” Conan Meriedok<sup>1</sup> þankedede him hendeliche<sup>25</sup>; and so was he made kyng<sup>1</sup> of litel Britaigne. and when 28 al þis was done,<sup>2</sup> Maxence<sup>26</sup> went þens to Rome, and þere was<sup>27</sup> made Emperour after Constantyne. ¶ Conan Meriedok duellede in<sup>28</sup> litel Britaigne with michel<sup>29</sup> honour, and lete ordeyne ij M<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> forto DO.      <sup>2</sup> do O.

<sup>3</sup> MS. þis homage, *with homage underlined for omission.*

<sup>4</sup> none DO.      <sup>5</sup> tydyng<sup>1</sup> D.      tydyng<sup>e</sup> O.      <sup>6</sup> wysely O.

<sup>7</sup> Vnkel O.      <sup>8</sup> and a DO.      <sup>9</sup> hade D.      <sup>10–10</sup> om. D.

<sup>11</sup> leaf 18.      <sup>12</sup> om. O.      <sup>13</sup> knyzt ne D.      <sup>14</sup> om. DO.

<sup>15</sup> lande for he lefte at home bihynde him no man to kepe the lande D. land<sup>1</sup> for he left at home behynde hym no man to kepe þe land<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>16</sup> fro DO.      <sup>17</sup> be O.      <sup>18</sup> fro O.      <sup>19</sup> be DO.

<sup>20–20</sup> beth come D.      be come O.      <sup>21</sup> be DO.      <sup>22</sup> schuld O.

<sup>23</sup> o DO.      <sup>24</sup> fro O.      <sup>25</sup> hendely D.      hyndly O.      <sup>26</sup> Maximian DO.

<sup>27</sup> was þo DO.      <sup>28</sup> in the D.      in þe O.      <sup>29</sup> mych O.



ploughmen of þe lande forto erie þe lande,<sup>1</sup> to harwe <sup>2</sup>it and sowe,<sup>2</sup> and feffede ham alle rychely, after<sup>3</sup> þat þai were. ¶ And<sup>3</sup> for-asmiche þat Kyng Conan, ne none of his knyȝtes, ne none of his  
 4 opere peple, wolde nouȝt take wifes of þe nacioñ of Fraunce, he þo sent<sup>4</sup> into grete Britaig[n]e, to þe Erl of Cornewaile þat me callede Dionotho, þat chees þrouȝ-oute alle þe lande xj M<sup>t</sup> <sup>4</sup>of maydenes, þat is to seyne, viij M<sup>t</sup> for the mene peple, and iij M<sup>t</sup> for þe  
 8 grettest lordes þat schulde ham spouse. ¶ And when Dionotho hade tak<sup>5</sup> þis commandement,<sup>6</sup> he lete þo seche þrouȝ-out al grete Britaigne as meny as þe nombre come to, for noman derst wiȝstande his commandement,<sup>7</sup> for-asmichel<sup>8</sup> as al þe lande was taken<sup>9</sup> him  
 12 to warde and kepe, to do<sup>10</sup> al þing<sup>t</sup> þat him þo likede.<sup>7</sup> ¶ And when alle þe maydenes were assemblede, he lete ham comme bifore him to Londoñ, and lete ordeyne for ham shippes hastely, as miche<sup>11</sup> as ham nedet to þat viage, and toke<sup>12</sup> his owen doughter  
 16 þat me callede Vrsula, þat was þe faireste creature þat eny man wist<sup>t</sup>, and wolde haue sent her<sup>3</sup> to Kyng Conan, þat schulde haue spousede here, and made here quene of <sup>13</sup>litel Britaigne<sup>13</sup>; but she hade made priuely<sup>14</sup> to God a vow of chastite, þat here fader wiste  
 20 it<sup>15</sup> nouȝt, ne noman <sup>16</sup>elles<sup>17</sup> þat was leuyng oppoñ erþe.<sup>16</sup>

**How Vrsula, and xj M<sup>t</sup> of maydenes þat were in here company, went towarde litel Britaigne, & al<sup>18</sup> were martrede at Coloigne. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Quinquagesimo.**

24 **T**His Vrsula chees into her<sup>3</sup><sup>19</sup> company xj M<sup>t</sup> maydenes<sup>20</sup> þat of al opere she was lady and maistres; and alle þai went<sup>21</sup> into þe shippis at on<sup>22</sup> tyme, in þe water þat me calleþ<sup>23</sup> Tamise; and commandede her<sup>3</sup> kyn and alle her<sup>3</sup> frendes to almyȝty God, and  
 28 sailede forþ towarde litel Britaigne. But when þai were comen<sup>24</sup> in þe hye see, a stronge tempest<sup>t</sup> arose, as it was Goddes wil; and Vrsula, wiȝ her<sup>3</sup> shippis and here company, was<sup>25</sup> dryuen, and þo xj M<sup>t</sup> maidenenes, toward<sup>t</sup><sup>26</sup> Hundelande, þrouȝ tempest<sup>t</sup>, and arryuede in þe

<sup>1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2-2</sup> and to sowe D.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 18, back.

<sup>5</sup> vnderstonde D.    vndirfonge O.

<sup>6</sup> comandement for-as-miche as al þe lande was tak him to warde and kepe to done alþing<sup>t</sup> þat him þo likede D.

<sup>7-7</sup> om. D.    <sup>8</sup> for-as-mich O.    <sup>9</sup> take O.    <sup>10</sup> done O.

<sup>11</sup> as meny O.    <sup>12</sup> nome DO.    <sup>13-13</sup> the lande D.    þ<sup>e</sup> land<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>14</sup> priueliche D.    <sup>15</sup> MS. his    <sup>16-16</sup> þat leuede D.    <sup>17</sup> eñ O.

<sup>18</sup> alle þai D.    alle þey O.

<sup>19</sup> her<sup>3</sup> company D.    here Cumpanye O.    her<sup>3</sup> R.

<sup>20</sup> of maydeyns D.    of Maydenes O.    <sup>21</sup> wenten O.    <sup>22</sup> o O.

<sup>23</sup> called þ<sup>e</sup> O.    <sup>24</sup> come O.    <sup>25</sup> were O.    <sup>26</sup> towardes O.

hauen of <sup>1</sup>þe citee of Coloigne. ¶ The kyng of þe lande, þat me callede Gowan, was þo in þe citee; and when he wist þo<sup>2</sup> tydynges, þat so meny faire maydenes were þere arryuede, he tok<sup>3</sup> Elga his broþer, and oþere of his householde, wiþ him, and went to þe 4 shippes to see þat fair<sup>4</sup> company. and when he sawe ham so faire,<sup>4</sup> he and his company wolde haue ham ouerlayne, and bynome<sup>5</sup> here maydenhode. ¶ but Vrsula, þat gode mayde, conseilede, prayede, warnede, and tauzte ham þat were here felowes,<sup>6</sup> þat þai 8 shulde defende ham wiþ al her<sup>7</sup> myzt, and rap<sup>er</sup> suffre deth þan suffre here <sup>7</sup>bodies bene<sup>7</sup> defouled. ¶ So þat alle þe maydenes bicome so stedefast in God, þat þai defendede ham þrouz his<sup>8</sup> grace, so þat none of ham hade power<sup>9</sup> to done ham eny shame; 12 wherfore þe kyng was<sup>9</sup> so sore annoiede, þat he, for wrap, lete slee ham euerychoñ<sup>10</sup> anone ryght; and so were alle þe maidenes martrede for þe loue of God, and ligget<sup>11</sup> at Coloyne.

**How Kyng Gowan come forto destroye þis lande; and how 16  
aman of grete power<sup>1</sup>, þat me callede Gracian, defendede þe  
lande. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Qui[n]quagesimo ¶ Primo.**

**W**Hen al þis was done,<sup>12</sup> Kyng Gowan, þat was a sarasyn, callede his broþer Elga, and saide to him þat he shulde 20 gone<sup>13</sup> to conquare þe lande þat alle þo<sup>14</sup> faire maydenes were borne<sup>15</sup> in. and he ordeynede þo a grete power<sup>1</sup> of Peihtes, of Denmarc, of Orkeneye, and of Norwaye, and þai comen into þis lande, and brent tounes, and slough folc, and caste adone cherches and houses<sup>16</sup> of 24 religioun, and robbede the lande in lengh and in<sup>17</sup> brede, and put to deth alle þo þat wolde nocht forsake þe ryght bileue and cristen-dome, for-asmiche as þere was none<sup>18</sup> souerayne in the lande þat myzt ham helpe or <sup>19</sup>defende. ¶ For þe Kyng Maximian hade 28 taken<sup>20</sup> wiþ him alle þe worþi men, when he went to conquare lital Britaigne. and in þe same tyme þat 3e hure now telle, was Seynt Albone martrede þrouz þe wode tyraunt Diodician in þe same place, wherin is now an Abbay made of Seynt Albone, whiles þat he was 32 a paynyme. ¶ But he conuertede him towarde God, þrouz þe pre-dicacioun of a grete clerc and a wyse, þat me callede Ancibeñ,<sup>21</sup> þat

<sup>1</sup> leaf 19.    <sup>2</sup> þe O.    <sup>3</sup> nome DO.    <sup>4</sup> fayne sic O.

<sup>5</sup> bynomen O.    <sup>6</sup> felawes D. ffelaws O. fellow R.    <sup>7-7</sup> body to be O.

<sup>8</sup> his O. here R.    <sup>9</sup> Gowan wox D.    Gowan wax O.    <sup>10</sup> echeon O.

<sup>11</sup> ligen D.    <sup>12</sup> do O.    <sup>13</sup> go DO.    <sup>14</sup> þe D.    <sup>15</sup> bore O.

<sup>16</sup> house O.    <sup>17</sup> om. O.    <sup>18</sup> no DO.    <sup>19</sup> leaf 19, back.

<sup>20</sup> take O.    <sup>21</sup> Affabett O.

was herburghede a nyght in his house ; and þis was after þe Incarnacioñ of Ihesu Crist .ij C. <sup>xx</sup>iiij. vj zere. and men shullen<sup>1</sup> vnder stonde þat Seynt Albone soffrede his martredome bifore þat<sup>2</sup> Seynt 4 Edmunde was martrede ; and þerfore is seynt Albone callede þe ferst<sup>t</sup> martre of Engelande. ¶ This Gowan<sup>us</sup> broþer, & his folk<sup>t</sup>, þat<sup>3</sup> were Sarasynes,<sup>4</sup> went þrouz-oute þe Lande, and destroyede al þing þat þai fonde ; and no þing þai ne sparede. ¶ When þis tyd- 8 yng come to Rome, how þat Kyng Gowan hade bigonne forto destroye þis lande, þe Emperour and þo of Rome sent a stronge man, and of grete power<sup>t</sup>, þat me callede Gracian, w[ith] xxiiij<sup>5</sup> M<sup>t</sup> men wel feightyng<sup>t</sup>, forto caste oute Sarasynes of þis lande, and 12 alle þai arryuede<sup>6</sup> at Portesmouthe. Maximian myzt nouzt come him-self,<sup>7</sup> for-asmiche as he was chosen Emperoure after þe deþ of Constantyn, þat was Seynt Elynnes sone. ¶ When þis Gracian was arryuede wip his host<sup>t</sup>, he lete asprie priuely<sup>8</sup> wher þe<sup>9</sup> Kyng Gowan 16 myzt<sup>10</sup> bene founden<sup>10</sup> ; and he come vppoñ<sup>11</sup> hiñ sodeynly,<sup>11</sup> as þai Lay in her<sup>t</sup> beddes, <sup>12</sup>and descomfitede ham, and sloughe<sup>12</sup> 18 <sup>13</sup>echeon,<sup>14</sup> þat non of hem Ascaped<sup>t</sup> saf Gowan, þat fledde with mych sorowe in-to his cuntre. Sone aftir yt byfel þat Maximian 20 was slayn at Rome, þurgh<sup>15</sup> treson) ; And when Gracian wyst þe tydyngge, he let Croune hym kyng of þis land<sup>t</sup>.

**How Gracyan made hym kyng whan Maximian was slayn ; & after,<sup>16</sup> þe Brytouns quelled<sup>t</sup> hym for his wikkydnesse.**

24 **Capitulo quinquagesimo ij<sup>o</sup>.**

**T**his Gracian,<sup>17</sup> when he gan<sup>17</sup> forto regne, he bycome so wykked & so sterne, & so mych sorow wrought to þe Britouñs, þat þey slow hym amonges hem. ¶ Tho Kyng Gowan had vndirstande 28 þat Gracian was do<sup>18</sup> to deth, he Assembled a gret power, & come azen in-to þis land<sup>t</sup> ; & yf he had arst don<sup>a</sup> <sup>19</sup>grete harme, þo dede he mych more ; for þo distroyed he al this land, & al<sup>20</sup> Crysten peple þat was in Myche Brytaine, so þat no man was so<sup>19</sup> hardy for-to 32 nempne God<sup>t</sup> ; & ho þat dede, anon he was put to strong deth.

<sup>1</sup> shul D. Shulden O. <sup>2</sup> om. O. <sup>3</sup> þai D. <sup>4</sup> Sarasines & D.

<sup>5</sup> xxiiij O. <sup>6</sup> arryueden O. <sup>7</sup> him D. <sup>8</sup> pryueliche D. <sup>9</sup> that D.

<sup>10-10</sup> be founde D<sup>O</sup>. <sup>11-11</sup> ham sodeynliche D. hem sodeynly O.

<sup>12-12</sup> and slow ham in her<sup>t</sup> beddes D. om. O.

<sup>13</sup> MS. Rawl. B. 171 has two leaves missing here. They have been supplied from MS. Douce 323 (O). [MS. Douce 323, leaf 17.]

<sup>14</sup> eueryche on D. <sup>15</sup> with D. <sup>16</sup> afterwarde D.

<sup>17-17</sup> when he biganne D. he began O. <sup>18</sup> done D. <sup>19</sup> om. D.

<sup>20</sup> alle þe D.

¶ But þe bysshop of London þat was þo, þat me called Gosselyn, scaped, & went þens to hem of Rome, to seche socour for-to helpe dystroye þe Sarazins þat had dystroyed þis land. ¶ And þe Romayns seyde<sup>1</sup> þat þey hadde be<sup>2</sup> so ofte anoyed for her sendyng<sup>4</sup> after folk in-to Brytaine, al for-to helpe þe Britouns, & þey wold no more so do.<sup>3</sup> And so þe Bysshop Gosselyn went þens with-oute<sup>4</sup> ony Socour or helpe; & þo went he to þe Kyng of litil Brytaine, þat me called Aldroye, & þis was þe iij kyng after Gowan Meridiok, 8 as bifore is sayd. The bysshop prayed this Kyng Aldroye of socour & of helpe. the kyng hadde<sup>5</sup> herd how þe bysshop fledde, & how þat<sup>6</sup> þe<sup>7</sup> Crystene men were slayn in gret Brytaine þurgh Paynyns & Sarazins, & he graunted hym Constantyn his broþer, hym<sup>6</sup> for-to 12 helpe, with Poer of folk, & hem dede arraye hors armure, & schippes, & al thing þat hem neded to þat viage. and when al thing was redy, he called þe bysshop, & to hym seyde: "I take þou here to helpe & socour Constantyn my broþer, vpon this couenaunt, 16 þat zif God zife hym grace, þe Paynyns & Sarazins to schende & discomfite, þat þanne ze make hym kyng of þe land": & þe bysshop yt graunted with good wyll. ¶ Constantyn & þe bysshop<sup>8</sup> nome leue þo of þe Kyng Aldroye, & by-took hym to<sup>9</sup> God, & nome her 20 men xij M, & went in-to her schippes, & sayled toward þe gret Brytaine, & Arruyed in Tottenesse. whan þe Britouns herd<sup>10</sup> þe tydyng<sup>10</sup> þat to hem come socour, þey<sup>11</sup> were stronglich holpyn, & ordeigned hem an huge nombre of peple,<sup>12</sup> & come to hem, & hem 24 vndirfongen with mychel honour. ¶ Gowan, anon as he wyste of this þyng, he Assemblyd aH þe Sarazins, & come azens hym,<sup>13</sup> & zaf batayll. And Constantyn slow hym with his owne hand; & aH þe othere Sarazins were discomfited & slayn, þat non aschaped but þo 28 þat were<sup>6</sup> conuerted vnto God.

**How Constantyn, þat was þe kynges broþer of litel Britaigne, was Crowned<sup>14</sup> kyng, for his worþines, of mych Bretaigne.<sup>14</sup>**  
**Capitulo liij<sup>o</sup>.** 32

**A**non, aftir þe batayll, alle þey went to London, & crowned þere Constantyn, & made hym kyng of þis lond. And þe bysshop Gosselyn sette þe Croune vpon his hed,<sup>15</sup> & anoynted hym, as

<sup>1</sup> sayden D.    <sup>2</sup> bene D.    <sup>3</sup> done D.

<sup>4</sup> wiþ-ouen D.    <sup>5</sup> hade grete pitee in hert when he D.

<sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> MS. þe Chi, with Chi underlined for erasure.

<sup>8</sup> bisshop tho D.    <sup>9</sup> him to D.    hym O.    <sup>10-10</sup> tydynges D.

<sup>11</sup> ther D.    <sup>12</sup> leaf 17, back.    <sup>13</sup> ham D.

<sup>14-14</sup> kyng of michel britaigne for his worþinesse D.    <sup>15</sup> heuede D.

falleth to<sup>1</sup> A kyng <sup>2</sup>for-to be<sup>2</sup>; & þ<sup>o</sup> bygan Crystendom. This<sup>3</sup> Constantyn,<sup>4</sup> whan he was Crouned, anon aftir he spoused his wyf þurgh counceil of þ<sup>e</sup> Britouns; & he begate iij Sones on her: 4 þ<sup>e</sup> ferst me called Constaunce,<sup>5</sup> þat other Aurylambros, & þ<sup>e</sup> iij Vter. ¶ Constance, þ<sup>e</sup> eldest brother, when he come to Age, made<sup>6</sup> hym a monke at Wynchestre. Constantyn here fadir was slayn þurgh tresow; for it byfeth vpon a tyme þat a Pohete come to hym 8 vpon a day, in Message as yt were, & seyde þat he wolde speke with þe kyng pryuyly<sup>7</sup> in Counceyl. The kyng lete voyde his Chambre of þ<sup>o</sup> men þat were with-Inne; & þo Abide<sup>8</sup> þere nomo<sup>9</sup> but þ<sup>e</sup> kyng & þe Pohete, & made a Contenaunce as þey<sup>10</sup> wolde 12 speke to-gidere<sup>11</sup> in his ere; & þere he qwelled hym with a long knyf; & after, went qweyntly out of þ<sup>e</sup> Chambre in-to anoper Chambre; so at þe laste no man wyst wher he was bycome.<sup>12</sup> ¶ When þ<sup>e</sup> kynges men it wyste, þat here lord was so ded, þei made 16 so mych sorowe<sup>13</sup> þey nyst <sup>14</sup>ah what for-to<sup>14</sup> done, for-as-mych as his ij sones, Aurylambros & Vter, weren so yenge þat non of hem myght be kyng; & þ<sup>e</sup> iij<sup>15</sup> broþer was monke at Wynchestre, as <sup>16</sup>I sayd before.<sup>16</sup> ¶ But Vortiger, þat was Erl of Westsex, þought 20 pryuyly<sup>17</sup> in his herte, thurgh queyntise, to be<sup>18</sup> kyng; & went to Wynchestre þer þat Constaunce was<sup>19</sup> monk, & to hym seyde: “Constaunce,” quod he, “þoure fadir is ded, & þour ij breþerin þat ben with Gosselyn, þ<sup>e</sup> bysshop of London, to noryssh, beth so yeng, 24 þat non of hem may be kyng; wherfore y counseyle þat 3e forsake þoure Abyte, & come<sup>20</sup> with me, & I schal do so to þ<sup>e</sup> Brytouns þat 3e schul be made kyng.”

Of Constaunce, þat was<sup>21</sup> Constantynus sone, þat was Monk at 28 Wynchestr; & how he was made kyng after his faders deth, þurgh Counceil of Vortiger, þat was Erle of Westsex, for-as-mych as Aurilambros & Vter, his ij breþerin, were but of yonge age, & <sup>22</sup>was slayn.<sup>22</sup> *Capitulo liiij<sup>o</sup>.*

32 **T**his Vortiger counceyled þis Constaunce so mych tyl he forsook his Abyte, & went with hym. & anon aftir, he was Crouned and made kyng by Assent of þ<sup>e</sup> Brytouns. This kyng Constance,

<sup>1</sup> for D.      <sup>2-2</sup> to bene D.      <sup>3</sup> This kyng D.

<sup>4</sup> MS. has Constantyn her fadir, with her fadir struck out.

<sup>5</sup> Constance and D.      <sup>6</sup> he made D.      make O.      <sup>7</sup> pryueliche D.

<sup>8</sup> abode D.      <sup>9</sup> noman D.      <sup>10</sup> thouz he D.      <sup>11</sup> with þe kyng D.

<sup>12</sup> bicomen D.      <sup>13</sup> sorw that D.      <sup>14-14</sup> what to D.      <sup>15</sup> eldest D.

<sup>16-16</sup> is saide biforne D.      <sup>17</sup> pryueliche D.      <sup>18</sup> ben D.

<sup>19</sup> was made D.      <sup>20</sup> comeþ D.      <sup>21</sup> was kyng D.

<sup>22-22</sup> Vortiger lete him slee to ben kyng himself D.

whan he was crowned & made kyng, he wüst ne knew but litil of þe world, ne cowde<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>no thing as knyghthood axed, he made Vortiger his maister & his chef Counceillour, & yaf hym aH his power, for-to ordeigne & do as myche as to þe reaume perteyned, so 4 þat hym-self no þing<sup>1</sup> entrauelled, but only<sup>3</sup> bare þe name of kyng.  
¶ Whan Vortiger saw þat he had al þe<sup>4</sup> land in his warde & governayle, at his owne wyH, he þought A pryue Treson, & þought to sle Constance þe kyng, þat he myght hym-self<sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>be 8 Crowned & made<sup>5</sup> kyng & regne, & lete sende after a<sup>6</sup> C knyghtes of Pehetes, þe worthiest of<sup>7</sup> þe land, & hem helde<sup>8</sup> *with* hym, <sup>9</sup>to duelle wiþ him, <sup>10</sup>and<sup>9</sup> to bene<sup>10</sup> Kepers of his body, as he wolde wende þrouz þe lande to ordeyne þinges þat perteynede to a Kyng.<sup>12</sup>  
¶ And þis Vortiger honourede so miche þo C knyghtes, and so miche 3af ham of golde and siluer, & so ryche reweH,<sup>11</sup> robes, hors, and opere noble plente, wherfore þai helde him more lorde þan þai deden<sup>12</sup> þe kyng. ¶ And Vortiger<sup>1</sup> tolde ham, if þat he <sup>13</sup>moste 16 bene<sup>13</sup> kyng, he,<sup>6</sup> as it were þrouz tresouñ, he wolde make ham<sup>14</sup> richest of þe lande. so<sup>15</sup> at the laste, þrouz grete 3iftes þat he<sup>16</sup> hade 3eue largely, þai crieden<sup>17</sup> þrouz þe court þat Vortiger were better worþi ben<sup>18</sup> kyng þan Constance; wherfore Vortiger made sem- 20 blant as þauz<sup>19</sup> he hade bene<sup>20</sup> wroþ, and departede þens fro þe court, and saide he most<sup>21</sup> gone elles-where<sup>21</sup> for þing þat he hade to done; and so þe traitoure 3ede<sup>22</sup> for<sup>23</sup> enchesouñ þat þai<sup>24</sup> shulde slee<sup>25</sup> him, þat is to seyne,<sup>25</sup> Constance. ¶ When þis Vortiger was 24 gone, hit bifelle sone after þat þo C knyghtz of Peightes breken<sup>26</sup> þe dores of þe kynges chambre, and þere þai him slough and smoten<sup>27</sup> of his heuede,<sup>28</sup> and bare it to Vortiger<sup>1</sup> þere þat he duellede. and when Vortiger saw þat heuede,<sup>28</sup> he wepte ful tenderly wiþ his eye; 28 and nopelese he was some dele glade of his deth, and anone lete take þo<sup>29</sup> C knyghtes of Peightes, & bonde<sup>30</sup> here hondes bihynde ham, and lade ham to London; & þere þai were dampnede to deth

<sup>1</sup> coupe D.<sup>2</sup> leaf 18.<sup>3</sup> onliche D.<sup>4</sup> þis D.<sup>5-5</sup> ben cronede D.<sup>6</sup> om. D.<sup>7</sup> of al D.<sup>8</sup> with-helde D.<sup>9-9</sup> om. D.

[MS. Rawl. B. 171, leaf 20.]

<sup>10-10</sup> as to be O.<sup>11</sup> Jewels O.<sup>12</sup> þai deden D. þey dede O. deden R.<sup>13-13</sup> miht ben D.

must be O.

<sup>14</sup> hym O.<sup>15</sup> So þat O.<sup>16</sup> þai D.<sup>17</sup> criede D. Cryede O.<sup>18</sup> to be O.<sup>19</sup> om. DO.<sup>20</sup> be O.<sup>21-21</sup> gone elles-whider D. go elles-whedir O.<sup>22</sup> saide D.

seyde O.

<sup>23</sup> MS. for tresouñ, with tresouñ underlined for crasure.<sup>24</sup> MS. þat.<sup>25-25</sup> om. D. hym þat is to sey O.<sup>26</sup> broken D.<sup>27</sup> snyten O.<sup>28</sup> heed O.<sup>29</sup> þe D.<sup>30</sup> bynde O.

as false *traitoures*. ¶ and anone after, al þe britons of þe lande, by *commune assent*, *cronede þere Vortiger*, & made him kyng of þe<sup>1</sup> lande.

4 How þe wardeynes þat hade þo<sup>2</sup> ij<sup>3</sup> childerne to kepe, þat were  
 4Constantines sones, lade ham to litel Britaigne, for the  
*tresouñ* and falsenesse of Vortiger. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Quin-  
 quagesimo ¶ Quinto.

8 **T**His kyng Vortiger, when he was *cronede*, þo þat<sup>5</sup> hade þe ij<sup>5</sup>  
 childerne in kepyng, Aurilambros and Vter, þrouz ordenance  
 of Gosselyn, þat was bisshop of Londoñ at his deþ, derst nouzt  
 duelle in the lande wiþ þe childerne,<sup>6</sup> but lade ham to þe kyng of  
 12 litel Britaigne, forasmiche as he þo wiste þe *tresouñ* of Vortiger, þat  
 þo was made Kyng, þrouz wham Constance here broþer was slayn,  
 wherfore þo C̄ knyzttes of Peightes were put to þe<sup>3</sup> deth, and bare  
 al þe blame, as þeiȝt Vortiger<sup>7</sup> hade nouzt wiste<sup>7</sup> þerof, noþer þerto  
 16 consentede; and so þe Kepers of þo ij childerne drade<sup>8</sup> laste  
 Vortiger wolde put ham to deth, þrouz his *tresouñ* and falsenesse, as  
 he hade done<sup>9</sup> her broþer biforne; and þerfor þai wer ladde ouer  
 into litel Britaigne, and þe kyng ham resceyuede wiþ michel<sup>10</sup>  
 20 honour, and lete ham to norisshe; and þere þai duellede til þai  
 bicome fair knyzteȝ, &<sup>3</sup> st[r]ong and ferse, and þouzt<sup>11</sup> euer to  
 bene<sup>12</sup> avengede of<sup>13</sup> þe deth of Constantyne<sup>14</sup> here broþer, when  
 þai saw here tyme; and so þai deden,<sup>15</sup> as þe<sup>16</sup> shul hur<sup>17</sup> aftirward.  
 24 ¶ Hit was nouzt long after, þat<sup>18</sup> þe tydynges ne<sup>18</sup> come ouer þe see,  
 to þe kynrede of þe C̄ knyzteȝ of<sup>19</sup> Peightes þat were dampnede and  
 put to þe<sup>20</sup> deth þrouz Vortiger in þis lande; þerfore þai<sup>21</sup> weren  
 wonderly<sup>21</sup> wrope, & sworn þat þai<sup>22</sup> [23 would be<sup>23</sup> avenged of her  
 28 kins death,] and comen into þis lande wiþ a grete power, & rob-  
 beden<sup>24</sup> in meny places, & slouȝ,<sup>25</sup> & dede<sup>26</sup> al þe sorw þat<sup>27</sup> þai  
 myȝt. ¶ When Vortiger hit wiste, he<sup>28</sup> made<sup>29</sup> sorw ynow<sup>29</sup> and

1 þis D. 2 om. O. 3 om. D. 4 leaf 20, back.

5-5 hade þo D. ij sic O.

6 MS. childerne of þe lande, with of þe lande *underlined for erasure*.

7-7 wist nouzt D. 8 dradden O. 9 do O.

10 mych O. 11 boughten O. 12 be O. 13 vpon O.

14 Constance O. 15 dede O. 16 ȝe DO.

17 her tel D. her telle O.

18-18 tydyng O. 19 of þe O. 20 om. DO.

21-21 weren wonder D. were wonderly O. 22 MS. þai wonderly wroþ.

23-23 wolde ben D. wolden ben O. 24 robbed O.

25 quelleden in meny places D. quelled O. 26 deden D. 27 as O.

28 leaf 21. 29-29 miche sorw D. mych sorowe O.

sore was annoyede; and in a-noþer partie also tydynges<sup>1</sup> come<sup>2</sup> þat Aurilambros & Vter<sup>3</sup> ordeynede ham,<sup>4</sup> and assemblede a grete hoste forto<sup>5</sup> come into michel<sup>6</sup> Britaigne, þat is to seyne, into þis lande, to bene<sup>7</sup> avenged of Constance<sup>8</sup> dede her' broþer<sup>8</sup>; so þat 4<sup>9</sup> in one<sup>9</sup> half and in þat oþer he was brouzt into so<sup>10</sup> miche sorwe þat he nyst' whider' to wende.

**How Engist and xj M<sup>i</sup> men come into þis lande, to whom Vortiger 3af a place þat<sup>11</sup> is callede<sup>11</sup> Thongecastell. 8 Capitulo lvj<sup>to</sup>.**

**A**Nd sone after' þis<sup>12</sup> sorw, tidynges<sup>12</sup> come to Vortiger, þat a grete nauye<sup>13</sup> of straungers were arryuede in<sup>14</sup> Kent; but þai wist nouzt whens<sup>15</sup> þai were, ne wherfore þai were comen.<sup>16</sup> ¶ The Kyng sent anone messagers<sup>17</sup> pider', þat somme of ham shulde come and speke wiþ him, forto wete what folc þai werne, and what þai axede, and into what contre þai wolde gone.<sup>18</sup> ¶ þere were ij breþerne, Prynces and maistres of þat straunge company: 16 þat on me callede Engist, and þat oþere Horn. Engist went þo<sup>10</sup> to þe kyng, & tolde to him encheson wherfore þai were þere arryuede in his<sup>19</sup> lande, and saide: "sire! we beth<sup>20</sup> of a contre þat<sup>21</sup> is callede<sup>21</sup> Saxoyne, þat is, þe Lande of Germain, wherin is 20 so<sup>10</sup> miche sorw, þat<sup>22</sup> þe peple is<sup>23</sup> so myche þat þe lande may<sup>24</sup> nouzt ham<sup>24</sup> sustene ne suffice. ¶ The maystres & Prynces þat haueþ<sup>25</sup> þe lande to gouerne and rewele, shul done come bifore ham men and wymmen, þe<sup>26</sup> boldest<sup>27</sup> þat bene amonges ham 24 and best mowen<sup>27</sup> trauaile into diuerse<sup>28</sup> londes; and so þai<sup>29</sup> shal<sup>30</sup> ham 3eue Horse and harneyse, armure, and al þing þat ham nedep; and after' þai<sup>31</sup> say to ham þat þai go into anoþer contre, wher þat<sup>4</sup> þai<sup>32</sup> mowen leue,<sup>32</sup> as here auncestres deden<sup>33</sup> 28 biforne ham. and þerfore, sire kyng, if<sup>34</sup> 3e haue ouzt to

<sup>1</sup> tydyng' O.      <sup>2</sup> come to him D.      come to hym O.

<sup>3</sup> Vter' his broþer DO.      <sup>4</sup> om. D.      <sup>5</sup> for D.      <sup>6</sup> Mich O.

<sup>7</sup> be O.      <sup>8-8</sup> hir' broþeres deth D.      here broþers deth O.

<sup>9-9</sup> on o O.      <sup>10</sup> om. O.      <sup>11-11</sup> Called' is O.

<sup>12-12</sup> sorwe tydyng D.      tydyng O.

<sup>13</sup> meny D.      meyne O.      <sup>14</sup> in the contre of D.      in þe Cuntre of O.

<sup>15</sup> what D.      <sup>16</sup> come O.      <sup>17</sup> a messenger D.      a messenger O.

<sup>18</sup> go O.      <sup>19</sup> þis O.      <sup>20</sup> be O.      <sup>21-21</sup> called is O.      <sup>22</sup> þat yf O.

<sup>23</sup> be O.      <sup>24-24</sup> hem not O.      <sup>25</sup> hauen DO.      <sup>26</sup> that bene D.

<sup>27-27</sup> amonges ham forto fyt þat best mow D.      þat ben among hem for-to fight þat best mow O.

<sup>28</sup> diuerse D.      diuers O.      <sup>29</sup> leaf 21, back.      <sup>30</sup> shullen D.

<sup>31</sup> þai shul D.      þey schul O.

<sup>32-32</sup> mow leuen D.      mow lyue O.      <sup>33</sup> dede O.      <sup>34</sup> and D.



done wip oure company, we <sup>1</sup> bene comen<sup>1</sup> into 3oure lande; and wip gode wille 3ow wil serue, and 3our<sup>1</sup> lande helpe, kepe, & defende fram<sup>2</sup> 3oure enemys, if þat 3ow nedeþ." ¶ when Vortiger<sup>4</sup> herde þis tydynges,<sup>3</sup> he saide he wolde gladeliche<sup>4</sup> wiphalde ham, oppoñ soche couenant, if þai myzt delyuer<sup>1</sup> his lande of<sup>1</sup> his enemys, he wolde 3eue ham resonable landes, wher<sup>1</sup> þai shulde duelle for euermore. ¶ Engist þankede him godeliche; and in þis maner<sup>1</sup> he <sup>8</sup> and his company, ¶ xj. M<sup>t</sup> men, shulde duelle wip þe Kyng Vortiger; and so miche þai deden<sup>5</sup> þrouz here boldenesse, þat þai delyuerede þe lande clene of here<sup>6</sup> enemys. ¶ þo praiede Engist þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, of so miche lande þat he myzt make to him a citee, for <sup>12</sup> him and for his menyne.<sup>7</sup> ¶ The kyng ansuerede <sup>8</sup> & saide,<sup>8</sup> 'it was nouzt forto done<sup>9</sup> wipouten<sup>10</sup> conseile of his Britons.' ¶ Engist prayede him eftesones of as miche place as he myzt compassse wip a twonge of a skyn, wher<sup>1</sup> oppoñ he myzt make him <sup>16</sup> a maner<sup>1</sup>, and for his to duelle in<sup>11</sup>; and þe kyng grantede it<sup>12</sup> frely. ¶ þo tok<sup>13</sup> Engist a bole skyn, and cotte it as smale as he myzt<sup>t</sup>, al<sup>14</sup> into a twonge al rounde, & þer-wip compassede as miche lande as he <sup>15</sup> compassede; wher oppoñ he<sup>15</sup> made<sup>16</sup> a faire castel. <sup>20</sup> and when þis castel was ymade,<sup>17</sup> he lete calle it Twongecastel, for-as miche as þe place was merkede wip a twonge.

Of Ronewenne, þat was Engistes doughter<sup>1</sup>, <sup>18</sup> and how<sup>19</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> Vortyger [spou]sede her<sup>1</sup> <sup>20</sup> for here beaute.<sup>20</sup> C. lvij<sup>mo</sup>.

<sup>24</sup> **W**hen þis castel was makede,<sup>21</sup> and ful wel arraiede, Engist priuely sent bi lettre into þe contre þat he come of, after<sup>1</sup> an<sup>22</sup> hundrede shippis fillede with strange<sup>23</sup> men þat were bolde and wel feiztyng<sup>t</sup> in alle batailes; and þat þai shulde bryng<sup>t</sup> wip <sup>28</sup> ham Ronewenne, his douzter, þat was þe fairest creature þat eny<sup>24</sup> man myzt see. ¶ And when þe peple was comen, þat he hade<sup>22</sup> sende after<sup>1</sup>, he toke<sup>25</sup> ham into þe castel wip michel<sup>26</sup> ioye; and him<sup>27</sup> him-self, vppoñ a day, went vnto þe kyng<sup>t</sup>, and prayede him <sup>32</sup> derworly<sup>28</sup> þat he wolde come and see his new maner<sup>1</sup>, þat he hade made in þe place þat he hade compassede wip þe<sup>29</sup> twong of þe

<sup>1-1</sup> be come O.    <sup>2</sup> fro O.    <sup>3</sup> tydyng<sup>t</sup> DO.    <sup>4</sup> gladly DO.  
<sup>5</sup> dede O.    <sup>6</sup> his DO.    <sup>7</sup> meyne O.    <sup>8-8</sup> om. DO.    <sup>9</sup> do O.  
<sup>10</sup> wip-oute D.    with-oute O.    <sup>11</sup> on DO.    <sup>12</sup> him D.    hym O.  
<sup>13</sup> nome DO.    <sup>14</sup> om. O.    <sup>15-15</sup> om. DO.    <sup>16</sup> made vpon O.  
<sup>17</sup> made D.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 22.    <sup>19</sup> how þe D.    <sup>20-20</sup> om. O.    <sup>21</sup> made O.  
<sup>22</sup> om. D.    <sup>23</sup> stronge D.    <sup>24</sup> a DO.    <sup>25</sup> nome DO.    <sup>26</sup> mych O.  
<sup>27</sup> om. DO.    <sup>28</sup> derworthly D.    deworlyly O.    <sup>29</sup> a D.

skyn. þe kyng anone *grantede*<sup>1</sup> him frely, and wiþ him went bider<sup>2</sup>, and was wel payede wiþ þe castel & wiþ þe faire werk<sup>3</sup>; and togederes þere þai eten and dranken<sup>4</sup> wiþ michel<sup>5</sup> ioye. ¶ And when nyzt come, þat<sup>6</sup> þe kyng shulde go into his chambre forto<sup>7</sup> take þere his nyztes reste, Ronewenne, þat was Engistes douzter<sup>8</sup>, come wiþ a coupe of golde in here honde, and knelede bifore þe kyng, and saide to him “Whatsaile!” and þe kyng wist nouzt what it was forto<sup>9</sup> mene, ne what he shulde ansuere, for-asmiche as<sup>10</sup> himself<sup>11</sup> ne none of his Britons zitte coupe<sup>12</sup> none Englisthe speke, ne vnderstonde it, but speken<sup>13</sup> þo þat<sup>14</sup> same langage þat Britons zitte done. ¶ Noþeles, a Latymer<sup>15</sup> tolde þe kyng<sup>16</sup> þe fulle vnderstondyng<sup>17</sup> þerof ‘whatsaill’; and<sup>18</sup> þat oþer shulde<sup>19</sup> ansuere<sup>20</sup> 12 ‘drynkehaile’: and þat was þe ferst tyme þat ‘whatsaile’ and ‘drynkehaile’ come vp into þis lande; and fram<sup>21</sup> þat<sup>22</sup> tyme into<sup>23</sup> this tyme it Haþ bene wel vsede. ¶ The Kyng Vortiger<sup>24</sup> saw<sup>25</sup> þe fairenesse of Ronewenne, and his<sup>26</sup> arnes layde aboute here 16 nek<sup>27</sup>, and pries<sup>28</sup> swetely cussede hir<sup>29</sup>; and anone ryzt he was vnarmede oppoñ hire, þat he desirede to haue here to wyf, and axede of Engist<sup>30</sup> hir<sup>31</sup> fader<sup>32</sup>. and Engist *grantede*<sup>33</sup>, oppoñ þis couenaunt þat þe kyng shulde zeue him al the<sup>34</sup> contre of Kent, þat 20 he myzt duelle in, and al his<sup>35</sup> peple. þe kyng hym *grantede* priuely with a gode wille; and anone after<sup>36</sup> he spousede þe damiseH. þat was miche confusioñ to himself; and þerfor al þe Britouns bcome so wroþ, for enchesouñ þat he hade spousede a womman of mysbileue, 24 wherfore þai went al from<sup>37</sup> him, and noþyng<sup>38</sup> to him toke kepe, ne helpe him in þinges þat he hade to done.

**How Vortymere, þat was Vortigers sone, was made kyng, & Engist dryuen oute; & how Vortymer<sup>39</sup> was slayn þrouz 28 Ronewenne. ¶ *Capitulo lviiij*<sup>40</sup>.**

**T**His Engist went into Kent, and seisede al þe lande into<sup>41</sup> his hande, for him and for al<sup>42</sup> his men; and bcome in<sup>43</sup> a litel while of so grete power<sup>44</sup>, & so miche peple hade, þat men wist 32 nouzt in litel tyme, whiche were þe kynges men, & whiche were

<sup>1</sup> graunt O.    <sup>2</sup> drnken O.    <sup>3</sup> mych O.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> to DO.    <sup>6</sup> coude O.    <sup>7</sup> spoken D.    <sup>8</sup> þe O.

<sup>9-9</sup> þe oþer shul D.    þat other O.    <sup>10</sup> Answere schul be O.

<sup>11</sup> fro O.    <sup>12</sup> leaf 22, back.    <sup>13</sup> to D.

<sup>14</sup> MS. has Ronewenne; om. D.    <sup>15</sup> þo saw D.    whan he saw O.

<sup>16</sup> altered from hir<sup>3</sup> by the same hand.    <sup>17</sup> iij DO.    <sup>18</sup> om. O.

<sup>19</sup> him al the D.    hym al þe O.    him R.    <sup>20</sup> MS. his his.

<sup>21</sup> fro O.    <sup>22</sup> þo þyng sic D.    <sup>23</sup> in O.    <sup>24</sup> om. DO.

Engistes men. wherfore al Britaigne hade of ham<sup>1</sup> drede, and saide amonges ham þat, if þai ne toke oþere counseil bituene<sup>2</sup> ham, al þe lande shulde be bitrayede þrouz Engist and his peple.

4 ¶ Vortyger þe kyng hade bigeten<sup>3</sup> on his ferst wif<sup>4</sup> iij sones: þe ferst me callede Vortymer<sup>5</sup>; þe secunde, Catagren; and þe þridde, Passent. þe Britons, euerychoñ<sup>4</sup> by one assent<sup>5</sup>, chosen<sup>5</sup> Vortymer forto bene<sup>6</sup> here lorde, & here souerayne, and hir<sup>7</sup> conseiler<sup>8</sup> in

8 every<sup>7</sup> bataile, and cronede him, and made him Kyng<sup>8</sup>, and Wolde<sup>8</sup> soffre Vortiger<sup>9</sup> no longer<sup>9</sup> to regne, for enchesouñ of þe alliance bituene Engist and him. ¶ þe Britons ordeynede a grete host to drif out Engist and his company of þe lande, and 3af him iij

12 batailles: þe ferst was in Kent, þere þat he was lorde; þe secunde was att Tetteforl<sup>10</sup>; and þe þridde was in a shire a þis half Cool, in a more. & in þis batail ham mette Cattegren and Horn, Engistes broþer, so þat eueryche<sup>9</sup> of ham slouz oþer; but for-asmiche as<sup>10</sup> þe

16 contre was zeuen<sup>11</sup> longe bifore to Horn, þrouz Vortyger, þo he hade spousede his cosyn; þere he hade made a faire castel þat me callede Horncastel, after<sup>11</sup> his owen name. ¶ And Vortymere was so annoiede for his broþeres deþ, Cattegren, þat he was dede in soche

20 a maner; wherfore anone he lete felle þe castel to þe<sup>12</sup> grounde, and after<sup>12</sup> þat, he ne lefte nyzt ne day til he hade dryuen<sup>13</sup> out Engist and aH his peple of þe lande. ¶ And when Engist was dryuen<sup>13</sup> away, Ronewenne his douzter made sorwe ynow, and

24 queyntly spake to ham þat were nexte þe kyng Vortymere,<sup>14</sup> and priueest wiþ him. and so miche she 3af ham of 3iftes, þat he was apoysenede, & deide at London þe iij 3ere of his regne; & þere he lith.

28 How þe Britons chosen<sup>15</sup> a-noþere tyme Vortyger to bene<sup>16</sup> here king<sup>15</sup>; and Engist come into þis lande a3eyne, & þai fouzten to-gedres.<sup>17</sup> ¶ *Capitulo lix<sup>o</sup>.*

32 **A**fter<sup>18</sup> Vortymeres deþ, þe Britons, by here commune assent, Eftesones made Vortyger here kyng<sup>18</sup>, vppoñ þis couenaunt, þat he shulde neuer after<sup>19</sup> soffren Engist, ne none of his, eftesones shulde<sup>20</sup> come into þis lande. ¶ And when al þis was done,

<sup>1</sup> MS. ham a, with a underlined for omission. him D. hym O.

<sup>2</sup> bituenes D. <sup>3</sup> bygete O. <sup>4</sup> echeon O. <sup>5</sup> closen sic D. <sup>6</sup> be DO.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 23. <sup>8</sup> wolde nouzt D. <sup>9</sup> eche O. <sup>10</sup> þat O. <sup>11</sup> zeue D. yeue O.

<sup>12</sup> om. O. <sup>13</sup> dryve O. <sup>14</sup> Vortiger O. <sup>15</sup> chose O. <sup>16</sup> be O.

<sup>17</sup> to-gidere O. <sup>18</sup> deth the britouns D. deth þe brytouns O. deþ R.

<sup>19</sup> soffre D. suffre O. <sup>20</sup> om. DO.

Ronewenne þe Quene<sup>1</sup> sent priuely<sup>1</sup> by lettre to Engist, that she hade enpoisenede Vortymer', and þat Vortyger' her' lorde<sup>2</sup> azeyne bare þe crowne and regnede, and þat he shulde come azeyne into<sup>3</sup> þat lande, wel arraiede wiþ miche peple, forto avenge him vpon<sup>4</sup> þe Britons, and to wynne his lande azeyne. ¶ of þis tydyng Engist made grete ioye, and apparailede him hastely wiþ xv M<sup>t</sup> men þat were douzty en euery batail. And when Vortyger' herde telle þat Engist was comen<sup>4</sup> azeyne wiþ a grete power' into þis lande, he 8 assemblede his Britons, and þo went azeyns Engist forto haue zeue him bataile, and his fole; but Engist drade him sore of þe Britons, for þai hade descomfitede<sup>5</sup> him biforn-hand, and dryuen him<sup>6</sup> out by<sup>7</sup> strengþ; wherfore Engist prayede him<sup>8</sup> of a loue-day, and 12 saide he was nouzt comen<sup>9</sup> forto fizt, but forto<sup>10</sup> haue his lande azeyne of Kent, if he might accorde wiþ þe Britons, and of ham haue grace. ¶<sup>11</sup> The Kyng' Vortiger,<sup>11</sup> þrouz conseile of his Britons,<sup>12</sup> grauntede a loue-day<sup>12</sup>; and þus it was ordeynede þrouz þe Britons, 16 þat þilk<sup>13</sup> loue-day shulde<sup>14</sup> ben holden<sup>14</sup> faste bisides Salesbury, vpon an<sup>15</sup> huþ; and Engist shulde come þider' wiþ iij<sup>c</sup> knyzttes, wiþouten<sup>16</sup> mo, and þe kyng wiþ as meny of þe wisest of þis<sup>17</sup> lande. ¶ And at þat day þe kyng come wiþ his conseil, as it was 20 ordeynede; but Engist hade warnede his knyzttes priueliche,<sup>18</sup> and<sup>19</sup> ham commandede þat eueryche<sup>20</sup> of ham shulde put a Longe Knyf in his hose; and when he saide, "faire sires! now is tyme forto<sup>21</sup> speke of loue and pees," eueryche<sup>22</sup> anone, eueryche<sup>8</sup> shulde draw 24 his knyf & slee a Britoun. & so þai quelled xiii M<sup>t</sup> & lxx of knyzttes; and wiþ miche sorwe meny of ham ascapede; and Vortyger' him-self was taken<sup>23</sup> and Lade to Twongecasteh, and put into prisoun; and somme of Engistes men wolde þat þe kyng 28 hade bene<sup>24</sup> brent al quyk. ¶ And Vortiger' þo, to haue his lif, grauntede ham as miche as þai<sup>25</sup> wolde axen,<sup>25</sup> and zaf vp aþ þe lande, tounes and castelles, citees and Burghes, to Engist and to his fole. and alle þe Britons fledde þens into Walys, and þere 32 helde ham stille. and Engist went þrouz þe lande, and seisede alle þe lande with ffraunchises; and in euery place lete caste adoune

<sup>1-1</sup> priueliche sent D. priuily sent O.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 23, back.    <sup>3</sup> to O.

<sup>4</sup> MS. cocomen; come O.    <sup>5</sup> scomfitede D. scomfited O.

<sup>6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7</sup> with DO.    <sup>8</sup> om. DO.    <sup>9</sup> come into þis land' DO.

<sup>10</sup> to O.    <sup>11-11</sup> And kyng' Vortiger graunt a loue-day D. The kyng O.

<sup>12-12</sup> om. D.    <sup>13</sup> þat same D. þ<sup>o</sup> same O.

<sup>14-14</sup> be holde D. be hold O.    <sup>15</sup> a D.    <sup>16</sup> without DO.

<sup>17</sup> his DO.    <sup>18</sup> priuily O.    <sup>19</sup> & to D.    <sup>20</sup> eche O.    <sup>21</sup> to DO.

<sup>22</sup> eche O.    <sup>23</sup> leaf 24.    <sup>24</sup> be O.    <sup>25-25</sup> wolden axe O.

cherchez and houses of religioun, and destroyede Cristendome þrouz þe lande, and lete chaunge þe name of þe lande, þat no man of his were so hardy after þat tyme to calle þis<sup>1</sup> lande Britaigne, but calle it Engistes lande; and he<sup>2</sup> departede alle þat lande to his men, and þere made vij kynges forto strengþ þe lande, þat þe Britons shulde neuer' after' come þerin. ¶ The ferst kyngdome was Kent, þere þat Engist him-self reguede, and was lorde & maystre ouer al þe<sup>2</sup> opere; ¶ Anopere kyng hade Southseġ, where now is Chichestre; ¶ The þridde kyng hade Westseġ; The ferþe kyng hade Esseġ; ¶ The v kyng hade Estangle, þat now is callede Northfolc,<sup>3</sup> Southfolc,<sup>4</sup> Merchemeriche, þat<sup>5</sup> is to seynt, þe Erldome of Nichol; ¶ þe sixte hade Leycestreshire, Northamptonshire, Hereford and Huntyngdoune; ¶ The vij hade Oxenford, Gloucestr', Wynchestre, Warwik' and Darby-shire.

**How Vortiger went into Walis, and biganne þere a castel, þat wolde nouzt stande wipouten<sup>6</sup> mortar' temprede wip mannes<sup>7</sup> blode. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Sexagesimo.**

**W**hen Engist hade departede al þe lande in this maner bituene his men, he delyuerede Vortiger' out of prisoñ, and soffrede hym frely<sup>9</sup> to gone<sup>9</sup> whider' þat<sup>2</sup> he wolde. and he toke<sup>10</sup> his way, <sup>11</sup>and went<sup>11</sup> into Walys, þere þat<sup>12</sup> his Britons duelledede, for-asmiche as þat lande was strong' and wikkede to wyne. and Engist <sup>13</sup>neuer' come<sup>13</sup> þere, ne knew<sup>14</sup> neuer bifore þat Lande. ¶ Vortiger helde him þere wip his Britons, and axede conseil what him<sup>4</sup> was best al<sup>4</sup> forto done; and þai zaf him conseil to make a stronge castel þat he myzt him-self þerin kepe and defende<sup>15</sup> if it<sup>2</sup> nede were. Masounes in hast þere<sup>16</sup> were fette, and bigonne þe werk' oppoñ þe huß of Breigh; but certes þus it bi-felle, þat<sup>7</sup> al the werk' þat<sup>4</sup> þe masounes made<sup>17</sup> aday, adoune it felle anyzt; and þat ferede so iij tymes or iiij, wherof þai hadden<sup>18</sup> grete wonder' what it myzt bene<sup>19</sup>; & þerof þe kyng was sore annoiede of þat chaunce, and wist nouzt what to done; wherfore he lete sende after' þe wisest' clerkes, and also lewede men þat weren<sup>20</sup> þrouz-out Walys, þat myght bene<sup>21</sup> fonde, for þai shulde telle wherfore þe

<sup>1</sup> þat D.    <sup>2</sup> om. O.    <sup>3</sup> Northfolk & O.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> þat now O.    <sup>6</sup> with-oute DO.    <sup>7</sup> om. DO.    <sup>8</sup> leaf 24, back.

<sup>9-9</sup> go D. to go O.    <sup>10</sup> nome DO.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. D.    <sup>12</sup> as D.

<sup>13-13</sup> come neuer D.    <sup>14</sup> knew it D.    knewe yt O.    <sup>15</sup> defende yt O.

<sup>16</sup> þo DO.    <sup>17</sup> masouns made DO.    masounes R.

<sup>18</sup> hade D.    had O.    <sup>19</sup> be O.    <sup>20</sup> were O.    <sup>21</sup> be DO.

foundement so failede vnde[r] þe werk<sup>t</sup>, and þat þai schulde him telle what was best to done. and when þe wisest men<sup>1</sup> longe tyme hade studiet, þai saide to þe kyng<sup>t</sup> þat ‘he schulde done<sup>2</sup> sike a childe borne of a woman þat neuer hade wiþ man to done,<sup>2</sup> & þat<sup>4</sup> childe he schulde sleen,<sup>3</sup> & temper wiþ his<sup>4</sup> blode þe mortar of þe werk<sup>t</sup>, & so shulle<sup>5</sup> þe werke<sup>6</sup> endure euermore<sup>6</sup> wiþouten ende.’

**How þe kyng<sup>t</sup> lete seche Merlyn<sup>7</sup> þrouz al Walys forto speke wiþ him. Capitulo lxj<sup>o</sup>.** 8

**W**hen þe kyng herde þis, he commandede his messagers anone to wende þrouz-out al Walys, to seche þat childe if þai myght<sup>8</sup> him fynde,<sup>8</sup> and þat þai<sup>9</sup> schulde<sup>10</sup> brynge him forthwiþ ham vnto him. and in recorde and witnessse of þis þing, he toke<sup>11</sup> 12 ham his *lettres*,<sup>12</sup> þat þai<sup>1</sup> ne were<sup>13</sup> destourblede of no man, ne lette. ¶ And so faste<sup>14</sup> spede ham<sup>14</sup> the messagers, þat þai come vnto<sup>15</sup> a toune þat me callede Kermerdyn; and as þai passede fourth in<sup>16</sup> here way, þai fonden ij childerne of xiiij zere age<sup>17</sup> chidying togeder<sup>17</sup> 16 wiþ hastif wordes; and one of ham saide to þat oþer “Donebat,” *quod* he, “ze<sup>18</sup> done al wronge to chide or strif wiþ me, for ze haue no witte ne resouñ as I haue.” ¶ “Certes, Merlyn,” *quod* 19 þat oþere,<sup>19</sup> “of zoure witte and<sup>20</sup> of zour<sup>t</sup> resouñ y make no forse, for men 20 21 telleþ *communeliche*<sup>21</sup> þat ze haue no þing of god<sup>t</sup>, siþ ze hade neuer<sup>t</sup> fader<sup>t</sup>, but alle men weten<sup>22</sup> wel ho is zoure moder<sup>t</sup>.” ¶ The kynges messagers, when þai herde þis strif bituene þo ij gromes, þai axede of men þat<sup>23</sup> stoden bituene<sup>23</sup> ham, whens þat Merlyn was born, 24 & 24 who him norisskede; and þe folc ham tolde þat a grete gentil-woman him bare in Kermerdyne, þat me callede Adhan, but neuere myzt men<sup>25</sup> wete who was<sup>26</sup> þe childes fader<sup>t</sup>. ¶ When þe messagers herde þis tydynges,<sup>27</sup> þai went anone to him þat was wardeyne of þe 28 toune, and tolde him þe kynges wille and his *lettres*,<sup>28</sup> wherfore þai were comen<sup>29</sup> þider<sup>t</sup>. ¶ Merlyn and his moder<sup>t</sup> anone were sent<sup>30</sup> bifore þe wardeyne of þe toune, and he commandede ham<sup>9</sup> þat þai

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> do D.    <sup>3</sup> slee D.    sle O.    <sup>4</sup> þe O.    <sup>5</sup> schuld O.

<sup>6-6</sup> euer<sup>t</sup> endur<sup>t</sup> D.    eucere endure O.    <sup>7</sup> seche Merlyn DO.    seche R.

<sup>8-8</sup> fynde hym O.    <sup>9</sup> om. D.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 25.    <sup>11</sup> had take O.

<sup>12</sup> lettre O.    <sup>13</sup> weren O.    <sup>14-14</sup> þo spede D.    þo spedde O.

<sup>15</sup> in-to O.    <sup>16</sup> om. DO.    <sup>17-17</sup> chidden ifere D.    chidden y-fere O.

<sup>18</sup> MS. ze beþ, with beþ *underlined for erasure.*    <sup>19-19</sup> þe toþer O.

<sup>20</sup> ne DO.    <sup>21-21</sup> telle comunly O.    <sup>22</sup> wot O.

<sup>23-23</sup> stode bisides D.    stoden by-sydes O.    <sup>24</sup> and also DO.

<sup>25</sup> man O.    <sup>26</sup> myzt be D.    myght be O.    <sup>27</sup> tyding D.    tydyng O.

<sup>28</sup> lettre DO.    <sup>29</sup> come O.    <sup>30</sup> sent after D.

shulde gone<sup>1</sup> to þe kyng, as hit was ordeynede by his<sup>2</sup> messagers.  
 ¶ Merlyn and his moder<sup>3</sup> come<sup>3</sup> vnto<sup>4</sup> þe kyng, and were vnder-  
 fonge wiþ michel<sup>5</sup> honour; and þe kyng axede of þat lady ‘if þat  
 4 childe were her<sup>6</sup> sone, and who him bigate.’<sup>6</sup> ¶ The lady ansuerede,  
 ful tender<sup>7</sup> wepyng, and saide she hade neuer<sup>8</sup> company of man  
 8 worldely; “but, sire,” quod<sup>9</sup> shee, “as y was a zonge maiden  
 in my faderes chambre, and opere of<sup>9</sup> grete lynage were in my  
 8 company, þat ofte were wont to playe and to solacen, I belefte  
 allone in my chaumbre<sup>10</sup> of my fader,<sup>10</sup> & wolde nouzt goñ<sup>11</sup> out,  
 for brennyng of þe sone. ¶ And oppoñ a tyme þere come a faire  
 bachiler, and entrede into my chaumbre þere þat I was allone; but  
 12 how he come into me, & wher, I wiste neuer,<sup>12</sup> ne zitte wote, for þe  
 dores were fast barrede; and wiþ me he dede game of loue, for I  
 13 nade noþer<sup>13</sup> myzt ne power<sup>13</sup> him to defende fro me; and ofte he  
 come to me in the forsaide maner, so þat he bigate one me þis same  
 16 childe; but<sup>14</sup> neuer<sup>14</sup> myzt y wete of him what he was, ne whens he  
 come, ne what was his name.”

Of þe ansuere of Merlyn, wherfore þe kyng axede whi his werkt<sup>14</sup>  
 myght nouzt stande þat he hade bigonne,<sup>14</sup> myzt nouzt  
 20 proue.<sup>14</sup> *Capitulo lxij<sup>o</sup>.*

**W**Hen Merlyn hade herde al þat his moder<sup>15</sup> hade saide, he  
 spake<sup>15</sup> to þe kyng in this maner: “sire, how y was  
 bigeten, axe ze no more, for hit falleþ nouzt to zow ne to none  
 24 opere<sup>16</sup> forto wete<sup>16</sup>; but<sup>17</sup> telle me þe<sup>17</sup> enchesone wherfore I ame  
 to zow brouzt, and wherfore ze haue sent after<sup>17</sup> me.” ¶ “Certes,”  
 quod<sup>18</sup> þe kyng, “my wise concelers haue<sup>18</sup> done<sup>19</sup> me to vnderstonde  
 þat þe mortar of a werkt<sup>19</sup> þat I haue done bigonne bihoueþ,<sup>20</sup> ben<sup>21</sup>  
 28 temperede wiþ zour<sup>20</sup> blode, or þe fundament shal faile for euermore.”  
 ¶ “Sire,” quod<sup>22</sup> Merlyn, “wille ze slee me for my blode forto  
 temper wiþ zoure mortar?” “Ze,” quod<sup>23</sup> þe kyng, “or elles shal  
 neuer<sup>23</sup> my castel stonde, as my conselers done<sup>22</sup> me to vnderstonde.”  
 32 ¶ þo ansuerede Merlyn to þe kyng: “sire,” he saide, “late ham  
 come bifore<sup>24</sup> me, þo wise<sup>24</sup> conselers, and I wil proue þat þai say

<sup>1</sup> go O.    <sup>2</sup> þe O.    <sup>3</sup> comen DO.    <sup>4</sup> to O.    <sup>5</sup> mych O.

<sup>6</sup> gate D.    <sup>7</sup> tenderly O.    <sup>8</sup> leaf 25, back.

<sup>9</sup> MS. of god, with god underlined for erasure.    <sup>10-10</sup> om. D.

<sup>11</sup> go O.    <sup>12</sup> neuer wher D.    neuer where O.    <sup>13-13</sup> hade no D.

<sup>14-14</sup> om. D.    ne prove O.    <sup>15</sup> spok<sup>t</sup> D.    <sup>16-16</sup> om. O.

<sup>17-17</sup> telleþ me D.    telleth me O.    <sup>18</sup> haue DO.    <sup>19</sup> do O.

<sup>20</sup> bihoueth D.    byhoueþ O.    <sup>21</sup> to be O.    <sup>22</sup> do O.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 26.    <sup>24</sup> om. D.

nouzt wel ne trewely. and when þe<sup>1</sup> wise were comen, Merlyn axede if his blode were þe enchesouñ to make þe<sup>2</sup> werke stande to<sup>3</sup> endure. Alle þise<sup>4</sup> wise were abasshede, and couþ nouzt ansuere. ¶ Merlyn þo saide to þe kyng<sup>t</sup>: “sire, I shal telle 3ow þe encheson<sup>4</sup> wherfore 3our<sup>r</sup> werk<sup>t</sup> þus faileþ<sup>5</sup> and may nouzt stande. þere is vnder þe mountaigne þere þat<sup>6</sup> 3e haue bigonne 3our<sup>r</sup> tour<sup>r</sup> a grete ponde of water; and in þe botume of þe ponde, vnder<sup>r</sup> þe water, þere beþ ij dragons,—þat one is white, and þat oþere<sup>7</sup> rede,—þat 8 feizten to-geder ageyne<sup>8</sup> 3oure werk<sup>t</sup>. Doþ myne depe til 3our<sup>r</sup> men come to the ponde, and doth 3our<sup>r</sup> men take away þe water al out, and þan 3e shul see þe dragons, as I haue 3ow tolde, <sup>9</sup>þo togederes<sup>9</sup> feizten ageyne<sup>10</sup> 3our<sup>r</sup> werk; and þis is þe<sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>enchesouñ, certes, wher- 12 fore<sup>12</sup> 3our<sup>r</sup> <sup>13</sup>fundement faileþ.<sup>14</sup>” ¶ the kyng<sup>t</sup> anone lete degge vnder<sup>r</sup>, til þat men come to þe<sup>15</sup> ponde, & lete do<sup>16</sup> away al þe water; and þere þai fonde ij dragons, as Merlyn hade tolde, þat egrely fouzten togederes<sup>17</sup>; þe white dragouñ egrely assailede þe rede, and 16 laide on him so strong<sup>18</sup> þat he myzt nouzt endure, but wiþdrowe him, & hidde him in the same Cafe, and restede. ¶ And when he hade awhile restede, he went bifore, and assailede þe rede dragouñ angrely, and assailede<sup>19</sup> him so sore þat he myzt nouzt azeynes him 20 endure, but with-drow him and restede. And after<sup>r</sup> come azeyne þe white dragouñ, and strongely fouzt wiþ þe reede dragoune, and bote him eucl, & him ouer-come, þat he fley þens, and nomore come azeyne. 24

<sup>20</sup> Of þe significacions<sup>21</sup> of þo ij dragounes þat were in þe botume of þe ponde, þat fouzten togederes.<sup>22</sup> *Capitulo Sexagesimo tercio.*

**T**He Kyng Vortiger<sup>r</sup> and his men, þat saw <sup>23</sup>þis bataile,<sup>23</sup> hade<sup>24</sup> 28 grete mervaile, and praede Merlyn to telle him what it myght bitoken. “Sire,” *quod* Merlyn, “y shal 3ow telle: the rede dragouñ bitokeneþ<sup>25</sup> 3oure-self, & þe white bitokeneþ þe folc of Saxoine, þat ferst 3e toke and helde<sup>26</sup> in þis lande, þat now feizten azeines 3ow, 32

<sup>1</sup> þise D.    <sup>2</sup> 3our O.    <sup>3</sup> and D.    <sup>4</sup> þe O.

<sup>5</sup> failleþ D.    falleþ O.    <sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> oþere is D.    oþer is O.

<sup>8</sup> azeynes D.    azens O.    <sup>9-9</sup> þat to-geder D.    þat togider O.

<sup>10</sup> azeynes D.    <sup>11</sup> om. O.    <sup>12-12</sup> cause whi that D.    <sup>13</sup> þe O.

<sup>14</sup> failes D.    <sup>15</sup> þat DO.    <sup>16</sup> done DO.    don O.    <sup>17</sup> to-gidere O.

<sup>18</sup> strongelich D.    strongly O.    <sup>19</sup> helde D.    held O.    <sup>20</sup> leaf 26, back.

<sup>21</sup> significaciouñ D.    significacion O.    <sup>22</sup> togider O.

<sup>23-23</sup> that batail þai D.    þe batayñ O.    <sup>24</sup> hadden O.

<sup>25</sup> bitokenes D.    <sup>26</sup> helden D.



and 3ow haue<sup>1</sup> dryuen and enchacede.<sup>2</sup> ¶ But þe Britons þat bene  
of 3our' lynage ouercome<sup>3</sup> ham, and dryuen ham awhile; and sipen,<sup>4</sup>  
at þe comyng a3eyne of þe Saxoynes, þai recouerede þis lande, and  
4 helde hit for euermore, and dryuen<sup>5</sup> oute þe Britouns, and dede wiþ  
þis lande al her' wille, & destriede cristendome þrou3oute þis lande.  
¶ 3e hade ferst' ioye of here<sup>6</sup> commyng', but<sup>6</sup> now it is turnede to  
8 kyng, þat<sup>7</sup> 3e lete slee, <sup>8</sup>shul comen<sup>8</sup> bifore a Quinzime passede wiþ  
a grete power' fram litel Britaigne, and shul auenge þe deþ of hire  
broþer<sup>9</sup>: þai shal brenne 3ow ferst wiþ sorwe, & after' þai shul sle  
a grete partie of þe<sup>10</sup> Saxoynes, and shul dryue al þe remanent<sup>11</sup>  
12 oute<sup>10</sup> of the lande; and þerfore abide 3e<sup>12</sup> no longer' to<sup>13</sup> make no  
casteþ ne none oþere werk', but anone gone<sup>14</sup> elle3-where, 3oure lif<sup>15</sup>  
forto saue. to God I 3ow bitake, for treuþ I haue <sup>16</sup>I-saide to 3ow<sup>16</sup>  
of þing' þat shal bifalle. And vnderstonde<sup>17</sup> wel þat Aurilambros  
16 shal bene<sup>18</sup> kyng', but he shal bene<sup>18</sup> enpoisenede,<sup>19</sup> and litil  
while<sup>20</sup> regne."

Of Kyng' Aurilambros; how he persuede Vortiger and Engist,  
and how þai deiden. *Capitulo Sexagesimo Quarto.*

20 **M**Erlyn and his moder' departede fro þe kyng', and turnede  
<sup>21</sup>a3eyne to Kermerdyn. and so after tydynges<sup>22</sup> come to  
þe Britons þat Aurilambros and Vter' his broþer' were<sup>23</sup> arryuede at  
Tottenesse wiþ a grete host, and þe Britouns anone assemblede  
24 ham, & went to vnderfong Aurilambros and Vter' wiþ grete nobleye,  
& ladde ham to Londoñ, and cronede þere Aurylambros, and  
made him kyng', and deden<sup>24</sup> to him homage. and he axede  
wher' Vortiger þat was kyng myght <sup>25</sup>bene founden,<sup>25</sup> for he<sup>7</sup> wolde  
28 bene<sup>26</sup> avengede of<sup>27</sup> his broþere3 deþ, and after' he wolde werre  
oppon paynymes: and þai tolde him þat Vortiger' was in Walis;  
and so þai ladde him<sup>28</sup> piderward.<sup>29</sup> ¶ Vortiger' wist wel þat þo ij  
breþerne come<sup>30</sup> him to conquere, & fleye þens into a castel þat me<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> hauen O.    <sup>2</sup> enchacen O.    <sup>3</sup> ouercomen O.    <sup>4</sup> sep O.

<sup>5</sup> dryue O.    <sup>6-6</sup> company and D.    <sup>7</sup> om. D.

<sup>8-8</sup> shul come D. schullen come O.    <sup>9</sup> broþer and D. broþer and O.

<sup>10</sup> om. O.    <sup>11</sup> remaunte D. remnaunt O.    <sup>12</sup> 3e her' D. 3e here O.

<sup>13</sup> MS. tok.    <sup>14</sup> goþ D. goth O.    <sup>15</sup> lif al D. lyf al O.

<sup>16-16</sup> 3ow saide D. seyð to 3ow O.    <sup>17</sup> vndirstondiþ O.    <sup>18</sup> be DO.

<sup>19</sup> poysenede D.    <sup>20</sup> tyme DO.    <sup>21</sup> leaf 27.

<sup>22</sup> tydyng D. dydyng sic O.    <sup>23</sup> weryu O.    <sup>24</sup> dede DO.

<sup>25-25</sup> be founde DO.    <sup>26</sup> be O.    <sup>27</sup> on O.    <sup>28</sup> hem O.

<sup>29</sup> pider D.    <sup>30</sup> comen O.

callede<sup>1</sup> Generth, þat stode vppon an hye mounteyne, & þere him  
 helde. ¶ Aurylambros, and Vter<sup>2</sup> his broþer, and hire folc, hade  
 bisegede þe castel<sup>2</sup> longe tyme, for þe castel was stronge and wel  
 arraiede; so at þe laste þai cast wilde fire, and brent hous and men, 4  
 and al here arraye, & as miche as was wipin þe castel, so þat Vortiger  
 was brent amonge alle opere; and so deide he *with* michel<sup>3</sup> sorwe.  
 ¶ þo was Engist in Kent, and regnede þere, and herde þis tydynges<sup>4</sup>  
 and anone fledde, and wolde haue wende<sup>5</sup> into Scotland<sup>6</sup> forto haue 8  
 hade socour; but Aurilambros and his men mette wip him in the  
 North contre, and 3af him bataile, & Engist and his men ham  
 defendede whiles<sup>6</sup> þai<sup>7</sup> myght, but he and his folc were descom-  
 fitede and slayn, and Otta his sone<sup>8</sup> fley<sup>9</sup> vnto<sup>10</sup> 3ork<sup>1</sup>, & Aurilam- 12  
 bros him folwede egrely. Otta, a litel while a3eynes him stode, but  
 afterwarde he put him to<sup>11</sup> his mercy, and Aurilambros vnderfonge  
 him; & to him and to his men he<sup>8</sup> 3af þe contre of Galway in  
 Scotland, and þere þai duelled. ¶ The Kyng Aury<sup>12</sup>lambros went 16  
 þo prou3 þe lande, and put awaye þe name of Engistes lande, þat  
 E[n]gist, after his owen name hade callede bifore, þo lete he<sup>13</sup> it calle<sup>13</sup>  
 a3eyne Grete Britaigne, and lete make a3eyne cherches,<sup>14</sup> houses of  
 religioun, castelles,<sup>15</sup> citees, and burghes and tounes þat þe Saxoynes 20  
 hade destroiede, and come<sup>16</sup> to London, and lete make a3eyne the  
 Wallis of þe citee, whiche Engist & his folc hade caste adoune.  
 ¶ þe Britons ladde him to þe mount of Anbrian, wher some tyme  
 was an house of religioun þat þo was destriede prou3 paynemys, 24  
 whe[re] of a knyght þat<sup>8</sup> me callede Anbry, þat some tyme was  
 foundour of þe hous, and þerfor þe hulle<sup>17</sup> was callede þe mount  
 of Bryan,<sup>18</sup> and after was callede Ambresbery, and shal for  
 eueremore.

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**How Aurilambros dede redresse þe lande of Grete Britaigne,  
 þat was destroiede prou3 Saxoynes. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Sexa-  
 gesimo ¶ Quinto.**

**T**He<sup>19</sup> Kyng Aurilambros lete amende and redresse þe hous of 32  
 Ambresbery, and þerin put monkes, but now þere beth<sup>20</sup>  
 nonnes; a litil fram<sup>21</sup> þe place þat me calleþ<sup>21</sup> Salesbury, þere þat

<sup>1</sup> calleþ DO.      <sup>2</sup> castelle ful D. Castel ful O.      <sup>3</sup> mych O.

<sup>4</sup> tydyng O.      <sup>5</sup> went O.      <sup>6</sup> while D.      <sup>7</sup> þat y sic O.

<sup>8</sup> om. D.      <sup>9</sup> fly O.      <sup>10</sup> into D.      <sup>11</sup> into D.      <sup>12</sup> leaf 27, back.

<sup>13-13</sup> calle yt O.      <sup>14</sup> cherches and DO.      <sup>15</sup> casteþ D.

<sup>16</sup> comen DO.      <sup>17</sup> mount D.      <sup>18</sup> Anbriañ D.

<sup>19</sup> How the D.      How þe O.      <sup>20</sup> ben DO.      <sup>21-21</sup> om. D.

þe Britouns were<sup>1</sup> quelled<sup>2</sup> in þat place þat<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Vortiger' & Engist<sup>3</sup> shulde haue made a loueday, in whiche place<sup>4</sup> þere were slayne<sup>5</sup> xxx M<sup>5</sup> knyghtes þrouz tresoun of Engist. ¶ þe kyng þerof hade grete pitee, & þouzt to make, in mynde of ham, a monument of stone þat myzt endure to<sup>6</sup> þe worldes ende. and of þis þing þai tok<sup>7</sup> here conseile what þerof was best to done. ¶ þo spake to þe kyng þe bishop of London þat me called Ternekyn, þat he shulde enquire<sup>8</sup> after Merlyn, for he couþe best telle how þis þing mizt bene<sup>8</sup> made. and merlyn after<sup>9</sup> was souzt<sup>9</sup> and founde, & come to þe kyng; and þe kyng tolde him his wille of þe monument þat he wolde haue made. ¶ þo ansuerede Merlyn to þe kyng,<sup>10</sup> and saide: "þere beþ grete stones in Irlande, and longe vpon the hulle of Kyan þat men calleþ<sup>11</sup> þe geant<sup>11</sup> caroff; and if þai were put in þis place as þai beþ<sup>12</sup> þere, here þai wolde endure euermore, in remembraunce of þo knyghtes þat here beþ enterede." "Par ma foy," quod þe kyng,<sup>16</sup> "as herde stones beth in my londe as beth in Irland." "soþ," quod Merlyn, "but in all þour lande beth non soche, for Geauntez sette ham for grete gode of hamself, ffor atte eury tyme þat þai were wonded, or in eny maner hurt, þai wasshen þe stones wiþ hote<sup>20</sup> water, & þan wosshen<sup>13</sup> ham þerwiþ, and anone þai were hole."

How þe Britons went forto seche þe grete stones in Irland.  
Capitulo lxxj<sup>to</sup>.

24 **W**Hen þe<sup>14</sup> Britons hade herde of þis þing, þai went and sworn<sup>15</sup> ifere amonges ham, þat<sup>16</sup> þai wolde gone<sup>17</sup> to seche þe stones; and toke<sup>18</sup> wiþ ham Vter', þe kynges broþer, to bene<sup>19</sup> here cheueteyne, & xv M<sup>1</sup> men; and Merlyn conseilede ham forto gone<sup>20</sup> into Irlande, and so þai deden.<sup>21</sup> ¶ And when þe Kyng 28 of Irland, þat me callede Guillomer', herde telle þat straungers were arryuede in his lande, he assemblede a grete power', and fouzt azeyns ham; but he & his folc were descomfitede. the Britons went fourþ<sup>22</sup> til þai come to þe mount of Kylyan, and clymede vnto þe 32 mount; but when þai saw þe stones, and þe maner how þai stoden,<sup>23</sup> þai hadden<sup>24</sup> grete mervail, and saide bituene ham þat 'noman shulde

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2-2</sup> where D. om. O.    <sup>3-3</sup> Vortymer wher Engist and he O.

<sup>4</sup> tyme O.    <sup>5-5</sup> xxx M<sup>1</sup> lxiiij D.    xxx M<sup>1</sup> and lxj O.

<sup>6</sup> vn-to O.    <sup>7</sup> nome DO.    <sup>8</sup> be DO.    <sup>9</sup> sent O.

<sup>10</sup> leaf 28.    <sup>11-11</sup> geants DO.    <sup>12</sup> ben DO.

<sup>13</sup> wossh D.    wessh O.    <sup>14</sup> þis D.    <sup>15</sup> om. D.    swore O.

<sup>16</sup> swore D.    <sup>17</sup> go DO.    <sup>18</sup> nome DO.

<sup>19</sup> MS. bene þe kyng, with þe kyng underlined for erasure.    <sup>20</sup> go O.

<sup>21</sup> dede O.    <sup>22</sup> biforn D.    before O.    <sup>23</sup> stod O.    <sup>24</sup> hadde D.    had O.

ham remeve, for no strenghe ne engyne, so huge þai weren,<sup>1</sup> and so long.' But Merlyn, þrouz his crafte and queyntise, remevede ham, and brouzt ham into hire shippis, and come azeyn into þis lande. and Merlyn sette þe stones <sup>2</sup>þere þat<sup>3</sup> þe Kyng wolde haue ham, <sup>4</sup>and sette ham in þe same maner as<sup>4</sup> þai stoden in Irland. and when þe kyng saw þat it was made, he þankede Merlyn, and rychehly him rewardede at his owen wille; & þat place he lete calle<sup>3</sup> Stonhynges<sup>5</sup> for euermore. 8

**How Passent, þat was Vortigerz sonne, & þe Kyng<sup>3</sup> Guillomer, come into þis land; and how a traitoure þat me callede Coppa, enpoisenede<sup>6</sup> þe Kyng Aurilambros. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Sexagesimo Septimo.** 12

**A**Nd men shul vnderstonde þat Passent, þat was Vortigers sone, leuede in þe same tyme, and come into þis lande wiþ a grete power, and arryuede in þe Northcontre, & wolde bene<sup>7</sup> avengede of his fadere; deþ Vortiger, and stronglich<sup>8</sup> trust vppon<sup>9</sup> þe com- 16 pany þat he hade brouzt wiþ him oute of þe lande of Germayne, and hade conquerede al þe Northcontre vnto 3ork. ¶ And when Kyng Aurilambros herde þis, he assemblede a grete power of Britons, and went forto feizt wiþ him; and Passent<sup>10</sup> and his peple 20 were descomfitede. But Passent ascapede þens, wiþ some of his folc, and fledde þennes into Irland, and come to<sup>11</sup> Kyng Guillomer, and praede him of helpe and socoure. ¶ The kyng grantede him wiþ gode wil, and saide: "I wolde helpe 3ow oppoñ þat<sup>12</sup> couenaunt, þat 24 I my-self moste goñ<sup>13</sup> wiþ 3ow wiþ al my power into Britaigne, and I wolde me avenge vppoñ þe Britons,<sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup>for þai comen<sup>16</sup> into my londe.<sup>17</sup> and<sup>15</sup> token<sup>18</sup> þe stones wiþ strengþ þat<sup>19</sup> is callede Geant<sup>19</sup> Caroil." þe Kyng Guillomere lete ordeyne his shippis, and went to 28 þe see wiþ xv M<sup>t</sup> men, and arryuede in Walis, and bigonne to robbe and miche sorwe to done.<sup>20</sup> hit bifelle so þat Kyng Aurilambros lay sike at Wynchestre, and myght nouzt helpe <sup>21</sup>himself, so þat he sent in his name Vter his broþere, with a grete power, forto help 32 Walys; and þiderwarde <sup>22</sup>he went as miche as he<sup>22</sup> myzt. ¶ þe

<sup>1</sup> wer<sup>t</sup> D. were O. <sup>2</sup> leaf 28, back. <sup>3</sup> om. D. <sup>4</sup> þat DO.

<sup>5</sup> Stonehenge D. Stonehenge O. <sup>6</sup> poysound O. <sup>7</sup> be O.

<sup>8</sup> strongly D. strongly O. <sup>9</sup> of D. <sup>10</sup> he DO. <sup>11</sup> to þ<sup>e</sup> O.

<sup>12</sup> þ<sup>e</sup> O. <sup>13</sup> go DO. <sup>14</sup> britouns the rapere D.

<sup>15-16</sup> rapere þan þei in-to my land comen and O. <sup>16</sup> come D.

<sup>17</sup> lorde sic D. <sup>18</sup> toke D.

<sup>19-19</sup> was callede Geantz D. called is Geantz O. <sup>20</sup> do O.

<sup>21</sup> leaf 29. <sup>22-22</sup> þai went as fast as þai D.

Kyng of Irland, and Passent,<sup>1</sup> herde telle þat Aurylambros was sik<sup>t</sup>; and to ham<sup>2</sup> come a sarasine þat me clepede<sup>3</sup> Coppa, and saide : “sire,<sup>4</sup> duelle ze here al<sup>5</sup> in pees wiþ zoure hoste, and y<sup>5</sup> bihote  
4 3ow, þrouz my queyntise, þat I shal slee þe Kyng Aurylambros þat liþ sike.” “If ze do,<sup>6</sup>” quod Passent, “y shal 3ow richely auaunce.” ¶ This traitoure Coppa put oppoñ him an habite of religiouñ, and lete shaue him a brode crone, and come to þe  
8 kynges court, and saide þat he was a gode ffisician, and saide þat he wolde hele þe kyng of his malady. ¶ Tho saide þe traitour Coppa  
7 vnto þe kyng<sup>7</sup>: “sire, beþ of gode comfort, for y shal zeue 3ow soche a medecyne þat ze shulle swete anone ryzt, and soft<sup>8</sup> slepe,  
12 and haue gode reste.” & þe traitour 3af him soche a poysoun þat he slepte<sup>9</sup> anone ryght, and deide in his slepyng<sup>t</sup>. and þe traitoure saide þat<sup>10</sup> he wolde gone<sup>11</sup> oute into þe felde til þe kyng were awakede; and so scapede he away, for noman<sup>12</sup> to him hade<sup>12</sup>  
16 suspesioñ, for enchesoun of his habit þat he was in cloþede, and also for his brode crone. ¶ But when þe kynges meny wist þat he was dede, þai bicome<sup>13</sup> wonder<sup>t</sup> sory, and fast souzt þe traitour; but<sup>14</sup> þai mizt nouzt hem fynde, for Coppa turnede azeyne to þe  
20 host fro whens that<sup>10</sup> he come.

When Aurilambros was dede, a sterr in<sup>15</sup> the morne<sup>16</sup> was seyne with a clere light; & at the bouzte of þe beeme was  
17seye þe heuede of an horrible<sup>17</sup> Dragouñ. ¶ Capitulo  
24 ¶ Sexagesimo ¶ Octauo.

**W**Hen the Kyng Aurilambros was þus dede & enpysenede<sup>18</sup> at Wynchestre, a morn,<sup>19</sup> after<sup>t</sup> þat he was dede, aboute þe tyme of prime, þere was seyn a sterr<sup>t</sup> grete and clere; and þe beeme  
28 of þe<sup>20</sup> sterr<sup>t</sup> was bright<sup>r</sup> þan þe sone; and at þe bouzt of þe beeme apperede a dragounes heuede,<sup>21</sup> and oute of his mouþ<sup>22</sup> comen ij huge liztez þat were as lizt<sup>23</sup> as<sup>22</sup> eny fire brynnyng<sup>t</sup>. ¶ And þat o<sup>24</sup> beeme went<sup>25</sup> towarde Fraunce, and strauzt ouere þe see þiderward; and  
32 out of þat beem comen<sup>26</sup> vij beemes ful clere and longe, as it were þe lizt of fire. ¶ þis sterre was seyne of meny man<sup>27</sup>; but none of

<sup>1</sup> Passent had O.    <sup>2</sup> him D.    hym O.    <sup>3</sup> callede D.    Called<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>4</sup> sir D.    sire quod<sup>t</sup> he O.    <sup>5</sup> om. O.    <sup>6</sup> done O.    <sup>7-7</sup> om. D.

<sup>8</sup> softly D.    <sup>9</sup> slepe D.    <sup>10</sup> om. D.    <sup>11</sup> go DO.

<sup>12-12</sup> had to hym O.    <sup>13</sup> bicomen D.    bycomen O.    <sup>14</sup> for D.

<sup>15</sup> on D.    <sup>16</sup> morwe D.    <sup>17-17</sup> seyn þe hed of a O.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 29, back.

<sup>19</sup> a morowe O.    <sup>20</sup> that D.    þat O.    <sup>21</sup> heed<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>22-22</sup> apperede ij liztes huge and as bright as D.    <sup>23</sup> bright O.

<sup>24</sup> on D.    <sup>25</sup> it helde D.    tilde O.    <sup>26</sup> come D.    <sup>27</sup> a man DO.

ham wist what it bitokenede. ¶ Vter<sup>1</sup>, þat was þe kyngus broþer, þat was in Walys wiþ his hoste of Britouns, saw þat sterre, and þe grete liȝt þat it<sup>1</sup> ȝaf. he wondrede þeron gretly, what it myȝt bitoken; he<sup>2</sup> lete calle Merlyn, & praiede him <sup>3</sup>forto telle<sup>3</sup> what it 4 myȝt bitokene.

Of þe bitokenyng of þat<sup>4</sup> sterre. ¶ Capitulo Sexagesimo ix<sup>o</sup>.

**M**Erlyn saw þat sterre, and bihelde hit<sup>5</sup> longe tyme, and siþenes<sup>6</sup> he quok<sup>1</sup> and wepte tenderly; & saide: “allas, 8 allas! þat so noble<sup>7</sup> kyng<sup>1</sup> and worþi is dede. and I do ȝow to vnderstonde þat Aurilambros, ȝour broþer, is enpoysenede, and þat I se wel in þis sterre. and ȝoure-self bitokeneþ bi þe heuede<sup>8</sup> of þe dragoun þat is<sup>9</sup> seyne at þe bouȝt of þe beeme: þat is ȝoureself, þat 12 shal bene<sup>10</sup> kyng, and regne. and by þe beem þat stode<sup>11</sup> towarde þe Est, is vnderstonde þat ȝe shal geten<sup>12</sup> a sone þat shal conquere al Fraunce and alle þe landes þat <sup>13</sup>beþ longeyng<sup>13</sup> to þe Kyng<sup>14</sup> of Fraunce, þat shal bene<sup>15</sup> a worþier<sup>1</sup> Kyng, and <sup>16</sup>more of<sup>16</sup> honoure 16 þan euer<sup>1</sup> was eny of his ancestres. ¶ And by þe beem þat stracchet<sup>17</sup> towarde Irland<sup>1</sup>, is bitokenede <sup>18</sup>þat ȝe shul bigete<sup>19</sup> a douȝter þat shal be quene of Irland<sup>1</sup>; and þe vij beemes bitokenes<sup>20</sup> þat ȝe<sup>21</sup> shul haue vij sones; and eueryche<sup>22</sup> of ham shal <sup>23</sup>bene kyng, 20 and<sup>23</sup> regne wiþ michel<sup>24</sup> honououre. and abide ȝe no longer<sup>1</sup> here, but go<sup>25</sup> and ȝif<sup>26</sup> batail to ȝoure enemys, and feiȝt<sup>27</sup> wiþ ham boldely, for ȝe shul ouercome ham and haue þe victorie.” Vter þanked hertly Merlyn, and tok<sup>28</sup> his men, and went towarde his 24 enemys; and þai fouȝten togeder<sup>1</sup> mortailly; and so <sup>29</sup>þai descomfitede<sup>29</sup> his enemys alle, & destroyede ham<sup>30</sup>; & him-self quelled Passent, þat was Vortiger<sup>3</sup> sone; and his Britons quelled Guillomer<sup>1</sup>, þat was Kyng of Irland<sup>1</sup>, and alle his men. and Vter 28 anone after<sup>1</sup> þat bataile tok his way towarð Wynchestre fort[o] done<sup>31</sup> entier<sup>1</sup> Aurilambros kyng, þat was his broþer; but þo was þe<sup>32</sup> body born<sup>33</sup> to Stonhyng wiþ michel<sup>34</sup> honoure, þat he hade

<sup>1</sup> he O.    <sup>2</sup> and D.    <sup>3-3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4</sup> þe O.    <sup>5</sup> him D. hym O.

<sup>6</sup> Netheles O.    <sup>7</sup> noble a D. nobly a O.    <sup>8</sup> hede D. hed O.

<sup>9</sup> is to O.    <sup>10</sup> be DO.    <sup>11</sup> stondeth D.    <sup>12</sup> gete D. be-gete O.

<sup>13-13</sup> longep D.    <sup>14</sup> ben longynge O.    <sup>15</sup> eroune D. crowne O.

<sup>16</sup> be DO.    <sup>17-16</sup> of more DO.    <sup>17</sup> stracches D. Streccheþ O.

<sup>18</sup> leaf 30.    <sup>19</sup> gete D.    <sup>20</sup> bitokenes D. betokeneth O. om. R.

<sup>21</sup> sche O.    <sup>22</sup> eche O.

<sup>23-23</sup> be a kyng<sup>1</sup> and shullen D.    be kyng and schul O.    <sup>24</sup> mych O.

<sup>25</sup> goþ DO.    <sup>26</sup> ȝeuth O.    <sup>27</sup> fighteth O.    <sup>28</sup> nome DO.

<sup>29-29</sup> he descomfite D.    he descomfited O.    <sup>30</sup> om. D. hym O.

<sup>31</sup> do O.    <sup>32</sup> his D.    <sup>33</sup> bore O.    <sup>34</sup> mych O.

<sup>1</sup>done made<sup>1</sup> in remembrance of þe Britons þat þere were slayn þrouȝ tresoune of Engist, þat same day þat þai shulde haue bene accordede; & in the same place<sup>2</sup> þai enterede Aurilambros, þe <sup>4</sup>secunde zere of his regne, wiȝ al þe worship þat myght <sup>3</sup>bene longyng<sup>3</sup> to soche a kyng<sup>1</sup>, of whos soule God haue mercy!

Of Vter Pendragouñ; and wherfore he was callede so, after<sup>4</sup> <sup>3e</sup>shal<sup>4</sup> here; &<sup>5</sup> he was ouertake for þe grete loue of Igerne, <sup>8</sup>þat was þe <sup>6</sup>Erles wif<sup>6</sup> of Cornwaile.<sup>6</sup> ¶ Capitulo ¶ Septuagesimo.

**A**fter þe deth of Aurylambros, Vter<sup>1</sup> his broȝer was cronede, and regnede wel and worȝily; and in remembraunce of þe <sup>12</sup>dragons<sup>7</sup> þat he was likenede to, he lete make ij dragounes þrouȝ conseile of his Britouns: þat one to <sup>8</sup>bene borne<sup>8</sup> bifore<sup>9</sup> him when he went into bataile, & þat oȝere to abide at<sup>10</sup> Wynchestre in the bisshoppes cherche; And for þat enchesouñ he was callede <sup>16</sup>euermore after<sup>1</sup>, Vter<sup>1</sup> Pendragouñ. ¶ And Octa, þat was Engistes sone, commendet lital Vter<sup>1</sup> þat was made newe kyng<sup>1</sup>, and azeynes him biganne forto<sup>11</sup> meue wer<sup>1</sup>, and ordeynede a grete company of his frendes & of his kynne, and of<sup>1</sup> Ossa his broȝer, and hade take<sup>12</sup> <sup>20</sup>al þe lande fro Humber<sup>1</sup> vnto ȝork; <sup>13</sup>but þo of ȝork<sup>13</sup> helde strongely<sup>14</sup> agayne ham, and nolde soffre ham come into þe toune, neȝer to zelde þe citee to ham; and he bisegede þe toune anone ryȝt, and ȝaf þerto a stronge assaut,<sup>15</sup> but tho<sup>16</sup> of þe citee ham keped<sup>1</sup> wel <sup>24</sup>and strongely. ¶ And when Vter herde þerof<sup>1</sup>, he come þider<sup>1</sup> wiȝ a stronge<sup>17</sup> power<sup>1</sup> forto helpe and rescue þe toune, and put away þe sege, & ȝaf a stronge bataile; and Octa & his company ham defendede as wel as þai myȝt, but at þe<sup>2</sup> last þai were descomfitede, <sup>28</sup>and þe moste part<sup>1</sup> of ham quelledede; and Octa & Ossa were taken,<sup>18</sup> and put into prisouñ at London. ¶ And Vter<sup>1</sup> him-self duelledede awhile at ȝork<sup>1</sup>, and after<sup>1</sup>, he went to Londoñ. and at<sup>19</sup> Ester after<sup>20</sup> sewyng<sup>1</sup>, he wolde bere crone, and helde<sup>21</sup> a solempne feste, and <sup>32</sup><sup>22</sup>lete sompne alle þe<sup>23</sup> Erles and barons, þat þai shulde come to þat

<sup>1-1</sup> done make D. do made O. <sup>2</sup> om. O.

<sup>3-3</sup> bilonge D. be-longen O. <sup>4-4</sup> MS. me shal; men may D.

<sup>5</sup> and how D. <sup>6-6</sup> Erle of Cornewalys wyf O. <sup>7</sup> dragoun DO.

<sup>8-8</sup> be borne D. be bore O. <sup>9</sup> MS. bifore bifore; tofore O.

<sup>10</sup> leaf 30, back. <sup>11</sup> to DO. <sup>12</sup> taken D. <sup>13-13</sup> supplied from D.

<sup>14</sup> strong D. <sup>15</sup> saut D. <sup>16</sup> þai D. þey O.

<sup>17</sup> grete D. gret O. <sup>18</sup> take O. <sup>19</sup> at the D. at þe O.

<sup>20</sup> om. D. <sup>21</sup> holde D. hold O. <sup>22-22</sup> om. O. <sup>23</sup> his D.

feste; and<sup>22</sup> alle þai<sup>1</sup> comen at<sup>2</sup> þe kynges commandement, <sup>3</sup>as þai were commandede.<sup>3</sup> ¶ The feste was richely holden,<sup>4</sup> and alle worþely sette to þe<sup>5</sup> mette after þat þai were<sup>6</sup> of state,<sup>7</sup> so þat <sup>8</sup>þe Erl<sup>8</sup> of Cornewaile & Igerne his wif setten alþer' next þe kyng.<sup>4</sup> and þe kyng<sup>1</sup> saw þe fairenesse of þat lady þat she hade, and was rauisskede for here beaute; and after,<sup>9</sup> he made towarde here nyce<sup>10</sup> semblant in loking<sup>1</sup> and leizhyng<sup>1</sup>. so at þe laste þe Erl perseuede þe priue<sup>11</sup> loking and Laughing<sup>1</sup>, and þe loue bituene <sup>8</sup>ham, and arose vp<sup>5</sup> fram þe table al in wrap, and tok his wif, and callede to him his knyghtes, and went þens al in wrap, wiþouten<sup>12</sup> takyng<sup>1</sup> Leue of þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>. þe kyng anone sent after him þat he schulde come aþeyne, & go nouzt þens in despite of him; and þe <sup>12</sup>Erl wolde nouzt come aþeyne in no maner wise. ¶ Wherfor þe kyng was ful wroþ, & in wrap him defiede as his dedelich<sup>13</sup> enemy. and þe Erl went þens into Cornewaile wiþ his wif, into þe castel of TyntageH. and þe kyng lete ordeyne a grete host, & come into <sup>16</sup>Cornewaile forto destroie þe erl, if he myzt; but he hade put him in<sup>14</sup> soche a castel þat was stronge and wel arraiede, of TyntageH, and wolde nouzt zelde him to<sup>15</sup> the Kyng<sup>1</sup>. ¶ The kyng anone bisegede þe castel, & þere duellede xv daies, þat neuer myzt spede, <sup>20</sup>and euer þouzt so miche of<sup>16</sup> Igerne, and oppoñ her' laide so miche loue, þat he nyst what to done. ¶ So at þe<sup>5</sup> laste he callede to him a knyzt þat me<sup>17</sup> callede Vlfyne, þat was priue wiþ him, and tolde him al hes conseile, and axede of him what was best to done. <sup>24</sup>¶ “Sire,” quod he, “doþ sende after Merlyn, for he can telle 3ow þe best consel of eny man leuyng<sup>1</sup>.” Merlyn anone was sent after, and come to þe kyng<sup>1</sup>, and þe kyng tolde him al his wille. “Sire,” <sup>18</sup>quod Merlyn,<sup>18</sup> “I shal do so miche þrouz crafte þat I can, þat I <sup>28</sup>shal make 3ow come þis nyzt into þe castel of TyntageH, & shal haue al 3oure wille of þat Lady.”

**How Vter' bigate on<sup>19</sup> Igerne, þat was þe Erlez wif of<sup>20</sup> Cornewaile, Arthure þe kyng.** ¶ *Capitulo Septuagesimo primo.* 32

<sup>1</sup> þo þat hade wyfes schulde bryng<sup>1</sup> ham also to þat fest & alle D. þo þat hade wywes schuld bryng hem also to þat fest & all O.

<sup>2</sup> to O. <sup>3-3</sup> om. D. <sup>4</sup> hold O. <sup>5</sup> om. O. <sup>6</sup> werne D.

<sup>7</sup> astat O. <sup>8-8</sup> þe Gorlois D. Gorloys O.

<sup>9</sup> ofte D. oft O. <sup>10</sup> MS. nyce. <sup>11</sup> leaf 31.

<sup>12</sup> withoute DO. <sup>13</sup> dedely D. dedly O. <sup>14</sup> into D.

<sup>15</sup> vnto D. <sup>16</sup> vpon D. vpon O. <sup>17</sup> he D.

<sup>18-18</sup> MS. has quod Merlyn quod, with 2nd quod underlined for erasure.

<sup>19</sup> in D. <sup>20</sup> om. D.



**M**Erlyn,<sup>1</sup> prouz crafte þat he couþe,<sup>2</sup> chaungede þe kyngus  
<sup>3</sup>figure into þe likenesse of Vlfyne his chaumberleyn, and<sup>4</sup>  
to þe figure of Iordan þat was þe erlez chaumberleyn, so þat eche  
4 of ham was transfigurede into<sup>5</sup> opere likenesse. and when Merlyn  
hade so done,<sup>6</sup> he saide to þe kyng: <sup>7</sup>“sire, now may<sup>7</sup> 3e gone<sup>8</sup>  
sodeynely to þe castel of Tyntagel, and axen<sup>9</sup> entre þere, and haue  
3oure wille.” the kyng tok priuelich,<sup>10</sup> al þe host to gouerne &<sup>11</sup> lede,  
8 to a knyzt þat he miche louede, and toke<sup>12</sup> his way toward þe castel;  
and wiþ him went<sup>13</sup> Vlfyne and Merlyn. and when<sup>14</sup> þat he<sup>14</sup> come  
þider, þe Porter wende<sup>15</sup> þat it<sup>15</sup> hade bene<sup>16</sup> his owen lorde. and  
when tyme come forto gone<sup>17</sup> to bedde, the kyng went to bedde  
12 wiþ<sup>18</sup> Igerne, þe Erlez wif, and dede wiþ her<sup>1</sup> al his wille, and þo  
bigate on<sup>19</sup> here a sone þat me clepede<sup>20</sup> Arthure. ¶ Oppoñ þe  
morwe þe noble myzty kyng<sup>1</sup> toke<sup>21</sup> his leue of þe lady, and went  
a3eyn to his hoste. and þe same nyzt þat þe kyng lay by Igerne in  
16 bedde ifere wiþ þe erlez wif, þe kynges men 3af a strong<sup>1</sup> assaute  
to þe castel. and þe Erl and his men manliche<sup>22</sup> ham defendede;  
but at þe<sup>23</sup> laste hit bifelle so þat at þat assaut þe erl him-self<sup>23</sup> was  
slayn, and þe castel was<sup>13</sup> taken. and þe kyng anone turnede a3eyne  
20 to TyntageH, and spousede Igerne wiþ michel<sup>24</sup> honoure, & made  
hir<sup>1</sup> Quene. & sone after, tyme come þat she shulde bene<sup>25</sup>  
delyuerede, and bare<sup>26</sup> a sone þat<sup>27</sup> was callede<sup>27</sup> Arthure. and  
after<sup>28</sup> he gate<sup>28</sup> on here a dou3ter þat me clepede<sup>29</sup> Amya; and<sup>30</sup>  
24 when she come to age, <sup>31</sup>she was nobly<sup>31</sup> mariede to a noble  
Barouñ þat me callede Aloth, þat was lorde of Leones.

¶ When Vter<sup>1</sup> longe tyme hade regnede, þere come vppoñ him  
a grete sikenesse, as it were a sorwe. & in þe mene<sup>32</sup> tyme þo þat  
28 haden<sup>33</sup> to kepe Octa, þat was Engistes sone, and Ossa his broþer,  
þat þo were in prisouñ, men lete ham gone<sup>34</sup> for grete 3iftes þat þai  
ham 3af, and went<sup>35</sup> wiþ ham.<sup>35</sup> ¶ And when þo ij breþerne were  
escaped, and comen<sup>36</sup> a3eyne into hier<sup>1</sup> owen contre, þai ordeynede  
32 ham a grete host & a<sup>37</sup> grete power, & bigon to werre eftesones  
vppoñ þe kyng<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Helyn sic D.    <sup>2</sup> couþe he D.    coude O.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 31, back.

<sup>4</sup> in O.    <sup>5</sup> to DO.    <sup>6</sup> y-do O.

<sup>7-7</sup> Sir<sup>1</sup> quod he now mowe D.    Sir quod he now mow O.    <sup>8</sup> go O.

<sup>9</sup> axe O.    <sup>10</sup> priuily O.    <sup>11</sup> & to O.    <sup>12</sup> nome DO.    <sup>13</sup> om. DO.

<sup>14-14</sup> þai D.    þey O.    <sup>15-15</sup> þat he D.    he O.    <sup>16</sup> be O.    <sup>17</sup> go DO.

<sup>18</sup> to D.    <sup>19</sup> vpon O.    <sup>20</sup> callede D.    called O.    <sup>21</sup> nome DO.

<sup>22</sup> manly DO.    <sup>23</sup> om. O.    <sup>24</sup> mych O.    <sup>25</sup> be DO.

<sup>26</sup> bare a childe D.    bare a child<sup>1</sup> O.    <sup>27-27</sup> callede was D.    Called was O.

<sup>28-28</sup> begate O.    <sup>29</sup> Called O.    <sup>30</sup> & sche O.    <sup>31-31</sup> nobly was O.

<sup>32</sup> leaf 32.    <sup>33</sup> hadde D.    had O.    <sup>34</sup> go DO.    <sup>35-35</sup> hem with O.

<sup>36</sup> come O.    <sup>37</sup> om. D.

How Kyng Vter<sup>1</sup> chees<sup>1</sup> Aloth to kepe þe lande of Britaigne  
whiles þat he was sik.<sup>2</sup> ¶ Capitulo ¶ Septuagesimo  
¶ Secundo.

**A**Nd for-asmiche as Kyng Vter<sup>1</sup> was sik<sup>1</sup>, and myzt nouzt helpe<sup>4</sup>  
him-self<sup>3</sup>, he ordeynede Aloth, þe sone of Elyne,<sup>3</sup> þat þo  
was to bene<sup>4</sup> wardeyne and chyueteyne of al his folc; & he anone,  
and his Britons, assemblede a grete host<sup>1</sup>, & 3af bataile to Octa and  
to his folc; but Octa at þe laste was descomfitede.<sup>5</sup> ¶ Hit bifelle 8  
þus afterwarde,<sup>6</sup> þat þise Britons<sup>6</sup> haden<sup>7</sup> indignacioun<sup>8</sup> <sup>9</sup>at þis<sup>9</sup>  
Aloth, & wolde nouzt to him bene<sup>10</sup> entendant; wherfore þe kyng  
was annoyede wonder<sup>1</sup> sore, and lete put him in a liter in þe hoste  
amonges<sup>11</sup> his folc; and þai ladde him to Veroleyne, þat þo was a 12  
faire citee, þere þat seynt Albone was martrede; and after<sup>1</sup> was þat  
citee destroiede þrouz paynemys & þrouz werre. and þider<sup>1</sup> went<sup>12</sup>  
<sup>13</sup>Ossa and Octa<sup>13</sup> & her<sup>1</sup> peple, & entrede into þe toune, and lete  
<sup>14</sup>make faste<sup>14</sup> þe 3ates, & þere þai<sup>15</sup> helde ham. & þe kyng come, 16  
and ham bisegede, & made a stronge assaut; but þo þat were  
wipin, manliche ham defended. ¶ The kyng<sup>16</sup> lete ordeyne<sup>16</sup> his  
gunnes & his engynes forto breke þe wallys; & þe wallis were so  
stronge þat noþing myzt ham misdo. ¶ Octa & his peple hade 20  
grete despite þat a kyng liggyn in a liter<sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup>ham hade<sup>18</sup> bisegede,  
& þai token<sup>19</sup> conseil amonges ham, forto stande vp in þe morwe, &  
come oute, and 3eue bataile to þe kyng<sup>1</sup>; and so þai deden.<sup>20</sup> and in  
þat bataile were boþe Octa & Ossa slayne; & al þe opere þat 24  
ascapede alif, fledde pens<sup>21</sup> into Scotland, and made<sup>22</sup> Colegryne  
her<sup>1</sup> cheueteyne. & þe Saxoynes þat were alif, and<sup>23</sup> ascapede fro þe  
bataile, brouzt<sup>24</sup> a3eyne a<sup>25</sup> grete strengþ, & amonges ham<sup>26</sup> saiden  
þat, if the<sup>15</sup> Kyng Vter were dede, þai shulde wel conquere þe lande; 28  
and amonges ham þai pouzt<sup>27</sup> enpoysone þe kyng, and ordeynede  
men forto done<sup>28</sup> þis dede, & 3af ham of 3iftes grete plente, þis þing  
to done. & þai ordeynede ham þiderward<sup>1</sup> þere þat þe kyng was

<sup>1</sup> chose D.

<sup>2</sup> syke for-asmiche as he myzt nouzt trauaile for his siknesse D. sike  
for-as-mych as he myght not for siknes O.

<sup>3-3</sup> he ordeynede Aloth sone of Elyne D. he ordeyned Aloth sone of  
Eleyne O. þe sone of Elyne R.

<sup>4</sup> be O. <sup>5</sup> descomfite D. <sup>6-6</sup> om. D. <sup>7</sup> had DO.

<sup>8</sup> dedignacion sic O. <sup>9-9</sup> of DO. <sup>10</sup> be O. <sup>11</sup> among O.

<sup>12</sup> þai hade seynt D. þey had sent O. <sup>13-13</sup> Octa and Ossa O.

<sup>14-14</sup> fast make O. <sup>15</sup> om. D. <sup>16-16</sup> ordeigned O.

<sup>17</sup> leaf 32, back. <sup>18-18</sup> hade ham D. had hem O. <sup>19</sup> took O.

<sup>20</sup> ded O. <sup>21</sup> om. DO. <sup>22</sup> maden DO. <sup>23</sup> that D.

<sup>24</sup> broghten O. <sup>25</sup> om. O. <sup>26</sup> ham þai D. hem þey O.

<sup>27</sup> þoughten O. <sup>28</sup> do O.

duellyng<sup>1</sup>, & clopede ham in pore wede, þe better<sup>1</sup> forto spede hire  
 luper purpos; but nopelesse, for al her' falsenesse & queyntise, þai  
 myzt neuer come ney þe kyng. But<sup>2</sup> at þe laste þai aspiede þat  
 4 þe kyng drank none opere licoure but <sup>3</sup>oneliche water<sup>3</sup> of a clere  
 welle þat was ney; bisides; and þise false traitoures<sup>4</sup> vppoñ a  
 day priueliche<sup>5</sup> went to þat wel, and put þerin poisonū, so þat al þe  
 water was enpoysenede. And anone after' as þe Kyng hade dronke  
 8 of þat water', he biganne to swelle, & sone after'<sup>6</sup> deide; & also  
 meny as drank<sup>7</sup> of þat water' deide<sup>8</sup> also. And anone as þis false-  
 nesse was aspiede, folc of þe toune lete stoppe þe welle for  
 euermore. ¶ When <sup>9</sup>þe Kyng<sup>9</sup> was dede, his<sup>10</sup> folc bare him to  
 12 Stonehyng wip grete solempnite of bisshopp; and barons þat were  
 þere, þat buriede him bisides Aurilambros his broþer; and after  
 turnede aþeyne þo euerycheoñ, & lete sende after' Arthure his sone;  
 and þai made him Kyng of þe lande wip <sup>11</sup>michel<sup>12</sup> reuerence, after  
 16 his faderes deþ, þe xvij zere of his regne.

How Arthure, þat was þe sone of Vter', was cronede after his  
 faderes deþ; & how he drof Colegryn & þe Saxoynes,  
 and Chelduc<sup>13</sup> of <sup>14</sup>Almayne, out of <sup>14</sup>þis lande. Capitulo

20 lxxiij<sup>o</sup>.

**W**Hen Arthure was made kyng<sup>1</sup> of þe lande, he was<sup>15</sup> but  
 zonge, of xv zere age, but he was faire, and bolde, &  
 douzti of body, & to meke folc he was gode & curteise, & to prout  
 24 folc he was stout & sterne; & also he was <sup>16</sup>gentil and curteise,<sup>16</sup>  
 and large of spendyng', & <sup>17</sup>made him<sup>17</sup> wel bilouede <sup>18</sup>of al men  
 þere þat<sup>15</sup> it was nede. And when he biganne to regne, he swore þat  
 Saxones neuer<sup>19</sup> shulde haue pees ne reste til þat<sup>20</sup> he hade drif<sup>21</sup>  
 28 ham out of his<sup>22</sup> lande. & he lete assemble a grete host, & fauzt  
 wip Colegrin, þat,<sup>20</sup> after' tyme þat Octa was dede, þe Saxones  
 mayntenede. And þis Colegryne was descomfitede, & fley<sup>23</sup> to 3ork',  
 & tok þe tone, & þere helde him. And þe Kyng bisegede þe tone;  
 32 but he mizt noþing<sup>24</sup> spede, for<sup>19</sup> þe toune was so strong, & þai wipin

<sup>1</sup> better al DO. <sup>2</sup> But so DO. <sup>3-3</sup> water onych D. only water O.

<sup>4</sup> traitous sic D. <sup>5</sup> pryuyly O. <sup>6</sup> after he DO.

<sup>7</sup> dronken D. drunken O. <sup>8</sup> deiden D. diden O.

<sup>9-9</sup> kyng Vter D. <sup>10</sup> om. O. <sup>11</sup> leaf 33. <sup>12</sup> mych O.

<sup>13</sup> Sheldruk kyng' D. cheldrik out O. <sup>14-14</sup> om. O. <sup>15</sup> nas O.

<sup>16-16</sup> curteise & gentile D.

<sup>17-17</sup> made him D. made hym O. made R.

<sup>18-18</sup> amonges al men þere þat D. among al men þat þer O.

<sup>19</sup> om. D. <sup>20</sup> om. O. <sup>21</sup> dryuen D. dryve O. <sup>22</sup> þis O.

<sup>23</sup> come D. fly O. <sup>24</sup> nouzt D.

kepte þe toune wel & horpedly. ¶ And in þe mene tyme Colegryne lete þe toune to Bladulf, & fley<sup>1</sup> him-self to Cheldrik, þat was Kyng of Almaine, forto haue of him socour. and þe Kyng assemblede a grete power, and come & arryuede in Scotland wip 4 v. C. shippis. & when Arthure wist of þis tydyngus,<sup>2</sup> þat he hade nouzt power ne<sup>3</sup> strengþ ynow to feizt azeyne<sup>4</sup> Sheldrik, he lete bene<sup>5</sup> þe sege, and went to Londoñ, and sent anone his *lettres* to þe Kyng of Lital Britaigne, þat me<sup>6</sup> callede<sup>7</sup> Hoel, his<sup>8</sup> neuwe, his 8 sustres<sup>8</sup> sone, þat he shulde come to him wip<sup>9</sup> al þe power þat he myzt. And he assemblede a grete hoste, & arryuede at South-ampton. ¶ And when Kyng Ar[t]hure hit wiste, he was glade ynow, & went azeynes ham,<sup>10</sup> & ham reseyuuede wip michel<sup>11</sup> honour, 12 so þat þo ij hostes ham assemblede, and toke<sup>12</sup> her way euen to Nichole, þat<sup>13</sup> Cheldrik hade bisegede but nouzt zitte taken. And þai comen<sup>14</sup> vppon Cheldrik & vppon<sup>15</sup> his peple or þai hit wiste, þere<sup>7</sup> þat þai werre,<sup>16</sup> and ham egrely assailede. þe Kyng Cheldrik 16 and his meny defendede ham manly by here power, but Kyng Arthure and his men<sup>17</sup> quelledede so meny Saxones, þat neuer er<sup>18</sup> was seyne soche a slauzter; and<sup>19</sup> his men þat were lefte alif, fledden away, and Arthure ham persuede, and drof ham into a 20 wode þat þai myzt no ferþer passe. ¶ Cheldrik and his men saw wel þat þai were brouzt into miche disesse, & ham zolden to Arthure in þis maner wise, þat he shulde take here horse and Here armure, & al þat þai hadde, þat þai most oneliche gone on fote to here 24 shippes, and so þai wolde gone<sup>20</sup> into here owen lande, & neuer come azeyne into þis lande. And vppon assuraunce of þis<sup>7</sup> þing, þai zeuen<sup>21</sup> him gode hostages; and Arthure, prou3 conseile of his men, grauntedede þis þing, and reseyuuede þe hostages. & oppon þis, 28 þise oþer went vnto<sup>22</sup> here shippes: and when þai werne<sup>23</sup> in þe hye see, hir wille chaungede, as þe deuel it wolde, & þai retourmede hire nauye, & come azeyne into þis land, & arryuede at Tottenesse, & went out of here shippis, & toke<sup>24</sup> þe lande, & clene robbede hit, 32 & michel<sup>25</sup> peple slou3, & token<sup>26</sup> al þe Armure þat þai myzt fynde; & so þai wenten<sup>27</sup> forthe<sup>28</sup> til þai comen<sup>28</sup> to Bathe; but þe men of

<sup>1</sup> fly O.    <sup>2</sup> tidyng<sup>t</sup> D.    tydyng O.    <sup>3</sup> and D.    <sup>4</sup> azens O.

<sup>5</sup> þe DO.    <sup>6</sup> he D.    <sup>7</sup> om. O.    <sup>8-8</sup> newews souster O.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 33, back.    <sup>10</sup> hym O.    <sup>11</sup> mych O.    <sup>12</sup> token O.

<sup>13</sup> MS. has þat þat.    <sup>14</sup> come D.    <sup>15</sup> on D.    <sup>16</sup> were þere O.

<sup>17</sup> meny D.    <sup>18</sup> tofore D.

<sup>19</sup> & sheldrik & D.    And Cheldrik & O.    <sup>20</sup> go D.    <sup>21</sup> 3af D.

<sup>22</sup> to DO.    <sup>23</sup> were DO.    <sup>24</sup> nome DO.    <sup>25</sup> mych O.

<sup>26</sup> leaf 34.    <sup>27</sup> went DO.    <sup>28-28</sup> om. D.    tyl þey come O.

þe toune shitten faste here ȝates, and wolde nouȝt suffren<sup>1</sup> ham come þer in<sup>2</sup> þe toune, and þai defendede ham wel and horpedly aȝeynȝ ham.

4 <sup>3</sup>How Arthure ȝaf bataile to þe Saxones when þai comen<sup>4</sup> aȝeyne, and bisegede þe toune of Baþe, & <sup>5</sup>ham ouercome.<sup>5</sup>  
¶ *Capitulo lxxiiij*<sup>to. 3</sup>

8 **W**Hen Arthure herde þis tydynges,<sup>6</sup> he lete honge anone þe hostages, & lefte Hoel of Britaigne, his newew, forto kepe þe Marche toward Scotland wip half his peple, and him-self went<sup>7</sup> helpe rescue þe toune of Bathe. And when he come þider<sup>8</sup>, he ȝaf a strong batail to Cheldrik<sup>t</sup>, and quelde almost al þe peple þat he  
12 hade; for no man myȝt<sup>8</sup> him wipstande,<sup>8</sup> ne endure vnder<sup>9</sup> þe stroke of his swerde; and þere boþe were slayn, Colegrin and Bladud his broþer. ¶ And Cheldrik fledde þens, and wolde haue gone to his shippis; but when<sup>9</sup> Arthure hit wist, he tok xv<sup>10</sup> M<sup>1</sup> knyȝtes to  
16 Cador, þat was erl of Cornewaile, forto lette and stoppe his com- myng<sup>t</sup>; and Arthure him-self went aȝeyne towarde þe Marche of Scotland, ffor messagers tolde him þat þe<sup>11</sup> Scottes hade bisegede Hoel of Britaigne þere þat he lay sike; and þefore he hastede  
20 þiderward<sup>t</sup>; & Cador pursuede after<sup>9</sup> Cheldrik<sup>t</sup>, & toke him or þat he myȝt<sup>11</sup> come to his<sup>12</sup> shippis, & quelled Cheldrik & his peple. And when Cador hade done þis viage, he hastede him<sup>13</sup> aȝeyne, as faste as<sup>13</sup> he myȝt, towardes Arthure, and founde him in Scotland<sup>t</sup>  
24 þere þat he hade res<sup>14</sup>cuede Hoel of Britaigne. But þe Scottes were al feire wipin Mounref, and þere þai helde ham awhile; but Arthure ham pursuede, and þai fledde þens fourþ into Lymoigne, þat were in þat contre lx Iles, & grete plente of briddes, & grete  
28 plente of Egles, þat were wont to crie and feiȝten<sup>15</sup> to-gederes, and make grete noise when folc come<sup>16</sup> to robbe þat lande, and weren as miche as þai miȝt; and so þai deden, for þe Scottes were so grete rauenours þat þai token al þat þai myȝt fynde in þe lande of  
32 Lymoigne wip-outen<sup>17</sup> eny sparyng<sup>t</sup>; and þerwip þai chargede aȝeyne þe folc, into Scotland forto wende.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>1</sup> suffre DO.      <sup>2</sup> with-in D.    with-Inne O.      <sup>3-3</sup> om. O.

<sup>4</sup> come D.      <sup>5-5</sup> ouercome ham D.      <sup>6</sup> tydyng<sup>t</sup> DO.      <sup>7</sup> went to O.

<sup>8-8</sup> with hym stande O.      <sup>9</sup> when kyng D.      <sup>10</sup> x DO.

<sup>11</sup> om. D.      <sup>12</sup> here O.      <sup>13-13</sup> al þat D.      <sup>14</sup> leaf 34, back.

<sup>15</sup> fight O.      <sup>16</sup> comen D.      <sup>17</sup> withoute O.

<sup>18</sup> *MS. Trin. Coll. Dubl. 490 (D) has several pages missing here, and does not continue until f. 39 of the Rawlinson MS., p. 78 below.*

How Kyng Arthure axede of Merlyn þe adventures of vj the laste kynges þat weren to regne in Engeland, and how þe lande schulde ende. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Septuagesimo ¶ Quinto.

“Sire,” quod Merlyn, “in þe 3ere of Incarnacioun of <sup>1</sup>oure Lorde <sup>1</sup>4 Ihesu Crist M<sup>t</sup> CC xv þere<sup>2</sup> shal come a lambe oute of Wynchestre þat shal haue a white tong and trew lippis, and he shal haue wryten in his hert ‘Holynesse.’ ¶ This lambe shal make meny Goddes house,<sup>3</sup> and he shal haue pees þe most parte of his 8 lif, & he shal make one<sup>2</sup> of þe faireste places of þe worlde þat in his tyme shal nouzt fully ben<sup>4</sup> made an ende. And in þe ende of his lif, a wolf of a straunge lande shal do him grete harme<sup>5</sup>; but at þe ende þe lambe shal be maistre, prou3 helpe of a rede Fox þat shal 12 come out of þe Northwest, and him shal ouercome; and þe wolfe shal dye [in] water; and after þat tyme þe lambe shal leue no while þat he ne shal <sup>6</sup>dye. ¶ His sede <sup>7</sup>þan shal bene<sup>7</sup> in strange lande, and þe lande shal bene<sup>4</sup> wipout a gouernoure a litil tyme. 16

“And after him<sup>8</sup> shal come a dragon mellede wip mercy and ek<sup>9</sup> wodenesse, þat shal haue a berde as a goot, þat shal zeue in Engeland shadewe, and shal kepe the lande from<sup>10</sup> colde and hete; and his o foote shal be sette in Wik, and þat opere in 20 Londoñ; and he shal vnbrace<sup>11</sup> iij habitacions,<sup>12</sup> and he shal oppen his mouþ toward Walys, and þe trembling<sup>t</sup> of þe hidure of his mouþe, his heres shal stretche towarde meny habitaciouns and contres, and his breþ shal bene<sup>4</sup> ful suete in straunge landes<sup>13</sup>; & 24 in his tyme shal ryuers renne wip bloode and wip brayne, & he shal make in<sup>14</sup> places of his lande, walles, þat shal done<sup>15</sup> miche harme to<sup>16</sup> his seede after his tyme.

¶ Than shal þere come a peple out of þe Northwest duryng his 28 regne, þat shal bene<sup>4</sup> lade prou3 an<sup>17</sup> wickede hare, þat þe dragon shal done<sup>2</sup> crone Kyng, þat afterwarde shal flee ouer þe see wipout comyng a3eyne, for drede of þe dragon. ¶ In<sup>18</sup> þat tyme þe sonne shal bene<sup>4</sup> also rede as blode, as meny<sup>2</sup> men shul see<sup>2</sup> prou3 al þe 32 worlde: þat shal bitoken grete pestilence, and dep of folc prou3 dent of swerde; and þis<sup>19</sup> peple shal bene<sup>4</sup> faderles til þe tyme þat þe dragon shal dye prou3 an hare þat shal meue<sup>20</sup> a3eynes him werr

<sup>1</sup>—1 om. O.<sup>2</sup> om. O.<sup>3</sup> houses O.<sup>4</sup> be O.<sup>5</sup> harm purgh O.<sup>6</sup> leaf 35.<sup>7</sup>—<sup>7</sup> schal be O.<sup>8</sup> his tyme O.<sup>9</sup> eek with O.<sup>10</sup> fro O.<sup>11</sup> vnbracen O.<sup>12</sup> habitacions & cuntres O.<sup>13</sup> lond<sup>t</sup> O.<sup>14</sup> in al O.<sup>15</sup> do O<sup>16</sup> vn-to O.<sup>17</sup> a O.<sup>18</sup> And in O.<sup>19</sup> þat O.<sup>20</sup> neuere O

in þe ende of his lif, þat shal nouzt <sup>1</sup>bene fulliche<sup>1</sup> endede in his tyme. ¶ This dragoun shal <sup>2</sup>bene holden<sup>2</sup> in his tyme þe best body of al þe worlde; & he shal dye bisides þe Marche<sup>3</sup> of a 4 straunge lande; and þe lande shalle <sup>4</sup>duelle fade[r]lesse, wipouten<sup>5</sup> a gode gouernoure; and me shal wepe for his deþ fram þe Ile of Shepe vnto þe hauen of MarciH; wherfore, 'allas' shal bene<sup>6</sup> þe commune songe of faderles folc, þat shal ouerleuen in his land 8 destroyede.

“ **A** Nd after þis dragone shal come a ~~gote~~ oute of a<sup>7</sup> Kar', þat shal haue hornes &<sup>8</sup> berde of siluer'; and þere shal come out of his noseþrelles<sup>9</sup> a drop þat shal bitoken hunger' & sorw, & grete 12 deþ of þe peple; and miche of his lande in þe bigynnyng of his regne shal be wastede. ¶ This goot shal go<sup>10</sup> ouer' into Fraunce, & shal oppoñ<sup>11</sup> þe floure of lif and of deþ. In his tyme þere shal arise an Egle in Cornewaile þat shal haue feþeres of golde, þat' of 16 pride shal <sup>12</sup>bene wipouten<sup>12</sup> pere of alle þe lande; and he shal despise lordes of blode; and after', he shal fleo shamefully by a Bere at Gauerliche; and after' shal bene<sup>6</sup> made brigges of men oppoñ þe costes of þe see; and stoness shal falle <sup>13</sup>fram castelles,<sup>13</sup> 20 and meny opere tounes shal ben<sup>6</sup> made pleyne<sup>14</sup>; and a bataile shalle <sup>15</sup>bene done vppoñ an Arme<sup>15</sup> of þe see in a felde ordeynede as a shelde<sup>16</sup>; and at þat<sup>17</sup> bataile shal dye meny white hedes; wherfore þat<sup>18</sup> bataile shal bene<sup>6</sup> callede 'þe white bataile.' ¶ And þe 24 forsaide Beere shal done<sup>19</sup> þis goote michel<sup>20</sup> harme, and it shal bene<sup>6</sup> oute of þe Southwest; & of his bloode þan shal þe goote lese miche of his lande til at þe tyme þat shendeship shal him ouercomen<sup>21</sup>; & þan shal he clopen<sup>22</sup> him in a lyone; skyn; and þan 28 shal he wynne þat he hade loste, and more þerto, ffor a peple shal <sup>23</sup>come out of þe northwest þat shal make þe goot sore to bene<sup>6</sup> adrade; and he shal avenge him oppoñ<sup>24</sup> his enemys, þrouz conseil of<sup>25</sup> ij oweles, þat first shal bene<sup>6</sup> in peril forto bene vndone<sup>26</sup>; but 32 þe olde owel shal wende ouer þe se into<sup>27</sup> a st[r]aunge lande, and þere he shal duelle vnto a certeyne tyme; and after', he shal come azeyne into þis lande. ¶ Þise ij oweles shullen<sup>28</sup> do grete harme

<sup>1-1</sup> MS. has bene fulliche bene; fully be O. <sup>2-2</sup> behold O. <sup>3</sup> marches O.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 35, back. <sup>5</sup> withoute O. <sup>6</sup> be O. <sup>7</sup> om. O. <sup>8</sup> & a O.

<sup>9</sup> nostret O. <sup>10</sup> gon O. <sup>11</sup> i. e. open. <sup>12-12</sup> be withoute O.

<sup>13-13</sup> fro Casteil O. <sup>14</sup> playn In his tyme schal seme þat þe bere schal brenne O. <sup>15-15</sup> be do vpon þe Armes O. <sup>16</sup> Child O. <sup>17</sup> þe O.

<sup>18</sup> his O. <sup>19</sup> do O. <sup>20</sup> mych O. <sup>21</sup> ouercome O. <sup>22</sup> clope O.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 36. <sup>24</sup> on O. <sup>25</sup> of þo O. <sup>26</sup> vndo O.

<sup>27</sup> MS. has into fraunce, with fraunce underlined for erasure. <sup>28</sup> shul O.

to meny on; and so þai shullen<sup>1</sup> counseil þe gote þat he shal arere werre azeynes þe forsaid bere; and at þe last, þe goot and þe oweles shullen<sup>2</sup> come atte Bur' vp Trent, and shullen<sup>3</sup> wende ouer'; and for drede, þe Bere shal flee, and a swan wiþ him, for<sup>4</sup> his company, <sup>4</sup> to Bur' towarde þe North, & þere þai shal bene<sup>5</sup> wiþ an harde shoure. And þan þe swan shal bene<sup>5</sup> slayne wiþ sorwe, and þe Bere taken & biheuedede,<sup>6</sup> alþer' nexte his neste, þat shal [stand] vppoñ a broken brigge, vp wham þe sone shal caste his beemes; <sup>8</sup> and meny shal him seche, for vertu þat fro<sup>7</sup> hym shal come. ¶ In þat same tyme shal dye, for sorwe and care, a peple of his lande, so þat meny<sup>8</sup> shal bene<sup>8</sup> oppoñ him þe more bolder' afterward. And þo ij oweles shullen<sup>2</sup> do miche harme to þe forsaide floure of lif, <sup>12</sup> and here shul lede in distresse, so þat she shal passe ouer into Fraunce, forto make pees bituene þe gote & þe flour' delice; and þere she shal duelle to<sup>9</sup> a tyme þat her' sede shal come to seche here; and þere þai shul bene<sup>5</sup> stille til a tyme þat þai shul ham <sup>16</sup> cloþe with grace: and þai shul seche <sup>10</sup>the <sup>11</sup>Owelyn, and<sup>11</sup> put ham vnto<sup>12</sup> despitous dep. And after' shal þis goot bene<sup>5</sup> brougt to disese; and in<sup>13</sup> grete anguisshe and sorwe he shal leue al his lif. 20

“ **A**ftre þis goote, shal come out of Wyndesore a Boor', þat shal haue an heuede<sup>14</sup> of witte, a lyons hert, a pitouse lokyng; his vesage shal be reste to sike men; his brest<sup>15</sup> shal bene<sup>5</sup> stanchyn of þerst to ham þat bene apreste þerof shal<sup>16</sup>; his worde shal bene<sup>5</sup> <sup>24</sup> gospelle; his beryng shal bene<sup>5</sup> meke as a Lambe. In þe ferste zere of his regne he shal haue grete payne to iustifien<sup>17</sup> ham þat bene vntrew; and in his tyme shal his lande bene<sup>5</sup> multipliede wiþ Aliens. ¶ And þis Boor, þrouz fersenesse of hert þat he shal <sup>28</sup> haue, shal make wolfes bicombe lambes; & he shal bene<sup>5</sup> callede þrouz-oute<sup>18</sup> þe worlde 'Boor of holynesse and<sup>13</sup> of fersenesse, of nobeleye and of mekenesse,' and he shal do mesurabli al þat he shal haue to done<sup>19</sup> vnto þe Burgh of Ierusalem; and he shal whet <sup>32</sup> his teiþ vppoñ þe zates of Parys, and vppoñ iiij landes. Spayne shal tremble for drede of him; Gascoyne shal swete; in Fraunce he shal put his wynges; his grete taile shal reste in Englandt softly; Almayn shal quake for drede of him. ¶ þis Boor shal <sup>36</sup>

<sup>1</sup> schult O.    <sup>2</sup> shul O.    <sup>3</sup> schul O.    <sup>4</sup> fro O.    <sup>5</sup> be O.

<sup>6</sup> byheded O.    <sup>7</sup> for O.    <sup>8-8</sup> landes shul be O.    <sup>9</sup> tul O.

<sup>10</sup> leaf 36, back.    <sup>11-11</sup> owles & schul O.    <sup>12</sup> to O.    <sup>13</sup> om. O.

<sup>14</sup> heed O.    <sup>15</sup> brest O.    <sup>16</sup> shul haue O.    <sup>17</sup> iustifye O.

<sup>18</sup> purght O.    <sup>19</sup> do O.



zeue mantels to ij tounes of Engeland, and he shal make þe ryuer  
 rynne wiþ blode & wiþ brayn, and he shal make meny<sup>1</sup> medowes  
 reede, and he shal gete as miche as his auncestres deden; & er þat  
 4 he bene<sup>2</sup> dede he shal bere iij cronos; and he shal put on<sup>3</sup> lande  
 into gret subieccioun; and after hit shal bene<sup>2</sup> releuede, but nouzt  
 in his tyme. ¶ This Boor, after þat he is dede, <sup>4</sup>for his douzty-  
 nesse shal bene<sup>2</sup> entereded at Coloigne, and his lande shal bene<sup>2</sup> þan  
 8 fulfillede wiþ<sup>5</sup> al goode.

“ A fter þis Boor shal come a lambe, þat shal haue feete of leede,  
 an heuede<sup>6</sup> of bras, an hert of a loppe, <sup>7</sup>and a swynes skyn,  
 and<sup>7</sup> herde; and in his tyme his land shal bene in pees. þe first zere  
 12 of his regne he shal do make a citee, þat al þe worlde shal speke  
 þerof. þis lambe shal lese in his tyme a grete parte of his lande  
 þrouz an hidouse wolf; but he shal recouer it, an zif an<sup>8</sup> Lordship  
 to an Egle of his landes; and þis Egle shal wel gouerne hit, til þe  
 16 tyme þat pride shal him ouergone,—allas þe sorwe!—for he shal  
 dye þrouz his broþeres suorde.<sup>9</sup> and after shal þe lande falle to þe  
 forsaide lambe, þat shal gouerne<sup>10</sup> in pees al his lifes tyme; and  
 after, he shal dye, and þe lande bene<sup>2</sup> fulfillede wiþ<sup>5</sup> al maner  
 20 gode.

“ A fter þis lambe shal come a Moldewerpe acursed<sup>11</sup> of Godes  
 mouþ, a caitif, a cowarde as an here. he shal haue an  
 elderliche<sup>12</sup> skyn as a goot; and vengeance shal fal vppoñ him for  
 24 synne. In þe first zere of his regne he shal haue of al gode grete  
<sup>13</sup>plente in his lande, and toward him also; and in his lande he shal  
 haue grete<sup>13</sup> praising til þe tyme þat he shal soffre his peple lyuen<sup>14</sup>  
 in to miche pride wiþouten<sup>15</sup> chastisyng, wherfore God wil ben<sup>2</sup>  
 28 wroþ. ¶ Than shal arisen<sup>16</sup> vp a dragoun in<sup>5</sup> þe North, þat shal  
 bene<sup>2</sup> ful fers, and shal meve werre azeynes þe forsaide Moldewerpe,  
 and shal zeue him bataile vppoñ a stoñ. þis dragoun shal gadre  
 azeyne into his company a wolf þat shal <sup>17</sup>come oute of the West,  
 32 þat shal bygynne werre azeynes þe forsaide Moldewerp in his  
 side; & so shal<sup>18</sup> þe dragoun and he bynde here tailes to-geder.

“ ¶ þan shal come a lyon oute of Irland, þat shal fal in  
 company wiþ ham; and þan shal tremble<sup>19</sup> þe lande, þat þan shal  
 36 bene<sup>2</sup> callede Engeland, as an aspe<sup>20</sup> lef, and in þat tyme shal

<sup>1</sup> MS. nemy.    <sup>2</sup> be O.    <sup>3</sup> o O.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 37.    <sup>5</sup> of O.

<sup>6</sup> heed O.    <sup>7-7</sup> a Swynes skyn & an O.    <sup>8</sup> a O.    <sup>9</sup> deth O.

<sup>10</sup> gouerne þe land O.    <sup>11</sup> cursed O.    <sup>12</sup> erdelich O.    <sup>13-13</sup> om. O.

<sup>14</sup> lyve O.    <sup>15</sup> withoute O.    <sup>16</sup> aryse O.    <sup>17</sup> leaf 37, back.

<sup>18</sup> schullen O.    <sup>19</sup> tremblen O.    <sup>20</sup> Aspyn O.

<sup>1</sup>castelles bene<sup>1</sup> fellede adoune vppon Tamise; and it shal semen<sup>2</sup> þat Seuerne shal bene<sup>3</sup> drye, for þe bodyes þat shal <sup>4</sup>fallen dede þerin.<sup>4</sup> ¶ Þe iij chief flodes of Engeland<sup>5</sup> shal rynne in blode; and grete drede shal bene,<sup>3</sup> and anguisshe, þat shul arisen after þe <sup>4</sup>Moldewerpe shal fle for drede; and þe dragouñ, þe lyoun and þe wolf, him shal dryuen away, and the lande shal bene<sup>3</sup> wipout ham, and þe Moldewerpe shal haue no maner power<sup>1</sup>, saf onely a ship̄ wherto he may wende; and after þat, he shal come<sup>5</sup> to lande when <sup>8</sup>þe see is wipdraw. ¶ And after þat he shal 3ene þe þride part of his lande forto haue þe ferþe part in pees & reste; and after he shal leue in sorw al his lif-tyme<sup>6</sup>; and in his tyme þe hote bapes <sup>7</sup>shullen bicomē<sup>7</sup> colde; and after þat shal þe Moldewerp dye <sup>12</sup>aventurly and sodeynely,—allas þe sorwe!—for he shal <sup>8</sup>bene drenchedē<sup>8</sup> in a flode of þe see, his seede shal bicomē pure<sup>9</sup> faderles in straunge lande for euermore, and þan shal the lande bene<sup>3</sup> departede in iij parties, þat is to seyn, to the Wolf, to þe <sup>16</sup>dragoune, & to þe liouñ; and so shal it bene<sup>9</sup> for euermore. And þan shal þis<sup>10</sup> land bene<sup>3</sup> callede ‘þe lande of conquest,’ & so shal þe <sup>11</sup>ryzt<sup>11</sup> heires of Engeland<sup>12</sup> ende.”

<sup>12</sup> **How Arthure ouercome Gyllomer<sup>1</sup> þat was Kyng of Irland<sup>20</sup> & how þe Scottes bicomen<sup>13</sup> his men. Capitulo lxxvj<sup>10</sup>.**

**W**hen Guillomer<sup>1</sup>, þat was Kyng<sup>4</sup> of Irlande, hade tidynges<sup>14</sup> þat Kyng<sup>4</sup> [Arthur] was entrede at Glastenbery, he ordeynede a grete power<sup>1</sup> of Irisshemen, & come to þe see wip his <sup>24</sup>Yrisshe peple, and so come into Scotteland<sup>1</sup> ouer þe see, and arryuede faste <sup>15</sup>by þere þat Kyng Arthure<sup>15</sup> was wip his hoste. and anone as he herde þerof, he went towarde<sup>16</sup> him & 3af him bataile, and ouercome him anone ryzt; and Guillomer<sup>1</sup> fledde wip his men <sup>28</sup>azeyne into Irland<sup>1</sup>, and when þis scomfiture<sup>17</sup> was done,<sup>18</sup> Arthure turnede him azeyne þere þat he was, into þe place þat he hade lefte þe Scottes, & wolde haue ham al slayne. But þe bisshoppes, Abbotes, & opere fole of þe contre, and Ladies, <sup>19</sup>openheuedede, <sup>32</sup>comen<sup>19</sup> bifore Kyng Arthure, and criede him mercy, & saide:

1—1 Casteþ be O.    2 seme O.    3 be O.    4—4 falle þerin ded<sup>1</sup> O.  
<sup>5</sup> go O.    6 liues-tyme O.    7—7 schul be-comen O.  
<sup>8</sup>—<sup>8</sup> be dreynt O.    9 om. O.    10 þe O.    11 rightfuþ O.  
<sup>12</sup> leaf 38.    13 become O.    14 tydyng O.  
<sup>15</sup>—<sup>15</sup> MS. has by þere þat kyng Arthure þere þat kyng Arthure; þerby as kyng Arthure O.  
<sup>16</sup> towards O.    17 discomfytur O.    18 do O.  
<sup>19</sup>—<sup>19</sup> openhede come O.

“sire, gentil kyng<sup>1</sup> & myzty, haue mercy & pitee of<sup>1</sup> vs! and as  
 3oure-self is<sup>2</sup> of þe riȝt lawe, to holde and mayntene cristendome,  
 ful grete dishonour it shulde be to quelle ham þat leueþ in almyzty  
 4 Gode as ȝe done. & for Godes loue haue mercy and pitee of vs,  
 and suffren<sup>3</sup> vs forto lyuen,<sup>4</sup> for we haue hade michel<sup>5</sup> sorwe and  
 pyne; for þe Saxones hauen meny tymes þrouz oure lande<sup>6</sup> passede;  
 but þat is nouȝt ynouȝt to ȝow; for often-tymes þai haue done vs  
 8 miche sorwe & disese. ¶ ffor oure<sup>7</sup> castelles þai hauen<sup>7</sup> taken, &  
 oure bestes slayne & eten, & mich harme þai hauen<sup>8</sup> vs done; and  
 if ȝe wolde vs now quelle, hit were<sup>9</sup> none Honoure to a Kyng<sup>1</sup> to  
 quelle<sup>10</sup> ham þat crien him<sup>11</sup> mercy; for ynow ȝe haue<sup>12</sup> y-done vs,  
 12 & vs ouercomen euerycheoñ<sup>12</sup>; & for þe ¶ loue of God, soffre<sup>13</sup> vs  
 forto lyue, & haueþ<sup>14</sup> mercy of<sup>1</sup> Cristen peple þat bileueþ<sup>15</sup> in God  
 as ȝe done!” ¶ when Kyng<sup>1</sup> Arthure herde þis sorwe, he hade pite  
 of ham, and ȝaf ham lif and lyme; and alle þai felle adoune to his  
 16 feete, and bicome<sup>16</sup> his lege men, and he toke of ham homages.  
 ¶ And after<sup>1</sup> þat, Kyng Arthure turnede aȝeyne wiþ his host, and  
 come aȝeyne to ȝorke, and þere he abode duryng þat Viage.  
 ¶ And þo ȝaf he al<sup>17</sup> Loegers to Loth, þat hade spousede his sustre,  
 20 and opere ȝiftes grete plente. and þo was Gaweyn, his cosyn,<sup>18</sup> but  
 ȝong of<sup>18</sup> age; and to alle his opere men þat him hade seruede in  
 his werr<sup>1</sup>, he ȝaf riche ȝiftes, & he þankede ham miche of here gode  
 seruise.

24 **How Kyng Arthure spousede Gunnore, þat was Cadoreȝ cosyn,  
 Erl of Cornewaile; & after<sup>1</sup> he conqwerede of Guillome<sup>1</sup> aȝ  
 Irland. ¶ *Capitulo Septuagesimo* ¶ *Septimo.***

28 **W**hen Arthure hade brouȝt his lande in pees and reste, & in  
 gode state, & reste was in euery contre, þo<sup>19</sup> toke he and  
 wedede a wif<sup>19</sup> þat me callede Gunnore, & made here quene, a  
 faire lady and a gentil, þat Cadore þe erle of Cornewail hade longe  
 tyme norisskede in his chaumbre, þat was his owen cosyn; but  
 32 neuer<sup>1</sup> þai<sup>20</sup> haden childe to-gedres,<sup>20</sup> and nopelesse Kyng Arthure  
 louede her<sup>1</sup> wonder wel and derlich. ¶ And anone as wynter was  
 passede, he lete assemble a grete hoste, & alle his barons, and saide

<sup>1</sup> on O.    <sup>2</sup> be O.    <sup>3</sup> suffre O.    <sup>4</sup> leue O.    <sup>5</sup> mych O.

<sup>6</sup> lond & O.    <sup>7-7</sup> Casteil þey haue O.    <sup>8</sup> haue O.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 38, back.    <sup>10</sup> quellen O.    <sup>11</sup> hem O.

<sup>12-12</sup> don & vs ouercome O.    <sup>13</sup> suffreþ O.    <sup>14</sup> hath O.

<sup>15</sup> beleuen O.    <sup>16</sup> bycomen O.    <sup>17</sup> om. O.    <sup>18-18</sup> but of ȝonge O.

<sup>19-19</sup> nome he a wedded wyf O.    <sup>20-20</sup> had childryn to-gidere O.

þat he wolde wende into Irland<sup>1</sup> forto conquere <sup>1</sup>the Lande; and he tareded nouzt ful<sup>2</sup> longe þat he ne passede ouer into Irland<sup>1</sup>. ¶ And Guillomer<sup>3</sup>, þe Kyng of Scotland<sup>3</sup>, lete assemble a grete hoste, and 3af batail to Kyng Arthur<sup>3</sup>; but Guillomer<sup>3</sup> was descom-<sup>4</sup> fitede, & 3elde him to þe Kyng Arthure, and bicom his man, and to him dede feaute & homage, and of him helde al þat lande fro þat tyme forward<sup>4</sup>. and after passede Kyng<sup>4</sup> Arthur<sup>4</sup> ferþer<sup>4</sup>, and conquerede Gutland<sup>4</sup> and Irland<sup>4</sup>, and toke homages of folc of þe 8 lande, and þere duelleded xij 3er<sup>4</sup> in pees, & regneded wiþ <sup>5</sup>ioye and merþe, & werreded vppoñ no maner man, ne no man vppoñ him. ¶ And he bicom so curteys and<sup>6</sup> large, and so<sup>6</sup> honourable, þat þe Emperourez court of Rome, ne none þrouz-out al þe worlde, was <sup>12</sup> none acountede to Kyng<sup>6</sup> Arthures, þat eny man wist<sup>6</sup>, ne none so<sup>7</sup> preisede<sup>8</sup>; and þerefore þe beste knyzttes of al maner<sup>2</sup> landes comen to him forto duelle, &<sup>9</sup> ham resceyueded wiþ gode wille and reuerence<sup>10</sup>; and alle þe knyzttes weren<sup>11</sup> so gode þat no man knew <sup>16</sup> <sup>12</sup>þe werst<sup>12</sup>; and þerefore Kyng<sup>6</sup> Arthure made þe rounde table, þat when þai shulde sitte to þe<sup>2</sup> mete, alle shulde bene<sup>13</sup> aliche hye, and euenlich<sup>14</sup> serueded<sup>15</sup> at þe table, þat none myzt maken<sup>16</sup> auant þat none were hyer<sup>17</sup> þan oþere.<sup>17</sup> and Kyng Arthure haded at þat table <sup>20</sup> ¶ Britoñs, Fraunchemen, Normannes, Flemynges, Burgoyners, Mansers, Loherinz, and of alle þe<sup>6</sup> landes a þis half þe mount of<sup>2</sup> Gorie, and of his lande of Britaigne, and of þe<sup>6</sup> grete Cornwaile, of Walys, & of Irland<sup>1</sup>, & of Scotland<sup>1</sup>; and shortely to telle, of alle <sup>24</sup> þe landes þat wolde<sup>18</sup> worshiþe and<sup>19</sup> chyualry seche, comen to Kyng Arthurus court<sup>1</sup>.

How Kyng Arthure come into Fraunce, & conquered þat <sup>20</sup>londe of Froh, þat was a Romayn, & <sup>21</sup>him quellede.<sup>21</sup> *Capitulo 28 lxxviij<sup>o</sup>.*

**S**ith hit bifelle þat Kyng Arthure, þrouz conseile of his barons and lordes, wolde gone<sup>22</sup> to conquere al Fraunce, þat þo was clepede Galle, þrouz Romayns þat þo helde<sup>23</sup> þat lande in here <sup>32</sup> powe[r] & in here lordeshippe. and þe Romayns <sup>24</sup>haded take þat

<sup>1</sup> leaf 39.      <sup>2</sup> om. O.      <sup>3</sup> Irland<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>4</sup> ferthermore O.  
<sup>5</sup> MS. Trin. Coll. Dublin 490 (D) continues again here.  
<sup>6</sup> om. D.      <sup>7</sup> so well DO.      <sup>8</sup> preferred<sup>1</sup> O.  
<sup>9</sup> & he O.      <sup>10</sup> reuerencede D.      <sup>11</sup> were DO.      <sup>12-12</sup> ne wyst O.  
<sup>13</sup> be DO.      <sup>14</sup> euenly D.      <sup>15</sup> y-serued<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>16</sup> make DO.  
<sup>17</sup> another O.      <sup>18</sup> wolden DO.      <sup>19</sup> or D.      <sup>20</sup> leaf 39, back.  
<sup>21-21</sup> quellede him D.      <sup>22</sup> go DO.      <sup>23</sup> helden O.  
<sup>24-24</sup> haded tak þat lande D.      haded take þat land O.      om. R.

lande<sup>24</sup> to a noble knyzt, and a worþi<sup>1</sup> of body, þat me calle<sup>2</sup> Frolle, and when he wist þat Arthure come, he ordeynede an host &<sup>3</sup> grete power, & fauzt wiþ þe kyng<sup>4</sup>; & he & his fole weren<sup>4</sup> descomfitede; 4 and þens þai fledde vnto Parys, and entrede þe touñ, & closede þe zates, & þere ham helde. Arthure wist þat FroH was gone to Parys, he pursuede after, & come þider, & him bisegede; but þe citee was so strong and wel arraied; & þo þat were wiþin defendede 8 ham wel and manliche.<sup>5</sup> ¶ Kyng Arthu[r]e duellede þere more þan a mounþe; & þere was so miche peple in þe citee, & hade despendede al her vitales þat were wiþin, & so grete hunger bicome amonges ham, þat þai <sup>deide</sup><sup>7</sup> wonder pik wiþin the citee<sup>6</sup> for 12 hunger, and comen<sup>8</sup> to FroH, & prayede him to bene accordede wiþ Kyng Arthure forto haue pees; & þai wolde zelde ham to him, & þe touñ also. ¶ FroH saw<sup>9</sup> þat <sup>no longer</sup><sup>10</sup> he<sup>11</sup> myzt<sup>10</sup> holde þe touñ azeynes her<sup>12</sup> wille, and truste greteli oppoñ<sup>13</sup> his owen strengþ, 16 & sent to Kyng Authure þat he shulde come to<sup>14</sup> feizt wiþ him, body for body, and so <sup>þai</sup><sup>15</sup> shulde<sup>15</sup> departe Fraunce bituene ham ij. ¶ Kyng Arthure anone<sup>9</sup> graunte<sup>16</sup> hit, and wolde þat none of his peple vndertoke þe batail for him. ¶ And oppon þe morwe, bope 20 comen<sup>17</sup> wel armede wiþouten<sup>18</sup> Parys, þere þat þai shulde fizt; and anone þai smyten togederes<sup>19</sup> so fersely; and so wel, þai fouzten in bope si<sup>20</sup>des, þat no man couþe deme þe bettre of ham. and so Hit bifelle<sup>21</sup> þat FroH 3af Arthure soche a stroke þat he knelede to þe 24 grounde, wolde he nolde he. & as FroH wiþdrow his suerde, he wonded Kyng Arthure in þe forheuede, þat þe blode felle adoune by his eyen and<sup>22</sup> face. ¶ Arthure anone sterte vp hertly, when he felede<sup>23</sup> him hert, as a man þat semede almoste wode; & he toke<sup>24</sup> Tabourn, 28 his gode suerde & drowe<sup>9</sup> it vp an hye, & 3af FroH soche a stroke þat þerwiþ he <sup>cleuede</sup><sup>25</sup> his heuede<sup>25</sup> doun to þe shuldres, so þat his helme myzt nouzt bene<sup>26</sup> his warant; & so he felle adouñ dede þere in þe place, and þo of þe citee maden<sup>27</sup> grete sorwe for FroH; and 32 anone euerycheoñ zelde ham to Kyng Arthure, & þe tounce also, and

<sup>1</sup> worthy DO.<sup>2</sup> callede D. called O.<sup>3</sup> & a O.<sup>4</sup> were D. wer O.<sup>5</sup> manly O.<sup>6-6</sup> deiden *with-in* the citee wonder pik D.<sup>7</sup> dyden O.<sup>8</sup> come D.<sup>9</sup> om. D.<sup>10-10</sup> he myght no longer D.<sup>11</sup> he ne O.<sup>12</sup> her D.

her O.

om. R.

<sup>13</sup> in D.<sup>14</sup> & O.<sup>15-15</sup> shul þai D.

shul þey O.

<sup>16</sup> grantede D. graunte O.<sup>17</sup> come D.<sup>18</sup> with-oute DO.<sup>19</sup> to-geder D. to-gydere O.<sup>20</sup> leaf 40.<sup>21</sup> felle D.<sup>22</sup> & his D. & by his O.<sup>23</sup> felt O.<sup>24</sup> nome DO.<sup>25-25</sup> cleuede heuede R.

cleue his heuede D.

cleft his heed O.

<sup>26</sup> be DO.<sup>27</sup> made O.

bicome<sup>1</sup> his men, and deden<sup>2</sup> to him homage & feaute, & he vnderfonge ham & toke of ham gode hostages. & Kyng Arthure, after þat, went forþe wiþ his host, <sup>3</sup>and conquerede<sup>3</sup> Angoñ & Aungers, Gascoigne, Peihtto, Nauerne, Burgoyne, Bery, Loherne, Turyn<sup>4</sup> and 4 Peihters; and alle þe opere landes of Fraunce he conquerede hollich. and when he hade alle conquerede, & taken bi homages & feautes, he turnede azeine to Parys, & þere<sup>5</sup> duelleded longe tyme, and ordeynede pees<sup>6</sup> <sup>7</sup>ouer al the contrey, & <sup>7</sup> prou3-out al 8 Fraunce. ¶ And when pees was made oueral, þrou3 his noble kny3thode þat he hade, & also for his owen worþynesse, and no man, were he neuer<sup>8</sup> so grete a lorde, derst nou3t meue<sup>8</sup> werre azeynes him, noþer to arise and forto make þe lande of Fraunce in 12 quiete & pees, he wonede þere ix 3ere, & dede þere meny grete wonders, & reþrouede meny prout men & luper tyraunte3, & ham chastisede after<sup>9</sup> her<sup>9</sup> deseruise.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>10</sup>How Kyng Arthure auauuncede alle his men þat hade trauailed<sup>10</sup> 16 in his seruise. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Septuagesimo Nono.

**A**Nd after,<sup>11</sup> hit bifelle þus at Ester<sup>11</sup>, þere þat he helde a feste at Parys; richely he gan<sup>12</sup> auauunce his kny3tes for here seruise þat<sup>13</sup> him hade holpen<sup>14</sup> in his conquest; he 3af to his stywarde þat 20 men<sup>15</sup> cleped<sup>16</sup> Kay, Angoñ & Angers, and to Bedeler his boteler<sup>17</sup> he 3af Normandye, þat þo was callede Neustrie; and to Holden his chaumberleyn he 3af Flaundres and Mance; and to DoreH his cosyn he 3af Boloyn; and to Richard his Nevev he 3af Pountif; 24 And to alle opere he 3af largely<sup>17</sup> landes & fees after<sup>18</sup> þat þai were of state. ¶ And when Arthur<sup>19</sup> hade þus his kny3tes feffede, at 18 April after<sup>18</sup> nexte sewyng he come azeine into Britaigne, his owen lande. And after,<sup>19</sup> atte Whitsontide next sewyng, by conseil 28 of his barons, he wolde bene<sup>20</sup> cronede Kyng of Glomergoñ, and halde a solempne fest, & lete sompne kynges, Erles and barons, þat þai shulde come þider euerycheoñ.<sup>21</sup> Ther<sup>21</sup> was Skater<sup>21</sup>, kyng of Scotland; Cadwere, kyng of South-walys; Guillomer, king of 32 North Walys; Madede, kyng of Irland; Malgamus, kyng of

<sup>1</sup> bycomen O.<sup>2</sup> dede D.<sup>3-3</sup> MS. has and conquerede and conquerede.<sup>4</sup> Tulyñ O.<sup>5</sup> þere he D. þer he O.<sup>6</sup> pees longtyme O.<sup>7-7</sup> om. D.<sup>8</sup> om. O.<sup>9</sup> deseruyng<sup>t</sup> D.<sup>10</sup> leaf 40, back.<sup>11</sup> afterward<sup>t</sup> D. aftirward<sup>t</sup> O.<sup>12</sup> began to O.<sup>13</sup> MS. þan.<sup>14</sup> holp D.<sup>15</sup> me DO.<sup>16</sup> called O.<sup>17</sup> MS. has langely; large D.<sup>18-18</sup> AueriH D.

AueriH after O.

<sup>19</sup> om. D.<sup>20</sup> be DO.<sup>21</sup> echeoñ O.

Gutland; Achilles, kyng of Ikeland; Aloth, kyng of Denmere; Gonewas, kyng of Norweye; and Hoel his cosyn, kyng of Dorke-  
 neye; Cador, kyng of litel Britaigne; ¶ Morwif, erl of Cornne-  
 4 waile; Mauran, erle of Gloucestr; Guerdoñ, erl of Wynchestre;  
 Boel, erl of Herford; Vrtegi,<sup>1</sup> erl of Oxenford<sup>2</sup>; Cursal, erl of  
 Bathe; Ionas, erl of Chestre; Eueral, erl of Dorcestre; Kymar, erl  
 of Salesbury; Waloth, erl of Kaunterbery; Igern, erl of Checestre;  
 8 Aral, erl of Leycestre, & þe Erl of <sup>3</sup>Warwik, & <sup>3</sup>oþere riche <sup>4</sup>Lordes.  
 Britons also þere were ynow, þat is to seyn,<sup>5</sup> Dippon, Donand,  
 Genuz; and meny oþere þat beþ<sup>6</sup> nouzt here nempnede<sup>7</sup> weren at  
 þat fest; and meny anoþere<sup>8</sup> faire feste Kyng Arthure hade holden<sup>9</sup>  
 12 biforn, but neuer none soche, ne so solempne; and þat laste xv  
 dayes <sup>10</sup>wif michel<sup>10</sup> Honoure and merþe.

Of þe lettre þat was sent fram<sup>11</sup> þe Citee of Rome for pride to  
 Kyng Arthure ¶ Capitulo ¶ Octogesimo.

16 **T**He þridde day, as kyng Arthure satte at his<sup>12</sup> mete amonges<sup>13</sup>  
 his kynges, & amonges<sup>14</sup> ham þat seten at þe fest biforne ham,  
 comen<sup>15</sup> in xij elderne men of age, rychely arraiede, and curteisly  
 saluede þe kyng, and saide<sup>16</sup> þat<sup>17</sup> þai comen fro Rome, sent  
 20 messagers fram þe Emperour, and tok to him a lettre þat þus  
 miche<sup>18</sup> was to vnderstounde: ¶ “Gretely vs mervailles,<sup>19</sup> Arthure,  
 þat þow art on<sup>20</sup> so hardy, wif eyen in <sup>21</sup>þi heuede,<sup>21</sup> to maken<sup>22</sup>  
 oppen wer<sup>3</sup> and kontak azeyns vs of Rome, þat owen al þe worlde to  
 24 deme;<sup>23</sup> for þow haste neuer zitte bifore<sup>24</sup> þis tyme prouede ne  
 assaiede þe strengþ of þe<sup>25</sup> Romayns, and þerfor, þow it shalt<sup>26</sup> in<sup>27</sup>  
 litil tyme. For Iulius Cesar' conquerede al þe lande of Britaigne,  
 and tok þerof truage, and oure folc longe tyme haue it hade; and  
 28 now, þrouz þi pryde, þow hit withholdes<sup>28</sup>; wherfore we commande  
 þe þat þow zelde<sup>29</sup> azeyne. ¶ and <sup>30</sup>zitte haste þow<sup>30</sup> more folye  
 done, þat þow hast slayn Froþ, þat was oure baroñ of Fraunce, al  
 wif wrongt; and þerfore alle þe communes of Rome warnen and  
 32 commanden þe, oppoñ lif and Lyne, þat þow in haste bene<sup>31</sup> at

<sup>1</sup> Vrgety DO.<sup>2</sup> Oxoñ D.<sup>3-3</sup> Warwik<sup>4</sup> and meny D. Warwyk<sup>4</sup> & meny O. Warr<sup>4</sup> & R. <sup>4</sup> leaf 41.<sup>5</sup> say D. sey O. <sup>6</sup> ben D. be O. <sup>7</sup> ynempned<sup>7</sup> O. <sup>8</sup> a DO.<sup>9</sup> holde D. hold<sup>9</sup> O. <sup>10-10</sup> withel sic D. <sup>11</sup> fro D. <sup>12</sup> the D.<sup>13</sup> among<sup>13</sup> O. <sup>14</sup> amonge D. among O. <sup>15</sup> come D. <sup>16</sup> seyden O.<sup>17</sup> om. DO. <sup>18</sup> mych yt O. <sup>19</sup> mervelleþ O.<sup>20</sup> ones D. onys O. <sup>21-21</sup> pine hede D. þy heed O. <sup>22</sup> make O.<sup>23</sup> demen D. <sup>24</sup> afore D. <sup>25</sup> om. O. <sup>26</sup> shal D. <sup>27</sup> in a O.<sup>28</sup> withholdest O. <sup>29</sup> zelde it D. yt zelde O.<sup>30-30</sup> zif þow hast O. <sup>31</sup> be O.

Rome, amendes to make of þe<sup>1</sup> misdede; that þow haste done; and if hit so be þat þow come nouzt,<sup>2</sup> we shul passe þe huþ of Loye wiþ strengþ, and we shul<sup>3</sup> þe seke<sup>3</sup> wher'euer þow may<sup>4</sup> ben<sup>5</sup> founde, and þow shalt nouzt haue a<sup>6</sup> foote of lande of<sup>7</sup> þyn<sup>8</sup> owen<sup>4</sup> þat we ne shal destroy; and aftirward wiþ þi body we shal done<sup>9</sup> oure wille." ¶ When þis letre was rade, & alle men hit herde, þai were annoyede, alle þat were at þe<sup>10</sup> solempnite; and þe Britons wolde haue slayne þe messagers, but Arthure wolde nouzt soffre<sup>8</sup> hit, and saide þat þe messagers shulde haue none<sup>11</sup> harme, and mow by resouñ none deserue; but he commanded<sup>12</sup> hem to bene worþely<sup>12</sup> seruede. and after mete he toke<sup>13</sup> conseil of kyngus, Erles and Barons, what ansuere me myzt zeue<sup>14</sup> to þe messagers; and þai<sup>12</sup> conseilede<sup>15</sup> at ones<sup>16</sup> þat he shulde<sup>16</sup> assemble a grete power<sup>1</sup> of alle þe landes of þe whiche he hade lordeshipe, & manliche avenge him oppoñ þe Emperour, of þe despite þat he hade<sup>17</sup> sent to him soche a letre; and þai suoren bi God and by his names þat þai wolde<sup>18</sup> 16 him pursue & brenne in-alsemiche<sup>19</sup> as þai<sup>20</sup> myzt, & saide þat þai wolde<sup>21</sup> neuer faile<sup>22</sup> Kyng Arture, and rapere to bene<sup>23</sup> dede: and þai lete writen<sup>24</sup> a letre to sende to þe Emperour by þe same messagers in þis maner<sup>1</sup>: 20

Of þe bolde ansuere<sup>25</sup> þat Kyng Arthure<sup>25</sup> sent to þe Emperour of Rome & to þe Romayns. Capitulo ¶ <sup>xxx</sup>iiij primo.

“**U**<sup>V</sup>[n]derstonde<sup>26</sup> amonges 3ow of Rome,<sup>27</sup> þat I am Kyng Arthure of Britaigne, and frely hit<sup>28</sup> holde, and shal holde; 24 and at Rome hastely y<sup>27</sup> shal be, nouzt to zeue 3ow truage, but forto axen truage<sup>27</sup>; ffor Constantyne, þat was Elynus sone, þat was Emperour of Rome<sup>29</sup> and of al þe honour þat þereto bilongede<sup>30</sup>; ffor Maxinian<sup>31</sup> conquerede al Fraunce and Almaigne, & mount 28 Loye passede, & conquerede al Lumbardye; and þise ij were myn ancestres; and þat þai hade and helde, I shulde<sup>32</sup> haue, þrouz ¶ Godes wille.”

<sup>1</sup> þi D. þyn O.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 41, back.    <sup>3-3</sup> seke þ<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>4</sup> myght O.    <sup>5</sup> be DO.  
<sup>6</sup> oo O.    <sup>7</sup> o D.    <sup>8</sup> þi O.    <sup>9</sup> do DO.    <sup>10</sup> þat DO.    <sup>11</sup> no O.  
<sup>12-12</sup> ham to ben worshiply D.    hem to be worschiphfully O.    to bene worþely R.    <sup>13</sup> nome DO.    <sup>14</sup> zeue DO.    3e R.  
<sup>15</sup> conseilede him D.    counseyled<sup>t</sup> hym O.  
<sup>16-16</sup> MS. has þat he shulde þat he shulde.    <sup>17</sup> hatte D.  
<sup>18</sup> shulde D.    schuld O.    <sup>19</sup> in-as-mychel O.    <sup>20</sup> þai D.    þey O.    he R.  
<sup>21</sup> nolde O.    <sup>22</sup> fayle þ<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>23</sup> be O.    <sup>24</sup> write D.  
<sup>25-25</sup> om. O.    <sup>26</sup> Understondeþ D.    Undirstondþ O.  
<sup>27</sup> om. D.    <sup>28</sup> y O.    <sup>29</sup> leaf 42.    <sup>30</sup> bilongeth D.  
<sup>31</sup> Maxinian Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Britayne D.    Maxinian kyng of Brytaigne O.  
<sup>32</sup> shal D.    schal O.



Of þe reuerence þat Kyng Authure dede to þe Emperoure;<sup>1</sup>  
messagers of Rome. Capitulo ¶ <sup>xx</sup>iiij Secundo.

4 **W**Hen pis lettre was made and enselede, Kyng Arthure to þe  
messagers 3af grete 3iftes; and after þat, þe messagers  
toke<sup>2</sup> here leue, & went þens<sup>3</sup> to þe court of Rome azeine, and  
tolde þe Emperour how worþely þei were vnderfonge,<sup>4</sup> & whiche<sup>5</sup>  
8 real company he [K. Arthur] hade him forto<sup>6</sup> serue, & how he was  
more really seruede þan þe Emperour, or eny kyng leuyng in þe  
worlde. ¶ And when þe Emperour hade seyne<sup>7</sup> þe lettre of  
Arthure, & herde what was þerin, and saw þat Arthure wolde  
nouzt bene<sup>8</sup> rewelede by<sup>9</sup> him, he lete assemble & ordeyne an huge  
12 hoste forto destroie Kyng Arthure if<sup>10</sup> he myzt. and Kyng  
Arthure, as tochyng his partye, ordeynede his power<sup>11</sup> of knyghtes<sup>11</sup>  
of þe rounde table.

Of þe kynges & lordes þat comen to helpe<sup>12</sup> Kyng Arthure  
16 azeine; þe Emperour of Rome. Capitulo Octogesimo  
¶ Tercio.

**T**He kynges<sup>13</sup> of Scotland, & of Irland, & of Gutland, of  
Denmarc and of Almaine, eueryche<sup>14</sup> of ham hade x M<sup>t</sup> of<sup>15</sup>  
20 men. ¶ Thei of Normandy, Gascoigne<sup>xx</sup> & Spaigne,<sup>16</sup> Flaundes &  
Pehito, & of Boloigne, hade iiij M<sup>t</sup>. Geryn of Chartres hade x M<sup>t</sup>;  
Hoel of Britaigne hade<sup>17</sup> xij M<sup>t</sup>, and him-self [Arthur]<sup>18</sup> hade<sup>17</sup> of  
his owen Londe xij M<sup>t</sup>, & of Arblasters and of Archires,<sup>19</sup> & of oþere  
24 folc on foote, þat noman couþe ham nombre. and when<sup>20</sup> þai  
weren al<sup>20</sup> redy forto wende, Kyng Arthur, his lande & Gunore his  
wif, <sup>21</sup>he bitoke<sup>21</sup> to one of his Nevewes þat was a wise knyzt, &  
an herdy, þat me callede Mordrede; but he was nouzt al trewe,  
28 as 3e shul here afterwarde. Kyng Arthure toke al his reame to þis  
Mordrede, saue oneliche þe crone. ¶ And after þat, kyng Arthure  
tok<sup>22</sup> his host and went to Southamptõn, þere þat þe shippes  
were brouzt. and þe folc assemblede, and<sup>23</sup> þai deden ham to þe

<sup>1</sup> Kynges D.      <sup>2</sup> nomen D. nome O.

<sup>3</sup> þens and comen D.    þens & come O.      <sup>4</sup> vndirfongen O.

<sup>5</sup> which a O.      <sup>6</sup> to DO.      <sup>7</sup> sey O.      <sup>8</sup> be DO.      <sup>9</sup> after DO.

<sup>10</sup> if þat D.      <sup>11-11</sup> and knyzte D. & knyghtes O.      <sup>12</sup> helpen O.

<sup>13</sup> kyng D.      <sup>14</sup> euery D. eche O.      <sup>15</sup> om. O.

<sup>16-16</sup> & D. Almaine O.      <sup>17</sup> om. DO.      <sup>18</sup> leaf 42, back.

<sup>19</sup> Arches O.      <sup>20-20</sup> þai al were D.    all weren O.

<sup>21-21</sup> tok to kepe D.    toke to kepe O.      <sup>22</sup> nome DO.      <sup>23</sup> as O.

see, and hade gode wynde & weder<sup>1</sup> at wille. and as sone as þai myzten,<sup>1</sup> þai arryuede at Berflete, & wenten<sup>2</sup> oute of here shippis, and spraden al þe contreye.

**How Kyng Arthure fauzt wip a Geaunt in Spaigne, þat me<sup>4</sup> callede Denabz, þat quellede Elyne, þat was<sup>3</sup> Kyng Hoele; Cosyne, of litel Britaigne. Capitulo iiii<sup>xx</sup> iiii<sup>to</sup>.**

**K**Yng Arthure hade<sup>4</sup> duellede in þe contre but a litil while, þat men ne tolde him þat þer was comen a grete Geaunt into 8 Spayne, and hade rauesshede faire Elyne, þat was cosyn to Hoel<sup>5</sup> of Britaigne, & hade brouzt here vppon an huß þat is clepede<sup>6</sup> þe Mount of seynt Barnard; & þere was noman in þat contre so bolde, ne so hardy, þat derst wip him to<sup>7</sup> feizt, ne come ney3 þe place 12 þere<sup>8</sup> þe Geaunt duellede; and men<sup>9</sup> callede him Dynabz, þat miche sorwe dede in þe contre. ¶ When Kyng Arthure herde þis tydynges,<sup>10</sup> he callede Kay & Bedewer<sup>1</sup>, & commaundede ham þat þai shulde<sup>11</sup> gon<sup>12</sup> pryuely,<sup>11</sup> and asprie Where þe<sup>13</sup> Geaunt myzt bene<sup>13</sup> 16 founde. and þai come<sup>14</sup> to þe Ryuage þere þat<sup>3</sup> men shulde gon<sup>15</sup> to þe mount, þat was al enclosede about wip water, and 3it is and euer<sup>16</sup> shal be; and þai saw a brynnyng fire oppon<sup>17</sup> þe Huß; and þere was also anoper huß ney3, þat þere was oppon anopere fire 20 brynnyng. ¶ Kay and Bedewer<sup>1</sup> comen<sup>18</sup> to þe nexte huß, and founden<sup>19</sup> a widowe openheuede,<sup>20</sup> sitting bisides a tounbe, sore wepyng, & grete sorwe made; and ofte she saide “Elyn! Elyn!” and Kay & Bedwere axede what her<sup>1</sup> ailede,<sup>21</sup> & wherfore she made 24 so miche sorwe, & who lay in þat tombe. ¶ “O,” quod she, “what sorwe and what mysaventure, faire lordes, make<sup>22</sup> 3e here? for if þe Geant may 3ow here fynde, 3e worþ dede anone.”<sup>23</sup> “ben stille,<sup>23</sup> gode wif,” quod þai, “þerof dismai þe nouzt, but tel vs þe soþe whi 28 þow makes<sup>24</sup> so myche<sup>25</sup> sorwe & wepyng.” ¶ “Sires,”<sup>26</sup> quod she, “for a damiselle þat I norisskede wip my brest, þat me callede<sup>27</sup>

<sup>1</sup> myght O.

<sup>2</sup> as sone as þai mizt þai wenten D. as sone as þey myght þey went O.

<sup>3</sup> om. D. <sup>4</sup> nad nouzt D. had not O. <sup>5</sup> Hoel kyng<sup>1</sup> D.

<sup>6</sup> callede D. called<sup>1</sup> O. <sup>7</sup> om. DO. <sup>8</sup> þer þat O.

<sup>9</sup> me DO. <sup>10</sup> tydyng<sup>1</sup> DO.

<sup>11–11</sup> go prinelich D. go pryuely O. <sup>12</sup> leaf 43.

<sup>13–13</sup> Geauntis mihten be D. Geantit myght be O. <sup>14</sup> comen D.

<sup>15</sup> go DO. <sup>16</sup> enermore D. enermor<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>17</sup> on O. <sup>18</sup> come O. <sup>19</sup> founde D. <sup>20</sup> openhed<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>21</sup> was O. <sup>22</sup> seke DO. <sup>23–23</sup> Bistill D. Be stytt O.

<sup>24</sup> makest DO. <sup>25</sup> michel D. <sup>26</sup> Sire D. <sup>27</sup> calles D.

Elyne,—þat was nece to Hoel, Kyng of litel<sup>1</sup> Britaigne, and here liþ þe bodye in þis tombe,—þat to me was bitaken<sup>2</sup> to norisshe. so þere come a deuel, a Geaunt, & rauasshede here, & me Also, & lade vs  
 4 boþe away; and he wolde haue<sup>3</sup> forleyn þis<sup>3</sup> maide þat was so  
 3onge & tendre of age, but she myzt hit nouzt soffren, so grete and  
 so huge þe Geant is. and if he now<sup>4</sup> come as he was<sup>4</sup> wont to  
 done, certes he wille 3ow quelle, boþe ij; and þefore faste wende  
 8 3e hens.” “and wherfore,” saide þai, “go 3e nouzt hens?”  
 ¶ “Certes, Sires,<sup>5</sup>” quod she, “When þat Elyne was dede, þe  
 Geaunt made me to abide,<sup>6</sup> to done and haunt his wille, and me  
 most nedes<sup>7</sup> it soffren.<sup>7</sup> and God hit wote, I do hit nouzt wiþ my  
 12 gode<sup>8</sup> wille, for leuer me were to bene<sup>9</sup> dede þan wiþ him to dele,  
 so niche payne I haue when he me forleiz.”<sup>10</sup> ¶ When Kay and  
 Bedwere hade herde al þat þis woman hade tolde, þa turnede a3eyne,  
 and comen to Kyng Arthure, & tolde him al þat þai<sup>11</sup> hade seyne<sup>11</sup> &  
 16 harde. ¶ Arthure anone toke<sup>12</sup> ham boþe with him, and went  
 priuely by nyzt, þat none of his hoste it wiste, and come<sup>13</sup> on þe  
 morne<sup>13</sup> to þe Geaunt, and fauzt wiþ him strongely, and at þe laste  
 him slou3. and Arthure bede<sup>14</sup> Bedwere smyte of hes heuede,<sup>15</sup> and  
 20 bryng<sup>1</sup> it to þe hoste to<sup>16</sup> shewe ham for a wonder<sup>1</sup>, for it was so  
 grete & so huge. ¶ When þai comen<sup>17</sup> a3eyne to þe hoste, þai tolde  
 wherfore þai hade bene out, and shewede to ham þe heuede;<sup>18</sup> &  
 euery man was glade & ioyful of þe worþi dede þat Kyng Arthure  
 24 hade done, her<sup>1</sup> lorde. ¶ And Hoel was ful sorweful<sup>19</sup> for his nece  
 þat was so loste; and after<sup>1</sup>, when he hade space, he lete make a  
 faire chapel of oure Lady ouer Elyne; Tumble.

How Kyng Arthure 3af bataile to þe Emperour, in þe whiche  
 28 bataile þe Emperoure was slayn. *Capitulo Octogesimo v<sup>to</sup>.*

**A**Rthure and his peple hade tydynges<sup>20</sup> þat þe Emperour hade  
 assemblede<sup>21</sup> grete power<sup>1</sup>, as wel of Sarasynes and of<sup>1</sup>  
 paynemys<sup>22</sup> as of<sup>22</sup> Cristen men, <sup>xx</sup>23 Wherof þe noumbro was iiij M<sup>t</sup>  
 32 of horsemen and of<sup>8</sup> fote men.<sup>23</sup> Arthure and his peple ordeynede<sup>24</sup>

<sup>1</sup> om. DO.    <sup>2</sup> betake O.    <sup>3-3</sup> forlaide þe D.    forleyn þat O.  
<sup>4-4</sup> as he is O.    <sup>5</sup> Sire D.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 43, back.    <sup>7-7</sup> y-suffren O.  
<sup>8</sup> om. D.    <sup>9</sup> be O.    <sup>10</sup> forlith DO.    <sup>11-11</sup> seye D.    <sup>12</sup> nome DO.  
<sup>13-13</sup> in þe morwe erly D.    on þe morowe erly O.    <sup>14</sup> bad<sup>t</sup> O.  
<sup>15</sup> heed<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>16</sup> & D.    <sup>17</sup> come O.    <sup>18</sup> heed O.    <sup>19</sup> sory O.  
<sup>20</sup> tydyng O.    <sup>21</sup> assemble a D.    Assembled<sup>t</sup> a O.  
<sup>22-22</sup> and D.    as O.    <sup>23-23</sup> om. O.  
<sup>24</sup> ordeynede D.    ordeigned<sup>t</sup> O.    om. R.

ham<sup>1</sup> fast forþ in<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>here Way towarde þe Emperour, and passede Normandy & Fraunce vnto Burgoyne, and wolde euen haue gone<sup>4</sup> to þe host, for men tolde him þat þe Emperoures host<sup>5</sup> was comen<sup>5</sup> to Lucy. ¶ The Emperour and his host, in þe byginning of 4 August, remevede fram Rome, and come fourth ryzt þe way toward þe host. ¶ tho<sup>6</sup> comen Kyng<sup>6</sup> Arthures aspriez, and saide, if þat Arthure wolde, he shulde fynde þere faste bisides, þe Emperour; but þai saiden<sup>7</sup> þat þe Emperoure hade so grete power<sup>8</sup> wip him of kynges of þe lande, & of Paynemys yfere, & also cristen peple, þat it were<sup>8</sup> but grete folie to Kyng Arthure forto mete wip<sup>9</sup> him, for þe espies tolde þat<sup>10</sup> þe Emperour hade v men or vj azeynes one of his. ¶ Kyng Arthure was bolde and hardy, and for noþing 12 him dismaiede, & saide: “go we forþ<sup>11</sup> in Goddes name azeynes þe Romayns, þat wip ham ledeþ<sup>12</sup> Sarasines & Paynemes þat no maner truste þai hauen<sup>13</sup> to God, but oneliche<sup>14</sup> oppoñ here strengþ! Go we now, and seche ham sharpely<sup>15</sup> in þe name of almyzty God, 16 and slee we þe paynemys and Cristen men þat bene enemys wip ham forto destroe Cristen men; and God shal vs helpe, for we haueþ<sup>16</sup> the ryzt, & þerfore haue we gode trust in God; & done<sup>17</sup> we so þat þe enemys þat bene<sup>18</sup> to Cristendome & to Gode mow 20 bene<sup>19</sup> dede & destroiede, & þat men mow recorde þe worpinesse of knyztthode!” ¶ When Kyng Arthure hade þus saide, þai criden<sup>20</sup> al wip an hye voice, “God, fader almyzty, <sup>21</sup>Worsheppede be þine<sup>22</sup> name Wipouten<sup>23</sup> ende, Amen! and grant vs grace wel to done,<sup>24</sup> and 24 to destrieoure enemys þat beþ<sup>25</sup> azeynes Cristendome! In þe name of þe fader & <sup>26</sup>of þe sone and of þe<sup>26</sup> holy gost, Amen! And God zeue ham<sup>27</sup> neuer grace ne worshiþþ in the worlde, ne mercy of him to<sup>28</sup> haue, þat þis day shal feynten wel forto smyte, and 28 egrely!” and so þai riden softly, and ordeynede her wenges wel and wisely.

¶ The Emperoure herde telle þat Kyng<sup>4</sup> Arthure & his folc were redy arraiede forto feizt wip him; and þider <sup>29</sup>þai comen,<sup>29</sup> wher he 32 ordeynede his wenges in þe best manere þat he myzt, and more

<sup>1</sup> om. DO.<sup>2</sup> on O.<sup>3</sup> leaf 44.<sup>4</sup> go O.<sup>5-5</sup> wolde come D. wold come O.<sup>6-6</sup> come D. come kyng O. <sup>7</sup> seid O. <sup>8</sup> nere DO.<sup>9</sup> MS. wip wip. <sup>10</sup> om. O. <sup>11</sup> boldely D. boldly O.<sup>12</sup> ledes D. lede O. <sup>13</sup> haue DO. <sup>14</sup> only O. <sup>15</sup> scharpflich O.<sup>16</sup> haue O. <sup>17</sup> do DO. <sup>18</sup> beth D. <sup>19</sup> be O. <sup>20</sup> cryede O.<sup>21</sup> leaf 44, back. <sup>22</sup> þi D. þy O. <sup>23</sup> withoute O. <sup>24</sup> do O.<sup>25</sup> ben O. <sup>26-26</sup> sone & D. <sup>27</sup> hym O. <sup>28</sup> for-to D.<sup>29-29</sup> þai come D. heiz come O.

trust oppoñ his strengþ þan<sup>1</sup> in God almyzty. and þat was seyn  
 afterward, ffor when þo ij hostes metten,<sup>2</sup> the Emperour loste soche  
 foure of his<sup>3</sup> folc as dede Kyng<sup>4</sup> Arthur; and so meny were slayne,  
 4 what in o<sup>4</sup> side and<sup>5</sup> in þat oþere, þat<sup>3</sup> hit was grete pite to wete  
 and to seen.<sup>6</sup> ¶ In þis bataile were slayn þrouz Kyng Arthure, v  
 kyngz of<sup>7</sup> paynemys, & of oþere, Wonder<sup>8</sup> miche peple. ¶ And  
 Kyng Arthures men fouzten so wel, þat þe Romaines and<sup>9</sup> paynemys  
 8 hade no<sup>10</sup> more power<sup>9</sup> ne strengþ<sup>10</sup> to wipstande ham,<sup>11</sup> þan xx  
 shepe azeynes v. wolves. ¶ And so hit bifelle<sup>12</sup> þat in þis bataile,<sup>12</sup>  
 in a shoure þat was wonder herde and longe duryngt, in þat o<sup>13</sup>  
 side and in þat oþere, þe Emperour, amonges ham þere was slayn ;  
 12 but noman wist forsoþ who him slouz.

**How Kyng Arthure lete entere his knyztēs þat he hade Loste in  
 bataile; and how he sent þe Emperourre; body<sup>14</sup> to Rome,  
 þat þere was slayne in bataile. Capitulo Octogesimo vj<sup>to</sup>.**

16 **W**Hen þe Romayns wist þat þe Emperour was dede, þai for-  
 soke þe felde, and þe paynemys also; and Kyng<sup>4</sup> Arthure  
 after ham chasede<sup>15</sup> til it was nyzt, and so meny of ham quellede  
 þat hit was wonder<sup>9</sup> to telle; and þo turnede Kyng Arthure azeyne  
 20<sup>16</sup> when it<sup>16</sup> was nyzt, and þankede almyzty God of his Vittorie. And  
<sup>17</sup>on þe morwe<sup>17</sup> he lete loke<sup>18</sup> & seke<sup>18</sup> al þe felde for his knyztēs  
 þat he hade þere lost,<sup>19</sup> þat is to seyne, Boreff, erl of Maans; Bed-  
 were & Kay, and<sup>20</sup> Lygers, Erl of Boloigne; Vrtegi,<sup>21</sup> erl of Baat,<sup>22</sup>  
 24 Aloth, erl of Wynchestre; Cursale, erl of Chestre; and<sup>23</sup> Holdeyn,  
 erl of Flaundes: þise were þe grete Lordes þat Kyng<sup>4</sup> Arthure Loste  
 in þat bataile amonges<sup>24</sup> oþere worþi knyztēs; and somme he lete  
 entere in<sup>25</sup> Abbayes by þe contre, <sup>26</sup>and some he lete bene<sup>27</sup> borne  
 28 into here owen contre<sup>26</sup>; and þe Emperourres body he lete take  
 and put oppon a bere, & sent hit to Rome, and sent to say to þe  
 Romaynes þat ‘as for Britaigne & Fraunce whiche þat he helde,  
 oþere truage he wolde none<sup>28</sup> paie; and if<sup>3</sup> þai<sup>29</sup> axend him eny  
 32 oþere,<sup>29</sup> rizt suche<sup>30</sup> he wolde ham paye.’ ¶ Kyng<sup>31</sup> Arthur<sup>9</sup> lete

<sup>1</sup> MS. þat.    <sup>2</sup> mette DO.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> þat one D. on O.

<sup>5</sup> & what O.    <sup>6</sup> see O.    <sup>7</sup> of þe O.    <sup>8</sup> om. D.    <sup>9</sup> & þe O.

<sup>10-10</sup> power<sup>9</sup> D. more strengþe O.    <sup>11</sup> om. DO.    <sup>12-13</sup> om. D.

<sup>13</sup> on D.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 45.    <sup>15</sup> I-chacede D.    <sup>16-16</sup> þo it DO. when R.

<sup>17-17</sup> in þe Morne O.    <sup>18-18</sup> om. D.    <sup>19</sup> ylost O.    <sup>20</sup> om. D.

<sup>21</sup> Vrgeti DO.    <sup>22</sup> Baak<sup>4</sup> O.    <sup>23</sup> & affir O.    <sup>24</sup> amonge D. among O.

<sup>25</sup> at D.    <sup>26-26</sup> om. D.    <sup>27</sup> be O.    <sup>28</sup> not O.

<sup>29-29</sup> axede him eny oþere truage; D. axed ony oþer truage O.

<sup>30</sup> such truage O.    <sup>31</sup> þe kyng O.

bere Kay to Kenen, his owen castel, and þere he was enterede; and Ligers was born<sup>1</sup> to Boloyne, þere þat he was lorde; and Holdeyn was borne<sup>1</sup> to Flaundes, & þere he was enterede; and alle the opere he lete entier<sup>2</sup> wiþ michel honour<sup>2</sup> in Abbayes & in 4 house; of Religioun in þe contrey þere þat þai were dede. ¶ And Arthure him-self sojournede þe<sup>3</sup> same zere in Burgoigne<sup>4</sup> wiþ his<sup>5</sup> host, and þouzt þat<sup>6</sup> same zere follewyng<sup>1</sup> passe þe mount<sup>7</sup> Ioye, & haue gone<sup>8</sup> to Rome,<sup>9</sup> forto haue<sup>10</sup> take þe citee, and haue put þe 8 Romayns in subieccioñ; but þe wickede tiraunt Mordrede him lettede,<sup>11</sup> as after 3e shul here.

**How Mordrede þe traitour<sup>1</sup> to whome Kyng<sup>1</sup> Arthure tok his lande to kepe, and his castelles,<sup>12</sup> and helde hit azeynes 12 him. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Octogesimo ¶ Septimo.**

**W**Hen<sup>13</sup> Kyng Arthure<sup>13</sup> hade taken<sup>14</sup> to Mordrede his reame to kepe, and was gone azeynes þe Emperoure of Rome, & was passede þe see, Mordrede anone toke homages and feautes of al 16 ham þat were in þis lande, and wolde haue hade þe lande<sup>15</sup> to his owen vse, and<sup>16</sup> toke castelles about,<sup>16</sup> and lete ham arraie; and after his falsenesse he dede anoþere grete wrong<sup>1</sup>, ffor, azeynes þe law of Cristiente, he toke<sup>17</sup> his owen Emes wif<sup>1</sup>, as a *traitour* shulde, 20 and ordeynede him a grete hoste azeynes Arthures comyng, to halde the lande azeyns him wiþ strengþ for euermore, and to slee Kyng Arthure yf<sup>18</sup> he myzt; and lete sende by þe Cee and lande, and lete assemble Paynymes and cristen peple; and he sent to Saxones and 24 to Danoy<sup>19</sup> forto help him. and also Mordrede sende<sup>20</sup> to Cheldrik, to done<sup>21</sup> men come to him out of Saxoyne, þat was a worpi Duc, and bihizt<sup>22</sup> him, if þat he brouzt wiþ him<sup>23</sup> peple,<sup>24</sup> he wolde graunt him<sup>25</sup> al þe lande fram bizonde Humber vnto Scotland, and 28 al þe lande þat Engist hade<sup>26</sup> of Vortigers zifte, When þat he hade sponused his douzter. And Cheldrik come wiþ grete strengþ<sup>27</sup> and power<sup>27</sup> of Peple: and Mordrede him<sup>28</sup> assemblede also in his half, þat þai hade xl M<sup>1</sup> of stronge knyghtes when þat<sup>5</sup> þai hade nede. 32

<sup>1</sup> bore O.      <sup>2-2</sup> om. D. with mych honour O.      <sup>3</sup> þat O.  
<sup>4</sup> leaf 45, back.      <sup>5</sup> om. D.      <sup>6</sup> þe DO.      <sup>7</sup> mount of DO.      <sup>8</sup> go O.  
<sup>9</sup> Rome al DO.      <sup>10</sup> om. DO.      <sup>11</sup> lette DO.      <sup>12</sup> casteH D.  
<sup>13-13</sup> Arthure the kyng<sup>1</sup> D.      Arthur þe kyng O.      <sup>14</sup> take O.  
<sup>15</sup> lande al D.      <sup>16-16</sup> nome casteH D.      nome Castels aboute O.  
<sup>17</sup> nome DO.      <sup>18</sup> yf þat O.      <sup>19</sup> Danes O.      <sup>20</sup> sent O.      <sup>21</sup> do D.  
<sup>22</sup> behete O.      <sup>23</sup> him miche D.      hym mych O.      <sup>24</sup> om. O.  
<sup>25</sup> him in heritage for euermore D.      hym in herytage for euermore O.  
<sup>26</sup> leaf 46.      <sup>27-27</sup> om. D.      <sup>28</sup> hade D.      had O.

How Arthure enchacede<sup>1</sup> Mordrede þe traitour, and how he was slayne, and <sup>2</sup>Kyng Arthure also<sup>2</sup> wondede to þe<sup>3</sup> dethe. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Octogesimo ¶ Octauo.

4 **W**Hen þis tydynges<sup>4</sup> come to Kyng Arthure þere þat<sup>5</sup> he was in Burgoyne, he was ful sore annoiede, and toke al Fraunce to Hoel forto kepe, wiþ haluendele<sup>6</sup> his men, & praiede him þat he wolde hit kepe til þat he comen<sup>7</sup> azeyne, ffor him-self 8 wolde wende into Britaigne and avenge him oppoñ Mordrede þat was his traitoure; and <sup>8</sup>fourþ went<sup>8</sup> his waye, and come to Swit-sandk, & made his men to<sup>5</sup> gone<sup>9</sup> into shippe, & wolde haue arryuede at Sandewiche, and brouzt wiþ him an<sup>10</sup> grete hoste of Fraunce also 12 wiþ his owen lande. but er' þat he myght come to lande wiþ his peple þat were comen<sup>11</sup> out of þe shippis, Mordrede was comen wiþ aH his power, and 3af a stronge bataile, so þat Kyng Arthure loste meny a man er' þat he miȝt <sup>12</sup>comen to land<sup>12</sup>; ffor þere was Gaweyn 16 his Neuwe slayne, and Anguissel þat helde Scotlandk, and meny opere, wherof Kyng<sup>t</sup> Arthure was ful sory. ¶ But after þat þai were comen<sup>13</sup> to lande, Mordrede myght nougt azeynes him endure, but anone was <sup>14</sup>descomfitede, and flede þens þat<sup>15</sup> same nyȝt Wiþ 20 his men, and oppon þe morwe<sup>16</sup> come to Londoñ; but þo of the citee wolde nouzt soffre ham<sup>17</sup> come in; and fro þens he fledde to Wynchestre, and þere<sup>18</sup> helde him wiþ his peple þat <sup>19</sup>with him come.<sup>19</sup> Kyng Arthure<sup>20</sup> lete take þe body of<sup>21</sup> Gaweyn his cosyn, 24 & þe body of Anguissel, and lete ham <sup>22</sup>bene borne<sup>22</sup> into Scotlandk into<sup>23</sup> her' owen contre, and þere þai were enterede.

¶ And <sup>24</sup>anone after' þat,<sup>24</sup> Kyng Arthur' toke<sup>25</sup> his wey to destroie Mordrede; and he fledde fro þens into Cornewaile. ¶ The 28 Quene Gunnore, þat was Kyng Arthures wif<sup>t</sup>, þat þo sojournede at 3ork<sup>t</sup>, and herde þat Mordrede was <sup>26</sup>fledde þens þat he was,<sup>26</sup> and miȝt nouzt endure azeynes Kyng Arthure, she was sore adrade, and hade grete doute, and wist nouzt what was best al forto done,<sup>27</sup> for 32 she wiste wel<sup>28</sup> here lorde Kyng<sup>t</sup> Arthure wolde nouzt<sup>29</sup> of her' haue

<sup>1</sup> enchase D.    <sup>2-2</sup> also þat Kyng Arthure was DO.    <sup>3</sup> om. DO.  
<sup>4</sup> tydyng<sup>t</sup> DO.    <sup>5</sup> om. D.    <sup>6</sup> haluendele of D.    haluendel of O.  
<sup>7</sup> come DO.    <sup>8-8</sup> went forth D.    <sup>9</sup> go O.    <sup>10</sup> a DO.    <sup>11</sup> come O.  
<sup>12-12</sup> come to Lande with his peple D.    come to londe O.  
<sup>13</sup> come O.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 46, back.    <sup>15</sup> the D.    þe O.    <sup>16</sup> morne D.  
<sup>17</sup> him D.    hym O.    <sup>18</sup> þere he O.  
<sup>19-19</sup> come with him D.    with hym comen O.    <sup>20</sup> om. O.  
<sup>21</sup> MS. has of Arthur' with Arthur' scratched out.    <sup>22-22</sup> bc bore DO.  
<sup>23</sup> in O.    <sup>24-24</sup> after anon D.    affir anon O.    <sup>25</sup> nome DO.  
<sup>26-26</sup> fleȝ D.    <sup>27</sup> do O.    <sup>28</sup> wel þat DO.    <sup>29</sup> neuer D.    neuere O.

mercy, for þe grete shame þat she to him hade done; and toke<sup>1</sup> her<sup>2</sup> wai priuely<sup>2</sup> wiþ iiij men<sup>3</sup> and wiþ no mo,<sup>3</sup> & come to Kerliouñ, and<sup>4</sup> þere she<sup>4</sup> duelled al her<sup>5</sup> lifes tyme, þat<sup>5</sup> neuer was seyn amonges folc, her lif duryng. ¶ Arthure wist þat<sup>4</sup> Mordrede was fledde into Cornewail. he<sup>6</sup> lete sende after his men into Scotland, & into<sup>7</sup> Northumberland vnto Humber, and lete assemble folc wiþout noubre, & come<sup>8</sup> fro þens into Cornewale to seche and pursue after Mordrede. and Mordrede hade assemblede<sup>9</sup> al þe folc of<sup>4</sup> Cornwayle, and hade peple wiþoute noubre, & wist þat<sup>10</sup> Arthure Was<sup>11</sup> comyng. he<sup>11</sup> hade leuer<sup>12</sup> to Dye and tak his chaunce, þan lenger<sup>3</sup> flee, and abode and ȝaf an harde bataile to Kyng Arthur & to his peple, so þat so miche peple was slayn,—<sup>12</sup> What in þat<sup>1</sup> one halfe<sup>13</sup> and in þat oper,—þat noman wiste who þat<sup>12</sup> hade þe better partie. ¶ But so hit bifelle at the laste, þat Mordrede was slayn, and al his folc, and al þe gode chiuairy þat Kyng Arthure hade gaderede and norissede of diuerse<sup>14</sup> landes; <sup>16</sup> and also þe noble Knyghtes of þe rounde table, þat so miche<sup>15</sup> were preisede þrouȝ al þe worlde, weren<sup>16</sup> þere slayn; and Arthure himself was wondede to þe deth. but he lete him bene<sup>17</sup> born in a liter to Auyouñ, to bene<sup>17</sup> helede of his wondes; and ȝitte þe Britons <sup>20</sup> supposen þat he Leueþ in a-noþere lande, and þat he shal come ȝit and conquere al Britaigne; but certes þis is þe prophecie of Merlyn: he saide þat his deþ shulde bene<sup>17</sup> dotous; and he saide sothe, for men þerof ȝitte hauen<sup>18</sup> doute, and shal<sup>19</sup> for euermore, as <sup>24</sup> me<sup>20</sup> saiþ, for men weten<sup>21</sup> nouȝt wheþer þat he leueþ<sup>22</sup> or is dede. ¶ Arthure was born<sup>23</sup> to Auyouñ þe xxij<sup>24</sup> ȝere of his regne After þe Incarnaciouñ of oure lorde Ihesu Crist v. C̄ and xlvi<sup>ti</sup> ȝere.

**How Kyng Arthure delyuerede þe<sup>25</sup> reame to Constantyn, þe <sup>28</sup> sone of Cadore, his newew. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Octogesimo ¶ Nono.**

**W**Henne Kyng Arthure wist þat he miȝt no longer<sup>3</sup> regne, he lete come bifore him Constantyne, þat was Cadore;<sup>26</sup> sone, <sup>32</sup> erl of Cornwail, his cosyn, and to him bitoke al his reame, and to

<sup>1</sup> nome DO.    <sup>2</sup> pryuelych D.    <sup>3-3</sup> wiþ-out mo D.    without mo O.

<sup>4-4</sup> þere D.    þere nome & þere sche O.    <sup>5-5</sup> lif and D.    lyf þat O.

<sup>6</sup> and DO.    <sup>7</sup> om. DO.    <sup>8</sup> went D.    comen O.

<sup>9</sup> assemblede to him D.    Assembled to hym O.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 47.

<sup>11-11</sup> Comyng & D.    comyng & O.    <sup>12</sup> om. D.    <sup>13</sup> side D.

<sup>14</sup> dyuerse D.    diuers O.    <sup>15</sup> michel D.    <sup>16</sup> were O.    <sup>17</sup> be DO.

<sup>18</sup> haue O.    <sup>19</sup> om. O.    <sup>20</sup> he O.    <sup>21</sup> wete DO.    <sup>22</sup> leue O.

<sup>23</sup> bore O.    <sup>24</sup> xij D.    <sup>25</sup> þis D.    <sup>26</sup> Cadore O.



him saide, & bade him þerof to bene<sup>1</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> til þat he come aȝeyne, for-asmiche as he hade none heire of<sup>t</sup> his body bigeten; and grete harme was hit þat <sup>2</sup>soche a noble<sup>2</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup>, and so doughty, hade  
 4 none<sup>3</sup> childe of his body bigeten<sup>4</sup>; <sup>5</sup>but al þing þat God wil haue done,<sup>6</sup> moste <sup>7</sup>bene done,<sup>7</sup> Whos name ben<sup>8</sup> blessedede wiþouten ende! Amen.

**How Kyng Constantyne was werrede of Mordredus ij sones.**

8 **Capitulo Nonogesimo.**

**T**His Constance<sup>9</sup> was a noble knyght<sup>t</sup> and a worþi of body; and þo ij sones þat Mordrede hade bigeten,<sup>10</sup> hade grete en[u]y to Constantyne, þat þo was cronede kyng<sup>t</sup>; and so þat<sup>11</sup> þai bigonne to  
 12 meve weri<sup>t</sup> aȝeynes him, and assemblede a grete hoste of ham þat <sup>12</sup>were to-fore<sup>12</sup> wiþ Mordrede, and<sup>13</sup> hade bene drynen away.<sup>14</sup> þai deden<sup>15</sup> miche sorwe <sup>16</sup>þrouȝ al þat<sup>16</sup> lande: þat o<sup>17</sup> broþer ordeynede him to Londoñ forto take þe citee, and þat opere to  
 16 Wynchestre; but Constantyn come <sup>18</sup>to Londoñ<sup>18</sup> and slough him þat was þere; and after, he went to Wynchestre, and slough him þat þere was also, so þat boþe his enemys were dede. and when Constantyn had regnede worþely iijȝ ȝer<sup>t</sup>, he deide, & lip at Londoñ.

20 **Of <sup>19</sup>þe Kynges<sup>19</sup> Adelbright and of Edelf. Capitulo Nonogesimo primo.**

**A**fter Kyng Constantynus deth þere were ij kynges in Britaigne: þat on me callede Adelbright, þat was a Danoys, þat<sup>20</sup> helde  
 24 þe contre of Northfolc and Southfolc; þat<sup>t</sup> opere hiȝt Edelf, and was a Britoun, þat<sup>21</sup> helde Nichole, Lyndeseye, and al þe lande vnto Humber. ¶ þise ij kynges faste werrede to-gederes,<sup>22</sup> but afterwarde þai were accorded, and louede to-geder<sup>t</sup><sup>23</sup> as þai <sup>24</sup>haden  
 28 bene borne of o body.<sup>24</sup> ¶ The Kyng Edelf hade a sustre þat me callede Orewenne, and he ȝaf here þrouȝ grete frendship to Kyng Adelbright to wif, and he bigate on<sup>25</sup> here a doughter þat me callede Argentiȝ. and in þe þridde ȝere after, him come vpon<sup>26</sup> a stronge

<sup>1</sup> be DO.      <sup>2-2</sup> so noble a DO.      <sup>3</sup> no DO.      <sup>4</sup> begete O.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 47, back.      <sup>6</sup> do O.      <sup>7-7</sup> be done D.      be do O.      <sup>8</sup> be D.

<sup>9</sup> Constantyne D.      Constantyn O.      <sup>10</sup> biget D.      bygete O.

<sup>11</sup> om. O.      <sup>12-12</sup> wern bifore D.      ben byfore O.      <sup>13</sup> þat D.

<sup>14</sup> away & DO.      <sup>15</sup> dede O.      <sup>16-16</sup> þrouȝ-oute þe D.      <sup>17</sup> on D.

<sup>18-18</sup> om. D.      <sup>19-19</sup> Kyng D.      <sup>20</sup> and DO.      <sup>21</sup> & DO.

<sup>22</sup> to-gidere O.      <sup>23</sup> to-gederes D.

<sup>24-24</sup> hade bene borne breþerne D.      had be bore of o body O.

<sup>25</sup> in DO.      <sup>26</sup> vpon hym O.

1sikenesse, þat nedes he moste dye; and he sent to Kyng Edelf his brother-in-lawe, that he shulde come and speke with him; & he come to him with gode wille. ¶ Tho praiede he the [king], and coniurede also in the name of God, þat after when he were dede, he 4 shulde tak<sup>r</sup> ArgentiH his douzter, & þe lande, & þat he kepte here wel, and norisskede<sup>2</sup> in his Chaumbre, and when she were of age he shulde<sup>3</sup> done here bene<sup>3</sup> mared to þe strongest and worpieste man þat he myzt fynde, and þan he shulde zelde<sup>4</sup> vp her<sup>r</sup> lande 8 azeyne. Edelf hit grauntede, and by oth hit confermede<sup>5</sup> at his power.<sup>5</sup> ¶ And when Adelbriht was dede and enterede, Edelste toke þe damisel Argenti, and norisskede her<sup>r</sup> in his chaumbre, and she birome þe faireste creature þat<sup>6</sup> eny man<sup>7</sup> myzt fynde.<sup>7</sup> 12

How þe<sup>8</sup> Kyng Edelf<sup>r</sup> mariede þe damisel Argenti to a knaue of his Kechyne. *Capitulo iiii<sup>xx</sup> &<sup>8</sup> xij<sup>o</sup>.*

**T**His Kyng Edelf, þat was Vnele to the Damisel Argenti, biþouzt how þat he myght falseliche<sup>9</sup> haue þe lande fram his 16 nece for euermore; & falsely, azeynes his oth, þouzt to desceyu þe damiseH, and mariede here to a knaf of his kechyne þat me calde Curan<sup>10</sup>; and he birome þe worpiest man<sup>8</sup> & strongest<sup>11</sup> of body þat eny man wiste in eny lande þat þo leuede; and to him he þouzt 20 here shendefully haue mariede forto haue hade hir<sup>r</sup> lande afterward; but he was elene desceyuede. ¶ ffor þis Curan<sup>12</sup> was Hauelockes sone, þat was Kyng of Kirkelane in Denmark; and þis Curan conqwerede his wifes landes, and slough Kyng Edelf þat was his wifes 24 Vnele, & hade al here lande as<sup>13</sup> in anoþer stede hit telleþ more oppenly; and he ne regnede but iij zere, for Saxoynes and Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>14</sup> him quelled; and þat was grete harme to al Britaigne; and Britons bere him to Stonehyng, and þere þai<sup>8</sup> him enterede wiþ 28 michel<sup>15</sup> honoure and solempnite.

Of<sup>16</sup> Kyng Conan. *Capitulo Nonogesimo Tercio.*

**A**fter þis Curan, regnede Conan, 17 þat was<sup>17</sup> his cosyn, þat was a wonder proude knyzt<sup>18</sup> and regnede.<sup>19</sup> he coupe<sup>20</sup> haue no 32 maner loue, but euer<sup>r</sup> he was medlyng wiþ his owen peple, and toke

<sup>1</sup> leaf 48.      <sup>2</sup> norisshe here D.      <sup>3-3</sup> do her<sup>r</sup> be D.      do here be O.

<sup>4</sup> zeue DO.      <sup>5-5</sup> his prayer<sup>r</sup> DO.      <sup>6</sup> þat myght lyue or O.

<sup>7-7</sup> wist D.      fynde O.      <sup>8</sup> om. DO.      <sup>9</sup> falsly D.      falsly O.

<sup>10</sup> Hykke Curan O.      <sup>11</sup> strongest man D.      strengest man O.

<sup>12</sup> Curan þat O.      <sup>13</sup> leaf 48, back.      <sup>14</sup> Danes O.

<sup>15</sup> om. D.      mych O.      <sup>16</sup> Of þe O.      <sup>17-17</sup> om. D.      <sup>18</sup> man O.

<sup>19</sup> regnede & D.      regned & O.      <sup>20</sup> coude not O.

his Vncle wiþ werre, and helde<sup>1</sup> his ij childerne.<sup>2</sup> ¶ The Saxoynes werrede aʒeynes him oftetymes, but he ham<sup>3</sup> ouercome at þe laste; & so he was in pees al his lifes<sup>4</sup> tyme; and he regnede xiiij ʒere,<sup>4</sup> and after,<sup>5</sup> he<sup>6</sup> deide, and ¶ liþ at London.

**Of Kyng Certif; and of Gurmonde, þat come prou; paynemys<sup>7</sup> into Britaigne. Capitulo Nonogesimo Quarto.**

**A**fter þis Conan, regnede his cosyn Certif, þat was bihatede of  
8 all his peple, and noþing bilouede. and þis Certif loste al  
Britaigne prou; werre. And in his tyme felle þat<sup>8</sup> grete meschief  
in<sup>9</sup> Britaigne, þat Cristendome was destroede, and alle þe Britons  
were dryuen oute, &<sup>9</sup> þe lande loste<sup>10</sup> wiþouten<sup>11</sup> eny recoueryng<sup>12</sup>;  
12 but afterwarde lefte þe lande to Saxoynes, as ʒe shul afterwarde  
hure. ¶ For in þat tyme þere was a paynyme þat me callede  
Gurmonde, þat was þe Kynges sone Daufrik, of þe Paynymes folc,  
þat hade þe reaume after<sup>1</sup> his fader, and was kyng, saf he biquaþ &  
16 ʒaf hit to his broþer, and saide þat<sup>6</sup> he wolde<sup>13</sup> neuer bene<sup>14</sup> kyng<sup>1</sup>  
but<sup>3</sup> if he might<sup>15</sup> conquere and gete<sup>15</sup> a reaume in a<sup>16</sup> straunge  
contrey; for he was bolde, and ek<sup>3</sup> stronge of body. & of him  
17 prophecied Merlyn, and saide þat ‘he shulde bene<sup>14</sup> a wolf of þe  
20 see’; and<sup>18</sup> lete assemble paynymes wiþout<sup>19</sup> nombre, and lete  
apparaile shippis, and went by meny londes, and toke homages  
and feautes of meny. and so he went by þe<sup>16</sup> see fram lande to  
lande, & conquerede diuerses<sup>20</sup> landes, so þat he come to<sup>21</sup> Irland,  
24 and conquered þat<sup>22</sup> lande, þat<sup>22</sup> ofte-tymes werrede vppon Brit-  
aigne,<sup>23</sup> and Britons<sup>24</sup> vppon ham; and often<sup>25</sup> <sup>26</sup> wonnen, & ofte<sup>26</sup>  
lostn,<sup>27</sup> and ʒeuen hostages to Britons. and so þai senten<sup>28</sup> to  
Gurmond, þere þat he was in Irland, þat he shulde come into  
28 Britaigne, and helpe ham aʒeynes<sup>29</sup> þe Britons, to helpe ham  
deliuere<sup>30</sup> þat lande of ham; and þai wolde<sup>31</sup> him holde<sup>31</sup> gladly  
for her lorde; for he was a paynyme, and þai were paynemes, and  
þe Britons were cristen: wel auʒt him<sup>32</sup> þan ham forto helpe, so as

<sup>1</sup> quelde D. welde O.    <sup>2</sup> sones D.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> lif D. lyf O.

<sup>5</sup> aftirward O.    <sup>6</sup> om. DO.    <sup>7</sup> Parys O.    <sup>8</sup> þe D.    <sup>9</sup> of D.

<sup>10</sup> lost D. y-lost O.    <sup>11</sup> with-oute O.    <sup>12</sup> retourne D. recouere O.

<sup>13</sup> nolde O.    <sup>14</sup> be DO.    <sup>15</sup> gete and conquere D.    <sup>16</sup> om. D.

<sup>17</sup> leaf 49.    <sup>18</sup> and he DO.    <sup>19</sup> withouten D.

<sup>20</sup> diuerse D. diuers O.    <sup>21</sup> into DO.    <sup>22-22</sup> om. D.

<sup>23</sup> Brytonys O.    <sup>24</sup> britayne D.    <sup>25</sup> ofte D.    <sup>26-26</sup> om. O.

<sup>27</sup> lost D.    <sup>28</sup> senden D. sent O.    <sup>29</sup> ʒens O.

<sup>30</sup> MS. has deliuere with the last de underlined for erasure.

<sup>31-31</sup> holde hym O.    <sup>32</sup> he O.

þai weren<sup>1</sup> of on law. ¶ When Gurmond herde þis praier<sup>1</sup>, he hastede him as miche as he miȝt, and arryuede in Scotland, and come into Northumberlond þere þat þe Saxones were duellyng; & þai confermede þe couenaunteȝ bituene<sup>2</sup> ham, þat were made by oþes<sup>4</sup> and by hostages, forto beren<sup>3</sup> him trew fay, & halde him for lorde, and paye to him truage by zere. ¶ Tho bigonne þe Saxoynes & þe Aufricans to<sup>4</sup> destroye, robbe and brenne tounes, and destroye<sup>5</sup> al þing<sup>4</sup>, as michel<sup>5</sup> as þai myȝt, and sparede<sup>6</sup> neiþere man, woman, 8 ne childe, Lewede ne lernede,<sup>7</sup> þan<sup>8</sup> alle þai quellede, & caste adouñ tounus, & castelle,<sup>9</sup> & cherches, & so put þai al þe lande to<sup>10</sup> grete destrucciouñ. <sup>11</sup>And as sone as the Britons<sup>11</sup> myȝt<sup>12</sup> flee,<sup>13</sup> þai fledde þens, as wel poer<sup>1</sup> as ryche, Bisshoppis, Abbotes, Chanons, <sup>12</sup> & alle oþere, grete and smale; somme into litel Britaign, & some into Cornwail; alle þo þat shippis miȝt haue.

**How<sup>14</sup> Kyng Gurmonde drof þe<sup>4</sup> Kyng Certif to Chichestre, and quellede þe Britons, & þrouz<sup>4</sup> quey[n]tise ¶ gete<sup>16</sup> the toune.** [Capitulo nonagesimo quinto.]

**S**Ertif þe<sup>4</sup> kyng, fleye þens into<sup>15</sup> Chichestre, þat þo was a gode cite and a<sup>4</sup> strong, and þere helde him xx daies. and þis Gurmonde hit bisegede; but þe citee was so strong<sup>1</sup> þat he miȝt<sup>20</sup> nouȝt<sup>16</sup> hit gete<sup>16</sup> be no maner<sup>1</sup> engyne þat he myȝt done.<sup>17</sup> þo biþouȝt þai oppoñ a grete queyntise forto brenne the toune: þai maden<sup>18</sup> engynes of<sup>19</sup> glew and of nettes, and token<sup>20</sup> peces of tunder<sup>1</sup> &<sup>21</sup> fire, and bonde to<sup>22</sup> sparwe<sup>23</sup> feet, & afterward lete ham flee; <sup>24</sup> and þai<sup>24</sup> fley anon ryȝt,<sup>24</sup> and loggede ham in þe toune þere þat her<sup>1</sup> nestes were, and in stackes & in euesynges of house<sup>25</sup>; & þe fire biganne anone to tende and brenne<sup>26</sup> al þe toune. and whenne þe Britons saw þe toune brenne on<sup>27</sup> euery side, þai hiede ham out, and <sup>28</sup> fauȝt; but anone þai were slayn & descomfitede. and whiles þe bataile durede, þe kyng priuely<sup>28</sup> had him, &<sup>28</sup> stale away into Walys, & men wiste neuer where<sup>29</sup> he bicome; & so was þe toun

<sup>1</sup> were O.    <sup>2</sup> bituene D.    between O.    bitue R.    <sup>3</sup> ber<sup>2</sup> D.    bere O.

<sup>4</sup> om. D.    <sup>5-5</sup> as michel D.    al thing in-as-mych O.    <sup>6</sup> spare D.

<sup>7</sup> lered<sup>1</sup> O.    <sup>8</sup> þat D.    þat O.    <sup>9</sup> Castels O.    <sup>10</sup> in D.

<sup>11-11</sup> & as fast as þei D.    & as sone as þey O.    <sup>12</sup> leaf 49, back.

<sup>13</sup> fleen D.    <sup>14</sup> How þe D.    <sup>15</sup> vnto D.    to O.

<sup>16-16</sup> get þat citee D.    gete þat Cytee O.    <sup>17</sup> do O.

<sup>18</sup> made D.    <sup>19</sup> with DO.    <sup>20</sup> tok D.    <sup>21</sup> & of DO.

<sup>22</sup> to þe D.    hem to þe O.    <sup>23</sup> sparowes O.

<sup>24-24</sup> anone riȝt fley D.    anon right fley O.    <sup>25</sup> houses O.

<sup>26</sup> brenned D.    brent O.    <sup>27</sup> in DO.    <sup>28-28</sup> om. D.    <sup>29</sup> qwer sic O.

of Chichestre taken<sup>1</sup> & destroyed. and after, went Gurmonde, & destroyed citees & townes þat neuer were afterward made azeine, as it is seen 3itte in meny stedes.

4 How þis lande was clepede Engeland<sup>2</sup> for þe name of Engist ;  
and how meny Kynges <sup>2</sup>were <sup>3</sup>made<sup>2</sup> after<sup>1</sup> in þe Londe.  
¶ Capitulo Nonogesimo Sexto.

8 **W**Hen Gurmonde hade<sup>4</sup> wastede and destroyede al þe lande þrouz-out, he 3af þe londe to þe<sup>5</sup> Saxones ; and<sup>6</sup> þai toke hit wiþ gode wille, for þe Saxones longe tyme hade desirede hit, for-as-miche as þai were of Engistes Kynrede, þat first hade al þe lande of Britain ; and þo lete ham bene<sup>7</sup> callede Englisshemen,<sup>8</sup> for-as-miche  
12 as in his tyme hit was callede Engistes lande, when he hade conquerede it of<sup>9</sup> Vortiger þat hade spousede his douzter. but fram<sup>10</sup> þe tyme þat Brut come<sup>11</sup> ferst into<sup>12</sup> Engeland, þis land was callede Britaigne, & þe fole Britons, til þe tyme þat þis Gurmound eftesones  
16 conquerede hit & 3af it vnto<sup>13</sup> Saxonus, and þai anone riȝt changed þe name, as <sup>14</sup>bifore is<sup>14</sup> saide. ¶ And when þis was done, Gurmound passede ouer into Fraunce, & þere conquered meny londes, & destroyed aH<sup>15</sup> cristen peple þere þat he come. and þe Danois<sup>16</sup>  
20 duelled in þis<sup>17</sup> lande, & bigonne faste hit<sup>18</sup> inhabit at here owen wille ; and þai wolde haue made newe kynges and lordes, but þai myȝt neuer assenten<sup>19</sup> to haue onelich o kyng, for to bene<sup>7</sup> to him entendaunt : and þefore þai <sup>20</sup>maden meny<sup>20</sup> kynges <sup>21</sup>in diuerses<sup>21</sup>  
24 shires, as hit was in Engistes tyme. ¶ The ferst kyngdome was Kent, and þat<sup>22</sup> opere Southsex,<sup>23</sup> and þe þridde Westsex, and þe ferþ Estsex, and<sup>5</sup> þe fifte Northumberland, and þe sixte Estangle, þat is to seyn Northfolc & Southfolc, and þe seueneþ Merchenoroth, and  
28 þat is þe Erl<sup>24</sup>dome of Nichole,<sup>25</sup> Huntyngdon and<sup>26</sup> Hereford, Gloucestre, Wynchestre, Warrwyk<sup>27</sup> and Darby ; and so departede <sup>28</sup>þe Englisshemen<sup>28</sup> al Engeland into<sup>29</sup> vij parties. ¶ And after<sup>30</sup> hit

<sup>1</sup> tak<sup>t</sup> D.      <sup>2-2</sup> weren y-made O.      <sup>3</sup> leaf 50.      <sup>4</sup> hast O.

<sup>5</sup> om. O.      <sup>6</sup> anon DO.      <sup>7</sup> be DO.

<sup>8</sup> Englisshmen for encheson) of Engistes name & þe lond<sup>2</sup> þey lete Calle Ingelond<sup>2</sup> in here langage & þe folk ben called Englisshmen O.

<sup>9</sup> of kyng O.      <sup>10</sup> fro D.      <sup>11</sup> MS. cocome.

<sup>12</sup> MS. has into fr, with fr underlined for omission ; in D.

<sup>13</sup> vnto þe DO.      <sup>14-14</sup> it is afore O.      <sup>15</sup> om. D.

<sup>16</sup> Saxoynes D.      Danes O.      <sup>17</sup> the D.      <sup>18</sup> it to D.      <sup>19</sup> assent DO.

<sup>20-20</sup> made diuerse D.      <sup>21-21</sup> in al D.      in diuers O.      <sup>22</sup> þer D.

<sup>23</sup> Sussex O.      <sup>24</sup> leaf 50, back.      <sup>25</sup> Lyncolne D.      <sup>26</sup> om. DO.

<sup>27</sup> Warwyk<sup>t</sup> DO.      Warr<sup>r</sup> R.      <sup>28-28</sup> Englyssh O.      <sup>29</sup> in O.

<sup>30</sup> after þat D.

bifelle þat þo kynges werrede <sup>1</sup>to-gederes ofte-tymes<sup>1</sup>; and euer he þat was strongest binome ham<sup>2</sup> þat were<sup>3</sup> feblest; & so hit was longe tyme þat þai nade no kyng<sup>4</sup> cronede amonges ham, ne no cristen men was þo amonges ham, ne cristen dome neipere, but were<sup>4</sup> pay-4 nemys l. 3ere, til þat seynt Gregori was pope<sup>5</sup> of Rome, þat hade seyne childerne of þe naciouñ in þe citee of Rome, þat were wonder<sup>6</sup> faire creatures, & hade grete wille and desire ham forto<sup>6</sup> biholde, and axede of þe marchauntes whens þai were, & of what naciouñ; & 8 men<sup>7</sup> tolde him þat þai were of Engeland, & Engliſſhe<sup>8</sup> þai were callede; but þai and aH þe peple of Engeland were paynemes, & bileuede nouz in<sup>9</sup> God. ¶ “Allas,” quod seynt Gregori, “wel mow þai <sup>10</sup>bene callede<sup>10</sup> Engliſſh, for þai haue þe visages<sup>11</sup> of 12 Angeles; and perfor wel auzt<sup>12</sup> ham þen ben cristen men.<sup>12</sup>” And for þis enchesouñ seynt Gregor sent seynt Austyne into Engeland, and xl. goode men wip him, þat were of gode lif, and holy men, to preche and<sup>13</sup> teche, and to conuerte þe Engliſſhe peple, and ham 16 turne to God: and þat was in þe vj 3ere þat seynt Gregor hade bene Pope,<sup>14</sup> þat is to seyne, after þe Incarnaciouñ of oure Lorde Ihesu Crist, v. C. <sup>xx</sup>iiij and<sup>15</sup> vij 3ere, as þe cronicles tellep.<sup>16</sup>

**How Seynt Austyne baptisede & conuertede Kyng Adelbriht, 20 and ij bisshopis þat he callede<sup>17</sup> his felawes. Capitulo <sup>xx</sup>iiij xvij<sup>o</sup>.**

**W**Hen Seynt Austyne come ferst into Engeland, he <sup>18</sup>arryuede <sup>19</sup>in þe Ile<sup>19</sup> of Tenet, and so passede fourth, & come vnto 24 Kaunterbery, and pere soiournede. And Kyng Adelbriht of Kent, þat was of þe lynage of Engist, faire vnderfong seynt Austyn & his felowes wip michel<sup>20</sup> honour, & <sup>21</sup>ham fonde<sup>21</sup> al þat ham nedede; & ferþermore he 3af ham a faire place þat now is callede 28 þe Abbay of seynt Austynus, in whiche place he lip him-self shrinede. ¶ This Kyng<sup>4</sup> Adelbriht was a gode man, and wip godewel herde seynt Austynus predicaciouns, and 3af him leue to

<sup>1-1</sup> ofte-tyme togedre D. often-tymes to-gidere O.

<sup>2</sup> hym O. <sup>3</sup> was O. <sup>4</sup> weren O.

<sup>5</sup> O has pope struck out, and bisshope written in margin, in same (?) hand.

<sup>6</sup> to D. <sup>7</sup> þai D. <sup>8</sup> engliſſhe-men D. <sup>9</sup> vpon O.

<sup>10-10</sup> called be O. <sup>11</sup> visage D. vysage O.

<sup>12-12</sup> þa þan bene cristen D. þey þat be cristene O. <sup>13</sup> & to O.

<sup>14</sup> O has pope struck out, and bisshope written over. <sup>15</sup> om. D.

<sup>16</sup> telles D. <sup>17</sup> made D. made of O. <sup>18</sup> leaf 51.

<sup>19-19</sup> at Totten sic O. <sup>20</sup> mych O. <sup>21-21</sup> fonde ham D.

preche prouz<sup>1</sup> al his lande of Kent, to tourne & to<sup>2</sup> conuerte<sup>3</sup> to him al þe peple<sup>3</sup> pat he miȝt. ¶ Hit bifelle<sup>4</sup> so afterwarde, prouz Goddes grace, þat in litel tyme þe kyng him-self was conuertede<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>to Gode,<sup>5</sup> and aȝ his peple of<sup>6</sup> his<sup>6</sup> lande was<sup>6</sup> baptisede. And in the<sup>7</sup> mene-while pat<sup>7</sup> þe peple turnede ham to God, seynt Austyn come to Rochestre, and pere prechede Goddes worde.<sup>8</sup> þe paynemys perfor him scornede, and caste on<sup>9</sup> him righe tailles, so þat al his<sup>8</sup> mantel was hongede ful of righe tailles; and for more despite pai<sup>10</sup> caste oppon him<sup>11</sup> þe guttes of ryghe & of fflishe; wherfore þe gode man seynt Austyn was sore agreuede,<sup>12</sup> and prayede to God<sup>13</sup> þat alle þe childerne þat shulde<sup>14</sup> bene borne<sup>14</sup> afterwarde in þat citee of<sup>12</sup> Rouchestre moste haue tailles. ¶ And when þe Kyng herde and wist of þis vengeance þat<sup>15</sup> was falle prouz seynt Austynus praier, he lete make an house in þe<sup>2</sup> honoure of God, wher-in wymmen shulde haue childerne at þe bruges ende, in<sup>16</sup> whiche hous wymmen<sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup>ȝit beþ delyuere<sup>17</sup> of childe. ¶ When<sup>18</sup> seynt Gregory hade<sup>19</sup> herde tel pat<sup>20</sup> þe Englysshe-men were turnede to Gode, and conuertede, He sent to seynt Austyn his Pallyouñ, by a bisshop þat me callede Paulyn, and made him primate & Erchebisshop<sup>21</sup> of al Engeland, <sup>20</sup>And sent him<sup>22</sup> worde þan<sup>22</sup> þat he shulde<sup>23</sup> make bisshopis in þe land. And anone as seynt Austyn hade þe Palliouñ of þe<sup>22</sup> dignite of þe erchebisshop, he made ij bisshoppes of his felawes þat come wip him fram<sup>24</sup> Rome: on þat me<sup>2</sup> callede Mellite, & he duellede <sup>24</sup>at Londoñ, And þat opere me callede Iustyn, þat helde þe dignite of Rouchestre. ¶ And pis<sup>25</sup> bisshop Mellyt<sup>26</sup> went to preche into Essex, & baptisede þe kyng of þe contre, þat me callede Sicwith, þat was Kyng Adelbrightȝ cosyn, his sustres<sup>27</sup> sone. ¶ This <sup>28</sup>Iustyne went to preche in Southsex, & turnede miche of þe peple to<sup>28</sup> god; and seynt Austyne went him-self prechyng prouz-oute <sup>29</sup>þe lande.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>1</sup> burgh-out O.    <sup>2</sup> om. O.    <sup>3-3</sup> þe peple vn-to hym al O.

<sup>4</sup> fel D.    <sup>5-6</sup> om. D.    <sup>6-6</sup> house-holde & of the lande weren D.

<sup>7-7</sup> mene-tyme whil D.    mene-tyme whyle O.    <sup>8</sup> MS. wrode.

<sup>9</sup> vppoñ D.    <sup>10</sup> the sic D.    <sup>11</sup> oppon him D.    on hym O.    oppon R.

<sup>12</sup> annoyede & greuede D.    anoyed O.

<sup>13</sup> MS. gode with the e underlined for omission.

<sup>14-14</sup> be borne D.    be bore O.    <sup>15</sup> þat þus D.    <sup>16</sup> in the D.

<sup>17-17</sup> ȝit of the Citee beth delyuereð D.    ȝyt of þe Cytee be deliuered O.

<sup>18</sup> And when D.    <sup>19</sup> om. D.    <sup>20</sup> how DO.

<sup>21</sup> leaf 51, back.    <sup>22</sup> om. DO.

<sup>23</sup> shulde þan ordeyne & D.    þan schulð ordeyne & O.

<sup>24</sup> fro O.    <sup>25</sup> þe O.    <sup>26</sup> Mellite þo D.    Mellyt þo O.

<sup>27</sup> suster D.    Suster O.    <sup>28</sup> vnto O.    <sup>29-29</sup> Engeland DO.

How seynt Austyne went into Walys, *pere pat pe Britouns were; & how*<sup>1</sup> *pai nolde nouzt bene*<sup>2</sup> *obedient to pe Erchebisshop of Kanterbury.* Capitulo <sup>xx</sup>iii<sup>o</sup> xviii<sup>o</sup>.

**W**Hen al Engeland was baptisede and turnede to God, seynt 4 Austyn went into pat lande *pere pat pe Britons were*, and forto kepe ham fro<sup>3</sup> Englysshe-men, pat is to seyn,<sup>4</sup> into Walys, & *pere*<sup>5</sup> he founde monkes & Abbayes, & vij bisshoppes; for pe Britons destroyed<sup>6</sup> alwai<sup>7</sup> pe cristen peple pat seynt Austyne had<sup>8</sup> baptisede,<sup>8</sup> & saide to pe bisshoppes pat 'he was a legate of Rome, & primat of al Engeland, & pat pai shulde<sup>9</sup> by al resouñ to him bene<sup>10</sup> obedient.' And pai saide pat 'pai nolde but to pe Erchebisshop of Kerlyouñ'; & saide 'pai nolde neuer, for no maner 12 ping, bene obedient vnto pe Englysshe-men'; "ffor pe Englysshe-m-n," pai saide, "bep<sup>11</sup> oure aduersaries & oure enemys, and hauen<sup>12</sup> dryuen vs out of oure owen contre; & we bep<sup>11</sup> Cristen men, and euer hap<sup>12</sup> bene; & pe Englysshe-men <sup>13 14</sup>hauep euermore<sup>14</sup> bene 16 Paynymes, but now late pat pai bep<sup>15</sup> conuertede." ¶ Seynt Austyne myzt<sup>16</sup> of ham<sup>16</sup> none oþere ansuere haue,<sup>17</sup> but saide<sup>18</sup> apertely pat 'pai nolde neuer <sup>19</sup>ham meke<sup>19</sup> to him ne to pe<sup>20</sup> peple<sup>21</sup> of Rome.' And seynt Austyne turnede þo aþeyne to Kyng 20 Adelbright, pat was kyng of Kent, and tolde him pat pis<sup>22</sup> folc <sup>23</sup>wolde nouzt<sup>23</sup> to no man bene<sup>24</sup> obedient<sup>25</sup> but to pe Erchebisshop of Kerlyouñ. and when pe Kyng herde pis, he was sore annoiede, and saide pat he wolde ham destroye, & sent to Elfride,<sup>26</sup> 24 Kyng of Northumberland, pat was his<sup>20</sup> frende, pat he shulde come to him wiþ<sup>27</sup> al pe power<sup>28</sup> pat he myzt, & pat he wolde<sup>29</sup> mete him at Leycestre, and fro<sup>30</sup> pens pai wolde gone<sup>31</sup> into Walys, & destroye pe Erchebisshop of Kerlyouñ, & alle þo<sup>32</sup> pat hade refusede 28 seynt Austyn.

<sup>1</sup> pat O.      <sup>2</sup> be D.      <sup>3</sup> from O.      <sup>4</sup> say O.  
<sup>5</sup> *pere* he fonde DO.    *pere* R.      <sup>6</sup> dystroyeden O.      <sup>7</sup> alwayes D.  
<sup>8</sup> conuertede D.    conuerted O.      <sup>9</sup> shulde be D.  
<sup>10</sup> om. D.    be O.      <sup>11</sup> ben O.      <sup>12</sup> haue DO.  
<sup>13</sup> leaf 52.      <sup>14-14</sup> haue euer D.    han euermore O.  
<sup>15</sup> bene D.    ben O.      <sup>16-16</sup> om. O.      <sup>17</sup> haue of hem O.  
<sup>18</sup> sayden D.    seyden O.      <sup>19-19</sup> meke hem O.      <sup>20</sup> om. O.  
<sup>21</sup> pope D.    pope *struck out and* bisshop *written in the margin* O.  
<sup>22</sup> his O.      <sup>23-23</sup> nolde nouzt bene D.    nolde not be O.  
<sup>24</sup> om. DO.      <sup>25</sup> obedient ne to non oþer man O.      <sup>26</sup> Elbright D.  
<sup>27</sup> in D.      <sup>28</sup> hast D.      <sup>29</sup> shulde D.    schulde O.  
<sup>30</sup> from O.      <sup>31</sup> go D.      <sup>32</sup> om. D.



How Kyng Adelbr[i]ght and þe<sup>1</sup> Kyng Elfride quelled  
Brecyual, þat was a Kyng of Britons þat helde þe contre of  
Leicestre. *Capitulo Nonogesimo ix*°.

4 **H**It bifelle so þat þere was a Kyng Britoun þat helde þe  
contre of Leycestre, and al þe cuntre aboute him, of  
Brecyual. And þis Kyng Briton herde telle þat þo ij Englishe  
kyng; wolde<sup>2</sup> mete þere at Leycestre, forto wende into Walys.<sup>3</sup>  
8 he lete ordeyne al þe power þat he hade, forto feiþt wiþ þise ij  
kynges; but litil hit auailede him, for his folc þat he hade was<sup>4</sup>  
slayn, & him-self fledde, & loste his lande; for euermore. ¶ And  
þise ij kynges, Adelbright and<sup>5</sup> Elfride, duelled<sup>6</sup> awhile at  
12 Leycestre,<sup>6</sup> & departede þe lande amonges ham, & toke<sup>7</sup> homages  
& feautes of þe<sup>8</sup> folc of þe cuntree; and after, þai wenten<sup>9</sup> towarde  
Walys, & <sup>10</sup>þo of Walys hade herde telle of þe scomfiture of<sup>11</sup>  
Brecyual hade at<sup>12</sup> Leycestre, and were wonder' sore adrade of þo ij  
16 kynges, and toke<sup>13</sup> and chose amonges ham gode men & holy, of  
heremytes, monkes and prestes, and<sup>14</sup> oþere folc grete plente, þat  
wenten<sup>15</sup> bare-fote and wolward, forto haue mercy of þo ij kynges.  
¶ But þo<sup>16</sup> kynges were<sup>17</sup> so sterne and so wickede þat þai nolde  
20 neuer speke with ham, but quelled ham euerychoñ—Allas þe  
sorwe!—for þai ne sparede ham nomore þan <sup>18</sup>þe wolfe doth þe<sup>18</sup>  
shepe, but smyten of <sup>19</sup>þe heuedes of<sup>19</sup> euerychoñ; & so al were  
þere martrede þat to ham come, þat is to vnderstonde, v<sup>c</sup>. & xl.  
24 ¶ And after,<sup>20</sup> þo ij kynges went<sup>21</sup> to Bangor, forto quelle al þo<sup>1</sup>  
þat þai <sup>22</sup>myzt þere<sup>22</sup> fynde of þe Britons. And when þe Britons þat  
herde, þai assemblede & ordeynede al here power' forto fiþt wiþ  
ham. ¶ þo was þere a Britoun<sup>23</sup> in Walys, þat me callede Bledrik'  
28 of Cornwaile, þat somme-tyme was lorde of Deuenshire, but þe  
Kyng Adelbright hade dryuen him into Walys, and zeue<sup>24</sup> him  
bataile; and at þat bataile was Kyng Adelbright slayne, & Elfride<sup>25</sup>  
woundede sore, & forsoke þe felde, & þe most parte<sup>26</sup> of his folc  
32 slayn; and Elfride fleye<sup>27</sup> into Northumberland, þat was his owen

<sup>1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2</sup> wolden O.    <sup>3</sup> Walys and D.    <sup>4</sup> weren D.    were O.

<sup>5</sup> MS. and Edelf, with Edelf *underlined for omission*; om. D.

<sup>6-6</sup> at Leycestre awhile D.    <sup>7</sup> token DO.    <sup>8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9</sup> went D.    wente O.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 52, back.    <sup>11</sup> þat DO.

<sup>12</sup> of O.    <sup>13</sup> nome O.    <sup>14</sup> & of DO.    <sup>15</sup> wenten O.    weren R.

<sup>16</sup> the D.    <sup>17</sup> weren D.    <sup>18-18</sup> wolves done D.

<sup>19-19</sup> here hedes O.    <sup>20</sup> afterwarde D.    afterward' O.

<sup>21</sup> went fro þens DO.    <sup>22-22</sup> þere miþt D.

<sup>23</sup> baron DO.    <sup>24</sup> 3af D.    <sup>25</sup> Eldryd O.    <sup>26</sup> partye D.

<sup>27</sup> fleye O.

lande; and afterwarde þe peple of Leycestreshire made wiþ strengþ Cadwaladre, þat was Brecyuale; sone, Kyng of Leycestre, & he after<sup>1</sup> regnede nobli & wiþ grete<sup>2</sup> honcure.

**How Cadewaladre, <sup>3</sup>þat was<sup>3</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Leycestre, and Elfride, <sup>4</sup>Kyng of Northumberlan<sup>d</sup>, weren<sup>4</sup> frendes; & of þe debate þat after was bituene Edwyne & Cadewalayn, þat were <sup>5</sup>boþe here<sup>5</sup> sones. Capitulo Centesimo.**

**A**Nd after þat <sup>6</sup>þis bataile was done, þe Britons <sup>7</sup>assemblede <sup>8</sup>ham, and went þens, and come <sup>8</sup>vnto Leicestre, & made Cadwaladre, þat was Brecyuales sone, kyng of Leicestr' and of aH þe contre. and <sup>9</sup>he toke homages & feautes of <sup>10</sup>þe folc of þat <sup>11</sup>contre; and after þat, he assembled <sup>12</sup>a grete hoste, and saido 'he <sup>12</sup>wolde go <sup>13</sup>into Northumberland forto <sup>14</sup>destroi Kyng Elfride, & slee him, if þat he myght.' and when he was comen <sup>15</sup>þider, frendes <sup>16</sup>went so bituene ham, & made ham accordede in þis maner', þat Elfride shulde holde aþ þe lande fram Humber' vnto <sup>17</sup>16 Scotlande, and Cadwalader' shulde halde <sup>18</sup>al þe lande aþis half' Humber' vnto <sup>19</sup>þe South; and after þat þai bicome <sup>20</sup>gode frendes al here lif duryng', & louede to-gedre as [they] hade bene <sup>21</sup>ij breþerne. ¶ And þis Elfride hade a sone þat me callede Edwynne, <sup>20</sup>þat hade and helde al þe lande of Northumbreland' after' his fadres deth, as his fader' hade holde al his lif-tyme. <sup>22</sup>¶ And Cadwaladre hade anopere sone þat me callede Cadwalayn, þat helde his fadres lande as he it helde while he was alif'; and þai louede to-gedre as <sup>24</sup>þai hade bene breþern. and þe loue laste bituene ham but onely ij zere, and after biganne debate bituene ham þrouz a luþer eneuious cosyne of <sup>23</sup>Cadwalayn, þat men <sup>24</sup>callede Briens, so þat þai assemblede a grete <sup>25</sup>hoste in boþe parties; & at þe laste hit bifelle <sup>28</sup>þat' Cadewalayn was descomfitede, & Edwyne him þursuede, and drof' fram <sup>26</sup>place to place. so at þe <sup>27</sup>laste he fleye into Irlande; and þis opere destroyede his lande, & caste adounne <sup>28</sup>his castelles, <sup>28</sup>and brennede <sup>29</sup>his maneres, and departede al Cadwalaynes <sup>30</sup>lande <sup>32</sup>amonge his frendes. <sup>30</sup>¶ And longe tyme after come Cadwalayn

<sup>1</sup> afterward O.      <sup>2</sup> gode D.      <sup>3-3</sup> om. DO.      <sup>4</sup> were DO.  
<sup>5-5</sup> her boþe O.      <sup>6</sup> om. D.      <sup>7</sup> leaf 53.  
<sup>8</sup> comen O.      <sup>9</sup> and after þat D.      <sup>10</sup> of al DO.      <sup>11</sup> þe DO.  
<sup>12</sup> assemblede D.      <sup>13</sup> assembled' O.      <sup>14</sup> assemble R.      <sup>15</sup> gon O.      <sup>16</sup> to DO.  
<sup>17</sup> come O.      <sup>18</sup> frende D.      <sup>19</sup> in-to O.      <sup>20</sup> haue DO.      <sup>21</sup> into D.  
<sup>22</sup> becomen O.      <sup>23</sup> be O.      <sup>24</sup> lyuystyme O.      <sup>25</sup> MS. of of.  
<sup>26</sup> me D.      <sup>27</sup> stronge D.      <sup>28</sup> him fro D.      <sup>29</sup> hym fro O.      <sup>30</sup> om. O.  
<sup>31-31</sup> casteH D.      <sup>32</sup> castels O.      <sup>33</sup> brent O.      <sup>34-34</sup> amonges his frende D.

aʒeyne fram Irlande, with a stronge power, and in pleyn bataile  
 1 quellede Edwynne and alle his frendshippes, & namely þo þat  
 wiþhelde his landes þrouz Edwynes ʒifte.

4 How Kyng Oswolde was quellede þrouz Kyng<sup>2</sup> Cadwaleyne and  
 Peanda; & how Oswy, þat was seynt Oswoldes; broþer,  
 regnede after him, & quelde Peanda. *Capitulo Centesimo*  
*primo.*

8 **W**hen þat Edwynne was slayn, Offris his sone vnderfonge<sup>3</sup>  
 þe werr' aʒeyns Cadwaleyn his Eme, so þat þis Offris  
 deide duryng þe weire. and after þe deþ of Offris, þo regued a  
 gentile Cristen man þat miche louede God,—þat hade aȝ þe lande  
 12 of Northumberland by<sup>4</sup> herytage,—þat me [called] Oswolde, and  
 he was kyng of al þat lande. but for-asmiche as he was frende to  
 Edwyne, and helde a grete parte of þe lande of Cadwalyñ, þe same  
 Cadewalyn werred oppoñ him, and drof him toward Scotland.  
 16 and when Cadwalyn saw þat he wolde<sup>5</sup> nouȝt abide, Cadwalyn  
 wolde no longer him pursue, but toke some of his folc to Peanda,  
 his broþer-in-law, & praiede Peanda to pursue Oswolde til þat he  
 were take and slayne; and Cadwalyn turnede þo<sup>6</sup> home aʒeyn.  
 20 ¶ When Oswolde herde þe tidynges<sup>7</sup> þat Cadwaleyn turnede home  
 aʒeyne, he wolde no longer flee, but abode Peanda, & ʒaf him  
 bataile; & Peanda was descomfitede and fley,<sup>8</sup> and come aʒeyne to  
 Cadwaleyn, & saide þat<sup>2</sup> 'he wolde neuere holde a<sup>9</sup> foote of lande  
 24 of him but<sup>10</sup> if it were so þat<sup>10</sup> he wolde avenge him oppoñ<sup>11</sup>  
 Oswolde.' Cadwaleyne lete assemble a grete host forto fiȝt wiþ  
 Oswolde; so þat he and Peanda come into Northumberland,<sup>12</sup> and  
 ʒeuen bataile vnto Oswolde; and in þat same bataile was Oswolde  
 28 slayn,<sup>13</sup> & his heuede<sup>14</sup> smyten of; & after he was enterede at þe  
 Abbay of Berdencye, in whiche place<sup>15</sup> God haþ wrouȝt for him  
 meny a faire miracle, boþe þere and elles-where.

¶ And anone Oswy<sup>16</sup> his<sup>17</sup> broþer seisede into<sup>18</sup> his hande al  
 32 þe<sup>19</sup> lande þat was Oswoldes; & þe folc of Northumberlande louede  
 him wonder wel, and helde him for here lorde; but he hade men  
 of his kyn worþi ynow þat wolde haue departede þe lande; & þai

<sup>1</sup> leaf 53, back.

<sup>2</sup> om. D.

<sup>3</sup> vndertok<sup>1</sup> D. vndirtoke O.

<sup>4</sup> by þ<sup>o</sup> O.

<sup>5</sup> nolde O.

<sup>6</sup> þo home D. þo hoom O. þo R.

<sup>7</sup> Tydyng O. <sup>8</sup> fled O.

<sup>9</sup> o O.

<sup>10-10</sup> om. D.

<sup>11</sup> of DO.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 54.

<sup>13</sup> y-slayn O.

<sup>14</sup> heed O.

<sup>15</sup> places D.

<sup>16</sup> Oswyne D.

<sup>17</sup> MS. him.

<sup>18</sup> vn-to O.

<sup>19</sup> his O.

werrede to-gedre.<sup>1</sup> & for-asmiche as þai were nouȝt stronge ynow,<sup>2</sup> þai come to Peanda, & praiede him of helpe and socour, & bihȝht him of þat lande largely, oppoñ þat<sup>3</sup> couenant þat he wolde ham<sup>4</sup> ghye, helpe,<sup>4</sup> & conseile. ¶ Peanda herde her<sup>5</sup> praier, & so spake 4 wiþ þe Kyng Cadwalyñ þat he shulde ordeyne a grete hoste, and faste ordeyne him into Northumberland forto fiȝt wiþ Oswy. and Oswy was a meke man, & miche louede pees and<sup>5</sup> charite, & prayede Peanda of loue and pees, &<sup>5</sup> proferede him<sup>2</sup> of golde &<sup>6</sup> 8 siluer grete plente. ¶ And<sup>7</sup> þis Peanda was so proude þat he wolde<sup>8</sup> graunt him no<sup>3</sup> pees for no maner þing, but for al þing h[e] wolde wiþ him<sup>9</sup> feiȝt. so at þe<sup>2</sup> laste þere was sette a day of ba[ta]ille; and Oswy euere hade truste oppoñ Gode, & þis 12 Peanda triste to miche oppoñ his pride & oppoñ his host þat he hade. and to-gedre þai smyten egrely; but Peanda anone was descomfitede & slayn. And þat was after þe Incarnaciouñ of oure lorde Ihesu Criste 10 V. C. & lv.<sup>10</sup> ¶ And þis Oswy þo regnede 16 xxviii<sup>11</sup> ȝere. 12 And a kyng<sup>13</sup> þat me callede Oswyn, þat was Peandaeȝ cosyn, werrede oppoñ Kyng Oswy, and to-gedre fouȝten; but Oswy hade þe victorie; and Oswyne was descomfitede & slayn, and lith at Tynnemouthe. 20

**Of Kyng Ossa, þat was souereyne of alle þe kynges of Engeland; & how eueryche<sup>14</sup> werrede oppoñ oþere in his tyme.**  
**Capitulo Centesimo Secundo.**

**H**It bifelle so þat alle þe kynges in þat tyme þat were in þe 24 londe, as þo of Westseȝ, Mercheneriche, Est Angle, of Kent, & of Southseȝ & of oþere costes, eueryche<sup>14</sup> werrede oppoñ oþere; and<sup>15</sup> þai þat were<sup>15</sup> moste myȝtiest<sup>16</sup> toke þe lande of ham þat were moste feblest.<sup>16</sup> ¶ But þere was a kyng amonges ham 28 þat me callede Ossa, þat was seynt Oswoldes broþer. þis Ossa conquerede alle þe kynges of þe lande, & regned aboue ham alle. ¶ And so grete was þe werr<sup>1</sup> in euery contre bituene kyngus, þat no man myȝt wete how þe lande went. But Abbotes, prioures, & 32 men of religiouñ, writen þe lifes and<sup>17</sup> dedes of kynges, & how

<sup>1</sup> togederes D.      <sup>2</sup> om. O.      <sup>3</sup> om. DO.

<sup>4-4</sup> helpe lede D.    gye & helpe O.    <sup>5-5</sup> om. D.    <sup>6</sup> & of D.

<sup>7</sup> But D.    <sup>8</sup> nolde DO.    <sup>9</sup> hem O.    <sup>10-10</sup> D. & lv ȝeer O.

<sup>11</sup> xviii D.    <sup>12</sup> leaf 54, back.    <sup>13</sup> kyn D.    <sup>14</sup> eche O.

<sup>15-15</sup> he þat was DO.

<sup>16-16</sup> bynomen ham þat were most feblest þe lande D.    byname þe loud of hym þat was feblest O.    <sup>17</sup> & þe O.

longe <sup>1</sup> eueryche hade regnede,<sup>1</sup> & in what contre; & in what  
<sup>2</sup> maner eueryche <sup>2</sup> kyng deide, and of <sup>3</sup> bisschoppis also, and *perof* <sup>4</sup>  
made grete bokes, & lete calle ham þe Cronicles: and þe goode  
4 Kyng Alurede hade þat boke in his warde, and lete brynge hit to  
Wynchestre, & lete hit faste bene <sup>5</sup> tackede to a piler<sup>5</sup>, þat men  
myzt hit <sup>6</sup> nouzt remeve ne bere <sup>7</sup> þenns, so þat euery man myzt hit  
see and *pereoppoñ* loke, for *perin* bep<sup>8</sup> þe lifes of alle þe Kynges  
8 þat euer wer<sup>8</sup> in Engeland<sup>8</sup>.

How þe Kyng of Northumberlon<sup>8</sup>, Osbriht, forleye þe wif of  
Buerne Bocar<sup>8</sup> þrouz strengþ; & after þis Buerne con-  
querede þe <sup>9</sup> Kyng wip stronge power.<sup>9</sup> *Capitulo Centesimo*  
12 *tercio.*

**A** Nd þus hit bifelle in the same tyme, þat *pere* was a kyng in  
<sup>10</sup> Northumberlon<sup>8</sup> þat me callede Ossebriht, & soiournede  
in 3ork, and þis kyng wente him oppoñ a day into a wode, him  
16 forto<sup>11</sup> desporte; and when he come a3eyne, he went priuely<sup>6</sup> into  
a gode manus house þat me callede Buerne Bocar<sup>8</sup>.<sup>6</sup> & þe gode  
man of þat<sup>12</sup> place was gone þat tyme to þe see, for ofte-tymes he  
was wonede<sup>13</sup> *pere* asprie<sup>14</sup> þeues & robboures, þat ofte-tymes<sup>15</sup> were  
20 wont to<sup>6</sup> come into þe londe to robbe & <sup>6</sup> brenne and slee. ¶ þe  
lady þat was þis Buernes wif, was a<sup>6</sup> wonder<sup>6</sup> faire woman, and  
welcomede þe Kyng wip michel<sup>16</sup> honour, and worþely him seruede  
in al þing<sup>6</sup>. ¶ When þe Kyng hade <sup>17</sup> eten, he toke<sup>17</sup> þe lady by  
24 þe hande, and lad her into chaumbre, & saide þat he wolde speke  
wip here a counsele. and al þe folc fram<sup>18</sup> þe chaumbre he made  
voyede, saf onely<sup>19</sup> þe lady and he. but þe Lady wiste nouzt  
wherfore he it dede, til þat he hade done wip here his wille. and  
28 when he hade done þis dede, he turnede a3eyne to 3ork, & þe lady  
he lefte *pere* wonder<sup>6</sup> sore wepyng<sup>6</sup> for þe dede þat he hade ydone.  
¶ And when here lorde was come<sup>20</sup> home, & saw here wepe, and  
soche mornyng make, he axede of here what she hade done, &  
32 whi she made soche sorwe. ¶ “Sire,” *quod* she, “queyntly and

1-1 eueryche regnede hade D. eche had regned O.

2-2 manere-wyse eche O. 3 of his O. 4 *perof* þai D. *perof* þey O.

5 be O. 6 *om.* DO. 7 bere it DO. 8 ben O.

9-9 lande wip strengþ D. kyng wip poer & strengþe O. 10 *leaf* 55.

11 to O. 12 þe DO. 13 wont DO.

14 asprie & awayte D. asprie & awayte O. 15 oftyn-tyme O.

16 mych O. 17-17 ete he nome O. 18 fro DO. 19 onlich D.

20 comen D.

falsely þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> Osbright me haþ done shame and vilonye, aþeynes my wille"; and tolde him treupe, How the kyng<sup>1</sup> hade her<sup>1</sup> forleyñ wip strengþ; wherfore she<sup>1</sup> saide she hade leuer<sup>1</sup> to dye þan leue. ¶ "Faire leef, bistille," quod he, "for aþeynes strengþ<sup>2</sup> [febleness]<sup>4</sup> is litel worþ; & þerfore of me<sup>3</sup> shal yow<sup>3</sup> neuer þe lesse bene<sup>4</sup> Louede, and namely for yow<sup>5</sup> haste tolde me treupe. and if Almyghty God<sup>6</sup> grant<sup>6</sup> me lif, y shal þe wel auenge."

¶ This Buerne was<sup>7</sup> a gret man and<sup>7</sup> a miþty lorde, and was<sup>8</sup> wel bilouede, & grete frendes hade, and lete sende for þe greteste lordes of þe lande, & to ham made his compleynt of þe<sup>8</sup> despite þat þe kyng to him hade done, & saide þat he wolde bene<sup>9</sup> auengede, how<sup>10</sup> þat euer it were. and alle his frendes<sup>11</sup> conseilede<sup>12</sup> and grantede to wende towarde þork<sup>1</sup>, þere þat þe kyng was. & Buerne toke<sup>13</sup> his menyne, & <sup>14</sup>come to<sup>14</sup> þe kyng<sup>1</sup>. and when þe kyng him saw, he callede him curtesly Buerne by<sup>15</sup> name; and Buerne him ausuerede &<sup>16</sup> saide: "Sire, y þow defye, & þelde op<sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup>feutes, homages, and<sup>17</sup> londes, and as miche as y haue holde of þow; and so, fro<sup>18</sup> þis tyme afterwarde, y wil no þing of þe holde." & so he departede fram<sup>19</sup> þe kyng with-outen<sup>20</sup> more speche or eny abidyng<sup>1</sup>, & toke<sup>21</sup> leue of his frendes, and went to Denmarc,<sup>20</sup> and pleyñede to þe Kyng Godryn,<sup>22</sup> & tolde him of þe dispite þat Kyng<sup>1</sup> Osbright to him hade done of his wif, & praiede him of socoure & of helpe, him to auenge. ¶ When Kyng Godryn<sup>23</sup> of Denmarc & þe <sup>24</sup>Danoys, when þai<sup>24</sup> hade herde þe pleynt of <sup>24</sup>þis Buerne & of þe praer<sup>1</sup> þat he bade, þai were wonder<sup>1</sup> glade in hert, for-asmiche as þai myþt fynde cause forto gone<sup>25</sup> into Engeland<sup>1</sup> forto wer<sup>1</sup> oppoñ þe Englysshe-men, & also forto auenge Buerne of þe despite þat þe<sup>26</sup> kyng hade done<sup>27</sup> to his wif<sup>1</sup>, & for-<sup>28</sup>asmiche as Buerne was sib to þe Kyng of<sup>1</sup> Denmarc. ¶ Anone<sup>28</sup> þai lete ordeyne a grete hoste of men, & lete ordeyne shippis, and as miche as <sup>29</sup>was nede<sup>29</sup> to þat Viage. and when alle þe hoste was

<sup>1</sup> he sic D.      <sup>2</sup> strengþe þe O.      <sup>3-3</sup> shalt þow D.      þou shalt O.

<sup>4</sup> be DO.      <sup>5</sup> þow D.      þou O.

<sup>6</sup> leaf 55, back.      <sup>7-7</sup> om. D.      <sup>8</sup> om. O.      <sup>9</sup> be D.

<sup>10</sup> how so O.      <sup>11</sup> frende D.      <sup>12</sup> counccilled<sup>1</sup> hym O.

<sup>13</sup> none O.      <sup>14-14</sup> went towarde D.      <sup>15</sup> by his O.

<sup>16</sup> and to him D.      & to hym O.

<sup>17-17</sup> feutes & homages and D.      feutes homages & O.      feutes, homages R.

<sup>18</sup> fram D.      from O.      <sup>19</sup> fro DO.      <sup>20</sup> withoute DO.

<sup>21</sup> none O.      <sup>22</sup> Gordryne D.      <sup>23</sup> Gordyn D.

<sup>24-24</sup> Danoys D.      Danes whan þey O.      <sup>25</sup> go DO.

<sup>26</sup> MS. has þe englysshe men, with englysshe men *underlined for omission.*

<sup>27</sup> y-done O.      <sup>28</sup> And anone D.      <sup>29-29</sup> nedede D.

redy, þe kyng made <sup>1</sup>his ij breþerne cheueteyns, þat Were noble Knyȝtes and bolde: þat one me callede Hunger,<sup>2</sup> & þat opere Hubba.

4 How þe <sup>3</sup>Danoys toke <sup>3</sup>ȝork<sup>4</sup> & quellede<sup>4</sup> Kyng Osbright, and afterwarde<sup>5</sup> Kyng Elle. ¶ *Capitulo ¶ Centesimo ¶ Quarto.*

8 **W**Hen al þing was aredy,<sup>6</sup> þo ij breþerne tok<sup>1</sup> leue of þe Kyng Godrin, and went towarde þe see, forto wende into Engelande as faste as þai myȝt spede. ¶ Now is Buerne so<sup>7</sup> wel comfortede, & faste hiede him wiþ þe <sup>8</sup>Danoys; and þai arryue<sup>8</sup> in þe Northcontre, & <sup>9</sup>come þrouȝ-out<sup>9</sup> Holdernesse, & destroiede al  
12 þe contre,<sup>10</sup> and brent tounes and robbede folc, & quellede al þat þai myȝt take, til þat þai come to ȝorke. ¶ And when Kyng Osbright saw ham come, he toke<sup>11</sup> þe<sup>12</sup> peple þat he hade, and come out of þe citee, & with ham fauȝte; but no foysoun he made<sup>13</sup>  
16 aȝeynes ham; & miche was þe peple þat þere was slayn in bope parties; and Kyng Osbright himself þere was slayn, and þe citee anone was take, & þe <sup>14</sup>Danoys wenten<sup>14</sup> in. ¶ And þere was also anopere kyng in Northumberlond þat Buernes frendes hade chosen,  
20 & helde him for kyng, a man þat me clepede<sup>15</sup> Elle, for-asmiche as þai nolde<sup>16</sup> nouȝt to Kyng Osbright bene<sup>17</sup> entendant, for þe despite þet he hade done to Buerne here cosyn. ¶ Hit bifelle þus, þat þe<sup>18</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup> Elle was goñ to þe<sup>18</sup> wode him<sup>19</sup> forto desporte: and of  
24 venysoun somdele he hade tak<sup>1</sup>. and as he satte in the wode at mete, to a knyght he saide: “we haue wel y<sup>20</sup>spedde, & michel<sup>21</sup> venysoun taken.<sup>22</sup>” and wiþ þat worde þere come<sup>23</sup> in<sup>18</sup> a man, <sup>24</sup>& to him<sup>24</sup> saide: “Sire, if ȝe so miche of venysoun haue y-wonne,<sup>25</sup>  
28 an C. tymes so miche þere aȝeyns <sup>26</sup>ȝe hauen<sup>26</sup> loste; for al þis contre þe Danois hauen<sup>27</sup> gete, & take<sup>28</sup> þe cite of ȝork; & aȝeynes ȝow shal it holde, þat neuer ȝe shul come þerin; & forsothe þai

<sup>1</sup> leaf 56.

<sup>2</sup> altered from Humber, or perhaps Humber altered from Hunger; Humber D. Hungar O.

<sup>3-3</sup> Danes token O. <sup>4</sup> quellede the D. <sup>5</sup> after O.

<sup>6</sup> redy D. <sup>7</sup> om. D.

<sup>8-8</sup> Danoys and arryuede D. Danes þat þei beþ aryued O.

<sup>9-9</sup> comen þrouȝ D. comen þnrg̃h-out O. <sup>10</sup> land D.

<sup>11</sup> nome O. <sup>12</sup> his DO. <sup>13</sup> hade D. <sup>14-14</sup> Danes went O.

<sup>15</sup> callede D. called O. <sup>16</sup> wolde D. wold O. <sup>17</sup> be D.

<sup>18</sup> om. DO. <sup>19</sup> him al D. <sup>20</sup> leaf 56, back.

<sup>21</sup> miche D. mych O. <sup>22</sup> take O. <sup>23</sup> cam O. <sup>24-24</sup> om. D.

<sup>25</sup> wonne DO. <sup>26-26</sup> haue ȝe D. ȝe haue O. <sup>27</sup> han D.

<sup>28</sup> taken D.

<sup>1</sup>hauen slayn<sup>1</sup> Kyng Osbright." ¶ And when Kyng Elle pise wordes herde, he lete assemble al þe folc of þe cuntre, & ordeynede al þe power<sup>2</sup> þat he miȝt haue,<sup>2</sup> and wold haue gete<sup>3</sup> þe toune of ȝork wip strengþ. but þe <sup>4</sup>Danois comen<sup>4</sup> out anon & ȝaf ham bataile, <sup>4</sup> & quellede<sup>5</sup> þe kyng<sup>4</sup> & þe moste part<sup>6</sup> of his men þat he hade<sup>7</sup> brouȝt wip him : and þe same place þere þat pai were slayne shal euer<sup>8</sup> bene<sup>9</sup> callede Ellecrofte ; and þat place is a litel fram ȝork. and þo<sup>7</sup> abode<sup>10</sup> þe <sup>11</sup>Danois neuer,<sup>11</sup> til pai hade conquerede al <sup>8</sup> Northumberlanð. and in þat contre pai made Werdeynes, & went ferþer into þe lande, and token Notyngham. and þere pai abiden al þe wynter, and deden<sup>12</sup> al þe sorwe þat pai myght. and after, when somer<sup>7</sup> tyme come, pai remevede fram Notyngham, & <sup>13</sup>come <sup>12</sup> vnto<sup>13</sup> Nichole, & to Lyndessey, & to Holanð, for no man miȝt ham withstande, so miche power<sup>7</sup> & strengþ <sup>14</sup>pai hade.<sup>14</sup>

**How Seynt Edmund þe Kyng was martrede. Capitulo Centesimo v<sup>to</sup>.**

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**A**Nd so ferre <sup>15</sup>hade þe Danois<sup>15</sup> passede fram<sup>16</sup> contre vnto<sup>17</sup> <sup>17</sup>contre, & euermore brennyng & robberyng, & destroyede<sup>18</sup> al þat pai miȝt, til þat<sup>19</sup> pai come vnto<sup>20</sup> Tetteford. & in þat<sup>21</sup> contre pai fonden a Cristen Kyng<sup>21</sup> <sup>22</sup>þat miche louede God<sup>22</sup> and<sup>23</sup> his <sup>20</sup> Werkes, þat me callede Edmund; & he was Kyng of Northfolc and<sup>24</sup> Southfolc.<sup>25</sup> ¶ pis Seynt Edmund þe kyng ordeynede as miche folc as he myȝt, & fauȝt wip þe Danois<sup>26</sup>; but he and his folc were scomfitede,<sup>27</sup> & <sup>28</sup>þe kyng<sup>28</sup> him-self dryuen vnto a<sup>29</sup> castel <sup>24</sup> of Framelyngham. & þe Danois<sup>26</sup> him pursuede, & comen<sup>30</sup> vnto þe same castel. and when Kyng Edmund saw þat þe castel myst nouȝt ham<sup>31</sup> wipstonde, he comen<sup>32</sup> aȝeynes ham. with whame þe Danois<sup>26</sup> ferst speken<sup>33</sup>; and anone pai axede of him where Kyng <sup>28</sup> Edmund was. "now forsoth," quod he, "when y was in þe casteH, <sup>34</sup>y was<sup>34</sup> kyng; & when y went oute<sup>7</sup> of þe castel, he went out also; and <sup>35</sup>wheþer þat<sup>35</sup> he shal ascape or dye, at Godes wil

<sup>1-1</sup> haue slayn the D. han slayn O.

<sup>2</sup> haue and wolde haue D. haue & wold haue O. haue R.

<sup>3</sup> y-gete O. <sup>4-4</sup> Danoys come D. Danes comen O. <sup>5</sup> quelle D.

<sup>6</sup> party D. partye O. <sup>7</sup> om. D. <sup>8</sup> euermore O. <sup>9</sup> be DO.

<sup>10</sup> abide neuer O. <sup>11-11</sup> Danes O. <sup>12</sup> dede O. <sup>13-13</sup> comen to D.

<sup>14-14</sup> om. D. <sup>15-15</sup> þe Danoys had D. had þe Danes O.

<sup>16</sup> fro O. <sup>17</sup> to D. <sup>18</sup> destroyng D. <sup>19</sup> om. DO. <sup>20</sup> to D.

<sup>21</sup> the same D. <sup>22</sup> leaf 57. <sup>23</sup> and al D. <sup>24</sup> & of D.

<sup>25</sup> Suffolk O. <sup>26</sup> Danes O. <sup>27</sup> descomfitede D. <sup>28-28</sup> om. D.

<sup>29</sup> the D. þe O. <sup>30</sup> come D. <sup>31</sup> hym O. <sup>32</sup> come DO.

<sup>33</sup> spoken D. <sup>34-34</sup> þer was þe O. <sup>35-35</sup> whedir O.



most<sup>1</sup> hit be." ¶ When Seynt Edmunde hade nempne<sup>2</sup>de God<sup>3</sup>, by  
 pat<sup>4</sup> worde pai wiste<sup>5</sup> alle pat it<sup>6</sup> was he him-self. and anone  
 Hubba & Hungar<sup>4</sup> tok<sup>5</sup> him, & saide pat he shulde God forsake,  
 4 & al cristen law, as alle<sup>6</sup> opere hade<sup>7</sup> done prou3 ham biforn. and  
 Seynt Edmunde saide pat<sup>8</sup> 'he wolde<sup>9</sup> neuer, but raper<sup>10</sup> he wolde  
 suffre deth<sup>10</sup> for Godes sone,<sup>11</sup> and his law<sup>12</sup> to kepe.' ¶ po tok<sup>13</sup>  
 pai Kyng Edmunde, & bounde him vnto<sup>14</sup> a tree, and made<sup>15</sup>  
 8 Archires<sup>16</sup> to him<sup>16</sup> shote with Arwes, til pat his body stickede  
 else<sup>17</sup> ful of Arwes as an hirchone is ful of prickes; but for alle pe  
 payne pat he hade, he wolde<sup>18</sup> neuer<sup>18</sup> God forsake. & in<sup>8</sup> pe same  
 pyne<sup>19</sup> he deide wip pat turmentyng<sup>19</sup>, & bitoke his soule to<sup>20</sup>  
 12 almy3ty God. & when pai saw pat he was dede, pai smyten of his  
 heuede<sup>21</sup>; & in pis maner<sup>1</sup> was Seynt Edmunde martrede.

**22 How Hubba & Hungar<sup>1</sup> toke pe toune of Redyng. Capitulo  
 Centesimo vj<sup>to</sup>.**

16 [W] Hen sent Edmunde was martrede, Hunguar<sup>1</sup> and Hubba  
 went pens, with al here Danoy<sup>s</sup>,<sup>23</sup> vnto Redyng<sup>1</sup>. and  
 as pai went piderwarde, pai brent tounes & citees, & quellede al  
 Cristen peple pat wolde nou3t God<sup>24</sup> forsake, and caste adouñ<sup>25</sup>  
 20 cherches, and comen<sup>26</sup> to Redyng, and toke<sup>27</sup> pe touñ, and pere  
 holde<sup>28</sup> ham til pat pe Kyng Edelf<sup>1</sup> of Westsex come pider<sup>1</sup> wip al  
 his power<sup>1</sup> forto take pe toune. ¶ po come<sup>29</sup> oute pe Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>23</sup> forto  
 3eue bataile to Kyng<sup>1</sup> Elfride<sup>30</sup>; and at pat bataile was quellede an  
 24 Erl of Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>23</sup> pat me callede Gydrak<sup>1</sup>. ¶ Oppoñ pe morwe come  
 pe Kyng Eldrede, and his broþer Alurede, with a stronge power<sup>1</sup>  
 and<sup>31</sup> grete host. and pe Kyng Edelf<sup>1</sup> come a3eyne (pat hade  
 32 fou3ten wip pe Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>32</sup> pe day toforne<sup>33</sup>) to pat bataile. & pe  
 28 Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>23</sup> po comen<sup>34</sup> out forto fei3t wip ham. and pat<sup>35</sup> bataile was  
 wonder strong, for meny a man was pere slayn<sup>36</sup>; and pe Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>23</sup>  
 pat day hade pe vittori; and pe Kyng Eldrede & his broþer

1 mi3t D. mote O. 2-2 pai wisten D. þei wysten O. 3 pat D.  
 4 D has Humber<sup>1</sup> with ber<sup>1</sup> struck out. 5 nomen O. 6 meny DO.  
 7 hadden O. 8 om. D. 9 nolde O.  
 10-10 suffren deth he wolde D. 11 loue D. 12 lawes O.  
 13 nome O. 14 to D. 15 made her<sup>1</sup> D. made here O.  
 16-16 him to D. 17 om. D. as O. 18 hold O.  
 19-19 and turment he deide D. & turnement he dide O. 20 vn-to O.  
 21 hed<sup>1</sup> O. 22 leaf 57, back. 23 Danes O. 24 om. O.  
 25 doune D. 26 come D. 27 token O. 28 helde D. held O.  
 29 comen O. 30 Edelf<sup>1</sup> D. Edilf O. 31 and a D. & a O.  
 32-32 fou3ten D. fought O. 33 tofore D. byfore O. 34 come D.  
 35 the D. 36 y-slayn O.

Alurede þat day were descomfited. but þe xiiij day afterwarde, þe Danois<sup>1</sup> and þe Engliſſhe-men fouzten to-gederes<sup>2</sup> oppoñ Elkelden, & þere was slayne a kyng of Denmarc þat was callede Rasyng<sup>3</sup>, and iiij Erles of grete power<sup>4</sup>; and þat day hade þe 4 Danoys<sup>1</sup> shame, for þai were dryuen<sup>3</sup> vnto Engelfilde. and þe xv day after<sup>5</sup>, þe Danois<sup>1</sup> & þe Engliſſhemen fouzten<sup>4</sup> anopere tyme at Rasyng<sup>5</sup> [*sic*], and þere were þe Engliſſhe-men descomfitede. and fram<sup>6</sup> pens a Danois, þat me callede Roynt, went to Redyng<sup>7</sup> wip<sup>8</sup> his hoste, & destroiede al þat<sup>7</sup> he myght tak<sup>7</sup>; and<sup>8</sup> Kyng Eldrede fauzt wip<sup>8</sup> him, but he was<sup>9</sup> woundede so, wherfore<sup>9</sup> he was dede; and he<sup>10</sup> made regnede but v. ȝere, and<sup>11</sup> deide, and<sup>11</sup> lip atte Wonburne.

**Of Kyng Alurede; & how þe Danoys<sup>1</sup> in his tyme praiede him of mercy, þat þai moste gone<sup>12</sup> out of þe lande. Capitulo Centesimo vij<sup>o</sup>.**

**A**fter þe deth of þis Eldrede, regnede his broþer Alurede, þat 16 Dolfynes was callede. þo went þe Danois,<sup>1</sup> & assemblede ham, and went forto seche Alurede, þat þo was þe new<sup>13</sup> kyng of Southseġ. and þere þai fonde<sup>14</sup> him at Wiltoñ,<sup>15</sup> wip a litel peple; & nopeles he fauzt with ham; but at the laste he fledde pens 20 fram<sup>16</sup> þe felde, and went vnto Westseġ, and ordeynede so miche peple of his owen<sup>17</sup> reaume & also of opere, so<sup>18</sup> til þat<sup>18</sup> he hade a stronge host, so þat þe Danois<sup>1</sup> hade non<sup>19</sup> power<sup>20</sup> aȝeynes him<sup>20</sup> to stande. and he come to Londoñ wip his host, <sup>21</sup>þere as<sup>21</sup> þe Danois 24 soiournede; and þere<sup>22</sup> wolde he haue fouzten<sup>22</sup> wip ham, but þe Danois<sup>23</sup> derste nouzt wip him<sup>24</sup> feizt, but praiede him of pees, & þat þai most gone<sup>25</sup> aȝeyne into her<sup>25</sup> owen contre, & neuermore into Engeland forto come aȝeyne, eny harme forto<sup>26</sup> done, and oppoñ þis 28 couenant þai shulde ȝeue<sup>27</sup> him to plegge,<sup>27</sup> gode hostages, & soche as þe<sup>10</sup> Engliſſhe<sup>28</sup> men wolde axen.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Danes O.    <sup>2</sup> togeder another tyme D.    to-gidere anopere tyme O.

<sup>3</sup> dryue O.    <sup>4</sup> fouzt D.    <sup>5</sup> Rafyng<sup>t</sup> D.    Rasyng O.    <sup>6</sup> fro D.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 58.    <sup>8</sup> but D.    <sup>9-9</sup> wondeth so wherthouȝ D.    <sup>10</sup> om. D.

<sup>11-11</sup> om. DO.    <sup>12</sup> go O.    <sup>13</sup> mewe *sic* D.    <sup>14</sup> fonden D.

<sup>15</sup> corrected from Waltoñ.    <sup>16</sup> fro O.    <sup>17</sup> om. O.    <sup>18-18</sup> þat til O.

<sup>19</sup> no DO.    <sup>20-20</sup> MS. aȝeynes him aȝeynes him.

<sup>21-21</sup> and þere D.    & þere were O.    <sup>22-22</sup> he wolde haue fouzt D.

<sup>23</sup> Danes ne O.    <sup>24</sup> him þo D.    hem tho O.    <sup>25</sup> go DO.

<sup>26</sup> to DO.    <sup>27-27</sup> to hym O.

<sup>28-28</sup> om. D., Engliſſhe ends a page, and the following page continues with How Hubba, &c.

How Hubba & Hunguar<sup>r</sup> were quelled at Chippenham; & how  
þe Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>1</sup> brouȝt hir<sup>r</sup> kyng vnto<sup>2</sup> oure kyng<sup>r</sup>. *Capitulo*  
*Centesimo Octauro.*

4 **A** Nd þe same day þat<sup>3</sup> þe Danois<sup>1</sup> departede fram<sup>4</sup> Londoñ, so  
faste þai riden, boþe<sup>5</sup> nyght and day,<sup>5</sup> and neuer<sup>r</sup> toke reste  
of goyng<sup>r</sup> til þat þai<sup>6,7</sup> comen vnto<sup>7</sup> Excestre, and token<sup>8</sup> þe toune,  
& þere helde ham. ¶ When Kyng Alurede herde<sup>9</sup> þo tidynges,<sup>9</sup>  
8 anone he lete tak þe hostages, and went fram<sup>10</sup> þens vnto<sup>11</sup> Excestre  
wiþ al þe power<sup>r</sup> þat he hade. ¶ And when þe Danois<sup>1</sup> herde tel of  
his<sup>12</sup> comyng<sup>r</sup>, þai went fro þens forth into Westsex, and comen to  
Chippenham; and þere þai deden miche harme in þe contre; þai  
12 robbede folc, & brouȝt<sup>13</sup> ham into<sup>14</sup> prisouñ. The Kyng Alurede  
ham persuede, &<sup>15</sup> come oppon ham, and fersly<sup>15</sup> ham assailede; &  
þere were<sup>16</sup> slayn boþe Hubba, and Hunguar<sup>r</sup> his broþer, and Buerne  
Bocard. and in þat<sup>17</sup> bataile was michel<sup>18</sup> folc slayn in þat<sup>19</sup> o partye  
16 and in<sup>19</sup> þat opere, but þe gree of þe felde lefte wiþ þe Danois,<sup>1</sup> for-  
asmiche<sup>20</sup> as þe kyng<sup>r</sup> þo<sup>20</sup> come but with litel company.<sup>21</sup> ¶ The  
Kyng Hastede him as miche as he myght, forto wende aȝeyn; and  
when þe Danois<sup>22</sup> fonden<sup>23</sup> Hubba his bodye<sup>23</sup> liggyng dede, þai  
20 enterede hit, & made oppoñ him a grete logge, and lette calle hit  
Hubbeslaw; & so it is callede into þis day; and þat place is in  
Deuenesshire. ¶ þe barons of Westsex,<sup>24</sup> Wiltshire and Dorset,  
harde telle how þat here<sup>25</sup> kyng was descomfitede; and ordeynede  
24 al þe power þat þai miȝt haue, and come to þe kyng<sup>r</sup> þere þat he  
was, & þankede God þat þai hade<sup>26</sup> him fonden<sup>26</sup> alif, for þai wende  
þat þe Danois<sup>1</sup> hade him slayne. ¶ þo toke<sup>27</sup> þai a<sup>3</sup> conseil, þe  
kyng and his barons, &<sup>28</sup> þai wolde<sup>29</sup> gone seche<sup>29</sup> þe Danois,<sup>1</sup>  
28<sup>30</sup> with ham forto feiȝt.<sup>30</sup> and so þai riden al þat nyȝt<sup>31</sup> ham forto  
seche,<sup>31</sup> and come<sup>32</sup> amorw,<sup>33</sup> about prime, to Abyngdoñ, þere þat  
þe Danois<sup>1</sup> were.

¶ þe kyng þo, Alurede<sup>34</sup> and his barons, assemblede, and þere

<sup>1</sup> Danes O.    <sup>2</sup> to O.    <sup>3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4</sup> fro O.    <sup>5-5</sup> day & nyght O.  
<sup>6</sup> leaf 58, back.    <sup>7-7</sup> come to DO.    <sup>8</sup> toke O.    <sup>9-9</sup> þe Tydyng O.  
<sup>10</sup> fro DO.    <sup>11</sup> to D.    <sup>12</sup> þis O.    <sup>13</sup> put D.    <sup>14</sup> in DO.  
<sup>15-15</sup> fressheliche D.    <sup>16</sup> was O.    <sup>17</sup> this D.    <sup>18</sup> þis O.    <sup>18</sup> mych O.  
<sup>19</sup> om. O.    <sup>20-20</sup> tho as the kyng D.    <sup>21</sup> meny D.    <sup>22</sup> Danes had O.  
<sup>23-23</sup> Hubbans body D.    Hubba his body O.    Hubba his bodyes R.  
<sup>24</sup> Somerset D.    Somersete O.    <sup>25</sup> MS. here here.  
<sup>26-26</sup> founden him D.    founde hym O.    <sup>27</sup> nome O.    <sup>28</sup> þat O.  
<sup>29-29</sup> go sechen D.    go to seche O.  
<sup>30-30</sup> forto fȝyt with ham D.    with hem al for-to fight O.  
<sup>31-31</sup> forto seche ham D.    hem al for-to seche O.    <sup>32</sup> comen O.  
<sup>33</sup> in the morwe D.    <sup>34</sup> leaf 59.

assailede þe Danois<sup>1</sup> egrely,<sup>2</sup> and þere 3af ham a stronger<sup>3</sup> bataile þan euere he dede bifore; and þe Danois<sup>1</sup> nobli put ham of, longe tyme, þat no man wist in wheþer partie more peple were<sup>4</sup> slayn. ¶ But þus hit bifelle, as Godð wolde, þat<sup>5</sup> Kyng Alurede hade þe 4 vittorie with michel<sup>6</sup> honoure; for þe Danois<sup>1</sup> were so dryuen<sup>7</sup> þat þai<sup>7</sup> wist nouzt<sup>8</sup> whider<sup>9</sup> to wende.<sup>9</sup> xv dayes þe kyng ham pursuede at his wille, þat glade & fayne<sup>10</sup> þai were forto speken<sup>10</sup> of pees & of accorde, & toke<sup>11</sup> him gode hostages, & saide þat þai<sup>8</sup> wolde<sup>12</sup> neuer<sup>13</sup> oppoñ him werre, ne<sup>14</sup> debate arere. ¶ And moreouer þai bihight to þe Kyng Alurede þat þai wolde go and brynge her owen kyng vnto him, and þat her<sup>8</sup> kyng<sup>8</sup> & þai aH shulde<sup>15</sup> bene<sup>16</sup> baptisede. & oppoñ þis condicioun, Kyng Alurede<sup>17</sup> ham<sup>12</sup> grauntede<sup>17</sup> lif and lyme, and saide to ham þat þai shulde goñ<sup>18</sup> here kyng forto fecche,<sup>19</sup> and at a certeyne day to come azeyne, þat to ham was sette. ¶ And so þai went forþ fast, and come<sup>20</sup> azeyne at here day þat was assignede, and alle þe Danois<sup>1</sup> brouzt here kyng<sup>16</sup> wiþ ham. ¶ The Kyng Alurede anone lete ham ben<sup>16</sup> baptisede, and here names chaungeð,<sup>21</sup> so þat þe kyng of<sup>22</sup> Danois was callede<sup>22</sup> Athelstoñ, & xxx<sup>ti</sup> of his felawe3 names<sup>23</sup> were chaungede also, & þe opere were baptisede to þe right bileue; and at þis was<sup>20</sup> done<sup>24</sup> at Westmynstre.<sup>25</sup> and after,<sup>26</sup> Kyng Alurede helde wiþ him Kyng Athelstone & alle his Danois<sup>1</sup> xij daies at soiune<sup>27</sup> wiþ miche<sup>28</sup> solempnite, andð 3af ham grete 3iftes after<sup>29</sup> þat þai were overcome,<sup>29</sup> and so þai departede. ¶ Tho was<sup>30</sup> Kyng Alurede<sup>24</sup> al at ese when he hade his enemys<sup>31</sup> ouercomen,<sup>32</sup> & þat þai were turnede to þe<sup>33</sup> bileue of almizty Godð.

How þe Danois<sup>1</sup> þat comen<sup>34</sup> into Fraunce wiþ Gurmonde, come<sup>35</sup> azeyne into Engelanð; & of þe dep of Kyng<sup>28</sup> Alureð. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Centesimo ¶ Nono.

<sup>1</sup> Danes O.      <sup>2</sup> egreliche O.      <sup>3</sup> strong O.      <sup>4</sup> was O.  
<sup>5</sup> þat þe O.      <sup>6</sup> mych O.      <sup>7-7</sup> MS. þat þai þat þai; þat þei ne O.  
<sup>8</sup> om. O.      <sup>9</sup> wende and D.      turne and O.  
<sup>10-10</sup> they . . speke D.      þey . . speke O.      þai om. R.      <sup>11</sup> token DO.  
<sup>12</sup> þai nolde D.      þei nold O.      nolde R.      <sup>13</sup> neuere-more O.  
<sup>14</sup> ne no DO.      <sup>15</sup> schulden O.      <sup>16</sup> be DO.  
<sup>17-17</sup> grantede ham D.      <sup>18</sup> go to D.      go O.      <sup>19</sup> fecche him D.  
<sup>20</sup> comen O.      <sup>21</sup> change DO.  
<sup>22-22</sup> Danoys callede was D.      Danes called was O.      <sup>23</sup> om. D.  
<sup>24</sup> do D.      <sup>25</sup> Wynchestre O.      <sup>26</sup> after þat the D.      after þe O.  
<sup>27</sup> soiourne O.      soionne or soioune R.      <sup>28</sup> michel D.  
<sup>29-29</sup> om. D.      þat þai were R.      <sup>30</sup> was þe O.      <sup>31</sup> leaf 59, back.  
<sup>32</sup> ouercome DO.      <sup>33</sup> þe right D.      <sup>34</sup> come D.  
<sup>35</sup> comen DO.

A

 Nd þus hit bifelle afterwarde, þat þe Danoy<sup>1</sup> of Northumber-  
 land, þat were paynemys, comen<sup>2</sup> with a grete host of  
 Fraunce, þat is to vnderstonde, with ham þat went into Fraunce  
 4 with Gurmonde of Aufrik, when he hade conquereð Engeland, &  
 it 3af vnto Saxonus. and þo þat come fro Fraunce arryuede in  
 Kent, and sent into Northumberlande þat þai shulde come to ham.  
 and whan þo ij hostes were comen<sup>3</sup> & assemblede, anone þai went  
 8 to destroie þe Cristen peple of Engeland fram<sup>4</sup> place vnto<sup>5</sup> place,  
 and deden<sup>6</sup> miche sorwe. ¶ Hit bifelle þus, as almiȝty God hit<sup>7</sup>  
 wolde, an harde chaunce in Engeland; ffor þe gode Kyng Alurede,  
 þat was wont to abate þe Danois,<sup>1</sup> deide in þe mene-tyme. þis  
 12 Alured regnede xxx<sup>ti</sup> ȝere, and a gode kyng<sup>t</sup> hade bene, and <sup>8</sup>wel  
 coupe<sup>8</sup> chastice his enemys; And<sup>9</sup> was a gode clerç, and lete mak  
 meny bokes. & on<sup>10</sup> boke he made of Englisshe, of Auentures of  
 kynges and of batailes þat hade bene<sup>11</sup> done in þe lande; and  
 16 meny opere bokes of gestic, he lete ham write, þat were of grete  
 wisdom and of gode lernyng,<sup>12</sup> þrouȝ whiche bokes meny man<sup>13</sup>  
 may him amende þat wille<sup>14</sup> ham rede and oppoñ lok; oppon  
 whos soule almighty<sup>7</sup> God haue mercy! & þis Kyng Alurede  
 20 lip at Wynchestr.

Of Kyng Edward, þat was Kyng Aluredus sone. *Capitulo Centesimo x<sup>mo</sup>.*

A

 Nd after þis Alurede, regnede Edward his sone, þat was a gode  
 24 man & a wise, þat men callede [Edward], þat was<sup>7</sup> wonder  
 curteise. ¶ The <sup>16</sup>Danois deden<sup>16</sup> miche sorwe in þe lande, and her  
 power encresede, <sup>17</sup>and biganne forto wexe<sup>17</sup> fram<sup>18</sup> day to day, for  
 þe Danois<sup>1</sup> comen ofte wiþ here companies into þis lande. and  
 28 when þe kyng saw þat<sup>7</sup> he <sup>19</sup>miȝt no<sup>19</sup> bettre <sup>20</sup>done, he tok<sup>20</sup> trewes  
 with ham, and granted ham his pees. ¶ And nopelesse þe trewes  
 durede nouȝt longe, þat þe Danois<sup>1</sup> ne<sup>7</sup> bigonne <sup>21</sup>strongliche forto  
 were<sup>21</sup> oppon þe Englisshe-men, & dede ham miche sorwe. Wher-  
 32 fore Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward dede assemble a grete hoste forto fiȝt with

<sup>1</sup> Danes O.      <sup>2</sup> come D.      <sup>3</sup> come O.      <sup>4</sup> fro O.  
<sup>5</sup> to DO.      <sup>6</sup> dede O.      <sup>7</sup> om. D.      <sup>8-8</sup> couthe wel D.  
<sup>9</sup> and he D.      for he O.      <sup>10</sup> o O.  
<sup>11</sup> be O.      <sup>12</sup> lyuyng O.      <sup>13</sup> may sic D.      <sup>14</sup> wole O.  
<sup>15</sup> leaf 60.      <sup>16-16</sup> Danes dide O.      <sup>17-17</sup> om. D.      <sup>18</sup> fro DO.  
<sup>19-19</sup> ne myghte O.      <sup>20-20</sup> do he nome DO.  
<sup>21-21</sup> forto werr strongliche D.      strongly for-to werre O.

ham; and þo pis<sup>1</sup> Kyng Edwarde deide when God<sup>2</sup> wolde. This Kyng Edward regnede <sup>3</sup>xxiiij 3ere,<sup>3</sup> & lip at Wynchestre bisides<sup>4</sup> his fader<sup>5</sup>.

Of Kyng Athel[s]tone, & of Edmund, Eldrede, & of<sup>5</sup> Edwynne <sup>4</sup> his broþer. ¶ *Capitulo Centesimo ¶ Vndecimo.*

**A**fter þis Edward, regnede Athelstoñ his sone; & when he hade regnede iiij 3ere, he helde bataile a3eynes þe Danois,<sup>6</sup> and drof Kyng Gaufride, þat was kyng of þe Danois,<sup>6</sup> and al his hoste <sup>8</sup>vnto þe see, & restede by Scotland, & nomen<sup>7</sup> strongliche<sup>8</sup> þe contrey al a 3ere. ¶ And after þat, þo of Cumberland, & þe Scottes of Westmerlande, bigonne to werre oppon Kyng Athelstoñ; and he ham 3af so strong<sup>9</sup> bataile þat he quellede so meny of ham þat no <sup>12</sup>man coupe telle þe nombre <sup>9</sup>of ham.<sup>9</sup> and after þat he ne regnede but iiij 3ere; & he regnede in al xxv 3ere and lip at Malmesbery.

¶ And after þis <sup>10</sup>Athelstoñ, regnede Edmund his broþer, for-as-miche as Kyng Athelstoñ hade none<sup>11</sup> sone. and þis Edmu[n]de <sup>16</sup>was a worpi knyzt, and a douzty man<sup>1</sup> of body, <sup>9</sup>and a noble knyght.<sup>9</sup> and þe<sup>12</sup> þridde 3ere after<sup>1</sup> þat he was kyng, he went ouer Humber, in whiche place he hade ij Kynges<sup>13</sup> of Danois<sup>14</sup>: þat one me callede Enelaf, and þat<sup>15</sup> oper Renaud. ¶ This Kyng <sup>20</sup>Edmund drof ham boþe fram<sup>16</sup> þe lande, and after went and tok grete preye in Comberland. ¶ This Edmund ne<sup>5</sup> regnede but vij 3er, and lip at Glastynbery.

¶ And after þis Edmund, regnede<sup>17</sup> Eldrede his broþer,<sup>18</sup> þat <sup>24</sup>vengede Edwarde his fadre of his enemys þat him quelde; and afftirwarde<sup>19</sup> he seisede<sup>20</sup> Northumberland into<sup>21</sup> his hand,<sup>22</sup> and made þe Scottes abowe and meke vnto his Wille. ¶ And þe secunde 3ere <sup>23</sup>þat he hade regned<sup>23</sup> [come] Arnalaf Quyran, þat was kyng <sup>28</sup>of Denmarc, and seisede al Northumberland, and helde þat lande ij 3ere. and after þat come Kyng Eldrede wip a<sup>1</sup> grete power, and drof him oute of þis<sup>24</sup> lande. ¶ And þis Kyng Eldrede was a<sup>25</sup> noble man and a goode, of whos godenesse seynt Dunstoñ prechede. <sup>32</sup>& <sup>26</sup>þis Kyng Eldrede<sup>26</sup> regnede xj 3ere, & lip at Wynchestr.

<sup>1</sup> om. D.      <sup>2</sup> MS. gode with the e underlined for omission.

<sup>3-3</sup> xiiij D.      <sup>4</sup> bysyde O.      <sup>5</sup> om. O.      <sup>6</sup> Danes O.      <sup>7</sup> nome DO.

<sup>8</sup> strongly O.      <sup>9-9</sup> om. D.      <sup>10</sup> leaf 60, back.      <sup>11</sup> no DO.

<sup>12</sup> and the D. & þe O. and R.      <sup>13</sup> knyghtes O.      <sup>14</sup> Danes O.      <sup>15</sup> þe O.

<sup>16</sup> fro O.      <sup>17</sup> regne D.      <sup>18</sup> sone D.      <sup>19</sup> after þat O.

<sup>20</sup> sesed aft O.      <sup>21</sup> in O.      <sup>22</sup> honde D. hond O. land R.

<sup>23-23</sup> of his regne D. after þat he had regned O. þat he hade reg R.

<sup>24</sup> his O.      <sup>25</sup> was a DO. was R.      <sup>26-26</sup> he O.

¶ And after pis Eldrede, Edwynne his broþer regnede, & was a<sup>1</sup> luper man towarde God<sup>l</sup> and to þe peple; for he hatede folc of his owen land<sup>l</sup>, and louede & honourede <sup>2</sup>strange men,<sup>2</sup> & sette litel 4 by holy cherche, and<sup>3</sup> bynom<sup>4</sup> of holy cherche aH þe tresoure pat he myzt haue: þat was grete shame and velonye to himself, and perville of his soule, & þefore God<sup>l</sup> wolde nouzt þat he shulde regne no longer than iiij 3er,<sup>5</sup> and after<sup>6</sup> deide, and Lith at Wynchestre.

8 Of Kyng Edgare, þat regned aboue þe kyngus<sup>7</sup> of Scotland<sup>l</sup> & of Walys; & how he was bigilede þrou; takyng<sup>8</sup> of his wif. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Centesimo ¶ Duodecimo.

12 **A**Nd after<sup>9</sup> pis Edwynne, regnede Edgare his sone, a man pat <sup>8</sup>miche louede<sup>8</sup> God, and pees, & holy cherche also, and was a worpi lorde, bolde and myghty, & mayntenede wel pis land<sup>l</sup> in pees. ¶ And pis Edgare was <sup>9</sup>Kyng<sup>8</sup> and lorde aboue<sup>9</sup> alle þe kynges of Scotland<sup>l</sup> and of Walys: fram<sup>10</sup> þe tyme þat Arthure 16 was gone,<sup>11</sup> neuer was sipen<sup>12</sup> kyng of<sup>13</sup> his power. ¶ And pis Edgare was seynt Edwardes fader<sup>2</sup>. And when Edgarus wif was dede, þat was seynt<sup>4</sup> Edwardes moder, & enterede, he herde speke of þe fairenesse of Estrilde, þat was Orgarus douzter, a barouñ of 20 Deuenshire, þat was so faire a woman þat alle men spake<sup>14</sup> þerof. He callede one of his knyzttes þat he miche louede & trust oppoñ, and tolde him: “Go,” quod he, “to þe noble Baroñ Orgar<sup>1</sup> of Deuenshire, and se if his douzter be so faire as men speke<sup>15</sup> of; & 24 if it be soþ, y wil haue here vnto<sup>16</sup> my wif.” ¶ pis knyzt, þat me callede<sup>17</sup> Edelwolde, went forþ<sup>18</sup> þere þat<sup>19</sup> þe lady þo<sup>20</sup> was; & when he saw her<sup>1</sup> so faire, he pouzt haue her<sup>1</sup> himself to wif<sup>1</sup>, and þefore<sup>21</sup> spake to Orgar<sup>1</sup> here fader<sup>1</sup>. and Orgar was an olde<sup>22</sup> man, 28 & hade no mo childerne but here on; and saw þat Edelwolde was a faire zonge knyzt, and worpi and riche, & was wel with þe kyng<sup>1</sup>. & pouzt his douzter shulde wel <sup>23</sup>bene<sup>24</sup> mariede, & wel bisette oppoñ him, and grauntede him his douzter, if þe gode lorde þe 32 Kyng wolde assent<sup>25</sup> þerto. ¶ pis Edelwolde come azeyn to þe

<sup>1</sup> om D.                   <sup>2-2</sup> Straungers O.                   <sup>3</sup> and DO. ne R.

<sup>4</sup> MS. bynoman with an underlined for omission.                   <sup>5</sup> leaf 61.

<sup>6</sup> om. DO.                   <sup>7</sup> kyng O.                   <sup>8-8</sup> loued mych loued sic O.

<sup>9-9</sup> lorde and kyng<sup>8</sup> of D.    lord & kyng aboue O.                   <sup>10</sup> fro O.

<sup>11</sup> gone & D.    agoo & O.                   <sup>12</sup> seth O.                   <sup>13</sup> of Walys of O.

<sup>14</sup> speke O.                   <sup>15</sup> speken D.                   <sup>16</sup> to DO.                   <sup>17</sup> clepede D.

<sup>18</sup> forth his way & come DO.                   <sup>19</sup> as D.                   <sup>20</sup> om. O.                   <sup>21</sup> þerof O.

<sup>22</sup> MS. holde, with h underlined for omission.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 61, back.                   <sup>24</sup> be DO.                   <sup>25</sup> consent D. consente O.

Kyng<sup>1</sup>, and saide<sup>1</sup> ‘she was faire ynow oppoñ to see, but of body she was wonder<sup>2</sup> lopyly.’ ¶ po ansuerede þe Kyng, and saide þat he toke of her litel charge. ¶ “Sire,” *quod* Edelwolde po, “she is her’ faderes heire, and y am nouzt riche of londes,<sup>3</sup> and if 3e wolde<sup>4</sup> consent and grant<sup>4</sup> þat y most her haue, þan shulde y be riche ynow.” “In Godes name,” *quod* þe Kyng, “I assent<sup>5</sup> þerto.” ¶ Edelwolde þankede po michel<sup>6</sup> þe Kyng, and went a3eyne into Deuenshire, & spousede þe damisel, and in<sup>7</sup> þat contre<sup>8</sup> duelledede.<sup>8</sup> ¶ And þus hit bifel oppoñ a tyme, þat he tolde his conseil & al þis þing<sup>1</sup> vnto his wif, how & in what maner’ he hade bigilede his lorde þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, þat wolde haue hade her’ to<sup>9</sup> wif. and anone as she it wist, she louede him neuermore afterwarde<sup>10</sup> as she hade<sup>12</sup> done bifore. ¶ þis lady conseyuede by him a sone; and when tyme was þat þis<sup>11</sup> childe<sup>12</sup> shulde ben born,<sup>12</sup> Edelwolde come to þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, & praede him to heue a sone of his at þe fountstoñ. þe Kyng him grantede, and lete calle him Edgare, after’ his owen<sup>16</sup> name. ¶ And when þis was ydoñ, he pouzt þat he was siker’ ynow of þe Kyng, for bifore þat tyme þis Edelwolde him<sup>13</sup> drede lest Kyng Edgare wolde haue taken<sup>14</sup> his wif, forasmiche<sup>15</sup> as his lorde was a Ioly man and an Amerus. 20

How þat<sup>16</sup> Kyng Edgare wedede Estrilde afte<sup>17</sup> þe deth of Edelwolde. ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ *Centesimo* ¶ *terciodecimo*.

**T**HUS hit bifelle, þat al men in Kyng Edgares court po speken, and saide þat ‘Edelwolde was richely auansede þrouz þe<sup>24</sup> mariage þat he hade by his wif’; ‘and 3it,’ þai saide, ‘he was auauuncede an hundred&folde more, for he hade spousede þe fairest woman þat euer’ was seyn.’ and when þe Kyng herde speke so miche of here beaute, he pouzt þo þat Edelwolde<sup>18</sup> hade him<sup>28</sup> desseyuede & bigilede, & pouzt priuely<sup>19</sup> in his hert þat he wolde gone<sup>20</sup> into Deuenesshire, as it were forto hunt for hert and hynde and opere wilde bestes, and þan he shulde see<sup>21</sup> þere þe lady<sup>21</sup> or he departedede pens. ¶ And þis lady was duellyng at a manere<sup>22</sup> bisides<sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> tolde him þat D. told<sup>h</sup> hym þat O. <sup>2</sup> om. O. <sup>3</sup> om. D.

<sup>4</sup> grant þerto D. <sup>5</sup> consent D. consente O. <sup>6</sup> myche D. mych O.

<sup>7</sup> in DO. om. R. <sup>8</sup> contre he D. Cuntre he O. <sup>9</sup> MS. to to.

<sup>10</sup> after O. <sup>11</sup> þe DO. <sup>12–12</sup> shulde be be borne sic D. was bore O.

<sup>13</sup> hade D. had O. <sup>14</sup> tak D. take O. <sup>15</sup> leaf 62.

<sup>16</sup> þat Estrilde sic D. <sup>17</sup> after DO. <sup>18</sup> Edelde D. <sup>19</sup> priuelich D.

<sup>20</sup> go DO. <sup>21–21</sup> þan the lady þere D.

<sup>22</sup> maner’ D. Manere O. mane R.



pe forest<sup>1</sup> pere pat pe Kyng wolde hunte, and at pat maner was herburghede al<sup>1</sup> nyght. and when tyme come pat pe Kyng shulde sope, and pe sonne shoone, pe Kyng<sup>r</sup> axede after<sup>r</sup> his Gossib and  
 4 after his godsonne, and Edelwolde made here<sup>2</sup> come bifore pe Kyng<sup>r</sup>; and nopeles,<sup>3</sup> and it<sup>3</sup> oper myzt haue bene, she shulde nouzt haue comen<sup>4</sup> in his sight bi his wille. ¶ pe lady welcomede<sup>5</sup> pe Kyng, and suetely him kissede; and he<sup>6</sup> toke<sup>7</sup> her<sup>r</sup> by<sup>8</sup> pe  
 8 hande, & po<sup>9</sup> nexte him<sup>10</sup> her<sup>r</sup> sette, and so<sup>9</sup> soppede pai togeder<sup>r</sup>. ¶ And po was a custume and an vsage pat, when a man drank<sup>r</sup> vnto<sup>11</sup> anoper, pe drynker<sup>r</sup> <sup>12</sup>shulde say ‘Wassaile,’ and pat opere shulde ansure<sup>8</sup> ‘drynkhaile’: and pus dede<sup>13</sup> pe Kyng<sup>13</sup> & pe lady  
 12 meny tymes, & also kiste. ¶ And after soper<sup>r</sup>, when tyme was to gone<sup>14</sup> to bede, pe Kyn[g] went vnto his bed, hertly<sup>15</sup> penkyng oppoñ pe<sup>16</sup> ladies fairenesse; and po was ouercomen<sup>17</sup> for here loue, pat him pouzt he wolde<sup>18</sup> dye, but of here his wille he hade.  
 16 ¶ Oppoñ pe morwe pe Kyng aroos, and into pe fforeste went, him pere to desporte<sup>19</sup> & salace<sup>19</sup> wip hertes<sup>20</sup> and hyndes, and alle oper wilde bestes; & of pe<sup>6</sup> hertes grete plente, to pe<sup>21</sup> lady he sent; and prise<sup>22</sup> he went to salace<sup>23</sup> and speke wip pat lady whiles he  
 20 duelled in pat contre. ¶ And after<sup>r</sup> pat, pe Kyng remevede pens, and pouzt how he myghte best delyuer<sup>r</sup> Edelwolde<sup>24</sup> f[r]am his wif, as he hade him ferste desceyuede. and pe Kyng anone, after<sup>r</sup> viij dayes, lete ordeyne a parlement at Salesbury of al his baronage,  
 24 conseile to haue, & forto ordeyn how pe contre of Northumberland mizt beste bene<sup>25</sup> kepte,<sup>25</sup> pat pe Danoy<sup>s</sup><sup>27</sup> come nouzt pere, the londe forto destroye. ¶ And pis Edelwolde come also to<sup>28</sup> pe Kynges Parlement; and pe Kyng sent him to 3ork<sup>r</sup> forto bene<sup>25</sup> keper<sup>r</sup> of  
 28 pat contre. ¶ And pus hit fel,<sup>29</sup> pat men pat knew<sup>30</sup> him nouzt, slow him by pe waye. ¶ And anone as pe Kyng herde pat he was dede, he lete sende after pe lady Estrilde, pat she shulde come to pe citee of Londoñ, and pere bene<sup>31</sup> weded<sup>r</sup> to<sup>32</sup> pe Kyng wip grete<sup>33</sup>  
 32 solempnite & worshipe; and<sup>r</sup> <sup>34</sup>helde a solempne fest; and he werede<sup>35</sup> a crone of [gold], and <sup>36</sup>pe Quene<sup>36</sup> anoper. ¶ And seynt

<sup>1</sup> al a O.    <sup>2</sup> here to O.    <sup>3-3</sup> if it D. if pat O.    <sup>4</sup> come O.

<sup>5</sup> welcomed<sup>r</sup> po D.    <sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> name O.    <sup>8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9-9</sup> she sate next by him and D.    <sup>10</sup> hym by O.    <sup>11</sup> to O.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 62, back.    <sup>13-13</sup> om. D.    <sup>14</sup> go DO.    <sup>15</sup> hert sic D.

<sup>16</sup> pat O.    <sup>17</sup> ouercome DO.    <sup>18</sup> shulde D.    schulde O.

<sup>19-19</sup> om. DO.    <sup>20</sup> herte D.    <sup>21</sup> pat DO.    <sup>22</sup> iij O.    <sup>23</sup> solacen O.

<sup>24</sup> Edwolde D.    <sup>25</sup> be O.    <sup>26</sup> kepede D.    <sup>27</sup> Danes O.

<sup>28</sup> vnto O.    <sup>29</sup> byfett O.    <sup>30</sup> knew D.    knewe O.    know R.    <sup>31</sup> be DO.

<sup>32</sup> vnto O.    <sup>33</sup> miche D.    <sup>34</sup> leaf 63.    <sup>35</sup> wer<sup>r</sup> D.    <sup>36-36</sup> sche O.

Dunstoñ<sup>1</sup> on þe morwe<sup>1</sup> come vnto þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> into þe Kyngus<sup>2</sup> chaumbre, and fonde þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> abed, & þe quene also in fere<sup>3</sup>; and seynt Dunstoñ axede who þat she was. ¶ þe Kyng ansuerede, “þis is þe Quene Estrilde.” and þe Erchebisshop seynt Dunstañ<sup>4</sup> saide þat ‘he dede grete wrong<sup>t</sup>, and azeyns Godes wille to tak a woman to wif, whos childe he hap<sup>4</sup> take at þe funtstoñ’; and þe Quene for þat worde neuer after<sup>5</sup> louede seynt Dunstoñ; and nopeles þe gode man<sup>5</sup> warnede ham ofte-tymes<sup>6</sup> þat folie to 8 lete; but his warnyng auailede litel, for þe loue bituene<sup>7</sup> ham was so miche. ¶ þe Kyng bigate oppon her<sup>8</sup> a sone þat me callede Eldred<sup>t</sup>; and when<sup>9</sup> þis childe was vj 3er<sup>9</sup> olde, þe Kyng his fader<sup>9</sup> deide; & aboute þat tyme he hade regnede xvij 3er<sup>9</sup>, and lith<sup>12</sup> at Glastynbery.

Of seynt Edward<sup>t</sup> þe Martir<sup>t</sup>; how Estrilde his stepmoder<sup>t</sup> lete him quelle, forto make Eldred<sup>t</sup>, her<sup>t</sup> owen sone, Kyng<sup>t</sup>.<sup>10</sup>  
*Capitulo* <sup>11</sup>*Centesimo xiiij*<sup>o</sup>.<sup>11</sup>

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**A**Nd after þis Edgare, regnede Edward<sup>t</sup> his sone, þat he bigate in<sup>12</sup> his ferst wif, þat wel and noble<sup>13</sup> gouernede þe lande; for he was ful of al maner<sup>14</sup> godenesse, and had ful holy lif; & aboute<sup>15</sup> al ping he louede God<sup>t</sup> & holy cherche. & þe quene<sup>20</sup> Estrilde, his stepmoder<sup>t</sup>, lete him slee, for enchesouñ to make her owen sone Eldred<sup>t</sup> kyng<sup>t</sup>; and þus was he slayn,<sup>16</sup> as afterward 3e shul her<sup>t</sup>. ¶ Hit bifelle þus oppoñ a day, þat þis Kyng Edwarde went him into a wode forto play in þe Southcontre, bisides a toun<sup>24</sup> þat is callede Warham; in þe whiche forest was grete plente of Hertes & of hyndes. and as he hade bene awhile þere him forto playe, he þouzt<sup>17</sup> him<sup>18</sup> oppoñ his broþer Eldred<sup>t</sup>, þat Was wip his moder<sup>t</sup> þe quene, for her place was ney3 þe forest; & þouzte forto<sup>28</sup> go<sup>19</sup> visite & see his broþer; and tok<sup>20</sup> wip him but<sup>21</sup> a litel meny,<sup>21</sup> and went him þo toward<sup>t</sup> his Stepmoders house, þat in þat tyme soiournede in þe castel of Corf. and as he rode in þe pickenesse of þe wode, to asprie his game, hit bifelle þat he went amys, &<sup>32</sup> loste his meny þat were wip him.<sup>22</sup> & at þe last he come out of þe

<sup>1-1</sup> amorowe O.    <sup>2</sup> om. DO.    <sup>3</sup> y-fere O.    <sup>4</sup> hade D. had O.

<sup>5</sup> man often-tymes O.    <sup>6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7</sup> bitue D.

<sup>8</sup> þis woman D.    þis woman O.    <sup>9</sup> þo O.    <sup>10</sup> MS. kyng<sup>t</sup> kyng<sup>t</sup>.

<sup>11-11</sup> exv<sup>to</sup> O.    <sup>12</sup> on DO.    <sup>13</sup> nobly DO.    <sup>14</sup> manere of O.

<sup>15</sup> aboþe sic D.    <sup>16</sup> y-slayn O.    <sup>17</sup> leaf 63, back.

<sup>18</sup> MS. he; om. DO.    <sup>19</sup> and forto sic D. go & O.    <sup>20</sup> nome O.

<sup>21-21</sup> litil meny D. a litil mayne O.    <sup>22</sup> him comen D. hym come O.

wode; & as he lokede about, he saw pere faste <sup>1</sup>bisides him<sup>1</sup> þe maner<sup>r</sup> þat his Stepmoder<sup>r</sup> duelled<sup>t</sup> in; & piderward he went<sup>2</sup> alloñ. and anone hit was tolde þe Quene how þat þe Kyng was comen<sup>3</sup> 4 allone wipout<sup>4</sup> company; and þerfore<sup>5</sup> she made ioye ynow, & pouzt how <sup>6</sup>she myzt do<sup>6</sup> þat he were<sup>7</sup> slayn as priuely as she myzt. ¶ And anone <sup>8</sup>priuely she called<sup>t</sup> to her<sup>8</sup> on of here knyzttes, to whom she hade tolde miche of hereonsel bituene<sup>9</sup> ham. and 8 boþe þat come<sup>10</sup> to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, and curtesly him resceyuede; & þe Kyng tolde þat he was com<sup>11</sup> her<sup>t</sup> to Visite, & also forto speke wip Eldrede his broþer. ¶ þe Quene meny tymes him þankedede, and him þraiede to<sup>12</sup> alizt and herburgh wip her<sup>13</sup> forto haue<sup>13</sup> al þat 12 nyght. þe Kyng saide þat he myght nouzt, but aþeyne he wolde wende vnto his folc, if he myght ham fynde. ¶ And when þe Quene<sup>14</sup> saw þat he wolde nouzt abide, she þraiede him þat he wolde ones drynk<sup>t</sup>; & he grauntedede her<sup>15</sup>. and anone as þe drynk 16 come, þe Quene drank<sup>t</sup> to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, & þe Kyng toke<sup>16</sup> þe coppe & sette hit to his moup. & in þe mene-tyme whiles þat he drank<sup>t</sup>, þe knyzt þat was wip þe Quene, wip a knyf smote euen þe Kyng to<sup>17</sup> þe hert, & þere he felle adoune dede of his palfray <sup>15</sup>vnto þe 20 erþe. ¶ the Quene, for þis dede, 3af to þe Knyzt golde & siluer grete plente, and of oper richesse ynow. and þe knyzt, anone as þis was do,<sup>19</sup> went him ouere<sup>20</sup> þe see; & so ascapede he oute of þis<sup>21</sup> lande. ¶ When þis Kyng Edward þus was martrede, Hit was in 24 þe 3ere <sup>22</sup>after þe<sup>22</sup> Incarnaciõ of<sup>23</sup> oure Lorde Ihesu Crist<sup>t</sup>, ix C. & <sup>xx</sup>iiij 3er<sup>t</sup>, and he hade regnede xij 3ere & an half, & lith at Glastenbery.

Of Kyng Eldrede; & how þe<sup>24</sup> Kyng Swyñ of Denmarc helde Engelond<sup>t</sup>; & how Eldrede, þat was seynt Edwardes broþer, 28 was nouzt bilouede in his<sup>25</sup> reme, and þerfore fledde into Normandye. ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ *Centesimo* ¶ *Quintodecimo*.

**A**fter þis Kyng Edward, regnede Eldrede his<sup>26</sup> broþer; and seynt Dunstañ cronede him. & þis seynt Dunstan 32 deide sone after þat he hade forþeue þe Quene her<sup>t</sup> trespasse,

<sup>1-1</sup> bisides D. beside allone O.      <sup>2</sup> rode D.      <sup>3</sup> come O.

<sup>4</sup> withouten D.      <sup>5</sup> þerof D.

<sup>6-6</sup> þat she myzt done D.    þat sche myghte done O.    she ne myzt do R.

<sup>7</sup> nere DO.    ne were R.    <sup>8-8</sup> she callede to her<sup>t</sup> priuely D.

<sup>9</sup> bituene D.    between O.    bitue R.    <sup>10</sup> comen DO.    <sup>11</sup> comen D.

<sup>12</sup> forto D.    al for-to O.    <sup>13-13</sup> om. D.    <sup>14</sup> kyng O.    <sup>15</sup> om. D.

<sup>16</sup> nome DO.    <sup>17</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 64.    <sup>19</sup> done D.    I-done O.

<sup>20</sup> ouer DO.    opere R.    <sup>21</sup> the D.    <sup>22-22</sup> of D.    of of þe sic O.    <sup>23</sup> aftir O.

<sup>24</sup> om. O.    <sup>25</sup> þe O.    <sup>26</sup> MS. his cosyn with cosyn underlined for omission.

Estrild, for enchesouñ pat she was cause of Kyng Edwardes deth. and seynt Dunstañ hade her' assoilede, and penaunce her' enioynede; and she leuede after, chaste lif & clene. ¶ pis Kyng Eldrede wedede an Englysshe-woman; & on<sup>1</sup> here he<sup>2</sup> bigate 4 Edmunde Irenside, and anoper sone<sup>3</sup> pat me callede Edwynne; and after, deide pe Quene his<sup>4</sup> moder'. ¶ And in pat tyme come into Engeland Swyn, pat was Kyng of Denmarc, forto chalange and<sup>5</sup> conquere al pat his Ancestres hade<sup>6</sup> bifore pat tyme. & so he conquerede, & hade it al at<sup>7</sup> his axing<sup>t</sup>; ffor pe gode Erle Cuthbert of Lyndeseye, and al pe peple of Northumberlond, & almost al pe grete of Engeland, helde with Swyne pat was<sup>2</sup> Kyng of Dennemarc, for-asmiche as pai louede nouzt Kyng Eldrede, 12 ffor cause<sup>8</sup> pat his gode broper Edward was slayn falsely<sup>9</sup> for enchesouñ of him<sup>2</sup>; and perfore no man sette but litil bi hym; Wherefore Kyng Swyn hade al his wille, and toke al pe lande. ¶ And Eldrede pe Kyng<sup>10</sup> flo fledge<sup>10</sup> into Normandye,<sup>11</sup> and so<sup>12</sup> 16 spak to pe Duk, pat pe Duc gaf him his sustre to wif; oppoñ pe whiche he bigate ij sones: pat on me callede Alrud, & pat opere Edward. And when Swyn hade conquerede al pe lande, he regnede nobli, & leuede but xv 3er, & deide, and lip at 3ork. 20

**How Kyng<sup>t</sup> Eldrede come a3eyne fram<sup>13</sup> Normandye; & how Knoth<sup>14</sup> pe Danoys<sup>15</sup> regnede; & of pe wer' bituene him & Edmunde Irenside. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Centesimo ¶ Sexto decimo.**

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**A**fter' pe dep of Swyne, pat was a Danois, Knoght,<sup>16</sup> his sone, duellede in Engeland, and wolde haue bene<sup>17</sup> kyng<sup>t</sup>. and po come a3eyn Eldrede out of Normandy, with miche<sup>18</sup> peple & wip<sup>19</sup> stronge meny,<sup>19</sup> pat Knoght derst nouzt abide, but fley 28 pens into Denmarc. ¶ pe Kyng Eldrede hade a3eyn his reaume, & helde so grete lordeship pat he bigan to destroi al<sup>20</sup> pat hade holpen<sup>21</sup> Swyn, pat was a Danois, a3eynes him.<sup>22</sup> ¶ And afterwarde come a3eyn pis Knoght<sup>t</sup> fram Denmarc, with a grete power, 32 so pat Kyng Eldre[de] derst nouzt wip him fize, but<sup>23</sup> fley fro<sup>23</sup>

<sup>1</sup> in O.    <sup>2</sup> om. D.    <sup>3</sup> broper D.    <sup>4</sup> her O.    <sup>5</sup> & to O.

<sup>6</sup> haden D.    <sup>7</sup> after D.    <sup>8</sup> enchesoun D.    enchesoun O.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 64, back.    <sup>10-10</sup> fled po O.    <sup>11</sup> Norway D.    <sup>12</sup> po O.

<sup>13</sup> fro DO.    <sup>14</sup> Knogh D.    Knoght O.    <sup>15</sup> Danes O.

<sup>16</sup> knyght O.    <sup>17</sup> be O.    <sup>18</sup> michel D.

<sup>19-19</sup> a strong<sup>t</sup> nauye D.    a strong meyny O.    <sup>20</sup> alle ham D.    aH po O.

<sup>21</sup> holpen O.    <sup>22</sup> hym & his reume O.    <sup>23-23</sup> fledde D.    fledde fro O.

pens vnto<sup>1</sup> Londoñ, & pere helde him. ¶ po come Knoght, and him bisegede so longe til<sup>2</sup> Kyng Eldrede diede in þe cite of Londoñ, and lip at seynt Paules; & he regnede ix zere.

4 Of Kyng Knoght. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Centesimo ¶ Septuagesimo.<sup>3</sup>

After þe deth of pis Eldred, Knoght, pat was a Danois, bigan po forto regne, but Edmunde<sup>4</sup> Iremside,<sup>5</sup> pat was Kyng Eldredus sone by his ferst wif, ordeynede a grete host, & bigan to 8 werr' oppoñ Kyng Knoght; and so he dede meny tymes and ofte; and þe werre was so st[r]onge and harde, pat wonder' hit<sup>6</sup> was to wete. ¶ And þe Quene Emme, pat duelled<sup>7</sup> po at Wynchestre, hade grete drede of her' ij sones, for<sup>8</sup> þe werr' of<sup>6</sup> Alured & Edward, 12 leste pai shulde ben<sup>9</sup> defouled & misdoñ prou; pis<sup>10</sup> werre, wherfore she sent ham ouer þe se into Normandy, to þe duc<sup>10</sup> Richard her' Vncle; and pere pai duelled<sup>11</sup> in safte and pees longe tyme. ¶ pis Edmunde<sup>12</sup> Iremside<sup>13</sup> & Knouzt<sup>14</sup> werrede strongliche to-geder<sup>14</sup>; 16 but at þe laste pai were accorded in pis maner, pat pai shulde departe þe reaume bituenes<sup>15</sup> ham; and so pai deden; & after, pai bicom<sup>16</sup> gode frendes, and so wel louede<sup>17</sup> togederes as pai<sup>18</sup> hade bene briþer,<sup>18</sup> geten<sup>19</sup> of o<sup>20</sup> body, & of<sup>21</sup> o moder born.

20 How Kyng Edmunde Iremside traiterously<sup>22</sup> was slayn, prou; a tratour' pat me callede Edrith<sup>23</sup> of Stattoñ. Capitulo Centesimo xviij<sup>mo</sup>.

24 And after, po regnede Kyng Edmunde Iremside and Knoght þe Danois. but þus it fel<sup>24</sup> aftirward, and in þe same zere pat pai were accorded, and somiche loueden<sup>25</sup> togeder, wherof<sup>26</sup> a false þef traitoure hade enuy vnto þe loue pat was bituene ham, and frendship, whos name was Edrith<sup>27</sup> of Strattoñ, pat was a 28 grete lorde, pat<sup>28</sup> was Edmunde Iremsides man, & of him helde aH þe londe pat he hade. ¶ And nopeles he pouzt his lorde to bitraie,

<sup>1</sup> in-to O.    <sup>2</sup> til þat D.    <sup>3</sup> Sextodesimo D.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 65.

<sup>5</sup> Iremsides O.    <sup>6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7</sup> dwelt O.    <sup>8</sup> of DO.    <sup>9</sup> be DO.

<sup>10-10</sup> om. D.    <sup>11</sup> dwelt O.    <sup>12</sup> Edward D.    <sup>13</sup> Iremsides O.

<sup>14-14</sup> werrede strongly togederes D.    werreddyn strongly to-gidere O.

<sup>15</sup> betwen O.    <sup>16</sup> becomen O.

<sup>17</sup> loued þat pai bicom sworen breþerne and so wel loueden D.    loued þat þei becomen swore breþeryn & so wel loued O.

<sup>18-18</sup> hadene ben breþerne D.    had ben breþryn O.    <sup>19</sup> gotyn O.

<sup>20</sup> on O.    <sup>21</sup> om. D.    <sup>22</sup> om. D.    traytoursly O.

<sup>23</sup> Edrik D.    Edrich O.    <sup>24</sup> bifel D.    <sup>25</sup> loued O.    <sup>26</sup> wherfore D.

<sup>27</sup> Edrik D.    <sup>28</sup> & D.

& make Knoght kyng<sup>1</sup> of pe lande, <sup>1</sup>to pat<sup>1</sup> entent<sup>1</sup> richely to ben auauuncede, & wip him bene<sup>2</sup> wel bilouede. ¶ Wherfore he praiede<sup>3</sup> his lorde, Edmund<sup>4</sup> Ireinside,<sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>oppoñ a day<sup>6</sup> wip him forto eten, and wip him duelle. and pe kyng curteisly him grantede, & to <sup>4</sup>him come at his praier<sup>1</sup>; and at pe mete pe kyng richely<sup>7</sup> was seruuede with diuerse metis & drynkes. ¶ And when nyght come pat he shulde gone<sup>8</sup> to bede, <sup>9</sup>pe kyng<sup>9</sup> tok<sup>1</sup> his owen meny, & went into chambre. & as he lokede<sup>10</sup> aboute, he saw<sup>11</sup> a wonder faire <sup>8</sup>ymage, & wel made,<sup>12</sup> & in<sup>13</sup> semblant<sup>14</sup> as it were<sup>14</sup> an Archire, wip a bowe bent in his honde, & in pe bowe a fyne Arwe. ¶ Kyng Edmund<sup>1</sup> went po nei<sup>1</sup>, to biholde hit bettr<sup>1</sup>, what it miȝte bene<sup>15</sup>; and anone as his honde tochede pe Arwe, anone pe arwe him smote <sup>12</sup>16 prouz pe<sup>16</sup> body, & pere slough pe kyng<sup>1</sup>; for þat engyne was made to quelle his<sup>17</sup> lorde traitrouesly.<sup>18</sup> ¶ And <sup>6</sup>when pe<sup>6</sup> Kyn[g] Edmund<sup>1</sup> <sup>19</sup>pus was dede & <sup>19</sup>slayn, he nad<sup>20</sup> regnede but x zere. his peple for him made miche sorw, and his body pai bare to <sup>21</sup>16 Glastenbury and pere pai him enterede. ¶ And pus<sup>22</sup> traitour Edrik<sup>23</sup> anone went to pe Quene, pat was Kyng Edmundes wif, pat wiste of here lordes dep. anone he <sup>24</sup>toke fram her<sup>1</sup> hir<sup>24</sup> ij sones, pat were faire and zong<sup>1</sup>, pat her<sup>1</sup> lorde hade oppoñ hier<sup>1</sup> geten,—& <sup>25</sup>20 pat on me callede ¶ Edward, & pat oper Edwyn,—& lade ham wip him to <sup>26</sup>London, and toke ham vnto Kyng Knoght, pat he shulde done<sup>27</sup> with ham what his willes<sup>28</sup> were; & tolde him how queyntyly he hade <sup>29</sup>quelled<sup>29</sup> Kyng Edmund<sup>1</sup>,<sup>29</sup> for enchesouñ & loue of him, <sup>24</sup>so pat Kyng Knoght aH Engeland<sup>30</sup> in his power<sup>1</sup> holly<sup>31</sup> miȝt haue. ¶ “O pow false traitoure! haste pow my trewe wedbroper<sup>32</sup> slayn for cause<sup>33</sup> <sup>34</sup>of me? a man pat y moste Louede in pe Worlde. now, be myn<sup>35</sup> heuede,<sup>36</sup> I shal for pi tranail pe wel rewar<sup>1</sup> as pow hast <sup>28</sup>deseruuede!” and anone <sup>37</sup>lete him take and bynde,<sup>37</sup> hondes & feete in maner of a traitour<sup>1</sup>, & lete caste him into<sup>38</sup> Thamise; and in pis

<sup>1-1</sup> in O.    <sup>2</sup> be D.    <sup>3</sup> praiede oppon a day D.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 65, back.

<sup>5</sup> Ireinside O.    <sup>6-6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> realy D.    <sup>8</sup> rially O.    <sup>8</sup> go DO.

<sup>9-9</sup> om. O.    <sup>10</sup> MS. lokede lokede.    <sup>11</sup> say O.    <sup>12</sup> y-made DO.

<sup>13</sup> in the D.    <sup>14-14</sup> of D.    <sup>15</sup> be O.    <sup>16-16</sup> proutoute his D.

<sup>17</sup> his owen D.    his owne O.    <sup>18</sup> treitously O.

<sup>19-19</sup> was dede & pus D.    <sup>20</sup> had O.    <sup>21</sup> vnto DO.

<sup>22</sup> pis false D.    pis fals O.    <sup>23</sup> Edrith O.

<sup>24-24</sup> toke fram sic D.    nome fro here O.    <sup>25</sup> om. DO.

<sup>26</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>27</sup> do DO.    <sup>28</sup> wil DO.

<sup>29-29</sup> quelled<sup>29</sup> Edmund<sup>1</sup> D.    y-qwelled Kyng Edmund<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>30</sup> Engeland<sup>1</sup> holich D.    <sup>31</sup> om. D.    hollych O.

<sup>32</sup> wedded<sup>1</sup> broper D.    brother O.    <sup>33</sup> enchesouñ DO.    <sup>34</sup> leaf 66.

<sup>35</sup> my O.    <sup>36</sup> om. D.    hed O.    <sup>37-37</sup> lete bynde him D.

<sup>38</sup> into the D.    in-to þ<sup>c</sup> O.

maner<sup>1</sup> þe false<sup>1</sup> traitour<sup>1</sup> endede his lif. ¶ þe Kyng<sup>2</sup> tok<sup>1</sup> þo ij childerne to<sup>2</sup> þe Abbot of Westmynstr<sup>3</sup>, to warde<sup>3</sup> and to kepe til he wiste what was beste<sup>4</sup> wip ham to done.<sup>4</sup>

4 How Kyng Knoght sent Edmundes sones<sup>5</sup> bope into Denmarc forto slee; & how<sup>6</sup> þai were sauede. *Capitulo Centesimo xix<sup>mo</sup>.*

8 **H**It bifelle sone after pat Kyng Knoght hade al þe lande into<sup>7</sup> his hande and spousede þe<sup>1</sup> Quene Emme prouþ consent of his baronage, for she was a faire womman, & was Eldredes wif, and þe dukes suster<sup>1</sup> of Normandy: & þai<sup>8</sup> sleueden to-geder<sup>8</sup> with miche<sup>9</sup> loue, as resoun wolde. ¶ þe Kyng axede oppon a day conseile  
12 of þe Quene, what was beste forto<sup>10</sup> done<sup>11</sup> wip the sones pat wer<sup>12</sup> Edmundes Irenside.<sup>12</sup> ¶ “Sire,” quod she; “þai<sup>13</sup> bep þe<sup>13</sup> right heir’s of þe londe; & if þai leuen, þai wille do 3ow miche sorwe with<sup>14</sup> werr; and perfor lete sende ham into a strange lande aferr,<sup>15</sup> to some  
16 man pat may ham defoule<sup>16</sup> & destroie.” ¶ The Kyng anone lete calle a Danois pat me callede Walgar<sup>1</sup>, and commandede him pat he shulde lede<sup>17</sup> þo ij childerne into Denmarc, and so do for ham<sup>18</sup> pat neuer<sup>19</sup> þai herde<sup>19</sup> more tydyngus<sup>20</sup> of ham. “Sir,” saide þis  
20 Walger, “gladely 3oure commandement shal bene<sup>21</sup> done,” ¶ And tok<sup>22</sup> þo<sup>23</sup> ij childerne, & lad ham into Denmarc. & for-asmiche as<sup>24</sup> he saw pat þe childern were wonder<sup>1</sup> fair<sup>1</sup>, and also meke,<sup>25</sup> he had of ham grete pitee and reuthe, & wolde nouþt ham slee,  
24 but lade ham to þe Kyng of Hungrie forto norisshe: For this Walgar<sup>1</sup> was<sup>26</sup> wel knowen<sup>26</sup> wip þe Kyng, and<sup>27</sup> wel bilouede.<sup>27</sup> ¶ Anone þe Kyng axede whens þe childern were. ¶ And Walger tolde him, & saide pat ‘þai were þe right heir’s of Engeland, &  
28 perfor men wolde ham destroye;’ “and perfore, sire, to 3ow þai<sup>28</sup> bep comen,<sup>28</sup> mercy & helpe to biseche; & forsop<sup>29</sup> if þai mowen leue,<sup>29</sup>

<sup>1</sup> om. O.

<sup>2-2</sup> nome þe ij chelderne & tooke ham D. nome þo ij Childryn & took hem O.

<sup>3-3</sup> forto norisshe D. <sup>4-4</sup> to done with hem O.

<sup>5</sup> sones Irenside D. <sup>6</sup> bope D. <sup>7</sup> in DO.

<sup>8-8</sup> leueden togederes D. loued to-gidere O. <sup>9</sup> mychel O.

<sup>10</sup> to D. <sup>11</sup> do O.

<sup>12-12</sup> Edmundes Irensides D. Edmund<sup>12</sup> Irensides O.

<sup>13-13</sup> beth D. ben O. <sup>14</sup> sorwe with D. sorow with O. sorwe R.

<sup>15</sup> wel ferre D. <sup>16</sup> defoyle O. <sup>17</sup> lete O.

<sup>18</sup> hem & ordeyne O. <sup>19-19</sup> we her D. <sup>20</sup> tydynges O.

<sup>21</sup> be O. <sup>22</sup> nome O. <sup>23</sup> the D. <sup>24</sup> leaf 66, back. <sup>25</sup> om. D.

<sup>26-26</sup> wel biknowen D. y-knownen O. <sup>27-27</sup> beloued wel O.

<sup>28-28</sup> ben come O. <sup>29-29</sup> and þai mow leuen D. if þey now lyve O.

3our<sup>1</sup> men pai shullen<sup>1</sup> becomen, and of 3ow pai<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>shal holde<sup>3</sup> al hire land. ¶ The Kyng of Hungrie ham<sup>4</sup> vnderfonge with michel<sup>5</sup> honour, and lete ham worthely to bene<sup>6</sup> kepte.

¶ And pus hit bifelle afterwarde, pat Edwyne, pe 3onger broper, <sup>4</sup> deide, and Edward pe elder<sup>7</sup> broper leuede, a fair<sup>8</sup> man,<sup>8</sup> a stronge, & a<sup>9</sup> large of body, and gentil and curteise of condicions, so pat alle men him louede. ¶ And pis Edward, in pe cronicles is callede amonges<sup>10</sup> Englisshemen, 'Edward<sup>1</sup> pe outelaghe.' And when he <sup>8</sup> was made knyght, pe Kyngus doughter of Hungary so miche him louede, for his godenesse and his fairenesse, pat she made & callede him her<sup>1</sup> derlyng. ¶ The Kyng pat was her<sup>1</sup> fader, perceyuede wel pe loue pat was bituene ham too, And hade non heir<sup>1</sup> but pat <sup>12</sup> doughter. And pe Kyng fouchede his douzter to no man so<sup>11</sup> wel as he dede vnto him pat her<sup>12</sup> louede, & she him; & he 3af here to him wip gode wille; and Edward<sup>1</sup> her<sup>1</sup> spousede wip michel<sup>13</sup> honour. ¶ The Kyng of Hungrie sent after<sup>1</sup> al his baronage, & <sup>16</sup> made a solempne <sup>14</sup> fest and<sup>15</sup> ryche weddyng, and made al men to<sup>16</sup> vnderstonde pat he shulde ben<sup>17</sup> Kyng when<sup>18</sup> he were dede; and <sup>19</sup> perof pai maden al<sup>19</sup> gret ioye; and of pat tydyng<sup>20</sup> pai wer<sup>1</sup> ful glade. ¶ pis Edwarde bigate oppon pis lady a sone <sup>20</sup> pat me callede Edgar Helyng, and afterward, a doughter pat me callede Margarete, pat afti[r]ward was Quene of Scotland; and, by pe Kyng of Scotland pat me callede Maucolom, she hade a douzter pat was<sup>21</sup> callede Maude, <sup>22</sup> pat afterwarde was Quene<sup>22</sup> <sup>24</sup> of Engeland<sup>1</sup> prou; Kyng Henry, pat was pe ferst sone of pe Conqueroure, pat her<sup>1</sup> weded; & he bigate on her<sup>1</sup> a douzter<sup>1</sup> pat me callede Maude, pat afterward was Emperesse of Almaign; and of pis Maude come Henry<sup>23</sup> pe Kyng of Engeland, pat into pis <sup>28</sup> day is callede 'Henry, pe Emperesse sone.' ¶ And 3it hade pis Edward anoper<sup>1</sup> douzter<sup>16</sup> by his wif, pat me called<sup>1</sup> Cristian, and she was a none.

<sup>1</sup> shul D.      <sup>2</sup> MS. pai sla, with sla underlined for omission.

<sup>3-3</sup> schullen holden O.      <sup>4</sup> hem vndirtook<sup>1</sup> & O.

<sup>5</sup> mych O.      <sup>6</sup> be O.      <sup>7</sup> eldest D.      <sup>8</sup> man & DO.

<sup>9</sup> om. O.      <sup>10</sup> among<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>11</sup> as O.      <sup>12</sup> he DO.

<sup>13</sup> mych O.      <sup>14</sup> leaf 67.      <sup>15</sup> and a DO.

<sup>16</sup> om. D.      <sup>17</sup> be O.

<sup>18</sup> when pat D.      whan pat O.

<sup>19-19</sup> perfore alle pai maden D.      perfore alle þey made O.

<sup>20</sup> tydynges D.      <sup>21</sup> me DO.

<sup>22-22</sup> pat was quene afterward<sup>1</sup> D.      pat was qwen afterward<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>23</sup> om. DO.



How Kyng Knoght, pat was a proude man, conquere<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Norway; & how he bicome afterwarde<sup>1</sup> meke.<sup>2</sup> *Capitulo Centesimo ¶ xx<sup>mo</sup>.*

4 **N**ow haue ze<sup>3</sup> herde of Edmundes<sup>4</sup> sones wip pe<sup>4</sup> Irenside, pat Kyng Knoght wende<sup>5</sup> pai hade ben dede, as he hade commandede Walger bifor<sup>6</sup>. ¶ And this Knoght<sup>6</sup> hade in his honde al Engeland<sup>7</sup> and Denmarc. And after<sup>7</sup> pat, he went to<sup>7</sup> Norwaye, 8 pat londe to conquere. ¶ But pe Kyng of pe lande pat me called Elaf, come with his peple, & wende his lande wel<sup>8</sup> haue kepte & defendede; & so<sup>3</sup> pere he fauzt with ham, til at pe laste he was slayn in pat bataile; & po<sup>3</sup> pis Knoght toke<sup>9</sup> al pat lande<sup>10</sup> into his 12 hande. ¶ And when he hade conquerede al<sup>6</sup> Norwaye, and taken<sup>11</sup> feautes & homages pere, he come after<sup>7</sup> azeyne into Engeland<sup>7</sup>, and helde him-self<sup>12</sup> so grete<sup>12</sup> lorde, pat him pouzt in al pe worlde<sup>13</sup> no man his pier<sup>13</sup> was; & bicome so prout & hauten pat lit was grete 16 wonder<sup>13</sup>. ¶ And so<sup>3</sup> hit bifelle, oppoñ a day as he hade herde masse at Westmynstre, and wolde haue gone<sup>14</sup> into his palice, pe 15 water of<sup>15</sup> Tamise so swiftly<sup>16</sup> azeynes him comen,<sup>16</sup> pat Almost hit<sup>17</sup> tochede his fete. po saide pe Kyng with a prout hert, “y com- 20 mande pe water<sup>18</sup> turne azeyn, or elles<sup>19</sup> y shal pe make.” pe wawys for his commandement wolde nouzt<sup>20</sup> spare, but<sup>21</sup> flowede euer<sup>21</sup> on<sup>21</sup> hye more & more. ¶ The Kyng was so prout of hert pat he wolde nouzt flee pe water, but abode stille in pe water, and bete pe water 24 wip a smal zerd pat he helde in his hande, & comandede pe water pat it shulde wende no ferpere; but for al his commandement pe water wolde nouzt cesse, but euer<sup>21</sup> waxe more & more an hye, so pat pe Kyng was al wete, and stode depe in pe water. ¶ And when he 28 saw pat he hade abide pere or<sup>22</sup> longe, & pe water wolde noping done<sup>23</sup> his commandement, po sone he wipdrowe him, and po stode<sup>24</sup> oppoñ a stone & helde his hondes<sup>25</sup> an hye, & saide pis worde<sup>25</sup> in heryng<sup>26</sup> of al pe peple: “¶ pis God pat makep pe see<sup>26</sup> pus arise an<sup>27</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> Normandy & after become O.

<sup>2</sup> mek and milde D. meke & mylde O.

<sup>4-4</sup> sones with O. sone wip pe R.

<sup>7-7</sup> he went into D. <sup>8</sup> weel to O.

<sup>11</sup> tok D. <sup>12</sup> stronge a D. gret a O.

<sup>13-13</sup> nomas sic D. his pere no man O.

<sup>15-15</sup> wawys of the D. wawys of O.

<sup>17</sup> pai D. bei O. <sup>18</sup> water to DO.

<sup>20</sup> wolde nouzt D. wold not O. wolde R.

<sup>21-21</sup> folwede euer on D. flowed in O.

<sup>23</sup> do D. <sup>24</sup> stepe D. <sup>25</sup> wordes DO.

<sup>3</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> went pat O.

<sup>9</sup> nome DO.

<sup>14</sup> go O.

<sup>16-16</sup> aroos azens hym O.

<sup>19</sup> eft O.

<sup>22</sup> ouere to D. to O.

<sup>26</sup> water D. <sup>27</sup> a D.

<sup>6</sup> om. O.  
<sup>10</sup> leaf 67, back.

hye, he is Kyng<sup>r</sup> of alle Kynges, & of myghtes most; & y ame a caitif and a man dedly, & he<sup>1</sup> may neuer<sup>r</sup> dye; & alle ping<sup>2</sup> doth his commandement, & to him is obedient. ¶ To pat God<sup>r</sup> Y praye<sup>3</sup> pat he be my waraunt, for y knowliche me caitif feble, & of none<sup>4</sup> 4 power<sup>r</sup>; and perfore y wil gone<sup>5</sup> to Rome wipout eny lettyng<sup>r</sup>, my Wickednesse<sup>6</sup> forto<sup>7</sup> punishe, and me to amende; ¶ ffor of pat God<sup>r</sup> y cleyme my landes<sup>8</sup> forto holde, and of none opere<sup>r</sup>; and anone made his heir<sup>r</sup>, and him-self<sup>t</sup> [went]<sup>9</sup> to Rome wipouten<sup>10</sup> eny 8 lettyng<sup>r</sup>, & by pe way dede meny almes dedes, & when he come to Rome also. ¶ And when he hade bene<sup>11</sup> pere, and for his synnes done penaunce, he come azeine into Engeland<sup>r</sup>, and bicom a gode man and an holy, and lefte al maner pride & stoutenesse, & leuede an 12 holy lif al his lif<sup>r</sup> after, and made ij Abbayes<sup>9</sup> of seynt Benet, one in Engeland<sup>r</sup> & 12 pat opere<sup>12</sup> in Norway, for-asmiche as he louede specialy<sup>13</sup> seynt Benet bifore al opere seyntes; and miche he louede also seynt Edmunde pe kyng<sup>r</sup>; & ofte he gaf grete giftes to pe hous, 16 wherfore it<sup>14</sup> was made ryche. and when he had regnede xx zere, he deide, & lip at Wynchestr<sup>r</sup>.

**Of Kyng Harolde, pat leuer<sup>r</sup> hade gone in<sup>15</sup> foot pan ryde on hors. Capitulo Centesimo xx[i]<sup>mo</sup>.** 20

**T**His Knoght, of wham y<sup>16</sup> haue spoken<sup>17</sup> bifor,<sup>18</sup> hade ij sones by his wif<sup>r</sup>; & pat on me callede Herdiknoght, & pat opere Harolde; and he was so<sup>19</sup> lip of<sup>19</sup> fote pat men callede him perfore<sup>20</sup> Harolde Harefote. & pis Harolde hade noping pe<sup>21</sup> condicions ne 24 maners<sup>21</sup> of Kyng Knoght pat was his fader<sup>r</sup>, for he sette but litil pris of chyualry ne of curtesye, neyper of worship, but onely by his owen wille; & he bicom so wickede pat he exilede his moder<sup>r</sup>. & po<sup>22</sup> she went<sup>22</sup> out of pe<sup>23</sup> land<sup>r</sup> into Flaundres, & pere she<sup>24</sup> 28 duelled<sup>25</sup> wip pe Erl; wherfor after pere was neuer gode loue bituene him & his broper, for his broper him hatede dedely; and when he hade regnede ij [yere] & a litil<sup>26</sup> more,<sup>27</sup> he deide, & lip at Westmynstre. 32

<sup>1</sup> and he DO. and R. <sup>2</sup> ping DO. pis R. <sup>3</sup> leaf 68. <sup>4</sup> no DO.

<sup>5</sup> go DO. <sup>6</sup> wyknesse O. <sup>7</sup> to DO. <sup>8</sup> londe D. land O.

<sup>9</sup> om. D. <sup>10</sup> with-oute O. <sup>11</sup> be O. <sup>12-12</sup> another D.

<sup>13</sup> specialy R. specialy seynt Benet D. specialy Seynt Benet O.

<sup>14</sup> is sic D. <sup>15</sup> on DO. <sup>16</sup> we DO. <sup>17</sup> spoke O.

<sup>18</sup> tofore D. <sup>19-19</sup> light on D.

<sup>20</sup> perfore comuneliche D. perfore comunlich O.

<sup>21-21</sup> maners ne condicions D. Condicions in pe manere O.

<sup>22-22</sup> went she D. went O. <sup>23</sup> this D. <sup>24</sup> om. DO.

<sup>25</sup> dwelt O. <sup>26</sup> leaf 68, back. <sup>27</sup> MS. mory.

Of Kyng<sup>st</sup> Hardiknought, þat was Haroldes broþer. *Capitulo Centesimo xx[i]j<sup>mo</sup>.*

4 **A**fter þis Harolde Harefoot, regnede his broþer Hardiknought, a noble Knyght & a worþi, & miche louede chivalrye and al maner' godenesse. ¶ And when þis Hardiknought<sup>1</sup> hade regnede a litil while, he lete vncouere his broþer Harolde, and <sup>2</sup>smote of his Heuede<sup>2</sup> þat was his broþer, at Westmynstr', and lete caste þe 8 heuede<sup>3</sup> into a gonge, and þe body <sup>4</sup>into þe<sup>4</sup> Tamyse. and after come fisshers, & toke<sup>5</sup> þe body wip her' nettes by nyght, and bere him vnto<sup>6</sup> seynt Clementz cherche, & þere him buryede; and in þis maner' avengede him Hardeknought of his broþer, for in none opere 12 maner' þai<sup>7</sup> mygh nouzt <sup>8</sup>hym avenge.<sup>8</sup> ¶ This Kyng Hardiknought was so large zeuer' of mete and of<sup>9</sup> drynk', þat his tables were sette <sup>10</sup>euer' pre tymes ful<sup>10</sup> wip real<sup>11</sup> metes for his owen mayne<sup>12</sup>, & for al þat <sup>13</sup>comen to<sup>13</sup> his court' to bene<sup>14</sup> rychely seruede of<sup>15</sup> real metes. 16 ¶ And þis Kyng<sup>st</sup> Hardeknought sent after' Emme his moder', & made hir' come azeyne into Engeland', ffor she was dryue<sup>16</sup> out of Engeland' whiles þat Harolde Harefote regnede, þoruþ conseil of þe Erl Godwyne, þat þo was þe grettest lorde of al Engeland' next þe kyng', 20 and moste myght done<sup>17</sup> what he wolde <sup>18</sup>prouz al<sup>18</sup> Engeland' <sup>19</sup>prouz his commaundement,<sup>19</sup> for-asmiche as he hade spousede þe doughter of þe gode Kyng Knoght þat was a danoy, whiche doughter he hade by his ferst wif. ¶ And when þis queene was dryuen<sup>20</sup> out of 24 Engeland', & come to þe Erl of Flaundes þat me callede Baldewynne, her'<sup>21</sup> cosyn, <sup>22</sup>he fonde here þere al þing' þat hir nedede,<sup>23</sup> Vnto the tyme þat she<sup>24</sup> went azeyne into Engeland', þat þe Kyng<sup>st</sup> Hardiknought hade sent for<sup>25</sup> her', þat was her' sone, & made here 28 come azeyn wip michel<sup>26</sup> honour. ¶ This Kyng Hardeknought,<sup>27</sup> when he hade v zere regnede, he deide, & lij þat Wynchestre.

Of þe Vylonye þat þe Danoy<sup>s</sup> <sup>28</sup>dede to þe <sup>29</sup>Englisshe-men; wherfore fro þat tyme afterward' was none <sup>30</sup>Danoy<sup>s</sup> <sup>28</sup>made Kyng <sup>31</sup>of Engeland'.<sup>31</sup> ¶ *Capitulo ¶ Centesimo Vicesimo iij<sup>o</sup>.*

1 MS. Harolde.      2-2 smyte of his heed' O.      3 heed O.      4-4 in O.  
5 to sic D.      6 to DO.      7 he DO.  
8-8 bene avenged' D.      be auenged O.      9 om. DO.  
10-10 euery tyme þrise ful D.      eueryday iij tymes O.      11 ful ryal O.  
12 maynen R.      meny D.      meyne O.      13-13 come vnto D.      14 be D.  
15 with D.      16 dryuen D.      17 do D.      18-18 þrouz-oute D.  
19-19 om. D.      20 dryve O.      21 his RO.      her' D.      22 leaf 69.  
23 nedeth D.      24 he D.      25 after D.      26 miche D.      mych O.  
27 Harolde D.      28 Danes O.      29 om. O.      30 no DO.      31-31 om. O.

After<sup>1</sup> þe deth of þis Kyng<sup>1</sup> Hardeknoght, forasmiche as he had  
 a<sup>1</sup> non heire<sup>1</sup> of his body bigeten,<sup>2</sup> þe Erles and barons  
 assembled and maden<sup>3</sup> a counseil; and neuer<sup>4</sup>-more after<sup>4</sup> þat tyme  
 no man þat was a Danois, pouz he<sup>4</sup> were ner<sup>4</sup> so grete a man<sup>4</sup>  
 amonges ham, he shulde neuer<sup>5</sup> bene<sup>5</sup> Kyng of Engeland, for þe  
 despite þat þe Danois<sup>6</sup> hade done to þe<sup>7</sup> Englisshemen. ¶ For  
 euermore biforne-honde,<sup>8</sup> if it were so þat Englisshemen & Danois<sup>9</sup>  
 hapden to mete oppoñ a bruce, þe Englisshemen<sup>10</sup> shulde nouzt<sup>8</sup>  
 bene<sup>11</sup> so herdy to meve ne stere on<sup>12</sup> foot, but stande stiH, til<sup>13</sup> þat  
 þe Danois<sup>13</sup> were passede forth. ¶ And more-ouer, if þe Englisshemen  
 hade nouzt bowede adouñ here heuedes,<sup>14</sup> to done reuerence  
 vnto þe Danois,<sup>9</sup> þai shulde haue bene bete & defouled; & soche<sup>12</sup>  
 maner<sup>9</sup> despites and Vilonyes deden þe Danois<sup>9</sup> to oure Englisshemen;  
 Wherefore þai were dryuen out of þe lande after þe<sup>15</sup> tyme þat  
 Kyng Herdeknoght was dede, for þai<sup>16</sup> had non<sup>16</sup> lord þat ham  
 myght mayntene. In þis maner<sup>9</sup> voided þe Danois<sup>9</sup> Engeland, þat<sup>16</sup>  
 neuer<sup>9</sup> þai comen<sup>17</sup> azeine. ¶ þe Erles and barouns, by here com-  
 mune assent & conseile, senten<sup>18</sup> into Normandy forto seche þo ij  
 breþern Alurede & Edward, þat were duellyng wip þe duk<sup>1</sup> Richard  
 þat was here eme,<sup>19</sup> to þat<sup>19</sup> intent forto crone Alurede þe elder<sup>20</sup>  
 broþer, & him make Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Engeland, and of þis ping to make  
 an ende, þe erles & barons made<sup>20</sup> her<sup>1</sup> oth; But þe Erl Godwyne of  
 Westsex falsely<sup>21</sup> pouzt to slee þo ij breþerne anone as þai shulde  
 come into Engelande,<sup>22</sup> to þat<sup>22</sup> entente forto make his sone Harolde<sup>24</sup>  
 Kyng, þe whiche sone he hade bigete oppoñ his wif, þat was Kyng  
 Knoghtes doughter, þat was a Danoys. ¶ And þis Godwyn pryue-  
 liche<sup>23</sup> went him to Southampton, forto mete þere þo ij breþern  
 when þat þai shulde come to lande. ¶ And þus hit bifelle, þat þe<sup>28</sup>  
 messagers þat wenten<sup>24</sup> into Normandy, fonden<sup>25</sup> nouzt but onely  
 Alurede, þat was þe eldest<sup>26</sup> broþer; for Edward, his zonger<sup>27</sup>  
 broþer, was gone<sup>28</sup> to Hungrie forto speke wip his cosyn Edward þe  
 outelaw, þat was Edmondes sone wip þe Irenside.<sup>29</sup> ¶ þe messagers<sup>32</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> none childe D. no Child O. <sup>2</sup> bigete D. begete O.

<sup>3</sup> made D. <sup>4-4</sup> wer<sup>1</sup> neuer<sup>1</sup> D. neuere were O. <sup>5</sup> be DO.

<sup>6</sup> Danys O. <sup>7</sup> om. DO. <sup>8</sup> bifore-honde D. <sup>9</sup> Danes O.

<sup>10</sup> MS. Trin. Coll. Dubl. 490 (D) has a page cut out here, and does not continue until leaf 70, back, of the Rawlinson MS.

<sup>11</sup> he O. <sup>12</sup> o O. <sup>13-13</sup> þe Danes O. <sup>14</sup> hedes O. <sup>15</sup> om. O.

<sup>16-16</sup> nad non O. <sup>17</sup> come O. <sup>18</sup> leaf 69, back. <sup>19-19</sup> en O.

<sup>20</sup> maden O. <sup>21</sup> falsly & traytously O. <sup>22-22</sup> in O. <sup>23</sup> priuily O.

<sup>24</sup> wente O. <sup>25</sup> founde O. <sup>26</sup> Eldere O. <sup>27</sup> om. O.

<sup>28</sup> went O. <sup>29</sup> Irensides O.

tolde & saide to Alurede, how pat þe Erles & barons of Engeland<sup>d</sup> senten<sup>1</sup> after<sup>1</sup> him, and pat he boldeliche shulde come into Engeland<sup>d</sup> and vnderfonge þe reaume; for Kyng Herdeknoght was dede, & alle þe <sup>2</sup>Danois were dryuen<sup>2</sup> out of þe lande.

How Godewyne, þe false *traitoure*, tok Alurede oppoñ Gildesdoun, when he come fro Normandye to bene<sup>3</sup> Kyng of Engeland<sup>d</sup>, & dede him bene<sup>3</sup> martrede in þe Ile of Ely.

8 *Capitulo Centesimo xxiiij<sup>to</sup>.*

**W**Hen Alurede herde þis tydynges,<sup>4</sup> he pankede God<sup>d</sup>, & into shipp went, wip al þe hast pat he myght, and passede þe see, & arryuede at Southamptoñ, þere pat Godewyne þe *traitour*<sup>5</sup> was. And when<sup>5</sup> þis tr[*a*]itoure <sup>6</sup>saw pat he was comen,<sup>7</sup> he welcomede him & vnderfonge him wip michel<sup>8</sup> ioye, and saide pat he wolde lede him to Londoñ, þere pat al þe <sup>9</sup>lordes & barons<sup>9</sup> of Engeland<sup>d</sup> him abode, forto maken<sup>10</sup> him kyng<sup>t</sup>. and so pai wenten<sup>11</sup> in her<sup>1</sup> way toward<sup>t</sup> Londoñ. & when pai comen<sup>7</sup> oppon Gildesdoun, þo saide þe *traitoure* Godwyne to Alurede,<sup>12</sup> “takeþ kepe,”<sup>13</sup> *quod* he, “aboute 3ow, boþ on<sup>14</sup> þe lefte side & in þe ryght side; and of aH 3e shul bene<sup>3</sup> kyng<sup>t</sup>, & of suche an hundrede more.”<sup>15</sup> ¶ “Now forsoþe,” *quod* Alurede, “I behote, & if y be kyng<sup>t</sup>, I shal ordeyn & make soche lawes wherof God & aH fole shullen <sup>15</sup>holden ham wel paied.”<sup>15</sup> ¶ Now hade þe *traitoure* comaunded alle his men pat were wip him, þat when pai were comen<sup>7</sup> oppon Gildesdoun, pat pai shulde slee alle þo pat were in Aluredes company pat comen wip him fram<sup>16</sup> Normandye, and after pat, taken<sup>17</sup> Alurede, & lede him into þe Ile of Ely, & þere put out boþe his eyne of his heued<sup>t</sup>,<sup>18</sup> and afterward bryng him vnto þe<sup>19</sup> deth. & so pai deden, ffor pai quellede al his company pat xij [hundred] were in nombre,<sup>20</sup> of gentil-men pat were comen<sup>7</sup> wip Alurede fram<sup>16</sup> Normandye; And after token<sup>21</sup> Alurede, & lade him into þe Ile of Ely, & put out his<sup>22</sup> eyen of his heuede,<sup>23</sup> & rent his wombe, & token<sup>24</sup> þe chief of his bowailes, & put a stake into þe gronde, & an ende of his<sup>22</sup> bowailes þerto fastenede, & wip nedles of Iren <sup>25</sup>pricked þe body of<sup>25</sup> þe gode childe, and so made<sup>26</sup> him gone<sup>27</sup> aboute þe stake

<sup>1</sup> sent O.    <sup>2-2</sup> Danes dryven were O.    <sup>3</sup> be O.    <sup>4</sup> tydyng O.

<sup>5</sup> þo O.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 70.    <sup>7</sup> come O.    <sup>8</sup> mych O.

<sup>9-9</sup> baroñs & lordes O.    <sup>10</sup> make O.    <sup>11</sup> went O.

<sup>12</sup> Alured & seyð O.    <sup>13</sup> heed O.    <sup>14</sup> in O.    <sup>15-15</sup> hem wel paye O.

<sup>16</sup> fro O.    <sup>17</sup> take O.    <sup>18</sup> heed<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>19</sup> om. O.    <sup>20</sup> Cumpanye O.

<sup>21</sup> nomen O.    <sup>22</sup> þe O.    <sup>23</sup> heed<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>24</sup> nomen O.

<sup>25-25</sup> prikeden O.    <sup>26</sup> maden O.    <sup>27</sup> go O.

til pat his bowales were <sup>1</sup>alle drawn<sup>1</sup> out : & so deide pere Alured, prou3 treson of pe Erl Godwyne. ¶ When pe lordes of Engeland<sup>2</sup> hade herde & wist how Alured, pat shulde have ben her kyng, was put to<sup>3</sup> dep prou3 pe false traitoure, pe Erl Godwynne, pai <sup>4</sup> weren<sup>4</sup> al wonder' wroth, & swore bituene ham, by<sup>5</sup> God & <sup>6</sup>by his<sup>6</sup> names, pat he shulde die in mor worse deth pan dede Edrik of Stratton, pat hade bitraiede his Lord E[d]munde Irenside.<sup>7</sup> and pai wolde haue taken him, & put him vnto pe dep, but pe pef <sup>8</sup> traitoure fley<sup>8</sup> pens into Denmare, & pere helde him iiij zere & more, & loste aH his londes<sup>9</sup> in Engeland.

**Of Seynt Edward<sup>10</sup> pe Confessoure, pat was Aluredes broper ;**  
<sup>10</sup>How he was Kyng <sup>11</sup>of Engelande.<sup>11</sup> ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ *Cen-*  
*tesimo* ¶ *xxv*<sup>to</sup>.<sup>12</sup>

**A**Nd when pis <sup>13</sup>was done,<sup>13</sup> alle pe Barons of Enge[land] senten anoper tyme into Normandy, for pat Edward shulde<sup>14</sup> come into Engeland with michel<sup>15</sup> honour. And pis Edward in his <sup>16</sup>childehode louede al-myghty God, & <sup>16</sup>him drade,<sup>16</sup> & in honeste and clenness leued<sup>17</sup> his lif, and hatede synne as dep. ¶ And when he was <sup>18</sup>cronede<sup>18</sup> and annoyntede wip<sup>19</sup> real power, he forzate nouzt his gode maners & condicions <sup>20</sup>& custumes<sup>20</sup> pat he ferst <sup>20</sup>vsede,<sup>21</sup> for no maner honour, ne for no<sup>5</sup> richesse, ne for no maner hyennesse, but euer more &<sup>22</sup> more zaf him to godenesse, and wel louede God & al mekenesse, & louede God & holy cherche passyng al maner ping, & pore men also, & ham<sup>23</sup> helde as pai hade bene <sup>24</sup>his owen breperne, & to ham ofte zaf grete almesse wip gode wille.

**Of pe ferst specialte pat God shewede for seynt Edwardes<sup>24</sup> loue by his lif. ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ *Centesimo* ¶ *xxv*[j]<sup>to</sup>.**

<sup>25</sup>**H**It bifelle oppon a day as he went fram<sup>26</sup> pe che[rch] of <sup>28</sup>Westmynstre, & hade herde masse of seynt Iohan Euaungelist, for-asmiche as he louede seynt Iohan Euaungelist

<sup>1-1</sup> drawn al O.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 70, back.    <sup>3</sup> vn-to O.    <sup>4</sup> were O.

<sup>5</sup> om. O.    <sup>6-6</sup> his holy O.    <sup>7</sup> Iremsides O.    <sup>8</sup> fledde O.    <sup>9</sup> lond O.

<sup>10</sup> MS. Trin. Coll. Dubl. 490 (D) continues here.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. O.

<sup>12</sup> MS. xxiiij<sup>to</sup>; Secundo D.    <sup>13-13</sup> Traytour had al þus ydone O.

<sup>14</sup> shul D. schuld O.    <sup>15</sup> mych O.    <sup>16-16</sup> drad hym O.

<sup>17</sup> lade D. lad O.    <sup>18</sup> crowned kyng D.    <sup>19</sup> with a O.

<sup>20-20</sup> om. DO.

<sup>21</sup> vsede ne forzate nouzt alle gode custumes D. vsed & forgate not al good Cnstumes O.

<sup>22</sup> om. D.    <sup>23</sup> ham lonede & D. hem loued & O.    <sup>24</sup> Edward O.

<sup>25</sup> leaf 71.    <sup>26</sup> fro O.

most<sup>1</sup> specially after God and oure lady, þan he dede eny oper  
seynt. ¶ And so þere come to him a pilgryme, & praede him, for  
þe loue of God & of seynt Iohan Euangelist, some god him forto  
4 3eue. And þe Kyng<sup>2</sup> priuely toke<sup>2</sup> þe ryng of his fenger, priuely<sup>3</sup>  
pat no man perceyuede hit, & 3af it þe pilgryme; & he it vnder-  
fonge, & went pens. þis goode Kyng Edward made alle þe gode  
lawes of Engeland pat 3itte bep<sup>4</sup> most holden, &<sup>5</sup> was so mercyable  
8 &<sup>6</sup> ful of pite pat no man myzt bene<sup>7</sup> more.

**How þe Erl Godwyn come a3eyn into Engeland, & hade a3eyne  
al his land, & afterward<sup>8</sup> Seynt Edward wedede his  
dou3ter. Capitulo ¶ Centesimo xxv[i]j<sup>to</sup>.**

12 **W**Hen þe Erl Godwyn, pat was<sup>9</sup> in Denmarc duellyngt,<sup>9</sup> hade  
michel<sup>10</sup> herd of þe godenese of Edward, & pat he was  
ful of mercy & of<sup>11</sup> pitee, & pouzt pat he wolde goñ<sup>12</sup> a3eyn into  
Engeland forto seche and<sup>13</sup> to haue<sup>13</sup> grace of him, & pat he myght  
16 haue þe<sup>14</sup> lande a3eyn in pees, & arraiede him as miche as he might,  
& put him toward þe see, & come into Engeland, to Londoñ, þere  
pat þe Kyng was pat tyme, & al þe<sup>15</sup> lordes of Engeland, & helde<sup>16</sup>  
parlement. ¶ Godwyn sent to ham pat were his frendes, & were  
20 <sup>17</sup>þe moste<sup>17</sup> gretteste lordes of þe londe, & praiede ham to biseche  
þe Kynges grace for him, and<sup>18</sup> pat he wolde his<sup>19</sup> pees & his  
londes<sup>19</sup> graunt<sup>20</sup> him. his<sup>21</sup> frendes Lade<sup>21</sup> him bifore þe Kyngt  
forto biseche<sup>22</sup> grace. ¶ And anone as þe Kyng him saw, he appelede  
24 him of tresouñ, & of þe dep of Alurede his broþer, and þise wordes  
vnto<sup>23</sup> him saide: ¶ “Traitour Godwyn!” quod<sup>24</sup> þe Kyng, “I þe  
appele, pat þow haste bitraede & slayne my broþer Alurede.”  
¶ “Certes, sire,” quod Godwyn, “saf 3our grace,<sup>25</sup> 3our pees &  
28 3oure<sup>26</sup> lorde-shippe, y neuer him bitraede ne sloughe; and þerof<sup>27</sup>  
y put me [in] rewarde of 3our cou[r]t.” ¶ “Now, faire lordes,<sup>28</sup> 3e  
pat bep<sup>29</sup> my lieges, erles & barons of þe lande, pat here bene alle

<sup>1</sup> more þan D. more O.    <sup>2-2</sup> priueliche nome D. priuely nome O.  
<sup>3</sup> om. DO.    <sup>4</sup> ben O.    <sup>5</sup> & he O. om. R.    <sup>6</sup> and so DO.    <sup>7</sup> be DO.  
<sup>8</sup> afterward seynt Edward D. after seynt Edward O. afterward R.  
<sup>9-9</sup> duellyng in Denmare D. dwellyng in Denmark O.  
<sup>10</sup> miche D.    <sup>11</sup> om. O.    <sup>12</sup> go DO.    <sup>13-13</sup> haue mercy and D.  
<sup>14</sup> his DO.    <sup>15</sup> the gret D.    <sup>16</sup> helde a gret D. held a gret O.  
<sup>17-17</sup> þe the sic D.    <sup>18</sup> om. D.  
<sup>19-19</sup> londe and his pees D.    <sup>20</sup> graunten O.  
<sup>21-21</sup> enemyes ladden O.    <sup>22</sup> seche DO.    <sup>23</sup> to D.    <sup>24</sup> leaf 71, back.  
<sup>25</sup> grace & D. grace & O.    <sup>26</sup> 3our D. 3oure O. þoure R.  
<sup>27</sup> þerfore O.    <sup>28</sup> lordes quod þe kyng DO.    <sup>29</sup> bene D. ben O.

assemblede,—<sup>1</sup>wel 3e hauen<sup>1</sup> herle myn appele, and þe ansure<sup>2</sup> of Godwyn; & þerfore y wil pat 3e award and do ryght." ¶ þe erles and<sup>3</sup> barons þo drowen ham<sup>4</sup> al to-geder,<sup>4</sup> forto done<sup>5</sup> þis award by ham-self. and so þai<sup>6</sup> spoken diuerseliche<sup>6</sup> amonges ham; for<sup>4</sup> somme sayde pat<sup>7</sup> þere was neuer<sup>9</sup> allyaunce by homage, serment,<sup>8</sup> seruise, ne by<sup>7</sup> lordeship, bituene Godwyn & Alurede, for which þing þai might him draw. ¶ And at þe laste þai demede pat he shulde put him into<sup>9</sup> þe Kynges mercy altogeders. ¶ þo spake þe<sup>8</sup> Erl Leueryche of Couentre, a gode man to God & to alle þe worlde, & tolde his resouñ in þis maner, & saide: "þe Erl Godwyne is þe best frendede man of Engeland<sup>t</sup> after<sup>r</sup> þe kyng; and wel myzt it nouzt bene<sup>10</sup> gaynsaide pat, wipout consel of Godwyn, Alurede was<sup>12</sup> neuer<sup>r</sup> put vnto<sup>11</sup> dep; Wherefore y awarde, as tochyng my part, pat him-self<sup>12</sup> and his sone, and eueryche<sup>13</sup> of vs xij Erles pat bep<sup>14</sup> his frendes, wende bifore þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> chargede wip alse miche<sup>15</sup> golde and siluer<sup>r</sup> as we mowe bere bytuene oure hondes, & þrayng þe<sup>16</sup> Kyng forzeue his euel wille to þe Erle Godwyn, and resceyue his homage, & his landes<sup>16</sup> zelde aʒeyn." & alle þai accordede vnto pat awarde, and<sup>17</sup> comen in þis<sup>17</sup> maner as<sup>18</sup> is aboue-saide, eueryche<sup>19</sup> of ham wip golde & siluer<sup>r</sup>,<sup>20</sup> as miche as þai myght bere bituenes<sup>21</sup> 20 here hondes, bifore þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>; and þai saiden<sup>22</sup> þe fou[r]me and þe maner<sup>r</sup> of her<sup>r</sup> accord<sup>t</sup> and of her awarde. ¶ The Kyng wolde nouzt ham<sup>23</sup> gayne-saie; but alse miche<sup>24</sup> as þai<sup>25</sup> wolde ordeyne,<sup>25</sup> he<sup>26</sup> grauntede & confermede; And so was þe Erl Godwyn accordede<sup>24</sup> wip þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, & hade aʒeyne al<sup>27</sup> his lande; and aftirward he bar<sup>r</sup> him so wel & so wiseliche<sup>28</sup> pat þe Kyng louede him wonder<sup>r</sup> myche, & with him was ful priue. And<sup>29</sup> wipin a litel tyme<sup>30</sup> þe Kyng louede him so miche pat he spousede Godwynus doughter, and<sup>28</sup> made her<sup>r</sup> Quene; and neuer<sup>31</sup> þeles,<sup>31</sup> for al pat, pouz þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> hade a wif, he leuede euermore in chastite & in clenness of body, wipouten<sup>32</sup> eny flesshely dede<sup>7</sup> doying<sup>t</sup> with his wif<sup>t</sup>; & þe Quene also,<sup>33</sup> in her<sup>r</sup> Halfe,<sup>33</sup> lade holy lif<sup>34</sup> ij zere, and deide; & afterward þe<sup>32</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> ful wel 3e haue D. ful weel 3e haue O.

<sup>2</sup> ansnere also D. ansnere also O. <sup>3</sup> & the D. <sup>4-4</sup> togederes D.

<sup>5</sup> do D. <sup>6-6</sup> speken diuersly O. <sup>7</sup> om. D. <sup>8</sup> seriant D. om. O.

<sup>9</sup> in DO. <sup>10</sup> be O. <sup>11</sup> to D. to þe O.

<sup>12</sup> MS. him-self and him-self<sup>t</sup>. <sup>13</sup> euery DO. <sup>14</sup> ben O.

<sup>15</sup> as mych O. <sup>16</sup> lande D. land<sup>t</sup> O. <sup>17-17</sup> come in the D.

<sup>18</sup> pat DO. <sup>19</sup> eche O. <sup>20</sup> leaf 72. <sup>21</sup> bituene D. betwene O.

<sup>22</sup> seid O. <sup>23</sup> hym O. <sup>24</sup> as miche D. as mych O.

<sup>25-25</sup> ordeynede D. <sup>26</sup> & O. <sup>27</sup> om. O. <sup>28</sup> wisely D. wysely O.

<sup>29</sup> and so D. <sup>30</sup> while D. <sup>31</sup> nopelesse D. nethes O.

<sup>32</sup> with-oute DO. <sup>33-33</sup> om. D. <sup>34</sup> lif on hir half<sup>t</sup> D.



Kyng leuede al his lif wipouten<sup>1</sup> eny wif. ¶ The Kyng 3af þe Erdome of Oxenford to Harolde, þat was Godwynes sone, & made him Erle; and so wel þai were<sup>2</sup> bilouede, boþe þe fader and <sup>3</sup>þe 4 sone,<sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>& so pryue wip þe Kyng, þat þai myght<sup>4</sup> do<sup>5</sup> what þing<sup>6</sup> þai wolde by righte, for<sup>7</sup> aȝeynes ryght he wolde nouȝt<sup>8</sup> done<sup>9</sup> for no maner' man, so gode and trew he was of consciens; and perfore our' Lorde Ihesu Crist, grete special<sup>10</sup> loue to him shewed.

8 How seynt Edward saw Swyn, Kyng of Denmarc, drenche<sup>11</sup> in þe see at<sup>12</sup> þe sacrament, as he stode & herde<sup>13</sup> masse. *Capitulo Centesimo.* ¶ xxvij<sup>mo</sup>.<sup>14</sup>

12 **H**It bifelle oppoñ<sup>15</sup> Whitsonday, as Kyng Edward herde his masse in þe grete cherch of Westmynstre, ryght at þe leuacioun of Ihesu Cristes body, and as al men were gaderede into þe cherche, & comen neyer<sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup>þe auter,<sup>18</sup> sacring forto see, ¶ The <sup>19</sup>Kyng<sup>19</sup> his<sup>19</sup> hondes lifte vp an hye, and a<sup>2</sup> grete laughter toke op; 16 wherefore all þat aboute him stode, gretly gon wonder<sup>20</sup>; & after masse þai axede whi þe kyngus laughter was.<sup>21</sup> ¶ “Faire lordes,” quod þe Kyng, “Swyn þe ȝonger<sup>22</sup>, þat was Kyng of Denmarc, come into þe see wip al his power' forto haue comen<sup>23</sup> into 20 Engeland, oppoñ vs forto haue werrede; and y saw him and aȝ his folc drenche<sup>24</sup> in þe hye<sup>25</sup> see: & al þis saw y in þe<sup>25</sup> eleuacioun of Ihesu<sup>26</sup> Cristes body bytuene þe prestes hondes; & y hade perof so miche ioye, þat y myght nought my laughter wipholde.” 24 ¶ And þe Erl Leueriche bisides him stode at þe leuacioun, & openlich he saw þe fourme of brede turne into þe<sup>27</sup> lickenesse of a <sup>28</sup>knaf childe ȝong,<sup>28</sup> and toke<sup>29</sup> op his right hande, & ferst<sup>2</sup> blessede þe Kyng, and afterward þe Erle. And þe Erle<sup>30</sup> turnede him 28 anone<sup>31</sup> toward þe Kyng, to make him see þat holy sight. ¶ And þo<sup>32</sup> saide þe Kyng: “sir' Erle,” quod he, “I see <sup>33</sup>wel þat ȝe seeþ,<sup>33</sup>

<sup>1</sup> withoute O.      <sup>2</sup> om. D.      <sup>3-3</sup> he O.

<sup>4-4</sup> þat þai wolde D. & so pryue with þe kyng boþe þe fadir & þe sone þat þei myght O.

<sup>5</sup> done O.      <sup>6</sup> þing þat D.      <sup>7</sup> and D.      <sup>8</sup> no þing O.

<sup>9</sup> do D.      <sup>10</sup> specialte & O.      <sup>11</sup> drenched DO.      <sup>12</sup> in O.

<sup>13</sup> herde his D.      herd his O.      <sup>14</sup> MS. has xxvij<sup>mo</sup>.      <sup>15</sup> oppon a D.

<sup>16</sup> neyȝ D.      ny O.      <sup>17</sup> leaf 72, back.      <sup>18</sup> Auter' þe D.

<sup>19-19</sup> kynges O.      <sup>20</sup> wondryn O.

<sup>21</sup> lauzter was D. laughter was O. laughter R.      <sup>22</sup> wonger' sic D.

<sup>23</sup> come O.      <sup>24</sup> drenched O.      <sup>25</sup> om. O.      <sup>26</sup> om. D. Ihesus O.

<sup>27</sup> om. DO.      <sup>28-28</sup> ȝonge childe D. Child ȝong O.      <sup>29</sup> nome DO.

<sup>30</sup> Erle anone D. Erle anon O.      <sup>31</sup> om. DO.      <sup>32</sup> þus O.

<sup>33-33</sup> þet ȝe see ryȝt wel blessede be god' D. wel þat sight O.

pankede be God<sup>t</sup> þat y haue honourede my God, my saueoure, Visibili <sup>1</sup>Ihesu Crist<sup>1</sup> in fourme of man, whos name bene<sup>2</sup> blessedede in al worldes! Amen!"

How þe ryng þat Sent Edward hade zeuen<sup>3</sup> to a pore pilgrime, 4  
for þe loue of seynt Iohan Euaungelist, come azeyn vnto<sup>4</sup>  
Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward. *Capitulo Centesimo xxix<sup>mo</sup>.*

**T**His noble man Seynt Edward regnede xiiij zere. & þus hit bifelle oppoñ a tyme biforne<sup>5</sup> er he deide, þat ij men of 8 Engeland<sup>t</sup> were went to þe Holy Lande, & haden done her' pilgrimage, & wer' goyng azeyne toward her' owen contre. ¶ And as þai went in þe way, þai<sup>6</sup> mette a pilgrime þat curtesly ham<sup>7</sup> Saluede, and axede of ham in wh[a]t lande & in What contre þai 12 were born; & þai saide "in Engeland<sup>t</sup>." ¶ þo axede he<sup>8</sup> who was Kyng of Engeland<sup>t</sup>; and þai ansuerede & saide "þe goode Kyng Edward." "Faire frendes," þo saide þe pilgrime, "when þat ze come into zour' contre azeyne, y praye zow þat ze wolde<sup>9</sup> gone<sup>10</sup> 16 vnto<sup>11</sup> Kyng Edward, and ofte-tymes him grete in my name, & ofte-tymes þank him of his grete curtesye þat he to me hap done, A[nd] nameliche<sup>12</sup> for þe ryng þat he zaf me when he hade herde masse at Westmynstre, for seynt Iohnes loue Euaungelist," and 20 13toke þo<sup>13</sup> þe Ryng<sup>t</sup><sup>14</sup> to þe pilgrimes, and saide, "y pray zow forto 1goñ & 1 bere þis ryng, & take hit to Kyng Edward, & telle him þat y sende hit<sup>15</sup> him; and a ful ryche<sup>16</sup> zift y wil him zeue; for oppoñ þe tuelfep<sup>17</sup> day he shal come to me, & euermore duelle in 24 blisse wipouten ende." ¶ "Sir," saide þe pilgrimes, "what man bep<sup>18</sup> ze, & in what place is zour' duellyng<sup>t</sup>?" ¶ "Faire frendes," quod he, "I ame Iohan Euaungelist & am duellyng<sup>t</sup> wip Almyghty<sup>19</sup> God<sup>t</sup>; & zour' Kyng Edward is my frende, & y loue him specialy 28 for enchesoñ þat he hap euer' Leuede in clenness, and is clene maide; and y pray zow my message al forto done as y haue to<sup>8</sup> zow saide." ¶ When seynt Iohan Euaungelist hade þus ham chargede, sodeynly<sup>20</sup> he voidede out of her sight. 32

þe pilgrimes þo þankede Almyghty Gode, & went forþ in her' way. ¶ & when þai hade gon ij or iij myle, þai bigon to waxen<sup>21</sup>

1-1 om. D.      2 be DO.      3 zeue DO      4 to O.      5 byfor O.  
6 MS. þat.      7 leaf 73.      8 om. O.      9 wol O.      10 go DO.  
11 to þe O.      12 namely D.      13-13 þo toke D.      nome þo O.  
14 ryng & toke it O.      15 om. D.      16 rychere O.      17 xij O.  
18 be DO.      19 almy3t D.      20 sodenlich O.      21 wax D.      wexe O.

wery, & sette adoune ham forto reste; & so pai felle <sup>1</sup>and slepte.<sup>1</sup>  
¶ And when<sup>2</sup> pai hade slepte<sup>3</sup> wel, one of ham <sup>4</sup>awoke, & lifte vp  
his heuede<sup>5</sup> & lokede aboute & saide vnto<sup>6</sup> his felaw, "arise op, and  
4 wende we in oure way." "What," saide pat on<sup>7</sup> felaw to pat  
oper, "where be we nowe?" ¶ "Certis," saide pat opere <sup>8</sup>felawe,  
"it semep<sup>8</sup> me pat it<sup>2</sup> is nouzt þe same contreye þat we laide vs in  
<sup>9</sup>forto reste & <sup>9</sup>slep, for we were þo fro Ierusalem but iij mile."<sup>10</sup>  
8 ¶ þai tok<sup>11</sup> op her hondes, and blessedede ham, & went forþ in her  
waye. & as þai went in here way þai saw sheperdes goyng  
wip her shepe, þat spoken<sup>12</sup> none opere langage but Engliishe.  
¶ "Leue frendes," quod on of þe pilgrimes, "what contre is þis, &  
12 who is lorde þerof?" and one<sup>2</sup> of þe sheperdes ansurede: "þis is  
þe cuntre of Kent, in Engeland, of þe whiche þe gode Kyng  
Edward is lorde." ¶ þe pilgrimes <sup>13</sup>þankede þo<sup>13</sup> Almyghty God &  
seynt Iohan<sup>14</sup> euaungelist, & went forþ in her way, & come to  
16 Kaunterbery, & fro þens vnto<sup>15</sup> Londoñ; and þere þai fonden<sup>16</sup> þe  
Kyng, & tolde him<sup>17</sup> fro þe bigynny[n]g vnto þe ende as miche as  
seynt Iohan hade ham chargede, & of al þingus how þai spedden<sup>18</sup>  
by þe way, & toke þe ryng to<sup>19</sup> Kyng Edward; & he vnderfonge  
20 hit, & þankede Almyghty God & seynt Iohan Euaungelist, & þo  
made him aredy euery day, <sup>20</sup>fram day to day,<sup>20</sup> forto wende out of  
þis lif when God wolde for him sende.

How seynt Edwarde [de]ide on the xij<sup>21</sup> day. Capitulo ¶ Cen-  
24 tesimo ¶ Tricesimo.

**A**Nd after hit bifelle<sup>22</sup> þus in Cristenmasse<sup>23</sup> eve: as þe  
holy man Edward was at Godes seruice, matynes forto<sup>24</sup>  
hure of þat holy<sup>25</sup> fest, he birome ful <sup>26</sup>sik, and in þe morwe  
28 <sup>27</sup>endurede wip michel payn<sup>27</sup> masse forto here, & after lete him  
bene<sup>28</sup> lade into his chaumbre, þere forto resten<sup>29</sup> him; but <sup>30</sup>into  
his<sup>30</sup> halle amonges<sup>31</sup> his barons and his knyghtes myght he nouzt

<sup>1-1</sup> aslepe DO. <sup>2</sup> om. D. <sup>3</sup> sleped<sup>t</sup> D. <sup>4</sup> leaf 73, back.

<sup>5</sup> hed<sup>t</sup> O. <sup>6</sup> to D. <sup>7</sup> o O. <sup>8-8</sup> it semes D. it semeth O.

<sup>9-9</sup> to O. <sup>10</sup> miles D. myles O. <sup>11</sup> nomen DO. <sup>12</sup> speke O.

<sup>13-13</sup> þo þankede D. <sup>14</sup> om. O. <sup>15</sup> to O. <sup>16</sup> fonde D. founde O.

<sup>17</sup> him al D. hym al O. <sup>18</sup> spedde DO. <sup>19</sup> to þe O.

<sup>20-20</sup> om. D. fro day to day O. from day R.

<sup>21</sup> twelfe O. <sup>22</sup> fel O. <sup>23</sup> cristemasse DO.

<sup>24</sup> MS. has forto done, with done underlined for omission.

<sup>25</sup> hye DO. <sup>26</sup> leaf 74.

<sup>27-27</sup> durede with miche payne the D. endured with mych payne þe O.

<sup>28</sup> be DO. <sup>29</sup> rest DO.

<sup>30-30</sup> MS. into his into his. <sup>31</sup> among O.

come, ham forto comfort and solace, as he was <sup>1</sup>wonte forto<sup>1</sup> done at þat worþi feste; Wherefore al his<sup>2</sup> merþ & comfort amongus alle þat were in þe halle was turnede into<sup>3</sup> care and sorwe, for enchesouñ þat þai drade<sup>4</sup> forto lese<sup>5</sup> her' gode Lorde þe Kyng'. 4 ¶ And oppoñ seynt Iohnes <sup>6</sup>day Euaungelist<sup>6</sup> þat þo come next, þe Kyng' vnderfonge his rightes of holy cherche, as falliþ to euery Cristen man, & abode þe mercy &<sup>7</sup> wille of God. ¶ And þo ij pilgrimes he lete bifore him come, and 3af ham riche 3iftes, & bitoke ham vnto God. And also þe Abbot of Westmynstre he lete bifore him come, & toke him þat ryng in honour of Gode & <sup>8</sup>of Seynt Iohan<sup>8</sup> Euaungelist. And þe Abbot <sup>9</sup>toke hit &<sup>9</sup> put hit amonge oþere reliques, so þat it is at Westmynstre, & 12 euer<sup>10</sup> shal be. and so lay þe Kyng sike to<sup>11</sup> þe xij eve;<sup>12</sup> & þo deide þe gode Kyng Edward at Westmynstre; & þere he liþ, for whos loue God haþ done meny miracles. And þis was in þe 3ere of<sup>13</sup> Incarnaciouñ <sup>14</sup>of oure Lorde Ihesu Crist,<sup>14</sup> M<sup>t</sup>. lxx. 3ere; & 16 after he was translatede, & put into þe shryne, þrouz þe noble Martir Seint ¶ Thomas of Kaunterbery.

**How Harolde, þat was Godwynus sone, was made Kyng'; & how he scapede<sup>15</sup> fro þe Duc of Britaign. Capitulo Centesimo xxxj<sup>o</sup>.**

**W**Hen Seynt Edward was gone oute of þis worlde, & was gone to God, & worþely enterede, as <sup>16</sup>perteynede to<sup>16</sup> soche a lorde forto bene,<sup>17</sup> þe barons <sup>18</sup>of þe Lanck Wolde haue 24 hade Edward Helyngus, sone<sup>19</sup> to Edward þe Outlaghe, þat was Edmundus sone<sup>20</sup> Irensyde, to bene<sup>17</sup> Kyng', for-asmiche as<sup>21</sup> he was moste kyndest kynges blode of þe reaume. ¶ But Harold,<sup>22</sup> sone þrouz þe Erle Godwyn,<sup>23</sup> & þe strengþ of his fader' Godwyn, & þrouz 28 oþere grete lordes of þe reaume þat were of here<sup>24</sup> Kyn & vnto him sib, seisede al Engeland<sup>25</sup> into his Honde, & anone lete crone him Kyng', after þe enterement of Seynt Edward. ¶ This Harolde,

<sup>1-1</sup> woned to O.    <sup>2</sup> here O.    <sup>3</sup> vnto D.    <sup>4</sup> dradden O.

<sup>5</sup> lesen O.    <sup>6-6</sup> Euaungelist day O.    <sup>7</sup> & þe O.

<sup>6-8</sup> seynt Marie and of seynt Iohan the D. seynt Marye & of seynt Iohn) þe O.

<sup>9-9</sup> om. D. nome & O. toke & hit & sic R.    <sup>10</sup> eucrmore DO.

<sup>11</sup> til DO.    <sup>12</sup> euen O.    <sup>13</sup> of the D.    <sup>14-14</sup> om. D.    <sup>15</sup> ascaped O.

<sup>16-16</sup> apperteynede D. perteynep to O.    <sup>17</sup> be O.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 74, back.

<sup>19</sup> Helyngus sone D. Helyngis sone O. Helyngus R.

<sup>20</sup> Edmundus sone D. Edmundes sone O. Edmundus R.    <sup>21</sup> for D.

<sup>22</sup> MS. has Haroldes, with es underlined for omission; Haroldis O.

<sup>23</sup> Godwyne D. Godwyn O. Godwy R.    <sup>24</sup> his DO.    <sup>25</sup> þe lond O.

þat was Godwynus sone, þe secunde<sup>1</sup> zere after þat Seynt Edward  
 was dede, Wolde haue gone into Flaundes, but he was dryuen<sup>2</sup>  
 þrouz tempest into þe contre of Pountif, & þere he was take &  
 4 brouzt vnto<sup>3</sup> Duc William. ¶ And þis Harolde wende þo þat þe  
 Duc William wolde haue bene avenged oppoñ him, for encheson  
 þat þe Erl Godwyn, þat was Haroldes<sup>4</sup> fader, <sup>5</sup>hade done<sup>5</sup> quelle  
 Alurede, þat was Seynt Edwardus broþer, and principaly for  
 8 Alurede,<sup>6</sup> Quene Emmes sone, þat was Richardes moder, Duk of  
 Normandy, þat was Aile to þe Duc William. ¶ And noþeles,  
 when þe<sup>7</sup> Duc William hade Harolde in prisoun & vnder his  
 power,<sup>7</sup> for-alse<sup>8</sup>-miche as þis Harold was a noble knyght, wise, &  
 12 worpi of Body, & þat his fader & he were accordede wiþ þe gode  
 Kyng Edward, & þerfore<sup>9</sup> wolde nouzt <sup>10</sup>mysdone<sup>11</sup> him,<sup>10</sup> but al  
 maner þingus þat bituene ham were spoken & ordeynede, Harolde  
 by his gode Wille suore oppon a boke & oppoñ Holy seyntz, þat he  
 16 shulde<sup>12</sup> spouse and wedde Duc Williamus douzter after þe deþ of  
 Seynt Edward, and þat he shulde besely <sup>13</sup>done His deuer forto<sup>14</sup>  
 Kepe & saue þe reaume of Engeland, to þe profite & auantage of  
 Duc William. ¶ And when Harolde hade þus made his oth vnto<sup>15</sup>  
 20 Duc William, he lete him gone,<sup>16</sup> & zaf him<sup>17</sup> riche ziftes; And <sup>18</sup>he  
 þo<sup>18</sup> went þens, & come into Engeland, & anone dede in þis maner  
 when Seint Edward was dede; and as<sup>19</sup> man falsely forsuore, he  
 lete crone him Kyng of Engeland, & falsely brac þe<sup>20</sup> couenauntz  
 24 þat he hade made bifore<sup>21</sup> wiþ Duc William; wherfore he was  
 wiþ him wonder wroþe, & swore þat he wolde<sup>22</sup> oppoñ him bene<sup>7</sup>  
 avengede, <sup>23</sup>whateuer so<sup>23</sup> him bifelle. ¶ And anone William<sup>24</sup>  
 lete assemble a grete hoste, and come into Engeland, to avenge  
 28 him oppon Harolde, & to conquere þe lande if þat he myght.  
 ¶ And in þe same zere þat Harold was cronede, Harold Hare-  
 strenge, Kyng of Denmarc, arryuede in Scotland, and þouz[t] haue  
 be<sup>25</sup> kyng of Engeland. & he come into Engeland, & quellede &  
 32 robbede, & destroiede al þat he might, til þat he come to 3orke;  
 & þere he quellede meny men of Armys Mt,<sup>26</sup> & an<sup>27</sup> C prestes.

<sup>1</sup> ij O.    <sup>2</sup> dryue D. dryve O.    <sup>3</sup> into the D. to þe O.

<sup>4</sup> Harold O.    <sup>5-5</sup> lete D. had lete O.

<sup>6</sup> enchesoun þat Alured was D. encheson þat Alured was O.

<sup>7</sup> om. D.    <sup>8</sup> as DO.    <sup>9</sup> þerfore he O.    <sup>10-10</sup> hym mysdone O.

<sup>11</sup> mysdo D.    <sup>12</sup> wold O.    <sup>13</sup> leaf 75.    <sup>14</sup> to O.    <sup>15</sup> vn-to þe O.

<sup>16</sup> go DO.    <sup>17</sup> him meny D.    hym meny O.    <sup>18-18</sup> tho he D.

<sup>19</sup> as a DO.    <sup>20</sup> his O.

<sup>21</sup> MS. has bifore þis, with þis underlined for omission.    <sup>22</sup> wolde be D.

<sup>23-23</sup> what-so-euere O.    <sup>24</sup> William bastard O.    <sup>25</sup> bene D. ben O.

<sup>26</sup> a þousand D. a Mt O.    <sup>27</sup> om. O.

¶ When þis tyding come to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, he assemblede a strong power<sup>t</sup>, and went forto feizt wip Harold<sup>t</sup> of Denmarc, & wip his owen honde him quelledede, and þe Danois<sup>1</sup> were descomfitede; & þo þat <sup>2</sup>laſte alyue,<sup>2</sup> wip myche sorwe went<sup>3</sup> to her<sup>t</sup> ſhippes; and 4 þus Kyng Harolde of Engeland quelledede Kyng Harold<sup>t</sup> of Denmarc.

**How William Bastard, Duc of Normandy, come into Engeland<sup>t</sup>, & quelledede Kyng Harold<sup>t</sup>. Capitulo <sup>xx</sup>vj xij.<sup>4</sup>**

**A**ND when þis bataile was done, Harolde bicomē <sup>5</sup>so prout, and 8 wolde <sup>6</sup>nouzt departe<sup>6</sup> with his peple of ping<sup>t</sup> þat he hade gete, but helde it al towardes<sup>7</sup> him-self<sup>t</sup>; Wherefore þe most part<sup>8</sup> of his men were wroþ, and fram<sup>9</sup> him departede, so þat oneliche wip him lefte no mo but his soudeours. ¶ And oppon a day, as 12 he sate at þe<sup>10</sup> mete, messagers<sup>11</sup> comme to him, & saide þat William Bastard<sup>t</sup>, Duc of Normandy, was Arryuēde in Engeland<sup>t</sup> wip a grete host<sup>t</sup>, and hade taken<sup>12</sup> al þe lande aboute Hastyngē, & hade also mynede þe casteH. ¶ When þe Kyng hade<sup>13</sup> herde þis tydynges,<sup>14</sup> 16 he went pider wip a litil peple in<sup>15</sup> al þe hast þat he myght, for<sup>16</sup> a litel peple was wip him lefte. ¶ And when he was comen<sup>17</sup> pider<sup>t</sup>, he ordeynede forto 3eue bataile to þe Duc William; but þe Duc axede him of þise iij pingus: <sup>18</sup>if þat<sup>18</sup> he wolde haue his doughter <sup>20</sup>to wif, as he hade made <sup>19</sup>& swore<sup>19</sup> his othe <sup>19</sup>& bihight<sup>t</sup>; <sup>19</sup>or þat he wolde halde þe lande of him in truage; or þat he wolde determine þis ping bi<sup>20</sup> bataile. ¶ þis Harold<sup>t</sup> was a prout man & a stout, and truste wonder<sup>21</sup> miche oppoñ his owen strengþ, & fauzt wip<sup>22</sup> the <sup>24</sup>duc & wip his peple; but Harold<sup>t</sup> & his men were descomfitede, & himself<sup>23</sup> was pere<sup>23</sup> slayn. & þis bataile was endede at Tonbrigge, in þe secunde 3ere <sup>19</sup>of his regne,<sup>19</sup> oppoñ seynt Kalixtes day; and he lip at Waltham. 28

**Of Kyng<sup>t</sup> William Bastard<sup>t</sup>, & how he gouernede him <sup>24</sup>wel & <sup>24</sup>wisely; & of þe wer<sup>t</sup> bituene him & <sup>25</sup>þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Fraunce. Capitulo Centesimo xxxiiij.<sup>26</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Danes O.      <sup>2-2</sup> were laſt on lyf D.      <sup>3</sup> fley D. fled O.  
<sup>4-4</sup> centesimo tricesimo tercio D.      <sup>5</sup> leaf 75, back.  
<sup>6-6</sup> noþing parte DO.      <sup>7</sup> toward DO.      <sup>8</sup> partye O.      <sup>9</sup> fro O.  
<sup>10</sup> om. O.      <sup>11</sup> a messenger D.      a messenger O.      <sup>12</sup> y-take O.  
<sup>13</sup> om. D.      <sup>14</sup> Tydyngē O.      <sup>15</sup> with O.      <sup>16</sup> and D.      <sup>17</sup> come O.  
<sup>18-18</sup> it sic D.      <sup>19-19</sup> om. D.      <sup>20</sup> þurgh O.      <sup>21</sup> om. D.  
<sup>22</sup> wip the D.      with þ<sup>e</sup> O.      wip R.      <sup>23-23</sup> þere was O.      <sup>24-24</sup> om. O.  
<sup>25</sup> or D.      <sup>26</sup> xiiij<sup>o</sup> sic O.

**W**hen William Bastard, Duc of Normandy, hade conquerede  
 al þe land, oppoñ Cri[s]tenmasse<sup>1</sup> day þo next sewyng<sup>1</sup> he  
 lete crone him kyng at Westmynstre, & was a worpi kyng, & 3af<sup>2</sup>  
 4 to Englisshemen largly landes, & to his knyghtes. ¶ And after  
 ward he went<sup>3</sup> ouer þe see, <sup>4</sup>& come<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>into Normandy, & pere  
 duellede a while; & in þe secunde 3ere of his regne he come a3eyne  
 vnto<sup>6</sup> Engeland, and brouzt <sup>7</sup>wip him<sup>7</sup> Maude his wif, and lete  
 8 crone here <sup>8</sup>quene of Engeland, on<sup>8</sup> Whitsonday. ¶ And þo anone  
 after, þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Scotland þat me callede Mancolum, bigon to  
<sup>9</sup>werr<sup>9</sup> and stryue<sup>9</sup> wip<sup>10</sup> Duc William; and he ordeynede him þo  
 toward Scotland wip his men, hoþe by lande and by see, forto  
 12 destroy þe Kyng<sup>11</sup> Mancolum. but þai were accordede, & þe Kyng  
 of Scotland, Mancolum, bicomme his man, and helde al his lande of  
 him; and Kyng<sup>1</sup> William reseuyede of him his Homage, and come  
 a3eyne into Engeland. ¶ And when Kyng William hade bene<sup>12</sup>  
 16 Kyng xvij 3ere, Maude þe Quene deide, on whom Kyng William  
 hade geten meny faire cheldern, þat is forto seyne, Robert Curthose,  
 William le Rous, Richar<sup>1</sup> also þat deide, Henry Beauclerc, & Maude  
 also, þat was þe Erles wif<sup>1</sup> of Bleyens, and opere iiij doughtre.<sup>13</sup>  
 20 ¶ And after his wifes deth, grete debate bigan bituene him & þe  
 Kyng of Fraunce, Philippe; but atte þe laste þai were accordede;  
 and þo duellede þe Kyng of Engeland in Normandy, and no man  
 him werrede, ne<sup>14</sup> he no man, longe tyme. and þe Kyng of Fraunce  
 24 saide oppoñ a day in scorne of Kyng William, & saide þat 'Kyng<sup>1</sup>  
 William hade longe<sup>15</sup> leyen a<sup>16</sup> childe bed, & longe tyme hap<sup>17</sup>  
 restede him.' ¶ And þis worde come to þe Kyng of Engeland pere  
 þat he laye in Normandy, atte Roen; and for þis word<sup>18</sup> was þo  
 28 euel<sup>19</sup> paiede <sup>4</sup>for þat worde,<sup>4</sup> & ek<sup>1</sup> wonder<sup>2</sup> wrothe toward þe  
 Kyng of Fraunce, and swore þo by God<sup>1</sup> þat, when he were arise  
 of his gisyne, he wolde list a þousand candelles to þe Kyng of  
 Fraunce. ¶ And anone lete assem<sup>20</sup>ble a grete hoste of Normandye  
 32 and of Engelisshe-men; and in þe bigynnyng<sup>1</sup> of Heruest<sup>1</sup> he come  
 into Fraunce, & brent<sup>21</sup> alle þe townes þat he come by, þrouz alle þe  
 contre, & robbed, & dede al þe euel þat he might þrouz-out al

<sup>1</sup> cristusmasse D. Cristesmasse O. <sup>2</sup> om. D. <sup>3</sup> sent D.

<sup>4-4</sup> om. D. <sup>5</sup> leaf 76. <sup>6</sup> into D. <sup>7-7</sup> hym with O.

<sup>8-8</sup> kyng [sic] at D. quene of Engeland in O.

<sup>9-9</sup> stryue and were D. <sup>10</sup> with þe O. <sup>11</sup> om. O. <sup>12</sup> be O.

<sup>13</sup> douzterz D. daughters O. <sup>14</sup> & O.

<sup>15</sup> longe tyme D. long tyme O. <sup>16</sup> in DO. <sup>17</sup> had O.

<sup>18</sup> word he O. <sup>19</sup> ille O. <sup>20</sup> leaf 76, back. <sup>21</sup> brenned D.

Fraunce. & at pe laste he <sup>1</sup>brent pe touñ<sup>1</sup> of Mandes, & com-  
mandede his peple forto bere wode, & as miche as<sup>2</sup> myght brenne ;  
& him-self halpe *per*to, al pat he myghte, wip<sup>3</sup> gode wille. ¶ And  
*pere* was grete hete, what of fyre pat was so grete, & of pe sone pat <sup>4</sup>  
po was wonder<sup>3</sup> hote, pat al stuffe<sup>4</sup> him-self was,<sup>5</sup> & felle into a<sup>6</sup>  
grete sikenesse. and when he saw pat he was so stronge sike, he  
ordeynede and assignede al Normandy vnto<sup>7</sup> Robert Curthese, his  
sone, and al Engeland<sup>8</sup> to William pe Rous, & biquap to Henry<sup>8</sup> <sup>8</sup>  
Beauleere al his *tresoure*. ¶ And when<sup>9</sup> he hade pus done,<sup>10</sup> he  
vnderfonge alle his sacrament<sup>3</sup> of holy cherche, & deide, pe xxij  
zere of his regne, & lip at Caam in Normandye.<sup>11</sup>

Of<sup>12</sup> Kyng William Rous, pat was William Bastardes sone, pat <sup>12</sup>  
destroiede <sup>13</sup>tounes & hous of religioun<sup>13</sup> fort[o] make pe<sup>14</sup>  
new Foreste. *Capitulo* ¶ *Centesimo xxxiiij*<sup>10</sup>.

**A**Nd after pis William Bastard, regnede his sone William<sup>15</sup>  
Rous, &<sup>16</sup> was a wonder<sup>3</sup> contrarious man to God and to holy <sup>16</sup>  
cherche, & lete amende & make pe toune of Cardeys pat pe  
paynemys hade destroied.<sup>17</sup> ¶ This Kyng William destroiede holy  
cherche<sup>6</sup> and alle here possessions, in what *partye*<sup>18</sup> he miȝt ham  
fynde; and *perfore* *pere* was so miche debate bituene him & pe <sup>20</sup>  
Erchebisshope of Kaunterbery, Ancelyn, for enchesouñ pat he  
<sup>19</sup>vnderfonge him of his Wickednesse,<sup>19</sup> pat he destroiede Holy  
cherche; & for enchesouñ *perof*, pe Kyng to him bare grete wrap;  
& for pat cause he exiledde him out of pe lande; & pe erchebisshop <sup>24</sup>  
po <sup>20</sup>Went to pe courte of Rome, and *pere* du[e]lledde wip pe Pope.  
¶ & pis Kyng made pe new Forest<sup>xx</sup>, and caste douñ<sup>21</sup> & destroiede  
xxvj tounes & iij house<sup>22</sup> of religiōn, al forto make his foreste longer  
& broder<sup>23</sup>, & bicomde wonder glade & prout of his wode & of his <sup>28</sup>  
Forest, and of pe wilde bestes pat wer<sup>3</sup> *perin*, pat it was mervailous  
forto<sup>24</sup> wete, so pat men callede him ‘keper’ of wodes & of pastures.’  
& pe lenger pat<sup>6</sup> he leuede, pe more Wikkede he bicomde, hope to

<sup>1-1</sup> brennede the citee D. brent pe Cytee O. <sup>2</sup> as he D.

<sup>3</sup> with a O. <sup>4</sup> stuffed O. <sup>5</sup> bicomde D. bycome O. <sup>6</sup> om. D.

<sup>7</sup> to D. <sup>8</sup> Herry O. <sup>9</sup> po DO. <sup>10</sup> do D. <sup>11</sup> Northfolc D.

<sup>12</sup> How D. <sup>13-13</sup> houses of Regilion [sic] & tovnes O. <sup>14</sup> om. O.

<sup>15</sup> William pe O. <sup>16</sup> and this William D. & pis William O.

<sup>17</sup> destruede D. <sup>18</sup> parte D.

<sup>19-19</sup> vndertok<sup>3</sup> him for his wickednesse and D. vndirtoke hym for his  
wikkednesse O.

<sup>20</sup> leaf 77. <sup>21</sup> adoune D. adound O. <sup>22</sup> houses O.

<sup>23</sup> wider<sup>3</sup> D. <sup>24</sup> to D.



God & to holy cherche, & to alle his men. & þis kyng lete make þe grete halle of<sup>1</sup> Westmynstre; <sup>2</sup>and so<sup>2</sup> oppon a<sup>3</sup> Whitsunday <sup>4</sup>he helde þerin<sup>4</sup> his ferste feste, he lokede aboute him,<sup>5</sup> & saide <sup>4</sup>þat<sup>6</sup> þe halle was to litel by haluendele. ¶ And at þe laste he bicome so contrarious, þat al þing þat plesede God, displesede him; and al þing þat gode men louede, <sup>7</sup>he hatede dedly.<sup>7</sup> ¶ And so hit befel þat he dremede <sup>8</sup>& mette<sup>8</sup> oppon a nyzt, bifore a litil or <sup>8</sup>þat<sup>6</sup> he deide, þat he was<sup>9</sup> bloode, & bledde a grete quantite of bloode, and a streme of blode lepte<sup>10</sup> an hye toward Heuen more<sup>11</sup> þan an hundred Venithe<sup>12</sup>; and þe clerenesse of þe<sup>6</sup> day was turnede al to<sup>13</sup> derkenesse, and þe firmament also. ¶ And when he <sup>12</sup>awoke, he hade grete drede, so þat he nyste what to done; & tolde his dreme to meny of his conseile, & saide þat he hade grete drede, & supposede þat him was some meschaunce to come. ¶ And þe secunde nyght bifore,<sup>14</sup> a monke dremed of þe household, þat þe <sup>16</sup>kyng went into a cherche wiþ miche peple; and he was so prout þat he despisede al þe peple þat was wiþ him; & so<sup>15</sup> he toke<sup>16</sup> þe ymage of þe crucifixe, &<sup>17</sup> shamefully bote hit with his teip; and þe crucifix mekely soffrede al þat he dede; but þe kyng, as a wode <sup>20</sup>man, rent of<sup>1</sup> þe Armys <sup>18</sup>of þe<sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup>crucifixe and caste it vnder his feete, & defouled it and þrewe it al<sup>20</sup> brode<sup>21</sup>; and a grete flame of fire come out of þe <sup>22</sup>crucifixe; mouthe<sup>22</sup>; of þe whiche dreem, meny a man<sup>23</sup> hade grete wonder. ¶ The gode man þat <sup>24</sup>dremede þis dreem<sup>24</sup> tolde it to a knyght þat þo was moste priue wiþ þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> of al men; & þe knyght me callede Hamundus sone; & þe monke and he tolde þe dreem to<sup>25</sup> [the] Kyng, & saide þat it shulde bitoken opere þing þan gode; and noþelesse þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> lauzhede <sup>28</sup>þerat ij<sup>26</sup> or iij,<sup>27</sup> & litil sette þerof; ¶ And pouzt þat he wolde gone<sup>28</sup> Hunte & pleye in þe forest. and his men <sup>29</sup>conseiled him<sup>29</sup> þat he shulde nouzt þat day, for no maner<sup>3</sup> þing, come in þe wode,

<sup>1</sup> at O.                   <sup>2-2</sup> so þat DO.                   <sup>3</sup> a day of O.

<sup>4-4</sup> þerin he helde D. & held þerin O.                   <sup>5</sup> om. DO.                   <sup>6</sup> om. D.

<sup>7-7</sup> hated he dedlich O.                   <sup>8-8</sup> om. D.                   <sup>9</sup> was lete DO.

<sup>10</sup> lappe D.                   <sup>11</sup> mo D.                   <sup>12</sup> Vedine O.                   <sup>13</sup> in-to O.                   <sup>14</sup> to-fore D.

<sup>15</sup> that D.                   þat O.                   <sup>16</sup> nome O.

<sup>17</sup> & cast it vnder his feet & defouled it & threw it al abroad & O.

<sup>18-18</sup> MS. of þe of þe.                   <sup>19</sup> leaf 77, back.

<sup>20</sup> MS. has al adouñ, with adouñ underlined for omission; om. O.

<sup>21</sup> abroad DO.

<sup>22-22</sup> crucifix mouth of the crucifix sic D.                   Crucifix mouthe O.

<sup>23</sup> men DO.                   <sup>24</sup> dreme hade D.                   dreme had O.                   <sup>25</sup> vnto D.

<sup>26</sup> twyes O.                   <sup>27</sup> iijes D.                   thryes O.                   <sup>28</sup> go D.

<sup>29-29</sup> hym Counceyled O.

so þat he abode at home bifore mete. ¶ But anone as he hade eten,<sup>1</sup> noþing<sup>2</sup> might him lette<sup>3</sup> but he wolde go<sup>3</sup> to þe wode forto haue his disporte. ¶ And so hit bifelle þat one of his knyghtes þat hight Walter Tyrel, wolde haue shotte to<sup>4</sup> an<sup>5</sup> herte; & his<sup>4</sup> Arwe glasede oppoñ a braunche, & þrouz misauenture smote þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> to þe hert; & so he felle doune dede to<sup>6</sup> þe grounde, wiþ-ou<sup>7</sup>ten<sup>7</sup> eny worde spekyng<sup>7</sup>, & so he endede his lif. ¶ And it was<sup>8</sup> non grete<sup>8</sup> wonder<sup>8</sup>, for þat<sup>9</sup> day þat he dede, he hade late to ferme<sup>8</sup> þe Erchebisshoppriche<sup>10</sup> of Kaunterbery, and xij Abbays also, & euermore dede grete destrucciouñ to holy cherehe þrouz wrongeful takynges and askyngus; for no man derst wiþsayen<sup>11</sup> þat he wolde haue done; & of his luper<sup>12</sup>nesse he wolde neuer<sup>12</sup> wiþdrawe<sup>12</sup> neyþer, <sup>12</sup>to<sup>12</sup> amende his lif; and þe<sup>13</sup>fore God<sup>13</sup> wolde suffre him no longer regne in his wickednesse. & he hade bene<sup>13</sup> kyng<sup>13</sup> xiiij zere and vj wokes, & lip<sup>14</sup> at Wynchestre.<sup>15</sup>

Of Kyng<sup>16</sup> Henry Beauclerc, þat was William<sup>16</sup> le Rous<sup>17</sup> <sup>16</sup>broþer; & of þe debate bituene him & Robert Curthose, <sup>18</sup>his broþer.<sup>18</sup> *Capitulo Centesimo ¶ xxxv.*

**A**Nd when<sup>19</sup> þis William Rous<sup>20</sup> was dede, Henry Beauclerc his broþer<sup>20</sup> was made kyng<sup>20</sup>, for enchesouñ þat William Rous<sup>20</sup> hade non<sup>21</sup> childe<sup>22</sup> bigeten of his body.<sup>22</sup> & þis Henry Beauclerc<sup>23</sup> was cronede kyng<sup>24</sup> at London, þe ferþe day after<sup>24</sup> þat his broþer was dede, þat is to seyne, þe v day<sup>24</sup> of August. ¶ And anone as<sup>25</sup> Ancellyn, þat was Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery, þat was at þe<sup>24</sup> court of Rome, herde þat William Rous was dede, he come azeyne into Engeland; &<sup>26</sup> Kyng Henry Beauclerc welcomede him wiþ michel<sup>27</sup> honoure. ¶ & þe ferst<sup>27</sup> zere þat Kyng<sup>27</sup> Henry was cronede, he spused Maude, þat was Margaretes douzter, þe Quene of Scot-<sup>28</sup>land; & þe Erchebisshop<sup>28</sup> Ancellyn<sup>29</sup> wedede ham. ¶ And þis Kyng<sup>29</sup> bigate oppoñ his wif ij sones & a douzter, þat is to seyne, William, Richard, and Maude; & þis Maude was afterward

<sup>1</sup> ete O.      <sup>2</sup> noman DO.

<sup>3-3</sup> þat he ne wolde goñ D.    þat he nolde goñ O.      <sup>4</sup> vn-to O.

<sup>5</sup> on D.    <sup>6</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>7</sup> with-oute O.    <sup>8-8</sup> no D.    no gret O.

<sup>9</sup> the D.    <sup>10</sup> bisshoppriche D.    <sup>11</sup> withsay D.    with-sey O.

<sup>12-12</sup> ne D.    neither O.    <sup>13</sup> be O.    <sup>14</sup> om. DO.

<sup>15</sup> Wynchestre he lith O.    <sup>16</sup> leaf 78.    <sup>17-17</sup> Rous DO.

<sup>18-18</sup> om. D.    <sup>19</sup> om. O.    <sup>20</sup> Rous whan he O.    <sup>21</sup> no DO.

<sup>22-22</sup> of his body bigete D.    begete of his body O.

<sup>23</sup> Altered from Beauclerc in MS.    <sup>24</sup> om. D.    <sup>25</sup> þis O.

<sup>26</sup> and the D.    & þe O.    <sup>27</sup> miche D.

<sup>28</sup> Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery D.    <sup>29</sup> Ancelyn of Caunterbury O

Empereſſe of Almayne. ¶ And in þe ſecunde<sup>1</sup> zere of his regne, his broþere Robert Curthoſe, þat was duc of Normandye, come wiþ an huge nauy<sup>2</sup> into Engeland, forto chalange þe land; but þrouz  
 4 conſeile of þe<sup>3</sup> wiſe men of þe land, þai were accordede in þis maner: þat þe Kyng ſhulde zeue þe Duc his broþer a þouſand<sup>4</sup> ti<sup>4</sup> euery zere; and whiche of ham longeſte leuede, ſhulde bene oþeres heire; & ſo bituene ham ſhulde<sup>5</sup> bene none<sup>5</sup> debate ne ſtryf.  
 8 ¶ And when þai were þus accordede, þe Duc went home azeyn into Normandy. And when þe Kyng hade regnede iiij zere,<sup>6</sup> aros a grete debate bituene him & þe Erchebiſſhop of Kaunterbery, Ancellyn, for cauſe þat þe Erchebiſſhop wolde<sup>7</sup> nouzt graunt þe  
 12 Kyng<sup>8</sup> forto take taliages of<sup>8</sup> Holy cherche<sup>8</sup> at his wille; and þerfore<sup>9</sup> þe Erchebiſſhop eftſones<sup>10</sup> went ouer þe ſee vnto<sup>11</sup> þe court of Rome, & þere duelled<sup>12</sup> wiþ þe Pope. ¶ And in þe<sup>3</sup> ſame zere þe Duc of Normandye come into Engeland forto ſpeke wiþ his broþer.  
 16 And amonges<sup>13</sup> oþere þinges, þe duc of Normandy forzaf to þe Kyng, his broþer, þe forſaide<sup>14</sup> M<sup>t</sup> ti<sup>15</sup> by zere þat he ſhulde<sup>16</sup> paie him<sup>16</sup>; & wiþ gode loue þe Duc went þo<sup>17</sup> into Normandye azeyn.<sup>10</sup>  
 20 ¶ And when þo ij zere were gone, þrouz enticement of þe deuel & of<sup>18</sup> a luper man,<sup>18</sup> a grete debate aros bituene ham, þe Kyng & þe duc, ſo þat þe Kyng, þrouz conſeile, went ouer<sup>19</sup> into Normandye. And when þe Kyng of Engeland was comen<sup>20</sup> into Normandye,  
 24 alle þe grete lordes of Normandye turnede þo<sup>3</sup> to þe Kyng of Engeland, & helde azeyns<sup>21</sup> þe Duc, here owen lorde, & him forſoke, & to þe Kyng ham zolden,<sup>22</sup> and alle þe caſtelles &<sup>23</sup> gode tounes of Normandye. And ſone after<sup>3</sup> was þe Duc taken, & lad  
 28 wiþ þe Kyng into Engeland, and þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> lete put þe Duc into priſouñ. & þis was<sup>14</sup> þe vengauce of God; for when þe Duc was in þe Holy Land God zaf him ſuche might<sup>4</sup> & honour þere, wherfore he was choſe<sup>24</sup> to ben Kyng<sup>25</sup> of Ieruſalem; and he<sup>3</sup>  
 32 wolde nouzt<sup>26</sup> bene hit, but<sup>26</sup> forſoke it; & þerfore God ſende<sup>27</sup>

1 ij O.    2 meynye O.    3 om. O.    4 pound<sup>t</sup> O.  
 5-5 be no D. be non O.    6 3er<sup>3</sup> þere D. 3eer þer O.  
 7 leaf 78, back.    8-8 cherches D. Chirches O.  
 9 þerfore eftſones D. þerfore eftſone O.    10 om. DO.    11 to DO.  
 12 he dwelt O. dullede R.    13 amonge al D. among<sup>t</sup> O.  
 14 om. D.    15 pound O.    16-16 him pay D.  
 17 þo azeyn D. þo azen O.    18-18 luper men D. lither men O.  
 19 ouere the ſee D. ouer þe ſee O.    20 comen ouere the ſee D. Come O.  
 21 azeyne D.    22 zelden O.    23 and the D. & þe O.  
 24 choſen DO.    25 lord<sup>t</sup> D.    26-26 and D.    27 ſent O.

him þat shame & despite, forto bene<sup>1</sup> put into his broþeres prisouñ. ¶ þo seisede Kyng Henry<sup>2</sup> al Normandye into his hand, & helde hit al his lifes<sup>3</sup> tyme. &<sup>4</sup> þe same 3ere come þe bisshoþ Ancellyn fram<sup>5</sup> þe court of Rome into Engeland, a3eyne, & þe Kyng<sup>6</sup> & he 4 were accorded. ¶ And in þe 3ere nexte comyng<sup>7</sup> after,<sup>8</sup> þere bigan a grete debate bytuene Kyng<sup>9</sup> Philippe of Fraunce & Kyng Henry<sup>8</sup> of Engeland. Wherefore Kyng Henry<sup>8</sup> went into Normandye; and þe werr<sup>9</sup> was<sup>9</sup> stronge bituenes<sup>9</sup> ham ij; and þo deide þe Kyng<sup>8</sup> of Fraunce; & Lowys his sone was made Kyng<sup>8</sup> anone after his deþ; and þo went Kyng Henry<sup>8</sup> a3eyne into Engeland, & mariede Maude his doughter to Henry,<sup>10</sup> þe Emperour of Almayn.

Of þe debate þat was bituene<sup>11</sup> Kyng Lowys<sup>11</sup> of France &<sup>12</sup> Kyng Henry<sup>12</sup> of Engeland; & how Kyng Henrie; ij sones were loste in þe hye see. ¶ Capitulo ¶ Centesimo ¶ Tricesimo ¶ Sexto.

**W**Hen Kyng Henry had bene<sup>1</sup> Kyng xvij 3ere, a grete<sup>16</sup> debate aroos bitue[n]<sup>13</sup> him &<sup>13</sup> Kyng Lowys of Fraunce,<sup>14</sup> for enchesouñ þat þe Kyng hade sent into Normandy to his men, for<sup>15</sup> þai shulde bene<sup>1</sup> helpyng to þe Erle of Bleyne as miche as þai myght, in werre a3eynes<sup>16</sup> þe Kyng<sup>6</sup> of Fraunce, and þat þai<sup>20</sup> were as redy vnto him as þai wolde bene<sup>1</sup> vnto<sup>17</sup> here owen lord, for enchesouñ þat þe Erle hade spousede his sustre, Dame Maude; for whiche enchesouñ þe Kyng of Fraunce dede miche harme<sup>18</sup> &<sup>19</sup> sorwe<sup>6</sup> to Normandye. wherefore þe Kyng of Engeland was<sup>24</sup> wonder wroþ, & in hast went ouer þe see<sup>20</sup> into Normandye wip a grete power,<sup>20</sup> forto defende þat londe; & þe werre bituene ham laste ij 3ere, til at þe laste þai ij fouzten to-geder,<sup>21</sup> & þe Kyng of France was descomfitede, & vnneþe<sup>22</sup> scapede away wip miche<sup>28</sup> peyn; and þe moste part<sup>23</sup> of his men were taken, &<sup>24</sup> dede wip ham what him liked; and some of ham he lete goñ<sup>25</sup> freliche,<sup>26</sup> &

<sup>1</sup> be D.    <sup>2</sup> Harry O.    <sup>3</sup> lif<sup>1</sup> D.    <sup>4</sup> and in DO.    <sup>5</sup> fro D.

<sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 79.    <sup>8</sup> Harry O.

<sup>9-9</sup> so strong<sup>1</sup> bituene D.    strong between O.

<sup>10</sup> om. D.    Harry O.    <sup>11-11</sup> Lowys the kyng<sup>1</sup> D.

<sup>12</sup> Harry here, and elsewhere in O.    <sup>13-13</sup> om. DO.

<sup>14</sup> France and Kyng Henry of Engeland<sup>1</sup> D.    Fraunce & Kyng Herry of Engeland<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>15</sup> that D.    <sup>16</sup> a3en O.    <sup>17</sup> to O.    <sup>18</sup> om. O.    <sup>19</sup> om. DO.

<sup>20-20</sup> with gret<sup>1</sup> power<sup>1</sup> and come into Normandye D.    with a gret power & come in-to Normandye O.

<sup>21</sup> togederes D.    <sup>22</sup> vnneþes D.    <sup>23</sup> partye O.

<sup>24</sup> and þe kyng<sup>1</sup> DO.    <sup>25</sup> go DO.    <sup>26</sup> frely O.

some he lete put to deþ; but afterward þo ij kyngus were accordede. ¶ And when Kyng Henry hade holiche<sup>1</sup> al þe land<sup>2</sup> of No[r]mandye, and scomfitede his enemys of Fraunce, he turned  
 4 azeyne into Engeland<sup>3</sup> wiþ michel<sup>3</sup> honour. and his ij sones, William and Richard, wolde come after her<sup>4</sup> fader<sup>4</sup>, and went to þe se wiþ a grete company of peple; but er þat<sup>4</sup> þai might come to lond<sup>4</sup>, þe shipp come<sup>5</sup> azeyn a grete<sup>5</sup> roche, and brake<sup>6</sup> al into<sup>6</sup>  
 8 pices; and alle were drenched þat were<sup>7</sup> þerin, saf one<sup>7</sup> man þat was in þe same shipp þat ascaped; and þis was on seynt Katerynes<sup>8</sup> day. ¶ And þise were þe names of ham þat were drenched, þat is to seyn: William, þe Kynges sone, Richarde his broþer, þe Erl  
 12 of Chestre, Octouyle his broþer, Geffray Ridel, Walter Emurey, Gedfreye Erchedeken, þe Kynges doughter, þe Countesse of Perches, þe Kyngus nece, þe Countesse of Chestre, and meny oþer. ¶ When Kyng Henry and oþere lordes arryued were in Engeland<sup>8</sup>,  
 16 and harde þise tydyngus, þai made sorwe ynow; & al her<sup>9</sup> merþe & ioye was turnede þo<sup>9</sup> into sorwe<sup>9</sup> & care.

**How Maude þe Emperesse come azey[ne] into Engeland; and how she was afterward wedded to Gaufrey,<sup>10</sup> þe Erl of Angoy. Capitulo Centesimo xxxvij.**

**A**nd when þat<sup>11</sup> ij zere were gone, þat þe Erl hade duelleded wiþ þe Kyng<sup>11</sup>, þe Erl went þo fro þe Kyng<sup>11</sup>, and biganne to werre oppoñ him, & dede miche harme in þe lande of Normandye.  
 24 Wherefore Kyng Henry was sore annoiede when he herde þe tydynges.<sup>12</sup> wiþ al þe haste þat he myght<sup>12</sup>, he passede þe see, and come into Normandye, and toke þere a stronge castel, & þere  
 13 helde him<sup>13</sup> al þat zere. And þo come to him tydynges<sup>14</sup> þat  
 28 Henry, <sup>15</sup> þe Emperour of Almaine, þat hade spousede Maud<sup>16</sup> his douzter, was dede, and þat she duelleded no longer<sup>16</sup> in Almaine, and þat she wolde come azeyne into Normandy to her<sup>16</sup> fader<sup>16</sup>. ¶ And when she was comen<sup>17</sup> to him, he toke<sup>18</sup> her<sup>18</sup> þo wiþ<sup>19</sup> him,  
 32 and come azeyne into Engeland<sup>18</sup>, & made þe<sup>10</sup> Englisshemen to<sup>16</sup> done<sup>20</sup> oth & feaute<sup>21</sup> vnto þe Emperesse. ¶ And þe ferst man þat

<sup>1</sup> holly D. holy O.      <sup>2</sup> leaf 79, back.      <sup>3</sup> mych O.  
<sup>4</sup> MS. þat þat; om. D.      <sup>5-5</sup> azeynes a D. azens a O.      <sup>6-6</sup> alto D.  
<sup>7-7</sup> within saf o D.      þerin saf o O.      <sup>8</sup> Kateryne O.  
<sup>9-9</sup> in mornyng D. into Mornyng O.      <sup>10</sup> om. O.      <sup>11</sup> þo O.  
<sup>12</sup> tydyng O.      <sup>13-13</sup> he duelleded D. he dwelled O.      <sup>14</sup> tydyng O.  
<sup>15</sup> leaf 80.      <sup>16</sup> om. D.      <sup>17</sup> come O.      <sup>18</sup> nome O.      <sup>19</sup> to O.  
<sup>20</sup> do O.      <sup>21</sup> feautes D.

made þe oth was William þe Erchebisshop of Kaunterbury, and þat opere Kyng Daid of Scotland, & after him, al þe <sup>1</sup>Erles & barons<sup>1</sup> of Engeland. ¶ And<sup>2</sup> after þat,<sup>3</sup> þe noble man, þe Erl of Angoy, a worþi knyzt, sent to þe Kyng of Engeland þat he wolde <sup>4</sup>grant him forto haue his doughter to spouse, Maude þe Emperesse. ¶ And for enchesouñ þat her fader<sup>5</sup> wist<sup>6</sup> þat he was<sup>4</sup> a noble man, þe Kyng grauntede him, & consentede þerto, and þo tok<sup>5</sup> his doughter, and ladde her<sup>7</sup> into Normandy, & come to þe noble <sup>8</sup>knyzt <sup>6</sup>þe Erl<sup>6</sup> Gaufrid; & he spousede þe forsaide Maude wiþ michel honoure; & þe Erl bigate <sup>7</sup>oppon her<sup>7</sup> a sone þat men<sup>8</sup> callede ‘Henry, þe Emperesse sone.’ ¶ And after, when al þis was done, Kyng Henry duelleded al þat zere in Normandy. and <sup>12</sup>after þat, longe<sup>9</sup> tyme, a grevous sikenesse toke him, wherfore he deide. & þis Kyng Henry regnede xxxv zere & iij mounþes; & after he<sup>3</sup> deide, <sup>10</sup>as bifore is<sup>10</sup> saide, in Normandy; & his hert was entereded in þe grete cherche of oure Lady of Roen, & his body was <sup>16</sup>brouzt wiþ michel<sup>11</sup> honour into Engeland, & entereded <sup>12</sup>at Redyng<sup>1</sup> in þe Abbay; &<sup>12</sup> of þe which Abbay he was <sup>13</sup>bigynner &<sup>13</sup> Foundoure.

<sup>14</sup>How Stephene, Kyng Henryes suster<sup>3</sup> sone, Was made Kyng<sup>1</sup> <sup>20</sup>of Engeland. Capitulo ¶ Centesimo ¶ Tricesimo ¶ Octauo.

**A**fter þis Kyng Henry þat was þe ferst<sup>1</sup>, was made Kyng his Newew, his sustres<sup>15</sup> sone, Stephen,<sup>16</sup> Erl of Boloigne; For anone as he harde þe tidynges<sup>17</sup> of his Vncles<sup>18</sup> deth, he passede þe <sup>24</sup>see, and come into Engeland, þrouz conseil & <sup>19</sup>strengþ & helpe<sup>19</sup> of meny grete Lordes<sup>20</sup> of Engeland (aʒeynz heir<sup>1</sup> oth þat þai hade made to Maude þe Emperesse), tok<sup>21</sup> þe reaume, & lete crone Stephen Kyng<sup>1</sup> of <sup>22</sup>þe lanck.<sup>22</sup> ¶ And þe erchebisshop<sup>23</sup> William of <sup>28</sup>Kaunterbery,<sup>23</sup> þat ferst made þe<sup>24</sup> oth to<sup>25</sup> Maude þe Emperesse, sette þe crone ferst opon Kyng Stephenus heuede, & him annoyn-tede; and Bisshop Roger of Salesbery mayntenede þe Kyngus

<sup>1</sup>—<sup>1</sup> barouns & Erles O.      <sup>2</sup> And also O.      <sup>3</sup> om. D.

<sup>4</sup> wist<sup>1</sup> þat he was DO.      wist R.      <sup>5</sup> nome O.

<sup>6</sup>—<sup>6</sup> erle of D.      Erle O.      <sup>7</sup>—<sup>7</sup> on his wif<sup>1</sup> D.      <sup>8</sup> me DO.

<sup>9</sup> a longe D.      <sup>10</sup>—<sup>10</sup> as is before O.      <sup>11</sup> mych O.

<sup>12</sup>—<sup>12</sup> in the Abbay of Redyng<sup>1</sup> D.      at Redyng in þe<sup>12</sup> Abbey O.

<sup>13</sup>—<sup>13</sup> om. D.      <sup>14</sup> leaf 80, back.      <sup>15</sup> suster O.      <sup>16</sup> Stephenene sic O.

<sup>17</sup> tydyng O.      <sup>18</sup> broþeres D.      <sup>19</sup>—<sup>19</sup> helpe & strengþ D.

<sup>20</sup> loudes sic D.      <sup>21</sup> nome O.      <sup>22</sup>—<sup>22</sup> Engeland D.

<sup>23</sup>—<sup>23</sup> of Kanterbery William D.      <sup>24</sup> om. O.

<sup>25</sup> of feaute vnto D.      & feaute vn-to O.

partye in-as-miche as he<sup>1</sup> might. ¶ The ferst zere þat Kyng Stephen biganne forto regne, he assembled a grete host, & went him<sup>2</sup> toward Scotland, forto haue þo<sup>3</sup> werrede oppoñ þe Kyng of 4 Scotland; but he come azeynes him in pees & in godc maner, & to him trust; but he made <sup>4</sup>to him none homage, for-asmiche as<sup>4</sup> he hade made <sup>5</sup>homage to<sup>5</sup> þe Emperesse Maude. ¶ And þe iiij zere of his regne, Maude þe Emperesse come into Engeland; & þo 8 bigan debate bituene<sup>6</sup> Kyng Stephen and Maude þe Emperesse. þis Maude went vnto þe citee of Nichole; and þe Kyng her<sup>7</sup> bisegede longe tyme, & might nouzt spede, so wel þe cite was kepte and defendede. and þo þat were wiþin þe citee queyntly scapede<sup>8</sup> 12 away wiþouten<sup>9</sup> eny maner harme; and þo tok þe Kyng þe citee, & duellede þerin to<sup>10</sup> Candelmasse. ¶ And þo come þe barons þat helde<sup>11</sup> wiþ þe Emperesse, þat is forto seyn, <sup>12</sup>þe Erl Randulf of Chestre, þe Erl Robert of Gloucestre, Hughe Bigot, Robert of 16 Molleye,<sup>13</sup> & brouzt wiþ ham a stronge<sup>14</sup> power.

How Maude þe Emperesse Went fram<sup>15</sup> Wynchestr vnto<sup>16</sup> Oxenford; and after she ascapede<sup>17</sup> to<sup>18</sup> Wallyngford; & what sorwe & disese ¶ she hade. *Capitulo Centesimo* 20 *xxxix*<sup>o</sup>.

**W**Hen þe Kyng was taken<sup>19</sup> & brouzt <sup>20</sup>into warde in<sup>20</sup> þe Castel <sup>21</sup>of Bristow,<sup>21</sup> þis Maude þe Emperesse anone was <sup>22</sup>lady of Engeland, & alle men helde her for<sup>22</sup> lady of þe lande. 24 ¶ But þo of Kent helde wiþ Kyng<sup>23</sup> Stephenes wif; and also William of Pree & his retenue halpe ham, and helde werre azeynes Maude þe Emperesse. & anone after, þe Kyng of Scotland come to ham wiþ <sup>24</sup>a grete<sup>24</sup> nombre of peple; and þo went þai in fere vnto 28 Wynchestre, þere þat þe Emperesse was, & wolde haue take<sup>25</sup> here; but þe Erl of Gloucestre come wiþ his power, & fouzt wiþ ham; & þe Emperesse, in þe menewhile þat þe bataile durede, scapede fro þens, & went vnto Oxenford, & þere her<sup>26</sup> helde. & in þat batail 32 was þe Erl of Gloucestre descomfitede & taken,<sup>19</sup> & wiþ him meny oþere lordes. ¶ And for his delyueraunce was Kyng<sup>3</sup> Stephen

<sup>1</sup> þey O.<sup>2</sup> om. DO.<sup>3</sup> om. D.<sup>4-4</sup> vnto [him] homage bicause þat D. <sup>5-5</sup> vnto sic D. homage vnto O.<sup>6</sup> bituene the D. between þe O. <sup>7</sup> hem O.<sup>8</sup> ascapede D. ascaped O. <sup>9</sup> with-oute DO. <sup>10</sup> tul O.<sup>11</sup> helden O. <sup>12</sup> leaf S1. <sup>13</sup> Morley O. <sup>14</sup> stronge D.<sup>15</sup> fro DO. <sup>16</sup> to O. <sup>17</sup> schaped O. <sup>18</sup> vnto D. <sup>19</sup> take O.<sup>20-20</sup> in warde into D. <sup>21-21</sup> om. O. <sup>22-22</sup> made D.<sup>23</sup> kynges O. <sup>24-24</sup> an huge O. <sup>25</sup> taken DO. <sup>26</sup> he O.

delyuerede out of<sup>1</sup> prisoun. ¶ And when he was delyuerede out of<sup>1</sup> prisoun, he went þens to Oxenford, & <sup>2</sup>bisegede þe Emperesse þat was þo at Oxenford; & <sup>2</sup>þe sege endurede fro Michelmasse vnto Seynt Andrewus tyde. ¶ And þe Emperesse <sup>3</sup>lete þo<sup>3</sup> cloþe<sup>4</sup> her<sup>5</sup> <sup>4</sup>al in white lynen cloþ, for enchesouñ þat she wolde nouzt bene<sup>6</sup> knowe, for in þe same tyme þere was michel of snowe; and so she scapede<sup>7</sup> by þe<sup>8</sup> Tamyse <sup>9</sup>fram ham awaye<sup>9</sup> þat were her' enemys; & fro þens she went to Wallyngford, & <sup>10</sup>þere here helde.<sup>10</sup> ¶ And <sup>8</sup>þe Kyng wolde haue bisegede her'; <sup>11</sup>but he hade so miche to done wip þe Erl Randulf of Chestre, & wip Hugh Bigot, þat strongelich<sup>12</sup> werrede oppoñ him in euery place, þat he ne wist whider to<sup>13</sup> turne; and þe Erl of Gloucestre halpe<sup>14</sup> ham wip his power. 12

**How Gaufride, Erl of Angoy,<sup>15</sup> 3af vp vnto<sup>16</sup> Henry, þe Emperesse sone, al Normandy. Capitulo Centesimo xl.**

**A**Nd after þis, þe<sup>17</sup> Kyng went vnto Wiltoñ,<sup>18</sup> & wolde haue made a castel þere; but þo come to him þe Erl of Gloucestre <sup>16</sup>wip a stronge power, & almost hade take þe Kyng; but 3it þe<sup>19</sup> Kyng ascapede wip miche payn; & William Marcil<sup>20</sup> þere was take, & for whos delyuerance þe Kyng 3af to<sup>21</sup> þe Erl of Gloucestre þe gode castel of Shirburn þat he hade tak. ¶ And when þis was <sup>20</sup>done, þe Erl Robert, & alle þe Kynges enemys, went to Faryndoñ, & bigonne <sup>22</sup>forto make þere a stronge<sup>22</sup> castel; but þe Kyng, wip a stronge power, drof ham þens.

In þat same 3ere ¶ The Erl Randulf of Chestre was<sup>23</sup> accorded <sup>24</sup>wip þe Kyng, and come to his<sup>24</sup> court at his commandement; and þe Erl went<sup>25</sup> haue safliche<sup>26</sup> comen<sup>27</sup>; & þe Kyng anone lete<sup>28</sup> take him, and put him into prisoun, & most neuer for noþing come out þerof til þat he hade 3elde op to<sup>29</sup> þe Kyng þe castel of Nichole, <sup>28</sup>þe whiche he hade tak fro þe Kyng wip strengþ in þe xv 3ere of þe<sup>30</sup> regne of Kyng Stephene. ¶ & Gaufride, þe Erl of Angoy,<sup>31</sup> 3af vp to Henry<sup>32</sup> al Normandy. In þe 3ere þat next sewede,

<sup>1</sup> MS. of of.      <sup>2-2</sup> om. D.      <sup>3-3</sup> þo lete D.      <sup>4</sup> cloþen O.

<sup>5</sup> MS. her' her'.      <sup>6</sup> be D.      <sup>7</sup> ascaped DO.      <sup>8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9-9</sup> away fram ham D.      <sup>10-10</sup> helde her þere D.      <sup>11</sup> leaf 81, back.

<sup>12</sup> strongly O.      <sup>13</sup> for-to O.      <sup>14</sup> holpe D.      <sup>15</sup> Angou) O.

<sup>16</sup> to O.      <sup>17</sup> þis þe D.      þis þe O.      þis R.      <sup>18</sup> Waltoñ D.      <sup>19</sup> þo O.

<sup>20</sup> Macey D.      <sup>21</sup> vnto DO.

<sup>22-22</sup> þere to make a fair' D.      þere for-to make a strong O.

<sup>23</sup> was made O.      <sup>24</sup> the Kynges D.      <sup>25</sup> wende D.

<sup>26</sup> safly D.      sauely O.      <sup>27</sup> come O.      <sup>28</sup> le sic D.      <sup>29</sup> vnto O.

<sup>30</sup> his O.      <sup>31</sup> Angoñ DO.      <sup>32</sup> Henry his sone D.      Herry his sone O.



<sup>1</sup>deide þe Erl<sup>1</sup> Gaufrid<sup>2</sup>; and Henry<sup>2</sup> þo anon turnede aȝeyn to Angoy,<sup>3</sup> & þere was made Erl wip<sup>4</sup> michel ioye &<sup>4</sup> honour<sup>4</sup> of his men of þe lande; & to him deden feaute & homage þe most parte<sup>5</sup> of his land. ¶ And þo was þis Henry, þe Emperesse sone, Erl of Angoy<sup>6</sup> & Duc of Nor<sup>7</sup>mandye.

¶ And<sup>8</sup> in þe same ȝere Was made deuorse bituene þe Kyng of Fraunce & þe quene his wif, þat was ryght heir<sup>9</sup> of Gascoigne, for 8 encheson þat it<sup>9</sup> was knowe<sup>10</sup> & prouede þat þai wer<sup>10</sup> sib & ney of blode; & þo spousede her<sup>10</sup>, Henry þe Emperesse sone; & þo was he<sup>8</sup> Erl of Angoy,<sup>6</sup> Duc of Normandy, & Duc of Gascoigne. ¶ þe xviiij ȝere of þe<sup>11</sup> regne of Kyng Stephen, þis Henry come into 12 Engeland wip a<sup>12</sup> stronge power<sup>12</sup>, and bigan<sup>13</sup> forto werre oppon Kyng<sup>1</sup> Stephen, & toke þe castel of Malmesbery, & dede miche harme. And þe<sup>12</sup> Kyng Stephen hade so miche werre þat he<sup>14</sup> wist nouȝt<sup>14</sup> whider<sup>15</sup> to<sup>15</sup> wende; but at þe laste þai wer<sup>15</sup> accorded, 16 prouȝ þe Erchebisshope Theobalde and prouȝ oper worpi lordes of Engeland, oppon þis condicioun, þat þai shulde departe þe reaume of Engeland bituene ham, so þat<sup>12</sup> Henry, þe Emperesse sone, shulde haue holliche halfe þe reaume, and when Kyng Stephen 20 were<sup>16</sup> dede, he shulde haue al þe lande of Engeland; & þus þai were accordede, & pees criede<sup>17</sup> prouȝ-out al Engeland. ¶ And when þe accord was made bituene þo ij lordes, Kyng Stephen bicome so sori, for cause þat he hade loste half Engeland, & felle 24 into soche a malaldy, & deide in þe xix ȝer<sup>18</sup>, viij wokes & v dayes of his regne, al in wer<sup>18</sup> & in kontak<sup>18</sup>; & he lip in þe Abbay of Feuersham, þe whiche he lete make,<sup>18</sup> þe vj<sup>19</sup> ȝere of his regne.

Of Kyng Henry þat was þe Emperesse<sup>20</sup> sone, in whos tyme 28 <sup>21</sup>Seynt Thomas of Kaunterbery<sup>21</sup> was Chaunceller.<sup>22</sup>

¶ Capitulo ¶ Centesimo xl primo.

**A**Nd after þis Kyng<sup>1</sup> Stephen, regnede Henry<sup>23</sup> þe Emperesse sone, þat<sup>24</sup> Was cronede<sup>25</sup> of þe Erchebisshop Theobalde 32 þe xvij day bifore Cri[s]tesmas.<sup>26</sup> And in þe same ȝere Thomas

<sup>1-1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2</sup> Henry his sone D.    Herry his sone O.    <sup>3</sup> Angou DO.

<sup>4-4</sup> miche D.    mych O.    <sup>5</sup> party D.    partye O.    <sup>6</sup> Angon O.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 82.    <sup>8</sup> om. DO.    <sup>9</sup> is sic D.    <sup>10</sup> knowen O.    <sup>11</sup> his O.

<sup>12</sup> om. D.    <sup>13</sup> bigonne D.    <sup>14-14</sup> nyst D.    nyste O.    <sup>15</sup> for-to O.

<sup>16</sup> was D.    <sup>17</sup> ycryed O.    <sup>18</sup> mak in D.    make in O.

<sup>19</sup> sixte O.    <sup>20</sup> Emperesses D.

<sup>21-21</sup> the words seynt & of Cauntirbury are struck out, & Beket is inserted after Cauntirbury, in O.    <sup>22</sup> Ch[a]unceller of Englon<sup>d</sup> O.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 82, back.    <sup>24</sup> and DO.    <sup>25</sup> Crowned kyng O.

<sup>26</sup> Cristemasse O.

Beket of Londoñ, Erchebisshoþ of Kaunterbery, was made þe Kyngus Chancellor of England. ¶ þe secunde zere þat he was cronede, he lete caste douñ alle þe newe castelles<sup>1</sup> þat were longyng vnto þe crone, þe whiche Kyng<sup>t</sup> Stephen hade zeue<sup>2</sup> vnto diuerse<sup>3</sup> 4 meñ, & ham hade made erles & barons forto holde wiþ him, & <sup>4</sup>him helpe<sup>4</sup> azeyns Henry,<sup>5</sup> þe Emperesse sone. ¶ And þe iiij zere of his regne he put vnder his<sup>6</sup> lordeship þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Walys. And in þe same zere, when þe Kyng of Scotland had in his owen hande, þat is 8 to seyne, þe citee of Kerlil, þe castel of Bamburghe, þe newe castel op<sup>7</sup> Tyne, and þe Erldome of Lancastre, þe same zere þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, wiþ<sup>8</sup> gret power, went into Walys, & lete caste adouñ<sup>9</sup> wodes, & make<sup>10</sup> waies, and made stronge þe castel<sup>11</sup> of Rutland & Basyngge-12 werc; and amonge þe castelles<sup>12</sup> he made an house of þe temple. ¶ And in þe same zere was Richard his sone born, þat afterward was Erl of Oxenford.

¶ And þe iiij zere of hes regne, he made Gaufride, Erl of 16 Britaigne; & in þat zere he chaungede his mone.<sup>13</sup> And þe vj zere of his regne he lade <sup>14</sup>an huge<sup>14</sup> host vnto Tolouse, & conquerede hit. And þe vij zere of his regne, deide Theobalde, þe<sup>5</sup> Erchebissho[p] of Kanterbery; and þo al þe citee of Kaunterbery, <sup>15</sup>þrouz 20 meschief, almost<sup>15</sup> was brent.

[*Thomas a Becket is made Archbishop of Canterbury, and quarrels with the King.*]

þe ix zere of his regne, Thomas Beket, his Chaunceller, was 24 chosen to <sup>16</sup>ben Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery; and oppoñ seynt Bernardes day he was sacrede. ¶ And in þat zere, born was Alienore, þe Kynges douzter. ¶ And þe x zere of his regne, seynt Edmund þe Kyng was translatede wiþ miche<sup>17</sup> honour. ¶ And 28 þe xj zere of his regne he helde his parlement at Northampton; & fro þens fled Seynt<sup>18</sup> Thomas, Erchebisshop<sup>19</sup> of Kaunterbery,<sup>20</sup> for þe<sup>5</sup> grete debate þat was bituen<sup>21</sup> þe Kyng and him; for if he hade bene<sup>22</sup> fonde on<sup>23</sup> þe morwe, he hade bene<sup>22</sup> slayn; & þefore he 32

<sup>1</sup> castel D.                   <sup>2</sup> zeuen D.                   <sup>3</sup> diuers O.

<sup>4-4</sup> help him D.   helpe hym O.                   <sup>5</sup> om. O.

<sup>6</sup> his owen D.   his ovne O.                   <sup>7</sup> vpon O.                   <sup>8</sup> with a DO.

<sup>9</sup> doune D.                   <sup>10</sup> made O.                   <sup>11</sup> cast sic D.                   <sup>12</sup> castel D.

<sup>13</sup> mony D.                   <sup>14-14</sup> MS. has an huge an huge.

<sup>15-15</sup> almost<sup>t</sup> þouz meschif D.   almost þurgh myschef O.                   <sup>16</sup> leaf 83.

<sup>17</sup> michel D.                   <sup>18</sup> seynt struck out in O.                   <sup>19</sup> om. D.

<sup>20</sup> Caunterbury fro þe kyng O.

<sup>21</sup> bituene D.   betwen O.   bitue R.                   <sup>22</sup> be O.                   <sup>23</sup> in DO.

fledde þens wip iij felawes, in<sup>1</sup> fote oneliche,<sup>2</sup> þat no man wist wher he was, and went ouer þe see to þe Pope<sup>3</sup> of Rome. ¶ And þis was þe principal enchesouñ, forasmiche as þe Kyng wolde haue put 4 clerkes to<sup>4</sup> deth þat were atteint of felonye, wipouten<sup>5</sup> eny pryuelege of holy cherche. ¶ And þe xij zere of his regne, was Iohñ, his sone, bore.<sup>6</sup> And þe xiiij zere of his regne deide Maude þe Emperesse, þat was his moder<sup>7</sup>; And in þat same zere was Iohane 8 his doughter born.<sup>7</sup> ¶ þe xiiij zere of his regne, þe Duc Henry of Saxoyne spousede Maude, his doughter; & he bigate on here iij sones, Henry,<sup>8</sup> Othus, & William. ¶ And in þe xv zere of his regne, deide þe gode Erle Robert of Gloucestre, þat foundede þe 12 Abbay of Nonnes of Etoñ. ¶ And in<sup>9</sup> þe same zere, Marik<sup>t</sup>, Kyng of Ierusalem, conquerede Babiloñ. ¶ þe xvj zere of his regne, he lete crone his sone Henry at Westmynstre; & him cronede, Roger, þe Erchebisshop of 3ork<sup>t</sup>, in harmyng of Thomas þe Erchebisshop of 16 Kaunterbery; wherfore þe same Roger was acursede of þe Pope.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>10</sup>Of Kyng<sup>t</sup> Henry, þat was þe Emperesse sone; & of þe debate þat was bituene him & his fader<sup>t</sup> whiles<sup>11</sup> þat he was in Normandye. *Capitulo Centesimo xliij<sup>do</sup>.*

20 **A**fter þe coronaciouñ of Kyng<sup>t</sup> Henry, þe sone of Kyng Henry, the<sup>12</sup> Emperesse sone, þat same Henry þe Emperesse<sup>13</sup> sone went ouer into Normandye; and pere he lete marie Elianore, his douzter, vnto Dolfynes,<sup>14</sup> þat was Kyng of<sup>15</sup> Almaine. And in þe 24 vij zere þat þe Erchebisshop Seynt<sup>16</sup> Thomas hade bene outlaghed<sup>t</sup>, þe Kyng of Fraunce made þe Kyng & <sup>17</sup>þe Erchebisshop<sup>17</sup> accorded<sup>t</sup>; and þo come Thomas þe Erchebisshop, to Kaunterbery azeyne to his owen cherche. And þis accor<sup>t</sup> was made in þe bigynnyng<sup>t</sup> of 28 Aduent<sup>t</sup>, and afterward he was quellede & <sup>3</sup>martirede,<sup>3</sup> þe v day of Cristusmasse<sup>18</sup> þat<sup>9</sup> þo next comme. For Kyng<sup>t</sup> Henry pouzt oppoñ 19 a day of<sup>19</sup> Thomas, Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery, oppoñ Cristesmasse<sup>20</sup> day as he sate<sup>21</sup> at þe<sup>22</sup> mete, and þise wordes saide: þat if 32 he hade eny gode knyzt with him, he hade bene,<sup>23</sup> meny day go,<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> on O.    <sup>2</sup> onely D.    only O.    <sup>3</sup> struck out in O.    <sup>4</sup> to the D.

<sup>5</sup> withoute O.    <sup>6</sup> borne D.    <sup>7</sup> bore O.    <sup>8</sup> Hen sic D.

<sup>9</sup> om. O.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 83, back.    <sup>11</sup> while DO.    <sup>12</sup> MS. the þe.

<sup>13</sup> emperesse; D.    <sup>14</sup> Delfines D.    <sup>15</sup> MS. of of.

<sup>16</sup> om. D.    struck out in O.

<sup>17-17</sup> seynt Thomas D.    O. has seynt Thomas, with seynt struck out.

<sup>18</sup> cristesmasse D.    Cristemasse O.

<sup>19-19</sup> seynt D.    seynt struck out in O.    <sup>20</sup> Cristemasse O.

<sup>21</sup> set D.    <sup>22</sup> his D.    om. O.    <sup>23</sup> be O.

avengede of<sup>1</sup> the Erchebisshop Thomas. ¶ And anone Sir' William [Breton], Sire Hughe Morvile, Sir' William Tracy, & Sir' Reynold Fitz-Vrse, Beressone in Engelisshe,<sup>2</sup> went into<sup>3</sup> þe see, and come into Engeland, to þe cherche of Kaunterbery, & him pere pai<sup>4</sup> matrede, at seynt Benetes auter in þe moder' cherche; And þat was in þe 3ere of þe<sup>4</sup> Incarnacioun of<sup>5</sup> Ihesu<sup>6</sup> crist, M. C. lxxij<sup>7</sup> 3ere.<sup>8</sup> ¶ And anone after, Henry, þe new Kyng, biganne forto make werr' oppon<sup>9</sup> Henry, Kyng,<sup>9</sup> his fader', & eke oppon<sup>10</sup> his breþern.<sup>11</sup> 8 ¶ And so oppon a tyme þe Kyng of Fraunce and al þe Kynges sones, & ek<sup>14</sup> þe Kyng of Scotland & þe gretest lordes of Engeland, were arisen a3eynes Henry þe fader'; & at<sup>12</sup> last, as God wolde, he conquerede<sup>13</sup> his enemys; and þe Kyng of Fraunce & he were<sup>12</sup> accorded. and þo sent Kyng Henr', þe fader' specialy vnto þe Kyng of Fraunce, and praede him hertly, for his loue, þat he wolde sende to him by letre þe names of ham þat bigonne þe werr' oppon him. ¶ And þe Kyng of France<sup>14</sup> sent a3eyn to him<sup>14</sup> by letre þe names<sup>16</sup> of ham þat bigon þe werr': ferst<sup>1</sup> was Iohn his sone, and Richard his broþer,<sup>15</sup> & Henry his sone,<sup>15</sup> þe newe Kyng. ¶ þo was Henry þe Kyng wonder wrop, & cursede þe tyme þat<sup>16</sup> euer' he ham<sup>16</sup> bigate. And<sup>17</sup> while þe werre durede, Henry his sone,<sup>18</sup> þe newe kyng,<sup>20</sup> ¶ deide, sore repentyng his mysdede; and moste sorw made of eny man for cause of Seynt<sup>19</sup> Thomas dep of Kaunterbery; & prayede his fader, wip miche sorwe of hert, mercy of<sup>20</sup> his trespasse; and his fader' for3af it him, & hade of him grete pite; & aft[er], he<sup>24</sup> deide, þe xxxvj 3ere of his regne, and lip at Redyng.

How þe Cristen men loste þe Holy Land in þe forsaid Kyngus tyme, þrouz a<sup>21</sup> false Cristen man þat bicome a<sup>17</sup> Sarasyne. *Capitulo Centesimo xliij*<sup>to, 22</sup> 28

**A**Nd while þat Kyng Henry, þe Emperesse sone, leuede & regnede, þe grete batail was in þe Holy Land bituene þe Cristen men & þe Sarasynus; but þe Cristen men were pere quelled þoru3 grete tresoun of þe Erl of Trype, þat wolde haue hade to wyf<sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> oppon D. vpon O.    <sup>2</sup> Engliſſhe priuely D. Engliſſh pruyly O.  
<sup>3</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>4</sup> om. DO.    <sup>5</sup> of oure lorde D.    <sup>6</sup> Ihesus O.  
<sup>7</sup> lx and xij DO.    <sup>8</sup> om. O.    <sup>9-9</sup> kyng Henry D. kyng Henry O.  
<sup>10</sup> laf 84.    <sup>11</sup> breþern also D. breþerin also O.  
<sup>12</sup> at the D. at þe O.    <sup>13</sup> conquerede alle D. conquered aft O.  
<sup>14-14</sup> sent to him a3eyne D.    <sup>15-15</sup> om. D.    <sup>16-16</sup> he hym euere O.  
<sup>17</sup> om. D.    <sup>18</sup> om. sic D.    <sup>19</sup> struck out in O.    <sup>20</sup> for DO.  
<sup>21</sup> o DO.    <sup>22</sup> MS. has xliij<sup>o</sup>.

pe Quene <sup>1</sup> of Ierusalem, pat somme tyme was Baldewynus wif; but she forsoke him, & toke to her<sup>2</sup> lorde a Knyzt, a worpi man pat me called Sire Gy Perchez. <sup>3</sup>Wherfore pe Erle of Trip<sup>3</sup> was wrop,  
<sup>4</sup> and went anone ryght to Saladyn, pat was Soudan of Babilon, & bicome Saresyn,<sup>4</sup> & his man, & forsoke<sup>5</sup> Cristendome and aH Cristen law; and pe Cristen men wiste<sup>6</sup> nouzt <sup>7</sup>of pis dede,<sup>7</sup> but wende<sup>8</sup> forto haue<sup>9</sup> hade grete helpe of him, as pai were wont to<sup>9</sup> haue  
<sup>8</sup> bifore. And when pai comen<sup>10</sup> to pe batail, pis false Cristen man turnede vnto pe Sarasynes, and forsoke his owen naciounes<sup>11</sup>; & so were pe Cristen men pere quellede wip pe Sarasynus; and jus wer<sup>12</sup> pe Cristen men slayne & put to horrible dep, and pe citee of  
<sup>12</sup> Ierusalem destroyed, & pe holy croice born away. ¶ pe Kyng of Fraunce <sup>12</sup>& al pe grete<sup>12</sup> Lordes of pe land lete ham croice <sup>13</sup>forto go into the Holy Lande; and among ham went Richard, Kyng Henries sone, ferst after the Kyng<sup>1</sup> of France pat tok the crois<sup>13</sup> of  
<sup>16</sup> pe Erchebisshop of Toures; but he toke<sup>14</sup> nouz[t] pe viage at pat tyme, for enchesoun pat he was lette by opere maner<sup>15</sup> waies <sup>15</sup>pat nede<sup>15</sup> moste<sup>16</sup> bene<sup>17</sup> done. ¶ And when Kyng Henry pe<sup>18</sup> fader<sup>1</sup> hade regnede xxxv<sup>ti</sup> zere &<sup>19</sup> v mounpes and iiij dayes, he deide,  
<sup>20</sup> & lip [at] Founteuerarck.

Of Kyng<sup>1</sup> Richard, pat conquerede aH<sup>19</sup> pe Holy Land<sup>1</sup> pat Cristen men hade loste. Capitulo Centesimo Quadragesimo quarto.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>24</sup> **A**Nd after<sup>1</sup> <sup>21</sup>pis Kyng<sup>21</sup> Henry,<sup>22</sup> regned Richard his sone, a stronge man & a worpi, & also bolde; & he was cronede at Wynchestre<sup>23</sup> of pe Erchebisshop Baldewyne, Erchebisshop<sup>24</sup> of Kaunterbery, <sup>25</sup>the prid day of Septembre; and the secunde zar<sup>1</sup> of  
<sup>28</sup> his regne Kyng Richard him-self<sup>1</sup> and Baldewyne the Erchebisshop of Caunterbury,<sup>25</sup> & Huber[t], Bisshop of Salesbery, & Randulf, Erl

<sup>1</sup> leaf 84, back.

<sup>2</sup> here a O.

<sup>3-3</sup> MS. has Wherfore pe Erle of Trip Wherfore pe erl of Trip.

<sup>4</sup> a sarasyn D. <sup>5</sup> forsok his D. <sup>6</sup> wist it D. <sup>7-7</sup> om. D.

<sup>8</sup> went O. <sup>9</sup> om. O. <sup>10</sup> come O. <sup>11</sup> nacion O.

<sup>12-12</sup> MS. has & al pe grete & al pe grete.

<sup>13-13</sup> forto . . crois D. for-to gon in-to þe holy land<sup>1</sup>; & among hem went Richard<sup>1</sup>, kyng Herrys sone, ferst aftir pe kyng of fraunce pat toke þe<sup>1</sup> Cros O. om. R.

<sup>14</sup> nome O. <sup>15-15</sup> and nedes DO. <sup>16</sup> to O. <sup>17</sup> be DO.

<sup>18</sup> his DO. <sup>19</sup> om. D. <sup>20</sup> MS. has quinto.

<sup>21-21</sup> om. D. þis O. <sup>22</sup> Herry kyng O. <sup>23</sup> Westmynstre DO.

<sup>24</sup> MS. has erchebisshop; om. DO.

<sup>25-25</sup> the . . Caunterbury D. þe<sup>1</sup> iiij day of Septembre & þe<sup>1</sup> ij zeer of his regne Kyng Richard hym-self & Baldewyn Erchebisshop of Caunterbury O. om. R.

of Gloucestre, & opere meny lordes of Engeland, went into pe Holy Land. And <sup>1</sup>in pat viage deide pe Erchebisshoþ <sup>2</sup>of Kaunterbery; and Kyng Richard went bifore into pe Holy Lond, & <sup>1</sup>reste<sup>3</sup> nouzt til pat<sup>4</sup> he come forpe in his way vnto<sup>5</sup> Cypres, and toke Cipres 4 wip grete force. & sipen<sup>6</sup> he went fourþ toward pe Holy Land, & gete azeyn as miche as pe Cristen men<sup>7</sup> haden<sup>8</sup> loste bifore, Kyng Richard<sup>9</sup> conquerede & gete hit azeyn,<sup>9</sup> saf onely pe Holy Croice. ¶ And when Kyng Richard come to pe toune<sup>10</sup> of Acres, forto gete 8 <sup>11</sup>pe citee,<sup>11</sup> a grete debate aroos bituene him and pe Kyng of Fraunce, so pat Kyng Richard went azeyne into France, & was wroþ toward<sup>12</sup> pe Kyng of Fraunce; but <sup>13</sup>er<sup>13</sup> pat<sup>13</sup> Kyng Richard went azeyne, he toke pe Citee<sup>14</sup> of Acres. ¶ And when he hade 12 taken <sup>15</sup>pe citee, he duellede perin<sup>15</sup> awhile; but to him come tydynges<sup>16</sup> pat pe Erl Iohn of Oxenford, his broþer, wolde haue seisede al Engeland into his honde, & Normandy also, and wolde crone him Kyng<sup>17</sup> of pe lande. ¶ And when Kyng Richard herde 16 pis tydynges,<sup>17</sup> he went azeyn toward Engeland wip<sup>18</sup> al pe spede pat he myght<sup>18</sup>; but pe Duc of Estriche mette wip<sup>19</sup> him & tok him, & brouzt him to<sup>20</sup> pe Emperoure of Almaign; & pe Emperour brouzt him into<sup>21</sup> his prisouñ. And afterward he was delyuerede 20 for an huge Raunsouñ, <sup>22</sup>pat is, for to paien<sup>22</sup> an .C<sup>M</sup>. ti.<sup>23</sup> ¶ And for whiche ransouñ to bene<sup>24</sup> payede, eche opere chalice of Engeland was molten<sup>25</sup> & made into monye. And alle pe monkes of pe ordre of Cisteaux<sup>26</sup> zeuen alle her<sup>27</sup> bokes prouzt<sup>27</sup> Engeland, to <sup>24</sup>done ham forto selle, and to<sup>28</sup> pat ransouñ forto paye.

**How Kyng Richard come azeyn fro pe Holy Lande, & avengeð him of his enemys. Capitulo Centesimo Quadragesimo quinto.<sup>29</sup>** 28

<sup>30</sup> **W**Hiles pis<sup>19</sup> Kyng Richard was in prisouñ, pe Kyng of Fraunce werrede oppoñ him strongeliche<sup>31</sup> in Normandye, and Iohn his broþer werrede oppoñ him<sup>32</sup> in Engeland; but pe

<sup>1-1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 85.    <sup>3</sup> rested O.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> to [sic] he come to D.    <sup>6</sup> sip D.    <sup>7</sup> people O.    <sup>8</sup> hade D.

<sup>9-9</sup> get it & conquered it prouzt grete strengþ D.    gete it and conquered it azen burgh gret myghte O.

<sup>10</sup> Citee O.    <sup>11-11</sup> it O.    <sup>12</sup> wip D.    <sup>13-13</sup> or DO.    <sup>14</sup> toune D.

<sup>15-15</sup> it he duellede in the Citee D.    it he duellid in pe Cite O.

<sup>16</sup> tydyng DO.    <sup>17</sup> tydyng O.    <sup>18</sup> in D.    <sup>19</sup> om. O.

<sup>20</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>21</sup> to D.    <sup>22-22</sup> forto paye D.    pat is for-to paye O.

<sup>23</sup> pound O.    <sup>24</sup> be DO.    <sup>25</sup> meldede D.    molte O.

<sup>26</sup> Cistenaux D.    <sup>27-27</sup> boker [sic] prouzoute D.    bokes burgh O.

<sup>28</sup> om. DO.    <sup>29</sup> MS. has Sexto.    <sup>30</sup> leaf 85, back.

<sup>31</sup> strongly O.    <sup>32</sup> hym strongly O.

bisshoppis & pe barons of Engeland wipstode<sup>1</sup> ham<sup>2</sup> wip al pe<sup>3</sup> power pat pai hade & myght geten,<sup>4</sup> & helde<sup>5</sup> pe castel of Wyndesore and alle opere castelles. ¶ And pe forsaide Iohn saw pat he hade  
 4 no might ne power<sup>6</sup> azeynes pe barons of Engeland forto feigt; but anone him went ouer<sup>7</sup> pe see to<sup>8</sup> pe Kyng of Fraunce. ¶ And when Kyng Richard come out of prisoū, and was delyuerede, and come into Engeland, anone after Candelmasse, in grete haste he  
 8 went vnto<sup>9</sup> Notyngham, and<sup>10</sup> pe castel of Notyngham to him was zolden; and po disheritede<sup>11</sup> he Iohn, his broper, and alle pat wip him helde; and after, he went vnto pe citee of Wynchestre, and pere he lete him crone Kyng eftesones; and after, he went into  
 12 Normandy forto wer<sup>12</sup> oppon pe Kyng of Fraunce. ¶ And pe Kyng of France come wip vj C. knyghtes toward Gisers; and<sup>13</sup> Kyng Richard mette him, & po wolde haue zeue him bataile, but pe Kyng of Fraunce fledde; & an C. knyghtes of his were take, & ij  
 16 C. stedes were trappede wip yren. ¶ And anone after, went Kyng<sup>14</sup> Richard forto bisege pe castel of Gaillard. ¶ And as he rode oppoū a day by pe castel, forto take avisement of pe castel, an<sup>15</sup> Arweblaster<sup>15</sup> smote him wip a quarel pat was e[n]venymede; and pe Kyng  
 20 drow out pe shafte of pe quarel, but pe quarelle hede abode stille in his heuede,<sup>16</sup> & hit bigan forto<sup>17</sup> rance, pat he might nouzt helpe him-self ne<sup>18</sup> meve his Armes. ¶ And po he wist pat he hade dethe<sup>19</sup> Wounde, pat he might nouzt bene<sup>20</sup> hole for no maner ping.  
 24 He commandede anone<sup>21</sup> alle his men<sup>22</sup> sharply forto<sup>23</sup> assaile pe castel, so pat pe castel was taken<sup>24</sup> or pat<sup>25</sup> he deide. And so manliche<sup>26</sup> his men deden,<sup>27</sup> pat pe peple pat were in pe castel were al taken; and pe Kyng dede wip ham what pat<sup>28</sup> he wolde, & com-  
 28 mandede his men pat pai shulde bryng<sup>29</sup> tofore<sup>30</sup> him pe man pat him so hade<sup>31</sup> hurte & so hade<sup>32</sup> wondede. ¶ And when he come bifore pe Kyng, pe Kyng axed<sup>33</sup> what was his name; & he saide “Sire,  
 32<sup>34</sup> my name is<sup>35</sup> Bertram Gurdoñ.” “Wherfore,” saide pe Kyng, “hast pow me slayn, sip pat y dede pe neuer<sup>36</sup> none harme?” ¶ “Sire,” said<sup>37</sup> he, “pouz ze dede me neuer<sup>38</sup> harme, ze haue done<sup>39</sup> to my frendes miche harme; For zour<sup>40</sup>-self, wip zour owen honde,

<sup>1</sup> withstonden O.    <sup>2</sup> him D.    <sup>3</sup> here D.    <sup>4</sup> gete DO.

<sup>5</sup> geten DO.    <sup>6</sup> vnto O.    <sup>7</sup> into O.    <sup>8</sup> ad sic D.

<sup>9</sup> disherite O.    <sup>10</sup> & pe O.    <sup>11</sup> om. O.    <sup>12</sup> hike O.

<sup>13</sup> heede D.    heed O.    <sup>14</sup> to O.    <sup>15</sup> leaf 86.    <sup>16</sup> dethes D.    dethis O.

<sup>17</sup> be DO.    <sup>18-19</sup> om. DO.    <sup>19</sup> om. D.    al his men for-to O.

<sup>20</sup> take O.    <sup>21</sup> om. D.    <sup>22</sup> manly O.    <sup>23</sup> dede O.

<sup>24</sup> bifore D.    byfor O.    <sup>25</sup> om. DO.    <sup>26-28</sup> om. O.

<sup>27</sup> neuere non O.    <sup>28</sup> do D.

quellede my fader<sup>1</sup> & my broþer; and þerfor now y han<sup>1</sup> 3ow  
 quytte 3oure trauaile." ¶ þo saide Kyng Richard: "He þat deide  
 oppon þe croice to bryng mannus soule<sup>2</sup> fram þe<sup>2</sup> pyne of helle,  
 for3eue 3ow my dep! and y also for3eue hit þe." þo commandede<sup>4</sup>  
 þe Kyng þat no man shulde him misdones<sup>3</sup>; but for al þe kyngus  
 defendyng, ¶ Somme of his men<sup>4</sup> him folwed,<sup>4</sup> & priuely him  
 quellede. And þe vj day after, þe Kyng deide shryuen, and sore  
<sup>5</sup>repentance hauyng<sup>5</sup> of his misledes,<sup>6</sup> & was houselede &<sup>8</sup>  
 annoyntede. And þis kyng ne<sup>7</sup> regned but ix 3ere & xxxix  
 wokes, & <sup>8</sup>deide, & liþ bisides<sup>8</sup> his fader<sup>1</sup> at Founteuerard.

Of Kyng Iohn, þat in þe<sup>9</sup> first 3ere of his regne loste al  
 Normandye. *Capitulo Centesimo xlvj<sup>mo</sup>.*<sup>10</sup> 12

**W**Hen Kyng Richard was dede, for enchesouñ þat<sup>11</sup> he hade  
 none heir, noþere<sup>12</sup> sone ne doughter, his broþer Iohan was  
 made Kyng, an[d] cronede at Westmynstre of Hubert, þat was þo  
 Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery. ¶ And when he biganne forto<sup>16</sup>  
 regne, he bicome so mervailous a<sup>7</sup> man, and went ouer into  
 Normandye, & werrede oppoñ þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> of France. And so longe  
 þai werrede to-gedre, til att þe laste Kyng Iohn loste Normandye &  
 Angoy<sup>13</sup>; wherfor he was sore annoiede, & was none<sup>14</sup> mervaille.<sup>20</sup>  
 ¶ þo lete he assemble byfore him at Londoñ, Erchebisshoppis,  
 bisshoppus, Abbotes & Pryours, Erles & barons, and helde þere a  
 grete Parlement, & axede þere of þe clergie<sup>15</sup> þe tenþe of euery  
 cherche of Engeland, forto<sup>16</sup> conquere & gete a3eyne Normandy &<sup>24</sup>  
 Angoy<sup>17</sup> þat he hade loste. and þai wolde nouzt graunt þat þing;  
 wherfore he was wonder<sup>1</sup> wrop. ¶ And in þe same tyme deide þe  
 Erchebisshop<sup>18</sup> Hubert. And þe Priour & þe Couent of Kaunter-  
 bery chosen, a3eynes þe Kyngus wille, to bene Erchebisshop,<sup>28</sup>  
 Maistre Stephen of Langetoñ, a goode clere þat wonede at þe court  
 of Rome, & sende<sup>19</sup> to þe Pope<sup>20</sup> here ellecciouñ; & þe Pope<sup>20</sup>  
 confermede hit, and sacred hit<sup>21</sup> at Viterbe. ¶ When þe Kyng  
 wiste þis tydyngus,<sup>22</sup> he was wonder<sup>1</sup> wrop, & drof þe Priour & þe<sup>32</sup>  
 couent fro Kanterbery, & exilede ham<sup>23</sup> out of Engeland, &

<sup>1</sup> haue D.      <sup>2-2</sup> oute of D.      <sup>3</sup> mysdo D.      <sup>4-4</sup> folwede him D.

<sup>5-5</sup> repentyng<sup>4</sup> D.      repentaunt hauyng O.      <sup>6</sup> mysdede D.

<sup>7</sup> om. DO.      <sup>8-8</sup> lith beside O.      <sup>9</sup> the D.      þe O.      om. R.

<sup>10</sup> MS. has xlvij<sup>mo</sup>.      <sup>11</sup> leaf 86, back.      <sup>12</sup> neyþer D.      neþer O.

<sup>13</sup> Angon DO.      <sup>14</sup> no DO.      <sup>15</sup> MS. cheryge; Clergie of Engeland O.

<sup>16</sup> forto DO.      for R.      <sup>17</sup> Angoñ DO.      <sup>18</sup> bisshop D.      bysshop O.

<sup>19</sup> sent DO.      <sup>20</sup> struck out in O.      <sup>21</sup> hym O.      <sup>22</sup> tydyng O.

<sup>23</sup> hym O.



commandede<sup>1</sup> pat no maner<sup>2</sup> lettre pat come fro þe court of Rome, ne no<sup>3</sup> comandement,<sup>3</sup> shulde be<sup>4</sup> vnderfong<sup>1</sup> ne pledede<sup>5</sup> in Engeland. ¶ When pise tydyngus<sup>6</sup> come to þe Pope,<sup>7</sup> he sent 4 vnto Kyng Iohn by his lettre, & prayede him wip gode wille & gode hert pat he wolde vnderfonge Stephen,<sup>8</sup> Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery, vnto His cherche, & soffre þe Priour & his monkes to<sup>9</sup> come azeyn to<sup>10</sup> her<sup>1</sup> owen duellyng<sup>1</sup>; but þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> wolde nouzt 8 grant hit for nopng.<sup>11</sup>

**How Kyng Iohan wolde<sup>12</sup> nouzt do<sup>12</sup> for<sup>9</sup> þe Popes<sup>13</sup> comandement; wherefore al Engeland was enterdite<sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> & suspended.<sup>15</sup> Capitulo Centesimo xlvij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>16</sup>**

12 **A** Nd at þe<sup>17</sup> laste, þe Pope<sup>7</sup> sent by his autorite, and ennioynede to<sup>18</sup> bisshoppis of Engeland<sup>1</sup> pat, if þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> wolde nouzt vnderfonge þe Prioure of Kaunterbery and his monkes, pat pai shulde do<sup>19</sup> general enterdityng<sup>1</sup> prou3-oute al Engeland<sup>1</sup>; & grantede 16 ful power<sup>1</sup> to iiij bisshopis to pronounce þe enterdityng, if<sup>20</sup> it were nede: ¶ þe ferst was Bisshop William of Londoñ, & pat oper Eustace, Bisshop of Ely; þe þridde<sup>21</sup> was Walter, þe Bisshop of Wynchestre; And þe ferþ<sup>22</sup> was Giles, þe Bisshop of Herford.<sup>23</sup> 20 ¶ And pise iiij bisshoppis praiede þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, knelyng on here knees & sore wepyng<sup>1</sup>, pat he wolde do<sup>24</sup> þe Popis<sup>25</sup> comandement<sup>1</sup>, and shewede him þe bullis of the<sup>9</sup> enterdityng<sup>1</sup>; but, for no prayer<sup>1</sup> pat pai myght praye, he wolde nouzt consent þerto. And when þe 24 bisshopes saw pis, pai went fro<sup>26</sup> þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>; ¶ And in<sup>17</sup> þe morwe<sup>27</sup> after<sup>1</sup> þe Annunsiacion of oure Lady, pai pronouncede þe general enterdytyng<sup>1</sup> prou3-oute al Engeland<sup>1</sup>, so pat þe cherchedores were shitte<sup>28</sup> wip Keyes & wip<sup>29</sup> oper fastnyng<sup>1</sup>, and wip<sup>29</sup> wallys. ¶ And 28 when þe enterdytyng was pronouncede, þan þe Kyng bigan forto<sup>30</sup> wax al out of mesure, and toke<sup>31</sup> into his honde<sup>32</sup> alle þe possessions of þe<sup>33</sup> iiij bisshopis, and of al þe clergye prou3-out<sup>34</sup> al þe lande,

<sup>1</sup> commandede D. Comaunded<sup>1</sup> O. commande R. <sup>2</sup> none D.

<sup>3</sup> mandement D. maundement O. <sup>4</sup> þai D. <sup>5</sup> plede D.

<sup>6</sup> tydyng<sup>1</sup> D. <sup>7</sup> struck out in O. <sup>8</sup> leaf 87. <sup>9</sup> om. D.

<sup>10</sup> vnto D. <sup>11</sup> nomaner þing<sup>1</sup> D. <sup>12-12</sup> no-þing done O.

<sup>13</sup> MS. has Pope struck out; it is also struck out in O.

<sup>14</sup> enterditede D. entirdited O. <sup>15-15</sup> om. O.

<sup>16</sup> MS. has xlvij<sup>o</sup>; D has xxxvij<sup>o</sup>. <sup>17</sup> om. O.

<sup>18</sup> to þe O. <sup>19</sup> don O. <sup>20</sup> if þat D. <sup>21</sup> þirde O. <sup>22</sup> iiij O.

<sup>23</sup> Hereford<sup>1</sup> O. <sup>24</sup> don) O.

<sup>25</sup> Popes struck out, and bysshoppes inserted by another hand in O.

<sup>26</sup> from O. <sup>27</sup> morne DO. <sup>28</sup> shitte in D. <sup>29-29</sup> om. D.

<sup>30</sup> to O. <sup>31</sup> nome O. <sup>32</sup> hondes D. <sup>33</sup> the D. þe O.

<sup>34</sup> þrouz D. þurgh O.

and ordeynede men forto kepe <sup>1</sup>ham, pat<sup>1</sup> þe clerkes might nouzt haue here leuyng. Wherfore þe biss[hopis curs]ede <sup>2</sup>ham aH þat put, or shulde medle<sup>2</sup> wij, holy cherche<sup>3</sup> godes, azeins <sup>4</sup>the Wille of ham þat ham<sup>5</sup> owede. 4

¶ And Whe[n] þe Kyng Wolde nouzt cesse of his malice for no maner þing, þe <sup>6</sup>iiij bisshoppis aboue-saide<sup>7</sup> went ouer þe see, and went to þe Erchebisshoþ<sup>8</sup> of Kaunterbery, and tolde him al þe tidyngus.<sup>9</sup> ¶ And þe Erchebisshop to ham saide, pat þai shulde <sup>8</sup>go<sup>10</sup> azeyn to Kanterbery, and he wolde come pider<sup>9</sup> to ham, or elles he wolde sende pider<sup>9</sup> certeyn persones in his stede, pat shulde done<sup>11</sup> as miche as him-self were þere. ¶ And when þe bisshopis herde þis, þai turnede azeyne vnto<sup>12</sup> Engeland, & come<sup>13</sup> vnto K[a]un- 12 terbery. <sup>14</sup>¶ the tydynges comen to the kyng<sup>14</sup> þat þe bisshoppes wer<sup>1</sup> come azeyne to Kanterbery,<sup>14</sup> and [as] him-self might nouzt come pider<sup>9</sup> pat tyme, he sent pider<sup>15</sup> bisshopes, Erles, Abbotes, forto trete wij ham, þat þe Kyng shulde vnderfonge þe Erchebisshop 16 Stephen, & þe priour<sup>9</sup> and alle<sup>16</sup> þe monkes of Kaunterbery, and þat he shulde neuer<sup>9</sup> after<sup>9</sup> þat tyme noþing take of Holy Cherche azeynes þe wille of ham þat owede<sup>17</sup> þe godes; and þat þe Kyng shulde make ful amendes to ham of whame he hade eny godes 20 taken, & þat holy cherche shulde haue alle here Fraunchises as ferforþ<sup>18</sup> as she hade in Seynt Edwardus tyme þe Confessoure.

**How Stephen of Langetone comme into Engeland þrouz þe Popis<sup>19</sup> commandement, & the[n]<sup>20</sup> went azeyn. Capitulo 24 Centesimo xlvij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>21</sup>**

**W**Hen þe fourme of accorde þus was ordeynede,<sup>22</sup> hit was in a peire of endentures; & þai put her<sup>9</sup> selx<sup>23</sup> to þat <sup>24</sup>o party,<sup>24</sup> and þai þat comen<sup>25</sup> in þe Kyngus name put her<sup>9</sup> selx<sup>26</sup> to þat opere 28 parte<sup>16</sup> of þe endentures. And þe iiij bisshoppus aboue-saide toke

<sup>1-1</sup> it for D. it þat O.

<sup>2-2</sup> al men þat ham medlede D. al hem þat put or schuld medle O.

<sup>3</sup> Cherche O. <sup>4</sup> leaf 87, back. <sup>5</sup> it D. <sup>6</sup> þo D.

<sup>7</sup> aforesaide D. <sup>8</sup> Bisshope O. <sup>9</sup> doying<sup>1</sup> D. doynge O.

<sup>10</sup> goñ D. <sup>11</sup> do D. <sup>12</sup> to O. <sup>13</sup> comen O.

<sup>14-14</sup> the . . Kanterbery D. The tydynges come to þe kyng þat þe Bisshopes were come azen to Cauntirbury O. om. R.

<sup>15</sup> pide sic D. <sup>16</sup> om. O. <sup>17</sup> owen D. owe O.

<sup>18</sup> alseferforth D. as ferforþ O. afferforþ R.

<sup>19</sup> MS. has Popis struck out; struck out also in O. <sup>20</sup> he D. om. O.

<sup>21</sup> MS. has xlix<sup>o</sup>; D has xxxvij<sup>o</sup>; O has lxxvij<sup>o</sup>.

<sup>22</sup> ordenede D. ordeyned<sup>1</sup> O. ordeyne R. <sup>23</sup> sealles D. seeles O.

<sup>24-24</sup> one parte D. <sup>25</sup> come D. <sup>26</sup> seeles O.

pat o<sup>1</sup> parte<sup>2</sup> of þe endentures<sup>3</sup> wip ham; And þe oper parte of þe endenture pai<sup>3</sup> bare wip ham forto shew þe Kyng. ¶ When þe Kyng saw<sup>4</sup> þe fourme, and hit<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>vnderstode, he helde him ful wel 4 paiede<sup>6</sup> of al maner þing pat<sup>7</sup> pai hade ordeynede, saf as tochyng þe restitucioñ of þe godes<sup>8</sup> forto make<sup>8</sup> azeyne; to pat þing<sup>8</sup> he wolde<sup>9</sup> nouzt accorde; and so he sent worde azeyne to þe<sup>10</sup> forsaide iiij bisshoppis,<sup>10</sup> pat pai shulde done<sup>11</sup> out and put away pat o pynt 8 of restitucioñ; and pai ansuerede pat pai nolde<sup>12</sup> nouzt done<sup>4</sup> <sup>13</sup>out a word.<sup>13</sup> ¶ þo sent þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> to þe Erchebisshop by þo iiij bisshopes, pat he shulde come to Kaunterbery forto speke wip him pere, and sent vnto him saf condit, vnder' plegges, pat is to seyn, 12 his Iusticez, Gilbert Peyteuyn, William de la Breuer', & Iohn le fi[t]z Hugh, pat in here condit safly he shulde come, & goñ azeyn at his wille; & in þis maner' þe Erchebisshop Stephen come vnto Kaunterbery. ¶ And when the Erchebisshop was [come],<sup>14</sup> þe 16 Kyng<sup>1</sup> come to Chilham, for he wolde come no nyer'<sup>15</sup> Kaunterbery at pat tyme; but he sent by his tresorer', þe<sup>16</sup> bisshope of Wynchestre, pat he shulde done<sup>17</sup> out of þe endentures þe clause of restitucioñ forto make of þe godes. ¶ And þe Erchebisshop made his oth þer, 20 pat<sup>18</sup> he wolde neuer' do<sup>19</sup> oute a<sup>20</sup> worde þerof, ne chaunge of pat þe bisshopes<sup>21</sup> hade spoken<sup>22</sup> & ordeynede. & so þe Erchebisshope went azeyn to Rome, wip-outen<sup>23</sup> eny more doying'. ¶ Kyng<sup>1</sup> [Iohn] was þo<sup>24</sup> miche wroper'<sup>25</sup> þan euer he was bifore, and lete make a 24 comen<sup>26</sup> crie prou3-out al Engeland, pat al þo pat haden<sup>27</sup> holy cherche rentes, and wenten<sup>28</sup> ouer þe see, pat pai shulde come azeyn into Engeland at a certeyn day, and ellez pai shulde lese her' rentes<sup>29</sup> for euermore; and pat he commandedede to<sup>4</sup> euery shirryf prou3out 28 Engeland, pat pai shulde enquer' if eny bisshop, Abbot,<sup>30</sup> Pryoure, or eny oper prelate of Holy cherche, <sup>31</sup>fro pat day afterward' resceyuede eny mandement pat come fro þe Pope,<sup>32</sup> pat pai shulde tak þe body, & brynge hit bifore him; & pat pai shulde take into 32 þe Kynges hande al her' londes<sup>33</sup> of holy cherche<sup>34</sup> pat were zeuen

<sup>1</sup> one D.<sup>2</sup> partye O.<sup>3-3</sup> and D. with hem & þat opere partye of þe endentures þey O.<sup>4</sup> om. O. <sup>6</sup> leaf 88. <sup>6</sup> apayed D. <sup>7</sup> as DO. <sup>8-8</sup> om. D.<sup>9</sup> nolde O. <sup>10-10</sup> iiij bysshopes aforseid' O. <sup>11</sup> do D. <sup>12</sup> wolde D.<sup>13-13</sup> out o word' D. <sup>10</sup> word' O. a word R. <sup>14</sup> comen D.<sup>15</sup> neire D. <sup>16</sup> om. D. <sup>17</sup> do D. <sup>18</sup> that D. <sup>19</sup> pat O. at R.<sup>19</sup> don O. <sup>20</sup> o O. <sup>21</sup> Archebisshop D. <sup>22</sup> spoke O.<sup>23</sup> withoute DO. <sup>24</sup> om. D. so O. <sup>25</sup> wroper þo D.<sup>26</sup> comune O. <sup>27</sup> hade D. had O. <sup>28</sup> went DO. <sup>29</sup> Rente O.<sup>30</sup> Abbot or D. <sup>31</sup> leaf 88, back. <sup>32</sup> struck out in O.<sup>33</sup> godez D. <sup>34</sup> che sic D.

to<sup>1</sup> eny man prouȝ þe Erchebisshop Stephen or by þe Pryour<sup>r</sup> of Kaunterbery, fram þe tyme of þe elecciouñ of þe erchebisshope; ¶ And commandede þat alle þe wodes þat were þe erchebisshopus shulde<sup>2</sup> bene<sup>3</sup> cast adouñ to<sup>1</sup> þe grounde, and aH solde. 4

**How Kyng Iohñ destroyed þe ordre of Cisteaux. Capitulo Centesimo xlix<sup>o</sup>.<sup>4</sup>**

**A**Nd in þe same tyme þe Irisshe-men bigoñ to<sup>5</sup> werr<sup>r</sup> oppoñ Kyng Iohñ; and Kyng Iohñ ordeynede him forto<sup>6</sup> wende<sup>8</sup> into Yrland<sup>l</sup>, and lete arere an huge tax<sup>7</sup> prouȝ-out al Engeland,<sup>7</sup> þat is to seyn, xxxv M<sup>t</sup> marȝ<sup>8</sup>; & sent prouȝ-out<sup>9</sup> al Engeland to þe monkes of þe ordre of Cisteaux, þat þai shulde helpe him of vj M<sup>t</sup> marc of Siluer<sup>r</sup>; and þai ansuerede<sup>10</sup> & saide<sup>10</sup> þat þai derst<sup>12</sup> noping done wipouten<sup>11</sup> her<sup>r</sup> chief Abbot of Cisteaux. Wherefore Kyng Iohñ, when he come<sup>12</sup> aȝeyne<sup>13</sup> fram Irland<sup>l</sup>,<sup>13</sup> he dede ham so miche sorwe & care, þat þai nist wher<sup>r</sup> forto abide; for he toke so miche ransouñ of euery hous of ham,<sup>14</sup> þe somme amountede ix M<sup>t</sup> 16 & iij C marȝ,<sup>15</sup> so þat þai were clene loste<sup>16</sup> and destroyede, & voidede her<sup>r</sup> hous & her<sup>r</sup> landes prouȝ-out al Engeland. ¶ And the Abbot of Wauersey<sup>17</sup> drade so miche his manace, þat he forsoke al his<sup>18</sup> Abbay, & went pens, and pryuely<sup>19</sup> ordeynede him ouer<sup>r</sup> þe 20 see<sup>20</sup> to þe hous of Cisteaux. ¶ When þe tydynges<sup>21</sup> come to þe Pope,<sup>22</sup> þat þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> had done so miche malice, þo was he toward þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> ful wroȝ, and sent ij legates to<sup>1</sup> þe Kyng<sup>r</sup>,—þat on me callede Pandolf, & þat opere Duraunt,—þat þai<sup>23</sup> shulde warne þe 24 Kyng<sup>r</sup>, in þe Popis<sup>22</sup> name, þat he shulde cesse of<sup>r</sup> his persecuciõ þat he dede vnto holy cherche, & amende þe<sup>24</sup> wrong<sup>r</sup> and trespasse<sup>24</sup> þat he hade done to þe Erchebisshope of Kanterbery, &<sup>25</sup> vnto þe<sup>25</sup> monkes of Kaunterbery, & to al þe cleryge of Engeland, and þat 28 he shulde restore þe godes aȝeyn þat he hade taken<sup>26</sup> of ham aȝeyns her<sup>r</sup> wille, & elles<sup>27</sup> þai shulde curse the<sup>28</sup> Kyng<sup>r</sup> by name; and to done<sup>29</sup> þis þing<sup>r</sup>,<sup>30</sup> & to conferme,<sup>30</sup> þe Pope<sup>22</sup> toke ham his lettres in

<sup>1</sup> vnto O.    <sup>2</sup> shul O.    <sup>3</sup> be DO.    <sup>4</sup> MS. has lmo.    <sup>5</sup> forto DO.

<sup>6</sup> foro sic D.    <sup>7-7</sup> om. O.    <sup>8</sup> Mark<sup>r</sup> O.    <sup>9</sup> prouȝ D.    þurgh O.

<sup>10-10</sup> om. D.    <sup>11</sup> with-out DO.    <sup>12</sup> come home O.

<sup>13-13</sup> into Engeland<sup>l</sup> D. fro Irland<sup>l</sup> O.    <sup>14</sup> ham þat D. hem þat O.

<sup>15</sup> Mark O.    <sup>16</sup> ylost O.    <sup>17</sup> Waruersey O.    <sup>18</sup> þe O.    <sup>19</sup> om. D.

<sup>20</sup> see pryuely D.    <sup>21</sup> tydyng D. tydyng O.    <sup>22</sup> struck out in O.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 89.    <sup>24-24</sup> trespas and wrong D. wrong and þe trespasce O.

<sup>25-25</sup> into the Priour<sup>r</sup> and D. to þe Priour & to þe O.

<sup>26</sup> take O.    <sup>27</sup> et<sup>r</sup> O.    <sup>28</sup> the D. þe O. om. R.    <sup>29</sup> do D.

<sup>30-30</sup> om. D.

bulles patent. ¶ Ise ij legates comen<sup>1</sup> into Engeland, and comen to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> to Northampton, þere þat he holde his parlement; & ful curteisely pai<sup>2</sup> him salued<sup>3</sup>, and saide: “Sire, we bepe<sup>4</sup> comen  
4 fro<sup>5</sup> þe Pope<sup>6</sup> of Rome, þe pees of holy cherche &<sup>7</sup> þe lande forto amend<sup>t</sup>; and we monest 3ow ferste in þe Popis half, þat 3e make ful restitucioun of þe godes þat 3e haue rauisskede of holy cherche & of þe land<sup>t</sup>, & þat 3e vnderfonge Stephen,<sup>8</sup> Erchebisshop of  
8 Kanterbery, into his dignite, and þe Priour<sup>t</sup> of Kaunterbery & his monkes, & þat 3e zelde a3eyn to<sup>9</sup> þe Erchebisshope alle his landes & rentes, wiþout eny wipholdyng. ¶ And Sire,<sup>10</sup> more-ouer, þat 3e<sup>11</sup> soche restitucioun ham<sup>12</sup> make, as holy cherche shal holde her<sup>t</sup>  
12 paiede.”

¶ Iþo ansuerede þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>; “as tochyng<sup>t</sup> þe Priour & his monkes of Kaunterbery, al þat 3e haue saide, y<sup>13</sup> wille gladelyche<sup>13</sup> do, & al ping<sup>t</sup> þat 3e wille ordeyne. ¶ But as tochyng<sup>t</sup> þe  
16 Erchebisshop, y shal telle 3ow in<sup>12</sup> myn hert as it liþ, þat þe Erchebisshop lete his bisshopriche, & þat þe Pope<sup>6</sup> 14 þan for him<sup>14</sup> wolde praye, & þan oppoñ aventure me shulde like some opere bisshopriche<sup>15</sup> forto 3eue him<sup>15</sup> in Engeland<sup>t</sup>; and oppoñ<sup>16</sup> þis  
20 condicioun y wil<sup>17</sup> him reseceyue and vnderfonge. ¶ And nopeles in Engeland, as Erchebisshop yf<sup>18</sup> he abide, he shal neuer<sup>t</sup> haue so gode saf condit þat<sup>19</sup> he ne shal ben<sup>4</sup> tak.” ¶ Iþo saide Pandolf vnto þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>: “holy cherche was neuer<sup>t</sup> wont to disgrade<sup>20</sup>  
24 Erchebisshop wiþouten<sup>21</sup> cause resonable; but euer she was wont to chastice Pry[n]ces þat to God<sup>t</sup> & holy cherche were in-obedient.” ¶ “What! how now?” *quod* þe Kyng, “manace 3e me?” ¶ “Nay,” saide Pandolf, “but 3e<sup>22</sup> now openly haue tolde as it stondeþ<sup>22</sup> in  
28 3our hert; & to 3ow we wil tel what is þe Popis<sup>6</sup> wille; & þus it stant: þat he hap 3ow holiche<sup>23</sup> enterditede & accursedede for þe wronges þat 3e haue done to holy cherche & to þe clergie. & for-as-miche as 3e duellip & beþ in wil to abide in 3our<sup>t</sup> malice, and  
32 wil nou3t come to none emendement,<sup>24</sup> 3e shal vnderstondeþ þat fro þis tyme afterward þe centence is oppoñ 3ow 3euen, & halde<sup>25</sup> stede

<sup>1</sup> come DO.    <sup>2</sup> om. D.    <sup>3</sup> saleded hym O.    <sup>4</sup> be O.  
<sup>5</sup> fram D.    <sup>6</sup> struck out in O.    <sup>7</sup> & of DO.    <sup>8</sup> Stephen the D.  
<sup>9</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>10</sup> Sir zitte D.    sir zit O.    <sup>11</sup> 3e hem O.    <sup>12</sup> om. O.  
<sup>13-13</sup> wolde gladely D.    wold gladly O.    <sup>14-14</sup> for him þan D.  
<sup>15-15</sup> him forto 3eue D.    <sup>16</sup> MS. oppoñ oppoñ.    <sup>17</sup> wolde DO.  
<sup>18</sup> leaf 89, back.    <sup>19</sup> MS. þak.    <sup>20</sup> descharg D.    <sup>21</sup> withoute O.  
<sup>22-22</sup> haue tolde openly how it stondes D.    haue now openlich haue told  
as it standith O.  
<sup>23</sup> holy DO.    <sup>24</sup> amendement O.    <sup>25</sup> holdeþ D.    halt O.

& strengþ; and all<sup>1</sup> þo pat wip 3ow hap<sup>2</sup> communede or<sup>3</sup> þis tyme, Wheþer pat þai bep<sup>4</sup> Erles or<sup>5</sup> barons,<sup>6</sup> knyghtes or eny oper, what-so-<sup>7</sup>euer pat<sup>7</sup> þai bene, we ham assoile safly vnto þis day. And fro þis tyme afterwarð, of what condicioñ so-euer<sup>8</sup> he<sup>9</sup> be, we 4 ham acurse þat wip 3ow communen, and<sup>10</sup> do we sentence oppoñ hañ openly & specialy. ¶ And we assoile quyte<sup>11</sup> Erles &<sup>12</sup> baroñs, knyztz, & al oper maner<sup>1</sup> men, of her<sup>1</sup> homages, seruices & feautez, pat þai shulde vnto 3ow done. ¶ And þis þing to conferme, We 8 3eue<sup>13</sup> pleyn power<sup>1</sup> to þe Bisshop of Wynchestre & to þe Bisshop of Norwich; ¶ And þe same power we<sup>14</sup> 3eue into<sup>14</sup> Scotland to þe Bisshop<sup>15</sup> of Rouchestre & of Salesbery; & in Walys we 3eue<sup>16</sup> þe same power<sup>1</sup> to þe Bisshop<sup>17</sup> of seynt David,<sup>18</sup> of Landa & of<sup>19</sup> 12 Assa. ¶ And more-ouer we sende<sup>20</sup> prouz al Cristendome, þat al þe bisshopis biþend þe see, þat þai<sup>21</sup> <sup>22</sup>acurse alle þo pat helpeþ 3ow, or in<sup>12</sup> eny conseile 3eue<sup>23</sup> in eny maner nede þat 3e haue forto done in eny party of the world; and <sup>24</sup>we assaile<sup>24</sup> al ham þat a3eynes 3ow 16 meueþ<sup>25</sup> eny maner<sup>1</sup> werre. ¶ And we assoile ham al also, by þe autorite of þe Pope,<sup>26</sup> & commanden<sup>27</sup> ham<sup>28</sup> also wip 3ow forto werr<sup>1</sup>, as wip him þat is enemy to<sup>29</sup> al holy cherche.” ¶ þo ansuered<sup>1</sup> þe Kyng, “what mow 3e done<sup>30</sup> more?” ¶ þo saide<sup>31</sup> 20 Pandolf: “we seyn<sup>32</sup> to 3ow ‘in verbo Dei,’ þat 3e, ne none heir<sup>1</sup> þat 3e haue, neuer after<sup>1</sup> þis day may be cronede.” ¶ Tho saide þe Kyng: “by Him þat is Almyghty God, & y hade wist of þis þing<sup>1</sup> er<sup>1</sup> þat 3e come into my land, þat 3e me<sup>12</sup> hade brouzt<sup>33</sup> soche 24 tidynges,<sup>34</sup> y shulde haue made 3ow ride<sup>35</sup> al an hool 3ere.” ¶ þo ansuerede Pandolf: “ful wel wende we, at oure ferst comyng<sup>1</sup>, þat 3e wolde haue ben obedient to God and to<sup>5</sup> holy cherche, & haue fulfillede þe Popys<sup>26</sup> commandement; and nowe we haue shewede 28 & pronuncede vnto<sup>36</sup> 3ow þe Popis<sup>26</sup> wille, as we were chargede per wip. ¶ And as now 3e haue saide þat, if 3e hade wist þe cause of oure comyng, þat 3e wolde haue made vs ryde al an hool 3ere,

<sup>1</sup> oppoñ alle D. vpon aH O. allo R.      <sup>2</sup> hauen D. haue O.  
<sup>3</sup> bifore D. before O.      <sup>4</sup> be D. ben O.      <sup>5</sup> om. D.      <sup>6</sup> Baroñs or O.  
<sup>7-7</sup> om. D.      <sup>8</sup> þat enere D. euer þat O.      <sup>9</sup> þei O.  
<sup>10</sup> and so DO.      <sup>11</sup> quyte D. quyte O.      <sup>12</sup> om. DO.      <sup>13</sup> 3euen O.  
<sup>14-14</sup> 3eueþ in O.      <sup>15</sup> bysshops O.      <sup>16</sup> 3euen D. yeueñ O.  
<sup>17</sup> bisshoppis D. bysshopes O.      <sup>18</sup> David and DO.  
<sup>19</sup> of seynt DO.      <sup>20</sup> sendeþ D. sendith O.  
<sup>21</sup> þai do D. þey don O.      <sup>22</sup> leaf 90.      <sup>23</sup> 3eueþ D.  
<sup>24-24</sup> assoile D. þat assoyle O. assoile R.      <sup>25</sup> meue O.  
<sup>26</sup> struck out in O.      <sup>27</sup> commande D.      <sup>28</sup> om. O.      <sup>29</sup> vnto O.  
<sup>30</sup> do me D. don me O.      <sup>31</sup> answered O.      <sup>32</sup> saie D.  
<sup>33</sup> broght me O.      <sup>34</sup> Tydyng O.      <sup>35</sup> riden O.      <sup>36</sup> to D.

and as wel þe myght haue saide þat þe wolde haue take<sup>1</sup> an hool  
 3ere of respite by þe Popys<sup>2</sup> leue. ¶ But forto suffre what deþ  
 þat<sup>3</sup> þe coupe ordeyne, we shulle nouzt spare forto tel 3ow holliche  
 4 al þe Popis<sup>2</sup> message, & his wille þat we<sup>4</sup> wer<sup>4</sup> chargede with.”

How Pandulf<sup>1</sup> delyuerede a clerç þat hade falsede<sup>5</sup> & contre-  
 fetede þe Kyngus monye<sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>bifore þe<sup>6</sup> Kyng<sup>7</sup>. *Capitulo*  
*Centesimo 1<sup>o</sup>.*<sup>8</sup>

8 **A** Non þo commandede þe Kyng to<sup>3</sup> the Shirrif<sup>9</sup> & bailifs<sup>10</sup> of  
 Northampton þat<sup>11</sup> were in þe Kynges presence, þat<sup>11</sup> þai  
 shulde bryng<sup>1</sup> forth alle<sup>12</sup> þe prisoners, þat<sup>13</sup> þai myzt bene<sup>14</sup> done  
 to deþe bifore Pandulf, for encheson þe Kyng wende þat þai  
 12 wolde haue gaynesaide here dedes for cause of deþ, al þing þat  
 þai<sup>15</sup> hade spoken bifore.<sup>16</sup> ¶ When þe prysoners were comen<sup>17</sup>  
 bifore þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> commanded<sup>18</sup> somme to bene honget, &  
 some to bene<sup>19</sup> drawe, & somme to draw out her<sup>1</sup> eyen of her<sup>1</sup>  
 16 heued.<sup>20</sup> and amonge alle oper, þere was a clerç þat hade falsede  
 þe Kynges monye; & þe Kyng commaundede þat he shuld<sup>1</sup>  
 bene<sup>21</sup> honged & drawe. ¶ And when Pandulf herd þis com-  
 mandement of þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, he stert<sup>22</sup> op smertly, and anone axed  
 20 a book<sup>1</sup> & candel, <sup>23</sup>and wolde haue<sup>23</sup> cursed alle ham þat sette  
 oppoñ þe clere eny honde. ¶ And Pandulf him-self went forto  
 seche a croice; and þe Kyng folwede him, and delyuerede him þe  
 clerç by þe honde, þat he shulde do<sup>24</sup> wip him what-euer<sup>1</sup> þat he  
 24 wolde. And þus was the clerç delyuerede, and went pens; and  
 Pandulf & Duraunt<sup>25</sup> went þo fro<sup>26</sup> Kyng Iohñ, & come a3eyne to  
 þe Pope<sup>27</sup> of Rome, and tolde him þat Kyng Iohñ wolde nouzt  
 amendede ben, but euer<sup>1</sup> abide so acursede. ¶ And nopeles þe Pope  
 28 graunted<sup>1</sup> þat 3er<sup>1</sup> prou3-out Engeland<sup>1</sup>, þat men might synge masse<sup>28</sup>  
 in couenable cherches, & make Godes body, and 3if it to sik<sup>1</sup> men  
 þat<sup>29</sup> shulde passe<sup>29</sup> out of þe<sup>30</sup> worlde, & also þat men might cristen

<sup>1</sup> tok D.    <sup>2</sup> struck out in O.    <sup>3</sup> om. DO.    <sup>4</sup> he D.

<sup>5-5</sup> the kynges mony and counterfetede it D. & counterfete þe kynges money O.

<sup>6-6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup> himself D. om. O.    <sup>8</sup> MS. has ljo.

<sup>9</sup> Shereves O.    <sup>10</sup> baliez D.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. D.    <sup>12</sup> leaf 90, back.

<sup>13</sup> þat wer<sup>1</sup> in the kynges prisoñ þat D.    <sup>14</sup> be DO.

<sup>15</sup> he O.    <sup>16</sup> afore DO.    <sup>17</sup> Come O.

<sup>18</sup> MS. has to bene commamanded<sup>1</sup>, with to bene *underlined for omission*.

<sup>19</sup> be O.    <sup>20</sup> heed O.    <sup>21</sup> be DO.    <sup>22</sup> sterte him D.

<sup>23-23</sup> MS. has and wolde haue & wolde haue.    <sup>24</sup> done O.

<sup>25</sup> Durant his felaw D.    Duraunt his felawe O.    <sup>26</sup> fro þe O.

<sup>27</sup> struck out here and everywhere in O.    <sup>28</sup> masse D.

<sup>29-29</sup> passe shulde D.    passe schuld<sup>1</sup> O.    <sup>30</sup> þis O.

childern oueral. ¶ And when þe Pope wist & sawe þat þe Kyng wolde nouzt bene<sup>1</sup> vnder þe rewele of holy cherche for no maner ping, þe Pope<sup>2</sup> þo sent<sup>2</sup> to þe Kyng of France, in remissioun of his synnes, þat he shulde take wiþ him al þe power þat he myght, & wende into Engeland forto destroye Kyng Iohan.

[*King John gives in to the Pope.*]

When pis tydyngus<sup>3</sup> come to Kyng<sup>4</sup> Iohn, þo Was he sore annoyede, & sore drade Laste þat he shulde lese his reaume, and 8 him-self<sup>5</sup> be done vnto þe<sup>5</sup> dep. ¶ þo sent he to þe Pope messagers,<sup>6</sup> & saide þat he wolde bene<sup>7</sup> iustifiede, & come to amendent<sup>8</sup> in al maner pinges, atte his owen wille. þe messagers comen<sup>8</sup> to þe Pope, & tolde him<sup>9</sup> þe Kyngus wille, & saide þat he wolde 12 come to emendement in al maner<sup>10</sup> pinges, & wolde make satisfaccioñ to al maner<sup>10</sup> men after þe Popys ordenaunce. ¶ þo sent þe Pope azeine into Engeland, Pandolf and opere messagers, & comen to Kaunterbery þere þe Kyng abode. and þe xiiij day of 16 May, þe Kyng made<sup>11</sup> an hoth forto stande to þe Popes ordenaunce, bifore Pandolf þe legat, in al maner pingus for þe whiche he was accursede; & þat he shulde make ful restitucioñ to alle þe<sup>10</sup> men of holy cherche and of religioun, of þe gode<sup>12</sup> þat he hade take of ham 20 azeyn<sup>3</sup> heir<sup>3</sup> wille. And alle þe grete lordes of Engeland suore oppoñ a<sup>13</sup> book & by þe holy dome, þat if þe Kyng wolde nouzt holde his oth, þai saide þat<sup>14</sup> þai wolde make him<sup>15</sup> holde hit bi strengþ. ¶ And<sup>10</sup> þo put þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> him to þe courte of Rome & to 24 þe Pope, and þo 3af vp þe reaume of Engeland & of Irland, for him & for his heires for euermore þat shuld come after him, so þat Kyng Iohan & his heires shulde tak þo ij reames of þe 16 Popis Hand, & shulde holde þo ij reames of the Pope<sup>16</sup> as to ferme, pay- 28 ing euery 3er to þe court of Rome a pousand marc of siluer. And þo toke<sup>17</sup> þe Kyng þe crone of his Heued, and sette him<sup>18</sup> on his knees, and þise wordes<sup>19</sup> saide in heryng<sup>20</sup> of alle þe<sup>21</sup> grete<sup>22</sup> lordes of Engeland: “Here y resyngn) op þe crone of<sup>23</sup> þe reaume 32 of Engeland into þe Popis Hande, Innocent þe pridde, and put 24 me Holliche<sup>25</sup> in his mercy & <sup>26</sup> ordenance.” ¶ þo vnderfonge

<sup>1</sup> be D.    <sup>2-2</sup> sent þo O.    <sup>3</sup> Tydyng O.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 91.

<sup>5-5</sup> ben done to D.    to be don to O.    <sup>6</sup> messagers DO.    messenger R.

<sup>7</sup> be DO.    <sup>8</sup> come DO.    <sup>9</sup> him D.    hym O.    ham R.    <sup>10</sup> om. DO.

<sup>11</sup> made & swore O.    <sup>12</sup> godes D.    goodes O.    <sup>13</sup> þe O.    <sup>14</sup> om. D

<sup>15</sup> hem O.    <sup>16-16</sup> Pope D.    <sup>17</sup> nome O.    <sup>18</sup> it O.    <sup>19</sup> worde D

<sup>20</sup> audience D.    <sup>21</sup> þeple O.    <sup>22</sup> gre sic D. & O.    <sup>23</sup> and DO

<sup>24</sup> leaf 91, back.    <sup>25</sup> holy O.    <sup>26</sup> and in his DO.



Pandolf<sup>e</sup> þe crone of Kyng Iohā, and kepte hit v dayes, as for seising-takyng<sup>e</sup> of þo ij reaumes of Engeland and of Yrland, and confermede al maner<sup>e</sup> þinges by his chartre pat foleweþ after.

4 Of þe lettre obliga[to]rie þat Kyng Iohā made to þe court of Rome; wherfore þe Petrus pens bep<sup>1</sup> gadrad þrouz al Engeland. *Capitulo Centesimo Quinquagesimo primo.*<sup>2</sup>

“**T**O<sup>3</sup> alle<sup>4</sup> Cristen peple prou3-out<sup>5</sup> the worlde duellyng<sup>e</sup>, Iohā,  
8 by þe grace of God, Kyng<sup>e</sup> of Engeland, gret yng to zour vniuersite! and knowen<sup>6</sup> þing<sup>e</sup> it be þat, for-asmiche as<sup>7</sup> we haue greuede & offended<sup>8</sup> God & our<sup>e</sup> moder<sup>e</sup> cherche<sup>9</sup> of Rome, and forasmiche as we haue nede to þe mercy of oure lord Ihesu Crist,  
12 and we may noþing so worpi offre competent satisfacciouñ to make to God & to holy cherche, but if it were our<sup>e</sup> owen body, as wip oure<sup>10</sup> reaumes of Engeland and of Irland, Thanne, by þe grace of God,<sup>11</sup> we desireñ forto meken<sup>12</sup> vs for þe loue of Him þat meked  
16 Him to þe dep of þe Croice, prou3 conseil of þe noble erles & barons, we soffren<sup>13</sup> and frely granten to God, and to þe Apostoilz seynt Petre & seynt Paule, & to oure moder<sup>e</sup> cherche of Rome, & to our<sup>e</sup> Holy fader þe Pope, Innocent þe þridde, & to alle þe Popis  
20 pat comeþ<sup>14</sup> after him, al þe reaume &<sup>15</sup> patronages of cherches<sup>16</sup> of Engeland<sup>16</sup> and of Irland, wip alle þe appurtenances, for remissiouñ of oure synnes, and helpe & helþ of oure Kyn<sup>17</sup> soules, and of all Cristen soules, so pat fro<sup>18</sup> þis tyme afterward, we wille resceyue &  
24 holde of oure moder che[r]che of Rome, as fee ferme, do yng<sup>e</sup> feaute to our<sup>19</sup> holy fader<sup>20</sup> þe Pope, Innocent þe þridde, and to alle þe Popes þat comeþ<sup>22</sup> after<sup>e</sup> him, in<sup>23</sup> maner<sup>e</sup> abouesaide. ¶ And in presence of þe wise man Pandolf, þe Popis Suthdekne,<sup>24</sup> we makeþ<sup>25</sup>  
28 liege homage, as it were in þe Popes presence, & bifore him were; and we shul<sup>26</sup> do al maner<sup>e</sup> þinges<sup>27</sup> aboue-saide; and<sup>28</sup> perfore we byndeþ<sup>28</sup> vs, and al þat comen after<sup>e</sup> vs, & oure heirs for-ouer<sup>e</sup>-more, wipouten<sup>29</sup> eny gaynsaying, to þe Pope, & eke þe ward<sup>30</sup> of

<sup>1</sup> ben D.<sup>2</sup> MS. has *secundo*.<sup>3</sup> So *sic* D.<sup>4</sup> MS. alle al; alle the D.<sup>5</sup> prou3-out al D.<sup>6</sup> knowe D.<sup>7</sup> þat DO.<sup>8</sup> offende D.<sup>9</sup> MS. has *cherche* of *cherche*.<sup>10</sup> MS. has *oures*.<sup>11</sup> the holy gost D. þe holy gooste O.<sup>12</sup> meke D.<sup>13</sup> offren DO.<sup>14</sup> comen DO.<sup>15</sup> of Engeland of O.<sup>16-16</sup> om O.<sup>17</sup> Kynes D.<sup>18</sup> from O.<sup>19</sup> om. D.<sup>20</sup> fade *sic* D.<sup>21</sup> leaf 92.<sup>22</sup> comen O.<sup>23</sup> in the D. in þe O.<sup>24</sup> Sudekene O.<sup>25</sup> make DO.<sup>26</sup> MS. has *shulde*, with *de* underlined for omission.<sup>27</sup> þing<sup>e</sup> O.<sup>28-28</sup> þerto we bynde D. þerto we byndeþ O.<sup>29</sup> withoute O<sup>30</sup> wardes D.

cherchez<sup>1</sup> vacauntz. and in token<sup>2</sup> of pis ping euer forto last, we wille, conferme &<sup>3</sup> ordeyn, pat our<sup>4</sup> special rentz of pe forsaide Reaumes, sauynge seynt Petrus pens, in al<sup>4</sup> ping to pe moder cherche of Rome, paying by 3er<sup>5</sup> M<sup>+</sup> marz<sup>6</sup> of siluer at ij termes of 4 pe 3ere, for al maner custumes pat we<sup>7</sup> shulde do to<sup>7</sup> pe forsaide Reaumes, pat is to seyn, at Mighelmesse & at<sup>8</sup> Ester<sup>8</sup>, pat is to<sup>8</sup> seyn,<sup>9</sup> vij C marz<sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup> for Engeland<sup>11</sup>, & iij C marz<sup>12</sup> for Irland<sup>12</sup>, sauynge to vs and to oure heires, oure<sup>3</sup> Iusticez and oure oþer<sup>8</sup> ffranchisis, and oþer realtes pat apperteynep<sup>13</sup> to<sup>14</sup> pe crone. And alle pise pinges pat<sup>15</sup> bifore ben<sup>15</sup> saide, we wille pat hit be ferme & stable wipouten ende; and to þat obligaciõn we, and alle our<sup>16</sup> successoures & oure heires,<sup>16</sup> in pis maner bep<sup>17</sup> bonde, pat if we, or<sup>12</sup> eny of our heires, prouz<sup>18</sup> presumpciouñ falle<sup>19</sup> in eny poynt aþeyne pise pingus abouesaide, & he bene<sup>20</sup> warnede, & wille nouzt<sup>21</sup> rizt amende him, he shal þan lese pe forsaide<sup>3</sup> reaumes for euermore. and pat<sup>3</sup> pis chartre of<sup>22</sup> obligaciouñ, & oure warant,<sup>22</sup> for euermore<sup>16</sup> be ferme and Stable wipouten<sup>23</sup> gaynsaying<sup>23</sup>, we shul fro pis day afterward be trewe to God & to pe<sup>24</sup> moder<sup>24</sup> cherche of Rome, and to pe Pope Innocent pe prid<sup>25</sup>, and to al pat<sup>26</sup> comeþ<sup>27</sup> after him; and pe reaumes of Engeland & of Irland<sup>12</sup> we shul mayntene<sup>20</sup> trewely<sup>28</sup> in al maner poyntz aþeynz al maner men by oure power, prouz<sup>29</sup> pe grace of God.”<sup>29</sup>

**How pe clerkes pat werne<sup>30</sup> outlawed of Engeland, come aþeyn, & how Kyng Iohn was assoiled. Capitulo Centesimo liij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>31</sup> 24**

**W**Hen pis chartre<sup>32</sup> was made and enselede, pe Kyng Vnderfonge aþeyn his crone of Pandolfes hondes, and sent anone vnto<sup>33</sup> pe Erchebisshop Stephen, and to al his oþer clerkes and lewed men pat he hade exiled out of his<sup>34</sup> lande, pat þai<sup>28</sup> shulde come aþeyne into Engeland, & haue aþeyn her<sup>34</sup> londes & heir<sup>34</sup> rentes, & pat he wolde make restituciouñ of pe godes pat he

<sup>1</sup> Cherehe O.    <sup>2</sup> tokenyng<sup>t</sup> D.    <sup>3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4</sup> al maner D.

<sup>5</sup> 3ere a O.    <sup>6</sup> marc D.    Mark<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>7-7</sup> shal do for D.    schul don for O.    <sup>8-8</sup> Estren for Engeland<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>9</sup> say D.    om. O.    <sup>10</sup> marc pat is to sayn D.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. O.

<sup>12</sup> marc D.    Mark<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>13</sup> pertyne D.    pertynep<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>14</sup> vnto O.    <sup>15-15</sup> biforne be D.    <sup>16-16</sup> heires and successoures D.

<sup>17</sup> ben O.    <sup>18</sup> prouz eny D.    þurgh ony O.    <sup>19</sup> faile D.

<sup>20</sup> be O.    <sup>21</sup> no O.

<sup>22-22</sup> warant and our obligaciouñ D.    <sup>23</sup> withoute O.    <sup>24</sup> our<sup>t</sup> D.

<sup>25</sup> þirde O.    <sup>26</sup> leif 92, back.    <sup>27</sup> comen O.    <sup>28</sup> trewlich O.

<sup>29-29</sup> godes helpe D.    goddes helpe O.    <sup>30</sup> were DO.

<sup>31</sup> MS. has liij<sup>o</sup>.    <sup>32</sup> lettre D.    <sup>33</sup> to D.    <sup>34</sup> him sic D.

hade <sup>1</sup> take of heres,<sup>1</sup> azeyns her' wille. ¶ þe Kyng him-self þo, and Pandolf, & Erles & barons, went þo<sup>2</sup> vnto Wynchestre azeinȝ þe Erchebisshop Stephen. & when he was comen,<sup>3</sup> þe Kyng went 4 azeynes him, & felle adouñ vnto<sup>4</sup> his feet, & saide vnto<sup>4</sup> him: "faire sir, ȝe beþ welcomen<sup>5</sup>; and y criē ȝow mercy, for enchesouñ þat y haue trespassedē azeynȝ ȝow." ¶ þe Erchebisshop toke him vp þo in his Armes, & cussede him curteisely ofte-tymes, and after 8 lad him to þe dore of Seynt Swythynus cherche by þe honde, & assoilede him of þe centence, and him reconselede to God and to holy cherche; and þat was on seyn[t] Margarites day; and þe Erchebisshop anone went forto syngē þe masse, and þe Kyng offred 12 at þe masse a mark of golde. ¶ And when þe masse was done, alle þai went forto vnderfonge<sup>6</sup> her' londes, wipouten<sup>7</sup> eny maner' gaynesaying; and þat day þai made aȝ merþe and ioye ynow; but ȝitte was nouȝt þe enterdit<sup>8</sup> relessede, for enchesouñ<sup>9</sup> þai hade sent 16 þat þe enterdityng<sup>8</sup> shulde nouȝt bene vndone<sup>9</sup> til þe Kyng<sup>8</sup> hade made ful restituciouñ of þe godes that he<sup>10</sup> hade take of Holy cherche, and also þat him-self shulde done<sup>11</sup> homage to þe Pope by a certeyne ligat þat he shulde sende into<sup>12</sup> Engeland.

20 ¶ þo toke<sup>13</sup> Pandolf his leue of<sup>14</sup> þe Kyng<sup>8</sup> and of þe Erchebisshop, and went azeyne vnto<sup>15</sup> Rome. And þe Erchebisshop anone lete come bifore him prelates of holy cherche at Redyng, forto trete and conseil how miche and what þai shulde<sup>16</sup> axe of þe 24 Kyng<sup>8</sup> forto make restituciouñ of þe godes þat he hade take<sup>17</sup> of ham. ¶ And þai ordeynede and saide, þat þe Kyng shulde ȝeue to þe Erchebisshope iij M<sup>t</sup> marȝ<sup>18</sup> for þe wronge þat þe Kyng hade done to<sup>19</sup> him, and also to oper clerkes 20 xv M<sup>t</sup> marc, by poreyons.<sup>20</sup>

28 and in þe same tyme Nicholas, <sup>21</sup> bishop of<sup>21</sup> Tuscan, Cardynal Penitauncer' of Rome, come into Engeland<sup>8</sup> prouȝ þe Popis comandement, þe v kalend of Ottobre, and come to Londoñ þe v None of Octobre, for enchesouñ þat Kyng Iohn, and alle þe<sup>22</sup> 32 kynges þat comen after him, shulde euermore halde þe reaumes of Engeland and of Irland of God & of þe Pope, paing<sup>8</sup> to þe Pope by ȝer' as<sup>23</sup> is aboue saide.

1-1 taken of ham D. take of hem O. 2 om. D. 3 come O.

4 to D. 5 welcome O. 6 vndirfonge al O.

7 with-out D. withoute O. 8 Entirdytinge O.

9-9 om. D. þat he had sent þat þe entirdyting schuld not ben vndon O.

10 leaf 93. 11 do D. 12 vnto O. 13 nome DO. 14 fro O.

15 to O. 16 miȝt D. 17 taken D. 18 marc D. Mark' O. 19 vnto DO.

20-20 by porcions xv M<sup>t</sup> marc D. by porcions xv M<sup>t</sup> Mark' O.

21-21 om. D. 22 om. O. 23 as it O.

How þe enterdityng was vndone in Engeland; and of þe debate þat was bituene Kyng Iohn & þe barons of þe reaume.

¶ *Capitulo Centesimo liij*°.<sup>1</sup>

**W**Hen Kyng Iohn<sup>2</sup> hade done his<sup>2</sup> homage to þe legat þat<sup>4</sup> shewede him þe Popes<sup>3</sup> lettre, þat he shulde paye to Iulyan and 3elde a3eyn, þat was Kyng Richardes<sup>4</sup> wif<sup>4</sup>, þe þridde part<sup>4</sup> of þe londe of<sup>4</sup> Engeland & of Irland<sup>4</sup> þat he hade wipholde sip þat Kyng deide,—¶ when Kyng Iohn herde þis, he was wonder<sup>7</sup> wroþ, 8 for vtterliche<sup>5</sup> þe enterdityng might nouzt bene<sup>6</sup> vndone til þat he hade made gree & restitucioñ to<sup>7</sup> þe forsaide Iulian of þat she<sup>8</sup> axed. ¶ The legat went þo a3eyn to þe Pope<sup>9</sup> after<sup>10</sup> Cristesmasse, and þe Kyng sent þo messagers<sup>11</sup> ouere<sup>12</sup> see to Iulian, þat was Kyng<sup>12</sup> Richardes wif<sup>4</sup>, forto haue a relese of þat she axede<sup>13</sup> him. ¶ And so hit bifelle<sup>14</sup> þat Iulian deide anone after<sup>15</sup> Ester<sup>15</sup>, and insomiche þe Kyng was quyt of<sup>15</sup> þat she axede; but þo, at þe feast<sup>16</sup> of Seynt Iohn þat<sup>17</sup> come next<sup>17</sup> after<sup>17</sup>, prou3 þe Popis<sup>18</sup> commandement þe<sup>16</sup> enterdytyng was ferst<sup>1</sup> relessede prou3<sup>19</sup> al Engeland þe vij day of Iuh;—and seuen 3ere almost<sup>20</sup> was þe londe enterditede,—and on<sup>21</sup> þe morwe men ronge,<sup>22</sup> & songe masses prou3-out Londoñ, and so after prou3-out<sup>23</sup> aH Engeland. 20

¶ And þe next 3ere after, þere bigan a grete debate bituen<sup>24</sup> Kyng Iohn & þe lordes of Engeland, for enchesoñ þat he wolde nou3[t] graunt þe lawes, & halde, þe<sup>25</sup> which Seint Edward hade<sup>26</sup> ordeyned, and hade ben<sup>26</sup> vsede & holde vnto þat tyme þat<sup>27</sup> he<sup>24</sup> hade ham broken; for he wolde none<sup>28</sup> lawe holde, but dede al þing þat him likede, & disheritede<sup>29</sup> meny men wip-outen<sup>30</sup> consent of lordes & pirez of þe land; And he wolde haue disheritede<sup>31</sup> þe gode erle Randolf of<sup>4</sup> Chestre, for encheson þat he vndername him<sup>28</sup> of his wickednesse. & for cause þat he dede so miche shame &

<sup>1</sup> MS. has liij°.

<sup>2-2</sup> om. D.

<sup>3</sup> popes struck out and Bisshopes written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>4-4</sup> wyves þe iij partye O. <sup>5</sup> onliche D. <sup>6</sup> be D.

<sup>7</sup> of O. <sup>8</sup> he O.

<sup>9</sup> Pope atte sic D; struck out, and Bisshope written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>10</sup> leaf 93, back. <sup>11</sup> MS. has messagers messagers.

<sup>12</sup> ouere the D. ouer þe O. <sup>13</sup> axede of D. axed of O.

<sup>14</sup> felle D. <sup>15</sup> of thyng<sup>4</sup> D. of þing O. <sup>16</sup> MS. has ferst.

<sup>17-17</sup> next come D.

<sup>18</sup> popes struck out, and Bisshoppis written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>19</sup> þou3 D. <sup>20</sup> om. DO. <sup>21</sup> in O. <sup>22</sup> rong belles O.

<sup>23</sup> prou3 D. þurgh O. <sup>24</sup> bituene D. betwen O. bitwe R.

<sup>25</sup> om. D. <sup>26-26</sup> made and ordeynede and D. <sup>27</sup> and D.

<sup>28</sup> no DO. <sup>29</sup> disherite O. <sup>30</sup> withoute O. <sup>31</sup> disherite O.

vilony to God<sup>1</sup> & holy cherche, & also for he helde & hauntede his owen broþeres wif, & lay also by meny opere wymmen, grete lordes douȝters,—for he sparede no womman þat him likede forto<sup>2</sup> & haue,—wherfore alle þe lordes of þe lande wer<sup>3</sup> toward<sup>3</sup> him wonder<sup>3</sup> wrop, and went<sup>4</sup> wip him<sup>4</sup> to London, & toke þe citee.

[*King John grants the Great Charter.*]

¶ And forto cesse þis debate and sorwe, þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> and þe 8 Erchebisshop, and opere grete lordes of<sup>5</sup> Engeland, assemblede ham bifore þe fest<sup>4</sup> of Seynt Iohn þe Baptiste, in a medowe bisides<sup>6</sup> þe toune of Stanes þat is callede<sup>7</sup> Rome-smede. And þe Kyng made ham þere a chartre of ffranchise<sup>8</sup>,<sup>9</sup> soche as þai wolde axen ; 12 & in soche maner<sup>10</sup> þai were acordede ; and þat accordement laste nouȝt ful longe, for þe Kyng him-self<sup>11</sup> sone after<sup>11</sup> dede aȝeynes þe poyntes of þe same chartre þat he hade made. Wherfore þe moste 12 party of þe<sup>12</sup> lordes<sup>13</sup> of Engeland<sup>14</sup> assemblede ham, & bigon to 16 were oppoñ Kyng Iohn, and brent his tounes & robbede his folc, & dede al þe sorwe þat þai myght<sup>15</sup>, and made ham else<sup>16</sup> stronge as þai might<sup>17</sup>, wip aȝ her<sup>17</sup> power<sup>17</sup>, & pouȝt<sup>18</sup> to dryuen<sup>18</sup> him out of Engeland, and make Lewys, þe Kynges sone of France, Kyng<sup>4</sup> of 20 Engeland. ¶ And Kyng Iohan sent þo ouer<sup>19</sup> þe<sup>19</sup> see, and ordeynede so miche peple of Normannes & of Picard, and of Flemynges, so þat þe lande miȝt nout ham sustene, but wip miche<sup>20</sup> sorw. ¶ And among Alle þis<sup>21</sup> peple þere was a Norman<sup>22</sup> þat me callede<sup>23</sup> Frankes 24 of Brent<sup>23</sup> ; and þis Norman & his company sparede neyþer cherche ne house of Religioñ, þat þai ne brent & robbed hit, & bare away alle þat<sup>24</sup> þai might tak<sup>1</sup>, so þat þe land<sup>1</sup> was al destroiede, what<sup>25</sup> in 25 side & in<sup>26</sup> þat opere. ¶ þe barons & þe<sup>27</sup> lordes þo of Enge- 28 land ordeynede amonges<sup>28</sup> ham þe best spekers & wisest men, & sent ham ouer<sup>19</sup> þe<sup>19</sup> see to Kyng Philip of Fraunce, & prayed him þat he wolde sende Lowys his sone into Engeland, to ben<sup>29</sup> Kyng of Engeland, and vnderfonge<sup>30</sup> þe crone.

<sup>1</sup> and to D.    <sup>2</sup> to D.    <sup>3</sup> wip D. with O.    <sup>4-4</sup> om. DO.

<sup>5</sup> of the lande of D. of þ<sup>e</sup> land<sup>1</sup> of O.    <sup>6</sup> biside D.

<sup>7</sup> y-Called<sup>1</sup> O.    <sup>8</sup> leaf 94.    <sup>9</sup> ffranchise D.    <sup>10</sup> a maner D.

<sup>11-11</sup> om. D.    <sup>12-12</sup> parte of D.    <sup>13</sup> land<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>14</sup> the lande D. lordes O.    <sup>15</sup> myght with al her power O.

<sup>16</sup> as DO.    <sup>17-17</sup> om. O.    <sup>18-18</sup> dryue DO.    <sup>19</sup> om. D.

<sup>20</sup> michel DO.    <sup>21</sup> thi sic D.

<sup>22</sup> man of Normandy D. man of Normandy O.

<sup>23-23</sup> faukes of Brute O.

<sup>24</sup> MS. þat þat.    <sup>25-25</sup> in that on D. on þ<sup>e</sup> on O.    <sup>26</sup> on O.    <sup>27</sup> om. DO.

<sup>28</sup> among O.    <sup>29</sup> be DO    <sup>30</sup> haue D.

How Lowys, þe Kynges sone of Fraunce, come into Engeland  
wip stronge<sup>1</sup> power<sup>1</sup> of peple, to ben<sup>2</sup> Kyng of Engeland.  
*Capitulo Centesimo liij<sup>to</sup>.*<sup>3</sup>

**W**Hen Kyng Philip of Fraunce herde pis tydynges,<sup>4</sup> he made 4  
certeyn aliance bituene ham by her<sup>5</sup> commune eleccioñ, þat  
Lowys, Kyng<sup>6</sup> Philippis sone of Fraunce, shuld<sup>7</sup> gone<sup>6</sup> wip ham  
into Engeland, & dryue out Kyng<sup>8</sup> Iohñ of pe land. And alle þo<sup>7</sup>  
þat were in presence of Lowis made to<sup>8</sup> him homage, and bicome 8  
his men.<sup>9</sup> And þe barons of Engeland<sup>10</sup> helde ham<sup>10</sup> stille at  
Londoñ, & abode<sup>11</sup> þere Lowys, þe Kyngus sone of Fraunce. And  
þis was þe nexte Saturesday<sup>12</sup> bifore þe Ascencioũ of our<sup>1</sup> Lord<sup>1</sup> þat  
Lowis come into Engeland wip a<sup>13</sup> stronge power<sup>1</sup>; & þat tyme 12  
Kyng Iohñ hade take alle þe castelles<sup>14</sup> of Engeland into Aliens  
hondes. ¶ And Lowys come þo to Rochestre, and bisegede þe  
castel, & tok<sup>1</sup> hit wip strengþ, & þe þoresday in Whitson weke,<sup>15</sup>  
lete honge alle þe Aliens þat were þerin. And þe þoresday þo next 16  
sewyng<sup>1</sup>, he come to Londoñ; & þere he was vnderfong wip  
michel<sup>16</sup> honour<sup>1</sup> of þe lordes þat aboden<sup>17</sup> him þere; & alle to him  
þai maden<sup>18</sup> homage. ¶ And<sup>19</sup> afterward, in þe Tywesday þo next  
sewyng<sup>1</sup> þe<sup>19</sup> Trinitee Sondag,<sup>20</sup> he toke þe castel of Ryegate, and 20  
in þe morwe after, þe castel of Gildeford, & þe Friday<sup>21</sup> þo next  
sewyng<sup>1</sup>,<sup>21</sup> þe casteH of Farnham; and þe Moneday next after, þe  
cite of Wynchestre to him<sup>22</sup> was zolde<sup>23</sup>; and in þe morwe nexte<sup>13</sup>  
after<sup>1</sup> seynt Iohñs day, þe maner<sup>1</sup> of Wolneseye; And þe Tiwesday 24  
next after þe viij<sup>tas</sup><sup>24</sup> of Seynt Petre & seynt Poule, þai token<sup>25</sup> þe  
castel of Odyham. ¶ And þe Moneday next after seynt Margaretes  
day, he ordeynede him toward Beaumer<sup>26</sup> forto bisege þe<sup>27</sup> castel;  
& þere he duellede xv dayes, & might nouzt gete þe castel; & 28  
þo<sup>28</sup> went he<sup>29</sup> þens, and come to Londoñ, & þe Toure to him  
was zolde.

<sup>1</sup> strengþ & D. a strong O.<sup>2</sup> be O.<sup>3</sup> MS. has ly<sup>to</sup>; D has liij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>4</sup> tydynges O.<sup>5</sup> leaf 94, back.<sup>6</sup> go D.<sup>7</sup> om. DO.<sup>8</sup> vnto D.<sup>9</sup> men DO. man R.<sup>10-10</sup> hem held O.<sup>11</sup> abiden D.<sup>12</sup> Satirday O.<sup>13</sup> om. D.<sup>14</sup> castel D.<sup>15</sup> MS. weke &.<sup>16</sup> mych O.<sup>17</sup> abiden O.<sup>18</sup> made D.<sup>19-19</sup> on þe Tywesday next after þe D. after in þe tewsdag next aftir O.<sup>20</sup> day D.<sup>21-21</sup> nexte after D.

next aftir O.

<sup>22</sup> MS. him him.<sup>23</sup> zolde D. yolde O.<sup>24</sup> viij O.<sup>25</sup> toke DO.<sup>26</sup> Bremer O.<sup>27</sup> MS. þo þe.<sup>28</sup> þai D.<sup>29</sup> om. D. þey O.

<sup>1</sup>And in þe same tyme<sup>1</sup> þe Pope<sup>2</sup> sent into Engeland a legate þat me callede Swalo; & of Kyng Iohnes dep. *Capitulo Centesimo lv<sup>to</sup>.*<sup>3</sup>

4 **A**Nd in þe same tyme þe Pope<sup>4</sup> sent into Englonde a legate þat me callede Swalo, and he was <sup>5</sup>prest Cardinal of Rome, forto mayntene Kyng<sup>6</sup> Iohnes cause aʒeyn; þe barons of Engeland; but þe barons hade so huge partye and help prou; Lowys, þe 8 Kyngus sone of Fraunce, þat Kyng<sup>7</sup> Iohn wist nouzt whider<sup>8</sup> forto turne ne go.<sup>6</sup> ¶ And so it bifel,<sup>7</sup> þat he wolde haue goñ to Nichole; and as he went þiderward, he come by<sup>8</sup> þe Abbay of Swyneshede,<sup>9</sup> and þere he abode ij dayes. ¶ & as he satte at þe<sup>10</sup> mete, he axede 12 a monk<sup>11</sup> of þe hous, ‘how miche a lofe was worp, þat was sette bifore him oppon<sup>11</sup> þe table.’ & þe monk saide þat<sup>12</sup> ‘þe lof was worp but an halpeny.’ “O,” *quod* he, “þo here is grete chepe of brede. ¶ Now,” *quod* þe Kyng, “and y may leue, soche a lof 16 shal bene<sup>13</sup> worp xx s., or halfe zere be gone.”<sup>14</sup> and when he hade saide þis word, michel<sup>15</sup> he þouzt, and ofte-tyme sichede, and toke<sup>16</sup> & ete of þe brede, & saide: “by God, þe worde þat y haue saide,<sup>17</sup> hit shal ben<sup>13</sup> soth.” ¶ þe monk þat stode bifore þe Kyng<sup>18</sup>, for þis 20 worde was<sup>19</sup> ful sory in hert, and þouzt, raþer he wolde him-self soffre pitouse dep, & þouzt to<sup>20</sup> ordeyn þerfor somme maner<sup>1</sup> remedy. ¶ And anone þe monk<sup>1</sup> went to his Abbot, and was shryuen of him, and tolde þe Abbot al þat þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> saide, and praiede his 24 Abbot forto assoile him, for he wolde zeue þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> soche a wassaile þat al Engeland<sup>21</sup> shal be þerof glade<sup>21</sup> and ioyful. ¶ Tho went þe monk<sup>1</sup> into a gardeyn, & founde a grete tode þerin, & tok<sup>22</sup> her vp, & put here in a coppe, &<sup>23</sup> prickede þe tode þrouz<sup>12</sup> wiþ a 28 broche meny tymes, til þat þe venyme come out on<sup>24</sup> eueryche<sup>25</sup> side<sup>12</sup> into þe coppe. and þo tok<sup>22</sup> he<sup>12</sup> þe coppe, and <sup>26</sup>fellede hit wiþ god ale, &<sup>26</sup> brouzt<sup>1</sup> hit bifore þe Kyng, & knelyng<sup>27</sup> saide:

<sup>1</sup>—<sup>1</sup> How O.

<sup>2</sup> struck out in MS. ; also struck out in O. and Bisshope of Rome written over in a different hand.

<sup>3</sup> MS. has lvj<sup>to</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> struck out, and Bisshope of Rome written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 95. <sup>6</sup> gon D. <sup>7</sup> gone O. <sup>8</sup> felle O. <sup>9</sup> to O.

<sup>9</sup> Swyneshede D. Swyneshede O. <sup>10</sup> om. O.

<sup>11</sup> on D. at O. <sup>12</sup> om. D. <sup>13</sup> be DO. <sup>14</sup> agon O.

<sup>15</sup> miche D. myche O. <sup>16</sup> nome O. <sup>17</sup> spoke D.

<sup>18</sup> kyng was DO. <sup>19</sup> om. DO.

<sup>20</sup> is he myzt sic D. if he myghte O.

<sup>21</sup>—<sup>21</sup> shulde be glade þerof D. shulde be glad þerof O. <sup>22</sup> nome O.

<sup>23</sup> & felled it with good ale & O. <sup>24</sup> of D. in O. <sup>25</sup> eche O.

<sup>26</sup>—<sup>26</sup> om. O. <sup>27</sup> knelyng & O.

“ Sir,” *quod* he, “ Wassaille ! for neuer, dayes of 3our lyue,<sup>1</sup> dranke<sup>2</sup> 3e of soche <sup>3</sup>a<sup>4</sup> coppe.” “ Bygynne, monk,” *quod* þe Kyng, and þe monk dranke a grete drau3t, and toke þe Kyng þe coppe; &<sup>5</sup> þe Kyng <sup>6</sup>drank also<sup>6</sup> a grete drau3te, and sette doune þe coppe. 4 ¶ þe monk anone right went<sup>7</sup> into þe fermory, & þere deide anon, oñ whos soule God̄ haue mercy, Amen ! & v monkes singeþ<sup>8</sup> for his soule,<sup>9</sup> & shal whiles<sup>10</sup> þat<sup>11</sup> Abbay stant. ¶ The Kyng aros vp anone ful euel at ese, & commanded anon<sup>12</sup> to remeve þe table, 8 & axede after þe monk; and men tolde him þat he was dede, for his wombe was broken<sup>13</sup> in sondre. ¶ When þe Kyng herde þis tidynges,<sup>14</sup> he comandede forto trusse; but al it was for nou3t, for his bely biganne<sup>15</sup> to swelle, for þe drynk þat he drank, þat he 12 deide wipin ij daies,<sup>16</sup> þe morwe after Seynt Lukes day. ¶ And þis Kyng Iohñ had fair childerne of his body bigeten,<sup>17</sup> þat is to seyn, Henry his sone, þat was Kyng after his fader, & Richarde, þat<sup>18</sup> was Erl of Cornewail, and IsabeH, þat was Emperesse of 16 Rome, and Alienore, þat was Quene of Scotland. ¶ And þis Kyng Iohñ, when he had regnede xvij 3ere v mounþes & v dayes, he deide in þe castel of Newere, & his body was buried<sup>19</sup> at Wynchestre. 20

Of Kyng Henry<sup>20</sup> þe þridde, þat was cronede at Gloucestre.

*Capitulo Centesimo lvj<sup>to</sup>.*<sup>21</sup>

**A**Nd after þis Kyng Iohñ, regnede Henry his sone, & was cronede at Gloucestre when he was ix 3ere olde, on seynt 24 Symondus day & Iude, of Swalo þe legat, þrou3 conseile of alle þe grete lordes <sup>22</sup>of Engeland<sup>22</sup> þat helde wip Kyng Iohñ, his fader, þat is to saien, þe<sup>18</sup> Erl Randolf of Chestre, William, Erl Marchal, William Erl of Penbrok<sup>t</sup>, <sup>23</sup>& William<sup>23</sup> Breuere, <sup>24</sup>Erl of Ferers, 28 Serl de Maule, baron; & alle opere grete<sup>25</sup> lordes of Engeland helde with Lowys, þe Kynges sone of Fraunce. & anone after, when Kyng Henry was cronede, Swalo the legat helde his conseil at

<sup>1</sup> lif ne D. lyf ne O.    <sup>2</sup> dronk O.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 95, back.

<sup>4</sup> At the top of this page is written in faint ink, by a different [?] hand:—A lambe.

<sup>5</sup> a sie D.    <sup>6—6</sup> also drank D. also dranke O.    <sup>7</sup> MS. went went.

<sup>8</sup> syngen O.    <sup>9</sup> soule speciallich D. soule speciallich O.

<sup>10</sup> while O.    <sup>11</sup> the D. þe O.    <sup>12</sup> om. DO.    <sup>13</sup> broke O.

<sup>14</sup> tydyng O.    <sup>15</sup> began so O.    <sup>16</sup> dayes after O.    <sup>17</sup> geten O.

<sup>18</sup> om. O.    <sup>19</sup> y-buried O.    <sup>20</sup> Henry here, and elsewhere in O.

<sup>21</sup> MS. has lvij<sup>o</sup>.

<sup>22—22</sup> om. DO.

<sup>23—23</sup> William þe D. William þe O.    <sup>24</sup> leaf 96.    <sup>25</sup> gete sie D.



Bristow, at Seynt Martynes fest<sup>1</sup>; & þere wer<sup>2</sup> xj bisshopis of Engeland & of Walys, & of oþer prelates of holy cherche a<sup>1</sup> grete nombre, & Erles & barons, & meny knyȝtes of Engeland; and alle 4 þo þat were at þat conseil swore feaute vnto<sup>2</sup> Henry þe Kyng, þat was Kyng Iohnes sone.

¶ And anone after,<sup>3</sup> þe ligate enterditede Walis, for enchesouñ þat þai helde with þe barons of Engeland; and also alle þo þat 8<sup>4</sup> holpen or ȝaf conseil<sup>4</sup> to meve werr<sup>4</sup> aȝeyn<sup>3</sup> þe new Kyng Henry, he acursede ham; And in the bigynnyng he put in þe<sup>5</sup> sentence þe<sup>5</sup> Kyngus sone of Fraunce Lowys. ¶ And noþeles þe same Lowys<sup>6</sup> wolde nouȝt spare forto werr<sup>4</sup> for al þat, but went anone, 12 & tok þe castel of Berkhamstede, & eke<sup>7</sup> þe castel of Hertford. ¶ And fram<sup>8</sup> þat day aftirward, þe barons<sup>9</sup> dede miche<sup>9</sup> harme þrouȝ al Engeland, and principaly þe Frenche-men þat wer<sup>4</sup> comen<sup>10</sup> wiþ Lowys; wherfore þe grete lordes<sup>11</sup> of Engeland,<sup>11</sup> & alle þe 16 commune peple,<sup>12</sup> lete ham croice forto dryue out<sup>13</sup> Lowys & his company out of Engeland. ¶ But somme of þe barons, & ek of þe Frenchemen, were gone<sup>14</sup> to þe cite of Nichole, & tok<sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>þe Cite,<sup>16</sup> & helde hit to Kyng<sup>4</sup> Lowys profite. But þider<sup>17</sup> come<sup>17</sup> Kyng 20 Henryes<sup>18</sup> men wiþ<sup>19</sup> a grete<sup>19</sup> power<sup>19</sup>, þat is to seyne, þe Erl Randolf of Chestre, and William Erl Marchal, & William de la Bruer<sup>19</sup>, Erl of Ferers, & meny oþer lordes wiþ ham, & ȝaf<sup>20</sup> Bataile<sup>21</sup> vnto Lowyse men. ¶ And þere was slayn þe Erl of Perches; and 24 Lowys men<sup>22</sup> were þere<sup>22</sup> foule descomfitede<sup>23</sup>; and þere was taken<sup>24</sup> Serl, Erl of Wynchestre, & Humfray de Bouñ, Erl of<sup>25</sup> Herford, & Robert, þe sone of Walter; & meny oþer þat hade bigonne werr<sup>4</sup> aȝeyn<sup>3</sup> þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> þere were taken,<sup>26</sup> and lad to<sup>27</sup> Kyng Henry<sup>28</sup> þat 28 was<sup>28</sup> Kyng Iohnes [son]. ¶ When þe tydyng of þis scomfiture come vnto<sup>2</sup> Lowys, he remevede þens, & went<sup>29</sup> vnto Londoñ, and lete shette þe ȝates fast<sup>4</sup> of þe citee. ¶ And anone after<sup>3</sup>, þe Kyng sent to<sup>30</sup> þe<sup>31</sup> burgeys of Londoñ, þat þai shulde ȝelde ham 32 vnto him, & þe citee also, and he wolde ham graunt alle þe

<sup>1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2</sup> to D.    <sup>3</sup> afte D.    <sup>4-4</sup> ȝaf conseil and halpen D.

<sup>5-5</sup> om. D.    <sup>6</sup> MS. has Lowys Lowys.    <sup>7</sup> also D.    <sup>8</sup> fro D.

<sup>9-9</sup> de somiche sic D.    dede so myche O.    <sup>10</sup> Come O.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. DO.

<sup>12</sup> peple of Engeland<sup>12</sup> D.    peple of Engeland<sup>12</sup> O.    <sup>13</sup> om. O.

<sup>14</sup> go O.    <sup>15</sup> token O.    <sup>16-16</sup> it D.    <sup>17</sup> Comen O.

<sup>18</sup> Henryes men D.    Herryes men O.    Henryes R.

<sup>19-19</sup> MS. has a grete a grete.    <sup>20</sup> ȝeuen O.    <sup>21</sup> leaf 96, back.

<sup>22-22</sup> þere were O.    <sup>23</sup> scomfited<sup>12</sup> O.    <sup>24</sup> tak D.    take O.

<sup>25</sup> MS. has of of.    <sup>26</sup> tak D.    <sup>27</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>28-28</sup> om. DO

<sup>29</sup> come D.    <sup>30</sup> vn-to O.

<sup>31</sup> MS. has þe bisshop, with bisshop underlined for omission.

Fraunchises<sup>1</sup> þat<sup>2</sup> þai were wont forto haue, & wolde conferme ham by his<sup>3</sup> new chartr<sup>4</sup> vnder<sup>5</sup> his grete sele. ¶ And in the same tyme a gret Lorde, þat me callede Eustace þe monk<sup>6</sup>, come out of Fraunce wip a grete company of Lordes, & wolde haue come 4 into Engeland forto haue holp Lowys, þe Kyngus sone of Fraunce. ¶ But Hubert of Burgh<sup>5</sup> and<sup>6</sup> þe v portes, wip viij shippis, & no mo, mette wip ham in þe hye see, and assailede ham egrely, & ouercome ham þrouz strengþ, and smyten of Eustace-þe-monkes 8 heuede,<sup>7</sup> & token also x grete Lordes of Fraunce, and put ham into prisouñ, & quellede almost alle þe men þat comen<sup>8</sup> wip<sup>9</sup> ham; and anone drenchede<sup>10</sup> þe shippis in þe see.

How Lowys turned azeyn into Fraunce; and of þe confirm- 12  
aciouñ of Kyng Iohñes chartre. ¶ *Capitulo Centesimo* 1  
*Septimo.*<sup>11</sup>

**W**Hen Lowys herd pis tydynges,<sup>12</sup> he drade sore to ben<sup>13</sup> dede and loste, and lete ordeyne, & spok<sup>14</sup> bituene þe Kyng 16 and Lowys<sup>15</sup> by þe legat Swalo, and þoruþ þe Erche<sup>16</sup> bisshop of Kaunterbery, and þrouz<sup>17</sup> opere grete lordes, þat alle the prisoners of<sup>18</sup> þat one halfe and of<sup>18</sup> þat oper shulde bene<sup>19</sup> delyuerede, & gone<sup>20</sup> quit<sup>21</sup>, and Lowys him-self shulde haue for his costages<sup>21a</sup> 20 M<sup>+</sup> ti<sup>21</sup> of siluer, & shulde gone out of Engeland, and come neuer þerin azeyne. and in pis maner<sup>22</sup> was þe accord made bituene<sup>22</sup> Kyng Henry & Lewys. And þo was Lowys assoilede of þe Popis<sup>23</sup> legat þat me<sup>24</sup> callede Swalo, of þe sentence þat he was in, and þe barouns 24 of Engeland also. ¶ And after pis, Kyng Henry & Swalo þe legat, & Lowys, went vnto Mertoñ; and þere was þe pees confermede, & bituen<sup>25</sup> ham ordeynede. and afterward Lowys went fro þens vnto Londoñ, & tok<sup>26</sup> his leue, & was brouzt wip miche<sup>27</sup> honoure at 28 þe<sup>28</sup> see wip þe Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery & wip opere bisshoppis, and also wip erles and<sup>29</sup> barons; and so went Lowys into Fraunce.

<sup>1</sup> fraunchise D.      <sup>2</sup> þat enere O.      <sup>3</sup> his gret DO.

<sup>4</sup> Chartre and D.      <sup>5</sup> Burgh DO.      <sup>6</sup> in O.      <sup>7</sup> heed<sup>d</sup> O.      <sup>8</sup> come O.

<sup>9</sup> MS. has wip wip, and the second wip is underlined for omission.

<sup>10</sup> drenched aft O.      <sup>11</sup> MS. has Octauo.      <sup>12</sup> tidynge O.      <sup>13</sup> be O.

<sup>14</sup> speke O.      <sup>15</sup> him D.      <sup>16</sup> leaf 97.      <sup>17</sup> om. D.      <sup>18</sup> on D.

<sup>19</sup> be DO.      <sup>20</sup> go O.

<sup>21-21</sup> an þousande pounde D.      a þousand<sup>d</sup> pound<sup>d</sup> O.

<sup>22</sup> bituene D.      betwene O.      bitwe R.

<sup>23</sup> Popes struck out, and bisshope of Rome written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>24</sup> men D.      <sup>25</sup> betwen O.      bitue R.      <sup>26</sup> nome O.      <sup>27</sup> michel D.

<sup>28</sup> om. O.      <sup>29</sup> and with D.

¶ And aftirward þe kyng & þe Erchebisshope, & Erles & barons, assembled ham at Londoñ, at Michelmasse <sup>1</sup> þat next þo sewede,<sup>1</sup> & helde þere parlement.<sup>2</sup> & þere were þo renewede alle þe Fraunchises þat Kyng Iohñ hade<sup>3</sup> grauntede at Romemedede; and Kyng Henry þo confermede ham by his chartre, þe which 3itte bep holden prouz-out<sup>4</sup> Engeland. ¶ And in þat tyme þe Kyng toke of euery ploughe of <sup>5</sup> londe ij s; and Hubert of Burgh<sup>6</sup> was made þo chief Iustice of<sup>7</sup> Engeland. ¶ And þis was in<sup>8</sup> þe iiij zere of Kyng Henryes regne; & in þe same zere was <sup>9</sup>seynt Thomas<sup>9</sup> of Kanterbery translatede þe <sup>10</sup> zere after his martredome.<sup>11</sup> ¶ And after, it was ordeynede by alle þe Lordes of Engeland, þat alle Aliens shulde <sup>12</sup> gone out of Engeland, & come nomore þerin.

And þe Kyng<sup>12</sup> þo toke<sup>12</sup> alle þe castelles into his honde, þat <sup>13</sup> Kyng Iohn his fader hade zeue & taken<sup>14</sup> vnto Aliens forto kepe, þat helde wip him. ¶ But þe prout <sup>15</sup> Frankes of<sup>1</sup> Brent,<sup>15</sup> Richely lete arraie his <sup>16</sup> castel of Bedford, whiche he had of þe Kyngus<sup>17</sup> 3ifte Iohñ<sup>18</sup>; & he<sup>19</sup> helde þat castel azeyns Kyng Henries wille wip might and strengþ. ¶ And the Kyng come pider wip a streng power, & biseged þe castel. And þe Erchebisshop <sup>20</sup> Stephen of Langetoñ come to þe Kyng<sup>20</sup> wip a faire company of knyztz,<sup>21</sup> him forto helpe; and fra þe Ascenciouñ vnto þe Assumpcioñ of our Lady, laste þe sege: & þo was þe castel wonne & tak, and þe Kyng lete honge aþ þo þat were wipin<sup>22</sup> þe castel, þat<sup>23</sup> wip her gode wille <sup>24</sup> helde þe castel azeynz þe Kyng,<sup>24</sup> þat is <sup>25</sup> forto seyn, foure score<sup>25</sup> men. ¶ And þo afterward Fra[n]kes<sup>26</sup> himself was fonde in a cherche of Couentre; and þere he forsuore al Engeland wip niche shame, and went<sup>27</sup> þo azeyn into his owen contre.

<sup>28</sup> ¶ And whiles þat Kyng Henry regned, Edmund of Abyndoñ, þat was tresorer of Salesbury, was consacrede<sup>28</sup> Erchebisshop of

<sup>1-1</sup> þo next sewyng<sup>1</sup> D. þat next þ<sup>o</sup> Come sewyng<sup>e</sup> O.

<sup>2</sup> a parlement DO. <sup>3</sup> om. O. <sup>4</sup> prouz-out<sup>1</sup> al D. þurgh-out al O.

<sup>5</sup> om. DO. <sup>6</sup> Brugh O. <sup>7</sup> of al DO. <sup>8</sup> om. DO.

<sup>9-9</sup> O. has seynt struck out, and Beket written after Thomas in a different hand.

<sup>10</sup> fiftiþe O. <sup>11</sup> MS. has martredomo. <sup>12-12</sup> nome þ<sup>o</sup> O.

<sup>13</sup> leaf 97, back. <sup>14</sup> tak D. <sup>15-15</sup> Faukes of Brut O. <sup>16</sup> the D.

<sup>17</sup> kyng<sup>e</sup> D. <sup>18</sup> Iohn his fadir O. <sup>19</sup> om. D.

<sup>20-20</sup> of Kaunterbury D. of Caunterbury Maister Stephene of Langeton) O.

<sup>21</sup> knyztz come to the kyng D. knyghtes come to þ<sup>o</sup> kyng O.

<sup>22</sup> went into O. <sup>23</sup> and D. om. O.

<sup>24-24</sup> azeynes him hit held D. for-to hold<sup>þ</sup> þe Castel O.

<sup>25-25</sup> for seyn iiij sic O. <sup>26</sup> faukes O. <sup>27</sup> MS. went went.

<sup>28</sup> Sacrede D. Sacred<sup>þ</sup> O.

Kanterbery. And þis Kyng Henry sent ouer<sup>1</sup> see vnto þe Erle of Prouince, þat he shulde sende him his douzter into Engeland, þat me called Alienore, & he wolde wedde her. And so she come into Engeland after Cristes-masse,<sup>2</sup> and in þe morwe<sup>3</sup> after seynt 4 Hillary, þe Erchebisshoþ· Edmunde<sup>4</sup> spousede ham to-gedre<sup>5</sup> att Kaunterbery; and at þe viij<sup>6</sup> of seynt Hillary she was crownede at Westmynstre wip miche solempnite; & þere was a swete sight bituene ham, þat is to seyn, Edmund, þat was next Kyng<sup>7</sup> after 8 him, his broþer<sup>7</sup>, 7 folour<sup>8</sup> of curtessi and of Larges, and Margaret, þat was afterward Quene of Scotland, & Beatrice, þat was afterward Countesse of Britaign, & Katerine, þat deide maide in religioun.

Of þe quinzime of godes þat were granted for þe new charters; 12  
& of þe puruyance of<sup>9</sup> Oxenford. Capitulo ¶ C<sup>o</sup> lvij.<sup>10</sup>

**A**Nd þus hit bifelle<sup>11</sup> þat þe lordes of Engeland wolde haue somme addicions mo in the Chartre of Fraunchises þat þai hade of þe Kyng, & spoken þus bituene<sup>12</sup> ham; & þe Kyng 16 grauntede<sup>13</sup> ham alle her axing, and made to ham ij Chartres: þat on is callede 'þe grete<sup>14</sup> Chartre of Fraunchises' & þat oper is callede 'þe Chartre of þe<sup>15</sup> Forest'; and for þe grante of pise<sup>16</sup> chartres, prelates, Erles and barons, & alle þe communes of Engeland, 3af to þe Kyng<sup>17</sup> M<sup>t</sup> mar;<sup>18</sup> of siluer.

¶ When Kyng Henry hade bene<sup>19</sup> Kyng xliij zere, þat same zere he and<sup>20</sup> his lordes, Erles, and barouns of þe reaume, went to Oxenford, & ordeynede a lawe in emendement<sup>21</sup> of þe reaume, and<sup>22</sup> suore 24 þe Kyng him-self, & after, alle þe lordes of þe reaume, þat þai wolde holde þat statute<sup>23</sup> euermore; and who þat it<sup>24</sup> brak shulde bene<sup>19</sup> dede. ¶ But þe secunde zer<sup>25</sup> after þat ordenance, þe Kyng, þrouz conseile of Sire Edward his sone, & of Richard his broþer, þat was 28 Erl of Cornwail, & also of opere, repentede him of þat ope þat he hade made forto holde þat lawe & ordynance, and sent to þe court of Rome to bene assoilede of pat oth þat he hade made. ¶ And in 32 pat zere next comen<sup>25</sup> after, was<sup>26</sup> grete derþ of corne in Engeland,

<sup>1</sup> ouer þ<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>2</sup> Cristemesse O.    <sup>3</sup> morne D.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.  
<sup>5</sup> togederes D.    <sup>6</sup> viij<sup>tas</sup> D.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 98.    <sup>8</sup> floure DO.    <sup>9</sup> om. O.  
<sup>10</sup> C lvij<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>11</sup> felle O.    <sup>12</sup> bitue D.    <sup>13</sup> grantede to D.  
<sup>14</sup> MS. has grete þe, with þe underlined for omission.    <sup>15</sup> of þe O. of R.  
<sup>16</sup> pise ij D. þese ij O.    <sup>17</sup> kyng a O.    <sup>18</sup> Markt O.    <sup>19</sup> be O.  
<sup>20</sup> & aft O.    <sup>21</sup> amendement O.    <sup>22</sup> and ferst DO.  
<sup>23</sup> statute for D. statut for O.    <sup>24</sup> ham D. hem O.  
<sup>25</sup> comyng<sup>t</sup> D. commynge O.    <sup>26</sup> was the D. was þe O.

for a quarter of<sup>1</sup> whete was worþ xxiiij ſ̄,<sup>2</sup> & þe pore peple ete netles for hunger, and opere wedes; & <sup>3</sup>deide meny M<sup>4</sup> for defaute<sup>5</sup> of mete.

4 ¶ And in þe xlviij 3ere of Kyng Henries regne, biganne werr<sup>6</sup> and debate bituene him and his lordes, fo[r] enchesouñ þat he <sup>6</sup>had broken þe couenaunte;<sup>6</sup> þat were made bituene ham at Oxenford. ¶ And in þat<sup>7</sup> same 3er<sup>8</sup>, in Lent, was þe <sup>8</sup>castel of Notyngham<sup>8</sup> tak, and þe fole slayne þat were perin, for enchesouñ þat þai hade ordeyned wilde fire forto haue brent þe citee of Londoñ.

¶ And in the morwe<sup>9</sup> of May þat come next after, oppoñ seynt Pancras day, was the batail at Lewes, þat is to seyne,<sup>10</sup> þe Wednesday bifore seynt <sup>11</sup>Dunstanus day<sup>11</sup>; and<sup>12</sup> þere was tak, Kyng Henry <sup>13</sup>him-self, &<sup>13</sup> Sire Edward <sup>14</sup>his sone, & Sire<sup>14</sup> Richard, Erl of Cornwail, & meny<sup>15</sup> opere lordes. ¶ And in þat same 3ere next sewyng<sup>1</sup>, Sire Edward, þe Kynges sone, brak out of <sup>16</sup>þe<sup>1</sup> ward of Sire Symond<sup>1</sup> of Mountford, Erl of Leicestre, at Hereford,<sup>16</sup> and went to þe barons of þe Marche; and þai vnderfong<sup>1</sup> him wip michel<sup>17</sup> honour. ¶ And in þe same tyme Gilbert of Clare,<sup>18</sup> Erl of Gloucestre, þat was in þe ward also of þe forsaide Symond<sup>1</sup>, <sup>20</sup>prouz þe commandement of Kyng Henry, þat went fram him in<sup>19</sup> grete wrap,<sup>20</sup> for enchesouñ þat he saide þat þe forsaide Gilbert was a fool in his conseile, wherfore he ordeyned him<sup>21</sup> so, & helde wip Kyng Henry. ¶ And þe <sup>22</sup>Saturesday next<sup>22</sup> after þe middes of <sup>24</sup>August,<sup>23</sup> Sire Edward, þe Kyngus sone, descomfitede Sire Symond<sup>1</sup> de<sup>24</sup> Mountford<sup>1</sup> at Kemworþ; but þe grete lordes þat were þere wip him wer<sup>1</sup> taken, þat is to seyn, Baldewyne Wake, William of Mounchesye,<sup>25</sup> and meny oper grete lordes: and þe Tywesday next after, <sup>28</sup>was þe bataile <sup>26</sup>done at<sup>26</sup> Euesham; & þere was quellede Sire Symond de<sup>24</sup> Mountford, Hughe þe Spenser, and Mountford, þat was Rauf Basset; <sup>27</sup>fader of Drattoñ, & oper meny grete Lordes. ¶ And when þis batail was doñ, alle þe<sup>1</sup> gentiles þat had be<sup>28</sup> wip þe

<sup>1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2</sup> shilynges O.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 98, back.    <sup>4</sup> þousand O.

<sup>5</sup> faute D.

<sup>6-6</sup> wolde haue broke the couaunt D. had<sup>1</sup> broke þe Couenauntes O.

<sup>7</sup> þe O.    <sup>8-8</sup> toune of Northampton D. Toun of Northampton O.

<sup>9</sup> monthe D. monþe O.    <sup>10</sup> say D.    <sup>11-11</sup> Dunstaand sic D.

<sup>12</sup> MS. has bifore seynt and, with bifore seynt underlined for omission.

<sup>13-13</sup> and his sone D.    <sup>14-14</sup> and D. his sone & O.    <sup>15</sup> mey sic D]

<sup>16</sup> Herford DO.    <sup>17</sup> mych O.    <sup>18</sup> Clarence DO.

<sup>19</sup> wip D. with O.    <sup>20</sup> hert<sup>1</sup> D. herte O.

<sup>21</sup> him afterward D. hym afterward O.    <sup>22-22</sup> Saterdag O.

<sup>23</sup> Aust sic O.    <sup>24</sup> of D.    <sup>25</sup> Monchensey O.    <sup>26-26</sup> of D.

<sup>27</sup> leaf 99.    <sup>28</sup> bene D. ben O.

Erl Symondt, were disheritede; & <sup>1</sup>pai ordeyned<sup>1</sup> ham togedres,<sup>2</sup> and dede miche harme to<sup>3</sup> al pe land, for pai destroiede her' enemyes in al pat pai might.

¶ Of pe sege of Kemworþ; & how pe gentilmen werr' dis- 4  
heritede, prouþ conseil<sup>4</sup> of lordes of pe reaume of  
Engeland<sup>4</sup>; & how pai comen<sup>5</sup> aþeyn,<sup>4</sup> & had her' landes.<sup>4</sup>  
*Capitulo Centesimo lix<sup>no</sup>.*

**A**Nd in pe 3er<sup>3</sup> next<sup>6</sup> sewyng<sup>6</sup>, in May, ferst<sup>6</sup> day bifore pe fest<sup>8</sup> 8  
of Seynt Dunstan, was bataile and scomfiture at Chesterfeldt,  
of ham pat were disheritede; & pere meny of ham were quelledde;  
and Robert, Erl of<sup>7</sup> Ferers, pere was take, and also Baldewyne  
Wake; & Iohn de la Haye, wip miche<sup>8</sup> sorwe scaped þens. and 12  
in<sup>9</sup> Seynt Iohnes Eve<sup>10</sup> þo next sewyng<sup>6</sup>, bigan pe sege of pe castel  
of Kemworth<sup>11</sup>; and pe sege<sup>12</sup> laste to<sup>12</sup> Seint Thomas Eve<sup>13</sup> pe  
Postoil, in whiche day Sir' Hughe Hastyngus<sup>14</sup> had pe castel forto  
kep, pat zelde vp pe castel vnto<sup>15</sup> pe Kyng<sup>6</sup> in pis maner', pat him- 16  
self and alle opere pat were wipin pe castel shulde haue her lif and  
lyme, and as<sup>16</sup> miche þing as pai hade þerin, boþe hors & herneys,  
and foure dayes of<sup>17</sup> respite forto delyuer' clene<sup>18</sup> pe castel of ham-  
self, & of al maner<sup>19</sup> þing pat pai hade wipin pe castel; & so pai 20  
went fram pe castel, and pe kyng & his men went þo into pe castel.  
¶ and Sir' Symondt pe Mounford pe 3onge,<sup>20</sup> and pe Countesse his  
moder, were fledde ouer pe<sup>21</sup> see into Fraunce, and pere helde ham  
as peple pat were exilede out of Engeland<sup>22</sup> for<sup>23</sup> euermore. ¶ And 24  
sone after hit was ordeyned by the Legat Octoboñ, & by<sup>24</sup> opere  
grete lordes<sup>25</sup> of Engeland,<sup>25</sup> pe wisest of<sup>26</sup> pe landt,<sup>26</sup> pat alle þo pat  
hade bene<sup>27</sup> aþeyns pe Kyng<sup>6</sup>, & wer disheritede, shulde hane aþeyn  
her' londes, and by greuous ransouñ,<sup>28</sup> after pat it was ordeyned; 28  
and þus pai were accorded wip pe Kyng, þo was pees criede prouþ al  
Engeland; and þus pe werr' was endede.

And when pis was done, pe legat toke<sup>29</sup> his leue at<sup>30</sup> pe Kyng<sup>6</sup>,

<sup>1-1</sup> gadered D.      <sup>2</sup> to-geder' D.    to-gidere O.      <sup>3</sup> til D.

<sup>4-4</sup> om. O.      <sup>5</sup> come DO.

<sup>6-6</sup> comyng<sup>t</sup> þe iiij D.    Comynge in Maij þe ferþe D.

<sup>7</sup> o D.      <sup>8</sup> michel D.      <sup>9</sup> on D.

<sup>10</sup> eve the Baptist D.    Eue þe baptist O.      <sup>11</sup> Kenilworthe O.

<sup>12-12</sup> lasted<sup>t</sup> til O.      <sup>13</sup> day O.      <sup>14</sup> Hastyng<sup>t</sup> DO.      <sup>15</sup> to D.

<sup>16</sup> om. D.      <sup>17</sup> or D.      <sup>18</sup> clenliche D.    clenlich O.      <sup>19</sup> opere D.

<sup>20</sup> 3onger D.    yonger O.      <sup>21</sup> om. DO.      <sup>22</sup> leaf 99, back.

<sup>23</sup> A lambe written in the margin at the head of this page, in faint ink.

<sup>24</sup> om. O.      <sup>25-25</sup> om. DO.      <sup>26-26</sup> Engeland<sup>t</sup> D.    Engeland<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>27</sup> be O.      <sup>28</sup> ransons D.      <sup>29</sup> nome DO.      <sup>30</sup> of D.

& of<sup>1</sup> the Quene, & of alle þe grete lordes of Engeland, & went þo to Rome, þe lv<sup>2</sup> 3ere of Kyng Henryes regne. ¶ And<sup>3</sup> Edward, Kyng Iohnes sone of Britaigne, Iohñ Vessy, Thomas of Clare, 4 Roger of Clifford, Othus Grauntsoñ,<sup>4</sup> Robert le Brus, Iohñ of Verdoñ, & meny oper lordes of Engeland & of byzende þe see, token her way toward þe Holy Lond<sup>t</sup>; and þe<sup>3</sup> Kyng Henry deide in þe mene-tyme at Westminster,<sup>5</sup> when he hade ben Kyng<sup>t</sup> lv 3er<sup>t</sup> 8 & ix<sup>6</sup> wokes,<sup>5</sup> on<sup>7</sup> seynt Edmundus day, þe Erchebisshop of Kaunterbery; and he<sup>1</sup> was enterede<sup>5</sup> at Westminster<sup>5</sup> on seynt Edmundes day, þe Kyng,<sup>8</sup> ¶ In the 3er<sup>t</sup> of<sup>9</sup> Incarnaciouñ of oure Lord Ihesu Crist<sup>t</sup> M<sup>l</sup> CC lxxij.

12 <sup>10</sup>Prophecie of Merlyn<sup>10</sup> of Kyng Henry, expounede, þat was Kyng Iohnes sone. ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ *Centesimo lx<sup>mo</sup>*.

**A** Nd of þis Kyng Henry, propheciede Merlyn, & said þat ‘a lombe shulde come out of Wynchestre in þe 3ere of Incarnacioñ of our Lord<sup>11</sup> M<sup>t</sup> CC &<sup>3</sup> xvj, wiþ trew lippis, and holynesse wryten in his hert.’ And he saide sop, for þe gode<sup>12</sup> Henry þe Kyng<sup>12</sup> was born<sup>13</sup> <sup>14</sup>in Wynchestre in þe 3ere abouesaide, and he spake<sup>15</sup> gode wordes & swet, and was an holy man, and of god 20 conscience. ¶ And Merlin said þat ‘þis Henry shulde make þe fairest place of<sup>16</sup> [the] world,<sup>17</sup> þe whiche<sup>17</sup> in his tyme shulde nouzt<sup>18</sup> fullliche bene<sup>18</sup> endede’; and he saide sop, for he made þe newe cherche<sup>19</sup> of þe Abbay of seynt <sup>20</sup>Petre of<sup>20</sup> Westminster, þat is 24 fairer<sup>t</sup> of sight þan eny<sup>21</sup> cherch þat men knoweþ<sup>22</sup> prou3 al Cristendome; but Kyng Henry deide er þat were were ful<sup>23</sup> made, & þat was grete harme. ¶ And 3itte saide Merlyn, þat ‘þis Lambe shulde haue pees þe most tyme of his regne’; and he saide ful sop, for he 28 was ne[uer] annoiede prou3<sup>24</sup> wer<sup>t</sup>, ne disesede in no maner<sup>t</sup> wise, til a litel bifore his dep. ¶ And 3itte saide Merlin more in his prophecie, þat ‘in þe regne & ende of þe forsaide lambe, a wolf of a straunge<sup>25</sup> land<sup>t</sup> shulde do<sup>26</sup> him grete<sup>27</sup> harme prou3 his wer<sup>t</sup>; and þat he

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> fyve & fyfty O.    <sup>3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4</sup> of Graunstoñ O.

<sup>5-5</sup> om. O.    <sup>6</sup> xix D.    <sup>7</sup> in D.

<sup>8</sup> kyng and had<sup>t</sup> regned<sup>t</sup> lv 3eer & xix wokes O.    <sup>9</sup> of the D.

<sup>10-10</sup> And of Merlynus prophecie D.    <sup>11</sup> lorde Ihesu crist<sup>t</sup> D.

<sup>12-12</sup> kyng Henry D.    <sup>13</sup> om. D.    bore O.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 100.

<sup>15</sup> MS. has spakek.    <sup>16</sup> of al D.    <sup>17-17</sup> þat DO.

<sup>18-18</sup> bene ful D.    be ful O.    <sup>19</sup> werk<sup>t</sup> D.    werke O.

<sup>20-20</sup> Petrus cherche at D.    Petris Chirche at O.

<sup>21</sup> eny opere D.    eny other O.    <sup>22</sup> knowen O.    <sup>23</sup> fully DO.

<sup>24</sup> with D.    <sup>25</sup> stronge O.    <sup>26</sup> done O.    <sup>27</sup> miche D.

shulde at þe last be<sup>1</sup> maistre prouȝ helpe of a reede ffox, þat shulde come oute of þe Northwest, and shulde him ouercome; & <sup>2</sup>þat he<sup>2</sup> shulde dryue him vnto þe water': and þat prophecie ful wel was knowe, for wipin a litel tyme or þe Kyng deide, Symond<sup>3</sup> of 4 Mountford, Erl of Leicestre, þat was bore in Fraunce, <sup>3</sup>bigonne aȝeyn<sup>3</sup> him stronge werre; prouȝ whiche doying, meny a gode bachiler was shent and dede and disheritede. ¶ And when Kyng Henry hade þe vittori at Euesham, & Symond<sup>4</sup> þe Erl was slayn 8 prouȝ helpe & myght of Gilbert of Clare, Erl of Glou<sup>4</sup>cestre, þat Was in Kepyng <sup>2</sup>and ward<sup>2</sup> of þe forsaide Symund<sup>4</sup>, prouȝ ordenance of Kyng Henry, þat went aȝeyn to þe Kyng wip miche power, wherfore þe forsaide Symund<sup>4</sup> was shent; and þat was grete harme 12 to þe communes of Engeland, þat so gode a man was shent for truþ, & deide in charite, and for þe commune profite of þe same folc; and þerfor Almighty God, <sup>5</sup>for him hap sipennus<sup>5</sup> shewede meny faire<sup>6</sup> miracle to diuerse men and wýmmen, of þe sikenesse and 16 disesse þat pai haue had, for þe loue of him.

¶ And Merlyn also tolde <sup>2</sup>& saide<sup>2</sup> in his prophesie, þat 'after þat tyme þe lambe shulde leue no<sup>7</sup> while; and þan his sede shulde be<sup>8</sup> in straunge land wip-out<sup>9</sup> pasture'; and he said soþ, for Kyng 20 Henry leuede no while after þat<sup>10</sup> Symund<sup>4</sup> Mountford was ded, <sup>11</sup>þat Kyng Henry ne<sup>11</sup> deide anone after<sup>1</sup> him. ¶ And in þe mene-tyme, Sir Edward his sone, þat was þe best knyȝt of þe world of honour,<sup>12</sup> was þo in the Holy Land, and gete pere<sup>13</sup> Acres. ¶ And 24 in [that] contre he bigate in<sup>14</sup> Dame Alianore his wif, Iohne of Acres his doughter, þat aftirward was countesse of Gloucestre. And he made in þe Holy Land soche a viage, þat alle þe world spok<sup>15</sup> of his<sup>16</sup> knyghthode, & euery man drade him, hye and lowe, 28 prouȝ-out<sup>17</sup> al Cristendome, as þe s[t]ory <sup>18</sup>of him<sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup>telleþ, as<sup>19</sup> afterward<sup>3</sup> ȝe shul here more openly. ¶ And <sup>20</sup>fram the tyme þat<sup>20</sup> Kyng Henry deide, til þat Sire Edward was croned Kyng, alle þe gret Lordes of Engeland were as faderles children, wipout<sup>21</sup> eny 32 socour þat ham might mayntene and <sup>22</sup>gouerne, and<sup>22</sup> defende aȝeynȝ her<sup>3</sup> dedeliche<sup>23</sup> enemys.

<sup>1</sup> MS. be be.      <sup>2-2</sup> om. D.      <sup>3-3</sup> began aȝen O.      <sup>4</sup> leaf 100, back.

<sup>5-5</sup> hap sipens for him D.      had for hym sethenes O.

<sup>6</sup> a faire D.      a fayre O.      <sup>7</sup> non D.      <sup>8</sup> ben O.      <sup>9</sup> withouten D.

<sup>10</sup> when O.      <sup>11-11</sup> for he D.      <sup>12</sup> honour and D.      <sup>13</sup> om. D.

<sup>14</sup> on D.      <sup>15</sup> spak D.      <sup>16</sup> his worþinesse and D.      his vyage & O

<sup>17</sup> prouȝ D.      <sup>18-18</sup> om. O.      <sup>19-19</sup> telles and D.

<sup>20-20</sup> fro the tyme þat D.      from þe tyme þat O.      fram R.

<sup>21</sup> wipouten D.      <sup>22-22</sup> om. D.      <sup>23</sup> dedly O.



¶ Of Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward, þat was Kyng<sup>r</sup> Henrie; sone. *Capitulo*  
[Centesimo] lx<sup>1</sup> primo.

<sup>2</sup> **A** Nd after<sup>r</sup> pis Kyng Henry, regned his sone Edward, þe  
4 **w**orthiest knyght<sup>3</sup> of <sup>4</sup>pe worlde,<sup>4</sup> of honour, for Godes  
grace was in him, for he hade þe vittorie of his enemys. And  
as sone as Kyng Henry deide, he come to Londoñ wip a faire com-  
pany of prelates, &<sup>5</sup> of Erles & barons; & al maner men dede him  
8 michelle<sup>6</sup> honour; for in euery place pere<sup>7</sup> Sir Edward rode in  
Londoñ, þe stretes wer<sup>r</sup> couered ouer his heued<sup>8</sup> wip riche clopes of  
silk, <sup>9</sup>wit[h] tapitz of<sup>9</sup> riche coueryng<sup>r</sup>. ¶ And for ioie of his  
comyng, þe noble burgeys of þe cite <sup>10</sup>of Londoñ<sup>10</sup> cast out at<sup>11</sup> her<sup>r</sup>  
12 wyndowes, golde and siluer handes-ful,<sup>12</sup> in<sup>13</sup> tokenyng of loue and  
of<sup>5</sup> worship, seruices & reuerence; ¶ And out of þe condit in<sup>14</sup>  
Chepe ran reed<sup>15</sup> wyne & white,<sup>16</sup> as stremes dop<sup>17</sup> of water; and  
euery man<sup>18</sup> might<sup>19</sup> drynk perof<sup>20</sup> at her<sup>r</sup> owen wille. ¶ And pis  
16 Kyng Edward was cronede and annointede as right heire of Enge-  
land with michel<sup>6</sup> honoure; and after masse þe Kyng went into his  
palice, forto halde a real<sup>21</sup> fest amonges<sup>22</sup> ham þat him had done  
honour. ¶ And when he was sette vnto his mete, the Kyng<sup>r</sup> Alis-  
20 ander<sup>r</sup> of Scotland come forto done him honour<sup>23</sup> and reuerence wip  
a queyntise<sup>24</sup>: an hundred Knyghte;<sup>25</sup> wip him wel horsede and  
arraiede; & when þai were light done<sup>26</sup> of her<sup>r</sup> stedes, þai lete ham  
goo whider<sup>27</sup> þai wolde; & þai<sup>28</sup> þat might tak ham, tok ham<sup>29</sup> at  
24 her<sup>r</sup> owen wille, wipout eny chalange. ¶ And afterward co[me] Sir  
Symond<sup>r</sup>, Kyng Edwardus broþer, a curteise Knyght, and a<sup>30</sup> gentil  
of renouñ, and þe Erl of Cornewaile & þe Erl of Gloucestre; and  
after ham come þe Erl of<sup>r</sup> <sup>31</sup>Penbrok and þe Erl of<sup>r</sup> Garrein; and  
28 eche of <sup>32</sup>ham by him-self<sup>32</sup> lade in <sup>33</sup>his hond<sup>r</sup><sup>33</sup> an<sup>34</sup> hundred  
knyghte; gayliche<sup>35</sup> disgisede in her<sup>r</sup> Armes. ¶ And wen þai were  
light of her<sup>r</sup> horse,<sup>36</sup> þai<sup>37</sup> lete ham go<sup>38</sup> whider þat ham liked; and

<sup>1</sup> lxxx sic O.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 101.    <sup>3</sup> MS. has knyght<sup>r</sup>.

<sup>4-4</sup> al the worlde D. al þe world O. þe worde R.    <sup>5</sup> om. D.

<sup>6</sup> mych O.    <sup>7</sup> þer þat O.    <sup>8</sup> heed<sup>r</sup> O.

<sup>9-9</sup> of tapytz and with D. of tapites & with O.    <sup>10-10</sup> om. DO.

<sup>11</sup> of O.    <sup>12</sup> handfuñt O.    <sup>13</sup> in DO. & R.    <sup>14</sup> of O.

<sup>15</sup> white D. whit O.    <sup>16</sup> rede D. reed<sup>r</sup> O.    <sup>17</sup> done D.

<sup>18</sup> man therof D.    <sup>19</sup> myght perof O.    <sup>20</sup> om. DO.    <sup>21</sup> riatt O.

<sup>22</sup> among D.    <sup>23</sup> seruice O.    <sup>24</sup> queyntise and O.    <sup>25</sup> Knyzt D.

<sup>26</sup> adoun D. adon<sup>r</sup> O.    <sup>27</sup> whider þat DO.    <sup>28</sup> who D. ho O.

<sup>29</sup> tok<sup>r</sup> ham D. toke hem O. tok R.    <sup>30</sup> om. O.    <sup>31</sup> leaf 101, back.

<sup>32-32</sup> hemself O.    <sup>33-33</sup> her hondes D. here hand<sup>r</sup> O.

<sup>34</sup> a O.    <sup>35</sup> gaylist O.    <sup>36</sup> horses O.    <sup>37</sup> and DO.

<sup>38</sup> gon O.

who þat might ham take, holde<sup>1</sup> ham stille, with-outen<sup>2</sup> eny lette. ¶ And when al þis was done, Kyng Edward dede his diligence and his might forto emende<sup>3</sup> and redresse þe wrongus<sup>4</sup> of þe reame<sup>4</sup> in þe beste maner þat he might, to the honour of God & holy cherche, and to mayntene his honour, and to amende þe noyaunce of þe commune peple.

**How Ydoyne, þat was Lewelynus douzter, Pri e of Walis, & Aymer<sup>5</sup> þat was þe Erles broþer<sup>5</sup> Mounford<sup>6</sup>, wer<sup>6</sup> taken<sup>6</sup> 8 in þe see. Capitulo Centesimo lxiij.<sup>7</sup>**

**T**He first zere after<sup>8</sup> þat Kyng Edward was cronede, Lewelyn, Prince of Walys, sent into Fraunce to þe Erl Mountford þat,<sup>9</sup> prou3 conseile of his frendes, þe Erl shulde wedde his douzter. 12 And þe Erl þo avisede him of<sup>10</sup> þis þing<sup>1</sup>, and sent azein to Lewelyn, & saide þat he wolde send after<sup>1</sup> his douzter. And so he sent Aymer<sup>2</sup>, his broþer, after þe damisel. And Lewelyn arraiede shippis for his doughter and for Sir<sup>3</sup> Aymer<sup>3</sup>, & for her<sup>3</sup> faire company þat 16 shulde wende wiþ her<sup>3</sup>. And þis Lewelyn dede grete wronge, for hit was couenant þat he shulde zeue his doughter to no maner man wiþouten<sup>11</sup> consel and consent of Kyng Edward. ¶ And so hit bifelle,<sup>12</sup> þat a burgeys of<sup>13</sup> Bristow come in þe see wiþ wyn lade,<sup>14</sup> 20 and mette ham, & <sup>15</sup>ham toke<sup>15</sup> wiþ might & power<sup>16</sup>; and anone þe bu[r]geys sent ham to þe Kyng. ¶ And when Lewelyn herde this <sup>17</sup>tydynges,<sup>18</sup> he Was Wonder<sup>1</sup> Wroþ & eke sorweful, and <sup>19</sup>bigon þo<sup>19</sup> forto weire oppoñ Kyng Edward, & dede miche harme vnto<sup>20</sup> 24 Englissh-men, and bete adoune þe Kyngus castelles,<sup>21</sup> & biganne fast to destroi Kyng Edwardes lande.<sup>22</sup> ¶ And when tydyngus<sup>23</sup> come to Kyng Edward of þis þing<sup>1</sup>, he went into Walys; and so miche he dede, by<sup>24</sup> Godes grace & his grete power<sup>3</sup>, þat he drof 28 Lewelyn vnto miche meschif, þat he fleye al maner strengþ, and come & zelde him to Kyng Edward, and 3af him 1 M<sup>1</sup> mar3<sup>25</sup> of siluer forto haue pees, and toke þe damisel & al his<sup>9</sup> heritage, and made an obligacion vnto<sup>26</sup> Kyng Edward, and<sup>26</sup> come to his 32 pa[r]llament ij tymes of þe zere.

<sup>1</sup> haue O.      <sup>2</sup> wiþout D.      withoute O.

<sup>3</sup> amende the realme D.      amende þe reame O.      <sup>4-4</sup> om. DO.

<sup>5</sup> broþer of DO.      <sup>6</sup> take O.      <sup>7</sup> lxj<sup>mo</sup> D.      lxix R.      <sup>8</sup> afterward O.

<sup>9</sup> om. D      <sup>10</sup> oñ D.      vpon O.      <sup>11</sup> wiþout D.      withoute O.

<sup>12</sup> felle DO.      <sup>13</sup> in D.      <sup>14</sup> late O.      <sup>15-15</sup> toke hem O.

<sup>16</sup> strengthe O.      <sup>17</sup> leaf 102.      <sup>18</sup> tidyng O.      <sup>19-19</sup> gan D.      gan þo O.

<sup>20</sup> vnto the D.      vnto þe O.      <sup>21</sup> Casteñ O.      <sup>22</sup> landes O.

<sup>23</sup> tiding<sup>t</sup> D.      tydyng<sup>t</sup> O.      <sup>24</sup> purgh O.      <sup>25</sup> Mark<sup>t</sup> O.      <sup>26</sup> to DO.

¶ And þe<sup>1</sup> secunde ȝere after þat Kyng Edward was cronede, he helde a general parliament at Westminster, and þere he made þe statutes for<sup>2</sup> defaut of lawe, by commune assent of al his baronage.  
 4 And at Ester nexte sewyngt, þe Kyng sent by his lettre to Lewelyn, Prince of Walis, þat he shulde come to<sup>3</sup> parlement for his londes<sup>4</sup> and for his holdyng in Walys, as þe strengþ of þe lettre obligatorie witnessede. ¶ þo Lewelyn hade scorn and despite of þe Kynges  
 8 commandement; & for pur wrap biganne aȝeyn forto<sup>5</sup> werr' opon Kyng Edward, & destroyed<sup>6</sup> [his lands]. ¶ And <sup>7</sup>when Kyng Edward<sup>7</sup> herd þis tydynges,<sup>8</sup> he was<sup>9</sup> wonder<sup>10</sup> wroþ toward<sup>11</sup> Lewelyn, & in haste assembled<sup>12</sup> his peple, and went him toward  
 12 Walys, and werred so oppoñ Lewelyn þe prince, til þat he hade<sup>12</sup> brouȝt him in miche sorw and disese; ¶ And Lewelyn saw that his defence myght nouȝt<sup>13</sup> availe, and come aȝeyne, & <sup>14</sup>ȝelde him to þe Kyngus<sup>15</sup> grace, and criede him mercy, and Longe tyme knelede  
 16 bifore þe Kynges feete. ¶ The Kyng had<sup>16</sup> of him pite, and commaundede him forto arise; and for his mekenesse forȝaf him his wrap, and to him saide, <sup>16</sup>that 'if<sup>16</sup> he toke on amys aȝeyns<sup>17</sup> him anoþer tyme, þat he wolde destroye him for euer<sup>18</sup>-more.' ¶ Dauid,  
 20 þat was Lewelynus broþer, <sup>18</sup>duellede þat<sup>19</sup> same tyme<sup>18</sup> wiþ<sup>20</sup> Kyng Edward, & was a felle man & a sotil, & enuyous, & ferre castyngt, and miche tresoun þouȝt, and euermore helde him stille for[to] wete & asprie þe Kynges wille, and euermore made god semblaunt, and  
 24 semede so trew þat no man myght perceyue his falsenesse.

**How Lewelyn, þrouȝ enginge<sup>21</sup> of Dauid his broþer, Werrede aȝeyne vpon Kyng<sup>10</sup> Edward. Capitulo Centesimo lxxij<sup>o</sup>.**

28 **H**It was nought longe after þat tyme, þat Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward ne ȝaf vnto<sup>22</sup> Dauid, þat was Lewelynus broþer, þe lordship of Frodesham, and made him a knyght; and so miche honour dede he neuer<sup>23</sup> to no man of Walys after,<sup>12</sup> for enchesoñ of him.

32 ¶ Kyng Edward helde his parliament at Londoñ, when he hade done in Walys aȝ þat he wolde, and chaungede his mony, þat þo was<sup>24</sup> foule cotte & rounded; wherfore þe commune peple pleyuede

<sup>1</sup> in the D. in þe O.    <sup>2</sup> in D.    <sup>3</sup> to his D.    <sup>4</sup> land<sup>o</sup> O.  
<sup>5</sup> to DO.    <sup>6</sup> destroy D.    <sup>7-7</sup> þo kyng sic O.    <sup>8</sup> tydyng O.  
<sup>9</sup> wox D.    <sup>10</sup> om. O.    <sup>11</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>12</sup> om. DO.  
<sup>13</sup> nouȝt him D.    hym not O.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 102, back.    <sup>15</sup> Kyng D.  
<sup>16-16</sup> þf sic D.    <sup>17</sup> aȝeyne D.    aȝen O.  
<sup>18-18</sup> þat same tyme dwelled<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>19</sup> the D.    <sup>20</sup> with the D.  
<sup>21</sup> eggyn O.    <sup>22</sup> to DO.    <sup>23</sup> neuer<sup>o</sup> after<sup>o</sup> D.    neuere aftir O.  
<sup>24</sup> was ful O.

ham wonder' sore, so þat þe Kyng lete enquire of ham þat soche trespasse deden; and iij C were atteynt of soche maner' falsenes; wherfore somme were honged, and some<sup>1</sup> draw, and afterward<sup>2</sup> hongede. ¶ And afterward, the Kyng<sup>3</sup> ordeynede þat þe sterlinge 4 halfpeny and ferthinge shulde go<sup>3</sup> þrouz-out his lande, and commandedede þat no man, fro þat day afterward, <sup>4</sup>3af ne feffede hous of Religiouñ with lande <sup>5</sup>and tenement; wiþouten<sup>5</sup> special leue of þe Kyng<sup>4</sup>; and he þat dede hit,<sup>6</sup> shulde ben<sup>7</sup> punisschede att þe<sup>2</sup> 8 Kynges wille, and the zifte shulde be for nouzt.

¶ And hit was nouzt longe after, þat Lewelyn, Prince of Walys, prouz ticement' of Dauid his broþer, and by boþe here consent, þai prouz disherite Kyng Edward in-asniche as þai might, so þat prouz 12 ham boþe þe Kynges pees was broken.<sup>5</sup> ¶ And when Kyng Edward herde þis, anone he sent<sup>9</sup> his barons into Northumberland, and þe Shirreyues<sup>10</sup> also, þat þai shulde gone<sup>11</sup> & take her Viage oppoñ þe traitoures<sup>12</sup> Lewelyn and Dauid. ¶ And wonder herde 16 was forto werr' þo, for it [is]<sup>13</sup> wynter in Walis when in oþer cuntres it is somer'. And Lewelyn <sup>14</sup>lete ordeyn<sup>14</sup> and wel arraie<sup>15</sup> his gode castel of Swandoñ, and was þerin an huge nombre of peple & plentee of vitales, so þat Kyng Edward wist nouzt wher forto<sup>16</sup> 20 entre. ¶ And wen þe Kynges men hit perceyuede, and also þe strengþ of Walys, þai lete come in þe see,<sup>13</sup> barges<sup>17</sup> and botes, and grete plankes, as meny as þai might ordeyn and haue, forto gone to the forsaide casteñ of Swayndoñ wiþ men on foot' and eke on hors. 24 But þe Walshemen hade so miche peple, and were so strong', þat þai dryuen<sup>18</sup> þe Englisshe-men azein, <sup>19</sup>so þat þere was so miche presse of peple at the turnyng azeyne,<sup>19</sup> þat þe charge & þe berdeyn<sup>20</sup> of ham made þe barges and botes synk'; and þere was drenchedede 28 ful meny a gode Knyght, þat is to seyn: Sir' Roger of Clifford, Sir' William of Lyndesey, þat was Sire Iohnes sone Fitz Robert', and Sire Richard Tauny, and an huge nombre of oþere fole; and al was <sup>21</sup>þrouz her' owen folye; for yf þai had hed gode espies, þai had 32 nouzt bene harmed.

<sup>1</sup> some were O.      <sup>2</sup> om. O.      <sup>3</sup> goñ DO.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 103.      <sup>5-5</sup> ne tenement with-out D.      ne tenement withoute O.

<sup>6</sup> om. DO.      <sup>7</sup> be DO.      <sup>8</sup> broke O.      <sup>9</sup> sent his barons DO.      sent R.

<sup>10</sup> Shirreyues D.      Surreys OR.      <sup>11</sup> go O.      <sup>12</sup> traitous D.

<sup>13</sup> om. D.      <sup>14-14</sup> lete & ordeyned O.

<sup>15</sup> array and vitaille D.      arrayd & vitailled O.      <sup>16</sup> to D.

<sup>17</sup> MS. barges barges.      <sup>18</sup> drof D.

<sup>19-19</sup> so þat þere was so miche presse of peple at the turnyng azeyne D.      so þat þer was so myche prese of peple at þe turnyng azen O.      om. R.

<sup>20</sup> berthen D.      berþene O.      <sup>21</sup> leaf 103, back.

¶ When Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward harde tel þat his peple were so ydrenchede,<sup>1</sup> he made sorwe ynow. ¶ But þo come Sir<sup>2</sup> Iohn of<sup>2</sup> Vessy fram<sup>3</sup> þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Aragouñ, and brouȝt with him miche<sup>2</sup> folc of  
 4 bachilers &<sup>2</sup> of Gascoignes,<sup>4</sup> and wer<sup>1</sup> soudioures, and duelled<sup>5</sup>  
 wiþ þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>; and tok<sup>6</sup> of him wages, & wiþ him were wiþholde,  
 & noble-men; hit were forto fiȝte, & brenne meny tounes, & quelle<sup>7</sup>  
 miche peple of Walshemen, al þat þai myght take. ¶ And alle þo,  
 8 wiþ pure strengþ & might, maden<sup>8</sup> assaute to þe castel of Swandoñ,  
 & gete the castel.

¶ And when Daid, þe Prynce<sup>9</sup> broþer, herde<sup>10</sup> þo tidinges,<sup>11</sup> he ordeined<sup>12</sup> him to flight.<sup>12</sup> ¶ And Lewelyn þe Prynce saw þat<sup>13</sup> Daid  
 12 his broþer<sup>13</sup> was flowen, [and]<sup>14</sup> sore he was<sup>14</sup> abasshed, for he had  
 none<sup>15</sup> power<sup>15</sup> þo, his wer<sup>1</sup> forto mayntene. ¶ And so Lewelyn gan  
 forto flee, and wend wel forto<sup>2</sup> haue scaped; but on a<sup>16</sup> morwe Sir  
 Roger þe<sup>17</sup> Mortymer<sup>17</sup> mette wiþ him oneliche<sup>18</sup> wiþ x knyȝtes, and  
 16 sette him rounde aboute, and to him went, and smote of his  
 heuede,<sup>19</sup> & presentede him vnto<sup>20</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward: & in þis maner  
 þe Prince of Walys was taken,<sup>21</sup> and his heued<sup>22</sup> smyten<sup>23</sup> of, and  
 alle his heires disherited for euermore, þrouȝ right<sup>24</sup> dome of þe  
 20 lordes of þe reaume.

¶ How Daid, þat was Lewelynes broþer, Prynce of Walys,<sup>25</sup>  
 was put to<sup>26</sup> deþ. *Capitulo ¶ Centesimo lxxiiij<sup>to</sup>.*

24 **D**Auid, þat was<sup>27</sup> Lewelynus broþer,<sup>27</sup> þrouȝ pride<sup>28</sup> wende forto  
 haue bene<sup>28</sup> Prince of Walis after his broþeres deth; and  
 oppoñ þat, he sent after Walshemen to his parlement at Denbegge,  
 and fulliche<sup>29</sup> made Walys<sup>30</sup> arise aȝeynes the Kyng<sup>1</sup>, and biganne  
 to meve Werr<sup>31</sup> aȝeyns þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>,<sup>31</sup> and dede al þe sorwe and dissesse  
 28 þat he myght by his power.

¶ When Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward harde of þis þing,<sup>2</sup> he ordeyned men to  
 pursue oppoñ him; and Daid ferseliche<sup>32</sup> him defended til þat he

<sup>1</sup> drenchede D. drenched<sup>1</sup> O. <sup>2</sup> om. D. <sup>3</sup> fro DO.  
<sup>4</sup> Gascoyng sic D. <sup>5</sup> dwellyng O. <sup>6</sup> vndirfong O. <sup>7</sup> queld<sup>7</sup> O.  
<sup>8</sup> made DO. <sup>9</sup> Prynces O. <sup>10</sup> herde þo D. herd<sup>10</sup> þat O. herde R.  
<sup>11</sup> tydyng O. <sup>12</sup> flight O. fight R.  
<sup>13-13</sup> his broþer Daid<sup>13</sup> O. <sup>14-14</sup> was sore D. sore awas O.  
<sup>15</sup> no DO. <sup>16</sup> þe O. <sup>17</sup> om. D. le O. <sup>18</sup> only O. <sup>19</sup> heed O.  
<sup>20</sup> to D. <sup>21</sup> take O. <sup>22</sup> heed O. <sup>23</sup> smet D. smyte O.  
<sup>24</sup> riȝtful O. <sup>25</sup> MS. Walys Walys. <sup>26</sup> to þe O.  
<sup>27-27</sup> the Prince broþer of Walys D. þe Prynces brother of Walys O.  
<sup>28-28</sup> went haue be O. <sup>29</sup> folylich O. <sup>30</sup> leaf 104.  
<sup>31-31</sup> om. D. aȝen þe kyng<sup>1</sup> O. <sup>32</sup> fresly D. fersly O.

come to þe touñ of Seynt Morice; and þere was Dauid take as he fleȳ,<sup>1</sup> and lad to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>; & þe Kyng commanded þat he shulde ben<sup>2</sup> hongede & ydraw,<sup>3</sup> & smyten<sup>4</sup> of his heuede,<sup>5</sup> & <sup>6</sup>quarter him,<sup>6</sup> & sende his heuede<sup>7</sup> to Londoñ, and þe iiij quarters sende to <sup>8</sup>the iiij<sup>8</sup> <sup>9</sup>chief townes<sup>9</sup> of Walys, for þai shulde take ensample, & þerof be-war<sup>t</sup>.

¶ And afterward Kyng Edward lete crie his pees þrouz<sup>10</sup> Walys, & seisede al<sup>11</sup> the londe into his honde; and alle þe grete lordes of 8 Walys þat were lefte alif, come þo to done<sup>12</sup> feaute and homage vnto<sup>13</sup> þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> as to her<sup>t</sup> Kynde Lord<sup>t</sup>; and þo lete Kyng Edward amende þe lawes of Walys þat were<sup>14</sup> defectif. ¶ And after, he sent to<sup>15</sup> alle þe lordes of Walys, by his lettre patent, þat<sup>16</sup> þai 12 shulde comme alle to his parlement. And when þai were comen,<sup>17</sup> þe Kyng saide <sup>18</sup>to ham ful curtesly: “Lordyng, 3e beþ welcomen<sup>18</sup>; and me bihoueth 3our<sup>t</sup> conseile and 3our<sup>t</sup> helpe forto wende into Gascoigne, forto amende þe trespasse þat to me was 16 þere done when þat<sup>19</sup> y was þere,<sup>19</sup> and forto entrete of Pees bituene þe Kyng of Aragoñ & þe Prynce of Morrey.” ¶ And<sup>20</sup> alle þe Kynges lege<sup>21</sup>-men, Erles & barons, consentede <sup>22</sup>and granted<sup>22</sup> þereto. And þo went þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> into Gascoign, and lete amende þe 20 trespasse þat him was <sup>23</sup>þere doñ,<sup>23</sup> and of þe debat þat was bituene þe Kyng of Arragoñ & the Prynce of Morrey, he cessede, & made ham accordede.

¶ And while the <sup>24</sup>Gode Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward and Alianore his Quene 24 was<sup>25</sup> in Gascoigne, þe gode Erl of Cornwaile was made Wardeyn of Engeland<sup>t</sup> til þat Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward come a3eyn. And þo enquerede he of his traitoures þat coniectede falsenesse a3eynz him; and eche of ham alle vnderfonge his<sup>26</sup> dome, after<sup>t</sup> þat þai hade deserued. 28 ¶ But in the mene-tyme, while<sup>27</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward was bizonde þe see, to done<sup>28</sup> ham forto make amendes<sup>29</sup> þat a3eyns him hade trespassede, a false þef<sup>30</sup> traitour þat me callede ‘Rys ap Meriedok,’ bigan forto make wer<sup>t</sup> a3eyns the<sup>19</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward; and þat was for 32 enchesouñ þat<sup>31</sup> Sire Payn Tiptott<sup>t</sup> wrongefully greuede & disesede þe

1 fled O.    2 be DO.    3 drawe O.    4 smyte DO.    5 heed<sup>t</sup> O.  
<sup>6-6</sup> quartred<sup>t</sup> O.    7 heed O.    <sup>8-8</sup> iiij the D.    <sup>9-9</sup> Tounys Chef O.  
10 þrouz-out al D.    þurgh-out al O.    11 of O.    12 do O.    13 to D.  
14 weren O.    15 vn-to O.    16 om. O.    17 Come to þe kyng O.  
<sup>18-18</sup> ful curteysly lordynges 3e ben welcome O.    19 om. D.  
20 Anon O.    21 lieges D.    <sup>22-22</sup> om. D.  
<sup>23-23</sup> done þere D.    don<sup>t</sup> in Gascoigne O.    24 leaf 104, back.  
25 were DO.    26 her<sup>t</sup> D.    27 while þat O.    28 do D.  
29 amende D.    30 þef a O.    31 þat D.    of R.

forsaid Rys ap Meriedok'. ¶ And when Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward herd al þis, he sent by his *lettres* to Rys ap Meriedok', þat he shulde bigin to<sup>1</sup> make non<sup>2</sup> werr', but þat he shulde be<sup>3</sup> in pees, for his loue; and  
4 when þat<sup>4</sup> he come aʒeyn into Engeland, he wold vndertake þe querel, and wolde done<sup>5</sup> amende al þat was misdone. ¶ The forsaide Rys ap Meriedok dispisede the Kynges commandement, and sparede nouʒt forto done<sup>5</sup> alle þe sorwe þat he might to þe Kyngus  
8 men of Engeland; but anone after he was taken,<sup>6</sup> and lad to ʒorke, and þere he was drawe and hongede for his folye.<sup>7</sup>

Of þe redressing<sup>1</sup> þat Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward made<sup>8</sup> of his Iusticeʒ & <sup>9</sup>of his clerkes, þat þai had done<sup>9</sup> for her' falsnesse<sup>8</sup>; & how  
12 he drof þe<sup>10</sup> Gewes out of Engeland, <sup>11</sup>for her' Vsurye and her' mysbileue.<sup>11</sup> *Capitulo Centesimo lxxv*<sup>10, 12</sup>

**W**hen Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward had duellede iij ʒer' in Gascoigne, <sup>13</sup>ful wel hit bicome vnto<sup>13</sup> him forto Wende aʒeyn into Enge-  
16 land. And when<sup>14</sup> he was comen<sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>aʒeyne, he toke<sup>17</sup> so meny pleyntes made to him of his Iusticeʒ and of his clerkes, þat had doñ so meny wronges & falsnesseʒ,<sup>18</sup> þat wonder' hit was <sup>19</sup>for to wete<sup>19</sup>; ¶ and for whiche falsnesse, Sir' Thomas of Weylond, þe Kyngus  
20 Iustice, forsuore Engeland at the Toure of Londoñ, for falsnesse þat men put oppoñ [him]; wherfore<sup>20</sup> he was teint,<sup>21</sup> & *prouede* false. ¶ And anone after, when þe Kyng had doñ his wil <sup>22</sup>of þe<sup>22</sup> Iusticeʒ, þo lete he enquere & asprie how þe Gewys desceyuede & bigilede  
24 his peple, þrouʒ here<sup>23</sup> synne &<sup>24</sup> falsnesse of<sup>25</sup> Vsurie; and lete ordeyn a priue *parlement* amonges<sup>26</sup> his lordes; and þai ordeynede amongus<sup>26</sup> ham þat 'alle þe Gewes shulde voide Engeland, for here misbileue, & also for her' false Vsurye þat þai deden vnto Cristen  
28 men.' ¶ And forto spede and make an ende of þis þing', al þe *communitie*<sup>27</sup> of Engeland <sup>28</sup>ʒeue to<sup>28</sup> þe Kyng' þe l.<sup>29</sup> peny of alle here Godes moeble: and so were þe Gewis dryuen out of Engeland; and þo went þe Gewis into Fraunce, [and there dwelled], þrouʒ þe<sup>4</sup>  
32 leue of Kyng' Philip þat þo was Kyng' of Fraunce.

<sup>1</sup> forto DO.    <sup>2</sup> no DO.    <sup>3</sup> by D.    <sup>4</sup> om. DO.    <sup>5</sup> do D.  
<sup>6</sup> take O.    <sup>7</sup> felonye DO.    <sup>8</sup> om. D.    <sup>9-9</sup> clerkes O.    <sup>10</sup> om. O.  
<sup>11-11</sup> om. O.    <sup>12</sup> lxxxv<sup>to</sup> sic O.    <sup>13-13</sup> wel come to D. wil come to O.  
<sup>14</sup> þo O.    <sup>15</sup> come O.    <sup>16</sup> leaf 105.    <sup>17</sup> founde D. fond O.  
<sup>18</sup> falsnesse D. falsnes O.    <sup>19-19</sup> to here O.  
<sup>20</sup> wherof D.    <sup>21</sup> atteynt D. atteint O.  
<sup>22-22</sup> with his D.    <sup>23</sup> his O.    <sup>24</sup> of DO.    <sup>25</sup> and D. and of O.  
<sup>26</sup> among O.    <sup>27</sup> *communes* D. *Comunalte* O.  
<sup>28-28</sup> ʒaf vnto D.    <sup>29</sup> xv D. fyfthe O.

How Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward was seisede in al þe lond of Scotland<sup>t</sup>, þrouz consent & graunt of alle þe<sup>1</sup> lordes of Scotland. *Capitulo Centesimo ¶ I[x]vj*<sup>60,2</sup>

**H**It was nouzt longe after, þat Alisander<sup>3</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Scotland, 4 nas dede, and<sup>t</sup> Dauid Erl of Huntyngdoñ, þat was þe Kynges broþer of Scotland, axede and chalangede<sup>4</sup> þe Kyngdome of Scotland<sup>t</sup>, for enchesoñ þat he was rightful<sup>5</sup> heir<sup>t</sup>. ¶ But meny grete lordes of Scotland saide ‘nay’; wherfore grete debate arose 8 bituene<sup>6</sup> ham & her<sup>7</sup> frendes, for-asmiche as<sup>8</sup> þai wolde nouzt consent to his<sup>9</sup> coronacioñ; and in the <sup>10</sup>mene-tyme þe forsaide Dauid deide. ¶ And so hit bifelle þat þe<sup>8</sup> same Dauid had iij doughtres, þat worpiliche<sup>11</sup> wer<sup>t</sup> maried: þe ferst doughter was 12 mariede to Bailoille, þe secunde to Brus, þe þridde to Hastings. ¶ And þe forsaide Bailol & Brus chalangede <sup>12</sup>þe land of<sup>12</sup> Scotland; and grete debate and strif aroos bituene ham þre, for enchesouñ þat eche of ham wolde haue bene<sup>13</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup>. ¶ & when þe lordes of <sup>14</sup>þe 16 land<sup>14</sup> saw þe debate bituene<sup>15</sup> ham þre,<sup>16</sup> þai come to Kyng Edward of Engeland, and seisede him in alle þe land<sup>t</sup> of Scotland<sup>t</sup> as [t]heir<sup>t</sup> chief<sup>t</sup> lord<sup>t</sup>. ¶ And when þe Kyng was seisede of alle<sup>17</sup> þe lordes of Scotland<sup>t</sup>, þe forsaide Bailol, Brus, and Hastyngus, comen<sup>18</sup> to 20 þe Kyngus court<sup>t</sup>, and axede of þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> ‘whiche of ham shulde be Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Scotland<sup>t</sup>.’ ¶ And Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward, þat was fulle<sup>19</sup> gentil and trewe, lete enquere by þe Cronicles of Scotland<sup>t</sup>, and of þe gret lordes of Scotland<sup>t</sup>, whiche of ham was the Eldeste blood<sup>t</sup>; 24 and it was founde þat Bailoil was þe<sup>20</sup> eldest<sup>t</sup>,<sup>21</sup> and þat þe Kyng of Scotland shulde holde of the Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Engeland<sup>t</sup>, and do<sup>22</sup> him feaute and homage. ¶ & after þat<sup>23</sup> þis was doñ, Bailoil went into Scotland<sup>t</sup>, and þere was cronede Kyng of Scotland<sup>t</sup>. 28

And þe same tyme was oppoñ þe see <sup>24</sup>grete strif<sup>24</sup> bituene þe<sup>25</sup> Englisshemen and the No[r]mannes. ¶ But oppoñ [a tyme] þe Normans arryuede<sup>26</sup> al at Douer<sup>t</sup>; and þere þai martrede an holy man þat me calleþ<sup>27</sup> seynt Thomas of Douer<sup>t</sup>. And aftirwarde<sup>28</sup> 32

<sup>1</sup> þe gret D.      <sup>2</sup> <sup>xx</sup>iiij vj<sup>to</sup> sic O.      <sup>3</sup> Alisander the D.  
<sup>4</sup> cleymede D. Claymed<sup>t</sup> O.      <sup>5</sup> riȝt D.  
<sup>6</sup> bituene D. betwene O. bitue R.      <sup>7</sup> MS. has her her<sup>t</sup>.      <sup>8</sup> þat D.  
<sup>9</sup> þis O.      <sup>10</sup> leaf 105, back.      <sup>11</sup> worthily O.      <sup>12-12</sup> om. D.  
<sup>13</sup> be O.      <sup>14-14</sup> Scotland<sup>t</sup> DO.      <sup>15</sup> of D.      <sup>16</sup> om. O.  
<sup>17</sup> MS. has alle London<sup>t</sup>, with London<sup>t</sup> underlined for omission; om. DO.  
<sup>18</sup> come O.      <sup>19</sup> bothe D.      <sup>20</sup> om. O.      <sup>21</sup> eldest bloode D.  
<sup>22</sup> done O.      <sup>23</sup> om. DO.      <sup>24-24</sup> strong wer<sup>t</sup> D.      strong werre O.  
<sup>25</sup> om. D.      <sup>26</sup> arryued vp O.      <sup>27</sup> callede D.      Called<sup>t</sup> O.  
<sup>28</sup> afterwarde D.



were þe Normans quelled, þat þere <sup>1</sup>scapede none of ham.<sup>1</sup>  
 ¶ And sone afterward,<sup>2</sup> Kyng Edward shulde lese þe Duchee of<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>4</sup>Gascoign,<sup>5</sup> prouȝ Kyng Philipp of Fraunce, prouȝ false castyng<sup>6</sup>  
 4 of þe Dosseperez of þe lond; wherfore Sir Edmund, þat was sire<sup>7</sup>  
 Edwardes broþer, ȝaf vp his homage vnto<sup>8</sup> the Kyng of Fraunce.  
 And in þat tyme þe clerkes<sup>9</sup> of Engeland [granted] vnto<sup>10</sup> Kyng  
 Edward haluendel <sup>11</sup>holy cherche<sup>11</sup> godes, in helpyng<sup>t</sup> forto recouer<sup>t</sup>  
 8 his land aȝeyn in Gascoign. ¶ And þe Kyng sent pider a noble  
 company of his bachilers; and<sup>12</sup> himself wolde haue went<sup>13</sup> to  
 Portesmouthe, but he was lette prouȝ on Maddok of Walys, þat  
 hade seisede þe castel of Swandoñ into his honde. And for þat  
 12 enchesouñ the Kyng<sup>14</sup> turnede aȝeyn into Walys at Cristus-masse.<sup>15</sup>  
 ¶ And for enchesouñ þat þe noble lordes of Engeland þat were sent  
 into<sup>16</sup> Gascoign, had no<sup>17</sup> comfort of here lord þe<sup>14</sup> Kyng Edward,  
 þai wer' take of Sire Charles of Fraunce, þat is to seyn, Sir Iohn  
 16 of Britaigne, Sire Robert Tiptott, Sire Rauf Tauny,<sup>18</sup> Sir Hughe  
 Bardolf, & Sir Adam<sup>19</sup> of Cretingus.<sup>19</sup> And ryȝt at þe<sup>14</sup> Ascencioñ  
 was Maddok taken<sup>20</sup> in Walys, and anoper þat me called Morgan;  
 and þai were sent to þe Toure of Londoñ, and<sup>21</sup> þai wer' honget.<sup>22</sup>

20 How Sir Iohn of<sup>14</sup> Balol, Kyng of Scotland, wiþsaide his  
 homoge<sup>23</sup>; and of Sir Thomas<sup>24</sup> Tourbeluile. *Capitulo*  
*Centesimo*<sup>14</sup> lxxvij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>25</sup>

24 **A**Nd when sir Iohn Bailol, Kyng of Scotland, vnderstode þat  
 Kyng Edward was werrede in Gascoign, to whom þe  
 reame of Scotland was delyuerede, falseliche<sup>26</sup> þo aȝeynȝ his oth,  
 wit[h]saide<sup>27</sup> homage, prouȝ procuryng<sup>t</sup> of his folc, and sent to the  
 court of Rome, prouȝ a false suggesciouñ, to bene assoiled<sup>28</sup> of þat  
 28 oth þat he swore<sup>29</sup> vnto the Kyng<sup>t</sup><sup>29</sup> of Engeland; and so he was,  
 by lettres enbullede. ¶ þo chose<sup>30</sup> þai of Scotland Dossepers forto  
 bynime Edward his right.

<sup>1</sup>—<sup>1</sup> ascapede of ham neuer on D. scaped of hem not on O.

<sup>2</sup> after D. aftir O. <sup>3</sup> MS. of<sup>t</sup> of<sup>t</sup>. <sup>4</sup> leaf 106. <sup>5</sup> Lancastre O.

<sup>6</sup> tusing<sup>t</sup> D. <sup>7</sup> kyng DO. <sup>8</sup> to D. <sup>9</sup> clergy D. <sup>10</sup> to DO.

<sup>11</sup>—<sup>11</sup> of holy cherches D. of holy Cherche O. <sup>12</sup> and þe kyng D.

<sup>13</sup> goñ D. <sup>14</sup> om. D. <sup>15</sup> cristen-masse D. Cristemasse O.

<sup>16</sup> vn-to O. <sup>17</sup> none D. <sup>18</sup> Tauny and D.

<sup>19</sup>—<sup>19</sup> Cretyng<sup>t</sup> D. of Cretynge O. <sup>20</sup> tak D. take O.

<sup>21</sup> & þere O. <sup>22</sup> biheuedede D. behede<sup>t</sup> O. <sup>23</sup> homages O.

<sup>24</sup> Iohn D. <sup>25</sup> MS. has lxxvij; O. has lxxxvij<sup>o</sup>. <sup>26</sup> falsly O.

<sup>27</sup> gaynesaide his D. withsayd his O. <sup>28</sup> leaf 106, back.

<sup>29</sup>—<sup>29</sup> to Kyng Edward<sup>t</sup> D. <sup>30</sup> chosen DO.

& in þat tyme com <sup>1</sup>ij Cardinalles<sup>1</sup> fro þe court of Rome, fram þe Pope<sup>2</sup> Celestyne, forto trete of accorde bituene þe Kyng of Fraunce & þe Kyng of Engeland. ¶ And as þo ij Cardinalles speken of accord, Thomas Tourbeluile, þat was take<sup>3</sup> at Ryouns, <sup>4</sup>made feaute and homage to the Wardeyn of Parys, and to him put his ij sones in hostage,<sup>4</sup> for þat he þouzt<sup>5</sup> goñ into Engeland forto asprie the contre, and telle ham when he come into Engeland, þat he hade broken þe Kynges prisouñ of Fraunce by nyght, and <sup>8</sup>saide þat he wolde done, þat alle Englisshe-men and Walshe-men shulde abowe to þe Kyng of Fraunce: and pis þing forto brynge to þe ende, he swore; and oppoñ þis couenaunt, dedes<sup>6</sup> wer' made bituene<sup>7</sup> ham, and þat he shulde haue by zere<sup>8</sup> an hundrede <sup>12</sup>poundes<sup>8</sup> worp of land, to bryng' þis þinge<sup>9</sup> to þe<sup>10</sup> ende. ¶ This false *traitour* toke his leue, and went pens and come into Engeland vnto<sup>11</sup> þe Kyng', & saide þat he was broken out of prisouñ, and þat he had put him in soche perile for his loue. Wherefore þe Kyng' <sup>16</sup>coup him miche<sup>12</sup> þank', & ful glade was of his comyng'. ¶ And þe false þef *traitoure* fro þat day aspiede al the Doying of þe Kyng' and also his Conseile, for þe Kyng' louede him ful<sup>13</sup> wel, & was wip him ful priuee. ¶ But a clerk of Engeland, þat was in the Kynges <sup>20</sup>hous of France, herde of þis tresouñ & of the falsnesse, and wrote to anopere<sup>14</sup> clerk' þat Was duellyng' wip þe Kyng' of Engeland, al how Thomas Tourbeluile hade done his false<sup>15</sup> coniettyng'. And al þe Conseil of Engeland was writen<sup>16</sup> forto haue sent vnto<sup>17</sup> þe Kyng' <sup>24</sup>of Fraunce; and þrouz þe forsaide lettre þat þe clerc hade sent fro Fraunce, hit was founden<sup>18</sup> oppoñ him; wherfor he was lade to London, & drawen & honged þere for his tresouñ; and his ij sones, þat he hade put in<sup>19</sup> Fraunce for hostages, were<sup>20</sup> <sup>21</sup>þo biheudedede.<sup>21</sup> <sup>28</sup>

Of þe Conquest of Berwik'. *Capitulo Centesimo Sexagesimo*<sup>22</sup> viij<sup>o</sup>.

**W**Hen þo ij Cardinales wer' gone<sup>23</sup> azeyn into France, forto trete of<sup>24</sup> pees at Cambrey, þe Kyng sent þider' of his <sup>32</sup>Erls and baroñs, þat is to seyn, Sire Edmund' his þroþer, Erl of

<sup>1</sup>—1 to ham a Cardynal D.

<sup>2</sup> pope struck out, and bisshop written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>3</sup> taken DO. <sup>4</sup> hostages D. <sup>5</sup> þoghte haue O. <sup>6</sup> dede D.

<sup>7</sup> bituene D. between O. bitue R. <sup>8</sup>—<sup>8</sup> a C fi O. <sup>9</sup> tydyng O.

<sup>10</sup> an D. <sup>11</sup> to D. <sup>12</sup> michel D. <sup>13</sup> om. DO. <sup>14</sup> leaf 107.

<sup>15</sup> false D. fals O. falso R. <sup>16</sup> wryte O. <sup>17</sup> om. D. <sup>18</sup> founde O.

<sup>19</sup> into O. <sup>20</sup> weren O. <sup>21</sup>—<sup>21</sup> biheued' D. þo byheded' O.

<sup>22</sup> lxxx sic O. <sup>23</sup> went DO. <sup>24</sup> of þo O.

Lancastre & of Leycestre, Sir' Henr' Lacy, Erl of Nichole, and William Vessy, a baron; & of oþere baronettes, aboute xiiij of þe best and wisest of Engeland.

4 And in þe same tyme<sup>1</sup> Kyng Edward tok<sup>2</sup> his viage in<sup>3</sup> Scotland, forto werr' oppoñ Iohn<sup>4</sup> Bailol, Kyng of Scotland. ¶ And Sir' Robert Roos at<sup>5</sup> Berwik' fley<sup>6</sup> fro þe Engliſſhe-men, & went to þe Scottes. ¶ And Kyng Edward went him toward Berwik, and 8 bisegede þe touñ; and þo þat were wipin<sup>7</sup> manliche<sup>8</sup> ham defendede, and sette afire<sup>9</sup> and brent ij of Kyng Edwardes shippis, and saide, in despite and in reprofe of him: "¶ Wenes<sup>10</sup> Kyng Edward, wiþ his longe shankes, <sup>11</sup>forto wyn<sup>11</sup> Berwik', al our' 12 vnþankes<sup>12?</sup> gas pikes him! and when <sup>13</sup>he haþ hit, gas diche him<sup>13!</sup>" ¶ When Kyng Edward herd þis scorñ, anone þrouz his mightynesse he passede ouere þe diches, and assailede þe touñ, & <sup>14</sup>come to þe zates, and gete<sup>15</sup> and conquered þe toune, and, þrouz his 16 gracious power', quelledede xxv M<sup>+</sup> & vij C̄ of<sup>16</sup> Scottes. & Kyng Edward loste of his men, no man of renouñ saue Sir'<sup>4</sup> Richard of Cornwaile; and him quelledede a Flemynge' out of the Reede Halle wiþ a quarel, as þe forsaid Richard dede of his helme; and 20 commandede ham forto zelde ham, and put ham into<sup>17</sup> the Kyngus grace; and þe Scottes wolde nouzt; wherfore þat halle was brent, <sup>18</sup>and cast' adoune, and alle þo þat were within were brent.<sup>18</sup> And Kyng Edward loste <sup>19</sup>no man<sup>19</sup> at þat viage, of simple State,<sup>20</sup> 24 but xxviiij Engliſſhe-men; and þe wardeyn of þe castel zaf vp<sup>21</sup> þe keyes wipouten<sup>22</sup> eny assaut. And þere was take,<sup>23</sup> William Douglas, and Sir' Symond' Frisel; and þe Erl Patrik' zelde him to þe pees; but Ingham of Hunfreuil and Robert of<sup>4</sup> Brus, þat were 28 wiþ þe<sup>24</sup> Kyng Edward', forsoke Kyng Edward, & helde wiþ þe Scottes: and afterward þai were tak',<sup>23</sup> and put into prysoñ; & afterward þe Kyng' forzaf ham her' trespasse, & deliuered ham out of prisouñ; and þo lete Kyng Edward close in Berwik' wiþ wallis 32 and wiþ diches. ¶ And aftirward, Robert Brus<sup>25</sup> went to Tyndale, and sette Woxebryge afire, and Excelham and Lamerstok', and

<sup>1</sup> tyme þe O.    <sup>2</sup> nome D.    <sup>3</sup> into D. to O.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> of DO.    <sup>6</sup> fly O.    <sup>7</sup> wiþ sic D.    þerin O.

<sup>8</sup> manly O.    <sup>9</sup> on fir D.    <sup>10</sup> wende DO.    <sup>11-11</sup> haue gete O.

<sup>12</sup> ovne þankes O.

<sup>13-13</sup> haþ so do gas dikes D.    he haþ gas dikes him O.

<sup>14</sup> leaf 107, back.    <sup>15</sup> gate DO.    <sup>16</sup> om. O.    <sup>17</sup> to DO.

<sup>18-18</sup> and . . . brent D. & cast adon & aft' þo þat were with-Inne were brent O. om. R.    <sup>19-19</sup> no mo D.    no mo men O.

<sup>20</sup> estate D.    <sup>21</sup> vp þe Casteþ & O.    <sup>22</sup> with-oute D.    with sic O.

<sup>23</sup> taken D.    <sup>24</sup> om. DO.    <sup>25</sup> Rous DO.

quellede & robbit þe folc of þe contrey ; and aftirward he went fro þens vnto Dunbarr<sup>2</sup>.

¶ And þe ferst Wedneseday of Marche, þe Kyng sent<sup>1</sup> þe Erl of Garreine, Sir<sup>2</sup> Hughe Percy and Sir<sup>3</sup> Hught Spenser<sup>4</sup>, wip a 4 faire company, forto<sup>5</sup> bisege þe castel. But on þat me called Sir<sup>6</sup> Richard Siward, a *traitour*, a false man, ymagynede forto bigile<sup>7</sup> þe Englisshe-men, & sent<sup>8</sup> to<sup>9</sup> the<sup>10</sup> Englisshemē, <sup>11</sup>ham forto desceyue<sup>12</sup>, and saide þat he wold ʒelde to ham þe castel if<sup>13</sup> þai<sup>14</sup> 8 wolde graunt him viij dayes of respite, þat he might sende & telle to Sir<sup>15</sup> Iohn Bailol, Kyng<sup>16</sup> of Scotland, how<sup>17</sup> þe Englisshe-men<sup>18</sup> ferde, <sup>19</sup>as þai<sup>20</sup> werr<sup>21</sup> in þe casteH, and sende him word<sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup>‘if þat he nolde<sup>24</sup> remeve þe sege of þe<sup>25</sup> Englisshe-meñ, þat<sup>26</sup> 13 14 þai wolde þe<sup>27</sup> 12 castel ʒelde to þe<sup>28</sup> 14 Englisshemē.’ ¶ The messenger<sup>29</sup> þo come to<sup>30</sup> 16 Iohn Bailol, Kyng of Scotland, þere þat he was wip his host ; and <sup>31</sup>17 þe messenger tolde him.<sup>32</sup> ¶ And Sir<sup>33</sup> Iohn<sup>34</sup> 19 tok þo his host<sup>35</sup>, and<sup>36</sup> 17 come in þe morwe erly toward þe castel. & Sir<sup>37</sup> Richard Syward <sup>38</sup>16 saw him come, þat was maistre of þe Conseile and keper<sup>39</sup> of þe castel, and saide vnto þe<sup>40</sup> 12 Englisshemē : “ O God ! ” *quod* he, “ now y se of folc a fair<sup>41</sup> company, and wel apparaild, y wil go<sup>42</sup> 20 aʒeynes ham, & <sup>43</sup>21 wit[h] ham to<sup>44</sup> 21 mete and ham<sup>45</sup> 12 assaile.” ¶ And <sup>46</sup>20 Sir<sup>47</sup> Hugh þe Spenser<sup>48</sup> saw the falsnesse of him & þe tresouñ, and saide to him<sup>49</sup> 22 : “ O *traitour*, tak and prouede,<sup>50</sup> 23 ʒour<sup>51</sup> falsnesse shal nouʒt <sup>52</sup>24 ʒow availe.” <sup>53</sup>24 ¶ And Hugh the Spenser<sup>54</sup> 25 com-mandede anon<sup>55</sup> 25 forto bynde him, and in al haste went aʒeins<sup>56</sup> 26 24 her<sup>57</sup> enemys, & quelled of þe Scottes<sup>58</sup> 27 xxij M† ; for þe Scottes<sup>59</sup> 28 had <sup>60</sup>29 wip ham<sup>61</sup> 29 þat tyme no man <sup>62</sup>30 of honour,<sup>63</sup> 30 saf Sir<sup>64</sup> Patrik Graham, þat manliche<sup>65</sup> 31 fauʒt, and Longe tyme, and at þe last he was quelled. & þo saide þe Englisshe-men in reprof of þe Scottis : 28

<sup>1</sup> sent to D.      <sup>2-2</sup> to D.      <sup>3</sup> desceyue D.      <sup>4</sup> om. O.

<sup>5</sup> vnto D.      <sup>6</sup> leaf 108.      <sup>7-7</sup> in desceyte D.      <sup>8</sup> if þat O.

<sup>9-9</sup> his men D.      <sup>10</sup> þat his men O.

<sup>10-10</sup> MS. has as þai were as þai þat ; þat D.

<sup>11-11</sup> but if he wolde D.      <sup>12</sup> om. D.      <sup>13</sup> MS. has þat þat ; om. D.

<sup>14-14</sup> he saide he wolde ʒelde the castel to D.      þey wold ʒeld þe Castell to þe O.

<sup>15</sup> Messenger O.      <sup>16</sup> to sire D.      to sir O.      <sup>17-17</sup> om. O.

<sup>18</sup> him the message D.      <sup>19</sup> Iohn Bailol D.

<sup>20</sup> gone O.      <sup>21-21</sup> ham D.      with hem O.

<sup>22</sup> and saide to him D.      & seyde to hym O.      om. R.

<sup>23</sup> MS. has prouede is.      <sup>24-24</sup> availe ʒow D.      vayle ʒow O.

<sup>25-25</sup> anone comandet D.      <sup>26</sup> aʒen O.      <sup>27</sup> Scottes DO.      Scotte R

<sup>28</sup> Scotte D.      <sup>29-29</sup> om. DO.

<sup>30-30</sup> with ham D.      with hem of honour O.

<sup>31</sup> was of honour & manlich he D.      manly O.

¶ Thus<sup>1</sup> staterand Scottes,  
 holde y for sottes,  
 of wrenches vnwar',  
 ¶ Erly in a mornynge',  
 in an euel tyming'  
 went 3e<sup>2</sup> fro Dunbarr'.

¶ þo<sup>3</sup> þat wer' in the casteH saw þe scomfiture, and<sup>4</sup> zelde<sup>5</sup> þe  
 8 castel to<sup>6</sup> þe Englisshemen, and bonden her' bodyes, londes &  
 castelles to<sup>7</sup> Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward : and so þere<sup>8</sup> wer' <sup>9</sup>take in þe<sup>9</sup> castel,  
 10 iij Erles, and<sup>11</sup> vij barons, &<sup>11</sup> xxviiij<sup>ti</sup> Knyghtes, <sup>12</sup>& xj clerkes,  
 and xij<sup>13</sup> Picardes ; and alle were presentede vnto Kyng Edward,<sup>12</sup>  
 12 and he sent ham to þe Toure of Londoñ, <sup>14</sup>to ben kepte<sup>14</sup> þere.

How Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward, of his grete grace, delyuered azein<sup>11</sup> þe  
 Scottes out of prison,<sup>15</sup> þat were cheueteyns of the londe ;  
 and þay<sup>16</sup> drow ham þo<sup>17</sup> to þe Frenchemen, <sup>18</sup>þrouz conseil  
 16 of William Waleys.<sup>18</sup> *Capitulo Centesimo Sexagesimo*<sup>19</sup>  
 Nono.

**W**hen Kyng Edward hade made<sup>20</sup> þo an ende of the werre,  
 and taken the chyeteyns of Scotland, þo come Sir' Iohñ  
 20 Bailol, and zelde him vnto<sup>21</sup> Kyng Edward, and put <sup>22</sup>ham in<sup>22</sup> his  
 grace ; and he was lad<sup>23</sup> to Londoñ. And when Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward was  
 comen<sup>24</sup> þider, þai were brouzt bifore him ; and þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> axede of  
 ham how þai wolde make amendes of þat trespasse and losse þat þai  
 24 hade done him ; and þai put ham<sup>25</sup> in his mercy.

¶ " Lordynges," quod þe kyng, " y wille nouzt þour' landes, ne  
 none of þour godes, but y wille þat 3e make to me an oth, oppoñ  
 Godes body, forto bene<sup>26</sup> trewe to me, and neuer after' þis tyme  
 28 azens me bere Armes." And alle þai consentede to þe Kynges  
 wille, and swore oppoñ Godes body, ¶ þat is to seyn, Sir'<sup>11</sup> Iohñ of  
 Comyn and þe Erl of Stratthorñ,<sup>27</sup> þe Erl of Carryk' ; and also iij  
 bisshopus vndertoke for alle<sup>11</sup> þe clergie ; & so þe Kyng delyuerede  
 32 ham, and 3af ham saf condit to wende into her' owen Land. ¶ And

<sup>1</sup> This O.    <sup>2</sup> þai D.    <sup>3</sup> And þo D.    When þo O.    <sup>4</sup> þai D.    þei O.  
<sup>5</sup> yolden O.    <sup>6</sup> vnto O.    <sup>7</sup> to the D.    to þe O.  
<sup>8</sup> þey O.    <sup>9-9</sup> taken in that D.    take þer in þe O.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 108, back.  
<sup>11</sup> om. D.    <sup>12-12</sup> xj clerkes and vij Picardes D.  
<sup>13</sup> vij O.    <sup>14-14</sup> forto bene kepede D.    to ben y-kept O.  
<sup>15</sup> prisouñ azeine D.    <sup>16</sup> om. O.    <sup>17</sup> om. DO.    <sup>18-18</sup> om. O.  
<sup>19</sup> lxxx sic O.    <sup>20</sup> y-made O.    <sup>21</sup> to D.  
<sup>22-22</sup> him vnto D.    hym in O.    <sup>23</sup> led O.    <sup>24</sup> come O.  
<sup>25</sup> hym O.    <sup>26</sup> be O.    <sup>27</sup> Stratthorñ and D.

hit was nouȝt longe after,<sup>1</sup> þat þai ne risen<sup>2</sup> aȝeyns<sup>3</sup> Kyng Edward, for enchesouñ þat þai wist<sup>4</sup> þat Kyng Edwardus folc<sup>5</sup> were<sup>6</sup> take in Gascoigne, as bifore is saide; but Sir' Iohñ Bailloil, <sup>7</sup>Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Scotland, wiste wel þat his lande shulde haue <sup>8</sup>sorwe and shame<sup>8</sup> <sup>4</sup> for her' falsenesse, and in haste went him ouer' þe see vnto<sup>9</sup> his owen londes, and pere helde him, and come neuer<sup>10</sup> aȝeyne. Wherefore þe Scottes chosen to bene<sup>11</sup> her' kyng<sup>t</sup>, William Walis, a rybaude, an harlot, comen vp of nouȝt, and miche harme dede to þe Englisshemen. 8

¶ And Kyng Edward þouȝt how he myght haue deliuerance of his peple þat were tak<sup>12</sup> in Gascoigne, and in hast went ouer þe see into Flaundres, forto wer' oppoñ þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Fraunce. And þe Erl of Flaundres vnderfonge him wiþ michel<sup>13</sup> honour', and 12 grauntede him alle his landes at his owen wille. ¶ And when þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> of<sup>14</sup> Fraunce herde telle þat þe Kyng of Engeland was arryuede in Flaundres, and come wiþ an huge power', him forto destroye, he prayede him of trewes for ij ȝere, so þat Engliſshe 16 marchauntȝ, and also Frenche, myȝt saffliche<sup>15</sup> goñ in bope sides. ¶ The Kyng Edward grantede hit, so þat he miȝt<sup>16</sup> haue his men out of prisouñ þat were take<sup>11</sup> in Gascoigne; and þe Kyng of Fraunce grauntede anone; and so þai wer' Delyuerede. 20

¶ And in the same tyme þe<sup>17</sup> Scottes sent by þe Bisshoþ of seynt Andrewes into Fraunce, to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, and to Sir' Charles, his broþer, þat Sir' Charles shulde come wiþ his power', & þai<sup>18</sup> of Scotland<sup>18</sup> wolde come wiþ heir', and so þai shulde gone into Enge- 24 land, þat lande forto destroye, fram Scotland, til þat þai<sup>19</sup> come into<sup>19</sup> Kent. And þe Scottes truste<sup>20</sup> ful<sup>11</sup> miche oppon<sup>21</sup> þe Frensshe-men; but of þat þing þai hade no maner graunt. and <sup>22</sup>noþeles þe Scottes bigoñ to robbe and quelle in Northumberlon, 28 and dede<sup>23</sup> miche harme.

**How William Wallis lete slee Sir' Hughe of Cressingham; and of þe batail of Foukirk. Capitulo Centesimo Septuagesimo.**<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> afterward D.      <sup>2</sup> arysen O.      <sup>3</sup> aȝeyn D.      aȝen O.<sup>4</sup> wist wel D.      wist weel O.      <sup>5</sup> men D.      <sup>6</sup> was O.<sup>7</sup> leaf 109.      <sup>8-8</sup> shame and sorwe D.      <sup>9</sup> to DO.      <sup>10</sup> neuer more D.<sup>11</sup> om. DO.      <sup>12</sup> om. D.      <sup>13</sup> mych O.<sup>14</sup> MS. has of Engeland, with Engeland underlined for omission.<sup>15</sup> safly D.      sauely O.      <sup>16</sup> must O.<sup>17</sup> MS. has þe kyng, with kyng underlined for omission.<sup>18-18</sup> om. D.      <sup>19-19</sup> comen to D.      come to O.      <sup>20</sup> trist O.<sup>21</sup> to O.      <sup>22</sup> leaf 109, back.      <sup>23</sup> deden O.<sup>24</sup> MS. Octogesimo; Octogesimo D.      lxxxv O.

When pis tydyng was comen<sup>1</sup> to Kyng Edward, þat William Walis hade ordeynede soche a stronge power, and þat al Scotland to him was entendant, and redy to quelle Englisshemen & destroye his<sup>2</sup> lande, he was sore annoied, and sent anone by his<sup>3</sup> lettres<sup>4</sup> to þe Erl of Gerrein, and to Sir Henry Percy and to Sir William Latomer, and to<sup>5</sup> Sir Hugh of Cressingham his Tresorer,<sup>6</sup> þat þai shulde take power, and wende into Northumberlond, & so forþ into Scotland, forto kepe þe contres. ¶ And when William Waleys herde of her comyng, he gañ<sup>7</sup> forto flee; &<sup>8</sup> Englisshemen him<sup>9</sup> folwede, and drof him til þat he come to Streuelyn; & þere he helde him in þe casteH; and þe Walshemen euery day ham<sup>10</sup> ascriede & manacede, & dede al þe despite þat þai myght.<sup>11</sup> ¶ So þat þe Englisshemen<sup>12</sup> oppoñ a tyme in a morwenyng,<sup>13</sup> went out fram<sup>14</sup> þe castel þe mountance<sup>15</sup> of x mile, and passede ouer a bruge; and William Walys come wiþ a stronge power, and drof ham abak, for þe Englisshemen hade azeynes him þo no myght, but fledde; and þo þat might take þe brugge scapede. ¶ But Sir Hughe, þe Kyngus Tresorer, þere was slayn, and meny oþere also; wherfore was made miche<sup>16</sup> sorwe.

þo hade Kyng Edward spedde alle his nedes in Flaundes, ¶ and was comyng<sup>17</sup> azeyn into Engeland, <sup>18</sup>and in haste toke<sup>19</sup> his Way toward<sup>20</sup> Scotland, and come þider at þe Ascenciouñ; and al þat he founde, he sette<sup>21</sup> on fire<sup>21</sup> & brent. But þe pore peple of Scotland come to him wonder þik, and prayed him, for Godes loue, <sup>22</sup>þat he wolde<sup>22</sup> haue<sup>3</sup> on<sup>23</sup> ham<sup>24</sup> mercy and pitee; wherfore þe Kyng þo commandet þat no man shulde done<sup>25</sup> harme to ham þat were zolden<sup>26</sup> to ham, ne to no man of ordre, ne to no<sup>27</sup> hous of religioñ, ne no maner cherche; ¶ But lete asprie<sup>28</sup> al þat he myght, where þat he myght fynde eny of his enemys. þo come an<sup>29</sup> espie to þe Kyng, and tolde wher<sup>30</sup> þe Scottes were assembled forto abide bataile.

32 And on seynt Marie Magdaleynus<sup>31</sup> day, þe Kyng come to

<sup>1</sup> come O.    <sup>2</sup> the D. þe O.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> lettre D.    <sup>5</sup> om. D.  
<sup>6</sup> fader & O.    <sup>7</sup> bygan O.    <sup>8</sup> and the D. & þe O.    <sup>9</sup> hem O.  
<sup>10</sup> him D. hym O.    <sup>11</sup> miȝten D.    <sup>12</sup> MS. has Englisshemen went.  
<sup>13</sup> mornyng<sup>4</sup> DO.    <sup>14</sup> fro D.    <sup>15</sup> montynance O.  
<sup>16</sup> michel D.    <sup>17</sup> comen D.    come O.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 110.  
<sup>19</sup> nome O.    <sup>20</sup> into O.    <sup>21-21</sup> afere O.  
<sup>22-22</sup> MS. has þat he wolde þat he wolde.    <sup>23</sup> of D.  
<sup>24</sup> hem haue O.    <sup>25</sup> do D.    <sup>26</sup> zolde O.    <sup>27</sup> non O.  
<sup>28</sup> aspye in O.    <sup>29</sup> om. DO.    <sup>30</sup> wher þat D.  
<sup>31</sup> Magdaleyn D.    Maugdeleyne O.

Foukirk, and 3af bataile to þe Scottes; and at þat bataiH þere<sup>1</sup> wer  
 quelled of<sup>2</sup> Scottes<sup>3</sup> xxxiiij M<sup>4</sup>, and<sup>3</sup> of Engliſshemen but xxviiij<sup>5</sup>  
 and no mo; of þe whiche was a worþi Knyght slayn, þat was a  
 knyght<sup>6</sup> of the HospitaH,<sup>6</sup> þat me called Frere Briān Iay; for, when<sup>4</sup>  
 William Waleys fley fram þe bataile, þat<sup>7</sup> same Frere Briān him  
 pursuede fersly<sup>8</sup>; and as his hors<sup>4</sup> ran, hit sterte into a mere<sup>9</sup> of  
 marreys<sup>9</sup> vp to þe bely; and William Waleys turnede þo aȝeyn,  
 and þere quelled þe forsaide Briān; and þat was miche harme.<sup>8</sup>  
 ¶ And while Kyng Edward went þrouz Scotland forto enquire if<sup>10</sup>  
 he might fynde eny of his enemys; and in þat lande he duelled  
 as<sup>11</sup> longe as him likede, and þere was none enemy þat derst him  
 abide. 12

¶ And so<sup>12</sup> aftirward Kyng Edward went to Southamptōn, for  
 he wolde nouzt abide in Scotland in<sup>13</sup> wynter sesoñ, for esement of  
 his peple. ¶ And when he come to Londoñ, he lete amende meny  
 misdedes þat were done aȝeynes<sup>14</sup> his pees Whiles<sup>15</sup> þat He Was<sup>16</sup>  
 in Flaundes.

Of þe laste mariage of Kyng Edward; and how he went þe  
 þridde<sup>16</sup> tyme into Scotland. *Capitulo Centesimo Septua-*  
*gesimo*<sup>17</sup> *primo.* 20

**A**Nd after<sup>18</sup>, hit was ordeynede þrouz<sup>19</sup> þe court of Rome, þat  
 Kyng Edward shulde wedde Dame Margarete, Kyng  
 Philippus suster of France; and þe Erchebisshop Robert of  
 Wynchelse spousede ham togedre; þrouz whiche mariage pees was<sup>24</sup>  
 made bituene Kyng Edward of Engeland and Kyng Philippe of  
 Fraunce. ¶ Kyng<sup>20</sup> Edward<sup>21</sup> went þo<sup>4</sup> þe þridde<sup>16</sup> tyme into  
 Scotland; and þo, with-inne þe ferst zere, he had enfamenede þe  
 land so þat þere ne<sup>21</sup> lefte nouzt on<sup>22</sup> but þai<sup>22</sup> come to<sup>23</sup> his mercy,<sup>28</sup>  
 saf þo þat were in þe castel of Estreuclyn, þat was<sup>24</sup> vitailed &  
 storede<sup>25</sup> for vij zere.

<sup>1</sup> om. DO.    <sup>2</sup> of the D.    <sup>3-3</sup> xxx M<sup>1</sup> iij M<sup>1</sup> & O.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> Engliſshe-men but xxviiij D. Englessh-men but xxviiij O. Engliſshe-  
 men R.

<sup>6-6</sup> an hospitaler D. an hospyteler O.    <sup>7</sup> þe D.

<sup>8</sup> fersliche D.    <sup>9-9</sup> om. O.    <sup>10</sup> if þat O.

<sup>11</sup> also D.    <sup>12</sup> some DO.

<sup>13</sup> þe O.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 110, back.    <sup>15</sup> and his lawe while DO.

<sup>16</sup> iij O.    <sup>17</sup> MS. has *Ottogesimo*; iij D. lxxxx O.

<sup>18</sup> afterward D    aftirward O.    <sup>19</sup> by O.    <sup>20</sup> And Kyng D.

<sup>21</sup> om. O.    <sup>22-22</sup> þat þai ne D.    þat þey ne O.    <sup>23</sup> vn-to O.

<sup>24</sup> was wel D.    was weel O.    <sup>25</sup> astorede D.    astored O.



How þe castel of Estreuelyn was bisegede. ¶ *Capitulo Centesimo lxx<sup>1</sup> secundo.*

4 **K** yng<sup>r</sup> Edward come with an huge power<sup>1</sup> to þe castel of Estreuelyn, and bisegede þe casteH; but hit litil auailede, for he myght do<sup>2</sup> the Scottes none harme, for þe castel was so stronge an[d] wel Kepte.<sup>3</sup> ¶ And Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward saw þat, & þouzt him oppoñ a queyntise, and lete<sup>4</sup> make þere anone<sup>4</sup> ij peire of hye Galwes bifore þe toure of þe casteH, and made his oth þat, as meny as were in<sup>5</sup> þe casteH, <sup>6</sup>were he<sup>6</sup> Erle or baroñ, and he were take wiþ strengþ, but if he wolde þe<sup>7</sup> rap<sup>r</sup> him zelde, he shulde bene hongede on<sup>8</sup> þo Galwes. ¶ And when þo þat were in þe castel 12 herde þis, þai come and zelde ham alle to þe Kynges mercy & grace; and þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> forzaf ham al his maletalent.<sup>9</sup> And þere were alle þe grete lordes of<sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup>Scotland sworne to Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward, þat þai shulde come to Londoñ to euery parlement, and shulde stonde to 16 his ordenaunce.

<sup>12</sup>How Troillebastouñ<sup>12</sup> was ferste ordeynede. *Capitulo Centesimo lxx<sup>13</sup> iij<sup>o</sup>.*

20 **T** His<sup>14</sup> Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward went þens to Londoñ, and wende haue hade<sup>15</sup> rest and<sup>15</sup> pees of his wer<sup>r</sup>, wiþ whiche werre he was ocupiede xx<sup>ti</sup> zer<sup>r</sup>, þat is to seyn, in Walys, in Gascoign, and in Scotland, and þouzt how he myght recouere his tresoure þat he hade spendede about his werre, and lete enquere þrouz þe recaume 24 of alle þe<sup>16</sup> mistakyngus and wrongus done þrouz misdoers in<sup>17</sup> Engeland, of alle þe tyme þat he hade bene out of his realme, þat<sup>18</sup> me callede<sup>18</sup> 'Troylebastoñ'; and ordeynede þerto Iustices. And in þis maner þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> recouered<sup>19</sup> tresoure<sup>20</sup> wiþout noumbre. ¶ And his 28 encheson was, for he<sup>21</sup> hade þouzt<sup>22</sup> forto haue went into<sup>22</sup> þe Holy Land<sup>r</sup> forto<sup>23</sup> haue werrede<sup>23</sup> oppon Godes enemys, for enchesouñ þat he was croisede longe tyme bifore; and noþeles, þat law þat he had ordeynede dede miche gode þrouz al Engeland, to ham þat were

<sup>1</sup> MS. <sup>xx</sup>iiij; <sup>xx</sup>iiij D. lxxxx O.    <sup>2</sup> done O.    <sup>3</sup> ykept O.

<sup>4—4</sup> make anone þere D. amake anon þere O.    <sup>5</sup> with-Inne O.

<sup>6—6</sup> whedir he were O.    <sup>7</sup> om. O.    <sup>8</sup> oppon D.

<sup>9</sup> maletalent DO. ale talent R.

<sup>10</sup> MS. has of engel with engel *underlined for omission.*    <sup>11</sup> leaf 111.

<sup>12—12</sup> Of Traillebastoñ how it D.    <sup>13</sup> MS. has <sup>xx</sup>iiij; <sup>xx</sup>iiij D.

<sup>14</sup> The D. þe O.    <sup>15—15</sup> om. D.    <sup>16</sup> om. DO.    <sup>17</sup> of O.

<sup>18—18</sup> men calles D. men Called O.    <sup>19</sup> recouerede þo D.    <sup>20</sup> good O.

<sup>21</sup> om. D.    <sup>22—22</sup> goñ to D.    <sup>23—23</sup> were D. werre O.

mysbode; for þo þat trespassed were<sup>1</sup> wel chastisede, and afterward þe meker<sup>2</sup> and þe<sup>3</sup> better; and þe pore comunes were in þe<sup>3</sup> more reste and in<sup>4</sup> pees.

¶ And<sup>5</sup> þe same tyme Kyng Edward enprisonede his owen sone<sup>4</sup> Edward, for encheson þat Walter of Langetoñ, Bisshop of Chestre, þat was þe Kyngus tresorer<sup>5</sup>, hade made oppoñ him compleynt, and saide þat þe forsaide Edward, þrouz conseil and procurment of on, Piers of Gauastoñ, a squyer<sup>6</sup> of Gascoigne, <sup>6</sup>had broke<sup>6</sup> þe parkez of 8 þe forsaide bisshope, and þe forsaide Piers conseilede and ladde þe same Edward, þe kynges sone; and for þis cause <sup>7</sup>Kyng Edward exilede him<sup>8</sup> out of Engeland for euermore.

**Of þe dep of William Waleys, þe false traitoure. Capitulo 12**  
**Centesimo lxxiiij.**

**A**Nd when þis god Kyng Edward <sup>9</sup>hade his enemys ouercome<sup>9</sup> in Walis, Gascoign, & in Scotland, and destroyede his traitoures, but<sup>10</sup> oneliche<sup>11</sup> þat<sup>12</sup> rybaude William Waleys, þat neuer<sup>16</sup> to þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> wolde him zelde. and at þe laste, in þe toune of Seynt Dominic, in þe 3er<sup>1</sup> of Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edwardus regne xxxiiij 3er<sup>1</sup>, þat false traitoure was take, and presentede to þe Kyng; saf þe Kyng wolde nouzt seen<sup>13</sup> him, but sent him to Londoñ to vnderfonge his iuge-<sup>20</sup> [ment].<sup>14</sup> And on Seynt Bartholomeus Eve he was honget and drawe, and his <sup>15</sup>heuede smyten<sup>15</sup> of, & his bowailes take<sup>16</sup> out <sup>17</sup>of his body,<sup>17</sup> and brent, and his body quartarede & sent to iij<sup>18</sup> þe best townes of<sup>19</sup> Scotland, and his heued<sup>20</sup> sette oppoñ a spere, and <sup>24</sup>sette oppoñ Londoñ Brugge, in sample<sup>21</sup> þat þe Scottes shulde haue in mynde forto bere ham a3eynz her<sup>22</sup> lorde eftesones.

**How þe Scottes come to Kyng Edward, forto amende here**  
**trespasse þat þai had done a3eyns him. [Capitulo] Cen- 28**  
**tesimo lxxv<sup>to</sup>.<sup>23</sup>**

**A**Nd at Michelmasse þo next coming, Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward helde his parlement atte Westmynstre; and þider come þe Scottes, þat is to seyn, þe Bisshoþ of Seynt Andrewus,<sup>24</sup> Robert þe Brus, Erl <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> weren O    <sup>2</sup> om. D.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> om. DO.    <sup>5</sup> and in D.

<sup>6-6</sup> hade broke DO. om. R.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 111, back.

<sup>8</sup> his sone O.    <sup>9-9</sup> om. D.    <sup>10</sup> saf D.

<sup>11</sup> only O.    <sup>12</sup> the D.    <sup>13</sup> see D.    se O.    <sup>14</sup> Iugement þere D.

<sup>15-15</sup> heed smyte O.    <sup>16</sup> taken D.    <sup>17-17</sup> om. D.

<sup>18</sup> iij of D.    foure O.    <sup>19</sup> in D.    <sup>20</sup> heed O.    <sup>21</sup> ensample DO.

<sup>22</sup> her liege D.    her lege O.    <sup>23</sup> lxxxv<sup>to</sup> O.    <sup>24</sup> Andrew O.

of Carrik, Symon<sup>1</sup> FriseH, Ioh<sup>2</sup>n, Erl of AtheH<sup>3</sup>; and þai were accordede with<sup>4</sup> þe kyng<sup>1</sup>, and<sup>5</sup> bonden<sup>5</sup> by her<sup>6</sup> oth sworn, þat after,<sup>7</sup> if eny of ham<sup>8</sup> misbare ham<sup>8</sup> azeys Kyng Edward, þat þai 4 shulde bene<sup>9</sup> disheritede for euermore. And when here pees was þus made, þai toke her<sup>1</sup> leue priueliche,<sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup>and went Home into Here owen<sup>12</sup> contree.

### How Robert þe Brus chalanged Scotland. *Capitulo Centesimo*

8 lxxvj<sup>to</sup>.<sup>13</sup>

**A**Nd after,<sup>14</sup> Robert<sup>15</sup> þe Brus, Erl of Karrik, sent by his lettre to þe Erles and barons of Scotland, þat þai shulde come to him to Scone, in the morwen<sup>16</sup> aftir þe concepcioun<sup>17</sup> of oure Lady, 12 for hye nedes of þe land; and þe lordes come at þe day assignede. ¶ And at þe same day, Sir Robert þe Brus saide: “Faire lordes! ful wel 3e wete<sup>18</sup> þat in my persone du[e]lleþ þe ryght of þe reame<sup>19</sup> of Scotland; and as 3e wetep<sup>20</sup> wel, as ryztful heir, siþ 16 <sup>21</sup>þat Sir<sup>21</sup> Ioh<sup>21</sup>n Bailoil, þat was our<sup>1</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup>, <sup>22</sup>hap vs<sup>22</sup> forsak<sup>1</sup>, & also lefte<sup>23</sup> his lande. ¶ And þou3 it <sup>24</sup>so be<sup>24</sup> þat Kyng Edward of Engeland, wiþ wrongeful power<sup>1</sup> hap made me <sup>25</sup>to him<sup>25</sup> assent azeys my wille,—yf þat 3e wil grant þat y be Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Scotland, y 20 shal kepe 3ow azeys Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward & azeys alle maner<sup>26</sup> men.” And wiþ þat worde, þe Abbot of Scone aros,<sup>27</sup> and bifore ham alle saide, þat hit was resoun forto helpe him, and þe lande to kepe and defende; and þo saide, in presence of ham alle, þat he wolde <sup>28</sup>3eue 24 him<sup>28</sup> a þousand<sup>29</sup> pound<sup>29</sup> forto mayntene þat land. and alle þe<sup>30</sup> opere grantede þe<sup>31</sup> lande to him, and wiþ hir<sup>1</sup> power<sup>1</sup> him forto helpe, and defiede Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward of Engeland, and saide þat Robert þe Brus shulde bene<sup>32</sup> Kyng of Scotland.

### 28 How Sire Ioh<sup>33</sup>n Comyn gaynesaide þe crounyng<sup>1</sup> of <sup>34</sup> <sup>35</sup>Robert þe<sup>35</sup> Brus. *Capitulo Centesimo* <sup>36</sup>*Septuagesimo* *Septimo*.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Symon<sup>1</sup> the D. Symound þe O.   <sup>2</sup> Ioh<sup>2</sup>n þe O.   <sup>3</sup> Athels O.  
<sup>4</sup> to O.   <sup>5—5</sup> and bonden and D. & bound<sup>1</sup> & O. bonden R.  
<sup>6</sup> om. O.   <sup>7</sup> afterwarde D. aftirward<sup>1</sup> O.   <sup>8—8</sup> bere hem amys O.  
<sup>9</sup> be DO.   <sup>10</sup> priuelys D. preuily O.   <sup>11</sup> leaf 112.  
<sup>12</sup> om. DO.   <sup>13</sup> lxxxxvj<sup>to</sup> O.   <sup>14</sup> after þis D. aftir þis O.  
<sup>15</sup> ymage sic O.   <sup>16</sup> morwe D. morne O.   <sup>17</sup> Ascencioun D.  
<sup>18</sup> wetep O.   <sup>19</sup> me sic D.   <sup>20</sup> wote D. weten O.   <sup>21—21</sup> om. O.  
<sup>22—22</sup> vs hath DO.   <sup>23</sup> lost<sup>1</sup> D.   <sup>24—24</sup> be so O.   <sup>25—25</sup> his O.  
<sup>26</sup> maner of O.   <sup>27</sup> roos vp D.   <sup>28—28</sup> hym 3eue O.   <sup>29</sup> ti O.  
<sup>30</sup> om. D.   <sup>31</sup> þat O.   <sup>32</sup> be D.   <sup>33</sup> Iohn<sup>1</sup> of O.  
<sup>34</sup> & O.   <sup>35—35</sup> sir Robert D.   <sup>36—36</sup> iij xvij<sup>o</sup> O.

“L Ordynges,” saide Sir’ Iohā of Comyū, “þenketh oppoñ þe treuthe and þe<sup>1</sup> oth þat 3e<sup>2</sup> made vnto Kyng<sup>3</sup> Edward of Engeland! and as tochyng<sup>4</sup> myself, y Wil nouzt breke myn oth for no man.” And so he went fram<sup>5</sup> þat company at þat tyme; 4 wherfore Robert þe Brus, and alle þat to him consentede, were wonder’ wroþe, & þo<sup>6</sup> manacede Sir’ Iohā of<sup>1</sup> Comyū. ¶ þo ordeynede þai<sup>7</sup> anoper conseil at Dumfrys, to þe whiche come þe forsaide Sir’ Iohā Comyn, <sup>s</sup>and duelled<sup>8</sup> but ij mile fram<sup>5</sup> 8 Dunfris, þere þat he was wont<sup>9</sup> to sojourne and abide.

**How Sir’ Iohā Comyn was traiterously slayn.<sup>10</sup> Capitulo Centesimo lxxvij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>11</sup>**

W Hen<sup>12</sup> Robert þe Brus wiste þat al þe grette<sup>13</sup> of Scotland<sup>12</sup> were comen<sup>14</sup> to Scone, saf Sir’ Iohā Comyn, þat sojourned þo ney3 Scone, he sent after’ him specialiche,<sup>15</sup> þat Sir’ Iohā Comen shulde com & speke wiþ him; and oppoñ þat he sent after’ him<sup>1</sup> Sir’ Iohā Comynus ij breþerne, and praiede him forto<sup>1</sup> come<sup>16</sup> and 16 speke wiþ him atte þe Gray Freres at<sup>17</sup> Donfris; and þat was þe Thoresday after Candelmasse; & Sir’ Iohā grauntede ham forto wende wiþ ham. And when he had<sup>18</sup> herde masse, he toke a sop and drank<sup>t</sup>, &<sup>18</sup> afterwarde he bistrode his palfray and rode his way, 20 and so come to Dunfris. & Robert<sup>19</sup> Bruys sawe him comme atte a wyndow, as he was in his chaumbre, and þo made ioye ynow, & come a3eyn<sup>20</sup> him, and halsed<sup>21</sup> him aboute þe nekt, & made wiþ him gode semblaunt. And when alle þe Erles & barons of 24 Scotland were present, Robert þe Brus spake and saide: “Sires,” quod he, “3e weten<sup>22</sup> wel the<sup>23</sup> enchesouñ of þis comyng, & wherfore hit is: if þat 3e wil Graunt þat Y mote<sup>24</sup> be Kyng of Scotland, 25 26 as ryghit heire of the londe.” And al þe lordes þat were þere, 28 saide wiþ on<sup>27</sup> voys þat he shulde bene<sup>28</sup> crowned Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Scotland,<sup>26</sup> and þat þai wolde him help and mayntene a3eyns al maner<sup>t</sup> men on lif; and for him, if it wer<sup>t</sup> nede, dye. ¶ þe Gentil knyzt þo,

<sup>1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2</sup> 3e DO.    he R.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 112, back.    <sup>4</sup> MS. tothyng<sup>t</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> fro O.    <sup>6</sup> so O.    <sup>7</sup> þey þo O.

<sup>8-8</sup> he duelled no D.    dwelled<sup>t</sup> not O.    <sup>9</sup> woned O.    <sup>10</sup> queld<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>11</sup> <sup>xx</sup>iiij xviiij<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>12</sup> Whenne þat O.    <sup>13</sup> gret lordes D.    <sup>14</sup> come O.

<sup>15</sup> specially O.    <sup>16</sup> kepe O.    <sup>17</sup> of O.    <sup>18</sup> om. O.

<sup>19</sup> Robert þe D.    Robert þe<sup>e</sup> O.    <sup>20</sup> a3eynes D.    a3ens O.

<sup>21</sup> colled<sup>e</sup> D.    colled O.    <sup>22</sup> wete D.

<sup>23</sup> the D.    þe O.    om. R.    <sup>24</sup> most<sup>t</sup> D.    <sup>25</sup> leaf 113.

<sup>26-26</sup> om. D.    <sup>27</sup> o O.    <sup>28</sup> be O.

Sir<sup>1</sup> Iohñ of Comyn, ansuerede & saide: “*certes, neuer* for me, ne forto haue of me as miche<sup>2</sup> helpe as þe value of a botouñ; for, þat oth þat y haue made to Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward of Engeland, y shal holde þe<sup>1</sup> 4 while my lif laste.<sup>3</sup>” And with þat worde he went fro þe company, and wolde haue went oppoñ his palfray. And Robert the Brus pursuede him wiþ a drawen<sup>4</sup> sworde, and bare him þrouz the body, and Sir<sup>1</sup> Iohñ Comyn felle<sup>5</sup> adoune vnto<sup>5</sup> the Erþe. ¶ But when 8 Roger, þat was Sir<sup>1</sup> Iohñ Comines broþer, saw þe falsenesse, he<sup>6</sup> stert vp<sup>7</sup> to Sir<sup>1</sup> Robert the Brus, and smote him wiþ a knyft; but þe false *traitoure* was armed vnder, so þat þe stroke myght done him none harme; and so miche helpe come aboute Sir<sup>8</sup> Robert the 12 Brus, so þat Roger Comyn was þere quelledde and alto-hewe into smale pices. ¶ And Robert þe Brus turnede azeyn þere þat Sir<sup>1</sup> Iohñ Comyn þe noble Baroñ lay<sup>9</sup> woundedde and pynede<sup>9</sup> towards<sup>10</sup> his deþ, bisides þe hye auter in the cherche of þe Gray Freres, and 16 saide vnto Sir<sup>1</sup> Iohñ Comyn: “O *traitour*! þow shalt be<sup>11</sup> dede, & neuer after lette myn avauncement<sup>11</sup>”; and shooke his suorde at þe<sup>1</sup> hye auter, and smote him on<sup>12</sup> the heuede,<sup>13</sup> þat þe brayn felle adoune<sup>14</sup> oppoñ<sup>15</sup> þe Gronde, and þe blode stert<sup>1</sup> vnto<sup>16</sup> the 20 wallis; and zitte into þis Day that<sup>17</sup> blode<sup>18</sup> is seyne þere,<sup>8</sup> and<sup>19</sup> no Water may wasshe it away; and so deide þat noble knyzt in holy cherche.

How Robert þe B[r]us was cronede,<sup>20</sup> and made<sup>20</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup> of 24 Scotland. *Capitulo Centesimo lxxix*<sup>o</sup>.<sup>21</sup>

And when þe intrusour<sup>22</sup> Robert þe Brus saw þat no man þo wolde lete his coronaciouñ, he commandedde alle ham þat were of power shulde come to<sup>23</sup> his crounyng<sup>1</sup>,<sup>24</sup> to Seynt<sup>25</sup> Iohnes 28 touñ<sup>25</sup> in Scotland. ¶ & so hit bifelle þat on<sup>1</sup> oure Lady Day, þe<sup>26</sup> Anunciaciouñ, þe Bisshop of Glascove<sup>27</sup> and þe Bisshop of Seynt Andrewus<sup>28</sup> crownede<sup>29</sup> for her Kyng, Robert the Brus,<sup>20</sup> in Seynt Iohnes toune,<sup>30</sup> & made him Kyng<sup>1</sup>. And anone after<sup>1</sup> he

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> michel D.    <sup>3</sup> lasteþ O.    <sup>4</sup> draw DO.

<sup>5-5</sup> douñ to D.    down vnto O.    <sup>6</sup> all three MSS. have and.

<sup>7</sup> om. DO.    <sup>8</sup> om. D.    <sup>9-9</sup> wounde and pynyng<sup>1</sup> D.    <sup>10</sup> toward O.

<sup>11</sup> bene D.    <sup>12</sup> oppoñ D.    <sup>13</sup> heeþ O.    <sup>14</sup> down O.    <sup>15</sup> to D.

<sup>16</sup> an hye oppoñ D.    on hye in-to O.    <sup>xx</sup> the D.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 113, back.

<sup>19</sup> þat O.    <sup>20-20</sup> om. O.    <sup>21</sup> iiij ix<sup>o</sup> O.

<sup>22</sup> *traitoure* D.    traytour O.    <sup>23</sup> vnto O.    <sup>24</sup> Corounyng O.

<sup>25-25</sup> Iohñ O.    <sup>26</sup> of O.    <sup>27</sup> Glastoñ DO.    <sup>28</sup> Andrew O.

<sup>29-29</sup> for her Kyng Robert the Brus D.    for her Kyng Robert þe Brus O. her Robert R.

<sup>30</sup> MS. has *tonne tonne*, with the second *tonne* underlined for omission.

drof out al<sup>1</sup> þe Engliſſhe-men out<sup>1</sup> of Scotland; & þai fledde,<sup>2</sup> and come & pleynede vnto<sup>3</sup> Kyng Edward, how Robert þe Brus hadde dryuen<sup>4</sup> ham out of the lande, & diſherite<sup>5</sup> ham.

**How Kyng Edwarde dobbit at Westminster xiiij score knyghte. 4**  
**Capitulo Centesimo Ottogesimo.**

**A**Nd when Kyng Edward herde of þis meſchief, he<sup>6</sup> ſuore þat he wolde þerof bene avenged, and ſaide þat ‘alle þe traitours<sup>7</sup> of Scotland ſhulde bene<sup>8</sup> hongede and draw, and þat þai 8 ſhulde neuer bene<sup>9</sup> raunsonede.’ ¶ And Kyng Edward þouzt oppoñ þis falſeneſſe þat þe Scottes hade done, and ſende<sup>10</sup> after alle<sup>11</sup> þe bachilers<sup>11</sup> of Engeland, þat þai ſhulde come to London at Whitsontyde; and he dobbit<sup>12</sup> at Westminster<sup>xx</sup> iiiij<sup>13</sup> knyghtes. 12

¶ þo ordeynede him þe noble Kyng Edward forto wende into Scotland, to werr’ oppoñ Robert þe Brus; and ſent bifore him<sup>1</sup> into Scotland<sup>14</sup> Sir Aymer of<sup>15</sup> Valance, Erl of Penbrok, & Sir Henry Percy,<sup>16</sup> wip a fair’ company, þat purſewede þe Scottes and 16 brenede<sup>17</sup> tounes & caſtilles; & afterwarde come the Kyng himſelf, wip Erles<sup>18</sup> and barons a fair’ companye.

**How Robert þe Brus was ſcomfitede in bataile; and how<sup>19</sup>**  
**Symond FriſeH was<sup>19</sup> ſlayñ. Capitulo Centesimo Ottogesimo 20**  
**primo.**

**T**He<sup>20</sup> Fryday next bifore<sup>21</sup> þe Assumpcion of our Lady, Kyng Edward mette Robert the<sup>1</sup> Brus hisides Seynt Iohnes touñ in Scotland, & with his company<sup>22</sup>; of þe<sup>23</sup> whiche company<sup>1</sup> Kyng 24 Edward quelled vij Mt. ¶ When Robert þe Brus ſaw þis meſchief, he<sup>24</sup> gan to flee, and hudde<sup>25</sup> hiñ þat men myght nouzt him fynde; but Sir Symond FriſeH purſuede him ſo ſore, ſo<sup>23</sup> þat he turnede<sup>26</sup> & abode bataile, for he was a worþi<sup>27</sup> knyzt and a bolde 28 of body<sup>27</sup>; and þe Engliſſhe-men purſuede him<sup>28</sup> ſore on<sup>29</sup> euery

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> fleȳ D.    <sup>3</sup> to D.    <sup>4</sup> dyve sic O.    <sup>5</sup> diſheritede D.

<sup>6</sup> MS. has he ſor with ſor underlined for omiſſion.

<sup>7</sup> traitoures D.    Traytours O.    traitors R.    <sup>8</sup> be O.    <sup>9</sup> be DO.

<sup>10</sup> ſent DO.    <sup>11–11</sup> bachelrye D.    þe Bachelrye O.

<sup>12</sup> tobbet D.    dubbed O.    <sup>13</sup> fourtene ſcore DO.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 114.

<sup>15</sup> om. D.    þe O.    <sup>16</sup> Percy barouñ D.    Percy Baroñ O.    <sup>17</sup> brent O.

<sup>18</sup> erler sic D.    <sup>19</sup> om. O.    <sup>20</sup> O the O.

<sup>21</sup> fefore sic O.    <sup>22</sup> Cumpanye Kyng Edward O.    <sup>23</sup> om. D.

<sup>24</sup> and DO.    <sup>25</sup> hyd O.    <sup>26</sup> turnede aȳeyne D.    turnede aȳen O.

<sup>27–27</sup> Knyzt of body and bold D.    <sup>28</sup> hym euere O.    <sup>29</sup> in O.

side, and quellede þe stede þat Sir Symond FriseH roode oppoñ ; and þai toke him and lade him into<sup>1</sup> þe hoste. ¶ And Sir Symond bigan forto flater and speke faire, and saide : “ lordes, y 4 shal zeue 3ow iiii M<sup>t</sup> mar3<sup>2</sup> of Siluer<sup>1</sup>, and myn<sup>3</sup> horse and myn<sup>3</sup> herneys, and aH myn<sup>3</sup> armure, and bicomme a begger.” þo ansuerede Theobalde of Peuenes,<sup>4</sup> þat was þe Kyngus Archir<sup>1</sup>, “ Now God me so helpe, hit is for nouzt þat þow spexte ; for alle þe golde of 8 Engeland y wolde <sup>5</sup>nouzt lete þe<sup>5</sup> gone<sup>6</sup> with-out commaundement of Kyng Edward.” And þo was he lade to þe Kyng<sup>7</sup> ; but<sup>8</sup> þe Kyng wolde nouzt <sup>9</sup>see him, but commaundede <sup>10</sup>him to ben ledde<sup>10</sup> away to haue his dome at<sup>11</sup> Londoñ. In oure Ladies Eve, þe<sup>12</sup> 12 Natiuitie, he was hongede<sup>13</sup> and drawe, & his<sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup>heuede smyten<sup>15</sup> of<sup>t</sup>, and hongede azein wiþ cheynes of yren oppoñ þe Galwes ; & his heuede<sup>16</sup> was sette<sup>12</sup> oppoñ Londoñ Brugge vppoñ a spere ; and azeyns Cristenmasse<sup>17</sup> þe body was brent, for enchesouñ þat þe men 16 þat kepte þe body by nyght, saw meny deueles raumpande wiþ yren crokes rynnyng oppoñ þe galwes, and horribliche turmentede þe body ; and meny þat ham sawe, anone after þai deide for drede, or woxen made, or sore sikenesse þai had. ¶ And in þat bataile 20 was taken<sup>18</sup> þe Bisshop of Glascowe,<sup>19</sup> þe Bisshope of Seynt Andrewes,<sup>20</sup> þe Abbot of Seone, aH armede wiþ yren as men of Armes, &<sup>21</sup> false traitoures and false prelatis azeyns her<sup>1</sup> oth ; and þai were brouzt to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, and þe Kyng sent ham to þe Pope of 24 Rome, þat he shulde done<sup>22</sup> wiþ ham what his wille were.

**How Iohñ, Erl of Atheles, was take, & put to<sup>23</sup> dep. Capitulo ¶ Centesimo Ottogesimo secundo.**

28 **A**Nd at þat bataile fledde<sup>24</sup> Sire Iohñ <sup>25</sup>Erl of Ateles,<sup>25</sup> and went into a cherche, & þere huddle<sup>26</sup> him for drede. But he mizt haue þere no refute, for enchesouñ þat þe cherche was enterditede prouz a general sentence ; and in þe same cherche he was take.<sup>27</sup> ¶ And þis Sir Iohñ wende wel haue scapede fram<sup>28</sup> þe deth, for 32 enchesouñ þat he cleymede kynrede of Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward. And

<sup>1</sup> to D. vnto O.

<sup>2</sup> Mark O.

<sup>3</sup> my O.

<sup>4</sup> MS. has Peueneseye, with eye underlined for omission.

<sup>5-5</sup> þe not lete O. <sup>6</sup> go DO. <sup>7</sup> om. O. <sup>8</sup> and DO.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 114, back. <sup>10-10</sup> to lede him D. <sup>11</sup> to O.

<sup>12</sup> om. D. <sup>13</sup> honge O. <sup>14</sup> h sic D. <sup>15-15</sup> hed<sup>t</sup> smyte O.

<sup>16</sup> heed O. <sup>17</sup> Cristemasse O. <sup>18</sup> take O. <sup>19</sup> Bastoñ DO.

<sup>20</sup> Andrewes and D. Andrews and O. <sup>21</sup> as O. <sup>22</sup> do D.

<sup>23</sup> to þe D. <sup>24</sup> fley D. fye O. <sup>25-25</sup> of Atheles Erle O.

<sup>26</sup> hid O. <sup>27</sup> taken D. <sup>28</sup> fro D.

<sup>1</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward wolde<sup>1</sup> no longer<sup>2</sup> bene taried<sup>2</sup> of his traitoures, and sent him to Londoñ in haste; & pere he<sup>3</sup> was<sup>4</sup> Hongede, and his<sup>5</sup> Heuede smyten<sup>6</sup> of, and his body brent<sup>7</sup> al into smal<sup>7</sup> asshes. ¶ But at þe prayer<sup>7</sup> of þe<sup>8</sup> Quene Margarete, for<sup>4</sup> enchesouñ þat he cleymede<sup>9</sup> of Kyng Edward<sup>t</sup> kynrede,<sup>9</sup> his drawyng<sup>t</sup><sup>10</sup> was forzeuen him.<sup>10</sup>

How Iohñ, þat was<sup>11</sup> William Waleys broþer,<sup>11</sup> was put to þe<sup>12</sup> dep. *Capitulo Centesimo* <sup>xx</sup> *iiij* *iiij*<sup>o</sup>. 8

**W**Hen þe gretteste maistres of Scotland<sup>t</sup><sup>13</sup> were pus<sup>13</sup> done to euel depe, & shent for her<sup>t</sup> falsnesse, Iohñ, þat was William Waleys broþer, was tak<sup>14</sup> as Sir<sup>t</sup> Iohñ, Erl of Atheles, was.

How Robert þe Brus<sup>15</sup> flei fro<sup>15</sup> Scotland to<sup>16</sup> Norway. *Capitulo Centesimo ottogesimo* *iiij*<sup>to</sup>. 12

**A**Nd at<sup>17</sup> þat same tyme, was Robert þe Brus miche hatede amonges<sup>18</sup> þe peple of Scotland<sup>t</sup>; so he<sup>19</sup> wist nouzt what to<sup>20</sup> doñ; and forto hide<sup>21</sup> him, he went into Norway, to þe Kyng þat<sup>16</sup> had spousese his sustre, and pere helde him, socour<sup>22</sup> forto haue. ¶ And when Robert þe Brus might nouzt<sup>23</sup> bene founde<sup>23</sup> in Scotland<sup>t</sup>, Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward þo lette crye his pees þrouz<sup>24</sup> al þe land<sup>t</sup>, & his were vsede, and his ministres seruede þrouz-out al<sup>17</sup> þe land<sup>t</sup>. 20

How Kyng Edward<sup>t</sup> deide. *Capitulo Centesimo Ottogesimo quinto*.

**W**Hen Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward hade abatede his enemys, he turnede azeyn Southward, and a maladye toke him at Burgh op<sup>25</sup> 24 Sande, in þe Marche of Scotland<sup>t</sup>. And he wiste wel þat his dep was ful ney3, and callede to him Sir<sup>t</sup> Henry þe Lacy, Erl of Lyncoñ,<sup>26</sup> Sir<sup>t</sup> Gy, Erl of Warrwyk, Sir<sup>t</sup> Aymer<sup>t</sup> Valence, Erl of Penbrok<sup>t</sup>, and Sir<sup>t</sup> Robert of Clifford, barouñ, and prayede ham, 28 oppoñ þe faiþe<sup>27</sup> þat þai to him owed, þat þai shulde make Edward<sup>t</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> the kyng<sup>t</sup> nolde D. þe kyng nold O.

<sup>2-2</sup> be trayede D. be taryed<sup>t</sup> O. <sup>3</sup> leaf 115. <sup>4</sup> shulde ben D.

<sup>5</sup> þe D. <sup>6-6</sup> heed smyte O. <sup>7-7</sup> alto DO. <sup>8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9-9</sup> kynred of Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward D. <sup>10-10</sup> forzeue hym was O.

<sup>11-11</sup> Williamus broþer Waleys D. <sup>12</sup> om. DO. <sup>13-13</sup> þus were D.

<sup>14</sup> tak and done to deth D. take & done to deth O.

<sup>15-15</sup> fledde fram D. <sup>16</sup> in-to O. <sup>17</sup> om. D. <sup>18</sup> among O.

<sup>19</sup> h sic D. <sup>20</sup> forto O. <sup>21</sup> abyde O.

<sup>22</sup> socoure al D. socour al O. <sup>23-23</sup> be fonden D. be founde O

<sup>24</sup> þrouz-out<sup>t</sup> D. þurgh-owt O. <sup>25</sup> oppoñ D. vpon O.

<sup>26</sup> Nichol D. Nichole O. <sup>27</sup> fay O.



<sup>1</sup>of Carnaryuan, Kyng<sup>r</sup> of Engeland<sup>t</sup>, his sone, as raþe as þai myght; ¶ and þat þai shulde nought suffre Piers of Gauastoñ come aþeyn into Engeland forto make his sone vse ryaute. And þai <sup>4</sup>grantede him wiþ god wille; and þe Kyng toke his sacramentz of holy cherche, as a gode Cristen man shulde, and deide in Verray repentaunce. ¶ & when he hade bene<sup>2</sup> Kyng<sup>r</sup> lv 3er<sup>r</sup>, he deide, & was buried at Westmīnster wiþ miche solempnite: oppoñ whos <sup>8</sup>soule, God<sup>t</sup> haue mercy!

Of Merlynus<sup>3</sup> prophecies, þat were<sup>3</sup> declarede of Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward, þat was Kyng<sup>r</sup> <sup>4</sup>Henries sone. Capitulo Centesimo <sup>xx</sup>iiij vj<sup>to</sup>.

<sup>12</sup> **A**Nd of þis Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward,<sup>5</sup> propheciede Merlyn, and callede him a dragon, þe secunde kyng<sup>r</sup> of þe vj laste kynges þat shulde bene<sup>6</sup> forto regne in Engeland; and saide þat 'he shulde <sup>7</sup>ben mellede<sup>7</sup> wiþ mercy & also wiþ sternesse, þat shulde kepe Engeland<sup>t</sup> fram<sup>8</sup> colde and fram<sup>8</sup> hete; and þat he shulde oppen <sup>16</sup>his mouþe toward Walys, and þat he shulde sette his on<sup>9</sup> foot in Wyk<sup>t</sup>, and þat he shulde closen<sup>10</sup> wiþ Wallis, þat shulde do<sup>11</sup> miche harme to his seed<sup>t</sup>'; and he saide soþ, for þe gode Kyng Edward was medled<sup>12</sup> wiþ mercy & with fersnesse; wiþ mercy aþeyns his <sup>20</sup>enemys of Walis, & after of Scotland<sup>t</sup>; wiþ fersnesse, when he put ham to the<sup>13</sup> deth for her<sup>r</sup> falsnesse & traiteri, as þai had diserned hit<sup>4</sup>; And wel kepte he Engeland fram<sup>14</sup> colde and fram<sup>14</sup> hete, siþ he kepte hit fram alle maner enemys þat ronne oppoñ <sup>24</sup>him to done him eny <sup>15</sup>harme or<sup>15</sup> wronge. ¶ And wel openede he his mouþ toward Walys, and made hit <sup>16</sup>quake þrouz þe hidour of his mouthe, When he conquerede hit þrouz dent of suerd; for þe Prynce Lewelyn, and <sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup>his broþer<sup>18</sup> David<sup>13</sup> Rys and Morgan, <sup>28</sup>wer<sup>r</sup> put vnto<sup>19</sup> deþ for her<sup>r</sup> falsnesse and her<sup>r</sup> folie. ¶ And he sette his one<sup>9</sup> foot in Wik<sup>t</sup>, and conquered Berwik<sup>t</sup>; at þe whiche conquest was<sup>20</sup> slayn xxv M<sup>t</sup> and vij C̄, out-take ham þat wer<sup>r</sup> brent in þe Rede Halle; and þe wallis þat he lete make shulde<sup>21</sup> <sup>32</sup>ben<sup>6</sup> noious <sup>22</sup>to his<sup>22</sup> seede, as men shal hure after<sup>r</sup> in þe lif<sup>23</sup> of Sire Edward<sup>24</sup> his sone.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 115, back.    <sup>2</sup> be O.    <sup>3-3</sup> propheeye O.    <sup>4</sup> om. O.  
<sup>5</sup> om. D.    <sup>6</sup> be DO.    <sup>7-7</sup> be medlede D.    be melled O.    <sup>8</sup> fro DO.  
<sup>9</sup> o O.    <sup>10</sup> close D.    <sup>11</sup> doñ DO.    <sup>12</sup> melled O.    <sup>13</sup> om. DO.  
<sup>14</sup> fro O.    <sup>15-15</sup> om. DO.    harme o R.    <sup>16</sup> leaf 116.  
<sup>17</sup> & David DO.    <sup>18-18</sup> MS. has his broþer his broþer.  
<sup>19</sup> vnto the D.    vnto þe O.    <sup>20</sup> were DO.    <sup>21</sup> shal O.  
<sup>22-22</sup> vnto þe O.    <sup>23</sup> MS. lip.  
<sup>24</sup> Edward of Capiarifan D.    Edward<sup>t</sup> of Carnerifan O.

¶ And 3itte saide Merlyn, þat 'he shulde make Ryuer rynne in<sup>1</sup> bloode and wiþ brayn': and þat semede wel in his werres, þere þat he hade þe maistry. ¶ And 3itte saide Merlyn: þat 'þere shulde come a peple out of þe north west, duryng<sup>2</sup> þe regne of 4 þe forsaide dragouñ, þat shulde bene<sup>2</sup> lad be an euel<sup>3</sup> grehounde, þat shulde<sup>4</sup> þe dragouñ croune Kyng<sup>4</sup>, þat aftirward shulde<sup>4</sup> flee ouer<sup>5</sup> þe see wiþout comyng a3eyn,<sup>5</sup> for drede of þe dragouñ<sup>6</sup>': and þat was prouede by Sir Iohn Baloil, þat Kyng Edward made 8 forto<sup>7</sup> bene<sup>8</sup> Kyng of Scotland, þat falsely<sup>9</sup> aroos a3eynnes him; and after, he fledde to his owen landes in<sup>10</sup> Fraunce, and neuer come a3eyne into Scotland for drede of King Edward. ¶ And 3itte said Merlyn, 'þat þe peple þat shulde lede þe forsaide 12 grewhonde shulde bene<sup>11</sup> faderles vnto<sup>12</sup> a certein tyme': & he saide soth, ffor þe peple of Scotland gretliche wer' disessed sith þat sir Iohn Baloil, her' Kyng, fley fro<sup>13</sup> Scotland.

¶ And 3itte saide Merlyn, 'þat þe sone shulde bicom in his 16 tyme as rede as<sup>14</sup> eny blode, in tokening<sup>15</sup> of grete mortalite of dep of peple': and þat was<sup>16</sup> wel knowen when þe Scottes was<sup>17</sup> slayne. ¶ And siþ saide Merlyn, 'þat þilk dragouñ shulde norisshe a fox þat shulde meve<sup>18</sup> werr' a3eynes him, 19 þat 20 in his tyme shulde 20 nouzt bene<sup>20</sup> endede': and þat semede wel by Robert þe Brus, þat Kyng Edward norisshe<sup>21</sup> in his chambre, þat siþennes<sup>22</sup> stale away, and mevede grete werr' a3eynes him<sup>19</sup>; whiche wer' was nouzt endede in his tyme. ¶ And afterward, Merlyn tolde þat 'þis 24 dragouñ shulde 23 ben holde<sup>23</sup> þe best body of al þe world': and he saide soþ, ffor þe gode Kyng Edward was þe worthiest knyght of al þe worlde in his tyme.

¶ And 3it saide Merlyn þat 'þe dragouñ shulde dye in þe 28 marche of anoþer land, and þat his londe shulde be longe 24 wiþouten a<sup>24</sup> gode keper, and þat men shulde wepe for his deth, fram þe yle of Sheepe vnto þe Ile of Marcyll, wher<sup>25</sup> (allas!) shal<sup>26</sup> be<sup>27</sup> her' commune songe amonge peple faderles, in þe lande wastede': and 32

<sup>1</sup> with O.    <sup>2-2</sup> shal be D.    schulð be O.    <sup>3</sup> yle O.    <sup>4</sup> shal D.

<sup>5-5</sup> om. DO.

<sup>6</sup> dragouñ with-out comyng a3eyne D.    dragon with-out comyng a3en O.

<sup>7</sup> to D.    <sup>8</sup> be O.    <sup>9</sup> falseliche D.    <sup>10</sup> of D.    <sup>11</sup> be D.

<sup>12</sup> vntil O.    <sup>13</sup> fram ham oute of D.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 116, back.    <sup>15</sup> of þe O.

<sup>16</sup> om. O.    <sup>17</sup> were DO.    <sup>18</sup> meve grete D.    meue gret O.

<sup>19-19</sup> om. D.    <sup>20-20</sup> schulð not in his tyme be O.    <sup>21</sup> norissshed O.

<sup>22</sup> sethen O.    <sup>23-23</sup> be D.    be holde O.

<sup>24-24</sup> without eny D.    withoute eny O.    <sup>25</sup> wherfore DO.

<sup>26</sup> shulde D.    schulð O.    <sup>27</sup> ben O.

þat <sup>1</sup>prophecie was know oueral ful wel<sup>1</sup>; ffor þe goode Kyng Edward deide at Burgh op Sandes, þat is oppoñ<sup>2</sup> þe marche of Scotland; wherfore þe Englysshe-men gretlich<sup>3</sup> were descomfitede<sup>4</sup> & gouernede in Northumberlond, ffor enchesouñ þat Kyng Edwardes sone sette by þe Scottes non<sup>5</sup> force, for þe<sup>6</sup> ryaute of Piers of Gauastoñ; wherfore (allas!) was þe songe þrouz-oute<sup>7</sup> Engeland for defaute of a gode warde; fram þe Ile of Sheepey vnto þe yle of Marcile, þe peple made miche<sup>8</sup> sorw for gode<sup>8</sup> Kyng Edwardes deth; ffor þai wende<sup>9</sup> þat<sup>10</sup> gode<sup>11</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward shulde haue goñ into<sup>12</sup> þe Holy Land; <sup>13</sup>for þat was holliche<sup>14</sup> his purpos: oppoñ whos soule, God of his<sup>8</sup> blisse haue mercy<sup>15</sup>!

12 Of Kyng Edward, þat was Kyng Edwardes sone. Capitulo Centesimo Octogesimo Septimo.

**A**Nd after þis Kyng<sup>8</sup> Edward, regnede Edward his sone, þat was born in Carnaryvan, and<sup>16</sup> went into Fraunce, <sup>17</sup>and spousede IsabeH, þe Kyngus douzter of Fraunce,<sup>17</sup> þe xxv day of Ianuer at þe cherche of our Lady of<sup>18</sup> Boloign, in þe 3er of our Lorde M<sup>r</sup> CCC vij. ¶ & þe xx day of Februer,<sup>19</sup> þe nexte 3er þat come after, he was cronede solempliche<sup>20</sup> at Westminster of þe Erchebisshope Robert of Wynchelse,<sup>21</sup> of Kanterbery; and þere was so grete prees of peple þat Sir Iohn Bakwelle was dede and mordrede. ¶ And anone as þe gode Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward was dede, Sir Edward his sone, Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Engeland, sent after Piers of Gauastoñ into Gascoigne; and so miche louede him þat he callede him his 'broþer'; and anone after he 3af him þe lordeshipp of Wallyngford; and hit was nouzt longe after þat he ne 3af him þe Erldome of Cornwaile, a3eynes alle þe lordes <sup>22</sup>wille of þe reaume.<sup>22</sup> ¶ And þo brought he Sir Walter of Langetoñ, Bisshop of Chestre, into prisouñ, into the Toure of Londoñ, with ij knafes allone him to<sup>23</sup> serue, for enchesouñ þat<sup>24</sup> þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> was wroþ with him, for cause þat Sir Wa[l]ter made pleint<sup>25</sup> vppoñ him to his fader; wherfore he was put into<sup>26</sup> prisouñ in þe tyme of trailbastroñ.

<sup>1-1</sup> prophecied Merlyn which was wel knowe oueral O. <sup>3</sup> in D.  
<sup>3</sup> gretly O. <sup>4</sup> discomfortede D. dyscomfited<sup>d</sup> dyscomforted sic O.  
<sup>5</sup> no O. <sup>6</sup> om. D. <sup>7</sup> þrouz-out al D. þurgh-out al O. <sup>8</sup> om. O.  
<sup>9</sup> went O. <sup>10</sup> the D. þat þe O. <sup>11</sup> MS. gode Gode. <sup>12</sup> to D.  
<sup>13</sup> leaf 117. <sup>14</sup> holy O. <sup>15</sup> mercy Amen O.  
<sup>16</sup> and þis Edward DO. <sup>17-17</sup> om. O. <sup>18</sup> at O.  
<sup>19</sup> fleucrer DO. <sup>20</sup> solempnly O. <sup>21</sup> Wynchestre O.  
<sup>22-22</sup> willes of Engeland D. <sup>23</sup> forto DO. <sup>24</sup> om. DO.  
<sup>25</sup> compleynt DO. <sup>26</sup> in D.

¶ And þis<sup>1</sup> Piers of Gauastoñ made so grete maistries, þat he went into þe Kyngus tresorie in þe Abbay of Westminster, and toke<sup>2</sup> þe table of golde, <sup>3</sup>wiþ þe tresteles of þe same, and meny opere riche gewelles þat some tyme wer' þe noble<sup>4</sup> Kyng Arthures, <sup>4</sup>and toke ham to a marchant þat me clepede<sup>5</sup> Aymery of Friscombande, for he shulde bere ham ouer' þe see into Gascoigne: and þai come neuer' azeyne after; wherfore hit was<sup>6</sup> grete losse vnto<sup>7</sup> þis land<sup>8</sup>.

¶ And when þis Piers was so ryhely auauuncede, he bicom so proude and so stout, wherof alle þe grete lordes of þe reaume had him in despote for his grete beryng<sup>1</sup>. Wherfore<sup>8</sup> Sir' Henry þe<sup>9</sup> Lacy, Erl of Lyncoñ,<sup>10</sup> and Sir' Guy Erl of Warrwyk (þe whiche <sup>12</sup>gode lordes þe gode Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward chargede, þat Piers of Gauastoñ shulde nouzt come into Engeland<sup>1</sup> forto brynge his sone into ryot), ¶ And alle þe lordes of Engeland<sup>1</sup>, assemblede ham<sup>9</sup> at a certeyn day at þe<sup>11</sup> Frere Prichoures of<sup>12</sup> Londoñ, and speken<sup>13</sup> of þe<sup>14</sup> dis- <sup>16</sup>honour þat þe Kyng dede to<sup>15</sup> his reaume and to his crone. and so þai assemblede<sup>16</sup> alle, boþe Erles, baroñs<sup>17</sup> and communes, þat þe forsaide Piers of Gauastoñ shulde ben<sup>18</sup> exilede out<sup>19</sup> of Engeland. And so hit was done; for he forsuore Engeland, and went into <sup>20</sup>Irland<sup>1</sup>; and þere þe Kyng made him chiefteyn and Gouvernour<sup>1</sup> of þe lande <sup>20</sup>by his commissiouñ; and þere þis Piers was chefteyn of al þe land<sup>20</sup>, and dede þere aþ þat him liked<sup>1</sup>, and had þere al<sup>9</sup> what he wolde. ¶ And<sup>21</sup> þat tyme were þe templeres exilede prouz al <sup>24</sup>crisendome,<sup>22</sup> ffor enchesouñ þat men put oppoñ ham þat þai shulde done <sup>23</sup> þat was<sup>24</sup> azeynes þe faip<sup>25</sup> and gode bileue. ¶ Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward louede Piers of Gauastoñ so miche <sup>26</sup>þat he might nouzt forlete his company; and so miche þe Kyng 3af and bihight <sup>28</sup>to þe peple of Engeland<sup>1</sup>, þat þe exiling of þe forsaide Piers shulde bene<sup>27</sup> reukede at Staunford<sup>1</sup>, prouz ham þat <sup>28</sup>him hade<sup>28</sup> exilede. ¶ Wherfore Piers of Gauastoñ come azeyne into Engeland<sup>1</sup>; and when he was comen<sup>29</sup> azeyn into þis lande, he despisede þe grettest <sup>32</sup>lordes of þis lande, and callede Sir' Robert<sup>30</sup> Clare Erl of Gloucestre,

<sup>1</sup> the forsaide D. þe forsayd<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>2</sup> nome DO.      <sup>3</sup> leaf 117, back.

<sup>4</sup> gode D.      <sup>5</sup> Called O.      <sup>6</sup> was a D.

<sup>7</sup> in-to O.      <sup>8</sup> wherof D.      <sup>9</sup> om. DO.      <sup>10</sup> Nichole DO.

<sup>11</sup> om. O.      <sup>12</sup> at O.      <sup>13</sup> spek<sup>1</sup> D.

<sup>14</sup> MS. þe þe.      <sup>15</sup> vnto O.      <sup>16</sup> assentede DO.

<sup>17</sup> om. D. & baroñs O.      <sup>18</sup> be O.      <sup>19</sup> om. D.      <sup>20—20</sup> om. O.

<sup>21</sup> And in O.      <sup>22</sup> cristiente DO.      <sup>23</sup> do O.

<sup>24—24</sup> þinges D.      þing<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>25</sup> fey O.      <sup>26</sup> leaf 118.      <sup>27</sup> be D.

<sup>28—28</sup> had hym O.      <sup>29</sup> come O.      <sup>30</sup> Robert of DO.

'Horessone,' and þe Erl of Lyncoln,<sup>1</sup> Sir' Henry þe<sup>2</sup> Lacy, 'Broste bely,' and Sir' Guy Erl of Warrwyk, 'blanke<sup>3</sup> hounde of Arderne.' And also he callede þe noble Erl and gentil, Thomas of Lancaster, 4 'Cherl,' and meny<sup>4</sup> othere<sup>5</sup> shames and scorn<sup>4</sup> ham saide, & by meny opere<sup>6</sup> grete lordes of Engeland, wherfore pai were towards<sup>7</sup> him ful angri and sore annoiede.

¶ And<sup>8</sup> in þe<sup>9</sup> same tyme deide þe Erl of Lyncoln<sup>10</sup>; but he 8 charged, or he was dede, Thomas of Lancaster, erl, þat was his sone-in-lawe, þat he shulde mayntene his quereH azeyns þe same Piers of Gauaston, oppoñ his benisoñ. ¶ And so hit was ordeynede, prou<sup>11</sup> helpe of þe Erle of Lancastr' and of þe Erl of Warrwyk, 12 þat þe forsaide<sup>12</sup> Piers was biheuedede<sup>13</sup> at Gauersiche bisides Warwik', þe xix day of<sup>14</sup> Iun,<sup>15</sup> in þe 3ere of grace<sup>16</sup> M<sup>+</sup> CCC &<sup>17</sup> xij; wherfore þe Kyng was sore annoiede, and prayede God þat he might<sup>18</sup> see þat day to bene avengede of<sup>19</sup> þe dep of þe forsaide 16 Piers. ¶ And so hit bifelle aftirward, as 3e shul hure,—allas þe tyme!—ffor þe forsaide Erl of Lancaster & meny opere<sup>20</sup> grete barouñ,<sup>22</sup> wer' put to pitouse dep, and martrede, for enchesouñ of þe forsaide quereH.

20 ¶ The Kyng was po at Londoñ, and helde a parlement, and ordeynede þe lawes of Sir' Symon Mountford; wherfor the Erl of Lancaster, and alle þe Erles & aH þe clergy of Engeland, maden an oth, prou<sup>3</sup> conseile of Robert of Wynchelse, forto maintene þe 24 ordenaunces<sup>23</sup> for euermore.

**How Robert þe Brus come azeyne into Scotlan, and Gaderede a grete power of men forto wer' oppoñ Kyng Edward.**

¶ **Capitulo ¶ Centesimo Ottogesimo viij<sup>o</sup>.**

28 **A** Nd when Sir' Robert þe Brus, þat made him Kyng of Scotlan, þat was fledde into Normandy<sup>24</sup> for drede of dep of þe<sup>2</sup> goode Kyng Edward, and herd of þe debate þat was in Enge-

<sup>1</sup> Nichol D. Nichole O.    <sup>2</sup> om. D.    <sup>3</sup> blac D. Blake O.

<sup>4-4</sup> other scornes and shame D.    <sup>oper</sup> scornes & schame O.

<sup>5</sup> MS. ouere.    <sup>6-6</sup> & seyde by oper meny O.    <sup>7</sup> toward O.

<sup>8</sup> MS. has in the margin, in same hand: Obijt Henricus Comes Lincoln.

<sup>9</sup> that D. om. O.    <sup>10</sup> Nichole DO.    <sup>11</sup> þurgh þe O.

<sup>12</sup> forseid sir O.    <sup>13</sup> beheded O.

<sup>14</sup> MS. has of Ianuer, with Ianuer underlined for omission.

<sup>15</sup> Ianuer D.    <sup>16</sup> grace a O.    <sup>17</sup> om. DO.

<sup>18</sup> most D.    <sup>19</sup> muste O.    <sup>19</sup> vpon O.    <sup>20</sup> Another O.

<sup>21</sup> leaf 118, baek.    <sup>22</sup> barons D.

<sup>23</sup> ordenance D.    <sup>24</sup> Norway D. Norway O.

land<sup>t</sup> bituene þe Kyng and his lordes, he ordeynede an hoste, and come into Engeland<sup>t</sup>, into Northumberland<sup>t</sup>, and clenly destroyede þe contreye. ¶ And when Kyng Edward herde pis tidynges,<sup>1</sup> he <sup>2</sup>lete assemble<sup>2</sup> his host, and mette þe Scottis at Streuelyn,<sup>3</sup> in þe day of 4 þe<sup>4</sup> Natiuite of Seint Ioh<sup>n</sup> þe Baptiste, in þe vij<sup>4</sup> 3er<sup>4</sup> of his regne,<sup>5</sup> and in þe 3ere of our<sup>7</sup> Lorde <sup>6</sup>Ihesu Crist,<sup>6</sup> M<sup>t</sup> CCC &<sup>7</sup> xiiij. Allas þe sorw and losse þat þere was done! for þere was slayn, þe noble Erl Gilbert of Clare, Sire Robert of Clifford<sup>t</sup>, a<sup>7</sup> barou<sup>n</sup>, and meny 8 opere; & of opere peple þat no man coup<sup>n</sup> nombre; and þere Kyng Edward was scomfitede. And Sir<sup>7</sup> Edmund<sup>t</sup> of Maule, þe<sup>8</sup> kynges stiward, for drede went and drenchede him-self<sup>9</sup> in a fresshe ryuer<sup>7</sup> þat is callede Bannokesbour<sup>n</sup>; þefore<sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup>þe Scottes 12 saide, in reprofe and despite of Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward, foralsemiche<sup>12</sup> as he louede forto go<sup>13</sup> by watere, and also for he was descomfitede at Bannokesbour[n]e, þefore maidenes made a songe þerof<sup>t</sup>, <sup>14</sup>in þat contre, of Kyng Edward of Engeland<sup>t</sup><sup>14</sup> and in þis maner<sup>7</sup> þai 16 songe<sup>15</sup> :—

¶ **Maydenes of Engetande, sare may 3e morne,  
For tynt 3e haue [lost]<sup>16</sup> 3oure lemmans at Bannokesborn  
wif hevalogh. 20**

¶ **What wende þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Engeland<sup>t</sup> haue ygete<sup>17</sup> Scotlande  
wif Rombylogh.**

When Kyng Edward<sup>t</sup> was descomfitede, he was wonder<sup>7</sup> sory, and faste<sup>18</sup> fledde wif his folc<sup>4</sup> þat was lafte alif<sup>t</sup>,<sup>19</sup> and went 24 to Berwik<sup>t</sup>, and þere helde him. ¶ And after, he toke hostages, þat is to seyne,<sup>20</sup> vij childerne, of þe rychest<sup>t</sup> of þe tou<sup>n</sup>; and þe Kyng went to Londo<sup>n</sup>, and toke<sup>21</sup> conseile of þinges þat were nedeful vnto þe reame of Engeland<sup>t</sup>. 28

¶ And in þe same tyme hit bifelle þat þere was in Engeland<sup>t</sup> a rybaude þat men<sup>22</sup> callede Ioh<sup>n</sup> Tanner; and he went and saide þat he was þe goode Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edwardus sone, and lete him calle ‘Edward of Carnaru<sup>n</sup>’; and þefore he was take<sup>23</sup> at Oxenford<sup>t</sup>, 32 and þere<sup>24</sup> chalangede þe frere Carmes chirche þat Kyng Edward hade 3eue<sup>25</sup> ham, þe whiche cherch<sup>26</sup> some tyme was<sup>4</sup> þe Kyngus

<sup>1</sup> tydynges O.    <sup>2-2</sup> assemblede D.    <sup>3</sup> Estreuelyn D.    Estryuelyn O.

<sup>4</sup> om. O.    <sup>5</sup> regne vij O.    <sup>6-6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7</sup> om. DO.

<sup>8</sup> þe DO. for þe R.    <sup>9</sup> him D.    hym O.    <sup>10</sup> wherfore DO.

<sup>11</sup> leaf 119.    <sup>12</sup> forasmyche O.    <sup>13</sup> gone D.    om. O.    <sup>14-14</sup> om. D.

<sup>15</sup> saiden D.    <sup>16</sup> om. D.    <sup>17</sup> gete DO.

<sup>18</sup> MS. faste faste, with second faste underlined for omission.

<sup>19</sup> on lif<sup>t</sup> D.    <sup>20</sup> weten D.    wete O.    <sup>21</sup> to sic D.    nome O.

<sup>22</sup> me DO.    <sup>23</sup> taken DO.    <sup>24</sup> þere he DO.    <sup>25</sup> youe O.

<sup>26</sup> Cherche was O.

Halle. ¶ And afterwarde was þis Iohn ladde to Northampton, and<sup>1</sup> draw, and þere<sup>2</sup> hongede for his falsnesse. and er<sup>3</sup> þat he was dede, he confessede,<sup>3</sup> and saide bifore al þe folc, þat ‘þe deuel  
4 bihighte him þat he shulde be Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Engeland’; and þat ‘he hade seruede þe deuel iij zere.’

**How þe touñ of Berwik was taken<sup>4</sup> þrouz treson; & how ij Cardynales wer<sup>t</sup> robbet in Engeland. Capitulo Centesimo**

8 <sup>xx</sup>iiij ix<sup>o</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> **A** Nd in myd Lenton<sup>6</sup> Sondag in þe zere of our Lord Ihesu Crist M<sup>t</sup> CCC xvj, Berwik was loste, þrouz false tresoun of on, Piers of Spaldyng<sup>t</sup>; þe whiche Piers, þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> had put þere  
12 forto kepe þe<sup>7</sup> same toune wiþ<sup>8</sup> meny burgeys of þe<sup>9</sup> touñ. ¶ Wherfore þe childerne þat were put in hostages<sup>10</sup> þrouz þe burgeys of Berwik,<sup>11</sup> folwede þe Kyngus Marchalcie meny daye,<sup>12</sup> fetrede in stronge yrenes.

16 ¶ And after<sup>t</sup> þat tyme þere come ij Cardinales into Engeland, as þe Pope hade ham sende forto mak pees bituene Scotland and Engeland. and as þai went toward Duresme forto haue sacrede  
20 þai were taken<sup>4</sup> and robbet oppoñ þe more of Wigelesdoñ<sup>13</sup>; of whiche robrye, Sir<sup>t</sup> Gilbert of Midelton was atteint, and take,<sup>14</sup> and hongede & drawe<sup>15</sup> at London, and his<sup>16</sup> heuede smyten<sup>16</sup> of, and his bowales taken out of his body, and brent, & his body quar-  
24 tared, and his heuede<sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup>smyten of, and<sup>18</sup> sette oppoñ a spere, and sette oppoñ Newegate; and þe iiij quarters sent to iiij citees of Engeland.

¶ And þat same tyme bifelle meny meschyues in Engeland; for  
28 þe pore<sup>2</sup> peple deide in Engeland for hunger; and so miche and<sup>19</sup> so faste folc deiden, <sup>20</sup>þat vnneþes<sup>20</sup> men m[i]ght ham bury; for a quarter of<sup>2</sup> whete was worþe xls., and ij zere and an halfe a quarter of<sup>21</sup> whete<sup>19</sup> was worþe <sup>22</sup>ij marz<sup>22</sup>; and ofte-tymes þe pore

<sup>1</sup> and þere was D.    <sup>2</sup> om. D.    <sup>3</sup> confessede him D.    <sup>4</sup> take O.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 119, back.    <sup>6</sup> lentes D.    lent O.    <sup>7</sup> þat O.

<sup>8</sup> MS. has wiþ me- with me- underlined for omission.    <sup>9</sup> þe same D.

<sup>10</sup> MS. hostages þrouz þrouz, with first þrouz underlined for omission; hostage DO.

<sup>11</sup> Berwyk<sup>t</sup> and þe burgeys of Berwik D. Berwyk<sup>t</sup> and þe Burgeys of Berwyk<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>12</sup> dayes DO.    <sup>13</sup> Wyngelston D.    Wyngelonne O.    <sup>14</sup> taken DO.

<sup>15</sup> drawn DO.    <sup>16—16</sup> heed smyte O.    <sup>17</sup> heed O.    <sup>18—18</sup> om. DO.

<sup>19</sup> om. O.    <sup>20—20</sup> þan vnneþe O.    <sup>21</sup> om. DO.

<sup>22—22</sup> xxvj s. viij d.    ij marc O.

peple stale childern and ete ham, and ete also alle<sup>1</sup> þe houndes þat þai might take, and ek Horse & cattes; and after, þere felle a grete<sup>2</sup> pestilence amonges<sup>3</sup> bestes in diuerse contrees of Engeland duryng Kyng Edwardes lif.

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**How þe Scottes robbede Northumberland. Capitulo Centesimo Nonogesimo.**

**A**Nd in þe same tyme<sup>4</sup> come þe<sup>4</sup> Scottes azeine into Engeland,<sup>5</sup> and destroiede Northumberland,<sup>6</sup> and brent þat lande, & <sup>8</sup> robbet hit,<sup>6</sup> and quellede men and wymmen, & childern þat laye<sup>7</sup> in cradeH, and brent also holy cherche, and destroiede Cristendome, and <sup>8</sup>toke & <sup>8</sup>bare away Englisshe-mennes godes, as þai hade bene<sup>9</sup> Sarasins or paynemes. and of þe wickednesse þat þai <sup>12</sup> deden,<sup>10</sup> aH þe worlde spake þerof, þrouz al Cristendome.

**How þe Scottes wolde nouzt amende her' trespasse; and þefore Scotland was enterditede. ¶ Capitulo Centesimo Nonogesimo primo.**

16

**A**Nd when<sup>11</sup> Pope<sup>12</sup> Iohn, þe xxij after seynt Petre, herde of þe grete sorwe and meschief' þat þe Scottes wrought, he was wonder' sory þat Cristendome was so destroiede þrouz þe Scottes, and nameliche<sup>13</sup> for þai destroiede so holy cherche; Wherefore þe <sup>20</sup> Pope<sup>14</sup> sent a general sentence, vnder' his bullis of leade, vnto þe Erchebisshope of Kaunterbery, and to þe Erchebisshope of 3ork', þat 'if Robert þe Brus of Scotland wolde nouzt be iustifiede, and make amendes vnto<sup>15</sup> kyng <sup>16</sup>Edward of Engeland,<sup>16</sup> his<sup>17</sup> lorde, & <sup>24</sup> make amendes of his losse, and his harmes þat þai hade done in Engeland, and also to restore þe godes þat þai hade<sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup>take out of<sup>19</sup> holy cherech, þat þe sentence shulde be pronouneede þrouz aH Engeland. ¶ And when þe Scottes herde þis, þai wolde nouzt <sup>28</sup> <sup>20</sup> <sup>21</sup>cesse of<sup>21</sup> her' malice for þe Popes<sup>22</sup> commaundement; Wherfor

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 120.

<sup>3</sup> among O.

<sup>4-4</sup> comen D.

<sup>5</sup> Northumberland D.

<sup>6</sup> om. D.

<sup>7</sup> leyne D. leyn O.

<sup>8-8</sup> om. D.

<sup>9</sup> be O.

<sup>10</sup> dede DO.

<sup>11</sup> when the D.

<sup>12</sup> pope struck out, and bisshope written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>13</sup> namely O.

<sup>14</sup> pope struck out, and bisshope written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>15</sup> vnto the D. vnto þe O.

<sup>16-16</sup> of Engeland Edward O.

<sup>17</sup> her DO.

<sup>18</sup> MS. hade m, with m underlined for omission.

<sup>19-19</sup> taken in D. take of O.

<sup>20</sup> leaf 120, back.

<sup>21-21</sup> lene D. lette O.

<sup>22</sup> popes struck out, and bisshopis written over in a different hand in O



Robert þe<sup>1</sup> Brus, Iamys Douglas, and Thomas Randolf Erl of Morref, and alle þo þat wiþ ham communede, or ham halp in worde or in<sup>2</sup> dede, were accursed<sup>3</sup> þrouz euery cherche þrouz<sup>3</sup> Engeland, 4 euery [day] at masse iij tymes; and no masse shulde be songen<sup>4</sup> in holy cherche þrouz-out<sup>5</sup> al Scotland, but if þe Scottis wolde make restitucioñ of þe harmes þat þai hade made vnto<sup>6</sup> holy cherche. Wherefore meny a gode preste and holy man,<sup>7</sup> þerfore were slayn 8 þrouz al<sup>8</sup> þe reme of Scotland, for enchesouñ þat þai wolde singe no masse azeynes þe Popes<sup>9</sup> commaundement and azeynes his wille, and to done and fulfile þe tirauntz<sup>10</sup> wille.

How Sir<sup>1</sup> Hughe, þe Spenseres sone, was<sup>2</sup> made þe Kyngus  
12 Chamberlein; and of þe bataile of Mitoñ. *Capitulo  
Centesimo Nonogesimo secundo.*

**A**Nd hit was nouzt longe afterward, þat þe Kyng ne ordeynede a parlement at 3ork<sup>1</sup>; and þere was Sir<sup>1</sup> Hugh, þe Spenserez<sup>11</sup>  
16 sone, made Chamberleini. And in þe mene-tyme, while þe werr<sup>1</sup> last, the Kyng went azeyne into Scotland, þat hit was wonder forto wete, and bisegede þe touñ of Berwik<sup>1</sup>; but þe Scottes went ouer þe water of Solewath, þat was iij mile fram þe Kyngus host,  
20 and priuely<sup>12</sup> þai stele away by nyght, and comen<sup>13</sup> into Engeland, and robbede and destroyede<sup>14</sup> al þat þai myght, and sparede no maner þing<sup>1</sup> til þat þai comen to<sup>15</sup> 3ork. And when þe Engliisshe men þat were lafte at<sup>16</sup> home Wist<sup>17</sup> of pis þing, alle þo þat might  
24 trauaile—as wel monkes and<sup>18</sup> prestes and ffreres & Chanouns and seculers,—and come and mette wiþ þe Scottes at Mitoñ op<sup>19</sup> Swale, þe xij day of Ottobre. Allas! what sorwe for þe Engliisshe hosbonde-men þat coupe noþing<sup>1</sup> in werr<sup>1</sup>, þere were quellede and  
28 drenchede<sup>20</sup> in<sup>21</sup> þe Ryuer of Swale.<sup>21</sup> And her<sup>1</sup> chyueteynes, Sir William of Meltoñ, Erchebisshoþ of 3ork, & þe Abbot of Selby with her<sup>1</sup> stedes,<sup>22</sup> fledde, & come vnto<sup>22</sup> 3ork. And þat was her<sup>1</sup> owen folie þat þai had þat meschaunce, for þai passede þe water of

<sup>1</sup> om. D.<sup>2</sup> om. O.<sup>3-3</sup> in euery cherche of D. in euery Cherche þurgh O.<sup>4</sup> songe O. <sup>5</sup> þrouz D. <sup>6</sup> to D. þurgh O. <sup>7</sup> men DO.<sup>8</sup> om. DO.<sup>9</sup> popes struck out, and bisshoppis written over in a different hand in O.<sup>10</sup> Traytours O. <sup>11</sup> Spencer O. <sup>12</sup> priulich D. <sup>13</sup> come O.<sup>14</sup> destruede D. <sup>15</sup> vnto O. <sup>16</sup> leaf 121. <sup>17</sup> herde D. herd O.<sup>18</sup> as O. <sup>19</sup> oppoñ D. <sup>20</sup> dreynt O.<sup>21-21</sup> an arme of the see D. an arme of þe see O.<sup>22-22</sup> fledden and comen to D. fled & comen vnto O.

Swale; and þe Scottes sette in<sup>1</sup> fire iij stackes of hey; and þe smoke þerof was so huge þat<sup>2</sup> Engliſſhe-men myght nought see þe Scottes. ¶ And when þe Engliſſhe-men were gon ouer þe water, þo come<sup>3</sup> þe Scottes wiþ her<sup>4</sup> wenge, in maner of a ſhelde, and come 4 toward<sup>5</sup> þe Engliſſhe-men in a rawe; and þe Engliſſhe-men fledde, for vnneþes<sup>5</sup> þai hade eny men<sup>6</sup> of Armes; for þe Kyng hade ham alle<sup>7</sup> almost loſte atte þe<sup>7</sup> ſege of Berwik<sup>1</sup>; and þe Scottes<sup>8</sup> hobilers went bituix<sup>9</sup> þe brigge & þe Engliſſhe-men. ¶ And when 8 þe grete hoſt<sup>10</sup> had þaim<sup>10</sup> mette, þe Engliſſhe-men fledde bituene þe hobilers and þe grete hoſt; and þe Engliſſhe-men almost alle<sup>7</sup> were þere ſlayn.<sup>11</sup> And<sup>12</sup> he þat might wende ouer þe water was ſauede; but meny were drenchede,<sup>12</sup> Allas, for<sup>13</sup> ſorwe! for<sup>13</sup> þere was<sup>14</sup> 12 ſlayne meny men of Religiouñ, and ſeculers, and ek preſtes and clerkes; and wiþ miche ſorw the Erchebiſſhop ſcapede; and þerfore þe Scottes callede hit<sup>15</sup> ‘the White Bataile.’

**How Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward dede aH maner<sup>16</sup> þing<sup>1</sup> as<sup>17</sup> Sire Hugh þe 16 Spenser<sup>17</sup> Wolde. Capitulo Centesimo Nonogesimo tercio.**

**A**Nd when Kyng Edward herde þis tydynges,<sup>18</sup> he remevede his ſege fram Berwik, & come aȝeyne into Engeland. But Sir Hugh þe Spenser<sup>2</sup>, þe ſone, þat was þe Kynges chaumberlein, kepte 20 ſo þe Kyngus chaumbre, þat no man might<sup>19</sup> ſpeke wiþ þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, but if<sup>20</sup> he made wiþ him a frett forto done his nede, & þat ouer<sup>1</sup> meſure. And þis Hugh bar<sup>3</sup> him ſo ſtoute, þat alle men hade of him ſcorn and deſpite; and þe kyng him-ſelf wolde nouȝt be<sup>21</sup> 24 gouernede<sup>22</sup> by no maner<sup>1</sup> man, but oneliche<sup>23</sup> by his fader<sup>1</sup> and by him. ¶ And yf eny knyght of Engeland hade wodes, maneres, or lande, þat þai wolde couette, anone þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> moſte ȝeue it ham, or elles<sup>24</sup> þe man þat owede<sup>25</sup> hit<sup>26</sup> ſhulde faſely<sup>26</sup> be enditede of 28 fforfet<sup>27</sup> or of ffelonye; and þrouȝ ſoche doynges<sup>28</sup> þai diſheritede meny a grete<sup>29</sup> bachiler<sup>1</sup>, and ſo meny landes<sup>30</sup> geten, þat hit was miche Wonder.

<sup>1</sup> on D. a O.    <sup>2</sup> þat þe D.    <sup>3</sup> Comen O.    <sup>4</sup> wynges D.

<sup>5</sup> vnneþe O.    <sup>6</sup> man O.    <sup>7</sup> om. O.    <sup>8</sup> Scottyſſh O.

<sup>9</sup> bituene D.    between O.    <sup>10-10</sup> ham D.    hem O.

<sup>11</sup> quellede D.    y-quelled O.    <sup>12-12</sup> dreynt O.    <sup>13-13</sup> om. DO.

<sup>14</sup> were O.    <sup>15</sup> that bataile D.    þat bataill O.    <sup>16</sup> leaf 121, back.

<sup>17-17</sup> þe Spencers O.    <sup>18</sup> tydyng O.    <sup>19</sup> muſt O.    <sup>20</sup> om. DO.

<sup>21</sup> ben O.    <sup>22</sup> gouerned ne reulede D.    gouerned ne rewled O.

<sup>23</sup> onely D.    only O.    <sup>24</sup> et O.    <sup>25</sup> ouȝt D.    ouȝt O.

<sup>26-26</sup> faſely ſhulde D.    <sup>27</sup> þe foreſt O.    <sup>28</sup> doyng D.    doynge O.

<sup>29</sup> gode D.    good O.    <sup>30</sup> landes þai D.

¶ And when þe lordes of Engeland saw þe<sup>1</sup> couetise and þe falsenesse of Sir Hugh þe Spenser, his<sup>2</sup> fader, and of Sir Hugh his<sup>3</sup> sone, þai comen<sup>4</sup> to þe gentil Erl of Lancastre, and axede 4<sup>5</sup> him of<sup>5</sup> conseile of þe disese þat was in the reame þrouȝ Sir Hugh þe<sup>6</sup> Spenser and his sone. And in haste, by one assent, þai made a priue assemble at Shirborn in Elmede; and alle þa[i] maden<sup>7</sup> þere an oth forto breke and destourble þe doying bituene þe Kyng and 8 Sir Hugh þe Spenser and his sone, oppoñ her power. And þai went into þe Marche of Walys, & destroyede þe Lande<sup>8</sup> of þe forsaide Sir Hughes.

<sup>9</sup>How sir Hughe þe Spenser and his fader Were exiled out  
12 of Engeland. *Capitulo Centesimo Nonogesimo iiij<sup>to</sup>.*

**W**hen Kyng Edward saw þe grete harme and destrucioun þat þe barons of Engeland deden on<sup>10</sup> Sir Hugh þe<sup>6</sup> Spensers Landes, and to his sones, in euery place þat þai comen oppoñ. And 16 þe Kyng þo, þrouȝ his Conseile, exiled Sir Iohn Mounbray, *Sire Roger*<sup>11</sup> of Clifford, and Sir Gosselyn Dauil, and meny oþer lordes þat wer to ham<sup>12</sup> consent.<sup>13</sup> Wherfore þe barons dede þo<sup>14</sup> more harme þan þai dede bifore. ¶ And when þe Kyng saw þat<sup>6</sup> þe 20 barons wolde nouȝt cesse of her cruelte, þe Kyng was sore adrade leste þai wolde<sup>15</sup> destroy him and his reame for his mayntenance, but yf<sup>6</sup> þat he assentede to ham; and so he sent for ham<sup>16</sup> by lettres,<sup>16</sup> þat þai shulde come to Londoñ to his parlement at a 24 certeyne day, as in his *lettres*<sup>17</sup> were<sup>18</sup> conteynede.

¶ And þai come wiþ iij batailes wel armed<sup>19</sup> at alle poyntȝ; & euery bataille hade cote-armur<sup>20</sup> of grene cloþe<sup>21</sup>; and þerof þe right quarter was ȝalwe, wiþ white bendes; Wherfore þat parlement was 28 callede ‘þe parlment wiþ<sup>22</sup> þe whit bende.’<sup>23</sup> ¶ And in þat company was Sir Humfray de Bohoñ, Erl of Herford,<sup>24</sup> and Sir Roger of Clifford, *Sire Iohn Mounbray*, *Sire Gosselyn Dauil*, *Sire Roger Mortymer*, Vncle of Sir Roger Mortymer of Wigemore, *Sire Henry* 32 of Tyeys,<sup>25</sup> *Sire Iohn Giffard*, and Sir Bartholomew<sup>26</sup> Badeslemere þat was þe Kynges Stiward, þat þe Kyng hade sent to Shirborn

<sup>1</sup> þe grete D. þe gret O.    <sup>2</sup> þe D.    <sup>3</sup> þe DO.    <sup>4</sup> come DO.

<sup>5-5</sup> of hym O.    <sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> made DO.    <sup>8</sup> Laundes D.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 122.    <sup>10</sup> to DO.    <sup>11</sup> Robert D.    <sup>12</sup> hym O.

<sup>13</sup> consentede D.    <sup>14</sup> the D.    <sup>15</sup> shulde D.    <sup>16-16</sup> om. D.

<sup>17</sup> lettre D.    <sup>18</sup> was O.    <sup>19</sup> y-armed O.

<sup>20</sup> cotarmures D.    cote-armures O.    <sup>21</sup> choþe sic D.    <sup>22</sup> of O.

<sup>23</sup> bendes D.    <sup>24</sup> Hereford D.    <sup>25</sup> Trays DO.

<sup>26</sup> Bartholomew of O.

in Elmede, to þe <sup>1</sup>Erl of Lancastre and to alle þat Wiþ him Were, forto trete of accorde þat him aliende to þe barons, and come wiþ þe <sup>2</sup>company, And Sir Roger Dañmory and Sir Hugh <sup>3</sup>of Audeley <sup>3</sup> þat hade spousede þe Kynges neces, susters <sup>4</sup> to <sup>5</sup> Sir Gilbert of Clare, <sup>4</sup> Erl of Gloucestre, þat was quelled in Scotland, as aboue <sup>6</sup> is saide. ¶ And þo ij Lordes hadde þe ij partes <sup>7</sup> of þe Erldome of Gloucestre; and Sir Roger <sup>8</sup> þe Spenser, þe sonne, hadde þe <sup>9</sup> þridde part <sup>9</sup> on <sup>10</sup> his Wifes behalve, <sup>11</sup> the þridde <sup>12</sup> suster. And þo ij lordes went to <sup>8</sup> þe barouns wiþ al her power, auzeynes Sir Hugh, her broþer-in-Law; and so þer come with ham, Sir Roger of Clifford, Sir Iohn Mounbray, Sir Gosselyn Dauit, Sir Roger Mortymer of Werk, Sir Roger Mortymer of Wygemore, his newew, Sir Henry Trays, <sup>13</sup> <sup>12</sup> Sir Iohn Giffard, Sir Bartholomew of Bedelesmere, wiþ alle <sup>14</sup> her company, & meny oþere þat to ham wer consent.

¶ Alle þis <sup>15</sup> grete Lordes comen <sup>16</sup> to Westminster, to þe Kynges parlement; and so þai spoken and dede, þat boþe Sir Hugh þe <sup>17</sup> <sup>16</sup> Spenser, þe fader & <sup>18</sup> þe Soñ, were outlawede of Engeland for euermore. ¶ And Sir Hughe þe fader went to Douer, and made miche sorwe, and felle adouñ <sup>19</sup> by þe see bank, <sup>20</sup> & clipped <sup>20</sup> acros wiþ his Armes, and sore wepyng, <sup>21</sup> saide: “now, farewele <sup>22</sup> Engeland! & gode Engeland, to <sup>23</sup> Gode y þe bitak!” and þries cussede þe grounde, and wende neuer <sup>24</sup> haue comen <sup>25</sup> azein, and <sup>26</sup> Weping ful sore, cursede þe tyme þat euer he bigate Sir Hugh his sone, & saide ‘for him <sup>27</sup> he hade <sup>27</sup> loste Engeland!’; and in presence of <sup>24</sup> ham þat were him <sup>28</sup> aboute, he ʒaf him his curse, and went ouer þe see to his landes. But Sire Hugh þe soñ wolde nouzt go <sup>29</sup> out of Engeland, but helde him in þe see; and he & his company robbede ij Dormondes bisides Sandewiche, & toke <sup>30</sup> and bar away <sup>28</sup> aþ þe gode þat was in ham, þe Value of xl <sup>31</sup> M<sup>t</sup> ti.

**How þe Kyng Exilede þe <sup>32</sup> Erl Thomas of Lancastre, & alle þat helde wiþ him; and how þe Mortymer come & ʒelde him vnto <sup>33</sup> þe Kyng; & of þe lordes siege. Capitulo Centesimo <sup>32</sup> Nonogesimo Quinto.**

<sup>1</sup> leaf 122, back.    <sup>2</sup> MS. þe þe; þat DO.    <sup>3-3</sup> Daudel D. Daudele D.  
<sup>4</sup> suster O.    <sup>5</sup> and DO.    <sup>6</sup> bifore D. byfore O.    <sup>7</sup> parties DO.  
<sup>8</sup> Hugh DO.    <sup>9-9</sup> iij partye O.    <sup>10</sup> in DO.    <sup>11</sup> half D. hand O.  
<sup>12</sup> iij O.    <sup>13</sup> Trays DO.    <sup>14</sup> MS. alle aþ.    <sup>15</sup> þese O.  
<sup>16</sup> come O.    <sup>17</sup> om. DO.    <sup>18</sup> & sir Hugh Spencer O.  
<sup>19</sup> doune oppoñ the grounde D. doun vpon þe ground O.    <sup>20-20</sup> om. DO.  
<sup>21</sup> wepyng & O.    <sup>22</sup> fayre DO.    <sup>23</sup> to almy3ty D. to almyghty O.  
<sup>24</sup> neuere to O.    <sup>25</sup> come O.    <sup>26</sup> and D. & O. om. R.    <sup>27-27</sup> y haue D.  
<sup>28</sup> leaf 123.    <sup>29</sup> goñ DO.    <sup>30</sup> nome O.    <sup>31</sup> iij D.    <sup>32</sup> om. O.    <sup>33</sup> to O.

**H**It was nought longe after, þat þe Kyng ne<sup>1</sup> made Sir Hugh þe Spenser þe fader, and Sir Hugh þe<sup>2</sup> sonne, come azein into Engeland, azeyns þe lordes wille of þe reame. ¶ And sone  
 4 after, þe Kyng, wiþ<sup>3</sup> strong Power, come and bisegede þe castel of Leedes: and in þat castel was þe Lady of Badelesmore, for enchesouñ þat she wolde nouzt grant þe castel to þe<sup>1</sup> Quene IsabeH, Kyng Edwardes wif. ¶ But þe principal cause was, for enchesoñ þat Sir  
 8 Bartholomev Badelesmere was azeins þe Kyng, & helde with the lordes of Engeland. And noþeles, þe Kyng, by helpe and socoure of men of Londoñ, and also prou3 helpe of Southerñ men, þe Kyng gate þe castel, maugre ham alle þat wer' wiþin,<sup>4</sup> and tok wiþ him al þat he  
 12 might fynde. ¶ And when þe barons of Engeland herd of þis þing,<sup>5</sup> Sir Roger Mortymer<sup>1</sup> &<sup>5</sup> oþere meny lordes<sup>6</sup> toke þe toune of Brugeworth with strengþ; Wherfore þe Kyng was wonder' wroþ, and lete outelawe Thomas<sup>7</sup> of Lancastre & Hounfray de Bohouñ,  
 16 <sup>8</sup>Erl of Hereford<sup>8</sup>,<sup>9</sup> and alle<sup>10</sup> þat Were assent<sup>11</sup> to þe same quereH. ¶ And þe Kyng Assemblede an<sup>12</sup> host, & come azeynes þe lordes of Engeland; wherfor þe Mortymers put ham to þe Kynge's mercy & his grace; and anone þai wer' sent to þe Toure of Londoñ, and þere  
 20 kepte in prisouñ. ¶ And when þe barons herd of þis þing, þai comen to Pontfret, þere þat þe Erl Thomas soionede, and tolde him how þe Mortymers<sup>13</sup> had<sup>14</sup> zelde ham boþe<sup>15</sup> vnto<sup>16</sup> þe Kyng, & put ham in<sup>16</sup> his grace.

24 Of þe sege of Tikhulle. ¶ *Capitulo Centesimo* <sup>xx</sup>iiij xvj<sup>o</sup>.

**W**Hen Thomas, Erl of Lancastre, herde<sup>17</sup> þis, <sup>18</sup>þai were<sup>18</sup> wonder' wroþ, & alle þat were of his company, and gretly þai were descomfortede, & ordeinede her' power' togeder, and  
 28 bisegede þe casteH of TykhuH. But þo þat were wiþin, so manliche<sup>19</sup> <sup>20</sup>defendede ham,<sup>20</sup> þat þe barons might nouzt gete þe casteH. ¶ And when þe Kyng herde telle<sup>21</sup> þat his casteH was bisegede, he suore, by God and by his crowne,<sup>22</sup> þat þe sege shulde be remevede,  
 32 and assemblede an huge power' of peple, and went þiderward forto

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> his D.    <sup>3</sup> with a O.    <sup>4</sup> perin O.

<sup>5-5</sup> written twice in all three MSS.    <sup>6</sup> lordes nome & O.

<sup>7</sup> Thomas erle DO.    <sup>8</sup> leaf 123, back.    <sup>9</sup> Herford<sup>8</sup> O.

<sup>10</sup> al þo D.    at þo O.    <sup>11</sup> assentant D.    assentyng O.

<sup>12</sup> a gret D.    an hugh O.    <sup>13</sup> Mortymers both D.    Mortymers boþe O.

<sup>14</sup> hadden O.    <sup>15</sup> om. DO.    <sup>16</sup> to O.    <sup>17</sup> herde of D.

<sup>18-18</sup> he was D.    <sup>19</sup> manly O.    <sup>20-20</sup> ham defendede D.    <sup>21</sup> om. D.

<sup>22</sup> namen D.    names O.

rescue þe casteH; and his power<sup>1</sup> encessede fram day to day. ¶ When þe Erle of Lancast<sup>r</sup> and þe Erl of Hereford<sup>2</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and þe barons and her<sup>3</sup> company, herde of þis þing<sup>4</sup>, þai assemblede al her<sup>5</sup> power<sup>6</sup>, and went ham to Burtoñ op Trent, and kepte þe bruge, þat 4 þe Kyng shulde nouzt come<sup>2</sup> ouer<sup>7</sup>. ¶ But hit bifeH so, þat<sup>3</sup> on þe x<sup>4</sup> day of Marche, in þe zere of grace M<sup>+</sup> CCC xxj<sup>5</sup> þe Kyng and þe Spensers, Sir<sup>6</sup> Aymer<sup>7</sup> Valaunce, Erl of Penbrok<sup>8</sup>, & Iohn<sup>6</sup>, Erl of Arundel, and her<sup>9</sup> power<sup>10</sup>, went ouer þe<sup>7</sup> Watere, and descomfitede 8 þe Erl Thomas & his company; and þai fledde to þe casteH of Tuttebery; and fro þenns þai went to Pountfret. And in þat Viage deide Sir<sup>11</sup> Roger Dammory, in þe Abbay of Tuttebery.

¶ And in þat same tyme, þe Erl Thomas hade a traitour<sup>12</sup> with 12 him þat men<sup>8</sup> callede Robert of Holonde, a Knyght þat þe Erl hade brouzt vp of nouzt, and hade norisshede him in his botelerie, and had zeuen<sup>9</sup> him ij M<sup>+</sup> marz<sup>10</sup> 11 of rent<sup>11</sup> by zere.<sup>12</sup> And so miche þe Erl louede him, þat he might doo<sup>13</sup> in þe Erles court 16 what<sup>14</sup> him likede, boþe amonges<sup>15</sup> hye & law; and so queyntely<sup>16</sup> euer he<sup>16</sup> bare him azeynes his lord<sup>17</sup>, þat he truste more oppoñ him þan oppoñ<sup>17</sup> eny man alyue. ¶ And þe Erl hade ordeynede<sup>18</sup> him by lettre<sup>18</sup> forto wende into þe Erldome of Lancast<sup>r</sup>, forto make 20 a rise to helpe him þat<sup>19</sup> viage, þat is to seyn, v<sup>c</sup> men of Armes. But þe<sup>20</sup> said Holand<sup>20</sup> come nouzt þere, no maner<sup>21</sup> men<sup>21</sup> forto warne, ne to make a rise to<sup>22</sup> helpe his lord<sup>17</sup>. ¶ And when Holand<sup>23</sup> herde telle þat his lord was seomfitede<sup>24</sup> at Burtoñ, as<sup>25</sup> an vntrew 24 man<sup>25</sup> he stale away, and robbede in Rauenesdale his lordes men þat come<sup>26</sup> fra þe seomfiture, & tok<sup>27</sup> of ham horse and harneys, and al þat þai hade, & quellede of ham alle þat he myght tak, and þo come and zelde him vnto<sup>28</sup> þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>. ¶ When þe gode Erl Thomas 28 wist þat he was so bitraiede, he was sore abasshede, and saide to him-self, “O almyghty god!” quod he, “how might Robert Holonde fynde in his hert me to bitraye, siþens<sup>29</sup> þat y<sup>30</sup> haue Louede him so miche? O God,<sup>31</sup> wel may now<sup>31</sup> a man see<sup>32</sup> by 32

<sup>1</sup> Herford<sup>8</sup> O.    <sup>2</sup> passe DO.    <sup>3</sup> om. DO.    <sup>4</sup> tenþe O.  
<sup>5</sup> & xxij O.    <sup>6</sup> Iohn þe O.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 124.    <sup>8</sup> me DO.    <sup>9</sup> zeue O.  
<sup>10</sup> Mark O.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. D. of land<sup>8</sup> O.    <sup>12</sup> zere of lande D.  
<sup>13</sup> done O.    <sup>14</sup> al þat D. al þing þat O.    <sup>15</sup> amonge D. among O.  
<sup>16-16</sup> þe þif D.    <sup>16</sup> þe þif O.    <sup>17</sup> he dede D.  
<sup>18-18</sup> by his lettre him D. by his lettre O.    <sup>19</sup> in his D. in þat O.  
<sup>20-20</sup> false traitoure D. fals Traytour O.    <sup>21</sup> man D.    <sup>22</sup> for-to O.  
<sup>23</sup> the traitour D. þe Traytour O.    <sup>24</sup> descomfitede D. discomfited O.  
<sup>25-25</sup> a false þef traitoure D. a fals þef a Traytour O.    <sup>26</sup> comen D.  
<sup>27</sup> nome O.    <sup>28</sup> to O.    <sup>29</sup> sith D. seth O.    <sup>30</sup> leaf 124, back.  
<sup>31-31</sup> now may wel O.    <sup>32</sup> y-se D.

him þat no man may desceyue anoþer,<sup>1</sup> rapere þan he þat he most trust oppoñ. He haþ ful euel ʒeldede<sup>2</sup> me<sup>3</sup> my godenesse, and þe worship þat y to him haue done, and þrouz my kyndenesse haue 4 him avauncede, and made him hie fram<sup>4</sup> lowe; & he makeþ me go fram<sup>4</sup> he into<sup>5</sup> lowe; but ʒitte shal he dye in euel dep.”

Of þe Scomfiture of Burbrigge. ¶ *Capitulo* ¶ *Centesimo Non-  
gesimo Septimo.*

8 **T**He gode Erl Thomas of Lancastre, Hunfray de Bohoñ, Erl of Herford, and þe barouns þat wiþ ham<sup>6</sup> wer<sup>7</sup>, toke<sup>7</sup> a<sup>s</sup> conseile bituene ham at þe<sup>8</sup> Frere Preehoures at Pountfrett. þo pouz<sup>t</sup> Thomas vpon þe traitour<sup>9</sup> Robert Holond, and saide in 12 reprof, “Allas! Holonde me haþ bitraiede! Ay is in þe rede of somme euel shrede.<sup>10</sup>” ¶ And by commune assent þai shulde alle 11 gone to<sup>11</sup> þe castel of Dunstanburghe, the whiche perteynede to þe Erldome of Lancastre, and þat þai shulde abide þere til<sup>12</sup> þe Kyng 16 hade forʒeue ham his male-talent. but when þe gode Erl Thomas þis herde, he ansuerede in þis maner<sup>7</sup>, and saide: “Lordes,” quod he, “if we gone<sup>13</sup> toward þe north, men wil seyn<sup>14</sup> þat we goñ<sup>15</sup> toward þe Scottes; and so we shul be holde traitoures, for<sup>16</sup> cause 20 of<sup>16</sup> distaunce þat is bituene<sup>17</sup> Kyng Edward and Robert þe Brus, þat<sup>18</sup> made him Kyng<sup>t</sup> of Scotland. And þerfore y say, as tochyng myself, þat y wil go<sup>19</sup> no ferþer into þe North þan to myn owen castel of Pountfrett.” ¶ And when Sire Roger<sup>7</sup> Clifford herde þis,<sup>20</sup> 24 he aros vp anone in wraþ, <sup>21</sup>and drow his suorde, & swore by Almygty God<sup>t</sup> <sup>22</sup>and by his holy names,<sup>22</sup> but if þat he wolde go<sup>23</sup> wiþ ham, he shulde be dede, and þat he wolde slee him þere. ¶ þe noble<sup>24</sup> Erl Thomas of Lancastre was sore adrade, and saide: 28 “faire sires,<sup>25</sup> y wil go wiþ þow<sup>26</sup> whider<sup>7</sup>-so-euer<sup>7</sup> ʒe me lede.” þo went þai togederes into þe North; and wiþ ham þai hade vij<sup>c</sup> men of Armes, and come to Burbrig<sup>t</sup>.

¶ And when Sire Andrew of Herkela—þat was in þe North- 32 contre þrouz ordenance of þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, forto kepe þe cuntre of Scotland

<sup>1</sup> a man D.    <sup>2</sup> ʒelde D.    ʒelden O.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> fro O.

<sup>5</sup> to D.    <sup>6</sup> hym O.    <sup>7</sup> nomen O.

<sup>8</sup> MS. has a castel, with castel underlined for omission; om. DO.

<sup>9</sup> traytry of D.    Trayterye of O.    <sup>10</sup> deth O.    <sup>11-11</sup> wende into DO.

<sup>12</sup> til þat O.    <sup>13</sup> go DO.    <sup>14</sup> say D.    <sup>15</sup> go D.    <sup>16-16</sup> om. D.

<sup>17</sup> bituene D.    betwen O.    bitue R.    <sup>18</sup> om. D.    <sup>19</sup> gone D.

<sup>20</sup> þis word<sup>t</sup> D.    <sup>21</sup> leaf 125.    <sup>22-22</sup> om. D.    <sup>23</sup> gon O.

<sup>24</sup> noble and gentil DO.    <sup>25</sup> sir D.    <sup>26</sup> ʒow DO.

—herde telle how þat<sup>1</sup> Thomas of Lancastre was descomfitede,<sup>2</sup> and his company were descomfitede<sup>2</sup> at Burton vp<sup>3</sup> Trent, he ordeynede him a stronge power<sup>3</sup>, and Sir<sup>3</sup> Symond Ward also,<sup>4</sup> þat þo<sup>5</sup> was<sup>6</sup> shirryf of ȝork, & come & mette þe barons at Burbrig<sup>4</sup>; & 4 anone þai breken<sup>7</sup> þe brige, þat was made of tre. ¶ And when<sup>8</sup> Sir<sup>3</sup> Thomas of Lancastre herde þat Sire Andrew of Herkela hade brouzt wiþ him soche a power<sup>3</sup>, he was sore adrade, & sent for<sup>9</sup> Sir<sup>1</sup> Andrew of<sup>1</sup> Herkela, & wiþ him spake, and saide to him in þis 8 maner: “Sire Andrew,” *quod* he, “ze mow wel vnderstonde how þat our<sup>1</sup> Lord þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> is ladde and misgouernede by miche false conseil, þrouz Sir<sup>1</sup> Hugh þe Spenser<sup>1</sup> þe fader, &<sup>10</sup> Sir<sup>1</sup> Hugh þe<sup>11</sup> sone, & Sir<sup>1</sup> Iohn Erl of Arundel, and þrouz Maistre Robert Baldok, 12 a false pilede clerc, þat is in þe Kyngus court duellyng<sup>1</sup>; wherfore y praye ȝow<sup>4</sup> þat ze wil<sup>12</sup> come wiþ vs, wiþ al þe power<sup>1</sup> þat ze haue ordeynede, and helpe to destroie þe venyme of Engeland, and þe traitoures þat bene<sup>13</sup> þerin, and we<sup>1</sup> wil ȝif vnto ȝow þe best part 16 14 of v Erldomes þar We haue<sup>15</sup> & holde<sup>16</sup>; and We wil mak vnto ȝow<sup>17</sup> an oth<sup>17</sup> þat we wil neuer do þing wiþout ȝour<sup>1</sup> conseil, and so ze shul bene<sup>18</sup> as wele<sup>19</sup> at ese<sup>19</sup> wiþ vs as euer was Robert<sup>20</sup> Holande.” ¶ þo ansuerede Sir Andrew of Herkela, and saide: “Sir<sup>1</sup> Thomas! 20 þat wolde y nouzt do,<sup>21</sup> ne consent þerto, for no maner<sup>1</sup> þing<sup>1</sup> þat yhe<sup>22</sup> might me<sup>5</sup> ȝeue, <sup>23</sup>wiþouten þe wil<sup>23</sup> and commaundement of our<sup>1</sup> lord þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>; for þan shulde y be holde a traitoure for euermore.” ¶ And when þe noble Erl Thomas of Lancastre saw þat he 24 nolde consent to him for no maner<sup>1</sup> þing<sup>1</sup>, “Sir<sup>1</sup> Andrew,” he saide, “wil ze nouzt consent to destroie þe venyme of þe reame, as we bene consented?<sup>24</sup> At on<sup>25</sup> worde, Sir<sup>1</sup> Andrew, y telle þe, þat or þis ȝer<sup>1</sup> be goñ, 26 þat ze shal be<sup>26</sup> take and holde for a traitoure, and 28 more þan ze holde vs now; and in worse deth ze shul die, þan euer dede<sup>27</sup> Knyght of Engeland; and vnderstonde<sup>28</sup> wel þat 20 neuer ze dede<sup>29</sup> þing<sup>1</sup> þat sorer<sup>1</sup> 30 ȝow shal<sup>30</sup> repent. And now goþ and 31 do what<sup>31</sup> ȝow gode likes<sup>32</sup>; and y wil put me to<sup>33</sup> 32

<sup>1</sup> om. D.      <sup>2-2</sup> om. D.      & his Cumpanye O.      <sup>3</sup> oppoñ D.

<sup>4</sup> om. O.      <sup>5</sup> om. DO.      <sup>6</sup> was to sic O.      <sup>7</sup> broken D.

<sup>8</sup> when þat D.      <sup>9</sup> to O.      <sup>10</sup> & by D.      <sup>11</sup> his DO.

<sup>12</sup> wolde D.      wold O.      <sup>13</sup> beth D.      <sup>14</sup> leaf 125, back.      <sup>15</sup> haue O.

<sup>16</sup> holdt O.      <sup>17-17</sup> om. D.      <sup>18</sup> be efte D.      be eft O.      <sup>19-19</sup> om. DO.

<sup>20</sup> Robert of DO.      <sup>21</sup> done O.      <sup>22</sup> me DO.

<sup>23-23</sup> without conseil D.      with-oute wil O.      <sup>24</sup> consent DO.

<sup>25</sup> o DO.      <sup>26-26</sup> ze shul ben D.      <sup>27</sup> dide eny O.

<sup>28</sup> vndirstondeth O.      <sup>29-29</sup> ze dede neuere D.      ze dede neuer O.

<sup>30-30</sup> shal ȝow D.      schal ȝow O.      <sup>31-31</sup> doth þat DO.

<sup>32</sup> likeþ D.      liketh O.      <sup>33</sup> vnto DO.



þe <sup>1</sup>mercy and *grace*<sup>1</sup> of God." And so went þe false *traitoure*,  
 Sir<sup>2</sup> Andrew of Herkela, in his way as a false *traitour*, a tiraunt,  
 & forsuore<sup>3</sup> man. for þrouz þe noble Erl Thomas of Lancastre he  
 vnderfonge þe armes of chiualry, and þrouz him he was made 4  
 knyght.

¶ Thoo might men seen<sup>4</sup> Archieres drawn ham in þat on<sup>5</sup> side  
 and in þat oþere; and <sup>6</sup>Knyztes also<sup>6</sup> fouzten togeder' wonder' sore;  
 and amonge<sup>7</sup> oþere, Sir' Hunfray de Bohouñ, Erl of Herford, a 8  
 worþi knyght of renoune þrouzout al Cristendome, stode & fauzt  
 with his enemys apon þe brigge. <sup>8</sup>And as the noble lorde stode  
 and fauzt oppoñ þe brugge, a þef, a ribaude, scolkede vnder þe  
 brigge, and fersly wiþ a spere smote the noble knyght into þe fonde- 12  
 ment, so þat his bowailles comen out þere. Allas þe sorwe! for  
 þere was slayn þe floure of solace and of comfort, & also of curtesye.  
 and Sire Roger of Clifford, a noble knyght, stode euer', and faught,  
 & wel and nobly him defendede as a worþi baron; but at þe laste 16  
 he was sore wounded in þe<sup>9</sup> heuede, & Sire William of Sulley &  
 Sir' Roger of Bernesfelde<sup>10</sup> were slayn in<sup>11</sup> þat bataile. ¶ And<sup>12</sup>  
 Sir' Andrew of Herkela saw<sup>13</sup> Sir' Thomas men of Lancastre <sup>14</sup>laske  
 and slake.<sup>14</sup> Anone he & his company comen to the Gentil Knyght, 20  
 Thomas of Lancastre, & saiden<sup>15</sup> "zælde þe, *traitour*! zælde þe!"  
 ¶ The gentil Erl ansuerede þo,<sup>2</sup> and saide: "nay, lordes! *traitour*;<sup>16</sup>  
 be we none, and to zow wille we neuer vs zelde while<sup>17</sup> þat our'<sup>18</sup>  
 lifes lasten<sup>19</sup>; but leuer we haue<sup>20</sup> to be slayn in oure treuþ, þan 24  
 zelde vs to zow." And Sir' Andrew azein<sup>21</sup> criede<sup>22</sup> oppoñ Sir'  
 Thomas company, <sup>23</sup>zellynge as a wolfe,<sup>23</sup> and saide: "zælde zow,  
*traitour*;<sup>24</sup> taken! zelde zow!" and wiþ an hye <sup>25</sup>voice saide<sup>25</sup>: "beþ  
 ware, sires, þat <sup>26</sup>no man<sup>26</sup> of zow be<sup>27</sup> so hardy, oppoñ lif and lyme, 28  
 to mysdo<sup>28</sup> Thomas body of Lancastre." ¶ And wiþ þat worde, þe  
 gode Erl Thomas went into a chapel, and saide, knelyng douñ  
 oppoñ his knees, and turnede his visage toward þe crois, and saide:  
 "almighti God! to þe y me zelde, and holliche<sup>29</sup> put me into þi 32

<sup>1</sup>—<sup>1</sup> grace & mercy O.      <sup>2</sup> om. D.

<sup>3</sup> as a false forsuoren D.      as a forswore O.      <sup>4</sup> see D.      <sup>5</sup> o O.

<sup>6</sup>—<sup>6</sup> knyzte also and D.      knyghtes also & O.

<sup>7</sup> also among<sup>1</sup> al D.      also among O.      <sup>8</sup> leaf 126.      <sup>9</sup> his DO.

<sup>10</sup> Bernesfeld<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>11</sup> at DO.      <sup>12</sup> When D.      whan O.

<sup>13</sup> saw þat<sup>1</sup> DO.      <sup>14</sup>—<sup>14</sup> lefte and slakede D.      lasked<sup>1</sup> & slaked<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>15</sup> saide D.      <sup>16</sup> traytours O.      <sup>17</sup> whiles O.      <sup>18</sup> one D.

<sup>19</sup> laste O.      <sup>20</sup> han D.      haue O.      <sup>21</sup> MS. azein azein.      <sup>22</sup> grad O.

<sup>23</sup>—<sup>23</sup> zollyng as wode wolues O.      zeldyng as a wolfe R.

<sup>24</sup> traitours D.      traitours O.      <sup>25</sup>—<sup>25</sup> a voys cryede & seyde O.

<sup>26</sup>—<sup>26</sup> non DO.      <sup>27</sup> bene D.      <sup>28</sup> mysdone O.      <sup>29</sup> holly D.      holy O.

mercy." ¶ And wiþ þat, þe vileins ribaundes lepten<sup>1</sup> about him, on<sup>2</sup> euery side þat Gentil Erl, as tirauntz<sup>3</sup> and Woode *turmentures*, and despoiled him of his Armure, & cloþede him in a robbe of Ray, þat was<sup>4</sup> his sq[u]yers liueray, and<sup>5</sup> fourþ lade him vnto<sup>6</sup> 4 York<sup>6</sup> by water. þere<sup>7</sup> might men see miche sorwe and care, for þe gentil knyghtes<sup>8</sup> fledden on<sup>8</sup> euery side, and þe ribaundes and vileins egrely ham descriede, and criede<sup>9</sup> in<sup>10</sup> hie, "3elde 3ow, traitoures! 3elde 3ow!"

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¶ And when þai were 3olden,<sup>11</sup> þai wer' robbed, and bonde as þeues. Allas þe shame & despote, þat<sup>12</sup> þe gentil ordre of Knyghthode þere hade at þat bataile! And þe land þo was wiþ-  
outen<sup>13</sup> Law, for holy cherche þo hade nomore<sup>14</sup> reuerence þan hit<sup>12</sup> hade bene a bordel hous. And in þat bataile was þe fader' azeins þe sone, and þe vnclē azeins his<sup>15</sup> newew; for so miche vnkyndnesse was neuer seyne bifore in Engeland<sup>16</sup> amonges<sup>17</sup> folc of on<sup>18</sup> naciouñ; for o<sup>19</sup> kynrede had no more pite of þat oþer, þan an<sup>16</sup> 20 hundred wolve haueþ on o<sup>20</sup> shepe; and hit was no wonder, for þe grete lordes of Engeland were nouzt alle of o<sup>21</sup> naciouñ, but were mellede<sup>22</sup> wiþ oþere nacions, þat is forto seyn, somme Britons, somme Saxones, somme Danois,<sup>23</sup> somme Peghtes, somme Frenche-  
20 men, somme Normans, somme Spaignardes, somme Romayns, some Henaudes, some Flemyngus, and of oþere diuerse naciouns, þe whiche nacions acorded nouzt to þe kynde bloode of Engeland.  
¶ And if þe grete Lordes<sup>24</sup> of Engeland hade bene onelich wedded<sup>24</sup> 24 to Englisshē peple, þan shulde pees haue bene, and reste amongus ham, wiþouten<sup>25</sup> eny envy. And at þat bataile was Sir' Roger' Clifford tak',<sup>26</sup> Sire Iohn Mounbray, Sire William<sup>27</sup> 28 Tuchet, Sir' William<sup>28</sup> Fitz-William, and meny oþer worþi Knyghtes; and Sir' 28 Hugh Dauit þe next day after' was taken<sup>29</sup> and put into prisouñ, & shulde haue ben<sup>30</sup> done to þe<sup>31</sup> deþ if he hade nouz spousedē þe Kynges nece, þat was þe Erl Gilbertus<sup>32</sup> sustre<sup>33</sup> of Gloucestre.

<sup>1</sup> lepte D.    <sup>2</sup> in DO.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 126, back.    <sup>4</sup> was of DO.

<sup>5-6</sup> lad him forth to D.    <sup>6</sup> MS. þork'.    <sup>7</sup> þo DO.

<sup>8-8</sup> fled in D.    fledden in O.    <sup>9</sup> grad O.    <sup>10</sup> an DO.

<sup>11</sup> 3olde D.    yolde O.    <sup>12</sup> om. D.    <sup>13</sup> without D.    *withoute* O.

<sup>14</sup> no maner' D.    <sup>15</sup> þe D.

<sup>16</sup> Engeland as was þat tyme D.    Engeland' as was þat tyme O.

<sup>17</sup> among O.    <sup>18</sup> o O.    <sup>19</sup> one D.

<sup>20-20</sup> hungry wolfe hath of a D.    hungry wolf hath of a O.    <sup>21</sup> on D.

<sup>22</sup> medled' D.    <sup>23</sup> Danes O.

<sup>24-24</sup> hade be wedede onliche D.    hadden ben onelich wedded' O.

<sup>25</sup> without D.    *withoute* O.    <sup>26</sup> taken D.    <sup>27</sup> leaf 127.    <sup>28-28</sup> om. D.

<sup>29</sup> take O.    <sup>30</sup> be O.    <sup>31</sup> om. O.    <sup>32</sup> Gilbert D.    <sup>33</sup> wyf O.

And anone after, was Sir Bartholomev of Bedelesmer taken<sup>1</sup> att Stawe<sup>2</sup> Park, a maner<sup>3</sup> of þe Bisshoppes of Lincoln, þat was his newew, and meny oþer barons and baronettes; Wherefore was made<sup>4</sup> miche sorwe.

**How Thomas of Lancastre was biheuedede<sup>3</sup> atte Pountfrett, & v barons hongede and<sup>4</sup> Draw þere.<sup>4</sup> ¶ Capitulo Centesimo Nonogesimo Octauo.**

8 **A** Nd now y shal telle þow of þe noble Erl Thomas of Lancastre. When he was taken<sup>5</sup> & brougt to York, meny of þe citee were ful glade, and oppoñ him criede<sup>6</sup> wiþ<sup>7</sup> hye voice, “A, sire traitoure! ze<sup>8</sup> arne welcome,<sup>8</sup> blessed be God! for now shal ze  
12 haue þe reward þat longetyme ze haue deserued!” and caste oppoñ him<sup>9</sup> meny snoweballes, and meny oþer reproves dede<sup>10</sup> him. But þe gentil Erl þat soffrede, and saide neþer on ne<sup>11</sup> oþere.

¶ And in þat<sup>12</sup> same tyme þe Kyng herde of þat<sup>13</sup> scomfiture,  
16 and was ful glade, and in haste come to Pountfrett; and Sir Hugh þe Spenser, and Sir Hugh his sone, and Sir Iohn, Erl of Arundel, and Sir Edmund of Wodestok, þe Kyngus broþer, Erl of Kent, and Sir Aymer of Valance, Erl of Penbrok, & maistre Robert of  
20 Baldok, a false pilede clerik, þat was priue & duellyng<sup>14</sup> in þe Kynges court; and alle<sup>15</sup> þai come<sup>15</sup> jider wiþ þe Kyng. ¶ And Sir Rauf of Beeston þaf vp the<sup>16</sup> castel to the Kyng; and þe Kyng entrede into þe castel; & Sir Andrev of Herkela, þe<sup>17</sup> false tiraunt,  
24 þroug þe Kynges commandement tok<sup>18</sup> with him þe gentil Erl Thomas<sup>19</sup> to Pountfret; and þere he was prisonede in his owen castel þat he hade new made, þat stode azeins þe Abbay of Kyng Edward.

28 And Sir Hugh þe<sup>20</sup> Spenser þe fader, <sup>21</sup> and Sir Hugh his sone, <sup>21</sup> caste and þougt how and in what maner þe God Erl Thomas of Lancastre shulde bene<sup>22</sup> dede, wiþouten<sup>23</sup> iugement of his peris; wherefore hit was ordeinede þroug þe Kynges Iustices, þat þe Kyng  
32 shulde put oppoñ<sup>24</sup> him poyntes of traitery. ¶ And so hit bifelle

<sup>1</sup> take O.    <sup>2</sup> traw sic D.    <sup>3</sup> byheded O.    <sup>4-4</sup> drawn D.

<sup>5</sup> take O.    <sup>6</sup> cryeden O.    <sup>7</sup> with an O.

<sup>8-8</sup> bene welcomen D.    ar welcome O.    <sup>9</sup> om. D.    <sup>10</sup> deden O.

<sup>11</sup> neþer O.    <sup>12</sup> þe D.    <sup>13</sup> the D.    <sup>14</sup> dwelled O.

<sup>15-15</sup> comen DO.    <sup>16</sup> leaf 127, back.    <sup>17</sup> a DO.

<sup>18</sup> tok D.    nome O.    to bring R.    <sup>19</sup> Thomas of Lancast<sup>r</sup> O.

<sup>20</sup> om. O.    <sup>21-21</sup> om. D.    & þe sone O.    <sup>22</sup> be O.

<sup>23</sup> with-outen eny D.    withoute eny O.    <sup>24</sup> on O.

þat he was ladde to þe barr<sup>1</sup> bifore þe Kynges Iusticeȝ, bare-heuede<sup>1</sup> as a þef, in a faire halle wiþin<sup>2</sup> his owen castel, þat he hade made þerin meny a faire fest, boþ to riche and eke<sup>3</sup> to pore. ¶ And þise were his Iusticeȝ: Sir<sup>4</sup> Hugh þe Spenser<sup>4</sup> þe fader<sup>4</sup>, Sir<sup>4</sup> Aymer<sup>4</sup> of 4 Valance, Erl of Penbrok<sup>4</sup>, Sire Edmund of Wodestok, Erl of Kent, Sire Iohā of Britaign, Erl of Richemond, & Sir<sup>4</sup> Robert of Malemeþrop, iustice; and Sir<sup>4</sup> Robert him acoupede in þis maner<sup>4</sup>: ¶ “Thomas! atte þe ferst<sup>4</sup>, oure lord þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> & þis court<sup>4</sup> 8 excludeth ȝow of al maner<sup>4</sup> ansuere. ¶ Thomas! oure lorde þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> put oppoñ ȝow þat ȝe haue in his lande riden wiþ baner<sup>4</sup> displaiede, <sup>5</sup>azeynes his pees, as a *traitour*.<sup>5</sup>” ¶ And wiþ þat worde, þe gentil Erl Thomas, wiþ an hie voice saide, “Nay, Lordes! forsoþ, 12 and by Seint Thomas, y was neuer<sup>4</sup> traitoure.” ¶ The iustice saide aȝein þo: “Thomas! our<sup>4</sup> Lord þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> put oppoñ þe<sup>6</sup> þat ȝe hauen<sup>7</sup> robbede his<sup>8</sup> folc, and mordred his folc,<sup>9</sup> as a þef. ¶ Thomas! þe Kyng also put oppoñ you<sup>10</sup> þat he descomfitede ȝow 16 and ȝour<sup>4</sup> peple wiþ his folc in his owen reauce; Wherefore ȝe went and fley<sup>11</sup> to þe wode as an outlawe, and <sup>12</sup>also ȝe were taken as an outlaw. ¶ & <sup>12</sup>Thomas, as a *traitoure* ȝe shuht be<sup>13</sup> hongede by resouñ, but þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> hap forȝeue ȝow þat<sup>3</sup> gewys for þe loue of 20 Quene IsabeH. ¶ And, <sup>14</sup>Thomas, resouñ wolde also þat ȝe shulde ben hongede; but þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> hap forȝeue þat gewys<sup>14</sup> for cause and loue of ȝour<sup>4</sup> lynage. ¶ But, Thomas, for-asmiche as ȝe were tak fleyng<sup>4</sup>, & <sup>3</sup>as an outlaw, þe Kyng wil þat ȝour<sup>4</sup> heued<sup>15</sup> be smyten<sup>16</sup> 24 of, as ȝe<sup>17</sup> haue wel deseruede. Anone doth<sup>18</sup> him out of pres, and<sup>19</sup> bringe him to his iugement!” ¶ þe gentil knyght, when he<sup>20</sup> hade herde alle þise wordes, wiþ an hie voice he criede, sore weping, and saide: “Allas, Seint Thomas, <sup>21</sup>faire fader! Allas<sup>21</sup>! shal 28 y be<sup>22</sup> dede þus? graunt me now, blisseful God, ansuere!” but al it auailede him noþing<sup>23</sup>; for þe cursede Gascoignes put him hider<sup>24</sup> and þider, and on him criede wiþ an hie voice, “O Kyng<sup>4</sup> Arthur, most dredeful! wel<sup>25</sup> knowen <sup>26</sup>now is þin<sup>26</sup> open traitery! 32

<sup>1</sup> bare-head O.    <sup>2</sup> in O.    <sup>3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4-4</sup> om. D.<sup>5-5</sup> as a *traitour* azeynes his pees D.    <sup>6</sup> ȝow D.    <sup>7</sup> haue DO.<sup>8</sup> leaf 128.    <sup>9</sup> peple DO.    <sup>10</sup> þe O.    <sup>11</sup> fled O.<sup>12-12</sup> om. O    <sup>13</sup> ben D.<sup>14-14</sup> om. D. Thomas as resoñ wold<sup>4</sup> also þat ȝe schulde be honged<sup>4</sup> but þe kyng forȝeue ȝow þat gewes O.<sup>15</sup> hed O.    <sup>16</sup> smyte O.<sup>17</sup> MS. ȝe shul, with shul underlined for omission.    <sup>18</sup> do O.<sup>19</sup> & anone D. & anon O.    <sup>20</sup> MS. he he.    <sup>21-21</sup> allas fayre fader O.<sup>22</sup> bene D. ben O.    <sup>23</sup> not O.    <sup>24</sup> hide sic D.    <sup>25</sup> we O.<sup>26-26</sup> is now þine D. is now þyn O.

in euel deþ shalt þow dye, as þow hast wel diseruede." ¶ þo sette þai oppoñ his heuede<sup>1</sup> in scorn an olde chapelet, al-to rent & torn, þat was <sup>2</sup>nouzt worþ<sup>2</sup> an halpeny; & after þai 4 sette<sup>3</sup> him oppoñ a <sup>4</sup>lene white<sup>4</sup> palfray, ful vnsemeliche,<sup>5</sup> and ek al<sup>6</sup> bare, wiþ an olde bridel; and wiþ an horrible noyse<sup>7</sup> þai drow him <sup>2</sup>out of þe castel<sup>2</sup> toward his deþ, and caste on<sup>8</sup> him meny balles of snowe. ¶ And as þe turmentoures lade him out of þe 8 castel, <sup>9</sup>þo saide he<sup>9</sup> þise <sup>10</sup>pitouse<sup>6</sup> wordes, and his Handes helde vp<sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>in hye toward<sup>12</sup> heuen: "Now, þe Kyng of Heuen zeue vs mercy, for þe erþely Kyng<sup>13</sup> haþ vs forsak<sup>t</sup>!" And a frere p<sup>r</sup>echoure went wiþ him oute of þe castel, til þat he come to þe place 12 þat<sup>14</sup> he endede-in<sup>15</sup> his lif; vnto<sup>16</sup> whom he shroue him al his lif.<sup>17</sup> ¶ And þe gentil Erl helde þe frere wonder<sup>t</sup> faste by þe cloþes, and saide: "fair<sup>11</sup> fader, abide wiþ vs til þat <sup>18</sup>y be<sup>18</sup> dede; for my flesshe quakeþ for drede of deþ." And soþ forto saie, þe gentil Erl 16 sette him oppoñ his Knees, & turned<sup>t</sup> him toward þe East; but a Ribaude þat meñ<sup>19</sup> callede Hugoñ of Mostoñ, sette hande oppoñ þe gentil Erl, and said in despite of him<sup>20</sup>: "Sir<sup>t</sup> traitoure, turne þe toward þe Scottes, þin<sup>21</sup> foule deth to vnderfonge"; and turnede þe 20 Erl toward<sup>t</sup> þe North. ¶ The noble Erl Thomas ansuered þo wiþ a milde voice, and saide: "Now, fair<sup>t</sup> Lordes, y shal do al þour<sup>t</sup> owen<sup>15</sup> wille." And wiþ þat worde þe frere went fram<sup>22</sup> him ful sore<sup>23</sup>; and anone a ribaude went to him, and smote of his heuede,<sup>24</sup> þe xj 24 Kalendus<sup>25</sup> of Aprit, in þe 3er<sup>t</sup> of grace M<sup>t</sup> CCC<sup>26</sup> xxj. Allas þat euer soche a gentil blode shulde ben<sup>27</sup> don to deþ with-outen<sup>28</sup> cause and resouñ! ¶ And traiterously<sup>29</sup> was þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> conseilede when he, þrouz false conseil of þe false<sup>11</sup> Spensers, soffred<sup>t</sup> Sir<sup>t</sup> Thomas, 28 his vnles<sup>30</sup> sone, bene<sup>31</sup> put to soche a deþ, & so <sup>32</sup>ben-heuedede<sup>32</sup> azeyns al maner resouñ. And grete pitee hit was also, þat soche a noble Kyng<sup>t</sup> shulde ben<sup>33</sup> desceyuede and mys gouernede þrouz<sup>34</sup> false Spensers, þe whiche he mayntenede þrouz loselry azeins his 32 honour<sup>t</sup> and ek profit; for afterward þere felle grete vengeance in

<sup>1</sup> heed<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>2-2</sup> om. D.    <sup>3</sup> sent O.    <sup>4-4</sup> white lene D.

<sup>5</sup> MS. vnsemeliche; vnsemely D.    <sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> voys D.

<sup>8</sup> oppoñ D.    <sup>9-9</sup> he saide D.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 128, back.    <sup>11</sup> om. O.

<sup>12-12</sup> an hye towardes D. in hye towardes O.    <sup>13</sup> þing sic O.

<sup>14</sup> þere D.    <sup>15</sup> om. DO.    <sup>16</sup> in-to O.

<sup>17</sup> MS. lif a, with a underlined for omission.    <sup>18-18</sup> we bene D.

<sup>19</sup> me DO.    <sup>20</sup> hym & seide sic O.    <sup>21</sup> þy O.    <sup>22</sup> fro O.

<sup>23</sup> sore wepyng<sup>t</sup> D. so wepyng sic O.    <sup>24</sup> heed O.    <sup>25</sup> Kalend DO.

<sup>26</sup> CCC & O.    <sup>27</sup> be DO.    <sup>28</sup> without D. without O.

<sup>29</sup> Traytourly O.    <sup>30</sup> vnle O.    <sup>31</sup> be O.    <sup>32-32</sup> beheded<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>33</sup> be DO.    <sup>34</sup> þrouz conseil of the D. þurgh Counceit of þe O.

<sup>1</sup>Engeland for enchesouñ of þe forsaide Thomas dep. ¶ When þe gentil Erl of þis lif was passede, þe Prioure and þe monkes of Pountfrett<sup>t</sup> geten Sir<sup>t</sup> Thomas body of þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, and þai buriede hit bifore<sup>2</sup> þe hye auter in the right side. 4

¶ And<sup>3</sup> þat same day þat þe gentil lord was dede, þere wer<sup>t</sup> honged and draw<sup>4</sup> for þe same<sup>5</sup> querel<sup>6</sup> at Pountfrett<sup>t</sup>,<sup>6</sup> Sir<sup>t</sup> William Tuchet, Sir<sup>t</sup> William Fitz-William, Sire Warein of Ysillee, Sire Henry of Bradboure,<sup>7</sup> Sir<sup>t</sup> William Cheyne, baroñs alle,<sup>8</sup> & 8 Iohñ Page, Squyer<sup>t</sup>. ¶ And sone after at 3ork, wer<sup>t</sup> draw and Honget, Sire Roger of<sup>3</sup> Clifford, Sir<sup>t</sup> Iohñ of Mounbray, barons, & Sire Gosselyn Dauil,<sup>9</sup> Knyght. ¶ And at Bristow were draw and honged, Sire Henry of Wyningtoñ, and Sire Henry of Mounford, 12 barons. ¶ And at Gloucestre wer<sup>t</sup> draw and hongede, Sire Iohñ Giffard & Sire William of Elmebruge,<sup>10</sup> barons. ¶ And at Londoñ wer<sup>t</sup> <sup>11</sup>Honget & draw,<sup>11</sup> Sir<sup>t</sup> Henry Tyeys,<sup>12</sup> baroñ; & at Winchelse,<sup>13</sup> Sir<sup>t</sup> Thomas Culpeper<sup>t</sup>, knyght; & at Wyndesore, Sir<sup>t</sup> 16 Fraunceys of Waldenham,<sup>14</sup> baron; & at Kaunterbury was draw and honged, Sire Bartholomew of Badelesmer<sup>t</sup> & Sir<sup>t</sup> Bartholomev of Assheburnham, barons; And at Kerdif in Walys, Sir<sup>t</sup> William Flemynge, baroñ. 20

**How Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edwar<sup>t</sup> went into Scotlan<sup>t</sup> wip an<sup>15</sup> C<sup>m</sup>t men of Armes, and might nou3t spede. ¶ *Capitulo Centesimo Nonogesimo* ¶ *Nono*.**

**A**Nd when Kyng Edward of Engeland<sup>t</sup> hade brou3t þe flour<sup>t</sup> of 24 chinalry vnto þis<sup>16</sup> dep, þrou3 conseil of Sir<sup>t</sup> Hughe þe Spensers<sup>17</sup> þe fader<sup>t</sup>, & <sup>18</sup>Sir<sup>t</sup> Hugh<sup>18</sup> his sone, he<sup>9</sup> bicomē as<sup>19</sup> wood as a lyouñ; and what-so-euer<sup>t</sup> the Spensers wolde haue done, it was doñ. And so wel the <sup>20</sup>Kyng louede ham, þat þai might do<sup>21</sup> 28 wip him al<sup>22</sup> þat þai wolde; wherfore <sup>23</sup>the King<sup>23</sup> 3af vnto Sir<sup>t</sup> Hugh þe Spenser þe fader<sup>t</sup>, þe Erldome of Wynchestre, and to Sir<sup>t</sup> Androv of Herkela þe Erldome of Carlele,<sup>24</sup> in preiudice and<sup>25</sup> harmyng of his crowne. ¶ And Kyng Edward þo, þrou3 conseil of 32

<sup>1</sup> leaf 129.    <sup>2</sup> bisides D.    <sup>3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4</sup> drawn D.

<sup>5</sup> same cause & D.    <sup>6-6</sup> om. D.

<sup>7</sup> Bradborñ and D. Bradbourne & O.    <sup>8</sup> al at Pountfret D.

<sup>9</sup> om. O.    <sup>10</sup> Elmebright D.    <sup>11-11</sup> draw and hongede D.

<sup>12</sup> Treys DO.    <sup>13</sup> Wynchestre O.    <sup>14</sup> Baldenham O.    <sup>15</sup> a O.

<sup>16</sup> om. D. his O.    <sup>17</sup> Spenser D. Spencer O.    <sup>18-18</sup> om. O.

<sup>19</sup> MS. as a, with a *underlined for omission*.    <sup>20</sup> leaf 129, back.

<sup>21</sup> done D.    <sup>22</sup> al þing DO.    <sup>23-23</sup> MS. has sir<sup>t</sup> Hugh.

<sup>24</sup> Kardoil D. Cardoil O.    <sup>25</sup> and in DO.

þe Spencers, disheritede<sup>1</sup> alle ham þat hade bene azeins him in eny quereH wiþ Thomas of Lancastre; and meny oþere wer' disherited also, for enchesoñ þat þe Spencers coueitete forto haue her' londes; 4 and so þai hade al þat þai wolde desire, wiþ wronge, and azeins al resouñ.

¶ þo made þe Kyng, Robert<sup>2</sup> of Baldok, a false pilede clerc, Chaunceller' of Engeland, þrouz conseil of þe forsaide Spencers; 8 and he was a false rybaude and a couetous; and so þai conselede þe Kyng so miche, þat þe Kyng' lete take to his owen ward alle þe godes of þe lordes þat<sup>3</sup> wrongefully were<sup>3</sup> put vnto þe<sup>4</sup> dep, into his owen honde; and aswel þai token<sup>5</sup> þe godes þat were in 12 holy cherche, as þe godes þat were wiþout, and lete ham ben<sup>6</sup> put into his tresorie a[t] Londoñ, and lete<sup>7</sup> ham calle<sup>7</sup> his forfaitz; and by her<sup>8</sup> conseile þe Kyng' wrought, and<sup>9</sup> disheritede<sup>10</sup> al ham<sup>10</sup> þat<sup>11</sup> þe gode<sup>11</sup> oweden<sup>12</sup>; and þrouz her' conseil lete arere a<sup>13</sup> talliage 16 of alle þe godes of Engeland; wherfore he was þe richest Kyng'<sup>14</sup> þat euer' was in Engeland, after William Bastard of Normandy, <sup>15</sup> þat conquerede Engeland.<sup>15</sup> ¶ And zitte, þrouz conseil of ham, him semede þat he hade nouzt ynouz, but made zitte euery touñ 20 of<sup>16</sup> Engeland fynde a man of Armes oppoñ her' owen costages,<sup>17</sup> forto goñ<sup>18</sup> and weri' oppoñ the<sup>19</sup> Scottes<sup>20</sup> þat Wer his enemys.

Wherfore þe Kyng' went into Scotland<sup>20</sup> wiþ an<sup>21</sup> hundredþousande men of Armes at Whitsontide, in the zere of our' Lord 24 God<sup>22</sup> M<sup>t</sup> CCC &<sup>4</sup> xxij. But þe Scottes went and hud ham in Mounteyns and in Wodes, and tariede þe Englisshe-men fro<sup>23</sup> day to day, þat þe Kyng myght for no maner þing' ham fynde in pleyn felde; wherfore meny Englisshe-<sup>24</sup>men, þat few vitailles hade,<sup>24</sup> for 28 hunger<sup>25</sup> þere deiden<sup>25</sup> wonder' faste, and sodeynly, for hunger' in goyng' and in comyng', and nameliche<sup>26</sup> þo þat hade bene azeins Thomas of Lancastre, and hade robbet his men oppoñ his landes. ¶ When Kyng' Edward saw þat vitailles failede him, he was þo 32 wonder' sore discomfortede,<sup>27</sup> for enchesouñ also þat his men so deide, and also for he might nouzt spede of his<sup>13</sup> enemys; so at þe<sup>13</sup>

<sup>1</sup> disherite D.    <sup>2</sup> MS. has Robert þe, with þe underlined for omission.

<sup>3-3</sup> were wrongefully D.    <sup>4</sup> om. DO.    <sup>5</sup> tok D.    <sup>6</sup> be O.

<sup>7-7</sup> calle ham D.    <sup>8</sup> her DO.    his R.    <sup>9</sup> and for-euer-more DO.

<sup>10-10</sup> hem att O.    <sup>11-11</sup> þo godes D.    þo goodes O.    <sup>12</sup> owede O.

<sup>13</sup> om. O.    <sup>14</sup> om. D.    <sup>15-15</sup> om. O.    <sup>16</sup> in O.    <sup>17</sup> Costage O.

<sup>18</sup> go O.    <sup>19</sup> leaf 130.    <sup>20-20</sup> om. D.    <sup>21</sup> a O.

<sup>22</sup> god' a O.    <sup>23</sup> fram D.

<sup>24-24</sup> þat wanted vitailles D.    men þat fewe vitalles hadden O.

<sup>25-25</sup> þey dide O.    <sup>26</sup> namely DO.    <sup>27</sup> descomfitede D.    discomfited' O.

last he come azeine into Engeland. And anone after come James<sup>1</sup> Douglas and<sup>2</sup> Thomas Randolf wip an huge ost<sup>3</sup> into Engeland,<sup>3</sup> into Northumberland, and wip ham þe Englisshemen þat wer dryuen out of Engeland, & come and robbet the contre, and<sup>4</sup> quellede þe peple,<sup>4</sup> and also brent<sup>5</sup> þe touñ þat was callede Northallertouñ, and meny oþer townes vnto 3ork. ¶ And when þe Kyng herd þis þing,<sup>6</sup> he lete [sompne] alle maner men þat might trauaile. And so þe Englisshemen mette þe Scottes atte þe Abbay of Beihe- 8 land, þe xv day after Michelmasse in þe same 3er abouesaide; And þe Englisshemen wer þere descomfited; & at þat scomfiture was tak<sup>7</sup> Sir Iohn of Britaygn, Erl of<sup>8</sup> Richemonde, þat helde þe contre and the Erdome of Lancastre; and after, he paiede an<sup>12</sup> huge raunsouñ, and was lete gone; and after þat he went into Fraunce and come neuer after<sup>9</sup> azeyn.

**How Sir Andrew of Herkela was taken,<sup>10</sup> and put vnto þe<sup>11</sup> dep, þat was Erl of Cardoile. Capitulo CC<sup>mo</sup>.** 16

**A**Nd at þat tyme Sir Andrew of Herkela, þat<sup>12</sup> newe was<sup>12</sup> made Erl of Cardoile, for cause þat he hade taken<sup>13</sup> þe goode Erl<sup>14</sup> of Lancastre, he hade ordeyned, þrouz þe Kyngus commandement of Engeland, forto bryng him aþ þe power þat he might, forto 20 helpe him azeyns þe Scottes atte þe Abbay of Behigland. ¶ And when þe false traitoure hade gadrede aþ þe peple þat he might, and shulde haue comen<sup>15</sup> to þe Kyng to<sup>16</sup> þe Abbay of Biegland, þe false traitoure lad ham by an oþer contre þrouz<sup>17</sup> Copeland, and 24 þrouz þe Erdome of<sup>18</sup> Lancast, and went þrouz þe contre, and robbit and quellede folc, al þat he<sup>19</sup> might. ¶ And ferþermore þe false traitour hade take<sup>20</sup> a gret some of golde<sup>21</sup> of Sir Iamys Douglas, forto bene<sup>22</sup> azeyns þe Kyng of Engeland, and to bene<sup>22</sup> 28 helpyng and holdyng wip þe Scottes; þrouz whos tresouñ þe Kyng of Engeland was scomfitede at Biheland er þat he come pider; wherfore þe Kyng was<sup>23</sup> toward him ful<sup>23</sup> wroþ, and lete priuely enquere in<sup>24</sup> þe contre about,<sup>25</sup> how<sup>26</sup> hit was. and so men 32

<sup>1</sup> Iame D.      <sup>2</sup> and also DO.      <sup>3-3</sup> om. D.      <sup>4</sup> folc D.

<sup>5</sup> brenede D.      <sup>6</sup> tydyng<sup>t</sup> DO.      <sup>7</sup> taken D.      <sup>8</sup> leaf 130, back.

<sup>9</sup> afterward O.      <sup>10</sup> take O.      <sup>11</sup> om. DO.      <sup>12-12</sup> was newe O.

<sup>13</sup> take O.      <sup>14</sup> erl Thomas D.      Erle Thomas O.      <sup>15</sup> come O.

<sup>16</sup> vnto DO.      <sup>17</sup> to D.

<sup>18</sup> MS. of Richemond, with Richemond underlined for omission.

<sup>19</sup> pai D.      <sup>20</sup> taken DO.      <sup>21</sup> golde and siluer D.      gold<sup>t</sup> & siluer O.

<sup>22</sup> be O.      <sup>23-23</sup> towards him wonder D.      toward<sup>t</sup> hym wondir O.

<sup>24</sup> by DO.      <sup>25</sup> om. D.      <sup>26</sup> how þat O.



enquerede and aspiede, so<sup>1</sup> þat at the laste<sup>2</sup> treuþ was founde,<sup>3</sup> and sought, and he atteint and taken as a false *traitour*,—as þe noble Erl Thomas of Lancastre him tolde, er' þat he were doñ<sup>4</sup> to dede<sup>4</sup> at his takyng<sup>5</sup> att Burbrig, and to him saide, þat 'or þat zere wer' Doñ, he shulde ben<sup>6</sup> take and holde a *traitour*': and so hit was, as þe holy man saide. Wherefore þe Kyng sent priuely to Sire Antoyñ<sup>7</sup> of<sup>8</sup> Lucye, a knyzt of þe contre of Cardoile, þat he shulde tak Sir' Andrew of Herkela, and put him vnto þe deþ. And to bryng þis þing to<sup>9</sup> þe ende, þe Kyng sent his *commission*, so þat þe same Andrew was take at Carleel,<sup>10</sup> & ledde vnto þe barr' in maner of an Erl, worthely arraied, and with a suorde gert aboute him, and hosede and spored. ¶ þo spak Sir' Antoyñ<sup>7</sup> in þis maner, "Sir' Andrew," *quod* he, "þe Kyng put oppoñ þe þat, for-asmiche as<sup>11</sup> ze haue<sup>12</sup> bene orpede in zour' dedes, he dede vnto<sup>13</sup> zow michel<sup>14</sup> honour, and made zow Erle of Carlele<sup>15</sup>; and þow, as<sup>16</sup> *traitoure* vnto<sup>17</sup> þi lord þe Kyng, laddest his peple of þis contrey, þat shulde haue holpe him at þe bataile of Bihiland; and þow laddest ham away by þe contre of Copeland, and þrouz þe Erdome of Lancast', wherfor our' lord þe Kyng was scomfitede<sup>18</sup> in bataile<sup>18</sup> pere of the Scottes, þrouz þi *tresouñ* and falsenesse. And if þow<sup>19</sup> hadest<sup>20</sup> come betyme,<sup>20</sup> he hade yhade þe maistre; and al þat *tresouñ* pow dedest,<sup>21</sup> for þe<sup>22</sup> grete somme of golde and<sup>23</sup> siluer' þat þow vnderfong<sup>t</sup> of Iames Douglas, a Scott, þe Kynges enemy. ¶ And our' Lorde þe Kyngus wille is, þat ze, þe ordre of Knyght-hode,—by þe whiche þow<sup>24</sup> vnderfonge al þin<sup>25</sup> honour and worship oppoñ þi body,—be al<sup>26</sup> brouzt to<sup>26</sup> nouzt, and þi state vndone, þat opere knyghtes of lawer' Degre mowe after þe be-ware; þe whiche lorde haþ þe auancede hugely in diuerse<sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup> contrees of Engeland; and þat alle<sup>29</sup> may take ensample<sup>29</sup> by þe,<sup>30</sup> her lonk affirward<sup>s</sup> trewely forto serue."

¶ þo commanded he a knaf anone<sup>s</sup> to hew of his spores of<sup>31</sup> his

<sup>1</sup> so þat O. so R.    <sup>2</sup> laste þe D. laste þat O.    <sup>3</sup> founden D.

<sup>4-4</sup> vnto deth DO.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 131.    <sup>6</sup> be DO.    <sup>7</sup> Antony O.

<sup>8</sup> om. D.    <sup>9</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>10</sup> Kerdoiñ D. Cardoiñ O.

<sup>11</sup> þat D.    <sup>12</sup> han O.    <sup>13</sup> to D.    <sup>14</sup> mych O.

<sup>15</sup> Cardoiñ DO.    <sup>16</sup> as a DO.

<sup>17</sup> MS. vnto þi lord, with þi lord *underlined for omission*; to D.

<sup>18-18</sup> om. DO.    <sup>19</sup> altered from zow in MS.    <sup>20-20</sup> comen be-tymes D.

<sup>21</sup> tresoun þow dedest' D. tresouñ þow dedest O. tresouñ R.    <sup>22</sup> a D.

<sup>23</sup> and of D.    <sup>24</sup> ze D.    <sup>25</sup> þy O.    <sup>26-26</sup> y-brought vnto O.

<sup>27</sup> diuerse D. diuers O.    <sup>28</sup> leaf 131, back.

<sup>29-29</sup> mow take a sample D. mowe take ensample O.    <sup>30</sup> om. O.

<sup>31</sup> with sic O.

heles; & after he lete breke þe suerde ouer his heuede,<sup>1</sup> þe whiche þe Kyng<sup>2</sup> him ʒaf<sup>2</sup> to kepe and defende his<sup>3</sup> lande þerwiþ, when he made him Erl of Cardoile; and after he lete him vncloþe of his furrede mantel<sup>4</sup> and of his hood,<sup>5</sup> and of his furrede Cotes and of<sup>4</sup> his gerdeH. And when þis was doñ, Sire Antoyne<sup>6</sup> saide vnto him: “Andrew,” *quod* he, “now art þow no knyzt, but a knaue; and for þi treson þe Kyng wille þat þow bene<sup>7</sup> honged & drawe,<sup>8</sup> and<sup>9</sup> þin heuede smyten<sup>9</sup> of, and þi bowelles taken out of þi body,<sup>8</sup> and þi bowelles brent,<sup>10</sup> and þi body quarterede, and<sup>11</sup> þin heuede smyten<sup>11</sup> of, and sent vnto<sup>12</sup> Londoñ; and þere hit shal<sup>13</sup> be sette<sup>13</sup> oppoñ Londoñ Brigge; and þi iiij<sup>14</sup> quarters shal be sent to iiij tounes of Engeland, þat alle oþere mowe be-ware and chastisede by<sup>12</sup> þe.” And as Antoyne<sup>15</sup> saide, so hit was done, al maner þing, on<sup>16</sup> þe last day of Ottobre, in þe ʒer of grace M<sup>t</sup> CCC<sup>17</sup> xxij ʒere<sup>14</sup>; and þe sonne þo turnede into<sup>18</sup> blode, as þe peple it saw. ¶ and þat durede fro<sup>19</sup> þe morne,<sup>19</sup> til hit was xj of þe Clokke of þe day. 16

¶ Of þe miracles þat God wrouzt for Seint Thomas loue of Lancastre; wherfore þe Kyng lete close þe cherche dores of<sup>20</sup> Pountfrett, <sup>21</sup> of þe Prioury,<sup>21</sup> for no man shulde come þerin<sup>22</sup> to þe body<sup>22</sup> forto offre. *Capitulo Ducentesimo 20*  
¶ Primo.

**A**Nd sone after<sup>23</sup> the Gode Erl Thomas of Lan<sup>24</sup>castr<sup>1</sup> was martrede,<sup>25</sup> a preste, þat<sup>14</sup> Longe tyme<sup>26</sup> hade ben<sup>26</sup> blynde, dremede in his slepyng<sup>1</sup> þat he shulde gone<sup>27</sup> vnto þe huþ þere þat<sup>24</sup> þe gode<sup>28</sup> Erl Thomas of Lancastre<sup>28</sup> was doñ vnto deþ, and he shulde haue his sight aʒein: and so he dremede iij nyghtes sewyng.<sup>29</sup> And þe prest<sup>29</sup> þo lete lede him to þe same huþ. ¶ And when he come to þat place þat he was martred oñ,<sup>30</sup> deuoutely he made þere<sup>28</sup> his prayer,<sup>31</sup> and prayede God and Seynt Thomas þat he might<sup>32</sup> haue his sight aʒeyne. And as he was in his prayers, he laide his right hand<sup>1</sup> oppon þe same place þere<sup>33</sup> þe Gode man was martred<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> heed<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>2-2</sup> ʒaf hym O.      <sup>3</sup> þe D.      <sup>4</sup> tabard<sup>1</sup> O.      <sup>5</sup> hodes D.

<sup>6</sup> Antony O.      <sup>7</sup> be O.      <sup>8</sup> drawn D.      <sup>9-9</sup> þy heed<sup>1</sup> smyte O.

<sup>10</sup> brent biforn D.      brent byforn þe O.      <sup>11-11</sup> þy heed smyte O.

<sup>12</sup> to O.      <sup>13-13</sup> stonde DO.      <sup>14</sup> om. O.      <sup>15</sup> Antoyne O.

<sup>16</sup> in DO.      <sup>17</sup> CCC & O.      <sup>18</sup> to D.

<sup>19-19</sup> morne D.      þe morne O.      þe morwe R.      <sup>20</sup> of þe Prioury of D.

<sup>21-21</sup> om. D.      <sup>22-22</sup> om. O.      <sup>23</sup> after þat DO.      <sup>24</sup> leaf 132.

<sup>25</sup> enterede D.      <sup>26-26</sup> þat had be O.      <sup>27</sup> go DO.      <sup>28-28</sup> Thomas O.

<sup>29-29</sup> MS. and þe prest<sup>1</sup> and þe preste.      <sup>30</sup> in D.      <sup>31</sup> prayers DO.

<sup>32</sup> must O.      <sup>33</sup> þat O.

on<sup>1</sup>; and a drope of dry bloode and smal sande cleued on<sup>2</sup> his  
 honde,<sup>3</sup> and þerwiþ he striked his eyne, and anone, þrouz þe might  
 of God and of Seynt Thomas of Lancastre, he hade his sight azeyn,  
 4 and þankede þo Almighty God and Seynt Thomas. ¶ And when  
 þis miracle was <sup>4</sup>cuð amonges men,<sup>4</sup> þe peple come þider<sup>2</sup> on<sup>2</sup> euery  
 side, and knelede, and made her<sup>2</sup> praieris at his tombe þat is in the  
 Priori of Pountfrett, and praiede þat holy martr<sup>2</sup>, of Socour<sup>2</sup> and of  
 8 helpe, and God herd her<sup>2</sup> prayer<sup>2</sup>. ¶ Also þere was a zonge childe  
 drenchede in a welle in þe touñ of Pountfrett, and was dede iij  
 daies and iij nyghtes; and men come<sup>5</sup> and laide þe dede childe  
 oppoñ seint Thomas tombe, þe holy martr<sup>2</sup>; and þe childe aros  
 12 <sup>6</sup>þere fram<sup>6</sup> þe<sup>1</sup> deþ vnto<sup>7</sup> lif,<sup>8</sup> as meny a man hit saw; & also  
 niche peple wer<sup>2</sup> out of here mynde, & God hap<sup>2</sup> sent ham her  
 mynde azeyn þrouz vertu of þat holy martr. ¶ And also God  
 hap<sup>10</sup> zeuen<sup>11</sup> to creples hir<sup>2</sup> goyng<sup>2</sup>, and to crokede her<sup>2</sup> hondes and  
 16 her<sup>2</sup> feet<sup>2</sup>, and to bliunde also her<sup>2</sup> sight, and to meny sike folc her<sup>2</sup>  
 hele, þat hadde diuerse maladyes, for the loue of his gode martre.  
 ¶ Also þer was a riche man in Coundoñ in Gascoigne; and soche a  
 maladie he had, þat al his right side rotede, and felle awaie fram<sup>12</sup>  
 20 him; and men might se his Lyuer<sup>2</sup> and also his hert; and so he  
 stank, þat vnneþ men might come nei; him; Wherfore his frendes<sup>13</sup>  
 for him <sup>14</sup>were ful<sup>14</sup> sorry. ¶ But at þe last, as God wolde, þai  
 prayede to Seint Thomas of Lancastre, þat he wolde praye to  
 24 Almighty God for þat prisouñ, and bihight to goñ<sup>15</sup> to Pountfrett  
 forto done<sup>16</sup> her<sup>2</sup> pilgrimage. And þe goode man sone after<sup>17</sup> slepte  
 ful softe, and dremed þat þe martre Seynt Thomas come vnto him,  
 and enoynted<sup>18</sup> oueral his sike side.<sup>19</sup> And þerwiþ þe gode man  
 28 awoke, and was al<sup>20</sup> hole; and his flesshe was restorede azein,<sup>21</sup> þat  
 bifore was <sup>22</sup>rotede and felle<sup>22</sup> away; for whiche miracle þe good  
 man & his frendes louede God and Seint Thomas euermore after.  
 ¶ And þis gode man come into Engeland, and toke<sup>23</sup> with him iij  
 32 felawes, and come to Pountfrett, <sup>24</sup>& come to<sup>24</sup> þat holy martr<sup>2</sup>, and  
 dede her<sup>2</sup> pilgrimage; but þe gode man þat was sik come þider<sup>2</sup> al

<sup>1</sup> om. DO.    <sup>2</sup> in O.    <sup>3</sup> fengeres D.  
<sup>4-4</sup> knowen D.    knowe among men O.    <sup>5</sup> comen O.    <sup>6-6</sup> fro O.  
<sup>7</sup> to DO.    <sup>8</sup> lyve O.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 132, back.    <sup>10</sup> haue O.  
<sup>11</sup> zeuen þere D.    zoue þere O.    <sup>12</sup> fro O.  
<sup>13</sup> frendes wer<sup>2</sup> D.    frendes were O.    <sup>14-14</sup> wonder D.    wondir O.  
<sup>15</sup> go O.    <sup>16</sup> do D.    <sup>17</sup> afte D.    <sup>18</sup> annoyntede him D.  
<sup>19</sup> body O.    <sup>20</sup> om. D.    <sup>21</sup> om. D.  
<sup>22-22</sup> roten and falle D.    roted<sup>2</sup> & falle O.    <sup>23</sup> nome D.  
<sup>24-24</sup> vnto DO.

naked, saf his breche; and when þai hade done, þai turnede home azeine into her' contre, and tolde of þe miracle wher-so þat þai come. ¶ And also ij men haue bene heled þere of þe morimal, þrouz helpe of þat holy martre, þou3 þat euel be holde incurable. 4

¶ When þe Spensers herde þat God wrouzt<sup>1</sup> soche miracles for his holy martre, and þai wolde nouzt<sup>2</sup> bileue hit in no maner wise, but saide<sup>3</sup> openly<sup>4</sup> þat hit was grete heresie, soche vertu<sup>5</sup> of<sup>6</sup> him to bileue. ¶ And when<sup>7</sup> Sir' Hugh þe Spenser, þe sone, saw al<sup>8</sup> 8 þis doynge, anone he sent his<sup>9</sup> messagers fram<sup>9</sup> Pountfret þer<sup>7</sup> þat<sup>10</sup> he duellede þo, to þe<sup>2</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward, þat þo was at Graueu atte Skiptoñ, for cause þat þe Kyng shulde vndo his<sup>11</sup> pilgrimage. ¶ And as þe rybaude þat was messenger<sup>12</sup> come to<sup>12</sup> þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> forto<sup>12</sup> doñ his<sup>13</sup> message, he come by þe hull þere<sup>14</sup> þe gode man was done vnto deth; and in þe same place he made his ordur'; and when he hade ydoñ, he went toward þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>; and a stronge flux him come oppoñ er' he come to 3ork<sup>t</sup>, and shedde all his bowailles at his 16 fundement.

¶ And when Sir' Hugh þe Spenser herde þis tydyngus,<sup>15</sup> somdel he was adrad<sup>t</sup>, and þouzt forto vndo þe pilgrimage, if he might by eny maner way; And to þe Kyng went, and saide þat þai shulde 20 be in grete selaundre þrouz-out al Cristendome for the dep of Thomas of Lancastre, if þat he soffrede þe peple done<sup>16</sup> her' pilgrimage at Pountfret<sup>t</sup>. And so he conseilede þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, þat he comandede to close<sup>17</sup> þe cherche dores of Pountfret<sup>t</sup>, in þe whiche cherch þe holy 24 martre Seynt Thomas was enteredede; and þus þai deden, <sup>15</sup>azeyns al<sup>18</sup> fraunchise of holy cherch, so þat iiij 3er' after myght no pilgrime come vnto<sup>19</sup> þat holy body. ¶ And for enehesouñ þat<sup>20</sup> monkes soffred men come & honour þat holy body of Seynt Thomas þe martre, 28 þrouz conseile of Sir' Hugh þe Spenser þe Sone, and þrouz conseile also of Maistre Robert Baldok<sup>t</sup>, a<sup>21</sup> false<sup>22</sup> piled clerk<sup>t</sup> þat was þe Kynges Chancellor, þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> consented<sup>t</sup> that þai shulde be sette<sup>23</sup> to her' wages, and Lete make Wardeynes ouer her' owen Godes<sup>24</sup> longe 32 tyme. ¶ And þrouz þe<sup>7</sup> commandement of þe forsaide Sir' Hugh þe Sepenser, xiiij Gascoignes wel armed<sup>t</sup> kepte þe huH þer þat þe gode<sup>25</sup>

<sup>1</sup> dede DO.    <sup>2</sup> om. DO.    <sup>3</sup> seyden O.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 133.

<sup>5</sup> vertues D.    <sup>6</sup> on O.    <sup>7</sup> om. O.    <sup>8-8</sup> when he herd al of O.

<sup>9-9</sup> Messenger fro O.    <sup>10</sup> om. D.    <sup>11</sup> þe O.

<sup>12-12</sup> went toward D.    went toward O.    <sup>13</sup> her' D.    <sup>14</sup> þat O.

<sup>15</sup> tydyng<sup>t</sup> DO.    <sup>16</sup> do D.    <sup>17</sup> close in D.    <sup>18-18</sup> att a3ens O.

<sup>19</sup> to D.    <sup>20</sup> þat þe DO.    <sup>21</sup> þe DO.    <sup>22</sup> fals cursed O.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 133, back.    <sup>24</sup> gode D.    good O.

<sup>25</sup> gode man D.    good man O.

Seint Thomas was don vnto his<sup>1</sup> dep and biheuedede,<sup>2</sup> so þat no pilgrime might come. By þat way ful wel wende he forto<sup>3</sup> haue binome<sup>4</sup> Cristus might<sup>5</sup> and his power<sup>6</sup>, and þe grete loos of miracles  
4 þat he shewede for his martre Thomas þouz-out<sup>5</sup> al Cristendome.

¶ And þat same tyme þe Kyng made Robert of Baldokt, a pilede clerc and a false, þrouz<sup>6</sup> conseile &<sup>6</sup> prairer of Sir Hugh þe Spenser þe sone, Chancellor of Engeland. And in þe<sup>7</sup> same tyme  
8 was þe castel of Wallingford holden azeynes<sup>8</sup> þe Kyngt, þrouz þe prisoners þat were wiþin þe castel, for Seint Thomas quereH of Lancastre. Wherefore þe pep[l]e of þe contre come & tok<sup>9</sup> the castel oppoñ þe<sup>9</sup> prisoners; wherfore Sire Iohn of Goleintoñ, knyzt, and  
12 Sir Edmund of<sup>10</sup> Bech, parsoñ, and a squyer þat me callede Roger of Waltoñ, wer<sup>11</sup> taken and sent to the Kyngt to Pounfrett; and þere þai wer<sup>12</sup> done into prison; and þe forsaide Roger was sent vnto  
3orkt, and þere he was draw and honged.

¶ And aftirward,<sup>12</sup> Sir Roger Mortymer of Wygemore brak out of þe Toure of Londoñ<sup>13</sup> in þis maner: <sup>14</sup>þe forsaide Sir Roger<sup>14</sup> herde<sup>15</sup> þat he shulde bene<sup>16</sup> draw and hongede at Londoñ, <sup>17</sup>in þe morne<sup>17</sup> after Seint Laurence day; <sup>18</sup>and on þe dai bifore,<sup>18</sup> he helde  
20 a fair<sup>19</sup> fest in þe Tour of Londoñ, and þo was Sir Stephen <sup>19</sup>Segraue, Conestable of Londoñ, and meny grete men wiþ him. ¶ And when þai shulde sopen,<sup>20</sup> þe forsaide Stephen sent for alle þe officers of the Toure; and þai come and soppede wiþ him; and when þai  
24 shulde take her<sup>21</sup> leue of him, a squyer þat me callede Stephen, þat was ful priue wiþ þe forsaide Roger, þrouz heir<sup>22</sup> conseile 3af ham alle soche a drynkt, þat þe lest of ham alle slepte ij dayes & ij  
28 seyn, by þe<sup>22</sup> Tamise, and went ouer þe see, and helde him in Fraunce; wherfore þe Kyng was sore annoied, and þo put þe same Stephen out of his Conestablery.

**How þe Quene IsabeH went into Fraunce forto treten<sup>23</sup> of pees bituene her lord, þe<sup>1</sup> Kyngt of Engeland, & þe Kyngt of Fraunce, her broþer. Capitulo Ducentesimo Secundo.**

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> byheded O.    <sup>3</sup> to O.    <sup>4</sup> bynomen D.    fulfilled O.  
<sup>5</sup> þurght O.    <sup>6-6</sup> om. DO.    <sup>7</sup> þat D.    <sup>8</sup> azeyn D.  
<sup>9</sup> þe forsaide D.    þe forseyd O.    <sup>10</sup> of þe DO.    <sup>11</sup> take O.  
<sup>12</sup> anone after D.    anon after O.    <sup>13</sup> Londoñ & O.  
<sup>14-14</sup> Sir Roger þe forseyd O.    <sup>15</sup> saw D.    <sup>16</sup> be O.  
<sup>17-17</sup> on þe morw D.    in þe morowe O.    <sup>18-18</sup> before on day O.  
<sup>19</sup> leaf 134.    <sup>20</sup> sope DO.    <sup>21</sup> þat D.    <sup>22</sup> om. DO.    <sup>23</sup> trete DO.

**T**He Kyng<sup>r</sup> went þo vnto Londoñ, and þere, þrouz counseil of Sir Hugh þe Spenser þe fader, and of his sone, and of maistre Robert of<sup>1</sup> Baldok, a false pilede clere, his Chancellor<sup>r</sup>, lete seise þo alle þe Quenes landes into his owen honde, and also alle þe landes þat were Sir<sup>2</sup> Edward his<sup>2</sup> sones, and were þo<sup>1</sup> put to her<sup>r</sup> wages, azeins al maner<sup>r</sup> resoñ; and þat was þrouz þe falsnesse of þe Spensers. ¶ And when þe Kyng of<sup>r</sup> Fraunce, þat was þe<sup>3</sup> Quene Isabelles broþer, herde of þis falsnesse, he was sore annoyed<sup>r</sup> 8 azeins þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> of Engeland<sup>r</sup> and his false conseilers; wherfore he sent a lettre vnto Kyng Edward, vnder<sup>r</sup> his seal, þat he shulde come into Fraunce att a certeyn day forto<sup>4</sup> 5 done His homag; and þerto he sompned him; and elles<sup>6</sup> he shulde lese al Gascoigne. 12 ¶ And so Hit was ordeynede in Engeland<sup>r</sup>, þrouz þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> and his Counseil, þat Quene IsabeH shulde<sup>7</sup> wende into<sup>8</sup> Fraunce, forto trete of pees bituene her<sup>r</sup> lor<sup>r</sup> and<sup>1</sup> her<sup>r</sup> broþer; and þat Olyuer<sup>r</sup> of Yngham shulde wende into Gascoigne, and shulde<sup>3</sup> haue wiþ him 16 vij M<sup>r</sup> men and mo of Armes, to bene<sup>9</sup> Senescal and wardein of Gascoign. And so hit was ordeynede þat Quene Isabel went þo ouer<sup>r</sup> þe see, and come into Fraunce, and wiþ her<sup>r</sup> went Sir Aymer<sup>r</sup> of Valence, Erl of Penbrok<sup>r</sup>, þat was þer mordrede sodeynly<sup>10</sup> on a 20 priue<sup>10</sup> sege: but þat was þrouz Godes vengeaunce, for he was on of þe Iusticez þat consentede to Seint Thomas dep<sup>11</sup> of Lancastre, & wolde neuer afterward repente him of þat wicked dede. ¶ And at þat tyme Sir<sup>r</sup> Olyuer<sup>r</sup> of Yngham went ouer<sup>12</sup> into Gascoigne, and 24 dede miche harme to þe Kyng of<sup>r</sup> Fraunce, and þo gete azein þat Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward hade loste, &<sup>13</sup> more þerto.

**How Kyng<sup>r</sup> Edward sent Sir<sup>r</sup> Edward<sup>r</sup> his sone, þe eldest, into Fraunce. Capitulo Ducentesimo Tercio.**

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**T**He Quene Isabel nad<sup>14</sup> nouzt bene<sup>14</sup> but a quarter of a 3er<sup>r</sup> in Fraunce duellyng<sup>r</sup>,<sup>15</sup> þat Sir<sup>r</sup> Edward, his eldest<sup>r</sup> sone, ne axede Leue forto wende into Fraunce forto spek<sup>r</sup> wiþ his moder<sup>r</sup>, Isabel þe quene. And þe Kyng his fader<sup>r</sup> <sup>16</sup>grantede him<sup>16</sup> with 32 gode wille, and saide to him, “go, my fair<sup>r</sup> sone, in Godes blessing<sup>r</sup> and myn; and þenk<sup>r</sup> forto come azein as hasteli as þow maiste.<sup>17</sup>”

<sup>1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2-2</sup> Edwardes her<sup>r</sup> D. Edwardes his O.    <sup>3</sup> om. DO.

<sup>4</sup> MS. forto forto.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 134, back.    <sup>6</sup> eH O.

<sup>7</sup> shul shulde sic D.    <sup>8</sup> in D.    <sup>9</sup> be O.    <sup>10-10</sup> in pyue sic O.

<sup>11</sup> om. O.    <sup>12</sup> ouer þe see O.    <sup>13</sup> and miche D. & nyche O.

<sup>14-14</sup> om. DO.    <sup>15</sup> duellede D. dwelled<sup>r</sup> O.

<sup>16-16</sup> him grantede D.    <sup>17</sup> mizt D. myght O.

and he come<sup>1</sup> ouer the<sup>2</sup> see<sup>3</sup> into Fraunce; and þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> of Fraunce, his Vnclē, <sup>4</sup>vnderfonge Him wiþ michel<sup>5</sup> honour, and saide to<sup>6</sup> him, “ faire sone, 3e <sup>7</sup>ben welcomen<sup>7</sup>; and for cause þat <sup>4</sup>3our<sup>4</sup> fader<sup>4</sup> comeþ<sup>8</sup> nouzt<sup>9</sup> forto done his homage for þe Duchee of Ghyen, as his auncestres were wont forto done, y 3eue 3ow<sup>10</sup> þat lordeship, to holde hit of me in heritage as<sup>11</sup> 3oure auncestre deden<sup>12</sup> bifore<sup>13</sup> 3ow.” Wherfore he was callede Duk of Gyene.

8 How Kyng Edward exilede his Quene,<sup>14</sup> and Edward<sup>15</sup> his eldest<sup>2</sup> sone. *Capitulo CC quarto.*

W<sup>H</sup>en Kyng Edward of Engeland herde telle how the Kyng of France hade 3eue þe duche of Gieñe vnto Sire Edward his sone, wiþouten<sup>15</sup> consent and wille of him, and þat his sone hade vnderfonge þe Duchie <sup>16</sup>of him,<sup>16</sup> he bicomē wonder wroþ, and sent<sup>1</sup> to his sone bi his<sup>17</sup> lettre, & to his wif also, þat þai shulde come<sup>18</sup> into Engeland wiþ al þe haste þat þai<sup>19</sup> might. ¶ The Quene IsabeH, & Sire Edward her sone, <sup>20</sup>were wonder<sup>1</sup> sory and drade<sup>20</sup> of the Kyngus manace and of his wraþ, and principally <sup>21</sup>of the false traitoures<sup>21</sup> þe Spensers, boþe of þe fader and of the sone, & at his commandement þai wolde nouzt come. Wherfore Kyng Edward was ful sore annoiede, and lete make a crie at Londoñ þat, if Quene IsabeH and Edward her<sup>1</sup> sone come nouzt into<sup>22</sup> Engeland, þat þai shulde bene<sup>23</sup> holden<sup>24</sup> as enemys, boþe<sup>25</sup> to þe reaume & to þe croune; and for þat þai wolde nouzt come into Engeland, but boþ<sup>24</sup> were exilede, þe moder<sup>1</sup> and her<sup>26</sup> sone. ¶ Whe[n]<sup>27</sup> Quene IsabeH herd þis tidingus,<sup>28</sup> she was sore adrad to bene<sup>23</sup> shente þrouz þe false coniettyng of þe Spensers, and went wiþ þe knyghtes þat wer<sup>1</sup> exilede out of Engeland for <sup>29</sup>Seint Thomas quereH<sup>30</sup> of Lancastre, þat is to seine, Sire Roger Mortymore,<sup>31</sup> Sire William TrusseH, Sire Iohñ of CromweH, & meny oþer grete<sup>32</sup> kniztes. ¶ Wherfore þai tok<sup>33</sup> her<sup>1</sup> conseiH, & ordeined amonges ham forto make a mariage

<sup>1</sup> went D. <sup>2</sup> om. O. <sup>3</sup> see and went D. <sup>4</sup> leaf 135.

<sup>5</sup> myche O. <sup>6</sup> vnto DO. <sup>7-7</sup> be welcome O. <sup>8</sup> come O.

<sup>9</sup> MS. has nouzt<sup>1</sup> come, with come *underlined for omission.*

<sup>10</sup> 3ow al D. <sup>11</sup> as al D. as aH O. <sup>12</sup> dede O. <sup>13</sup> biforn D.

<sup>14</sup> Quene Ysabel D. qwen IsabeH O. <sup>15</sup> with-out D. with-out O.

<sup>16-16</sup> om. D. <sup>17</sup> om. D. <sup>18</sup> come a3eyn D. come a3en O. <sup>19</sup> 3e D.

<sup>20-20</sup> weren sore adrade D. were wonder sore adrad<sup>1</sup> O.

<sup>21-21</sup> þe falsnesse of D. of þe falsnes of O. <sup>22</sup> vnto D. <sup>23</sup> be O.

<sup>24</sup> holde DO. <sup>25</sup> boþe ij D. <sup>26</sup> þe D. <sup>27</sup> When þe D.

<sup>28</sup> tydyng O. <sup>29</sup> leaf 135, back. <sup>30</sup> Cause DO.

<sup>31</sup> Mortymere of Wigemore D. Mortymer of Wygemore O.

<sup>32</sup> gode D. good O. <sup>33</sup> nomen D.

bituene þe Duc of Gyene, þe Kyngus sone of Engeland, and the Erles douȝter of Henauk, þat was a noble knyȝt of name, and a douȝty in his tyme. And<sup>1</sup> if þat þing might be<sup>2</sup> brouȝt about and stand, þai trowede, wiþ þe helpe of God, and wiþ his helpe, to<sup>4</sup> recouere heir<sup>3</sup> heritage in Engeland, wherof þai were put out<sup>4</sup> prouȝ the<sup>5</sup> coniettyng of þe false<sup>6</sup> Spensers.

¶ How Kyng Edward, prouȝ conseile of þe Spensers, sent to þe Duȝsippers of Fraunce, þat þai shulde helpe þat<sup>7</sup> Quene<sup>8</sup> Isabel, and hire sone Sir Edward, weren<sup>8</sup> exiled out of Fraunce. *Capitulo CC<sup>o</sup> v<sup>to</sup>.*

WHEN Kyng Edward and þe Spensers herde how Quene Isabel, and Sir Edward her sone, hade Aliede ham to þe<sup>12</sup> Erle of Henauk, and to ham þat were exiled out of Engeland for encheson of Thomas of Lancastre, þey<sup>9</sup> were so sory þat þai nist what to done. Wherfore Sir Hugh þe Spenser, þe sone, saide vnto Sir Hugh his fader, in þis maner wise, and saide: “Fader, accursede<sup>16</sup> be þe tyme & þe conseil þat euer ȝe consentede þat Quene Isabel shulde gone<sup>10</sup> into Fraunce forto treten<sup>11</sup> of<sup>12</sup> accorde bituene þe Kyng of Engeland & her broþer þe Kyng of Fraunce, for þat was ȝour<sup>13</sup> conseile, for at þat tyme for-soþe ȝour witte faillede; for Y<sup>20</sup> drede me sore<sup>13</sup> lest, þrouȝ her & her<sup>14</sup> sone, We<sup>15</sup> shul be<sup>15</sup> shent, but if we take þe<sup>16</sup> better consel.”

¶ Now, fair sires, vnderstondeþ how mervailous folie<sup>17</sup> and falsehede þe Spensers ymagynede & caste; for priuely þai lete fille<sup>24</sup> v banelles ferers wiþ siluer,—þe somme amontede v M<sup>t</sup> ti,—and þai sent þo<sup>18</sup> babelle oue[r] þe se priuely by<sup>18</sup> an Alien þat me callede Arnolde of Spaign, þat was a brocour of Londoñ, þat he shulde go to þe Duȝsippers of Fraunce, þat þai shulde procuren and speken<sup>19</sup> <sup>28</sup> to þe Kyng of Fraunce, þat Quene Isabel and<sup>20</sup> Edward her sone were dryue<sup>20</sup> and exiled out of Fraunce, <sup>21</sup>and, amonge al oþer þingus,<sup>21</sup> þat þai were brouȝ to<sup>22</sup> þe deþ as priuely as þai might.

<sup>1</sup> þat D.      <sup>2</sup> bene D.      <sup>3</sup> his O.      <sup>4</sup> om. O.

<sup>5</sup> þe false D.      þe fals O.      <sup>6</sup> om. DO.      <sup>7</sup> þat þe D.      <sup>8</sup> wer' O.

<sup>9</sup> MS. þat.      <sup>10</sup> go O.      <sup>11</sup> trete DO.      <sup>12</sup> & O.

<sup>13</sup> MS. sore for, with for *underlined for omission.*      <sup>14</sup> leaf 136.

<sup>15—15</sup> shulleþ bene D.      <sup>16</sup> om. O.      <sup>17</sup> felouye DO.

<sup>18—18</sup> banelles priuelich ouer þe see with D.      bareth ouer þe see pryuyly by O.      <sup>19</sup> speke DO.

<sup>20—20</sup> her sone Edward wer dryuen D.      her sone Edward were dryuen O.

<sup>21—21</sup> MS. and amonge al oþer þingus & amonge al oþer þinges.

<sup>22</sup> vnto D.



But Almighty God wolde nouzt so; ¶ ffor when þis Arnolde was in þe hye see, he was taken<sup>1</sup> wiþ Selanders þat mette him in þe see, and toke<sup>2</sup> him, & lad him to her' Lord<sup>3</sup>, þe Erl of Henaud<sup>4</sup>; & miche  
 4 ioye was made for þat takyng. ¶ And at þe laste, þis Arnolde priuely<sup>4</sup> stale away fro þens, and come<sup>5</sup> to Londoñ. And of þis takyng, and of<sup>6</sup> oþer þinges, þe Erl of Henaude saide to þe Quene Isabel: "dame, <sup>7</sup>make 3ow<sup>7</sup> mery and beþ of gode chier', for 3e  
 8 beþ<sup>8</sup> more riche<sup>9</sup> þan 3e wende forto<sup>10</sup> haue bene; & tak 3e þise v banelles<sup>11</sup> of Siluer' þat were sent to þe Du3sepier of Fraunce forto<sup>12</sup> quelle 3ow & 3our' sone Edward; and þenkeþ hastely forto wende into Engeland<sup>4</sup>; and tak 3e wiþ þow Sir' Iohn of Henaude, my  
 12 broþer, and v Ċ men of Armes; for meny of ham of Fraunce, in whom 3e haue <sup>13</sup>hade grete truste, hade grete deintee þow<sup>14</sup> forto scorne: and Almighty God grant 3ow grace, 3our' enemys forto<sup>15</sup> ouercome." ¶ þe Quene Isabel sent þo þrou3 Henaud<sup>4</sup> and Flaundres  
 16 for her' sodiours, and ordeinede her' euery day forto<sup>16</sup> wende into Engeland<sup>4</sup> azeine; and so she had in her' company Sire Edmund<sup>4</sup> of Wodestoke, þat was Erl of Kent, þat was Kyng<sup>17</sup> Edwardes broþer of Engeland<sup>4</sup>.

20 <sup>18</sup>How Kyng Edward lete kepe þe costes bi<sup>19</sup> þe see, & lete trie alle the pris men of Armes & footmen also þrou3 al<sup>20</sup> Engeland. *Capitulo CC<sup>o</sup> vj<sup>to</sup>.<sup>18</sup>*

24 **W**Hen Kyng Edward herde telle þat þe Quene Isabel and Edward hir' sone <sup>21</sup>wolde come<sup>21</sup> into Engeland<sup>4</sup> wiþ meny Alienus, and wiþ ham þat were outlawede out of Engeland<sup>4</sup> for her' rebelnesse, he was sore adrade to bene<sup>22</sup> put adoune and lese his kyngdome. Wherefore he ordeynede forto kepe his castelles,<sup>23</sup> in  
 28 Walis as wel as in Engeland<sup>4</sup>, wiþ vitailles and her' apparale, and lete kepe his ryuers, and also þe see costes, wherof þe v Portes token to kepe ham, & also þe see. ¶ And also he commandede ferþermore, &<sup>24</sup> by his lettres ordeynede, þat euery hundred<sup>4</sup> &  
 32 wapentache<sup>25</sup> of Engeland<sup>4</sup>, ij triors,<sup>26</sup> as wel of men of Armes as of

<sup>1</sup> tak D. take O.      <sup>2</sup> token DO.      <sup>3</sup> lord<sup>4</sup> þe O.      Lord<sup>4</sup> R.

<sup>4</sup> priueliche D.      <sup>5</sup> comen D.      <sup>6</sup> om. D.

<sup>7-7</sup> now make D.      makeþ 3ow O.      <sup>8</sup> ben. O.      <sup>9</sup> rycher D.      riche O.

<sup>10</sup> om. DO.      <sup>11</sup> banelles ful D.      bareþ ful O.      <sup>12</sup> forto DO.      for R.

<sup>13</sup> leaf 136, back.      <sup>14</sup> 3ow DO.      <sup>15</sup> to DO.      <sup>16</sup> to O.

<sup>17</sup> sire O.      <sup>18-18</sup> om. O.      <sup>19</sup> of D.      <sup>20</sup> out D.

<sup>21-21</sup> were comen D.      <sup>22</sup> be O.      <sup>23</sup> castel<sup>4</sup> D.

<sup>24</sup> ferþermore & O.      ferþermore R.      <sup>25</sup> Wapentage DO.      <sup>26</sup> MS. triors.

1 men of foote,<sup>1</sup> and þat þai shulde bene<sup>2</sup> put in<sup>3</sup> tentyosome and in hundredesome; and commandet þat al þo men wer' aredy, when eny outesse and crie wer' made, forto pursue and tak þe Aliens þat comen into Engeland forto binime him þe land, and forto put him 4 out of his kyngdome. ¶ And more-ouer' he lete crie, prouz his patent, 4 in euery faire and in euery marcat of Engeland, þat þe Quene YsabeH, and Sir' Edward his eldest sone, and þe Erl of Kent, þat þai were take, and safly kepte, wipout<sup>5</sup> eny maner of<sup>6</sup> harme 8 vnto ham doynge; and alle oþer<sup>7</sup> peple þat come wip ham, anone smyte of her' heuedes,<sup>8</sup> wipout eny maner<sup>9</sup> raunsoñ. ¶ And what man þat might bryng<sup>10</sup> Rogeres heede, þe<sup>11</sup> Mortymer', of Wigemore, shulde haue a<sup>12</sup> Ċ ti of monee for his trauaile. And 12 ferþermore he ordeynede by his patent, & commande,<sup>13</sup> to mak a fire on<sup>14</sup> euery hye huH bisides<sup>15</sup> þe ryuers and in low contres, forto make hye bikenes of tymbre, þat if it so were þat þe Aliens come to<sup>16</sup> þe lande by nyght, þat men shulde<sup>17</sup> tende<sup>18</sup> þe bikenes, þat þe 16 contre miȝt ben<sup>19</sup> warnede, and come and mete her' enemys. And in þe same tyme deide Sir' Roger<sup>20</sup> Mortymer, his<sup>20</sup> Vncle, in þe Toure of Londoñ.

How<sup>21</sup> Quene IsabeH & Sir' Edward, Duc of Gyene, her'<sup>22</sup> Sone, 20 come to land at<sup>23</sup> Herwiche; <sup>24</sup> and how þai deden.<sup>24</sup>  
¶ *Capitulo ¶ Ducentesimo ¶ Septimo.*

**T**HE Quene IsabeH and Sir' Edward hir' sone, Duc of Gyene, Sir' Edmunde of Wodestok, Erl of Kent,<sup>25</sup> and Sir' Iohn þe 24 Erles<sup>26</sup> broþer of Henau, and her'<sup>27</sup> company, drade nouȝt þe manace of þe Kyng' ne of his traitoures, for þai truste al in Godes grace, & come vnto Herwiche in Southfole, þe x day<sup>28</sup> in þe mounthe<sup>28</sup> of Octobr', And in<sup>29</sup> þe ȝere of grace<sup>30</sup> M<sup>t</sup> CCC<sup>31</sup> xxvj. 28 ¶ And at<sup>32</sup> þe same tyme, <sup>33</sup> at Londoñ, þere was Kyng Edward<sup>33</sup>

1-1 foote men D. men on foote O. 2 be O. 3 into D.

4 leaf 137. 5 with-uten D. 6 om. DO.

7 oþere maner D. oþer maner O. 8 heed O.

9 MS. maner reso, with reso underlined for omission; om. DO.

10 bryng sire D. brynge sir O. 11 om. O. 12 an DO.

13 commanded O. 14 oppoñ D. vpon O. 15 beside O.

16 vnto DO. 17 schul O. 18 light D. 19 be DO.

20-20 Mortymeres D. 21 How þe DO. 22 his O. 23 to O.

24-24 om. O. 25 erl of Kent D. Erle of Kent O. erl R.

26 MS. erles douȝter, with douȝter underlined for omission.

27 he sic D. 28-28 om. D. 29 om. D. 30 grace a O.

31 iij sic D. 32 in D.

33-33 Kyng Edward was at Londoñ D. Kyng Edward was at London O.

in<sup>1</sup> the Toure at his metee; and a messenger<sup>2</sup> come into þe haH,  
<sup>3</sup>and saide þat<sup>4</sup> Que[en] IsabeH was comen<sup>5</sup> to lande at<sup>6</sup> Herewiche,  
 and hade brouzt in her' company Sire Iohn of Henaude, and wiþ  
 4 him men of armes wiþoute nombre. And wiþ þat worde, Sir'  
 Hugh þe Spenser, þe fader, spake &<sup>7</sup> þus to þe Kyng saide<sup>8</sup> :  
 "my most worshipful Lorde,<sup>9</sup> Kyng of Engeland, now mow<sup>10</sup> ze  
 make gode chere, for certeinly þai ben al oures." ¶ The Kyng saw  
 8 þis worde comfortable; zitte he was ful sorweful & pensif<sup>t</sup> in hert.  
 And þe Kyng hade nouzt zitte fulliche<sup>11</sup> eten,<sup>12</sup> þat þere ne come  
 into þe halle anoper messenger, and saide þat þe<sup>8</sup> Quene Isabel was  
 arryuede at Herewich, bisides Skipwich<sup>13</sup> in Southfolc. Sir' Hugh  
 12 þe<sup>8</sup> Spenser, þe fader, spake<sup>14</sup> to þe messenger, and saide: "telle þe<sup>8</sup>  
 soþ in goode fay,<sup>15</sup>" quod he to þe messenger, "my faire frende, is  
 she comen<sup>5</sup> wiþ a grete strengþ?" ¶ "Certis, sir', soþ forto say,  
 she hap<sup>16</sup> in her' company but vij C̄ men of Armes." And wiþ þat  
 16 worde, Sire Hughe þe Spenser, þe fader, criede wiþ an hye voice,  
 and saide: "Allas, Allas! we<sup>17</sup> beþ alle<sup>17</sup> bitraiede; for certes wiþ  
 so litil power' she<sup>18</sup> nad neuer comen<sup>18</sup> to londe, but fole of þis  
 lande were to her' consentede.<sup>19</sup>" And þerfore, after mete þai  
 20 toke<sup>20</sup> her' conseile, and went toward Walys, forto arere þe Walshe-  
 men azeins Quene IsabeH and Edwarde her' sone, al forto fight<sup>t</sup>;  
 and so þai were in purpos, euerycheoñ.<sup>21</sup>

**How Maistre Walter of<sup>9</sup> Stapleton, Bisshop of Excestre, þat**  
 24 **was þe Kyngus Tresorer, was biheuedede<sup>22</sup> at London.**  
**Capitulo Ducentesimo Ottauo.**

**A**Nd in þe same tyme, Kyng Edward was sore adrade leste men  
 of London wolde zelde ham<sup>23</sup> vnto<sup>24</sup> þe Quene Isabel and to Sir'  
 28 Edward her'<sup>25</sup> sone. Wherefore he sent maistre Walter of<sup>9</sup> Stapleton,  
 his Tresorer, forto bene<sup>26</sup> wardein and keper' of þe citee of London  
 wiþ þe Mair'. and so he come to þe GildehaH of London, and axede  
 þe keies of þe zates of þe citee, prou3 vertue and strengh of his com-  
 32 missioñ, and wolde haue hade þe Keping of þe citee. ¶ And þe  
 communes<sup>27</sup> ansurede and saide, þat ' þai wolde kepe þe citee to þe

<sup>1</sup> þe sic D.    <sup>2</sup> Messenger O.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 137, back.    <sup>4</sup> þat þe O.  
<sup>5</sup> come O.    <sup>6</sup> MS. &.    <sup>7</sup> & seyde O.    <sup>8</sup> om. O.  
<sup>9</sup> om. D.    <sup>10</sup> MS. mow mow.    <sup>11</sup> ful D.    <sup>12</sup> ete O.  
<sup>13</sup> Gypeswych O.    <sup>14</sup> spake þo O.    <sup>15</sup> feþ D.    <sup>16</sup> ne had O.  
<sup>17-17</sup> ben O.    <sup>18-18</sup> had neuere come O.  
<sup>19</sup> consent D.    <sup>20</sup> consente O.    <sup>21</sup> nome D.    <sup>22</sup> echeon O.  
<sup>23</sup> beheded O.    <sup>24</sup> leaf 138.    <sup>25</sup> to D.    <sup>26</sup> his D.    <sup>27</sup> be DO  
<sup>27</sup> Comuners O.

honour of<sup>1</sup> Kyng Edward, and of Isabel þe Quene, and of þe Duc, þe Kyngus sone, wipouten<sup>2</sup> eny mo.' ¶ þe Bisshop was þo sore annoiede, and suore his oth þat þai alle shulde abie, anone as þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> were come<sup>3</sup> out of Walys; and þe comuners<sup>4</sup> anoñ,<sup>5</sup> alle<sup>6</sup> 4 of þe citee, toke<sup>7</sup> þe Bisshope, and lade him amid<sup>8</sup> Chepe; and þere þai smyten<sup>9</sup> of his heuede,<sup>10</sup> & sette<sup>11</sup> his heede<sup>11</sup> in his right hand<sup>t</sup>; and after, þai biheuede<sup>12</sup> ij of his Squyers þat helde wip þe Bisshope; and one of ham me callede William of Walle, þat was 8 þe Bisshoppes Nevew; & þat oþer me callede Iohñ of Padyngtoñ. and also þai toke a burgeis of Londoñ, þat me callede Iohñ Marchal, þat was Sir' Hugh þe Spensers asprie, þe fader, and smyten of his heede<sup>13</sup> also. 12

¶ And in þat<sup>14</sup> same tyme þat<sup>15</sup> same Bisshop hade in Londoñ a fair' Toure in making<sup>t</sup>, in his cloos oppoñ þe ryuer' of Tamise, þat was wipout þe<sup>6</sup> Temple-Barr', and him failede stone forto<sup>16</sup> make þerof an ende; wherfore he commandede his men forto gone<sup>17</sup> to 16 þe cherche of þe Frere Carmes; and þere þai toke<sup>18</sup> stone,<sup>19</sup> and made þerwip þe tour<sup>19</sup>; and miche sande and<sup>20</sup> mortar, and olde robons<sup>21</sup> þer was lefte. ¶ And for<sup>22</sup> þe despite þat þe Bisshop Hade done to<sup>23</sup> holy cherche,<sup>24</sup> he and his ij squyers were buriede in þat 20 sande, as þauz<sup>5</sup> þai hade bene hondes; and þere þai leyen xj wokes til þat þe<sup>5</sup> Quene Isabel sent her' lettres to þe comuners,<sup>25</sup> and praiede ham þat þai wolde soffre and grant þat þe Bisshop moste bene<sup>26</sup> take out of þat place, &<sup>27</sup> buriede at Excestr', at his owen 24 cherche; and so he was; and his ij squyers were buriede at seynt Clementis cherche wipout Temple-Barr'.

¶ And Hit was<sup>28</sup> nouzt ful grete<sup>28</sup> wonder' þauz þat Bisshop deide in euel deþ, for he was a couetouse man, and hade wip him 28 no mercy, and euel conseilede þe Kyng. And sone þereafter<sup>29</sup> was Arnold<sup>t</sup> of Spaigne taken, he þat was assentant to haue ladde þo<sup>30</sup> v M<sup>t</sup> ti of Siluer' in v banelles<sup>31</sup> ferers vnto þe Dussipiers of Fraunce, forto helpe and haste the<sup>5</sup> Quene Isabel to hir' deþ, & Edward her' 32 sone also: and þis Arnolde was done vnto þe<sup>32</sup> deþ wipout þe citee of Londoñ.

<sup>1</sup> of þe O.    <sup>2</sup> with-out D.    with-oute O.    <sup>3</sup> comen D.

<sup>4</sup> comuners alle O.    <sup>5</sup> om. D.    <sup>6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7</sup> to sic O.

<sup>8</sup> in myddes þe D.    <sup>9</sup> smyte O.    <sup>10</sup> heed<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>11-11</sup> it D.

<sup>12</sup> behede<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>13</sup> heuede D.    <sup>14</sup> þe O.    <sup>15</sup> þe D.    <sup>16</sup> to DO.

<sup>17</sup> go O.    <sup>18</sup> token DO.    <sup>19-19</sup> þerwith þe Toure to make O.

<sup>20</sup> MS. and &.    <sup>21</sup> Robons þat O.    <sup>22</sup> leaf 138, back.    <sup>23</sup> vnto O.

<sup>24</sup> MS. has cherche and.    <sup>25</sup> communes D.    <sup>26</sup> be O.

<sup>27</sup> and bene D.    & be O.    <sup>28-28</sup> no DO.    <sup>29</sup> after O.    <sup>30</sup> þe D.

<sup>31</sup> barett O.    <sup>32</sup> om. DO.

How Kyng Edward and Sir Hugh þe Spenser were taken, and þe Erl of Arundel. *Capitulo CCº ixº.*

4 **W**hen Kyng Edward had sent Maistre Walter <sup>1</sup> of Staple-  
 toñ, <sup>1</sup> his Tresorer, into London, forto kepe þe citee vnto  
 him azein <sup>2</sup> þe <sup>3</sup> Quene Isabel his wif, & azeyn <sup>4</sup> Edward her <sup>5</sup> sone,  
 anon him-self <sup>6</sup> tok wif him <sup>6</sup> Sir Hugh þe Spenser <sup>7</sup> þe fader, and  
<sup>8</sup> Sir Hugh <sup>8</sup> his sone, & Sir Iohn, Erl of Arundeñ, & Maistre Robert  
 8 Baldok, <sup>9</sup> a false pilede clerc, his Chaunceller, <sup>9</sup> and <sup>10</sup> toke here <sup>10</sup>  
 way towarde Bristowe; And þere þe Kyng abode a litil <sup>11</sup> terme.  
 and made Sir Hugh þe Spenser þe fader, <sup>12</sup> Keper and Conestable <sup>12</sup>  
 of þe castel. And þe Kyng and þe oþer aboue-saide went into  
 12 shipp, and sailede toward Walys, and toke no leue of þe Styward,  
 ne of none of <sup>13</sup> þe Kynges Householde; and went ouer into Walys  
 forto arere þe Walshe-men azeynes Dame Isabel þe Quene, &  
<sup>14</sup> Edward, Duc <sup>14</sup> of Gyene, her sone, & her company. ¶ But þe  
 16 Quene, & þe Duc her sone, and þe Erl of Kent, and Sir Iohn of  
 Henaude, <sup>15</sup> went and pursuede after ham; and her power come and  
 encressede euery day; so at þe laste þe Kyng was taken <sup>16</sup> oppoñ  
 an <sup>17</sup> hulle in Walys, and Sir Hugh þe Spenser þe sone, in þat oþer  
 20 side of þat <sup>18</sup> same huñ, and þe false pilede clerc, ¶ Maistre Robert  
 of Baldok, þere fast bisides ham, and were brouzt azeyne into  
 Engeland, as Almighty God wolde. And þe Kyng him-self <sup>3</sup> was  
 in saf kepyng in þe casteñ of Kenyworth; and him kepte Sir  
 24 Henry, þat was Seint <sup>3</sup> Thomas broþer of Lancastre.

& Sir Hugh þe Spenser þe fader come and put him vnto <sup>19</sup> þe  
 Quenes grace, and to Sir Edward her sone, Duc of Gyene. ¶ But  
 Sir Hugh þe Spenser <sup>8</sup> þe sone, <sup>8</sup> after þat <sup>20</sup> he was taken, <sup>21</sup> wolde <sup>22</sup>  
 28 ete no maner mete, ne <sup>23</sup> drynk <sup>8</sup> no maner drynk, <sup>8</sup> for he wist to  
 haue no mercy, but onelich <sup>24</sup> he wiste he shulde bene <sup>25</sup> dede. And  
 þe Quene and her conseil <sup>26</sup> ordeynede þo <sup>27</sup> þat he shulde bene <sup>28</sup>  
 done to deþ at London; but he was so feble for his michel <sup>29</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> Mapleton D.    <sup>2</sup> azeins O.    <sup>3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4</sup> azeyne sir D.    azeins O.

<sup>5</sup> his D.    <sup>6-6</sup> nome with D.    <sup>7</sup> Spencers boþe O.    <sup>8-8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9-9</sup> his Chancellor a false pilede clerc D. his Chaunceller a fals piled Clerk O.

<sup>10-10</sup> nomen he sic D.    token her O.    <sup>11</sup> leaf 139.

<sup>12-12</sup> as conestable and keper D. as Constable & kepere O.    <sup>13</sup> in DO.

<sup>14-14</sup> duk Edward D.    <sup>15</sup> Henaude and þai D.    Henaude & þey O.

<sup>16</sup> take O.    <sup>17</sup> a O.    <sup>18</sup> the D.    <sup>19</sup> to D.

<sup>20</sup> þe tyme þat DO.    <sup>21</sup> take O.    <sup>22</sup> nolde D.    he nolde O.

<sup>23</sup> neþer O.    <sup>24</sup> only O.    <sup>25</sup> be O.

<sup>26</sup> conseil had þo D.    Counceitt þo had O.    <sup>27</sup> om. DO.

<sup>28</sup> haue be O.    <sup>29</sup> miche D.    myche O.

fastyng, þat he was dede almost for fastyng; and þerfore hit was ordeynede þat he shulde haue his iugement at Hereford<sup>1</sup>; and at a place<sup>2</sup> of þe toune his <sup>3</sup>hode was taken<sup>4</sup> fram<sup>5</sup> his heued<sup>6</sup>, and also <sup>7</sup>fro Maistre Robert<sup>7</sup> Baldok,<sup>8</sup> þat was <sup>9</sup>a false pilede clere,<sup>9</sup> <sup>4</sup>& þe Kyngus Chancellor. And men sette vppon her Heuedes<sup>10</sup> chapelettes of sharpe<sup>11</sup> netles, and ij squyers blow<sup>12</sup> in her eres wiþ ij grete bugles<sup>13</sup> hornes, oppon þo<sup>14</sup> ij prisoners; and<sup>15</sup> men might her þo<sup>16</sup> blowyng out wiþ hornes, mo þan a þousand<sup>17</sup> and one. 8 Symunde of Redyng<sup>17</sup>, bifore ham bar her armes oppon a spere reuersede, in token þat<sup>18</sup> þai shulde be vndone for euermore.

¶ And oppon þe morwe was Sir Hugh þe<sup>19</sup> Spenser þe sone dampnede to deþ; and was draw and hongede, biheuedet, & his <sup>12</sup>boweiles taken out of his body, and <sup>20</sup>his bowelles<sup>20</sup> brent. And after he was quarterede, & his quarteres sent to iiij tounes of Engeland, and his heuede<sup>21</sup> sent to Londoñ Brigge. And þis Symonk, for encheson þat he despisede þe Quene Isabel, he was <sup>16</sup>draw and hongede on<sup>22</sup> a stage made<sup>23</sup> <sup>24</sup>in mydes<sup>24</sup> þe forsaide Sir Hughes galwes.<sup>25</sup> And þe same day, a litil fro þens, was Sir Iohn of Arundel biheuede<sup>26</sup>; for he was on of Sir Hugh þe Spencers conseilers. And anone after wa[s] Sir Hug[h] þe<sup>19</sup> Spenser draw & <sup>20</sup>hongede, & biheuedede<sup>27</sup> at Bristow, and after hongede<sup>28</sup> aþeyn bi þe Armes bi<sup>29</sup> ij strong ropes; and þe iiij<sup>30</sup> day after, he was hew al to peces; & hundes eten<sup>31</sup> him. And for<sup>23</sup> þat enchesouñ þat þe Kyng had zeuen<sup>32</sup> <sup>33</sup>him þe Erldom<sup>33</sup> of Winchestre, his heede<sup>34</sup> <sup>24</sup>was lad þider, and put oppon a spere; and þe false Baldok<sup>1</sup> was sent to Londoñ, & þere he deide in prisone amonges<sup>35</sup> þeues, for men<sup>36</sup> dede him no more reuerence þan me wolde do<sup>37</sup> vnto an hunde; and so deide<sup>38</sup> the traitours of Engelandk, blissede be Almyghty <sup>28</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Herford<sup>1</sup> D.      <sup>2</sup> place of þe place sic D.      <sup>3</sup> leaf 139, back.

<sup>4</sup> take O.      <sup>5</sup> fro DO.      <sup>6</sup> heed<sup>6</sup> O.

<sup>7-7</sup> fram Robert of D.      from Robert of O.      <sup>8</sup> Baldoks O.

<sup>9-9</sup> a piled<sup>9</sup> clerc and also þat was false D.      a piled<sup>9</sup> Clerk<sup>9</sup> also þat was fals O.      <sup>10</sup> hedes O.

<sup>11</sup> D has sharp þornes, with þornes struck out with a red line.

<sup>12</sup> blew O.      <sup>13</sup> bugle O.      <sup>14</sup> þe D.

<sup>15</sup> þat DO.      <sup>16</sup> þere D. her O.

<sup>17</sup> Redyng<sup>17</sup> þe kynges Marchal D.      Redyng þe kynges Marschall O.

<sup>18</sup> þan sic O.      <sup>19</sup> om. D.      <sup>20-20</sup> om. O.      <sup>21</sup> hed O.

<sup>22</sup> in O.      <sup>23</sup> om. O.      <sup>24-24</sup> amyddes D. amydde O.

<sup>25</sup> galhouse D.      <sup>26</sup> biheuedede D. beheded<sup>26</sup> O.      <sup>27</sup> byheded<sup>27</sup> O.

<sup>28</sup> hongen D. hanged O.      <sup>29</sup> with DO.      <sup>30</sup> fourþe O.

<sup>31</sup> ete O.      <sup>32</sup> zeue O.      <sup>33-33</sup> þe erl D.      þe Erle O.

<sup>34</sup> heuede it D. heed<sup>34</sup> it O.      <sup>35</sup> among O.      <sup>36</sup> for men DO.      for R.

<sup>37</sup> don O.      <sup>38</sup> diden O.

God! & <sup>1</sup>hit Was no wonder, for þrouȝ her<sup>2</sup> conseil th[e] gode Erl Thomas of Lancast<sup>r</sup> <sup>2</sup>was done unto deth and al þat helden with Thomas of Lancastre<sup>2</sup> þrouȝ þo traitoures were vndoñ, and alle <sup>4</sup>her<sup>3</sup> heires disheritede.<sup>3</sup>

How Kyng Edward was put adoune.<sup>4</sup> ¶ Capitulo ¶ Ducentesimo ¶ Decimo.

**A** Non<sup>5</sup> after þis was done, þe Quene Isabel, and Edward<sup>6</sup> hir<sup>7</sup> sone, and alle þe grete lordes of Engeland, at on assent sent to Kyng Edward<sup>8</sup> to þe castel of Kenylworþ, þere þat þe kyng was in kepyng<sup>9</sup> vnder þe warde of Sir Iohn Hothum, þat was þe<sup>6</sup> bisshop of Ely, & of Sir Iohn of Percy, a baroñ, for enchesouñ þat <sup>12</sup>he shulde ordein his parlement att<sup>r</sup> a certein place in Engeland, forto redresse [and] amende þe state of þe ream. And Kyng Edward<sup>10</sup> ham ansuerede and saide: “Lordes,” *quod* he, “ze see<sup>7</sup> ful wel how hit is. Lo! haueþ her<sup>8</sup> my seal. y zeue<sup>8</sup> zow my <sup>16</sup>power<sup>9</sup> to ordeine a parlement wher<sup>9</sup> ze wille.” And þai toke<sup>10</sup> her<sup>10</sup> leue of him,<sup>11</sup> and come azeyne to þe barons of Engeland, and when<sup>12</sup> þai hade þe Kyngus patent of þis þing<sup>11</sup>, and þai shewede hit to<sup>13</sup> þe lordes, and þo was ordeynede þat þe parlement shulde be<sup>14</sup> at <sup>20</sup>Westmynstre, at þe<sup>15</sup> Vtas of Seint Hillari. And alle þe grete lordes of Engeland lete ordein for ham þere azeins þat tyme þat þe parlement shulde bene.<sup>16</sup> ¶ And at þe<sup>15</sup> whiche day þat þe parlement was assignede,<sup>17</sup> þe Kyng wolde nouzt come þere,<sup>18</sup> as he hade sette <sup>24</sup>himself and assignede. And nopelesse þe barons sent to him, on<sup>19</sup> tyme and oþer, and he suore by Godes soule, þat he nolde come þere<sup>20</sup> on foote.<sup>20</sup> Wherefore hit was ordeynede by al þe grete lordes of<sup>21</sup> Engeland, þat he Shulde no Longer<sup>21</sup> bene<sup>22</sup> Kyng<sup>21</sup>, but bene<sup>23</sup> <sup>28</sup>deposede; and saide þat<sup>15</sup> ‘þai wolde crone<sup>24</sup> Edward<sup>10</sup> his sone <sup>25</sup>Kyng<sup>21</sup>, þe eldeste,<sup>25</sup> þat was Duk of Gyene’; and sent so tydynges<sup>26</sup> to þe Kyng<sup>21</sup> þere þat he was in ward vnder Sir Iohn, Erl of

<sup>1</sup> leaf 140.

<sup>2-2</sup> supplied from D. was done vn-to deþ & aþ þat held with hym O.

<sup>3</sup> disherite D.

<sup>4</sup> adouñ and his dignite bynomen him D. a-doun) & his dignite bynome O.

<sup>5</sup> And D. <sup>6</sup> om. D. <sup>7</sup> sene O. <sup>8</sup> zeue DO. ze R.

<sup>9</sup> wher þat O. <sup>10</sup> nome D. <sup>11</sup> hem O. <sup>12</sup> þat þat sic D.

<sup>13</sup> vnto D. <sup>14</sup> bene D. <sup>15</sup> om. O. <sup>16</sup> be O.

<sup>17</sup> om. DO. <sup>18</sup> þere for no maner þing<sup>11</sup> DO. <sup>19</sup> o DO.

<sup>20-20</sup> a foote D. o foote O. <sup>21</sup> leaf 140, back. <sup>22</sup> be O.

<sup>23</sup> be DO. <sup>24</sup> crovne kyng O. <sup>25-25</sup> þe elder kyng<sup>21</sup> D. þe elder<sup>9</sup> O.

<sup>26</sup> tydyng O.

Gerrein, and Sire Iohā of Bothun, þat was Bissshop of Ely, and Sir Henry Percy, barouñ,<sup>1</sup> and Sire William Trusseh, a knyzt, þat was wip þe Erle Sir Thomas of Lancastʀ, forto zelde vp her homages vnto him for aH ham of Engeland. ¶ And Sire William Trussel<sup>4</sup> saide þise wordes: “Sir Edward! for encheson þat ze haue traiede 3our peple of Engeland, and haue vndone meny grete Lordes of Engeland wipouten<sup>2</sup> eny cause, but now ze beþ<sup>3</sup> wipstand,—þankede be God!—and also for<sup>4</sup> ze wolde nouzt come to þe<sup>5</sup> parle-<sup>8</sup> ment as ze ordeynede at Westmynstre, as in 3our owen<sup>5</sup> Lettre patent is conteneide, forto trete wip 3our lige men as a Kyng shulde; and þerfore, þrouz aH þe commune assent of alle þe lordes of Engeland, y telle vnto 3ow þise wordes: ¶ Ze shul vnderstonde,<sup>12</sup> Sir, þat þe barons of Engeland atte on assent wille þat ze bene<sup>3</sup> nomore Kyng of Engeland, but vtterly haueþ<sup>6</sup> put 7 3ow out<sup>7</sup> of 3our realte for euermore.” ¶ And þe bissshop of Ely saide þo to þe Kyng, “Sir Edward! here y zelde vp feautes<sup>8</sup> & homage<sup>9</sup> for alle<sup>16</sup> þe Erchebissshoppes and Bissshopes of Engeland, and for al þe clergie.” ¶ þo saide Sir Iohā, Erl of Garrein, “Sir Edward<sup>10</sup>! y zelde vp her<sup>5</sup> vnto 3ow feaute and homage, for me, and for al þe Erles of Engeland.” ¶ And Sir Henry<sup>11</sup> þe<sup>12</sup> Percy 3af vp also þere<sup>20</sup> his homag,<sup>13</sup> for him and for alle þe barons of Engeland. ¶ And þo saide Sir William Trussel: “y zelde vp,<sup>14</sup> Sir, now<sup>14</sup> vnto 3ow my<sup>15</sup> homage, fo[r] me & also for alle þe knyztes of Engeland, and for ham alle þat holden by seriauntrye<sup>16</sup> or by eny oþer maner þing<sup>24</sup> of 3ow, so þat fro þis day afterward ze shulle nouzt be cleymede Kyng, neiþer for Kyng bene<sup>3</sup> holde; but fram<sup>17</sup> þis tyme afterward ze shul bene<sup>3</sup> holde a singuler man of aH<sup>12</sup> þe peple.” And so þai went þens vnto Londoñ, þere þat þe lordes of Engeland ham<sup>28</sup> abode; and sir Edward abode in prysouñ vnder gode<sup>18</sup> keping<sup>19</sup>; and þat was þe day of<sup>20</sup> þe Conuersion<sup>20</sup> of seynt Poule in þe xx zere of his regne.

**Prophecie of Merlyn declarede of Kyng Edward, þe sone of 32  
Kyng<sup>5</sup> Edward. Capitulo CC vndecimo.**

<sup>1</sup> a barouñ D. a baron O.    <sup>2</sup> withoute O.    <sup>3</sup> be O.

<sup>4</sup> for enchesoun þat D. for encheson þat O.    <sup>5</sup> om. O.    <sup>6</sup> hane DO.

<sup>7-7</sup> out 3ow O.    <sup>8</sup> feute O.    <sup>9</sup> homages O.    <sup>10</sup> Edward here O.

<sup>11</sup> leaf 141.    <sup>12</sup> om. D.    <sup>13</sup> homages O.

<sup>14-14</sup> now sire D. now sir O.    <sup>15</sup> myn DO.    <sup>16</sup> seriauntye O.

<sup>17</sup> fro D.    <sup>18</sup> þe D.    <sup>19</sup> Kyng Edward his sone O.

<sup>20-20</sup> Conuersacion O.



Of þis Kyng Edward, propheciede Merlyn, and saide þat þere  
 shulde come a gote<sup>1</sup> out of a<sup>1</sup> car, þat shulde haue hornes of  
 siluer and a berde as white as snowe; and a drop shulde come out  
 4 at<sup>2</sup> his noseþrelles þat shulde bitokne miche harme, hungre, and  
 dep of þe<sup>3</sup> peple, and gret losse of his lande; and þat in þe bigyn-  
 nyng of his regne shulde ben<sup>4</sup> hauntede michel<sup>5</sup> lecherie; and saide  
 soþ, allas þe tyme! ffor Kyng Edward, þat was Kyng<sup>6</sup> Edwardus  
 8 sone, þat was born<sup>6</sup> in Carnariuan in Walys, for soþ he hade  
 Hornes as<sup>2</sup> siluer, and a berd as snowe, when he was made Prynce  
 of Walys, & to miche he ʒaf him vnto realte<sup>7</sup> and<sup>8</sup> folie. And  
 soþ saide Merlyn in his prophecie<sup>9</sup> þat þere shulde come<sup>10</sup> out of  
 12 His nose a drop; ffor in his tyme was grete hunger amonges<sup>11</sup> þe  
 pore men, and stronge dep amonge þe ryche, þat deiden<sup>12</sup> in strange  
 lande wiþ miche<sup>13</sup> sorw, and<sup>14</sup> in Scotland; and afterwarde he loste  
 Scotland and Gascoigne; and whiles þat him-self was Kyng<sup>6</sup>, þer  
 16 was miche lecherie hauntede. and also Merlyn tolde and saide  
 þat þis goote shulde seche þe floure of lif & of dep; and he saide  
 soþ, for he spoused Isabel, þe Kyngus douzter of Fraunce.

¶ & in his tyme<sup>15</sup> Merlyn saide<sup>15</sup> þat þere shulde be made<sup>16</sup>  
 20 briges of folc oppoñ diches of þe see; and þat was ful wel sein at  
 Bannokes-born in Scotland, when he was descomfitede þere<sup>17</sup> of þe  
 Scottes. ¶ And Merlyn tolde also þat stoness shulde falle fram<sup>18</sup>  
 castelles, and meny tounes shulde be made playn; and he saide  
 24 soþ, ffor when Kyng Edward was scomfitede in Scotland, and  
 come þo Southward, þe Scottes bisegede castelles,<sup>19</sup> and dede ham  
 miche ha[r]me, and brent tounes vnto<sup>20</sup> þe herde erþe. ¶ And  
 aftirward Merlyn<sup>21</sup> saide and tolde þat an Egle shulde come<sup>21</sup> out  
 28 of Cornwaile, þat shulde haue feþeres of golde, þat of pride shulde  
 haue non<sup>22</sup> pier, and shulde despice Lordes<sup>23</sup> of bloode, and after  
 he shulde dye prou<sup>24</sup> a beer at Gauersiche: and þat prophecie was  
 ful wel knowe,<sup>25</sup> ffor<sup>16</sup> by þe Egle is vnderstonde Sir<sup>17</sup> Piers of  
 32 Gauastoñ, þat was Erl of Cornewaile, þat was a wonder prout man

<sup>1-1</sup> of O.    <sup>2</sup> of DO.    <sup>3</sup> his D.    *om.* O.    <sup>4</sup> be O.

<sup>5</sup> mich D.    mych O.    <sup>6</sup> bore O.    <sup>7</sup> ryout D.    reaute O.

<sup>8</sup> & to O.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 141, *back.*    <sup>10</sup> be O.    <sup>11</sup> amonge D.    among<sup>6</sup> O.

<sup>12</sup> deide D.    dide O.    <sup>13</sup> michel D.    <sup>14</sup> and in werr<sup>2</sup> D.    & werre O.

<sup>15-15</sup> seid Merlyn O.    <sup>16</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>17</sup> *om.* D.    <sup>18</sup> fro O.

<sup>19</sup> þe Castels O.    <sup>20</sup> to D.

<sup>21-21</sup> tolde þat þere shulde come an Egle D.    tolde þat an Egle schul<sup>6</sup>  
 come O.

<sup>22</sup> no DO.    <sup>23</sup> lordshippes D.    lordschippes O.    <sup>24</sup> by D.

<sup>25</sup> know and founde sothl D.    knowe & founde soþ O.

pat dispisede þe baronage of Engeland; <sup>1</sup>but aftirward he was bihedede<sup>2</sup> at Gauersiche, prouþ þe Erl of Lancast<sup>r</sup> and þe Erl of Warwik. ¶ And Merlyn tolde<sup>3</sup> þat in his tyme it<sup>4</sup> shulde seme þat þe bere shulde brenne, & þat a bataile shulde be<sup>5</sup> done<sup>6</sup> oppoñ <sup>4</sup>an Arme of þe See in<sup>7</sup> felde arraiede like a shilde, wher shulde dye meny white heuedes<sup>8</sup>: & he saide soþ; for, by þe brynnyng<sup>9</sup> of þe bere<sup>9</sup> is bitokenede grete drede þrouþ cotting of suorde. at þat bataile, ordeynede in a felde as a shelde oppoñ an Arme of <sup>8</sup>þe see, is bitokenede þe bataile of Mitone. ffor þere come þe Scottes in maner of a shekde, <sup>10</sup>in maner of a wynges,<sup>10</sup> and quellede oppoñ Swale, men of Religiouñ, prestes & seculers; wherfor þe Scottes callede þat bataile, in despite of Englisshemen, 'þe white <sup>12</sup>bataile.'

¶ And after, Merlyn saide þat þe forsaide Beer shulde<sup>11</sup> do þe forsaide <sup>4</sup>goot miche harme, and þat shulde be<sup>12</sup> oppoñ þe<sup>13</sup> Southwest, and also oppoñ his bloode; and saide also þat þe goot <sup>16</sup>shulde lese miche <sup>14</sup>of his lande,<sup>4</sup> til þe <sup>15</sup>time þat shame shulde him ouercome; And þan he shulde <sup>16</sup>cloþe him in<sup>16</sup> a lyons skyn, and shulde wyne aþeyne þat he hade loste, and miche more, prouþ a peple þat shulde come out of þe Northwest, þat shulde make him <sup>20</sup>bene<sup>17</sup> drade, and him avenge of his enemys, þrouþ conseile of ij Oweles, þat ferst shulde be <sup>18</sup>in peril to bene vndone; and þat þo ij oweles shulde wende ouer þe see into a *straunge* <sup>19</sup>lande, and þere þai shulde duelle til <sup>20</sup>a certein time; and after þai shulde <sup>24</sup>come into Engeland aþeyne, and þo ij oweles shulde done miche harme vnto meny oñ, and þat þai shulde conseile þe <sup>21</sup>goot to <sup>21</sup>meve werþ aþeynes [þe] <sup>22</sup>Bere, and þat goot shulde come, and þe Oweles,<sup>22</sup> vnto an Arme of þe Se at Burton op Trent, and shulde <sup>28</sup>wende ouer, and þat for drede þe bere shulde flee, wip a swyne<sup>23</sup> in his company, <sup>24</sup>vnto Bur,<sup>24</sup> toward þe North,<sup>25</sup> prouþ an vnkynde out-puter; and þat þe Swyn<sup>26</sup> þan shulde be slay<sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup>with sorwe; and þe bere shulde be slayn<sup>28</sup> ful neiþ his owen nest, þat shal<sup>29</sup> <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> leaf 142.    <sup>2</sup> beheded O.    <sup>3</sup> saide D.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.    <sup>5</sup> ben D.

<sup>6</sup> do O.    <sup>7</sup> in a DO.    <sup>8</sup> heedes O.    <sup>9-9</sup> MS. of þe bere of the bere.

<sup>10-10</sup> with her wynges D.    <sup>11</sup> MS. shulde shulde.    <sup>12</sup> ben O.

<sup>13</sup> MS. þe North, with North *underlined for omission*; om. D.

<sup>14</sup> miche del D.    myche dele O.    <sup>15</sup> þat D.

<sup>16-16</sup> he cloþen him with D.    <sup>17</sup> be O.    <sup>18</sup> bene D.

<sup>19</sup> leaf 142, back.    <sup>20</sup> to D.    <sup>21-21</sup> goot forto DO.    bere to R.

<sup>22-22</sup> forseide and þat þe goot and þe oweles shulde come D.    forseid bere & þat þe goot & þe owles shuld come O.

<sup>23</sup> Swan O.    <sup>24-24</sup> om. D.    <sup>25</sup> North vnto Bur D.    <sup>26</sup> swan DO

<sup>27</sup> slayne D.    slayn O.    <sup>28-28</sup> om. D.    <sup>29</sup> schuld O.

stonde oppoñ Pountfrett, vppoñ wham þe sone shal<sup>1</sup> shede his  
 beemes, & meny folc him shal<sup>1</sup> seche for þe miche vertue. and  
 he saide ful soþ; ffor þe gode Erl Thomas of Lancast<sup>r</sup> was born<sup>2</sup>  
 4 in þe Northwest, and cosyng to þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, sone of his vncl; and  
 by lawe he made þe Kyng lese miche lande þe whiche he hade  
 purchasede<sup>3</sup> wel foliche,<sup>3</sup> til at þe laste þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> perof tok shame,  
 and him-self fillede wip cruelte; and after he gate aþeyne þat he  
 8 hadde lost, and miche more, prouþ folc þat he lete assemble out of  
 þe Northwest, þat made him to bene adrade,<sup>4</sup> and avengede<sup>5</sup> him  
 of his barons,<sup>6</sup> prou conseile of Sir<sup>r</sup> Hugh þe Spenser<sup>7</sup> þe fader,  
 and of Sir<sup>r</sup> Hugh<sup>7</sup> his sone, þat biforne<sup>8</sup> were outlawede out<sup>9</sup> of  
 12 Engeland for her wickidnesse. ¶ But afterward come aþeyne into  
 Engeland Sir<sup>r</sup> Hughe þe Spenser the fader, out of Fraunce, and so  
 miche conseilede the<sup>10</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> þat He Shulde Werr<sup>r</sup> oppoñ Thomas,  
 erl of Lancast<sup>r</sup>, so þat þe Kyng and þe Spensers, and þe Erl of  
 16 Arundel and her power, mete wip Thomas of Lancast<sup>r</sup> atte Burtoñ  
 op Trent, and him pere descomfitede; and<sup>11</sup> Hunfray, erl of  
 Hereford,<sup>12</sup> was in her<sup>13</sup> company. and after, fledde<sup>14</sup> þe forsaide  
 Thomas and Hunfray, wip her company at Burbrig, wip sir<sup>r</sup>  
 20 Andrew of Herkela, þat is callede<sup>15</sup> þe vnkynde out-putter, and  
 also sir<sup>r</sup> Symon<sup>t</sup> Warde, Shirref<sup>16</sup> of 3ork<sup>t</sup>: þai come and mette wip  
 Thomas of Lancastre wip an huge company, and ham<sup>17</sup> pere descom-  
 fitede. and in þat Scomfiture þe Erl of Hereford<sup>18</sup> was slayn oppoñ  
 24 þe brige, cowardly, wip a spere, in the fundement; and þe Erl  
 Thomas was taken<sup>19</sup> & ladde vnto Pountfrett; and per<sup>20</sup> he was  
 biheuedede<sup>21</sup> bisides his owen castel. But aftirward, many a<sup>22</sup>  
 man him sougt, for miracles þat God dede for him.  
 28 ¶ And in þat tyme Merlyn saide for sorwe and harme [shuld  
 die]<sup>23</sup> a peple of his land, wherfore meny landes shulde bene<sup>24</sup> on  
 him þe bolder<sup>24</sup>: and he saide soþ, ffor by enchesouñ of his barouns  
 þat were<sup>25</sup> done vnto þe dep for<sup>25</sup> Seint Thomas loue<sup>26</sup> of Lancastre,  
 32 peple of meny londes bicome<sup>27</sup> þe bolder forto meve werr<sup>r</sup> aþeyns<sup>28</sup>  
 þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, for her bloode was turnede into<sup>29</sup> meny naciouns.

<sup>1</sup> schulð O.    <sup>2</sup> bore O.    <sup>3-3</sup> ful falsely D.    wilfullich O.    <sup>4</sup> drade D.

<sup>5</sup> vengede D.    vengeð O.    <sup>6</sup> enemys D.    <sup>7-7</sup> & O.    <sup>8</sup> before O.

<sup>9</sup> om. D.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 143.    <sup>11</sup> and sir DO.    <sup>12</sup> Herford DO.    <sup>13</sup> his DO.

<sup>14</sup> fledden DO.    <sup>15</sup> MS. has callede Sir Andrew of Herkela þat is callede.

<sup>16</sup> erl D. Erle O.    <sup>17</sup> hym O.    <sup>18</sup> Herford DO.    <sup>19</sup> take O.

<sup>20</sup> þo O.    <sup>21</sup> behedeð O.    <sup>22</sup> om. DO.    <sup>23</sup> om. in all three MSS.

<sup>24-24</sup> oppoñ him D.    vpon hem þe boldere O.

<sup>25-25</sup> om. D.    done to deth for O.    <sup>26</sup> querel D.    quereð O.

<sup>27</sup> becomen O.    <sup>28</sup> oppoñ D.    vpon O.    <sup>29</sup> to DO.

¶ And afterward Merlyn tolde and saide pat þe forsaide Oweles shulde done<sup>1</sup> miche harme vnto þe flour' of lif' & of dep, & pai shulde<sup>2</sup> bring Her' vnto<sup>3</sup> miche disese, so pat she shulde wende ouer þe<sup>4</sup> see into Fraunce for to make pees<sup>5</sup> to þe flour' de lice, 4 and þere she shulde abide til a<sup>6</sup> tyme pat her' seede shulde come & seche her'; and þere pai shulde abide<sup>7</sup> til a tyme pat pai shulde clopen<sup>8</sup> ham wip grace; and þo ij Oweles she<sup>9</sup> shulde seche, and put ham vnto Spitousse<sup>10</sup> dep. and pat prophecie was wel knowen<sup>11</sup> 8 and was ful sop; for, Sir' Hugh þe Spenser þe fader, and<sup>12</sup> sir' Hugh<sup>12</sup> þe sone, dede<sup>13</sup> miche sorwe and persecucioñ vnto þe Quene Isabel, prou; her' procurment, to her' Lorde þe Kyngt. ¶ and so pai ordeinede amonges ham pat she was put vnto hir' wages, pat is to 12 seyn, xx̄s on<sup>14</sup> þe day. Wherfore þe Kyng of Fraunce, her' broper, was wonder' sore<sup>15</sup> annoiede, and sent into Engeland by his lettres<sup>16</sup> vnto Kyng Edward, pat he<sup>17</sup> shulde come to<sup>18</sup> his parlement to Parys in<sup>19</sup> Fraunce; but Kyng Edward was sore adrade forto 16 come þere, for he wende to bene arest' til pat he hade made Gode<sup>4</sup> for þe trespasse pat þe Spensers hade done, and also grete harme pat pai hade done vnto þe<sup>20</sup> Quene Isabel, his sostre<sup>21</sup>: Wherfore, prou; here ordenance & her' consent' of þe Spensers, the Quene Isabel 20 went ouer' þe see into Fraunce, forto make accorde bituene Kyng Edward and þe Kyng of Fraunce, hir' broper. ¶ And þere duelled she in Fraunce til<sup>22</sup> Edward, her' Eldeste sone, come her' to<sup>23</sup> seche; and so pai duelled<sup>24</sup> þere bope til pat Aliaunce was 24 made bituene Ham and þe gentil Erl of Henaud, pat if pai wip his<sup>25</sup> helpe mygh[t] destroi and ouercome þe venyme and the falsnesse of þe Spensers, pat Sir' Edward shulde spouse Dame Philipp, þe worshipful lady,<sup>26</sup> þe Erles Doughter of Henaud. ¶ wherfore þe 28 Quene Isabel, and Sir' Edward her' [son], and Sir' Edmund of Wodestokt, þe Kynges broper of Engeland, and Sir' Iohn of Henaud, and Sir' Roger Mortymer' of Wygemore, and Sir' Thomas Rocelyn, and sir' Iohn of Cromwel, and Sire William Trusse, and 32 meny opere of þe Aliaunce of þe gentil Erle Thomas of Lancastre,

<sup>1</sup> do O.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 143, back.    <sup>3</sup> into DO.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> MS. pees bituene, with bituene underlined for omission.

<sup>6</sup> on D. on a O.    <sup>7</sup> abide bope D.    <sup>8</sup> clope O.    <sup>9</sup> she DO. he R.

<sup>10</sup> pitous O.    <sup>11</sup> know D. knowe O.    <sup>12-12</sup> om. O.    <sup>13</sup> deden O.

<sup>14</sup> in DO.    <sup>15</sup> sore O. sone R.    <sup>16</sup> lettre D.    <sup>17</sup> seche O.

<sup>18</sup> vnto O.    <sup>19</sup> into O.    <sup>20</sup> om. O.

<sup>21</sup> MS. sostres, with the last s underlined for omission.    <sup>22</sup> til pat O.

<sup>23</sup> forto D.    <sup>24</sup> leaf 144.    <sup>25</sup> his D. here R.    <sup>26</sup> lady and DO.

pat wer<sup>1</sup> exilede out of Engeland<sup>1</sup> for his querelle, and wer<sup>2</sup> disheritede<sup>3</sup> of her<sup>3</sup> londes, ordeynede ham a<sup>4</sup> grete power<sup>1</sup>, and arryuede<sup>5</sup> at Herewiche in Southfolc. and<sup>1</sup> sone after<sup>6</sup> pai 4 pursuede<sup>7</sup> þe Spensers til þat pai wer<sup>8</sup> take<sup>8</sup> and put vnto spitouse<sup>9</sup> dep, as bifore is saide, and her<sup>3</sup> company, and also for þe<sup>10</sup> grete falsenesse þat pai deden<sup>11</sup> vnto Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward & to<sup>12</sup> his peple.

¶ And Mevlyn saide also more, þat þe goote shulde bene<sup>13</sup> put 8 into grete disese; & in grete anguisshe & in grete sorwe he shulde lede<sup>14</sup> his lif. and he saide soþ: for after þe tyme þat Kyng Edward was tak<sup>1</sup>, he was put into warde til þat þe Spensers were put vnto dep. ¶ and also, for enchesou<sup>n</sup> þat he wolde nouzt come 12 vnto<sup>15</sup> his owen parlement at Londo<sup>n</sup>, as he had ordeyned and assignede him-self<sup>1</sup>, and to his<sup>16</sup> Baronage,<sup>17</sup> and also wolde nouzt gouerne ne<sup>18</sup> reule his peple ne his reame as a kyng shulde done, somme of þe barons of Engeland<sup>1</sup> come<sup>19</sup> & zelden vp her<sup>3</sup> homage<sup>20</sup> 16 vnto him, for ham<sup>21</sup> and for alle þe oper of þe reame, in þe day of 22 þe Conuersiou<sup>n</sup><sup>22</sup> of Seint Poule, and in þe 3er<sup>3</sup> of his regne xx; and pai put him out of his realte for euermore; & euer<sup>3</sup> he leuede his lif<sup>1</sup> afftirward<sup>1</sup> in miche sorw and anguisse.

## 20 Of Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup> þe þridde<sup>23</sup> after þe conquest. Capitulo

### ¶ Ducentesimo ¶ Duodecimo.

**A**Nd after þis Kyng Edward<sup>1</sup> of Carnariuan, regnede Sire Edward of Wyndesore his sone, þe whiche was cronede 24 Kyng, and annoyntede, at Westminster, prou3 consent and wille of alle þe grete Lordes of 24 þe reame,<sup>24</sup> þe Sondag in<sup>25</sup> Candelmasse eve of oure Lady, In þe 3er<sup>3</sup> of grace Mt CCC<sup>26</sup> xxvi, þat was þat tyme of age but xv 3er<sup>3</sup>. 27 and for enchesou<sup>n</sup> þat<sup>27</sup> his fader<sup>3</sup> was 28 in warde in þe castel of Kenylworþ, and eke was put dou<sup>n</sup> of his realte, þe reame of Engeland<sup>1</sup> was as wipout Kyng<sup>1</sup>, fro þe feste of Seynt Kateryne in þe 3er<sup>3</sup> aboue-saide, vnto þe fest of Candelmasse;

<sup>1</sup> Engeland<sup>1</sup> and Sir Ioh<sup>n</sup> of Henaude and Sir Roger Mortymere D.

<sup>2</sup> weren O. <sup>3</sup> disherite D. disherited<sup>1</sup> O. <sup>4</sup> om. O.

<sup>5</sup> arryueden O. <sup>6</sup> afterward DO. <sup>7</sup> pursueden O. <sup>8</sup> taken DO.

<sup>9</sup> pitous O. <sup>10</sup> her O. <sup>11</sup> dede O. <sup>12</sup> om. D. <sup>13</sup> be O.

<sup>14</sup> lese D. <sup>15</sup> to DO. <sup>16</sup> leaf 144, back.

<sup>17</sup> A bere is written in the margin at the head of this page, in a different (?) hand.

<sup>18</sup> and DO. <sup>19</sup> comen O. <sup>20</sup> homages DO. <sup>21</sup> him D.

<sup>22-22</sup> Conuersacion O.

<sup>23</sup> þirde O. <sup>24-24</sup> Engeland<sup>1</sup> D. <sup>25</sup> on D. <sup>26</sup> CCC & O.

<sup>27-27</sup> MS. and for enchesou<sup>n</sup> þat and for enchesou<sup>n</sup> þat.

and þo were <sup>1</sup>al maner<sup>1</sup> pleez of þe Kyngus Benche astent. ¶ And þo was commandede to alle þe shirreffes of Engeland þoru3 write<sup>2</sup> to warne þe partiez defendand3 þrouz somp[n]ging<sup>3</sup> azein, and also ferþermore þat alle þe prisoners þat were in þe Kyngus Gayole þat 4 were atachede þrouz shirrefs shulde <sup>3</sup>be Late go quiet. ¶ The Kyng Edward, after<sup>1</sup> His coronacioun, at þe<sup>4</sup> prier<sup>1</sup> and biseching<sup>1</sup> of his lieges of<sup>1</sup> þe reaume, grauntede<sup>5</sup> a chartre of stedefast pees to alle ham þat wolde it<sup>6</sup> axe. ¶ And Sire Iohn of Henaude and his 8 company toke<sup>7</sup> his leue of þe Kyng and of þe lordes of his<sup>8</sup> reaume, & turnede home to her<sup>1</sup> owen contre azeyn; and eueryche<sup>9</sup> of ham hade ful riche 3iftes, euery man as he was of value and of State. ¶ And þo was Engeland<sup>1</sup> in pees and in<sup>10</sup> rest<sup>1</sup>, & grete loue<sup>11</sup> 12 bituene þe Kyng and his lordes; and comuneliche<sup>12</sup> Englisshemen saide amongus ham þat þe deuel was dede. ¶ But þe tresour<sup>1</sup> of þe Kyng his fader<sup>1</sup>, and<sup>13</sup> of the Spensers, boþ of þe fader<sup>1</sup> and of<sup>4</sup> þe sone, and þe tresour of þe Erl<sup>14</sup> of Arundel, and of Maistre 16 Robert<sup>15</sup> Baldok<sup>1</sup> þat was þe Kyngus chaunceller<sup>1</sup>, was departede after<sup>1</sup> þe Quene Isabels ordenaunce, and Sir<sup>1</sup> Roger Mortymer<sup>1</sup> of Wigemore, so þat þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> hade noping þerof but at her<sup>1</sup> wille and her<sup>1</sup> deliuerance, neiper of hir<sup>1</sup> landes, as afterward<sup>1</sup> 3e shul here 20 more openly.

**How Kyng Edward went to Stanhop forto mete þe Scottes.**

¶ Capitulo ¶ Ducentesimo ¶ xiiij.

**A**Nd 3itte<sup>4</sup> in þe same tyme was Kyng Edward in þe castel of 24 Kenylworth, vnder<sup>1</sup> þe kepyng of Sir<sup>1</sup> Henry þat was Erl Thomas broþer of Lancast<sup>1</sup>, þat þo was Erl of [Leycestre; and þe Kyng grantede him the erldome of]<sup>16</sup> Lancastre þat þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> hade seisede into his hande, and put out Thomas of Lancastre his 28 broþer, and þo was he<sup>17</sup> Erl of Lancastre & <sup>18</sup>of Leicestre, and eke Stiward of Engeland, as his broþer was in his tyme. ¶ but Sir<sup>1</sup> Edward, þat was Kyng Edwardes fader,<sup>19</sup> made sorw wipouten<sup>20</sup> ende, for cause þat he might nouzt speke wiþ his wif<sup>1</sup> ne wiþ his 32 Sone; wherfor hit was miche meschief<sup>21</sup>; ffor þau3 hit were so þat

<sup>1-1</sup> alle þe D.

<sup>2</sup> Engeland þoru3 write D. Engeland þurgh writte O. Engeland R.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 145. <sup>4</sup> om. O. <sup>5</sup> grauntede ham D. graunted hem O.

<sup>6</sup> him D. <sup>7</sup> nome DO. <sup>8</sup> the D. þe O. <sup>9</sup> eche O.

<sup>10</sup> om. DO. <sup>11</sup> loue was D. <sup>12</sup> Comenly O.

<sup>13</sup> and þe tresour D. & þe tresour O. <sup>14</sup> erles DO.

<sup>15</sup> MS. Robert Robert. <sup>16</sup> supplied from D. <sup>17</sup> þe sic O.

<sup>18</sup> leaf 145, back. <sup>19</sup> MS. fader fader. <sup>20</sup> with-oute O. <sup>21</sup> nedfutt O.

he were<sup>1</sup> ladde & reuled þrouȝ<sup>2</sup> false conseile, ȝitte<sup>3</sup> he was Kyng Edwardus sone, & come<sup>4</sup> of þe worpiest bloode of al<sup>5</sup> þe worlde; and þilk<sup>1</sup> to whom he was<sup>6</sup> wonede forto<sup>6</sup> ȝeue grete ȝiftes and  
 4 large, were<sup>7</sup> most pryue wip þe Kyng, his owen sone; and þai were his enemys boþe by nyght and by day, and procurede forto make debate and contak bituene him and his sone, and Isabel his wif. but þe ffre<sup>8</sup> Prechoures to him were gode frendes euermore,<sup>8</sup> and  
 8 caste and ordeynede, boþe nyght and day, how þai might bryng him out of prison. ¶ And amonge her<sup>9</sup> company þat þe ffreres priueliche<sup>9</sup> hade brouȝt, þere was a ffrere þat me callede Dunheuede<sup>10</sup>; and he hade ordeynede an[d] gaderede a grete company  
 12 of folc forto helpe at þat nede; but þe ffrere was take a[nd] put into þe castel of Pountfret, and þer he deide in prison. ¶ And Sir Henry, Erl of Lancast<sup>r</sup>, þat hade þe<sup>11</sup> Kyngus fader<sup>11</sup> in kepyng, prouȝ<sup>12</sup> commandement of þe Kyng, delyuereð Edward,  
 16 þe Kingus fader, by endentur<sup>r</sup> vnto Sire Thomas of Berkelee, and to Sir Iohn Mautraners; & þai lad him fram<sup>13</sup> þe casteH of Kenylworth vnto þe casteH of Berkelee, <sup>14</sup>and kepte him þere safly.<sup>15</sup>  
 ¶ And at Este[r] nexte after<sup>r</sup> his coronaciouñ, þe Kyng ordeynede  
 20 an huge host forto feiȝt aȝeins<sup>16</sup> þe Scottes; and Sir Iohn, þe Erles broþer of Henaul, from<sup>17</sup> byzonde þe see, come forto helpe Kyng Edward, and brouȝt wip him<sup>18</sup> v̄ C̄ men of Armes, and arryuede at Douer; and þai hade leue forto gone<sup>19</sup> forth til þat<sup>18</sup> þai<sup>20</sup> come  
 24 vnto<sup>20</sup> ȝork, þere þat þe Kyng abode ham. ¶ And þe Scottes comen<sup>21</sup> pider<sup>r</sup> vnto þe Kyng forto make pees and accorde, but þe accordement bituene ham laste but a<sup>22</sup> litel while.<sup>23</sup> and at þat tyme þe Englisshe-men were clope<sup>24</sup> alle in cotes & hodes, peyntede<sup>25</sup> wip  
 28 lettres & wip<sup>22</sup> floures ful sembli,<sup>26</sup> wip longe berdes; and þerfore þe Scotis made a bille þat was fastenede oppoñ þe cherche dores of Seint Peres<sup>27</sup> toward Stangate. & þus saide þe Scripture in despite of the<sup>18</sup> Englisshe-men ¶ Longe berde hertles, peyntede Hode  
 32 witles, Gay cote graceles, makeþ<sup>28</sup> Engl[i]ssheman<sup>29</sup> priffles.

¶ And on<sup>5</sup> þe Trinite day next<sup>30</sup> comyng, biganne<sup>30</sup> þe contak

<sup>1</sup> was O.    <sup>2</sup> by DO.    <sup>3</sup> þit sic D.    <sup>4</sup> comen O.    <sup>5</sup> om. DO.

<sup>6-6</sup> wont D.    <sup>7</sup> wonete to O.    <sup>7</sup> weren O.    <sup>8</sup> for euermore D.

<sup>9</sup> priuely D.    <sup>9</sup> pryuyly O.    <sup>10</sup> Donebat O.

<sup>11-11</sup> fader of þe Kyng O.    <sup>12</sup> þurgh þe O.    <sup>13</sup> fro O.

<sup>14</sup> leaf 146.    <sup>15</sup> falsly O.    <sup>16</sup> with D.    <sup>17</sup> fro DO.    <sup>18</sup> om. D.

<sup>19</sup> go O.    <sup>20-20</sup> comen to D.    <sup>21</sup> come O.

<sup>22</sup> om. O.    <sup>23</sup> tyme DO.    <sup>24</sup> cloþede D.    <sup>24</sup> clothed O.

<sup>25</sup> y-peynted O.    <sup>26</sup> semely DO.    <sup>27</sup> Petre D.    <sup>27</sup> om. O.

<sup>28</sup> makes DO.    <sup>29</sup> Englund O.    <sup>30-30</sup> sewyng<sup>r</sup> big sic D.

in þe citee of 3ork<sup>t</sup> bytuene þe Engliſshemen and þe Henaudres. and in þat debate were quellede of þe Erldom of Nichole and Mordrede, <sup>xx</sup>iiij; and after, þai wer<sup>t</sup> buriede vnder<sup>t</sup> a stone in Seynt Clementis cherche haw in Fossegate. And for enchesouñ þat þe Henaudres <sup>4</sup>come<sup>t</sup> forto helpe þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, hir<sup>t</sup> pees was<sup>2</sup> criede, oppoñ payne of lif and lime. and in þat opere Half, it was<sup>3</sup> fonden<sup>4</sup> by enquest of þe citee, þat þe Engliſſhe-men biganne þe debate.

**How þe Engliſſhe-men Stoppede þe Scottes in þe park<sup>t</sup> of 8 Stanhope, and How þai turnede a3eyne into<sup>5</sup> Scotland. Capitulo CC xiiij.**

**A**ND at þat tyme þe Scottes hade assemblede al her power<sup>t</sup>, and come<sup>6</sup> into Engeland, and quellede & robbede alle þat þai <sup>12</sup>might tak<sup>t</sup>, and brent and destroyede al þe North contre þrou3-out, til<sup>8</sup> þai come<sup>8</sup> to þe Parke of Stanhope in Wyredale: and þer þe Scottes helde ham in a buſſement. ¶ But whe[n] þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> hade herde þrou3 certeyne aspiez wher<sup>t</sup> þe Scottes<sup>t</sup> were, anone right wiþ <sup>16</sup>his host he biſegede þe forsaide park, so þat þe Scottes wiste neuer wher<sup>t</sup> forto goñ out, but onliche<sup>9</sup> vnto her<sup>t</sup> armes, and þai abiden in þe parke xv daies; and vitales ham failede on<sup>10</sup> euery side, so þat þai wer<sup>t</sup> gretly empeyrede of her<sup>11</sup> bodyes. ¶ And siþ þat Brut <sup>20</sup>come ferst into<sup>12</sup> Britaigne, vnto þis tyme, was neuer seyne seþenes<sup>13</sup> so fair<sup>t</sup> an host, what of Engliſshemen and of Aliens, and of men on foot,<sup>14</sup> whiche ordeyned ham forto fei3t wiþ þe Scottes, þrou3 egging of Sire Henry, Erl of Lancast<sup>r</sup>, and of Sir<sup>t</sup> Iohn of<sup>15</sup> <sup>24</sup>Henaude, þat wolde haue gone ouer þe water of Wythe forto haue fou3t wiþ þe Scottes; but Sir<sup>t</sup> Roger of Mortymer<sup>t</sup> consentede nou3t þerto, for he hade priueliche<sup>16</sup> tak<sup>17</sup> mede of<sup>t</sup> þe Scottes, ham forto helpe, þat þai myght wende a3eyne into hir<sup>t</sup> owen contre. ¶ And <sup>28</sup>þe<sup>18</sup> same Mortymer counseilede miche<sup>19</sup> Thomas of Broþertoñ, þat þe Erl Marchal, þat was Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edwardes vnclē, þat the <sup>20</sup>forsaide Thomas shulde nou3t assemble at þat tyme vnto þe Scottes; and he assentede; but he wiste nou3t þe doying bituene þe Scottes and <sup>32</sup>þe forsaide Mortymer. and for enchesouñ þat he was Marchal of

<sup>1</sup> comen DO.    <sup>2</sup> wer<sup>t</sup> D.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 146, back.    <sup>4</sup> founde DO.

<sup>5</sup> to O.    <sup>6</sup> comen D.

<sup>7</sup> take without nombre D.    take withoute nombre O.

<sup>8-8</sup> þat þai comen D.    <sup>9</sup> only O.    <sup>10</sup> in DO.    <sup>11</sup> he sic D.

<sup>12</sup> vnto D.    <sup>13</sup> seth O.    <sup>14</sup> foote the D.    foote þe O.    <sup>15</sup> om. DO.

<sup>16</sup> priuily O.    <sup>17</sup> taken DO.    <sup>18</sup> þat D.

<sup>19</sup> somiche D.    so mych O.    <sup>20</sup> leaf 147.



Engeland, and to him *perteynede*<sup>1</sup> euer<sup>2</sup> þe vauntward. he sent hastily to þe Erl of Lancastre and to *Sire Iohn* of Henaude, þat þai shulde nouzt feizt oppoñ þe Scottes, in *preiudice* and in<sup>3</sup> harm-  
4 yng<sup>4</sup> of him and<sup>4</sup> his fee, and if þai dede, þat þai shulde stande to<sup>5</sup> her' owen *peril*. and þe forsaide Erl Marchal was al aredy<sup>6</sup> wip his bataile at þe redose of þe Erl of Lancastre forto haue fouzten<sup>7</sup> wip him and wip<sup>8</sup> his fole, if he hade meuede forto feizt wip þe  
8 Scottes. and in þis maner<sup>8</sup> he was desceyuede, and wiste<sup>9</sup> no maner þinge of þis<sup>9</sup> tresouñ; and þus was þe Kyng<sup>9</sup> Principaly<sup>10</sup> desceyuede.

¶ And when it was nyzt,<sup>11</sup> Mortymer<sup>11</sup>, þat hade þe wacche forto  
12 kepe of þe host, þat nyght destourblede þe wacche þat noþing most be<sup>12</sup> done. and<sup>13</sup> in þe<sup>13</sup> meny-while þe Scottes stele<sup>14</sup> by nyzt toward her' owen contre, as fast as þai myght; and so was þe Kyng falsely<sup>15</sup> desceyuede &<sup>15</sup> bitraiede, þat wende þat alle þe *traitoures*  
16 of his land had bene brouzt vnto an ende, as it<sup>2</sup> was saide bifore.

¶ Now here, 3e lordes, how *traterously* Kyng<sup>17</sup> Edward was desceyuede, and how *mervailously* and<sup>16</sup> boldely þe Scottes dede of weri<sup>17</sup>; ffor þe same nygh[t]<sup>17</sup> Iames Douglas, wip CC men of Armes,  
20 ryden prou3-out þe host<sup>18</sup> of Kyng Edward, þe same nyght þat þe Scottes were scapede toward her' owen contre, as is aboue [said], til þat<sup>19</sup> þai comen<sup>20</sup> to þe Kyngus Pauylouñ, and quellede þere<sup>21</sup> men in her' beddes; and criede<sup>22</sup> *somme* "Noward, Noward!" and anopere  
24 tyme, "A Douglas, A Douglas!" wherfore the Kyng, þat was in his pauylouñ, and miche *oper* fole, were wonder' sore afraiede; but, —blessede be Almyghty God!—þe Kyng was nouzt taken; and in grete *perile* was þe reaume of Engeland. ¶ And þat nyght the  
28 mone shone<sup>23</sup> ful clere<sup>23</sup> and brizt; and for al þe Kyngus men, þe Scottes ascapede harmeles. and in þe morwe, when þe Kyng<sup>24</sup> wist þat þe Scottes were ascapede,<sup>24</sup> he was wonder' sory, and ful hertly wepte wip his zonge eyne; and<sup>25</sup> zitt wist he<sup>25</sup> nouzt who<sup>26</sup> had  
32 done<sup>26</sup> him þat<sup>27</sup> tresouñ; but þat<sup>28</sup> tresouñ was wel knowe<sup>29</sup> a gode

<sup>1</sup> *perteyneth* O.    <sup>2</sup> *om.* D.    <sup>3</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>4</sup> and of DO.

<sup>5</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>6</sup> *arrayede* D.    *arayed* O.    <sup>7</sup> *fouzt* D.    *fought* O.

<sup>8</sup> *MS.* wip him and wip.

<sup>9-9</sup> noþing of þe D.    noþing of þis O.    <sup>10</sup> *prineliche* D.

<sup>11</sup> nyzt þe D.    nyght þe O.    <sup>12</sup> bene D.    <sup>13-13</sup> þat D.    <sup>14</sup> stale D.

<sup>15-15</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>16</sup> and how D.    <sup>17</sup> *myzt sic* D.    <sup>18</sup> *leaf* 147, *back*.

<sup>19</sup> *MS.* þat þat.    <sup>20</sup> come DO.    <sup>21</sup> *þere meny* DO.

<sup>22</sup> *crieden* D.    <sup>23-23</sup> *fayre* D.

<sup>24</sup> ascapede into her' owen contre D.    ascaped into her Cuntr' O.

<sup>25-25</sup> wist O.    <sup>26-26</sup> þat had do O.    <sup>27</sup> þis D.

<sup>28</sup> þat false D.    þat fals O.    <sup>29</sup> y-knowe O.

while after, as þe story telleþ. ¶ The Kyng Edward<sup>1</sup> come þo aȝeyne vnto<sup>2</sup> ȝork<sup>1</sup>, ful sorweful, and his hoste departede, and euery man went into<sup>2</sup> his owen contre wip ful heuy and mornyng semblant.<sup>3</sup> and þe<sup>4</sup> Henaude toke<sup>4</sup> her' leue, and went into her' owen 4 contre; and þe Kyng, for her' trauaile, hugely ham rewarded, and for enchesouñ of þat viage, þe Kyng had despendeð miche of his tresour, and wastede.

¶ And in þat tyme wer' seyne ij mones in þe firmament: þat on 8 was clere, and þat oþer was<sup>5</sup> dere, þat<sup>6</sup> men myzt hit<sup>7</sup> þo see þ[r]ouȝ-out<sup>8</sup> al þe worlde. and<sup>9</sup> Grete debate was þat same tyme aȝeyn<sup>10</sup> þe<sup>7</sup> Pope Iohn þe xxij after þat<sup>5</sup> Seynt Petre was Pope, and þe Emperoure of Almaigne, þat made him Emperour' aȝeins þe Popes 12 wille, þat þo helde his see at Avy[n]jouñ; wherfore þe Emperour made his crie at Rome, and ordeynede anoper Pope þat hight<sup>11</sup> Nicholas, þat was a ffrer' menour; and þat was<sup>12</sup> aȝeynes þe right of holy cherch, wherfore he was cursede<sup>5</sup>; and þe power' of þat 16<sup>13</sup> oþer Pope<sup>13</sup> sone was laide; and for enchesouñ þat soche mervailles were seyne, men saide þat þe wor[l]de was neiȝ at an<sup>5</sup> ende.

Of þe deþ of Kyng Edward of Carnaruan, sometyme Kyng of  
Engeland. *Capitulo Ducentesimo Quintodecimo.* 20

**A**Nd now [go] we aȝeyne vnto Sir' Edward of Carnaruan, þat was<sup>14</sup> some-tyme Kyng<sup>14</sup> of Engeland, and was put adoune<sup>15</sup> of his dignite. allas for his tribulaciouñ! and sorwe him bifelle prouȝ false consel þat he leuede, & truste oppoñ ham to miche, þat 24 afterward<sup>16</sup> was destroyede<sup>16</sup> prouȝ her' falsnesse, as God wolde. ¶ And þis Edward of Carnaryuan was in þe castel of Berkele, vnder þe kepyng of Sir' Morice of Berkeley and of Sire Iohn of Mau-trauers. and to ham he made his compleynt of his sorwe and of 28 his disese; and oftetymes he axede of his wardeyns what he hade tressepassede aȝeins Dame Isabel his wif, and Sir' Edward his sone, þat was new made Kyng, þat þai wolde nouȝt visite him. ¶ [þo ansuerede one of his wardenes]<sup>17</sup> ¶ "My worpi lord, displese ȝow 32 nouȝt þat y shal ȝow telle; þe enchesoun is, for it is done ham to vnderstonde þat, if my Lady ȝour' wif come eny ping' neiȝ ȝow, þat ȝe

<sup>1</sup> om. O.    <sup>2</sup> toward D.    <sup>3</sup> MS. semblant se.

<sup>4-4</sup> Henaudes nome D.    Henaudes toke O.    <sup>5</sup> om. D.    <sup>6</sup> as DO.

<sup>7</sup> om. DO.    <sup>8</sup> prouȝ D.    <sup>9</sup> and a DO.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 148.

<sup>11</sup> me callede D.    <sup>12</sup> was þe[re] D.    <sup>13-13</sup> Pope afore hym O.

<sup>14-14</sup> kyng' symetyme D.    kyng sumtyme O.    <sup>15</sup> adouñ some-tyme D.

<sup>16</sup> destroyede D.    distroyed O.    om. R.    <sup>17</sup> supplied from D.

wolde <sup>1</sup>her' strangle and quelle, and <sup>2</sup>al so pat 3e Wolde do to<sup>2</sup> my Lord 3our' Sone." ¶ po ansuerede he wip simple chere, and saide : "allas, allas ! am y nouzt in prisouñ, and aH at 3our' owen wille ?  
 4 Now God it wote, y pouzt it neuer ; and now y wolde<sup>3</sup> pat y were dede ! so wolde God pat y were ! for pan were al my<sup>4</sup> sorwe passede." ¶ Hit was nouzt longe after pat pe Kyng, prou3 conseil of pe Mortymer', grantede pe ward' and pe kepyng' of Sire Edward'  
 8 his fader', to Sire Thomas<sup>5</sup> Toiourneye and to pe forsaide Sir' Iohñ Mautrauers, prou3 pe Kyngus lettre, and put out holliche<sup>6</sup> pe forsaide<sup>6</sup> Sir' Morice, of pe warde of pe Kyng'. and pai tok<sup>7</sup> and lad<sup>8</sup> him to<sup>8</sup> pe castel of Corf', pe whiche castel pe Kyng' hatede as  
 12 eny dep ; and pai kepte him pere safely<sup>9</sup> til pat<sup>10</sup> it come to<sup>11</sup> Seint Matheus day in Septembre, in pe 3ere of Grace M<sup>t</sup> CCC xxvij, pat pe forsaide Sir' Roger<sup>12</sup> Mortymer' sent pe maner of pe<sup>13</sup> dep, how and in what maner he shulde be done to dep. ¶ And anone as pe  
 16 forsaide Thomas and Iohñ Hade seyne pe lettre and pe<sup>14</sup> commandement, pai maden<sup>15</sup> Kyng Edward of Carnaruan gode chere and gode solace, as pai myght atte pat soper' ; and noying' pe Kyng wiste of her' traitoures.<sup>16</sup> ¶ And when tyme was forto gone<sup>17</sup> to bed', pe  
 20 Kyng went vnto<sup>18</sup> his bed', and laye, and slepte faste. And as pe Kyng lay and slepte, pe traitoures, false forsuorne<sup>19</sup> azeins her' homage and her' feaute, come<sup>20</sup> priueliche<sup>21</sup> into pe Kyngus chaumbre, and her' company<sup>22</sup> wip Ham, and Laiden an Huge  
 24 table oppon his Wombe, and wip men pressede and helde<sup>23</sup> fast adoune pe iiij corners of pe table oppoñ his body : wherwip pe gode man awoke, and was wonder' sore adrade to bene<sup>24</sup> dede pere, and slayn, and turnede his body opsadouñ. ¶ pe tok<sup>25</sup> pe false  
 28 tirauntz,<sup>26</sup> and as<sup>27</sup> wode traitoures,<sup>28</sup> an horne, and put hit into<sup>29</sup> his fundement as depe<sup>30</sup> as pai might, and toke a spete of Copur brennyng',<sup>5</sup> & put hit prou3 pe horne<sup>31</sup> into his body, and ofte-  
 32 Lorde, pat<sup>32</sup> noying was perceyuede ; and after, he was enterede at Gloucestre'.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 148, back.    <sup>2-2</sup> pat 3e wol do also O.    <sup>3</sup> wil O.  
<sup>4</sup> myn O.    <sup>5</sup> om. D.    <sup>6-6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7</sup> toke pe kyng' D.  
<sup>8-8</sup> pe kyng vnto O.    <sup>9</sup> safelych D.    <sup>10</sup> om. DO.    <sup>11</sup> vnto DO.  
<sup>12</sup> Thomas DO.    <sup>13</sup> his D.    <sup>14</sup> om. O.    <sup>15</sup> maden pe D.    made O.  
<sup>16</sup> treytourresse O.    <sup>17</sup> go O.    <sup>18</sup> to D.    <sup>19</sup> forsuore D.  
<sup>20</sup> comen O.    <sup>21</sup> priuely D.    priuely O.    <sup>22</sup> leaf 149.    <sup>23</sup> held it O.  
<sup>24</sup> be O.    <sup>25</sup> nome D.    <sup>26</sup> traitou[r]s D.    traytours O.  
<sup>27</sup> as fals & O.    <sup>28</sup> tirauntz D.    tirautes O.    <sup>29</sup> in D.    vnto O.  
<sup>30</sup> dede sic O.    <sup>31</sup> horne brennyng' D.    <sup>32</sup> and D.

How Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward spousede Philippe, þe Erles daughter of Henaude, at 3ork<sup>t</sup>. *Capitulo Ducentesimo xvj<sup>to</sup>.*

**A**Nd after cristes-masse<sup>1</sup> þo next sewyng<sup>t</sup>, sir<sup>t</sup> Iohn of Henaude brouzt<sup>2</sup> wip him Philipp, his broþere<sup>3</sup>, Douzter, þat was 4 Erl of Henaud<sup>t</sup>, <sup>4</sup>his nece,<sup>4</sup> into Engeland; and Kyng Edward spousede<sup>5</sup> her<sup>t</sup> at 3ork<sup>t</sup> wip michel honour<sup>t</sup>; and Sir<sup>t</sup> Iohn of Hothum, Bisshop of Ely, and Sir<sup>6</sup> William of Meltoñ, Erchebisshop of 3ork, songe þo<sup>7</sup> þe masse, þe Sondag in þe <sup>8</sup>Eve of þe 8 *Comuersion*<sup>8</sup> of Seynt Poule, in þe 3er<sup>t</sup> of grace M<sup>t</sup> CCC xxvij. ¶ but for enchesouñ þat þe kyng was<sup>9</sup> but 3onge and tender of age when he was *cronede*, and meny wrongus were<sup>10</sup> Done<sup>11</sup> whiles his fader<sup>11</sup> leuede, for enchesouñ þat he trowede þe<sup>12</sup> counseilers þat 12 were false aboute him, þat conseilede him to done oþerwise þan resouñ wolde, wherfore grete harme was þo vnto<sup>13</sup> the <sup>14</sup>reaume and to þe Kyng, and al men directede<sup>15</sup> þe Kyngus dede,<sup>16</sup> and hit was nouzt—so Almyghty God hit<sup>7</sup> wote,<sup>17</sup>—wherfor it was 16 ordeynede att<sup>18</sup> þe Kyngus crounyng<sup>t</sup>,<sup>18</sup> þat þe Kyng, for tendre of his age, shulde be gouernede be tuelf grete Lordes of Engeland, wipouten<sup>19</sup> þe whiche noþing shulde be<sup>20</sup> done, þat is forto seyne, þe Erchebisshoppe of Kanterbery, þe Erchebisshop of 3ork<sup>t</sup>, þe 20 Bisshopp of Wynchestre and þe Bisshop of Hereford,<sup>21</sup> And þe Erl of Lancastre, and<sup>22</sup> þe Erl Marchal, and þe Erl of Kent<sup>t</sup>, þat were þe Kyngus vncles, and þe Erl of Gerreint,<sup>23</sup> Sir<sup>t</sup> Thomas Wake, Sir<sup>t</sup> Henry of<sup>6</sup> Parey, *Sire* Olyuer<sup>t</sup> of Yngham, and Iohn of 24 Roos, barons. ¶ Alle pise were <sup>24</sup>suore trelweliche<sup>24</sup> forto conseil þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>, and þai shulde ansuere euery 3ere in þe *parlement* of þat shulde <sup>25</sup>be done<sup>25</sup> in þe tyme of þat<sup>26</sup> *gouernail*. ¶ But þat ordenance was sone vndone,<sup>27</sup> and þat was miche <sup>28</sup>losse and 28 harme<sup>28</sup> to al Engeland; ffor þe Kyng and alle þe lordes þat shulde *gouerne* him, were gouernede & reulede after þe Kyngus moder<sup>t</sup>, Dame Isabel, and by Sir<sup>t</sup> Roger þe<sup>22</sup> Mortymer<sup>t</sup>; and as þai wolde, al þing<sup>t</sup> was done, boþe<sup>29</sup> amonges hye and<sup>30</sup> lawe. ¶ And 32

<sup>1</sup> Cristemasse O.    <sup>2</sup> brouzt þo D.    <sup>3</sup> Brother O.    <sup>4-4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> wedede D.    <sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> om. DO.    <sup>8-8</sup> *Conuersacion* O.

<sup>9</sup> nas O.    <sup>10</sup> weren O.

<sup>11-11</sup> while his [fader] D.    while þat his fadir O.

<sup>12</sup> his D.    <sup>13</sup> to O.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 149, back.    <sup>15</sup> directe it sic O.

<sup>16</sup> dedes D.    <sup>17</sup> wold O.    <sup>18-18</sup> *Crounyng* of þe kyng O.

<sup>19</sup> withoute O.    <sup>20</sup> bene D.    <sup>21</sup> Herford DO.    <sup>22</sup> om. O.

<sup>23</sup> Garenne O.    <sup>24-24</sup> trewly swore O.    <sup>25-25</sup> done be O.

<sup>26</sup> þe D.    <sup>27</sup> y-done O.    <sup>28-28</sup> harme and lossé D.

<sup>29</sup> MS. boue.    <sup>30</sup> and amonge D.

pai toke<sup>1</sup> vnto ham castelles,<sup>2</sup> tounes, Landes and rentz, in grete harme and losse vnto the crowne, and of þe Kyngus state also, out of mesur<sup>3</sup>.

4 How þe pees was made bituene þe Engliſshemen and þe Scottes ;  
& also of<sup>3</sup> þe iustifyng<sup>4</sup> of Troilebastroñ. Capitulo ¶ Du-  
centesimo ¶ Septuadecimo.

8 **T**He Kyng Edward, at Whitsontide, þe secunde zere of his  
regne, þrouz conseile of his moder and of Sir Roger<sup>5</sup> Mor-  
tymer, ordeynede a parlement at Nor[t]hamptoñ ; at þe whiche  
parlement þe Kyng, þrouz her' conseil and none opere of þe land<sup>6</sup>  
wipin age, grantede to bene<sup>7</sup> accordede wip þe Scottes in þis  
12 maner, þat al þe feautes and homages þat þe Scottes shulde done  
to<sup>8</sup> þe crowne of Engeland, forzaf ham vnto the Scottes for euer-  
more, by his chartre ensealede. ¶ and ferþermore an endenture  
was made of þe Scottes vnto<sup>9</sup> Kyng Edward, þat was Kyng  
16 Henries sone, whiche endenture pai callede his<sup>10</sup> Ragemain, in the  
whiche were contenede alle þe homages and feautes, ferst of þe  
Kyng of<sup>3</sup> Scotland, and of alle þe prelates, Erles and barons of  
aH<sup>11</sup> þe reaume of Scotland, wip her' seals sette þeron, and oper  
20 chartres and remembrancez þat<sup>12</sup> Kyng Edward and his barons had  
of her' right in þe reaume of Scotland, hit was forzeue ham azein  
holliche,<sup>13</sup> and also wip þe blac crois of Scotland, þe whiche þe  
gode Kyng Edward conquerede in Scotland, and brouzt hit out of  
24 þe Abbay of Scone, þat is a ful precieuse relique. ¶ And also  
ferþermore he relessede and forzaf alle þe landes þat þe barons of  
Engeland had in Scotland by olde conqueste. and þis pees forto  
halde and laste, þe Scottes were bonden<sup>14</sup> to þe Kyng<sup>4</sup> in xxx M<sup>†</sup>  
28 ti<sup>15</sup> of siluer, to ben<sup>7</sup> paiede wipin iij zere, þat is to seyne, enery  
zere x M<sup>†</sup> ti, by even porcioñs. <sup>16</sup>¶ And ferþermore, ouer al þis,  
pai<sup>17</sup> spake<sup>18</sup> bituene þe Par[t]ies [a]boue-saide, þat David Driton-  
nanter, þat was Robert Brus<sup>19</sup> sone,—þe false tirant and traitour,  
32 and false forsuarne azeynes his oth, þat aroos azeynes his liege  
Lord, þe noble<sup>20</sup> Kyng Edward, and falseliche<sup>21</sup> made him Kyng

<sup>1</sup> token O.

<sup>2</sup> casteH and D.

<sup>3</sup> om. O.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 150.

<sup>5</sup> Roger þe D.

<sup>6</sup> lande and D.

<sup>7</sup> be O.

<sup>8</sup> vnto DO.

<sup>9</sup> vnto þe O.

<sup>10</sup> it O.

<sup>11</sup> om. DO.

<sup>12</sup> MS. þat þat.

<sup>13</sup> holly D.

<sup>14</sup> bounde O.

<sup>15</sup> pound O.

<sup>16</sup> leaf 150, back.

<sup>17</sup> þe sic O.

<sup>18</sup> speken D.

<sup>19</sup> speke O.

<sup>20</sup> the Brutes D. þe Brus O.

<sup>21</sup> gode D.

<sup>21</sup> falsely D. falsly O.

of Scotland, as is saide bifore,—& his sone shuld be Kyng of Scotland, þat was of age but<sup>1</sup> v zere. ¶ & so, prou3 hir<sup>2</sup> cursede conseil, pis Dauid spousede at Berewik<sup>1</sup> Dame Iohne<sup>3</sup> of pe<sup>3</sup> Toure, þat was Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edwardus sustre, as pe geste<sup>4</sup> telleþ, oppoñ<sup>4</sup> 4 Marie Magdalein<sup>5</sup> day In<sup>6</sup> pe zer<sup>1</sup> of grace M<sup>1</sup> CCC xxviiij, to grete harme and enpeiryng<sup>1</sup> to al pe Kyngus bloode, Wherof þat gentil lady come, Allas pe time! for wonder miche was<sup>7</sup> þat fair<sup>7</sup> Damyseþ disparage,<sup>8</sup> sip þat she was mariede wipout<sup>9</sup> pe commune<sup>8</sup> assent of alle<sup>10</sup> pe lordes of Engeland. ¶ And fro pe<sup>11</sup> tyme þat Brut hadde conquerede Albyoñ, and nempnede pe land after his owen name Brytayngñ, þat now is callede Engeland, after pe name of Engist; and so was pe reame of Scotland holden<sup>12</sup> of pe<sup>12</sup> reame of Engeland, and of pe croune, by feaute and<sup>13</sup> homage. For Brut conquerede þat lande, and 3af it to Albanac, his<sup>14</sup> secunde sone; and he callede pe land Albany after his<sup>15</sup> name, so þat pe heires þat comen after him helde<sup>16</sup> of Brut, and of his heires, 16 pe Kyngus of Britaign, by feaute and homage; and fro þat<sup>17</sup> tyme vnto pis Kyng Edward, ¶ pe reame of Scotland was holden<sup>18</sup> 19 of pe reame of Engeland by feaute<sup>20</sup> and by<sup>21</sup> seruices abouesaide, as pe cronicles of Engeland and of Scotland bereþ<sup>22</sup> witnessse 20 more plenerly. and acursede be pe tyme þat pis parlement was ordeynede at Northamtoñ! for pere, prou3 false conseile, pe Kyng was<sup>23</sup> pere falsely disherited<sup>23</sup>; and zitt he<sup>24</sup> was wipin age. ¶ And zette, when Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward was put doune<sup>25</sup> of his realte of 24 Engeland, zitte men put him nouzt out of pe feautes and seruises<sup>26</sup> of pe reame of Scotland, and of pe Fraunchises Disheritede for euermore. ¶ And nopeles pe grete lordes of Engeland were azeins to conferme pe pees & the trewes abouesaide, saf oneliche<sup>27</sup> pe 28 Quene Isabel, þat was pe Kynges moder<sup>1</sup> Edward, and pe Bisshop of Ely, and pe Lorde Mortymer. ¶ But resouñ and law wolde nouzt þat a final pees shulde be made bituene ham, wipouten<sup>28</sup> commune assent of Engeland.

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<sup>1</sup> of DO.    <sup>2</sup> his O.    <sup>3-3</sup> atte O.    <sup>4-4</sup> telle3 oppoñ seynt sic D.

<sup>5</sup> Magdaleyns D.    <sup>6</sup> om. O.    <sup>7-7</sup> the D.

<sup>8</sup> disparagede D.    <sup>8</sup> disparaged O.    <sup>9</sup> azeyns al D.    <sup>9</sup> azens al O.

<sup>10</sup> om. O.    <sup>11</sup> þat O.    <sup>12</sup> MS. holden holden.    <sup>13</sup> & by O.

<sup>14</sup> MS. has his eldest, with eldest underlined for omission.

<sup>15</sup> his owen D.    <sup>16</sup> helden O.    <sup>17</sup> fro þat DO.    fro R.

<sup>18</sup> holde O.    <sup>19</sup> leaf 151.    <sup>20</sup> feutes O.    <sup>21</sup> om. DO.

<sup>22</sup> beren O.    <sup>23-23</sup> falsely disherite D.    <sup>24</sup> MS. it.

<sup>25</sup> a/doune D.    adoune O.    <sup>26</sup> homages D.    <sup>27</sup> onely D.    only O.

<sup>28</sup> with-out D.    with-oute þe O.

Of the debate þat was bituene Quene<sup>1</sup> IsabeH and Sire Henry,  
Erl of Lancastre and of Leycestre; and of <sup>2</sup>the ryding of<sup>2</sup>  
Bedford. Capitulo Ducentesimo xvij<sup>o</sup>.

4 **W**Hen þe forsaide Dauid<sup>t</sup> hade spousede Dame Iohne of þe  
Tour<sup>r</sup> in þe toune of Berwik<sup>t</sup>, as bifore is saide, þe Scottes,  
in despite of þe Engliſſhe-men, callede Dame Iohn þe Countesse  
'make pees,' for þe cowardise pees forto ordeyne; but þe Kyngus  
8 person<sup>r</sup> bare þe <sup>2</sup>wite & þe<sup>2</sup> blame, wiþ wrong<sup>t</sup>, of þe making  
of þe accorde; and al was done þrouz þe Quene & Roger  
þe Mortymer<sup>r</sup>. ¶ And hit was nouzt longe after, þat<sup>3</sup> þe quene  
Isabel <sup>4</sup>ne toke into Her<sup>5</sup> Honde al þe Lordeshipp of Pountfret<sup>t</sup>,  
12 and almost al þe landes <sup>2</sup>þat were<sup>2</sup> of value, þat pertheynde<sup>6</sup> vnto<sup>7</sup>  
þe croune of Engeland, so þat þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> had nouzt forto<sup>7</sup> dispende,  
but of his Vsues<sup>8</sup> and of his escheker; ffor þe Quene Isabel and  
þe Mortymer had a<sup>9</sup> grete manie of<sup>10</sup> her<sup>r</sup> retenue,<sup>11</sup> þat folwede  
16 euermore þe Kyngus courte, and went and tok þe Kyngus prises  
for her<sup>r</sup> penyworthes at gode chepe; wherfore þe contre þat þai  
comen<sup>12</sup> in were ful sore adrade, and almost destroyede. ¶ þo  
bigan<sup>13</sup> þe communitie<sup>14</sup> of Engeland forto hate <sup>15</sup>Isabel þe Quene,<sup>15</sup>  
20 þat so miche<sup>16</sup> louede her<sup>r</sup> when she come azein forto pursue the false  
traitoures þe Spensers fro Fraunce, þat same tyme þe false traitour<sup>r</sup>  
Robert of Holand<sup>t</sup> þat bitraede his lorde<sup>17</sup> Thomas of Lancastre was  
þo deliuerede out of prison, and was wonder<sup>r</sup> pryue wiþ þe<sup>18</sup> Quene  
24 IsabeH and also wiþ þe Mortymer<sup>r</sup>; but þat auailede him but litel,  
for he was tak at Michelmasse þat next come after, as he rode  
toward<sup>t</sup> þe Quene Isabel to Londoñ; and Sir<sup>r</sup> Thomas Whither<sup>r</sup>  
smote of his heede<sup>19</sup> bisides þe toune of Seynt Albanus. and þis<sup>18</sup>  
28 Sir<sup>r</sup> Thomas duelleded þo wiþ Sir<sup>r</sup> Henry, Erl of Lancastre; and he  
put him in hidyng for drede of þe Quene, for she louede him  
wonder miche, and praiede<sup>20</sup> vnto þe Kyng<sup>r</sup> <sup>2</sup>for him,<sup>2</sup> þat þe same  
Thomas most ben<sup>21</sup> exileded <sup>2</sup>out of Engeland.<sup>2</sup>  
32 ¶ And þe noble Erl, Sir<sup>r</sup> Henry of La[n]castr<sup>r</sup>, had ofte-tymes  
<sup>22</sup>Herde þe commune clamour of þe Engliſſhe-men, of þe michel<sup>23</sup>  
diseas<sup>24</sup> þat were done in Engeland<sup>t</sup>, and also for diuerse wronges

<sup>1</sup> om. D. þe qwen O.      <sup>2-2</sup> om. D.      <sup>3</sup> þan sic D.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 151, back.      <sup>5</sup> her<sup>r</sup> owen D.      her owne O.      <sup>6</sup> pertheyneden O.

<sup>7</sup> to D.      <sup>8</sup> Isues D.      vses O.      <sup>9</sup> om. D.      <sup>10</sup> in D.

<sup>11</sup> retenaunce O.      <sup>12</sup> come O.      <sup>13</sup> bigonne D.      <sup>14</sup> Comminalte O.

<sup>15-15</sup> þe Quene IsabeH D.      <sup>16</sup> om. D.      <sup>17</sup> lord sir DO.

<sup>18</sup> om. O.      <sup>19</sup> heuede D.      <sup>20</sup> praye D.      <sup>21</sup> be O.      <sup>22</sup> leaf 152.

<sup>23</sup> myche O.      <sup>24</sup> diseses DO.

þat were done amonges<sup>1</sup> þe commune peple, of<sup>2</sup> whiche þe Kyng bare þe blame wiþ wrong<sup>t</sup>, for he nas but ful zonge and tendre of age, and þouzt, as a gode man, forto done<sup>3</sup> away and slake þe slaundre of þe Kyngus persone, if þat he might in eny maner<sup>4</sup> wise, so as<sup>4</sup> þe Kyng was þerof noþing gulti, wherfore he was in perel of lif and lyme. ¶ And so he assemblede al his retynance,<sup>5</sup> and went & spake vnto ham of þe Kyngus honour, and also forto amende his estate. and Sir<sup>t</sup> Thomas of Broþertoñ, Erl Marchal, 8 and Sir<sup>t</sup> Edmunde of Wodestok<sup>t</sup>, þat were þe Kyngus vncler, and also men of Londoñ, maden<sup>6</sup> her<sup>t</sup> oth, him forto<sup>7</sup> mayntene in þat same querele. ¶ And her<sup>t</sup> cause was þis, þat þe Kyng shulde holde his householde and his many<sup>8</sup> as<sup>9</sup> perteynede a Kyng<sup>9</sup> forto done,<sup>10</sup> 12 and haue also his realte; and þat<sup>11</sup> þe Quene Isabel shulde delyuer<sup>t</sup> out of her<sup>t</sup> honde, <sup>12</sup>into þe Kyngus honde,<sup>12</sup> al maner lordeshippe,<sup>13</sup> rentes, tounes, <sup>14</sup>and castelles<sup>14</sup> þat perteynede to<sup>15</sup> þe croune of Engeland<sup>t</sup>, and þat she shulde leue wiþ þe þridde<sup>16</sup> part of 16 þe rentes of Engeland, as opere Quenes hade done <sup>17</sup>or þis tyme,<sup>17</sup> and wiþ none oper þing<sup>t</sup>. ¶ And also þat Sir<sup>t</sup> Roger Mortymer shulde duelle oppoñ his owen Londes, for þe whiche landes he hade holpen disherite miche peple, so þat þe commune peple were 20 nouzt<sup>11</sup> destroiede þrouz hir<sup>t</sup> <sup>18</sup>19 wrongeful takyng<sup>t</sup>.<sup>19</sup> ¶ And also to enquere How, and by<sup>20</sup> whome, þe Kyng was bitraide and falsely<sup>21</sup> deseyuede at Stanhope, and þrouz whos conseil <sup>22</sup>þat þe Scottes went<sup>23</sup> away by nyght fram<sup>24</sup> þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>. ¶ And also how, and þrouz 24 whos conseil,<sup>22</sup> þe ordenance þat were<sup>25</sup> made at þe coronacioñ of Kyng Edward wer<sup>t</sup> put adouñ, þat is to seyne, þat þe Kyng, for <sup>26</sup>helpyng and amendement<sup>26</sup> of þe reaume, and in honour of him, shulde be<sup>27</sup> gouernede and reulede by xij, þe grettest & wiseste 28 Lordes of þe reaume; and wiþouten<sup>28</sup> ham shulde noþing be grauntede ne done, as 'bifore is saide; the whiche gouernances maliciou[s]ly were put adouñ<sup>29</sup> fro þe Kyng<sup>t</sup>; wherfor me[ny] harmes, shames and reprofes haue falle vnto þe Kyng<sup>t</sup> and to his 32

<sup>1</sup> among O.    <sup>2</sup> of the DO.    <sup>3</sup> do O.    <sup>4</sup> þat D.    þat as O.

<sup>5</sup> retenauntz D.    <sup>6</sup> made D.    <sup>7</sup> to D.    <sup>8</sup> meyne O.

<sup>9-9</sup> a kyng<sup>t</sup> perteynede D.    perteyneth vnto a kyng O.    <sup>10</sup> do O.

<sup>11</sup> om. D.    <sup>12-12</sup> om. D.    <sup>13</sup> lordeshippes D.    lordschippes O.

<sup>14-14</sup> castelles D.    <sup>15</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>16</sup> þirde O.

<sup>17-17</sup> bifore her<sup>t</sup> D.    byfore her O.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 152, back.

<sup>19-19</sup> takyng<sup>t</sup> so wrongeful D.    <sup>20</sup> MS. by by.    <sup>21</sup> falseliche D.

<sup>22-22</sup> om. O.    <sup>23</sup> wenten D.    <sup>24</sup> fro D.    <sup>25</sup> was DO.

<sup>26-26</sup> amendement and helpyng D.    amendement & helpyng O.

<sup>27</sup> ben D.    <sup>28</sup> with-oute O.    <sup>29</sup> douñ DO.



reaume. And þat is to<sup>1</sup> vnderstonde, for-asmiche as Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward, some-tyme Kyng of *Engeland*, was ordeynede, by assent of <sup>2</sup>þe *communitie*<sup>2</sup> in plain *parlement*, forto bene<sup>3</sup> vnder þe warde  
4 and *Gouernance* of Henry, Erl of *Lancastre*, his cosyn, for saluacion of his body he was taken<sup>4</sup> out of þe castel of *Kenyworth*, þere þat he was in ward, and þrouz colour of þe *Quene Isabel* and of þe *Mortymers*, wipout<sup>5</sup> consent of eny *parlement*,  
8 þai<sup>6</sup> tok<sup>7</sup> and lad him þer þat<sup>8</sup> never after none of his<sup>9</sup> *Kynrede* myzt wip him speke ne see, and after *traiterously*<sup>10</sup> toke and mordrede him<sup>10</sup>; for whos deþ a foule *sclandre* aroos þrouz-out aH *Cristendome*, when hit was done. ¶ And also al<sup>9</sup> þe *tresoure* þat<sup>11</sup>  
12 Sir<sup>12</sup> *Edward* of *Carnaryuan* hade lefte<sup>13</sup> in meny places of<sup>14</sup> *Engelond* and in *Walys*, were wastede and born<sup>15</sup> away<sup>16</sup> wipouten þe<sup>16</sup> wille of Kyng *Edward* his sone, in destruccioun of him and of his folc. ¶ Also, þrouz whos conseile<sup>17</sup> þat þe Kyng<sup>17</sup> 3af vp þe  
16 *Kyngdome* of *Scotland*, for þe whiche reaume þe *Kyngus* ancestres hade ful sore *trauaile*,<sup>18</sup> and so dede meny a nobleman for her ryght; and was *diliuerede* al þe right vnto<sup>19</sup> *Dauid*, þat was *Robert le Brus*<sup>20</sup> sone, þat no right hade vnto þat reaume, as al<sup>1</sup> þe  
20 worlde hit wiste. ¶ And also, by whom þe *chartres* & *remembrances* þat þai hade of þe right of *Scotland* were<sup>21</sup> take out of þe *tresorie*, and taken to þe *Scottes*, þe *Kyngus* enemys, to *disheriteson*<sup>22</sup> of him and of his successoures, and to grete harme to<sup>23</sup> his lieges,  
24 & grete *reprofe* to<sup>24</sup> alle *Englisshe-men* for euermore. ¶ Also, wherfore *Dame Iohn* of þe *Toure*, þe *Kyngus* sustre *Edward*, was *disparaged* and *mariede* vnto *Dauid*, þat was *Robert þe Brus*<sup>25</sup> sone, þat was a *traitour* and<sup>26</sup> enemy vnto *Engeland*; and þrouz  
28 whos conseil she was tak<sup>27</sup> into our enemys *Hondes*, out of *Engelond*.

¶ And in þe mene-tyme, while<sup>28</sup> the *Gode Erl Henry* of *Lancastre* and his *company* tok<sup>29</sup> conseile how þise *poynte[s]* aboue-  
32 saide might bene amendede vnto þe worshipp of þe Kyng, and to his *profite*, and to þe *profite* also of his lieges, þe *Quene Isabel*,

<sup>1</sup> om. D.      <sup>2-2</sup> *comminalte* O.      <sup>3</sup> be O.      <sup>4</sup> take DO.  
<sup>5</sup> with-outen D.      <sup>6</sup> *MS.* þat.      <sup>7</sup> nome D.      <sup>8</sup> as D.      <sup>9</sup> om. O.

<sup>10-10</sup> nome and him mordrede D.      toke hym & mordred hym O.

<sup>11</sup> of O.      <sup>12</sup> kyng D.      <sup>13</sup> leaf 153.      <sup>14</sup> in O.      <sup>15</sup> bore O.

<sup>16-16</sup> with-oute O.      <sup>17-17</sup> Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward D.      <sup>18</sup> *Traunaylled* O.

<sup>19</sup> to D.      <sup>20</sup> *Bruse* D.      *Brus* his O.      <sup>21</sup> weren D.

<sup>22</sup> *disherityng* O.      <sup>23</sup> of D.      <sup>24</sup> vnto DO.

<sup>25</sup> *MS.* *Brus* so with so *underlined* for *omission*; *Bruse* D.      *Brus* his O.

<sup>26</sup> and an D.      <sup>27</sup> taken D.      <sup>28</sup> whiles DO.      <sup>29</sup> nome D.      token O.

þrouz conietting and sotelte of<sup>1</sup> þe Mortymer', Lete ordein a parlement at Salesbury; and at þe same Parlement þe Mortymer' was made Erl of<sup>2</sup> Marche, azeins alle þe barons wille of Engeland, in preiudice of þe Kyng and of his croune; & <sup>3</sup>Sir' Iohn of Eltham, 4 <sup>4</sup>þe Kynges broþer,<sup>4</sup> was gert<sup>5</sup> wip a suerl<sup>6</sup> of Cornwail, and þo was callede Erle of Cornwaile; and euermore þe Quene Isabel so miche procurede azeinz<sup>6</sup> hir' sone þe Kyng', þat she hade þe warde of <sup>7</sup>þe forsaid<sup>7</sup> Sir' Edward and of his Landes. ¶ And at<sup>8</sup> þat 8 parlement þe Erl of Lancastre wolde nouzt come, but ordeyned<sup>8</sup> al his power' azeins þe Quene Isabel and the Mortymer'; and<sup>9</sup> men of Londoñ ordeynede ham<sup>10</sup> wip vj Ċ men of armes <sup>11</sup>him forto helpe.<sup>11</sup>

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¶ When þe Quene Isabel wist of the<sup>12</sup> Doynge, she suore by God and by his names ful angrely, þat in euel tyme he þouzt on<sup>13</sup> þo poyntes. ¶ Tho sent þe Quene Isabel and þe Mortymer' after her' retenue, and after þe Kyngus retenue, so þat þai hade 16 ordeynede amongus ham an huge ost; and þai conseilede þe Kyng so þat oppoñ a nyght þai ryden xxiiij<sup>14</sup> [myle] toward Bedford, þere þat þe Erl of Lancast' was wip his company, and þouzt haue him destroiede. and þat night she rode biside<sup>15</sup> the 20 Kyng' her' sone, as a knyzt armede, for drede of Deþ. ¶ And hit was done þe Kyng Edward to vnderstond, þat þe Erl Henry of Lancastre & his company wolde haue destroiede þe Kyng and his conseil<sup>16</sup> for euermore, wherfor þe Kyng was <sup>17</sup>somedel towardes 24 him<sup>17</sup> heuy & annoiede. ¶ When<sup>18</sup> þe Erl Marchal and þe Erl of Kent, þe Kyngus broþer, herde of þis þing', þai ryden so in message bituene ham, þat þe Kyng grantede him his pees to þe Erl Henry of Lancastre for a<sup>19</sup> certeyn raunsoñ of xj M<sup>+</sup> ti; but þat was 28 neuer <sup>20</sup>paiede afterward. ¶ And þise were þe Lordes þat Helde<sup>21</sup> wip Sir' Henry of Lancastre: Sir' Henry Beaumont', Sir' Fouk fitz-Warein, Sir' Thomas Rooselyn, Sir' William Trussel, Sir' Thomas Wyther', and about an Ċ of knyztez mo, þat<sup>22</sup> were to 32 ham consenting'; and alle þo were exilede þrou conseile of<sup>23</sup> Quene Isabel & of þe Mortymer', for þe Mortymer' couetede<sup>24</sup> forto haue

<sup>1</sup> and also of DO.    <sup>2</sup> of þe O.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 153, back.    <sup>4-4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5</sup> gerd D.    <sup>6</sup> MS. azeinz þe.    <sup>7-7</sup> om. O.    <sup>8</sup> to D.

<sup>9</sup> and þe D.    <sup>10</sup> ham forto help D.    hem for-to helpe O.

<sup>11-11</sup> om. DO.    <sup>12</sup> þis D.    <sup>13</sup> oppoñ D.    vpon O.    <sup>14</sup> xxiiij O.

<sup>15</sup> bisides D.    <sup>16</sup> Cumpanye O.    <sup>17-17</sup> toward hym sumdel D.

<sup>18</sup> wherfore O.    <sup>19</sup> MS. a a.    <sup>20</sup> leaf 154.    <sup>21</sup> helden O.

<sup>22</sup> þan sic O.    <sup>23</sup> of þe D.    <sup>24</sup> coniectede D.

her' londes, if he might þrouz eny maner coniettyng<sup>t</sup>; for he was so couetous, and hade to miche<sup>1</sup> his wille, and þat was Grete pitee.

How Kyng Edward<sup>d</sup> went ouer þe see forto Don his homage vnto  
4 þe Kyng of France for þe Duchee of Gyene. ¶ *Capitulo*  
*Ducentesimo Decimo nono.*<sup>2</sup>

**H**It was nouzt longe<sup>3</sup> after', þat þe Kyng of France, þrouz  
conseile of his Duszeperis, sent to Kyng<sup>t</sup> Edward<sup>d</sup> of  
8 *Engeland*, þat he shulde come to Parys, and do<sup>4</sup> his homage, as  
resouñ hit<sup>5</sup> wolde, for þe Duchee of Gyene. ¶ And so, þrouz  
consent of þe lordes of *Engeland*, Kyng Edward went ouer' þe  
see; [and] at<sup>6</sup> Ascenciouñ he come vnto<sup>7</sup> Parys þe iij zere of his  
12 regne, forto done his homage [vnto þe Kyng of Fraunce. and þe  
Kyng vnderfonge his homage]<sup>8</sup> and made michel<sup>9</sup> ioye and  
worship. But or Kyng Edward hade made his homage<sup>10</sup> vnto þe  
Kyng<sup>t</sup> of France,<sup>10</sup> hastely he was sent<sup>11</sup> azeyne into *Engeland*<sup>d</sup>  
16 þrouz þe Quene Isabel his moder'; and anone hastely he come  
azeyne into *Engeland*<sup>d</sup> oppoñ *Whitsonday*, wiþout<sup>12</sup> eny takyng  
leue of þe Kyng of *Fraunce*; wherefore he was wonder' worp  
[= wroth].

20 How Sir' Roger<sup>13</sup> Mortymer' bare him so<sup>14</sup> proudely &<sup>14</sup> hie.  
*Capitulo CC xx.*<sup>15</sup>

**A**Nd now shul ze<sup>17</sup> hure How<sup>18</sup> sir' Roger þe<sup>3</sup> Mortymer' of  
Wygemore, þat desirede and couetede to bene at an<sup>5</sup> hye  
24 state, so þat þe Kyng grantede him to bene<sup>19</sup> callede þe<sup>20</sup> Erl of<sup>21</sup>  
*Marche* <sup>22</sup>þrouz-out al his Lordeship. ¶ And he bicome þo so  
prout,<sup>23</sup> þat he wolde lese and forsake þe name þat his<sup>24</sup> Ancestre  
haden<sup>24</sup> euer bifore; And for þat enchesouñ he lete him calle Erl  
28 of<sup>21</sup> *Marche*<sup>22</sup>; And none of þe *communes* of *Engeland*<sup>d</sup> derste calle  
him by none<sup>5</sup> oþer name, for he was callede so, þrouz þe Kyngus  
crie þat men shulde calle him þe<sup>20</sup> Eri of<sup>21</sup> *Marche*. ¶ And þe  
Mortymer' <sup>25</sup>þo bare him<sup>25</sup> so hauten and so proude, þat wonder hit  
32 was to wete; and also disgisede him wiþ wonder' ryche clopes  
oute of al maner resouñ, boþe of shaping and of<sup>5</sup> wering<sup>t</sup>; Whereof

<sup>1</sup> mychel O.    <sup>2</sup> *MS.* octauo; viij<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>3</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>4</sup> done O.  
<sup>5</sup> *om.* D.    <sup>6</sup> at þe D.    <sup>7</sup> to O.    <sup>8</sup> *supplied from D.*    <sup>9</sup> myche O.  
<sup>10–10</sup> *om.* DO.    <sup>11</sup> sent for D.    <sup>12</sup> withouten D.    <sup>13</sup> Roger þe DO.  
<sup>14–14</sup> proutliche and so D.    proudly & so O.    <sup>15</sup> *MS.* xix.  
<sup>16</sup> *leaf 154, back.*    <sup>17</sup> he O.    <sup>18</sup> of DO.    <sup>19</sup> be O.    <sup>20</sup> *om.* DO.  
<sup>21</sup> of þe O.    <sup>22–22</sup> *om.* D.    <sup>23</sup> proude & so hauteyn O.  
<sup>24–24</sup> Ancestres had O.    <sup>25–25</sup> bar hym þ<sup>o</sup> O.

the Englisshe-men hade grete wonder<sup>1</sup>, how and<sup>1</sup> in what maner<sup>1</sup> he might contreue or fynde soche<sup>2</sup> maner pride; and þai saide amonges ham alle communeliche,<sup>3</sup> þat his pride shulde nouzt longe endure. ¶ And þe<sup>4</sup> same tyme, Sire Geffray þe Mortymer<sup>4</sup> þe zonge, þat was þe Mortymers sone, lete him calle Kyng of Folye; and so<sup>5</sup> hit bifelle affirward<sup>1</sup> indede, ffor he was so ful of pride and of wrecchednesse, þat he helde a rounde table in Walys to alle men þat<sup>6</sup> pider<sup>1</sup> wolde<sup>6</sup> come, and countrefetede<sup>7</sup> þe maner<sup>8</sup> &<sup>8</sup> doynge<sup>1</sup> of Kyng Arthure; table; but openly he failede, ffor þe noble Knyzt Arthure<sup>9</sup> was þe<sup>10</sup> moste worpi lord<sup>1</sup> of renoun þat was in al þe worlde<sup>11</sup> in his tyme, and<sup>12</sup> zitte come neuer non soche after<sup>1</sup> him, for alle þe noble knyzttes<sup>13</sup> þ[r]ou; Cristendome of dede<sup>12</sup> of Armes aloseded, du[e]lleded wiþ Kyng<sup>1</sup> Arthure, and helde him for her<sup>1</sup> lord<sup>1</sup>; and þat was wel sene,<sup>14</sup> for he conquerede<sup>15</sup> a Romayn þat me callede Frolle, & gete of him þe reaume of France, and quellede him wiþ his owen<sup>16</sup> hande.<sup>17</sup> ¶ And also he fauzt wiþ a Geaunt<sup>16</sup> þat me callede Dynabus and quellede him,<sup>18</sup> þat hade rauisshe<sup>19</sup> Elyne, þat was Kyng Hoeles nece, Kyng<sup>5</sup> of Litol Britaign; and afterward<sup>1</sup> he quellede in bataile þe Emperour of Rome, þat me callede Lucye, þat had<sup>1</sup> assemblede azeyns Kyng Arthur<sup>1</sup> forto feizt<sup>20</sup> wiþ him<sup>20</sup> so miche peple<sup>20</sup> of Romayns and of<sup>16</sup> Peiztes and of Sarasynus, þat no man couþ ham nombre; and he descomfitede ham alle, as þe story of him more pleynloker<sup>21</sup> telleþ. ¶ And<sup>1</sup> in þe<sup>22</sup> same tyme, commune loos sprong<sup>1</sup> in Engeland, þrou; conietting<sup>1</sup> and ordenaunce of þe frere Prechoures,<sup>23</sup> þat Sir<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup> of Carnaryuan, þat was Kyng Edwardus fader<sup>1</sup>, of whom þe geest<sup>24</sup> telles, saide<sup>24</sup> þat he was alif<sup>25</sup> in the castel of Corf; wherfore alle þe commune[s] almost of Engeland were<sup>26</sup> in sorwe and<sup>27</sup> drede<sup>28</sup> wheþer hit were so or<sup>28</sup> nouz; þai wist neuer<sup>1</sup> how<sup>29</sup> þe Mortymer<sup>1</sup> traiterously hade<sup>30</sup> done him mordre.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>1</sup> or D.      <sup>2</sup> such a O.      <sup>3</sup> communely D.      comunly O.

<sup>4</sup> þat D.      <sup>5</sup> om. D.      <sup>6-6</sup> wolde pider<sup>1</sup> D.

<sup>7</sup> Counterfete O.      <sup>8</sup> & þe O.

<sup>9</sup> MS. Arthure and, with and underlined for omission.      <sup>10</sup> om. DO.

<sup>11</sup> worde sic D.      <sup>12</sup> leaf 155.      <sup>13</sup> knyzttes D.      knyghtes O.      knyzt R.

<sup>14</sup> ysené O.      <sup>15</sup> conquerede in bataile D.      Conquered<sup>1</sup> in batayle O.

<sup>16</sup> om. O.      <sup>17</sup> hondes D.

<sup>18</sup> Dynab; and quellede him D.      Dynabus & qwelled<sup>1</sup> hym O.      Dynabus R.

<sup>19</sup> rauisshe<sup>1</sup> fair<sup>1</sup> D.      rafished<sup>1</sup> faire O.      <sup>20-20</sup> om. O.

<sup>21</sup> plenerly O.      <sup>22</sup> þat D.      <sup>23</sup> menours O.

<sup>24-24</sup> telleþ saiden D.      telleþ seyden D.      <sup>25</sup> on lif D.      <sup>26</sup> weren O.

<sup>27</sup> or D.      <sup>28</sup> or wer<sup>1</sup> D.      <sup>29</sup> how þat O.

<sup>30-30</sup> him done mordrede D.      ydone hym y-mordred<sup>1</sup> O.

How Edmunde of Wodestok, <sup>1</sup> þat was Erl of Kent, and þe Kyngus broþer, Edward of Carnaryuan, <sup>1</sup> was biheuedede <sup>2</sup> at Wynchestr'. *Capitulo CC<sup>o</sup> xxi<sup>o</sup>.*<sup>3</sup>

4 **A** Nd oppoñ a tyme hit was <sup>4</sup> so, þat Sir Edmunde of Wodestok, Erl of Kent, spake vnto þe Pope <sup>5</sup> Iohū þe xxij at Auy[n]on, and said þat Almyghty God had meny tymes done, for <sup>6</sup> Thomas loue <sup>7</sup> of Lancastre, meny Gret <sup>8</sup> miracles to meny men and <sup>9</sup> wymen 8 þat Were þrouz diuerse sikennesse <sup>10</sup> vndoñ as to <sup>11</sup> the world, and þrouz his praier þai were brouzt vnto hei' hele. ¶ And so Sir Edmunde praiede þe Pope <sup>12</sup> hertly þat he wolde graunt him grace þat þe forsaide Thomas might bene <sup>13</sup> translated; but þe Pope 12 saide, 'nay, he shulde nouzt bene <sup>13</sup> translatede, þe same Thomas, Erl of La[n]castre, vnto þe tyme þat he were bettre certefied of þe clergie of Engeland, and seyne by hir' obediens what þing God had done for þe loue of Thomas of Lancastre, after þe suggestioñ 16 þat þe forsaide Edmunde of Wodestoke, Erl of Kent, had vnto him made.' <sup>14</sup> ¶ And when þis Edmunde saw þat he miht nouzt spede of his purpos as tochyng þe translaciouñ, He praiede him þo of his conseile as toching Sir Edward of Carnaryuan, his broþer, 20 and saide <sup>7</sup> nouzt longe <sup>15</sup> goñ þat <sup>15</sup> he was Kyng of [England], what þing mygh[t] beste bene <sup>16</sup> done as tochyng his delyuerance, siþ þat a commune fame is <sup>17</sup> þrouz-out al Engeland þat he was alif, <sup>18</sup> and hole and saf. ¶ When þe Pope herde him telle þat Sir Edward 24 was alif, he commanded þe Erl, oppoñ his benisoñ, þat he shulde helpe, wiþ al þe power þat he might, þat he were delyuerede out of prisoñ, and saf his body in al maner <sup>19</sup> þat he myght; and, forto bryng þis þing vnto an ende, he assoilede him and his company a 28 pena & a culpa, and alle þo þat halpen to <sup>20</sup> his delyuerance.

¶ Tho tok <sup>21</sup> Edmunde of Wodestoke, Erl of Kent, his leue of þe Pope, and comme azeyn into <sup>20</sup> Engeland. And when Edmunde was comen <sup>22</sup> somme of þe frere prechoures come and saide þat Sir 32 Edward his broþer zitte was alyf in þe <sup>23</sup> Castel of Corf, vnder the keypyng of Sir Thomas þe <sup>24</sup> Gurnay. ¶ þo spede him þe forsaide

<sup>1-1</sup> om. D.      <sup>2</sup> beheded O.      <sup>3</sup> MS. xx.

<sup>4</sup> bifelle D.      befeh O.

<sup>5</sup> pope struck out, and Bisshop of Rome written over in another hand in O.

<sup>6</sup> for seynt D.

<sup>7</sup> om. O.

<sup>8</sup> grete mervailles D.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 155, back.

<sup>10</sup> maladyes DO.

<sup>11</sup> vnto DO.

<sup>12</sup> struck out in O.

<sup>13</sup> be O.

<sup>14</sup> y-made O.

<sup>15-15</sup> agone O.

<sup>16</sup> be DO.

<sup>17</sup> om. D.

<sup>18</sup> on lif D.

<sup>19</sup> in lyve O.

<sup>20</sup> vnto D.

<sup>21</sup> nome D.

<sup>22</sup> Come O.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 156.

<sup>24</sup> of D.

Edmund, as<sup>1</sup> faste as he might, til pat he come to<sup>2</sup> þe castel of Corf, and acqueyntede him,<sup>3</sup> and spake so faire wip Sir' Iohn Daueril, pat was conestable of þe forsaide castel, and 3af him riche ziftes forto haue acqueyntance of him, and forto<sup>4</sup> know of his 4 conseil. and þus hit bifelle, þat þe forsaide Sir' Edmund<sup>5</sup> praiede specialy forto telle him priuely of his lorde his broþer, Sir' Edward, if þat he leuede or were dede. <sup>6</sup>if þat<sup>6</sup> he were <sup>7</sup>on lif,<sup>7</sup> he praiede of<sup>8</sup> him <sup>9</sup>ones to haue<sup>9</sup> a sight. ¶ And þis Sir' Iohn <sup>8</sup>Daueril was an hye-hertede man, & ful of corage, and ansurede shortely vnto Sir' Edmund, and saide, þat Sir' Edward<sup>10</sup> his broþer was in hele & vnder' his kepyng, ¶ and derst shew him vnto no man, sip it was defendede him in the Kyngus half, Edward, þat was <sup>12</sup>Edward<sup>11</sup> sone of Carnauan, and also þrouz commandement of þe Quene Isabel, þe Kyngus moder', and of Sir' Roger þe Mortymer', þat he shulde<sup>12</sup> shew his body <sup>13</sup>to no man<sup>13</sup> of þe worlde, saf onely<sup>14</sup> vnto ham, oppoñ peyne<sup>15</sup> of lif and lyme, and to disherite- <sup>16</sup>souñ of his heires for euermore. but þe false traitour' falsely liede, for he was nouzt in his ward, but he was tak þens, and lade to<sup>16</sup> þe castel of Berkelee þrouz Sir' Thomas Gurnay, þrouz commandement of þe Mortymer, til þat he was dede, as bifore is saide more <sup>20</sup>plenerly.<sup>17</sup> ¶ But Sir' Edmund of Wodestok wist noþing, þat<sup>18</sup> his broþer was dede. Wheroppon he toke a letre vnto þe<sup>8</sup> forsaide Sir' Iohn, and praiede him hertly þat<sup>19</sup> he wolde take hit to<sup>20</sup> Kyng Edward his broþer, as to His worþi Lorde; and he toke<sup>21</sup> þe letre <sup>24</sup>of him, and bihight to him<sup>22</sup> forto done<sup>23</sup> his message wip-uten<sup>24</sup> eny maner' faile. and wip þat, Sir' Edmund to[k]<sup>25</sup> of him his leue, þat is to seyne, of þe forsaide Iohn, and went þo into his owen contre and Lordeship in Kent, þat he hade þer. ¶ And <sup>28</sup>anon as þis same Iohn wist' þat Sir' Edmund of Wodestoke was Gone into Kent, his owen Lordeship, anone he went in al the<sup>8</sup> haste þat he might fro þe castel of Corf, and come <sup>26</sup>to Sir' Roger<sup>26</sup> Mortymer, and toke him þe<sup>27</sup> letre þat Sir' Edmund of Wodestoke, <sup>32</sup>Erl of Kent, hade take him closede, & enselede<sup>28</sup> wip his owen seal.

<sup>1</sup> also D.    <sup>2</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>3</sup> om. DO.    <sup>4</sup> to DO.    <sup>5</sup> MS. Edward.

<sup>6-6</sup> and if D. and if þat O.    <sup>7-7</sup> a-lyve O.    <sup>8</sup> om. O.

<sup>9-9</sup> forto haue ones D. forto haue onys O.    <sup>10</sup> MS. Edmund.

<sup>11</sup> Edwardes DO.    <sup>12</sup> MS. shulde shulde.

<sup>13-13</sup> vnto nomaner' man DO.    <sup>14</sup> oneliche D.    <sup>15</sup> losse DO.

<sup>16</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>17</sup> pleyner' D.    <sup>18</sup> þat Edward DO.    <sup>19</sup> leaf 156, back.

<sup>20</sup> vnto DO.    <sup>21</sup> vnderfong' D.    vndirfonge O.    <sup>22</sup> sir Edmund DO.

<sup>23</sup> do O.    <sup>24</sup> withoute O.    <sup>25</sup> nome D.

<sup>26-26</sup> vnto sir' Roger þe DO.    <sup>27</sup> om. D.    <sup>28</sup> seled O.

¶ And when Sir Roger had vnderfonge þe lettre,<sup>1</sup> he vnclosede  
 2 þe lettre,<sup>2</sup> and<sup>1</sup> saw what was conteynede þerin, and gan<sup>3</sup> Hit  
 forto rede; ¶ Wherof þe bigynning<sup>4</sup> was þis :

4 “Worshippis and reuerence,<sup>4</sup> wip broþeres liegeance<sup>5</sup> and sub-  
 ieccioun. Sir knyght, worshipful and dere broþer! if it 3ow  
 plese, y pray<sup>6</sup> hertly þat 3e bene of gode comfort, ffor y shal so  
 ordeyne for 3ow, þat sone 3e shul come out of prisoun, and bene<sup>7</sup>  
 8 deliuerede of that disese þat 3e bep<sup>8</sup> in. and vnderstondep of 3our  
 Grete lordeshipe, þat y haue vnto me assentant almoste al þe grete  
 [lordes]<sup>9</sup> of Engeland, wip al her' apparail, þat is to seyne, wip  
 Armure, wip tresour' wipout nombre, forto mayntene and helpe  
 12 3our' quereþ so ferfourth that 3e shul ben<sup>7</sup> Kyng a3ein as 3e were  
 biforne;<sup>10</sup> and þat þai alle haue suorne to me oppoñ a boke, and  
 alsewel<sup>11</sup> prelates as<sup>9</sup> Erles & baroñs.”

¶ when Sir Roger þe<sup>12</sup> Mortymer' saw and vnderstode þe myght  
 16 and the<sup>13</sup> strengþ of the Lettre, anone for wrap his hert gan<sup>14</sup> bolne,  
 and euel hert bare toward Sir<sup>9</sup> Edmund' of Wodestok' þat was Erl  
 of Kent. ¶ and so, wip al þe haste þet he might, he<sup>15</sup> went vnto<sup>15</sup>  
 Dame Isabel þe Quene, þat was þe Kyngus moder', and shewede  
 20 her' Sir' Edmundus Lettr',<sup>16</sup> Erl of Kent,<sup>16</sup> and his wille and his  
 purpos, and how he hade coniettede & ordeynede to put adouñ  
 Kyng Edward of Wyndesore, hire sone, of his realte and of his  
 Kyngdome. ¶ “Now certes, sir Roger,” quod she,<sup>17</sup> “hap<sup>18</sup> Edmund'  
 24 done so? be my faderes<sup>19</sup> soule,” quod she, “y wil<sup>20</sup> bene þerof<sup>20</sup>  
 avengede, if þat God graunt me<sup>21</sup> my<sup>9</sup> lyf, and þat in a<sup>21</sup> shorte  
 tyme.” ¶ And anone wip þat, þe Quene Isabel went vnto Kyng'  
 Edward' here<sup>22</sup> sone, þere þat he was at þe<sup>9</sup> parlement at Wynchestre  
 28 forto haue amendede þe<sup>23</sup> wronges & trespasses<sup>23</sup> þat were done  
 amongus<sup>24</sup> þe peple in<sup>25</sup> his reame. ¶ And þo toke<sup>26</sup> she and  
 shewede him þe lettre þat Sir<sup>21</sup> Edmund' of Wodestok',<sup>16</sup> Erl of  
 Kent,<sup>16</sup> hade made, and ensealede it<sup>9</sup> wip his seal, and bade him,  
 32 oppoñ her'<sup>27</sup> benysoñ, þat he shulde avengede bene oppoñ him, as  
 oppoñ his dedeliche<sup>28</sup> enemy.<sup>29</sup> ¶ Tho was þe quene so wroþ toward'  
 Sir' Edmund',<sup>16</sup> Erl of Kent,<sup>16</sup> and cessede neuer to pray vnto her'

1-1 & O. 2-2 it D. 3 began O. 4 reuerences DO.  
 5 liegeaunces O. 6 praye 3ow D. 7 be O. 8 bene D.  
 9 om. O. 10 before O. 11 aswel D. asweel O. 12 of O.  
 13 leaf 157. 14 began to O. 15-15 sent to D. 16-16 om. O.  
 17 þe quene D. þe qwene O. 18 had O. 19 fader D. fadir O.  
 20-20 þerof bene D. be þerof O. 21 om. D. 22 he sic D.  
 23-23 trespasses and wronges D. 24 among O. 25 of D.  
 26 nome D. 27 he sic D. 28 dedely D. 29 MS. eneny.

sone þat he schulde sende in<sup>1</sup> haste after him. and oppon þat, þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> sent by his *lettres* after Sir<sup>1</sup> Edmunde of Wodestok<sup>1</sup>, þat he schulde<sup>2</sup> come &<sup>3</sup> speke wip him at Wynchestre, alle maner þinges lafte. ¶ And when Sir<sup>1</sup> Edmund<sup>1</sup> saw þat þe Kyng sent after him<sup>4</sup> 4 wip his *lettre* enselede, he hastede him in aH<sup>5</sup> þe hast<sup>5</sup> þat he myght<sup>1</sup>, til þat he come to Wynchestre. ¶ But<sup>6</sup> þo<sup>7</sup> þe Quene Wist þat Edmund<sup>1</sup> was come<sup>8</sup> vnto Wynchestre, and<sup>9</sup> anone she<sup>10</sup> *praiede* so faste<sup>10</sup> vnto Edward<sup>1</sup> her<sup>1</sup> sone, þat þe gode Erl was 8 arrestede<sup>11</sup> anone, & ladde vnto the barr<sup>1</sup> bifore Robert of Hamond<sup>1</sup>, þat was crouner<sup>12</sup> of þe Kyngus Household<sup>1</sup>; and he<sup>4</sup> asociede vnto<sup>13</sup> him Sir<sup>1</sup> Roger þe Mortymer<sup>1</sup>. and þo spake þe forsaide Ioh<sup>1</sup>n vnto him and saide: “¶ Sir<sup>1</sup> Edmund<sup>1</sup>, Erl of Kent, 3e shul 12 vnderston<sup>1</sup> þat it is done vs to wete, and principalli vnto oure liege lord<sup>1</sup>, Sir<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup>, Kyng of Engeland—þat Almyghty God saue and kepe!—þat 3e beþe<sup>14</sup> his dedely enemy & his *traitour*, and also a *commune* enemy vnto þe reaume; and þat 3e-haue<sup>15</sup> 16 bene about meny a day forto make priueliche<sup>16</sup> deliuerance of Sir<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup>, some-tyme Kyng of Engeland, 3our<sup>1</sup> broþer, þe<sup>4</sup> whiche was put adoune of his realte by *commune* assent of alle þe lordes of Engeland, in enpeiring<sup>17</sup> of our<sup>1</sup> Lord þe Kyngus Estate, and also 20 of his reaume.” ¶ þo ansuerede þe gode man and saide: “For-soþ, Sir<sup>1</sup>, vnderstandeþ wel þat y was neuer<sup>1</sup> assenting forto enpeir<sup>18</sup> þe state of our<sup>1</sup> Lorde þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, ne of his<sup>19</sup> croune, and þat y put me to ben<sup>20</sup> demede oppon<sup>21</sup> my pires.” ¶ And wip þat word<sup>1</sup>, Sir<sup>1</sup> 24 Roger þe<sup>4</sup> Mortymer<sup>1</sup> shewede him<sup>22</sup> þe Erles *lettre* & his seal, and saide þo: 23“Sir<sup>1</sup> Edmu<sup>1</sup>nde,<sup>23</sup> knowe 3e nouzt<sup>24</sup> þe prynt of þis *lettre* þat he<sup>25</sup> hade take vnto<sup>26</sup> Sir<sup>1</sup> Ioh<sup>1</sup>n DaueryH<sup>1</sup>?” and he saw þe print of his seal, but he saw nouzt what was contenede þerin; 27 28 and þe Erl him-self<sup>1</sup> wende þat hit hade bene<sup>28</sup> on of his *lettres* þat hade bene of no [charge]. 29 ¶ þo saide þe Erl to Sir<sup>1</sup> Roger Mortymer<sup>1</sup>, þat He wolde nouzt fo[r]sake þe *lettre*, and þat<sup>30</sup> was þe prynt of hi<sup>1</sup>s seal. and anone wip þat word, þe wile and<sup>31</sup> false 32

<sup>1</sup> in al O.    <sup>2</sup> schuld & sic O.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> om. D.

<sup>5-5</sup> om. DO.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 157, back.    <sup>7</sup> when D.    <sup>8</sup> comen D.

<sup>9</sup> om. DO.

<sup>10-10</sup> prayede and so fast<sup>1</sup> Went<sup>1</sup> D.    prayed & so faste wente O.

<sup>11</sup> areste O.    <sup>12</sup> Coroner<sup>1</sup> DO.    <sup>13</sup> to O.    <sup>14</sup> ben O.

<sup>15</sup> han O.    <sup>16</sup> prynyly O.    <sup>17</sup> peyryng<sup>1</sup> D.    pesynge O.

<sup>18</sup> appaire D.    <sup>19</sup> þe DO.    <sup>20</sup> be O.    <sup>21</sup> of D.

<sup>22</sup> ham D.    hem O.    <sup>23-23</sup> om. D.    <sup>24</sup> ouzt D.    oght O.

<sup>25</sup> 3e O.    <sup>26</sup> to O.    <sup>27</sup> in þe *lettre* DO.    <sup>28</sup> be O.    <sup>29</sup> leaf 158.

<sup>30</sup> þat it O.    <sup>31</sup> & þe O.



Mortymer' bygan to vndo pe *lettre*, and gan<sup>1</sup> hit forto rede in audience of al pe court. ¶ And þo saide Sire Robert of Hamuſh,<sup>2</sup> "Sir' Edmund," *quod* he, "siþ þat 3e haue made knowyng openly 4 in pis court þat pis is 3our' *lettre* ensealede wip 3our' seal, and þe tenour of pe<sup>3</sup> *lettre* seiþ þat 3e wolde haue<sup>4</sup> bene aboute forto haue<sup>4</sup> delyuerede þe body of þat worshipful knyzt Sir' Edward, some- tyme Kyng of Engeland, 3our' broþer, and forto helpe<sup>5</sup> him þat he 8 shulde haue<sup>6</sup> bene<sup>7</sup> Kyng a3eyne, and gouerne<sup>8</sup> his peple as he<sup>9</sup> was wont<sup>9</sup> bifore tymes, in empeiring of our' liege lorde þe Kyngus state,<sup>10</sup> þat is now,—wham God kepe fram alle desese!<sup>11</sup>—¶ And pis court wil þat 3e bene vndone of lif and lyme, and þat 3our' heires 12 bene disheritede for euermore, Saf þe *grace* of our' lorde þe Kyng'." þo was þe Erl, Sir' Edmund of Wodestok, put a3eyne into prisouñ, vnto<sup>12</sup> ful saf ward til oppoñ þe morwe; and þo come þe Mortymere vnto þe Kyng, þere þat he satte at his mete, and tolde him how 16 þe Erl was Dampned by wai of lawe, and also of lyf and lyme, and his<sup>13</sup> heires disheritede<sup>14</sup> for euermore, prou3 oppen knowe- liching<sup>15</sup> in plein court; wherfore him pouzt hit were gode þat þe forsaide Erl were hastely quellede, wipouten<sup>16</sup> wetyng of þe Kyng; 20 for elle3; <sup>17</sup>the Kyng wolde for3eue him his deþ, and þat shu[1]de turne ham<sup>18</sup> vnto miche<sup>18</sup> sorwe so as<sup>19</sup> he was enpechede. ¶ Anone þe Quene Isabel, prou3 conseile of þe Mortymer, and wipout eny opere conseile, sent in haste to þe baliffys of Wyncheſtr', þat pai 24 shulde smyte of Sir' Edmundes heede<sup>20</sup> of Wodestok, Erl of Kent, wipout<sup>21</sup> eny maner<sup>22</sup> abidyng' or respite oppoñ peyne<sup>22</sup> of lif and lyme. ¶ þo tok<sup>23</sup> þe bailliffes Sir' Edmund<sup>24</sup> of Wodestok<sup>24</sup> out of prisouñ, and lade him bisides the casteñ att Wyncheſtr', and 28 þere pai made a gonge-fermer' smyte of his heuede,<sup>25</sup> for none oper man derst hit done; & so deide he þere—allas the tyme!—þat is to seyne, the x Day of Ottobre, þe þridde<sup>26</sup> 3er' of Kyng Edwardes regne. And when þe Kyng wist þerof, he was wonder' sory, and 32 lete entere him at þe<sup>13</sup> ffrere menoures at Wyncheſtre.<sup>27</sup>

1 began O.    2 Hamond D.    3 3oure O.    4-4 om. O.  
5 haue holpen DO.    6 om. D.    7 be O.    8 gouerned O.  
9-9 woned O.    10 estate D.    11 diseses O.    12 vndir O.  
13 om. O.    14 disherite D. of his disherited O.    15 knowleche O.  
16 withoute O.    17 leaf 158, back.    18-18 to michel D. to myche O.  
19 as he D. as 3e O. as R.    20 heuede D.    21 with-outen D.  
22-22 biddyng' or respite oppoñ peyne D.    abydyng' or respyte vpon  
payne O. abidyng' or respite R.  
23 token O.    24-24 om. DO.    25 heed O.    26 iij O.  
27 MS. Wynchestres.

Of the Dep of Sir Roger Mortymer<sup>1</sup>, Erl of þe Marche. ¶ Capitulo  
¶ Ducentesimo ¶ <sup>1</sup>Vicesimo ¶ Secundo.<sup>1</sup>

And so hit bifelle at pat tyme, pat Sir Roger the<sup>2</sup> Mortymer<sup>1</sup>, Erl of the Marche, was so prout & so hauten, pat he helde no <sup>4</sup>lorde of the reaume<sup>3</sup> his pier<sup>1</sup>; and þo bicome he so couetouse, pat he folwede Dame IsabeH þe Quenes<sup>4</sup> court<sup>1</sup>, þe Kyngus moder<sup>1</sup> Edward, and bisette his penyworthe<sup>5</sup> wip þe officers of þe Quenes househalde in þe same maner as þe Kyngus<sup>6</sup> officeres deden; & so <sup>8</sup>he made his takyngus as tochyng<sup>1</sup> vitales, and also of cariages; and al he dede for enchesouñ of Spenses, and<sup>2</sup> forto gadre tresoure; and so he dede wipout nombre in al þat he myght. ¶ Tho made he him wonder<sup>1</sup> priuee <sup>7</sup>with þe Quene IsabeH; and so miche <sup>12</sup>Lordeshippe And retenue hade, so þat alle þe grete Lordes of Engeland<sup>1</sup> of him wer<sup>1</sup> adrade. wherfore þe Kyng and his Conseile towarde<sup>8</sup> him wer<sup>1</sup> agreuede, and ordeynede amongus ham forto vndo<sup>9</sup> him be<sup>10</sup> pure resouñ<sup>11</sup> and lawe, ffor enchesouñ pat Kyng <sup>16</sup>Edward<sup>1</sup>, pat was <sup>12</sup>þe Kyngus<sup>12</sup> fader<sup>1</sup>, traterously prouz him was mordred<sup>1</sup> in the castel of Berkelee, as bifore<sup>13</sup> is saide more plenerly, in the CC and xvij Chapter of þis book<sup>1</sup>. ¶ And somme þat were of þe Kyngus Conseil louede<sup>14</sup> þe Mortymer<sup>1</sup>, and tolde him in <sup>20</sup>priuetee how þat þe Kyng and his conseil wer<sup>15</sup> about fram<sup>16</sup> day to day hym forto shende and vndo;<sup>17</sup> Wherfore þe Mortymer<sup>1</sup> was sore annoiede, and angry as þe<sup>18</sup> Deuel azeynes ham pat wer<sup>1</sup> of þe Kyngus Conseil, and<sup>1</sup> saide þat he wolde on ham bene avengede, <sup>24</sup>how-se-uer he toke on. ¶ Hit was nouzt longe afterward<sup>1</sup>, þat<sup>19</sup> Kyng Edward<sup>1</sup> and Dame Philipp his wif<sup>1</sup>, and Dame IsabeH þe Kynges moder<sup>1</sup>, and Sir Roger Mortymer ne went vnto Notyngham, pere forto soiourne. ¶ and so hit bifell<sup>20</sup> þat þe Quene IsabeH, <sup>28</sup>prouz conseile of the<sup>21</sup> Mortymer<sup>1</sup>, toke to her<sup>1</sup> þe<sup>2</sup> keyes of þe zate<sup>22</sup> of þe castelle of Notyngham, so þat no man might come neper in ne<sup>23</sup> out by nizt, but prouz þe<sup>2</sup> commandement of þe Mortymer<sup>1</sup>, ne þe Kyng<sup>1</sup>, ne none of his Conseil. ¶ And pat tyme Hit felle<sup>24</sup> so <sup>32</sup>pat þe<sup>25</sup> Mortyme[r], as a Deuel for wrap, bolnede <sup>26</sup>for wrap<sup>26</sup> pat

<sup>1-1</sup> xxj<sup>o</sup> D.    <sup>2</sup> om. D.    <sup>3</sup> lande D.    <sup>4</sup> quenes DO.    kyngus R.

<sup>5</sup> penyworthes DO.    <sup>6</sup> quenes D.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 159.

<sup>8</sup> towards DO.    <sup>9</sup> vndone O.    <sup>10</sup> prouz D.    þurgh O.

<sup>11</sup> Treson O.    <sup>12-12</sup> Kyng Edwardes D.    <sup>13</sup> aboue D.

<sup>14</sup> Loueden DO.    <sup>15</sup> weren O.    <sup>16</sup> fro O.    <sup>17</sup> vndone D.

<sup>18</sup> a D.    <sup>19</sup> þat þe D.    <sup>20</sup> fel D.    <sup>21</sup> om. O.

<sup>22</sup> zates DO.    <sup>23</sup> nor O.    <sup>24</sup> bifelle D.    <sup>25</sup> þe DO.    om. R.

<sup>26-26</sup> om. D.    & also for wrathe O.

he hade toward<sup>1</sup> the Kynges men Edward, and principally<sup>2</sup> azeins ham pat<sup>3</sup> hade him<sup>3</sup> accusede to þe Kyng of þe dep of Sire<sup>4</sup> Edward his<sup>4</sup> fader. ¶ And priueliche<sup>5</sup> a conseile<sup>6</sup> was taken<sup>7</sup> bituene 4 <sup>8</sup> Quene Isabel<sup>8</sup> and the Mortymer', and þe Bisshop of Lincolne, and Sir Symond of Bereford and Sir Hughe of Trompeton,<sup>9</sup> and oper priue of hir' conseile, forto vndo<sup>10</sup> ham alle þat hade accusede þe Mortymer' vnto the Kyng of his fadres dep, <sup>11</sup> Sir Edward,<sup>11</sup> of 8 tresoun and of felonye. Wherefore alle þo þat were of the Kynges Conseile, when þai wist of the Mortymeres castyng pryuely, comen<sup>12</sup> to þe Kyng Edward, and saide þat þe Mortymer' wolde ham<sup>13</sup> destroie, for cause þat þai had accusede him of Kyng<sup>14</sup> Edwardus 12 Dep, his fader', & praiede him þat<sup>15</sup> he wolde maintene ham in her' trew quereH; and þe Kyng granted ham hir' bone, and saide þat<sup>16</sup> he wolde maintene ham in hir' right. ¶ And þise were þe lordes 17 þat pursuede<sup>17</sup> þis quereH: Sire William Montagu, Sire Hunfray 16 de Boungh, Sire William his broper, Sire Rauf of Stafford, Sire Robert of Hufford, Sir William of Clynton, Sir Iohn Neuy of Horneby, and meny opere of her' consent; and alle þise suorne oppon a<sup>18</sup> bok to mayntene þe quereH in-asmiche<sup>19</sup> as thei<sup>20</sup> 20 might.

¶ And hit<sup>21</sup> bifelle so after, þat Sir William Mountagu ne none of þe Kynges frendes moste nouzt<sup>24</sup> bene<sup>22</sup> herburghede in the castel, for the Mortymer', but went & toke her' herbugage<sup>23</sup> in 24 diuerse places in<sup>24</sup> the toune of Notingham; and þo were þai sore adrade leste þe Mortymer' shulde ham destroie. ¶ And in haste pere come vnto<sup>25</sup> Kyng Edward, Sir William Mountagu pere pat he was in his castel, <sup>26</sup>and priuely tolde him þat he ne none of his 28 company shulde nouzt take þe Mortymer wipout conseil & helpe of William of Eland, Conestable of þe same casteH. ¶ "Now certes," quod þe Kyng, "y leue þow ful wel; and þefore y conseile þow þat 3e go<sup>27</sup> to þe forsaide conestable,<sup>28</sup> and commande<sup>29</sup> him in my name 32 þat he be þour' frende and þour' helpe forto take the Mortymer', al

<sup>1</sup> azeines D. azens toward O.    <sup>2</sup> priueliche D.    <sup>3-3</sup> him hade D.

<sup>4-4</sup> Edwardes O.    <sup>5</sup> priuely D.    pryuely O.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 159, back.

<sup>7</sup> take O.    <sup>8-8</sup> MS. quene quene Isabelbel; þe quene Isabel DO.

<sup>9</sup> Trumpyngton) O.    <sup>10</sup> vndone O.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. DO.

<sup>12</sup> come O.    <sup>13</sup> altered from him in MS.    <sup>14</sup> om. D.

<sup>15</sup> MS. þat þai, with þai underlined for omission.    <sup>16</sup> om. DO.

<sup>17-17</sup> to pursue DO.    <sup>18</sup> þe DO.

<sup>19</sup> in-alse-miche D.    <sup>20</sup> þai D.    þey O.    hei R.    <sup>21</sup> MS. his.

<sup>22</sup> be O.    <sup>23</sup> herburghe D.    herburgh O.    <sup>24</sup> of D.    <sup>25</sup> vnto þe O.

<sup>26</sup> leaf 160.    <sup>27</sup> gone D.    <sup>28</sup> om. O.    <sup>29</sup> comaundeth O.

ping<sup>1</sup> lafte, oppoñ peril of lyf and<sup>2</sup> lyme." "3 Sir," quod<sup>3</sup> Mountagu,<sup>4</sup>  
 " Sir, my lord, graunt mercy!" ¶ Tho went forth the forsaide  
 Mountagu, and come to þe conestable of þe<sup>5</sup> casteH, and tolde him þe  
 Kyngus wille. and he ansuereð and saide þe Kynges wille shulde<sup>4</sup>  
 be<sup>6</sup> done, in-asnichel<sup>7</sup> as he might, and wolde nouzt spare for no  
 maner' dep; and so he<sup>8</sup> suore and made his oth. ¶ þo saide Sir'  
 William of Mountagu<sup>9</sup> to þe conestable,<sup>9</sup> in<sup>10</sup> hering<sup>1</sup> of<sup>11</sup> alle ham<sup>11</sup>  
 pat were<sup>12</sup> Helpyng<sup>13</sup> to þe same<sup>13</sup> quereH: " Now certes, dere<sup>8</sup>  
 frende, vs bihoueþ forto<sup>14</sup> werche and done by þour<sup>15</sup> queyntise, to  
 take þe Mortymer', siþ pat 3e bene<sup>16</sup> keper of þe casteH, and haueþ<sup>17</sup>  
 þe keyes in<sup>18</sup> þour' [warde]." ¶ " Sir," quod þe conestable, " wil  
 3e vnderstonde pat þe gates of þe castel bep<sup>19</sup> loked wiþ þe lokes<sup>12</sup>  
 pat Dame Isabel sent hider'; and by nyght she haþ þe keyes þerof,  
 and leiþ ham vnder þe cheuesel of her' bede vnto the morne; and  
 so y may nouzt come into þe castel by þe 3ates in no maner' wise;  
 but y know a<sup>20</sup> Alie pat stracches<sup>21</sup> out of the ward, vnder' erpe,<sup>16</sup>  
 vnto<sup>22</sup> the castel, þat goþe into<sup>23</sup> þe weste, the<sup>24</sup> whiche alie Dame  
 Isabel<sup>25</sup> þe Quene, ne none of her' men, ne<sup>11</sup> þe Mortymer', ne  
 none of his company knoweþ hit nouzt; and so y shal lede þow  
 þrouz pat<sup>26</sup> Alie; and so 3e shul come into þe castel wiþout<sup>27</sup> aspies<sup>20</sup>  
 of eny man pat bep þour' enemys."

¶ And pat<sup>28</sup> same nyght Sir' William Mountagu, & alle the  
 lordes of þe<sup>29</sup> quereH, and þe same Conestable also,<sup>30</sup> went ham<sup>30</sup> to  
 horse, and made<sup>31</sup> semblant as hit wer' forto wende out of þe<sup>24</sup>  
 Mortymeres sight; but anone as þe Mortymer' herde þis tydyngus,<sup>32</sup>  
 he wende pat þai wolde haue gone ouer þe see for drede of him;  
 & anone he and his company toke conseile amonges ham forto lette  
 hir' passage, and sent lettres anone vnto the portes, so pat none of<sup>28</sup>  
 the grete lordes shulde wende<sup>33</sup> ham home into<sup>33</sup> her' owen contre,  
 but if he were areste & taken. ¶ And amonge<sup>34</sup> opere þingus,  
 William Eland, Conestable of þe forsaide castel, priueliche<sup>35</sup> lade  
 Sir' William Mountagu and his company by þe forsaide way vnder<sup>32</sup>

1 pinges D.      2 & of O.      3-3 þo saide þe D.      4 Mountagu þo O.  
 5 þe same D.      6 ben D.      7 in-alsemichel D.      inasmyche O.  
 8 om. D.      9-9 om. D.      10 in hem sic O.      11 om. O.  
 12 wer' þere O.      13-13 vnto þe D.      to þe O.      14 to D.  
 15 þour counseile and D.      16 bep D.      be O.      17 haue O.  
 18 MS. in in.      19 be O.      20 an D.      21 straccheþ D.      strecheþ O.  
 22 into DO.      23 vnto D.      24 om. DO.      25 leaf 160, back.  
 26 MS. þat casteH, with casteH *underlined for omission.*  
 27 wiþ-outen D.      28 þe DO.      29 his O.      30-30 wenten D.  
 31 maden O.      32 tydynges O.      33-33 home vnto DO.  
 34 amonge al D.      35 om. D.      pryuyly O.

the<sup>1</sup> erþ, so<sup>2</sup> til pat pai comen into<sup>3</sup> the castel, and went vp into<sup>4</sup> the Toure pere pat pe Mortymer<sup>5</sup> was in.<sup>5</sup> But Sir<sup>6</sup> Hughe of Trompitoñ<sup>6</sup> ham ascriede hidously, and saide, “A, traitoures! hit<sup>4</sup> is al<sup>5</sup> for nouzt pat ze<sup>7</sup> bep comen<sup>7</sup> into þis castel. ze shul dye zitte in<sup>2</sup> euel dep euerychoñ.”<sup>8</sup> And anone on of ham pat was in the<sup>1</sup> Mountagues company, vp wip a mace, and smote the same Hughe oppoñ pe heuede,<sup>9</sup> pat pe bray[n] barst<sup>10</sup> out and felle on 8 pe Ground; and so was he dede in euel dep. ¶ Tho toke<sup>11</sup> pai pe Mortymer<sup>7</sup>, as he<sup>12</sup> Armede him atte pe toures<sup>13</sup> dore, When he herde pe noise of ham for drede. And When<sup>14</sup> Quene Isabeł saw pat pe Mortymer<sup>7</sup> was taken,<sup>15</sup> she made miche sorwe in hert, and 12 pise wordes vnto ham saide: ¶ “Now, fair<sup>16</sup> sires, y 3ow praye pat ze done non<sup>16</sup> harme vnto his body; a worpi knyzt,<sup>17</sup> our<sup>18</sup> wel bilouede frende and our<sup>19</sup> dere cosyñ.” ¶ Tho went pai pens, and come<sup>19</sup> & brouzt the Mortymer, and presentede him vnto Kyng 16 Edward, and<sup>20</sup> commaundede to brynge him into<sup>21</sup> sauf ward. ¶ But anone as pai pat were consent vnto<sup>22</sup> pe Mortymeres doynge herde telle pat he was taken,<sup>23</sup> pai went and hid ham, and priueliche<sup>24</sup> by nizt went out of the toune, eueryche<sup>25</sup> on<sup>26</sup> 20 his side, wip heuy hert and mornyng, & leuede oppoñ her oweñ<sup>1</sup> londes as wel as pai myght. ¶ And so pe<sup>27</sup> same 3er<sup>28</sup> pat<sup>29</sup> pe Mortymer was taken,<sup>30</sup> he hade at his retynu<sup>xx</sup> ix<sup>31</sup> knyghtz, wipouten<sup>32</sup> squyers & serieantz of Armes and footmen. And po 24 was pe Mortymer<sup>7</sup> lade to Londoñ, and Sir<sup>33</sup> Symond of Bereford was lad wip him, and was<sup>33</sup> take to pe conestable to kepe. ¶ But afterward was pe Mortymers lif examynede at Westminster bifore pe Kyng<sup>4</sup> & bifore<sup>5</sup> alle pe grete Lordes of Engeland for peril pat 28 might falle to<sup>4</sup> pe reaume, & forto<sup>34</sup> enquer<sup>34</sup> also whiche wer<sup>34</sup> assentynge vnto<sup>34</sup> Sir<sup>34</sup> Edwardes dep, pe Kyngus fader<sup>34</sup>, and also prouz whom pe Scottes askaped at<sup>35</sup> Stanhope into Scotland wipout pe wille of Kyng Edward; ¶ And also how the chartre of Ragaman 32 was delyuerede vnto pe Scottes, wherin<sup>36</sup> pe Homages and<sup>37</sup> feautees

<sup>1</sup> om. DO.    <sup>2</sup> om. O.    <sup>3</sup> vn-to O.    <sup>4</sup> vnto D.    <sup>5</sup> om. D.

<sup>6</sup> Trumpyngton) O.    <sup>7-7</sup> be come O.    <sup>8</sup> echeon O.

<sup>9</sup> heed) O.    <sup>10</sup> brast DO.    <sup>11</sup> token O.

<sup>12</sup> MS. has pai underlined for omission, and he written in the margin.

<sup>13</sup> leaf 161.    <sup>14</sup> when p<sup>e</sup> D.    whan p<sup>e</sup> O.    <sup>15</sup> take O.    <sup>16</sup> no O.

<sup>17</sup> knyzt and D.    <sup>18</sup> a O.    <sup>19</sup> comen O.    <sup>20</sup> and he DO.

<sup>21</sup> in O.    <sup>22</sup> to D.    <sup>23</sup> take O.    <sup>24</sup> pryuyly O.

<sup>25</sup> euerychoñ D.    eche O.    <sup>26</sup> in O.    <sup>27</sup> pat DO.

<sup>28</sup> MS. nyght underlined for omission, and 3er<sup>28</sup> written in the margin.

<sup>29</sup> MS. pat pat.    <sup>30</sup> take O.    <sup>31</sup> ix score DO.    <sup>32</sup> withoute O.

<sup>33</sup> werne D.    <sup>34</sup> to DO.    <sup>35</sup> fro DO.    <sup>36</sup> leaf 161, back.    <sup>37</sup> and p<sup>e</sup> O.

of Scotland<sup>1</sup> were<sup>1</sup> contened, þat þe Scottes shulde do<sup>2</sup> euermore to<sup>3</sup> þe Kyngus of Engeland for þe reaume of Scotland. Wherefore in his absence<sup>4</sup> he was dampned to bene<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>honget & draw<sup>5</sup> for his tresouñ. And þis meschief come to<sup>3</sup> him on Seint Andrewes 4 eve,<sup>6</sup> In þe 3ere of þe incarnacion of our<sup>7</sup> Lord<sup>7</sup> Ihesu Criste, M<sup>7</sup> CCC<sup>7</sup> xxx.

**How Kyng Edward<sup>8</sup> gete a3eyn<sup>8</sup> into his honde<sup>8</sup> graciouslyliche<sup>9</sup> þe feautes and þe<sup>10</sup> homages of Scotland, wherof he was 8 put out prou3 þe false conseil of IsabeH his moder, & of Sir Rogere Mortymer<sup>4</sup> þat was made<sup>4</sup> Erl of þe<sup>11</sup> Marche. Capitulo Ducentesimo xxij<sup>to.12</sup>**

**N**OW<sup>13</sup> 3e haue [herde] Lordes, how Sir Iohn of Bailoil, in 12 tyme of pees, was chosen to bene<sup>14</sup> Kyng of Scotland, for encheson þat he come of þe eldest douzter of þe Erl Dauid of Huntingdon, <sup>15</sup> þat was Kyng Alisaundres broper of Scotland, þat<sup>16</sup> deide wipouten<sup>17</sup> heir<sup>7</sup> of his body bigeten; <sup>18</sup> and how þis Iohn made 16 feaute & homage to Kyng Edward, þat was Kyng Henries sone þe prid, for his landes of Scotland; and how he afterward wipsaide<sup>19</sup> his homages,<sup>20</sup> prou3 conseile of þe Scottes, In þe<sup>21</sup> 3ere of the<sup>10</sup> Incarnacion M<sup>7</sup> cclxxij<sup>o</sup>,<sup>22</sup> and <sup>23</sup>sende vnto<sup>23</sup> þe pope,<sup>24</sup> prou3 false 20 suggestioñ þat he made his oth vnto<sup>25</sup> þe forsaid sir<sup>26</sup> Edward, ouer his estate and his wille, of þe<sup>11</sup> whiche oth þe Pop<sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup>assoilede him,<sup>28</sup> prou3 his bulles to him sent. ¶ And anone as Kyng Edward wiste perof, he ordeynede anone his <sup>29</sup>barons, and come 24 Vnto Berewike, and conquerede þe toune; at þe<sup>30</sup> whiche conqueste þere were slayn xxv M<sup>7</sup> & vij<sup>c</sup>. and<sup>31</sup> Bailoil, þat was Kyng of Scotland, come<sup>11</sup> & zelde him vnto Kyng Edward; and þe Kyng afterward<sup>32</sup> delyuerede him out of þe tour of Londoñ, and alle þe 28

<sup>1</sup> werin sic O.    <sup>2</sup> done DO.    <sup>3</sup> vnto O.    <sup>4-4</sup> om. O.

<sup>5-5</sup> drawe and hongete D. to be drawe & honged<sup>t</sup> he was dampned<sup>t</sup> O.

<sup>6</sup> eve & DO.    <sup>7</sup> CCC and O.    <sup>8-8</sup> vnto him D.    vnto hym O.

<sup>9</sup> graciously alle O.    <sup>10</sup> om. DO.    <sup>11</sup> om. D.

<sup>12</sup> MS. xxiiij; xxij<sup>do</sup> D.    xxiiij<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>13</sup> How sic O.    <sup>14</sup> be O.

<sup>15</sup> Heretyngeñ D.    Heretyngeton<sup>o</sup> O.    <sup>16</sup> MS. pai.    <sup>17</sup> withoute O.

<sup>18</sup> begete O.    <sup>19</sup> forsoket O.    <sup>20</sup> homage DO.    <sup>21</sup> per sic O.

<sup>22</sup> CCCLxxij O.    <sup>23-23</sup> sent to D.    sent vnto O.

<sup>24</sup> pope struck out, and bysshope of Rome written over in a different hand in O.

<sup>25</sup> to D.    <sup>26</sup> kyng<sup>t</sup> DO.

<sup>27</sup> pope struck out, and bisshope written over in O.

<sup>28-28</sup> him assoilede D.    hym assoylled<sup>t</sup> O.    assaide him R.    <sup>29</sup> leaf 162.

<sup>30</sup> om. O.    <sup>31</sup> And þe DO.    <sup>32</sup> Edward D.

grete lorde[s] of Scotland wip him, þat were taken<sup>1</sup> at Berwike, and 3af ham sauf condit to goñ into Scotland. And the Scottes seþenes, prou3 her' falsnesse, werrede oppoñ Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup>.

4 ¶ And when Sir' Iohñ Bailoile, Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Scotland<sup>1</sup>, saw al þis, he went & put him ouer<sup>2</sup> þe<sup>3</sup> see vnto Dompier', and leuede þere oppoñ his owen landes as wel as he might, til þat þe Scottis wolde amende ham of hir' misdedes & trespasse3;<sup>4</sup> and lad with him Sir'

8 Edward<sup>1</sup>, his sone. Wherfore þe Scottes, in despite of him, callede him "Sir' Iohñ Turnetabard<sup>1</sup>,"<sup>5</sup> for cause þat he<sup>6</sup> wolde nou3t<sup>6</sup> offende ne trespasse a3eynes Kyng<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup> of Engeland; and so he forsoke his reaueme of Scotland, and sette þerof but litil pris.

12 ¶ And þis Sir' Iohñ, Longe duellede in Fraunce, til þat he deide þere; and Sir' Edward<sup>1</sup> his sone<sup>7</sup> vnderfonge his heritage,<sup>7</sup> and dede homage vnto þe Kyng<sup>1</sup> of France for his landes of Dounpier'.

¶ And so hit felle afterward<sup>1</sup> þat Edward<sup>1</sup>, þat was Iohñ 16 Bailoilles sone, had<sup>8</sup> wip him a squyer' of Engeland þat was born<sup>9</sup> in 3ork-shire, þat men callede Iohñ of Barnaby; and þis<sup>10</sup> Edward<sup>1</sup> Bailoil louede him miche, & was nei3 him, and<sup>11</sup> wip him<sup>11</sup> ful pryuee. <sup>12</sup>¶ And so þis Iohñ of Barnaby was in debate with a

20 Frenche-man in þe toune of Dounpier'; and so he quelled him, and went in his way, in al the haste þat he might, into þe castel fortill<sup>13</sup> haue socoure and helpe of his lord<sup>1</sup>. ¶ And anone come þe

24 and Sir' Edward<sup>1</sup>, his lorde, halpe him, and rescuede him,<sup>3</sup> and by ny3t made him wende out of the castel; and so he went his way, and come into Engeland with-oute<sup>16</sup> eny harme. ¶ And when þe Kyng of Fraunce saw þat<sup>17</sup> Sir' Edward<sup>1</sup> had rescuede his

28 felouñ, he bicome wonder' wroþ a3eyns Sir' Edward<sup>1</sup>, and anoñ lete him bene<sup>18</sup> arest<sup>1</sup>, and toke into his hande alle his landes. ¶ Tho duellede Sir' Edward in prison vnto þe tyme þat Sir' Henry<sup>19</sup> Beaumon<sup>1</sup> come into Fraunce; þe whiche Henry<sup>20</sup> some-tyme

32 was<sup>20</sup> Erl of Angos<sup>21</sup> in Scotland, prou3 his wif,<sup>21</sup> and was put out of þe forsaide Erdome when þe accord<sup>1</sup> was made<sup>22</sup> bituene Engeland & Scotlan<sup>1</sup>, prou3 þe Quene IsabeH & Sir' Rogere þe<sup>23</sup>

<sup>1</sup> take DO.    <sup>2</sup> one D.    <sup>3</sup> om. O.    <sup>4</sup> trespas O.

<sup>5</sup> Turnelabard<sup>1</sup> DO.    <sup>6-6</sup> ne wolde O.    <sup>7-7</sup> his heritage vndirfonge O.

<sup>8</sup> lad<sup>1</sup> O.    <sup>9</sup> bore O.    <sup>10</sup> MS. þis þis.    <sup>11-11</sup> om. DO.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 162, back.    <sup>13</sup> for-to O.    <sup>14</sup> Toun of Dunpiere O.

<sup>15</sup> forto DO.    fortok R.    <sup>16</sup> wipouten D.

<sup>17</sup> MS. þat kyng, with kyng underlined for omission.    <sup>18</sup> be DO.

<sup>19</sup> Henry of D.    Henry of O.    <sup>20-20</sup> was sumtyme O.

<sup>21-21</sup> prou3 his wif<sup>1</sup> in Scotland<sup>1</sup> D.    <sup>22</sup> om. DO.    <sup>23</sup> om. D.

Mortymer' & her' companye, for þe mariage þat she made bituene Dauld, þat was Robert þe Brus<sup>1</sup> sone, and Dame Iohn of<sup>2</sup> þe toure, Kyng Edwardus sustre of Engeland, and wel vnderstode<sup>3</sup> þis, þat at the ende he shulde come to his ryght, but if [it] were prou<sup>4</sup> þe<sup>4</sup> Edward Bailloil, þat was right heir' of the reaume of Scotland. ¶ And þe Kyng of Fraunce, Lowys, louede wel<sup>5</sup> þis Sir' Henry, and was wip him ful priuce, and þe<sup>6</sup> þou<sup>7</sup>z forto<sup>7</sup> make<sup>8</sup> delyuerance of Sir' Edward' Bailloiles body, if he might in eny maner. ¶ Tho<sup>8</sup> praiede he þe Kyng, þat he wolde graunt him of his grace Sir' Edward' Bailloilles body vnto þe next parlement, þat he mi<sup>9</sup>zt leue wip his owen rentes in þe mene-tyme, and þat he my<sup>9</sup>zt stande to bene<sup>10</sup> Iugede by his pieris at the<sup>11</sup> parlement. ¶ the Kyng<sup>12</sup> grantede him his praieres,<sup>12</sup> and made þe forsaide Sir' Edward' ben delyuerede out of prisoun in the maner' aboue-saide. and anone as he was out of prisoun, Sir' Henry toke him forth wip him, & lad him<sup>13</sup> into Engeland and<sup>14</sup> made him duelle priueliche<sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>in the<sup>16</sup> <sup>16</sup>Maner' of Sandhal oppo<sup>17</sup> Owes in 3orke-shire, wip þe Lady Vescy. and so he ordeynede him þere an Huge retenance of peple of Englisshemen, and also<sup>18</sup> of Aliens, forto conquere azeyne<sup>18</sup> his heritage. ¶ And so he gaf miche siluer' vnto soudeoures and to <sup>20</sup>Alienes forto helpe him; and þai bihight him forto helpe<sup>19</sup> in al þat þai<sup>20</sup> might, but þai failede him at his most nede.

And at þat tyme<sup>21</sup> Donalde, Erl of Morref, herde telle how þat Sir' Edward' was comen<sup>22</sup> into Engeland, and come to him, and <sup>24</sup>made wip him grete ioye of his commyng azeyne, and saide to<sup>23</sup> him, and bihigh[t] þat alle<sup>24</sup> grete lordes<sup>11</sup> of Scotland<sup>25</sup> shulde <sup>26</sup>bene to him<sup>26</sup> entendant, and <sup>27</sup>holde him<sup>27</sup> for hir' Kyng', as right heir' of Scotland. and so miche þai wolde done, þat he shulde <sup>28</sup>be<sup>28</sup> crownede Kyng of þat lande, and <sup>29</sup>to him dede<sup>29</sup> <sup>30</sup>feaute & Homage.<sup>30</sup> <sup>31</sup>þo come Sir' Henry of Beaumont' to Kyng Edward' of Engeland, and praiede him, in way of charite, þat he wolde grant

<sup>1</sup> Brus his O.    <sup>2</sup> at O.    <sup>3</sup> vnderstondeþ D.    <sup>4</sup> sir' DO.  
<sup>5</sup> miche D. mych O.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 163.    <sup>7</sup> to D.    <sup>8</sup> make a O.  
<sup>9</sup> most D. muste O.    <sup>10</sup> be O.    <sup>11</sup> om. O.  
<sup>12</sup> prayer' D. prayere O.    <sup>13</sup> him forth D.    <sup>14</sup> and laide sic D.  
<sup>15</sup> priuily O.    <sup>16-16</sup> at a D.    atte a O.    <sup>17</sup> op O.    <sup>18</sup> om. D.  
<sup>19</sup> helpe him D.    <sup>20</sup> he D.    <sup>21</sup> I-tyme sic O.  
<sup>22</sup> priuely come D.    priuily come O.    <sup>23</sup> vnto D.  
<sup>24</sup> alle þe D.    aþ þe O.    <sup>25</sup> Engeland' O.  
<sup>26-26</sup> to him bene D.    be to hym O.  
<sup>27-27</sup> shulde him holde D.    schuld' hym hold' O.    <sup>28</sup> bene D.  
<sup>29-29</sup> dede to him D.    dede to hym O.    <sup>30-30</sup> homage & feute O.  
<sup>31</sup> leaf 163, back.



of his grace vnto Sir' Edwarde Bailoil, þat he moste<sup>1</sup> saffiche gone<sup>2</sup>  
 bi land<sup>3</sup> fram<sup>3</sup> Sandhaß vnto Scotland<sup>4</sup>, forto conquare his riȝt  
 heritage in Scotland. ¶ the Kyng Edward ansuerede and saide  
 4 vnto him: "yf þat y soffre þe Bailoil wende þrouȝ my londe  
 toward Scotland<sup>4</sup>, þan þe peple wolde say þat <sup>4</sup>y were<sup>4</sup> assenting  
 to<sup>5</sup> þe company." ¶ "Now, Sir', y prairie ȝow þat ȝe wolde grant  
 him leue to take vnto [him] soudeoures of Engliſſhe-men, þat þai  
 8 myȝt saffy lede him þrouȝ ȝour' land<sup>6</sup> vnto<sup>6</sup> Scotland<sup>6</sup>; and, Sir',  
 oppoñ þis couena[n]t, þat if<sup>7</sup> it so bifalle—þat God hit forbede!—þat  
 þai bene<sup>8</sup> descomfited<sup>8</sup> in bataile þrouȝ þe Scottes, þat y and alle þe  
 lordes þat holden with Bailoil ben for euermore put out of oure<sup>9</sup>  
 12 rentȝ þat we haueþ in Engeland." ¶ and þe Kyng, oppoñ þis  
 couenant, grantede hir' bone, as toching him and þo þat were of  
 þe<sup>10</sup> same quereß, þe whiche cleimede forto<sup>11</sup> haue londes &<sup>12</sup> rentȝ  
 in þe reaume of Scotland. ¶ And þise were þe names of þe same  
 16 Lordes þat pursuede þis mater', þat is to seyn,<sup>13</sup> Sir' Edward<sup>14</sup>  
 Bailoil, þat chalangede þe reaume of Scotland; Sir Henry  
 Beaumont<sup>14</sup>, Erl of Angos; Sir' Dauid of Stroboly, Erle of Atheles;  
 Sire Geffray of Mountbray, Walter Comyn, and meny opere þat  
 20 were put out of hir<sup>15</sup> heritage in Scotland<sup>15</sup> when þe pees was  
<sup>16</sup>made bituene Engeland<sup>16</sup> and Scotland<sup>16</sup>, as bifore is saide.

¶ And ȝe shal vnderstonde þat þise lordes toke wiþ ham v C  
 men of Armes and ij M<sup>+</sup> Archires<sup>17</sup> of footmen, and<sup>18</sup> þo went vnto<sup>19</sup>  
 24 ship atte Rauenesere, and sailede by þe see til þat þai come<sup>20</sup> vnto  
 Scotland<sup>21</sup>, and<sup>21</sup> come to lande at Kynkecorne, xij mile fro<sup>22</sup> Seint  
 Iohnes toune, and sende<sup>23</sup> oute hier' shippes aȝeine, for þai shulde  
 nouȝt ben<sup>24</sup> hurt ne apairede,<sup>25</sup> neiþer þat no man shulde gone<sup>2</sup> into  
 28 shippe aȝeyne, þouȝ þat<sup>26</sup> þai hade nede, but abide at al periles, and  
 nouȝt flee, but <sup>27</sup>stande, and raþer<sup>27</sup> soffre deþ þan flee, to mayntene  
 hir' trew querelle. ¶ when þe Erl of Fif,<sup>28</sup> a fers man and a sterne,  
 herde telle þat þe Bailoil was comen<sup>29</sup> forto take þe lande of  
 32 Scotland<sup>32</sup>, he come in haste vnto Kynkecorñ wiþ x M<sup>+</sup> Scottes,  
 forto destourble him, þat he shulde nouȝt come to land. ¶ But  
 Sir' Edward<sup>32</sup> Bailoil and his company had taken þe land<sup>32</sup>, maugre

<sup>1</sup> miȝt D.      <sup>2</sup> go O.      <sup>3</sup> fro DO.  
<sup>4-4</sup> he shulde ben D.    he schuld ben O.      <sup>5</sup> vnto DO.      <sup>6</sup> into O.  
<sup>7</sup> om. D.      <sup>8</sup> were O.      <sup>9</sup> ȝour O.      <sup>10</sup> þat O.      <sup>11</sup> to DO.  
<sup>12</sup> or O.      <sup>13</sup> sey O.      <sup>14</sup> MS. Iohñ; Edward þe DO.      <sup>15</sup> om. D.  
<sup>16</sup> leaf 164.      <sup>17</sup> Archers and D.    Archiers & O.      <sup>18</sup> & of O.  
<sup>19</sup> into O.      <sup>20</sup> comen O.      <sup>21</sup> MS. at.      <sup>22</sup> fram D.      <sup>23</sup> sent DO.  
<sup>24</sup> be O.      <sup>25</sup> enpeirede D.    Empeyred O.      <sup>26</sup> om. O.  
<sup>27-27</sup> rather stande & O.      <sup>28</sup> Wif<sup>+</sup> sic D.      <sup>29</sup> come O.

him and his company, and him descomfitede; at þe whiche  
 scomfiture Sir' Alisandre of Seton<sup>1</sup> was þer quellede, and meny  
 oper. ¶ The Erl of Fif was þo wonder' sory, and ful euel<sup>2</sup>  
 shamede<sup>3</sup> þat so litil<sup>4</sup> company hade him descomfitede, and shame- 4  
 fulliche<sup>5</sup> put<sup>6</sup> him & alle<sup>6</sup> his company þat was<sup>7</sup> alif forto flee.<sup>8</sup>  
 þo come Sir' Edward the<sup>9</sup> Bailoil, and toke þe contre al about him,  
 til þat<sup>10</sup> he come to þe Abbay of Dunfermelyn; and þere he fonde  
 vitailles for him and<sup>11</sup> for his men.<sup>12</sup> and amonge aȝ oper þinges, 8  
 He fonde in a chambre aboue<sup>13</sup> v̄ C̄ of grete<sup>14</sup> stafes of fyne oke,  
 with longe<sup>9</sup> pikes of yren and of stele: he tok<sup>15</sup> and<sup>16</sup> delyuerede  
 ham to þe most strongeste of his company. ¶ And anone after  
 he went fro þens, and loggede him in a felde ij mile fro Seint 12  
 Iohn<sup>16</sup> tonne. and<sup>17</sup> when þe burgeys of þe toune herde how þe Erl  
 was descomfitede prou<sup>3</sup><sup>17</sup> Sir' Edward<sup>18</sup> Bailloile, þai were sore  
 adrade, and broken þe briggez þat þai had<sup>18</sup> made ouer þe water of  
 Erne, so þat þe Bailoil might nouzt go<sup>19</sup> ouer; Wherefore he 16  
 loggede him þere al þat nyght, but litel hede he toke to<sup>20</sup> reste, and  
 saide vnto his peple, ¶ "Now, dere lordes, 3e knowe<sup>21</sup> ful wel þat  
 we bene<sup>22</sup> now<sup>9</sup> loggede<sup>23</sup> bituene oure enemys; and if þai mow vs  
 hampre, þere nys<sup>24</sup> but litil<sup>18</sup> dep; whe[r]fore if we abide here aȝ 20  
 pis nyght stille, y leue þat hit shal turne vs to miche harme; for þe  
 power' of Scotland<sup>1</sup> may euery day wax and encrease, and we may  
 nouzt so; and we bene ful<sup>25</sup> litel peple as azeins ham. wherefore y  
 praye 3ow, for the loue of Almyghty God, make we vs bolde and 24  
 hardy, and<sup>9</sup> þat we mow mightely take þe Scottes pis nyght, and  
 boldely werr' oppo<sup>n</sup> ham; and late vs pu[r]sue ham þis nigt; and<sup>26</sup>  
 if þai bene<sup>22</sup> traualaide prou<sup>3</sup> vs, and þai see oure hardynesse, so  
 þat opere Scottis þat comen, and mete ham & see ham so traualaide<sup>27</sup> 28  
 and very, þe sorer wil bene adrade wip vs forto feizten;<sup>28</sup> and  
 fressheliche<sup>29</sup> þan<sup>30</sup> we shullen<sup>30</sup> feizt, and oppo<sup>n</sup> Ham pursue, so  
 þat, prou<sup>3</sup> the grace of Almighty God<sup>1</sup>, al the worlde shal speke of<sup>18</sup>  
 þe<sup>32</sup> douztynesse of our' chaualry." ¶ And, sires, vnderstondep<sup>33</sup> 32

<sup>1</sup> Seton þe sone DO.    <sup>2</sup> il D.    <sup>3</sup> aschamed' O.    <sup>4</sup> l[i]tel a O.

<sup>5</sup> shamelich D.    shamelich O.    <sup>6-6</sup> him and D.    hym & al O.    & alle R.

<sup>7</sup> were D.    <sup>8</sup> slee sic D.    <sup>9</sup> om. D.    <sup>10</sup> om. DO.

<sup>11</sup> leaf 164, back.    <sup>12</sup> folc D.    <sup>13</sup> aboute O.    <sup>14</sup> gode D.

<sup>15</sup> nome ham D.    toke hem O.    <sup>16</sup> Iohnes D.    Iohnys O.

<sup>17</sup> burgh þe O.    <sup>18</sup> om. O.    <sup>19</sup> go O.    <sup>20</sup> of DO.    <sup>21</sup> Knowen D.

<sup>22</sup> he O.    <sup>23</sup> ylogged' O.    <sup>24</sup> is no bote O.    <sup>25</sup> but DO.

<sup>26-26</sup> om. D.    <sup>27</sup> y-trauaylled' O.    <sup>28</sup> fight O.

<sup>29</sup> fresshely D.    fersly O.    <sup>30-30</sup> schul we O.    <sup>31</sup> leaf 165.

<sup>32</sup> oppo<sup>n</sup> D.    <sup>33</sup> vnderstondes D.

wel þat aþ the company þat come<sup>1</sup> with Sir Edward Bailoile grauntede wel<sup>2</sup> vnto þis<sup>2</sup> conseil, and were þerof glade, and anone pursuede oppoñ þe Scottes þat wer<sup>3</sup> bicomen wonder<sup>3</sup> wery. and 4 þe Bailoile and his company sore folwede ham, and dede ham miche sorwe þrouz her<sup>3</sup> assaut, so þat þai myght nouzt, for feble, ham helpe, and for litel peple. ¶ But þo saide amongus ham: “ what is<sup>4</sup> vs now<sup>4</sup> bifalle, þat so litel peple as þe Bailoile haþ in 8 wenge, done vs so miche trauaile and sorwe? now certes hit semep vs þat he werches<sup>5</sup> by grace, for he is wonder graciose in his querelle, and al<sup>6</sup> we certes shul bene<sup>7</sup> dede er þat we may come to him, vs forto zelde, siþ þat his fader<sup>8</sup> sette of<sup>8</sup> vs no pris.”

12 ¶ And amonge alle opere þengus, þe Bailoile & his peple passede þe watere of Erne, so þat Sir Roger of Suynertoñ, þe<sup>9</sup> sone, was<sup>10</sup> fers and angri, and went forth; and þai saw miche<sup>11</sup> peple of men of armes ful wel arraiede; and forþ þai went vnto<sup>12</sup> ham, and<sup>13</sup> wiþ 16 ham fouzten,<sup>13</sup> and quelled as<sup>14</sup> meny as wolde abide, and<sup>15</sup> toke;<sup>16</sup> and nopelesse at þat assaut þai wende þat hit hade bene þe grete host of Scotland. and when hit come<sup>17</sup> to þe morne,<sup>17</sup> þai gadrede 18 ham and restede<sup>18</sup> a while. ¶ But þe while<sup>19</sup> þat þe Englissh- 20 men restede,<sup>20</sup> þe noble Baroñ Thomas<sup>21</sup> of Vesey, and<sup>22</sup> þe noble baroñ of Stafford, prekeden hir<sup>23</sup> horse vp and douñ by þe hulles, forto Kepe þe estres of þe contreye. ¶ and as þai prekeden vp and douñ, þai saw a grete hoste of gode arraye, ordeynede in iij 24 wenges, wiþ helmes and shelde<sup>24</sup> shynyng, comyng<sup>25</sup> oppon ham, and þo come þo ij lordes azeyne vnto<sup>26</sup> þe Bailoiles folc, and saide, “ Now, for the loue of Almyghty God, beþ of gode comfort, for 3e shul haue bataile anone right!” ¶ And þo spake Sir Fouk, þe 28 sone of Gerrein, a baroñ of grete renouñ and of dede of Armes: “ Sires lordynges, vnderstondeþ [þ]at y wil saien y haue seyne meny diuerse wenges, as wel amonges<sup>27</sup> Sarasynus and<sup>28</sup> Gewes as amonge þe Scottes; and zitt see<sup>29</sup> y neuer þe ferþe<sup>30</sup> part of þe 32 wenge feizten. and þerfor, and<sup>31</sup> we wil abide our<sup>31</sup> enemys, we beþ<sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> comen DO.    <sup>2-2</sup> to þat D. vnto þat O.    <sup>3</sup> þai D. þey O.

<sup>4-4</sup> now vs DO.    <sup>5</sup> worcheth O.    <sup>6</sup> om. D.    <sup>7</sup> be O.

<sup>8</sup> vpon D.    <sup>9</sup> þo D.    <sup>10</sup> þat was O.    <sup>11</sup> meny O.    <sup>12</sup> to D.

<sup>13-13</sup> fauzt with ham D.    <sup>14</sup> also D.    <sup>15</sup> or DO.    <sup>16</sup> take O.

<sup>17-17</sup> vnto þe morwe D.    <sup>18-18</sup> ham to-geder and restede ham D.

<sup>19</sup> whiles DO.    <sup>20</sup> restede ham D.    rested hem O.

<sup>21</sup> *Against this is written in the margin in a contemporary (?) hand: Thomas Vesey and the barron of Stafford.*

<sup>22</sup> om. O.    <sup>23</sup> leaf 165, back.    <sup>24</sup> sheldes D.    scheldes O.

<sup>25</sup> comy sic D.    <sup>26</sup> to D.    <sup>27</sup> among O.    <sup>28</sup> as O.    <sup>29</sup> saw DO.

<sup>30</sup> ferde D.    <sup>31</sup> if DO.    <sup>32</sup> ben O.

ynow forto feizt aʒeynes ham; but if<sup>1</sup> we be<sup>2</sup> nouzt of gode hert and of gode wille forto feizt wiþ ham, for certes<sup>3</sup> we ben ful<sup>4</sup> fewe aʒeyns þis company. ¶ And þerfore, for the loue of God, take we vnto vs gode hert, and lete vs bene<sup>5</sup> bolde; and þenke we<sup>4</sup> neiþer oppoñ<sup>6</sup> oure wifes ne<sup>7</sup> oppoñ our' cheldren, but oneliche<sup>8</sup> to conquer' ham in bataile; and, prou3 þe helpe of our' Lord God, oure enemys we shul<sup>9</sup> ouercome."

¶ And with þat, come þe hoste of þe<sup>10</sup> Scottes toward ham ful<sup>8</sup> sorely,<sup>11</sup> &<sup>10</sup> aʒeins Sir<sup>10</sup> Edward of<sup>12</sup> Bailoile, in iij baitailes wel araiede in Armure; and wonder fressheliche<sup>13</sup> þai comen<sup>14</sup> toward þe Bailoiles men. But when Sir' Donalde,<sup>10</sup> Erl of Marcile, saw al<sup>15</sup> þis, he saide to Robert þe<sup>10</sup> Brus, <sup>16</sup>þe sone of Robert þe<sup>17</sup> Brus,<sup>16</sup> 12 þise wordes: "Sir' Robert," quod he, "ful sore me forþenkeþ at myn hert þat þis folc, þat þe<sup>18</sup> Bailoile hap brouzt wiþ him, shulde<sup>19</sup> dye wiþ dent of Scottisshene menez<sup>20</sup> suorde,<sup>21</sup> siþ þat þai bene<sup>22</sup> Cristen men as wel as <sup>23</sup>we bene<sup>23</sup>; and þerfore me þenke<sup>24</sup> þat hit were 16 grete charite to sende vnto ham forto zelde ham vnto<sup>25</sup> our' mercy and grace, and raunsouñ ham<sup>26</sup> þrou3 greuou3 raunsoñs,<sup>27</sup> forasmiche as þai haue take<sup>28</sup> our' land and done ille."<sup>29</sup> ¶ "Now, certes," quod Sir' Robert<sup>30</sup> Danolde, "y haue wel perceyuede þat þow<sup>16</sup> art 20 an enemy and traitour vnto Scotland, siþ þat þow<sup>16</sup> wil<sup>31</sup> consent to saue oure dedely enemys þat haue<sup>32</sup> done vs miche sorwe and shame; and nowe hit semep wel<sup>33</sup> þat 3e bep<sup>2</sup> of her' assent." ¶ "Certes, Robert," quod Sir' Donald, "falseliche<sup>34</sup> 3e lye! y am 24 nouzt of her' company ne of her' consent; and þat hastely 3e shul see, for y wil feizt wiþ ham rapen þan eny of þis<sup>35</sup> company." "And certes," Sir<sup>10</sup> Robert saide, "y shal, <sup>36</sup>magre þin heede,<sup>36</sup> assaile ham or þow." ¶ And wiþ þat þai þrekenen<sup>37</sup> her' stedes fersely<sup>38</sup> oppoñ 28 Caskemore, and her' wenges ham folewede on a<sup>10</sup> renge. and þo come þai, and mette þe<sup>39</sup> Bailoile and his company at an hongen<sup>40</sup> bouzt of þe more in a streite passage. and so faste þai hastede ham vnto þe Englisshemen, so þat þousandes felle<sup>41</sup> to þe gronde, eche 32

1 if þat DO.      2 bene D.      3 certes we O.      certes R.      4 but O.  
5 be O.      6 on O.      7 neyþer O.      8 only O.      9 shullen D.  
10 om. D.      11 serely O.      12 þe DO.      13 ferselich D.      ferslych O.  
14 come DO.      15 leaf 166.      16-16 om. D.      17 om. O.  
18 þis O.      19 shul D.      schul O.      20 men D.      21 Swerdes O.  
22 bep D.      23-23 3e bep D.      24 þenkeþ D.      þinkeþ O.  
25 to DO.      26 þem O.      27 raunson O.      28 taken D.      29 euel D.  
30 Robert brus D.      31 wilt O.      32 hauen D.      33 vs D.  
34 falslye O.      35 his O.      36-36 maug[r]e þine of þin heuede sic D.  
37 þrekede D.      38 ferslych O.      39 wiþ D.      40 hongyng O.  
41 fellen D.

oppoñ *oper*, <sup>1</sup>into on hepe, <sup>1</sup>hope horse and man. ¶ The Bailoile  
<sup>2</sup>and his men þo<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>mighgtely stoden azeynes Ham, and faste  
 quelledede þe Scottis vnto þe grounde, & meny sore woundede, so longe  
<sup>4</sup>til þat þai stoden oppoñ ham, and foynede ham with her' suordes  
 & speres prou3-out here bodyes; and so sore trauailede oppoñ ham  
 til þai<sup>4</sup> bicome<sup>5</sup> ful wery, and wist nouzt what to done. and þe  
 Scottes þat were lafte alif' fledden to saue ham-self, in the best  
<sup>8</sup>maner þat þai myght. ¶ And þo pursuede<sup>6</sup> Edward Bailoile & his  
 men, and quelledede of ham <sup>7</sup>til þat hit was nyght.<sup>7</sup> and fro þens þai  
 went vnto<sup>8</sup> Seint Iohnes Toune, and toke hit, and helde ham þere  
 and vitailedede ham-self' atte her' owen wille, for þai fonden ynouz<sup>9</sup>  
<sup>12</sup>wherwith to make ham mery. ¶ þo made þe Bailoile his men þat  
 wer' woundedede gone to shippe forto wende into Engeland, forto  
 hele her'<sup>10</sup> woundes.

And in þat same tyme þere was a Fleming' in þe see, a strong'  
<sup>16</sup>þef robour'<sup>11</sup> þat me callede 'Crab'; and þis Fleming' was dryuen  
 out of Flaundes for his wickednesse; and þerfore he come into  
 Scotland, and helde him<sup>10</sup> wip þe Scottis, and dede<sup>12</sup> as miche  
 harme vnto the Englishe-men as he myght. ¶ And þis Crab  
<sup>20</sup>mette in þe see þis<sup>13</sup> Bailoiles men þat wer'<sup>10</sup> wondede in bataile,  
 þat were sent azeyn into<sup>14</sup> Engeland forto hele her woundes. and  
 þis Crab 3af vnto ham a grete assaut, and wolde haue quelledede  
 ham euerychoñ<sup>15</sup>; but þe Englishe-men defendet ham wel and  
<sup>24</sup>manliche, <sup>16</sup>and descomfitede<sup>17</sup> Crab and his company; and þo gan  
 he forto<sup>18</sup> flee into Scotland. ¶ And as he come towarde Seint  
 Iohnes toune, he fonde a grete company of Scottis, þat were comen<sup>19</sup>  
 azeyn to-geder' after þe scomfiture<sup>20</sup> of Gaskemore, þe whe[ch]  
<sup>28</sup>bisegede Bailoile and his men in þe same toune of Seint Iohn; and  
 anone tolde<sup>21</sup> to þe Scottis how <sup>22</sup>þat he<sup>22</sup> descomfitede of þe  
 Englishe-men þat were sore wondet at Gaskemore, <sup>23</sup>& went<sup>23</sup>  
 toward Engeland forto hele her' wonde<sup>24</sup>; and saide vnto þe  
<sup>32</sup>Scottes, þat þai shulde haue no grace ne might azeynes Edward

<sup>1-1</sup> *om.* D. into an hepe O.      <sup>2-2</sup> þo & his men O.      <sup>3</sup> leaf 166, back.

<sup>4</sup> þat þai D.    þat þey O.      <sup>5</sup> becomen O.

<sup>6</sup> pursuwede ham sire D.    pursued' hem sir O.

<sup>7-7</sup> *om.* D. til it was nyght O.      <sup>8</sup> to D.      <sup>9</sup> ynow DO.

<sup>10</sup> *om.* O.      <sup>11</sup> a roboure D.    a robber' O.      <sup>12</sup> de sic D.

<sup>13</sup> *om.* D. þe O.      <sup>14</sup> vnto D.      <sup>15</sup> echeon O.

<sup>16</sup> leaf 167.      <sup>17</sup> descomfit' D.      <sup>18</sup> *om.* D.

<sup>19</sup> come O.      <sup>20</sup> discomfiture O.      <sup>21</sup> MS. tolde tolde.

<sup>22-22</sup> he was DO.      <sup>23-23</sup> þat were D.    þat went O.

<sup>24</sup> MS. wonde and sad, with and sad *underlined for omission*; woundes DO.

Bailoile, for enchesouñ þat he had scomfitede<sup>1</sup> & empairede al the chiuahrye of Scotland<sup>2</sup> wip an handeful of men, as to acount azeins þe Scottis þat wer' slayn. Wherfore he conseilede ham to<sup>2</sup> remeve þe sege fram<sup>3</sup> Seynt Iohnes toune,<sup>4</sup> and kepe ham in þe best<sup>4</sup> maner þat pai couþe or<sup>5</sup> myght. ¶ The Scottes vnderstode<sup>6</sup> þat Crab saide ham soþ, and forsoke þe sege and went þens by nyght, and halpe ham-self in the beste maner þat pai might.

¶ When þis tidyng<sup>7</sup> was know þrouz Scotland<sup>8</sup>, how þat þe<sup>8</sup> lordes and knyghtes were scomfitede at Gaskemore of Scotland þrouz Sir<sup>8</sup> Edward<sup>8</sup> Bailoil, 3e shullen<sup>9</sup> vnderstonde þat the Lordes and<sup>10</sup> ladies & gentiles of Scotland<sup>8</sup> comen wonder' faste vnto Seynt Iohnes toune, and zelde<sup>11</sup> ham vnto<sup>12</sup> Baloile, and to<sup>13</sup> ham dede<sup>13</sup> 12<sup>14</sup> feaute and homage<sup>14</sup> for hir' londes, and zelden ham vnto his pees, [and helde<sup>15</sup> him for heir' lord. and he vnderfonge of ham heir' homages, and grauntede ham his pees; and fro þens he went to þe Abbay of Scone, and þere he was cronede Kyng of Scotland. and 16 after', he lete crie his pees]<sup>16</sup> þrouz<sup>17</sup> out þe Land<sup>8</sup>. and at þat<sup>18</sup> same tyme Hit bifelle<sup>19</sup> þat Kyng Edward<sup>8</sup> of Engeland helde his parlement amongus<sup>20</sup> his Lieges at þe<sup>4</sup> Newe-CasteH oppoñ Tyne, forto amende þe trespasses<sup>21</sup> and þe wronges þat had ben<sup>22</sup> done in his 20 land<sup>8</sup>. and Sir<sup>8</sup> Edward þe Bailoil, Kyng of Scotland, come to him pider', and dede<sup>23</sup> vnto him feaute and homage<sup>23</sup> for þe reaume of Scotland<sup>8</sup>. ¶ And in þis maner' Kyng Edward<sup>8</sup> of Engeland gaderede azeyn þe homages and fautes of Scotland<sup>8</sup>, wherof he was 24 put out þoru3 conseil and assent of Dame IsabeH his moder', and of Sire Rogere Mortymer', Erl of þe Marche.

¶ Tho toke Sir<sup>8</sup> Edward<sup>8</sup> Bailoil, Kyng of Scotland, his leue of Kyng Edward<sup>8</sup> of Engeland, and went þens into his owen lande of 28 Scotland<sup>8</sup>, and sette but litil<sup>24</sup> þe ham<sup>24</sup> þat hade conseilede him and holpen him in his quereH; wherfore pai went from<sup>3</sup> him, and went & leuede by her' owen<sup>25</sup> londes and rentz in<sup>26</sup> Scotland<sup>8</sup>. ¶ And so hit<sup>27</sup> bifelle afterward nouzt longe, <sup>28</sup>þat þe Kyng of Scotland<sup>8</sup> ne 32

<sup>1</sup> discomfited<sup>8</sup> O.    <sup>2</sup> forto DO.    <sup>3</sup> fro O.    <sup>4</sup> om. O.    <sup>5</sup> & O.

<sup>6</sup> vnderstode þo D.    vndirstode þo O.    <sup>7</sup> tydynges D.

<sup>8</sup> Edward þe D.    <sup>9</sup> schal O.    <sup>10</sup> and þe D.    <sup>11</sup> zelden D.

<sup>12</sup> vnto þe DO.    <sup>13-13</sup> him deden D.    hym deden O.

<sup>14-14</sup> homage & fewte O.    <sup>15</sup> helden O.    <sup>16</sup> supplied from D.

<sup>17</sup> leaf 167, back.    <sup>18</sup> the D.    þe O.    <sup>19</sup> fel D.    <sup>20</sup> among O.

<sup>21</sup> trespasse D.    Trespas O.    <sup>22</sup> be O.

<sup>23-23</sup> to him homage and feaute D.    to hym feute & homage O.

<sup>24-24</sup> hem by O.    <sup>25</sup> om DO.    <sup>26</sup> of D.    <sup>27</sup> MS. his.

<sup>28-28</sup> MS. þat þe kyng of Scotland<sup>8</sup> þat þe kyng of Scotland<sup>8</sup>.

remevede and come to þe toune of Anand, and þere toke<sup>1</sup> his  
 duelyng. and þider come to him a company of knyȝtes, stronge  
 men and worthy, & ȝelde<sup>2</sup> ham vnto þe kyng, and bare ham so  
 4 faire in dede, and in contynauce so þat he trust miche oppoñ  
 ham. [and anone as þe traitoures sawe þat he trust miche oppon  
 ham],<sup>3</sup> þai ordeynede amongus ham l. in o<sup>4</sup> company, and <sup>5</sup>wolde  
 haue<sup>5</sup> slayn<sup>6</sup> her' Kyng'; but, prouȝ þe grace of Almyghty God he  
 8 brake <sup>7</sup>out prouȝ a<sup>7</sup> walle [by] <sup>8</sup>an Hole in his <sup>9</sup>chambre; and, as  
 God wolde,<sup>9</sup> scaped her' traitery. and alle his men <sup>10</sup>wer'  
 quellede<sup>10</sup>; and he ascapede wip miche drede to þe Toune of  
 Cardoile, and þere helde him, sore annoiede: and þis bifelle on<sup>11</sup>  
 12 oure Ladyes eve þe<sup>12</sup> Concepcioun.

¶ Tho sent <sup>13</sup>Kyng Edward<sup>13</sup> Bailoil to Kyng Edward of  
 Engeland, how falsely and traiterously he was in litel while<sup>14</sup> put  
 vnto<sup>15</sup> shame and sorwe, prouȝ his lige men, oppoñ whom he <sup>16</sup>truste  
 16 wonder<sup>16</sup> miche<sup>17</sup> and praiede him, for þe loue of Almyghty God  
 þat he wolde mayntene him and helpe<sup>18</sup> [him] aȝeyns his enemys.  
 ¶ the Kyng of Engeland hadde of him þo grete pite, & bihight  
 him<sup>19</sup> helpe and socour, and sent him worde þat he shulde halde  
 20 him in pees stille in the citee of Cardoile, til þat he hadde gaderede  
 his power. ¶ Tho ordeynede Kyng Edward of Engeland a conseil  
 at Londoñ, and lete gader his men in diuerses<sup>20</sup> shires of Engeland,  
 and when he was redy, he went toward þe toune of Berwik-  
 24 Twyde; and þider' <sup>21</sup>come to him<sup>21</sup> Kyng Edward of Scotland, wip  
 his power, and bisegede the toune, and made wipout þe toune a  
 fair' toune of paулouns, and diked ham wel al<sup>12</sup> aboute, so þat þai  
 hadde non<sup>22</sup> drede of þe Scottes; & made meny assautes<sup>23</sup> wip gonnes  
 28 and wip opere engynes to þe toune, wherwip þai destroyede meny  
 a fair' hous; and cherches also <sup>24</sup>were beten<sup>24</sup> adoune <sup>25</sup>vnto the  
 erþe, wip gret stones, <sup>26</sup>and spitouse comyng<sup>26</sup> out of <sup>27</sup>gonnes and  
 of opere gynnes. and nopeles þe Scottes kepte wel þe toune, þat þo  
 32 ij kyngus<sup>28</sup> miȝt nouȝt come þerin longe tyme. and nopeles the

<sup>1</sup> nome D.    <sup>2</sup> zolden O.    <sup>3</sup> supplied from D.    <sup>4</sup> a O.

<sup>5-5</sup> om. O.    <sup>6</sup> quellede D.    <sup>7</sup> quellede wolde haue O.

<sup>7-7</sup> prouȝ an D.    <sup>8</sup> burgh a O.    <sup>8</sup> leaf 168.    <sup>9-9</sup> om. sic D.

<sup>10-10</sup> weren y-qqelled O.    <sup>11</sup> in O.    <sup>12</sup> om. O.

<sup>13-13</sup> struck out in D.    <sup>14</sup> tyme DO.    <sup>15</sup> to DO.

<sup>16-16</sup> trustede D.    <sup>17</sup> mychel O.    <sup>18</sup> om. D.    <sup>19</sup> him þo D.

<sup>20</sup> diuers O.    <sup>21-21</sup> comen to D.    <sup>22</sup> no DO.    <sup>23</sup> assaute O.

<sup>24-24</sup> weren bete O.    <sup>25</sup> leaf 168, back.

<sup>26-26</sup> þat dispitously comen D.    þat spytously comen O.

<sup>27</sup> of the D.    <sup>28</sup> knyghtes O.

Kynges abiden *pere* so longe, til þo þat were in þe toune faillede vitailles; and also þai were so wery of wakyng<sup>1</sup> þat þai wiste nouȝt what to Done. ¶ And 3e shulle vnderstonde þat þo <sup>1</sup>þat wer<sup>1</sup> in<sup>1</sup> the toune of Berwik<sup>t</sup>, prouȝ hir<sup>1</sup> comune conseile and her<sup>1</sup> assent, lete <sup>4</sup>crie oppoñ þe walles þat þai miȝt haue pees of þe Englisshe-men; and *perof* þai *praiede*<sup>2</sup> þe Kyng, and of his *grace*, and *praiede* him of trewes for viij daies, oppoñ þis couenant, þat,<sup>3</sup> if þai were nought rescuede in þat side of þe toune toward Scotland<sup>t</sup>, of þe<sup>4</sup> Scottis, <sup>8</sup>wiþin viij daiez, þat þai wolde ȝelde ham vnto the Kyng, and þe toune also. and to holde þise couenaunt<sup>3</sup>,<sup>5</sup> þai *profurede*<sup>6</sup> to þe Kyng xij hostages<sup>6</sup> oute of þe toune of Berwik<sup>t</sup>. ¶ When the hostages wer<sup>1</sup> delyuerede vnto þe Kyngus, anone þo of þe toune <sup>12</sup>sent<sup>7</sup> vnto þe Scottes, and tolde ham of hir<sup>1</sup> sorwe & meschief. and þe Scottes comen þo pryueliche<sup>8</sup> ouer þe water of Twyde, to þe bouȝt of þe Abbay; and Sir William Diket<sup>t</sup>, þat was þe<sup>9</sup> Styward of Scotland, and meny *oper* þat comen wiþ him, put ham *pere* in <sup>16</sup>grete perile of hamsel<sup>t</sup> att þat tyme of hir<sup>1</sup> lif; for þai comen ouer<sup>10</sup> a *bruge*<sup>11</sup> þat was to-broken,<sup>12</sup> and þe ston<sup>es</sup> away. and meny of hir<sup>1</sup> company were *pere* drenchede<sup>13</sup>; but þe forsaide William went ouer<sup>1</sup>, and <sup>14</sup>*opere* of<sup>14</sup> his company, and come<sup>15</sup> by þe <sup>16</sup>Englisshe <sup>20</sup>shippis,<sup>16</sup> and quelled<sup>e</sup> in a barge of Hulle xvj men; and after þai went into the toune of Berwik<sup>t</sup> by the water side; Wherfore þe Scottis helde þo þe touñ rescuede, and axede hir<sup>1</sup> hostages aȝeyne of þe Kyng of Engeland. ¶ And þe Kyng sent ham worde aȝeyne þat <sup>24</sup>þai askede the hostages wiþ wronge, siþ þat þai comen<sup>17</sup> into the toune by Engeland<sup>18</sup> syde; for couenaunt was bituene ham þat þe toune shulde be rescuede by the half<sup>t</sup> of Scotland<sup>t</sup>.<sup>19</sup> anon Kyng Edward<sup>t</sup> þo *commanded*<sup>20</sup> ham<sup>21</sup> to ȝelde þe toune or he wolde haue <sup>28</sup>þe hostages. and þe Scottis saide þat þe toune was rescuede wel yn<sup>ow</sup>, and *perto* þai wolde holde ham. ¶ When Kyng Edward<sup>t</sup> saw<sup>22</sup> þe Scottis breke her<sup>1</sup> couenaunt; þat þai made, he was wonder<sup>1</sup> wrothe, and anone lete take *Sire* Thomas fitz and *Sire* Alisaundre of Setoñ, <sup>32</sup>Wardeyne of Berwik<sup>t</sup>,—the whiche Thomas was *person* of Dunbar<sup>t</sup>,—and lete ham be taken<sup>23</sup> *ferst*<sup>t</sup> bfore þe<sup>24</sup> *oper* hostages, for

<sup>1-1</sup> of D.    <sup>2</sup> *praiden* D.    <sup>3</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>4</sup> *MS.* þe þe.

<sup>5</sup> *couenant* D.    *Couenaunt* O.    <sup>6-6</sup> xij hostages vnto þe kyng<sup>t</sup> D.

<sup>7</sup> *senten* O.    <sup>8</sup> *pryuyly* O.    <sup>9</sup> þo DO.    <sup>10</sup> *opere* D.    <sup>11</sup> *leaf* 169.

<sup>12</sup> *broke* O.    <sup>13</sup> *ydreynt* O.    <sup>14-14</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>15</sup> *comen* D.

<sup>16-16</sup> *shippes* of Engeland D.    *Shippes* of Engeland<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>17</sup> *come* D.

<sup>18</sup> *Engelandes* D.    *Engelondes* O.    <sup>19</sup> Scotland<sup>t</sup> and DO.

<sup>20</sup> *commande* D.    <sup>21</sup> *om.* O.    <sup>22</sup> *seye* D.    <sup>23</sup> *tak<sup>t</sup>* D.    *take* O.

<sup>24</sup> *þer* O.



enchesouñ þat Sir' Alisaundes fader<sup>1</sup> was keper' of<sup>2</sup> þe toune. and þe Kyng commandede euery day forto<sup>1</sup> take <sup>3</sup>ij hostages<sup>3</sup> of þe toune til þat þai were alle done, vnto þe deþ, but if þai <sup>4</sup>wolde 4 zelde<sup>4</sup> þe touñ; and so he wolde<sup>5</sup> teche ham to<sup>6</sup> breke her' couenaunt<sup>3</sup>. ¶ And when þo of þe toune herde þis tydynges, þai bicome<sup>7</sup> wonder' sory, and sent<sup>8</sup> to þe Kyng of Engeland, þat he <sup>9</sup>wolde graunt ham oper viij dayes of respite, so þat bituene CC men of 8 Armes and xx<sup>ti</sup> 10 men<sup>11</sup> of Armes<sup>10</sup> mygh[t] by<sup>12</sup> strengþ goñ<sup>13</sup> bituene ham vnto<sup>14</sup> þe toune of Berwik, ham forto vitaile, so þat þe toune moste be<sup>15</sup> holde for rescuede. ¶ And if it so were þat xxj or xxij or mo were slayn of þo CC biforesaide, þat þe toune shulde 12 nouzt ben<sup>16</sup> halde for rescuede. & þis couenaunt <sup>17</sup>forto holde,<sup>17</sup> þai sent to him opere xij <sup>18</sup>of þe toune<sup>18</sup> in hostages.<sup>19</sup> ¶ The Kyng of Engeland grantede ham her' praier', and tok þe hostages. on Seynt Margaretes eve, In the 3er' of grace M<sup>t</sup> CCC xxxij,<sup>20</sup> þe Scottis 16 comen ferseliche<sup>21</sup> in iiij wengus wel arraiede in Armes, forto mete Kyng Edward of Engeland and Edward þe Kyng of Scotland, & wip hir' power', and come fast and sharpely azeynes evesong tyme. and þe same tyme was flode at Berwik', in the water of Twede, þat 20 no man myght wende ouer', on horse neiper on foote, and þe water was bituene þo ij kyngus and þe reame of Engeland: and þat tyme abyden the Scottis in þat oper side, for enchesouñ þat þe Englisshemen shulde haue <sup>22</sup>bene drenchede<sup>22</sup> or slayñ.

24 **T**His was þe arraie of the Scottis as<sup>23</sup> þai <sup>24</sup>comen in bataile<sup>24</sup> azeynes þe ij Kyngus of Engeland & of Scotland: In þe vant-ward<sup>25</sup> of Scotland were þise Lordes:—

¶ The Erl of Morrif, James FriseH, Symond FriseH, Walter 28 Stiward, Raynolde Cheyne, Patrik of Graham, <sup>26</sup>Iohñ le Graunt, James of Cardoile, <sup>27</sup>Patrik Parkeres, Robert Caldecotes,<sup>26</sup> Philip of Meldrum, Thomas Gilbert, Wiseman, Adam Gurdouñ, Iamys Gramat, Robert Boyde, Hughe Park, wip xl knyztas newe dobbede, 32 and vj C men of Armes, & iij M<sup>t</sup> of commune.<sup>28</sup>

<sup>1</sup> om. D.    <sup>2</sup> of þe DO. of R.    <sup>3-3</sup> hostages too O.    <sup>4-4</sup> zelden DO.  
<sup>5</sup> shulde D. schuld O.    <sup>6</sup> forto DO.    <sup>7</sup> becomen O.  
<sup>8</sup> senten DO.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 169, back.    <sup>10-10</sup> om. O.    <sup>11</sup> MS. men men.  
<sup>12</sup> MS. by by.    <sup>13</sup> go O.    <sup>14</sup> in-to O.    <sup>15</sup> ben D.    <sup>16</sup> be O.  
<sup>17-17</sup> to ben halden D. to be holde O.    <sup>18-18</sup> om. D.    <sup>19</sup> hostage O.  
<sup>20</sup> MS. xxij.    <sup>21</sup> fressheliche D. fersly O.    <sup>22-22</sup> be dreynt O.  
<sup>23</sup> how þat DO.    <sup>24-24</sup> come in bataylles O.    <sup>25</sup> vanne-ward O.  
<sup>26-26</sup> Decotes sic O.    <sup>27</sup> leaf 170.    <sup>28</sup> communes D.

In þe ferst partie of þe halfe bataile of Scotland wer' þise lordes:—

¶ The styward<sup>t</sup> of Scotland, þe Erl of Moneteth, Iames his Vncle, William Douglas, David of Lyndeseye, Maucolyn Flemyng,<sup>4</sup> William of Keth, Dunkan Kambok, wip xxx bachilers new dobbede.

In þe secunde part of þe half Lien-warde of the bataile of Scotland, were þise lordes:— 8

¶ Iames Stiward<sup>t</sup> of Coldeñ, Aleyne Styward<sup>t</sup>, William Abbeyhyn, William Morice, Iohñ fitz William, Adam le<sup>1</sup> Mose, Walter fitz Gilbert, Iohñ of Cherltoñ, Robert Walham, wip vij C̄ men of armes, & xvij M<sup>t</sup> of communes.<sup>2</sup> 12

In þe þridde ward<sup>t</sup> of þe bataile of Scotland were þise Lordes:—

¶ The Erl of Marr, þe Erl of Roff, þe Erl of Straherne, þe Erle of Sotherland<sup>t</sup>, William<sup>3</sup> Kirkeleye, Iohñ Cambron, Gilbert de 16 Haye, William of Rameseye, William Proudegest, Kirstyn Hard<sup>t</sup>, William Gurdoñ, Arnolde Garde, Thomas Dolfyn, wip xl knyghtes new dobbede, ix C men of Armes, aud xv [M<sup>t</sup> of] communes.<sup>2</sup>

In þe ferp<sup>4</sup> warde of þe bataile of Scotland were þise lordes:— 20

¶ Archebald<sup>t</sup> Douglas,<sup>5</sup> Erl of Leneux, Alisaunder le Brus, Erl of Fiff, Iohñ Cambel,<sup>6</sup> Erl of Atheles,<sup>7</sup> Robert Lawther, William<sup>8</sup> Vipount, William of Lonstoñ, <sup>9</sup>Iohñ de<sup>9</sup> Labelles, Gros de She-<sup>10</sup>renlowe, Iohñ of<sup>11</sup> Lyndeseye, Alisaunder<sup>1</sup> de Gray, Ingam De <sup>24</sup>Vmfreuil, Patrik de Pollesworth, David de Wymes, Michel Scott, William Landy, Thomas de Boys, Rogere de Mortymer, with xxx bachilers, ix C̄ men of Armes, and<sup>12</sup> xvij M<sup>t</sup> communes.<sup>13</sup>

[In þe v<sup>te</sup> warde of þe bataile of Scotland were these lordis:—]<sup>14</sup> 28

¶ The Erl of Dunbarre, keper' of þe castel of Berwik, halpe þe Scottis wip l. men of Armes. And Sir' Alisaundre of Setoñ, keper of þe toune of Berwik, wip<sup>15</sup> C̄ men of Armes, [and the comoñs of þe toun with CCCC men of armes],<sup>16</sup> ¶ and x M<sup>t</sup> & vij C̄ of fote- 32 men: þe somme of þe Erles and lordes amontep lv<sup>17</sup>; þe somme of<sup>18</sup>

<sup>1</sup> de O.    <sup>2</sup> Comune O.    <sup>3</sup> William of DO.    <sup>4</sup> MS. ferste.

<sup>5</sup> Douglas þe DO.    <sup>6</sup> Camber O.    <sup>7</sup> Athel D.    <sup>8</sup> William of DO.

<sup>9-9</sup> Iohan D.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 170, back.    <sup>11</sup> De DO.    <sup>12</sup> om. O.

<sup>13</sup> and iiij C of communes D. & iiij C of Comune O.

<sup>14</sup> supplied from D. om. in OR.    <sup>15</sup> with an D.    with a O.

<sup>16</sup> supplied from D.    <sup>17</sup> lxv D.    lv M<sup>t</sup> O.    <sup>18</sup> of þe D.

bachileres newe dobbede amountep<sup>1</sup> C and xl; þe some of men of Armes amountep iij M<sup>+</sup><sup>2</sup> vj C & l; þe [som of þe comons amountith lxiiij M<sup>+</sup> & CC, The]<sup>3</sup> somme of commune<sup>4</sup> peple aboue-  
4 saide<sup>5</sup> amountep lxxvij M<sup>+</sup><sup>6</sup> & xlv. ¶ And þise<sup>7</sup> lv grete<sup>6</sup> Lordes ladden alle þe opere<sup>8</sup> lordes aboue-saide<sup>9</sup> in iiij batailes, as<sup>10</sup> is tolde bifore, alle on<sup>11</sup> foote.

¶ And þe<sup>7</sup> Kyng Edward of Engeland<sup>†</sup> and<sup>12</sup> Edward<sup>†</sup>, Kyng<sup>7</sup> of  
8 Scotland<sup>†</sup>, hade wel apparaledē her<sup>†</sup> folc<sup>13</sup> in iiij batailes, forto feizt  
14 on foot aʒeynes<sup>14</sup> her<sup>†</sup> Enemys. And þe<sup>15</sup> Englisshe mynstralles blow<sup>16</sup> her<sup>†</sup> trompis ¶ and hir<sup>†</sup> pipes, and hidously ascriede þe  
Scottis. and þo hade euery Englisshe bataile ij wenges of pris  
12 Archiers, þe whiche at þat bataile shotten Arwes so faste and<sup>17</sup> sore  
þat þe Scottis myght nouzt helpe hamself<sup>†</sup>; and so<sup>18</sup> þai smyten [þe<sup>6</sup>]  
Scottis, þousandes to þe<sup>19</sup> grounde; and <sup>20</sup>þai goũ<sup>21</sup> forto fle fro þe  
Englisshe-men forto saue hamselfe.<sup>22</sup> ¶ And<sup>20</sup> when þe English<sup>23</sup>  
16 knafes saw þe scomfiture, <sup>24</sup>and þe Scottis falle faste<sup>7</sup> to the<sup>19</sup>  
ground<sup>†</sup>, þai priken<sup>25</sup> hir<sup>†</sup> maistres hors wiþ þe Spores forto kepe  
ham fro<sup>26</sup> perile, and sette her<sup>†</sup> maistres at no force. ¶ And when  
þe Englisshe-men saw þat, þai lopte on her<sup>†</sup> hors, and<sup>†</sup> fast pursuede  
20 þe Scottis; and alle<sup>27</sup> þat abiden, þai<sup>6</sup> quellede doune ryght<sup>†</sup>. þere  
<sup>28</sup>might men<sup>28</sup> see þe douztynesse of þe noble Kyng Edward<sup>†</sup> and of  
his men, how manliche<sup>29</sup> þai pursuede þe Scottis, þat flouen for  
drede. ¶ And þere<sup>30</sup> might men<sup>30</sup> see meny a Scottishe-man caste  
24 douñ vnto þe erthe dede, and hir<sup>†</sup> baneres displaiede, &<sup>19</sup> hackede  
into pices, and meny a gode habrigouñ<sup>31</sup> of stele in hir<sup>†</sup> blode  
bapede<sup>32</sup>; and meny a tyme þe Scottes were gadrede in<sup>33</sup> companyes,  
but euermore þai were descomfitede. ¶ And þus hit bifelle, as  
28 God<sup>†</sup> wolde, þat þe Scottis hade<sup>34</sup> þat day no more foisouñ ne  
myght aʒeynes þe Englisshe-men, þan xx shepe<sup>6</sup> shulde haue aʒeyns  
v wolves; and so<sup>35</sup> were þe Scottis descomfitede; and ʒitte þe

<sup>1</sup> amountith an D. amountep a O. <sup>2</sup> M<sup>+</sup> & D.

<sup>3</sup> supplied from D. somme of þe communes amountep lx M<sup>+</sup> & iiij M<sup>+</sup> & ij C þe O.

<sup>4</sup> the D. þe O. <sup>5</sup> aboue-yseyd<sup>†</sup> O. <sup>6</sup> om. O. <sup>7</sup> om. D.

<sup>8</sup> toþer D. <sup>9</sup> abouen-sayd<sup>†</sup> O. <sup>10</sup> as it D. <sup>11</sup> in DO.

<sup>12</sup> and king D. <sup>13</sup> puple D.

<sup>14-14</sup> in fote aʒenst D. in foot aʒens O. <sup>15</sup> then D.

<sup>16</sup> blewen D. blew O. <sup>17</sup> and so D. <sup>18</sup> thus D. <sup>19</sup> om. DO.

<sup>20-20</sup> om. O. <sup>21</sup> begon D. <sup>22</sup> her lyvis D. <sup>23</sup> MS. Scottishe.

<sup>24</sup> leaf 171. <sup>25</sup> prikkid<sup>†</sup> D. preked O. <sup>26</sup> from D.

<sup>27</sup> at̄ tho D. <sup>28-28</sup> men myzt D. men myghte O.

<sup>29</sup> manly O. <sup>30-30</sup> men myht D. men myghte O.

<sup>31</sup> habirioñ D. haberion O. <sup>32</sup> bathe DO. <sup>33</sup> in-to DO.

<sup>34</sup> hadden at D. <sup>35</sup> thus D.

<sup>1</sup>Scottes men<sup>1</sup> had v men azeyns on<sup>2</sup> Englysshe-man. And þat bataile was done at HalydounhiH bisides þe toune of Berwik: at þe<sup>3</sup> whiche bataile were slayn of þe Scottis xxxv M<sup>†</sup> &<sup>3</sup> vij<sup>c</sup> & xij, and of Englysshemen but vij oneliche, & þo were footemen. & þis<sup>4</sup> Victorie bifelle<sup>4</sup> to þe<sup>4</sup> Englysshe-men on<sup>5</sup> Seynt Margaretes eve, In þe 3er<sup>o</sup> of our<sup>o</sup> lord<sup>o</sup> Ihesu Crist<sup>o</sup> <sup>6</sup>M<sup>†</sup> CCC<sup>6</sup> xxxij. And while<sup>7</sup> þis doying laste,<sup>8</sup> þe Englysh knafes tok<sup>9</sup> þe pilfre of þe Scottes þat were quelled, euery man þat he myght take, wipout<sup>10</sup> eny 8 chalange of eny man.<sup>11</sup> Deo gracias!

<sup>1-1</sup> Scottis D. Scottes O.    <sup>2</sup> an D.    <sup>3</sup> om. D.    <sup>4-4</sup> on-to D.  
<sup>5</sup> in DO.    <sup>6-6</sup> a M<sup>†</sup> CCC and D.    <sup>7</sup> whilis D.    <sup>8</sup> was D.  
<sup>9</sup> nomen D.    <sup>10</sup> with-uten D.    <sup>11</sup> man Amen O.

## APPENDIX A.

THE ROMANCE OF THE BATTLE OF HALIDON HILL,  
A.D. 1333.

[1. *The longer poetical Version in Harl. 4690, leaf 82, back, corresponding to the prose on p. 285, line 14 ff.*]

¶ And anone þe Skottes beganne to flee fro þe Engliche menne, to saue þer lyves. butt wanne þe knaves & þe Skottisch pages þat weren behinde the Skottes, to kepe her horses, seyen the discomfiture, þei priken her maisters horses away, to kepe hem 4 selfe from perelle; and so þei towke no hede off her maisters. And þen þe Engliche men towken many off þe Skottes horses, and priken after þe Skottes, & slewe hem downe Righte. And there men mighte see the nowbell King Edward off Englonde & his 8 folke, heugh mannefully þei chasedon the Skottes; were-off þis Romance was made:—

There men mighte well see		The Scots fled,
Many a Skotte lightly flee,	12	
And þe Engliche after priking,		the English after them.
With scharp swerdes þem stiking;		
And pere her Baners weren ffounde	[leaf 83]	
Alle displayedde on the Grounde,	16	
And layne starkly on Blode		
As þei hadde ffought on þe fflode.		
Butt þe Scottes, (ille mote þei þee !)		The Scots thought the English must be drown'd;
pought þe Englisch adrenit schulde be;	20	
for bi cause þei mighte not flee,		
butte iff þei adrenite schulde bee;		
butte þei kepte hem manly on londe,		
so þatte þe Scottes might nott stonde,	24	
and felde hem downe to Grounde,		but they slew thousands of Scots,
Many powsandes in þatte stounde;		
and þe Engliche men pursuyed hem so,		
Tille þe fflode was alle a-Goo :	28	
Alle þus þe Skottes discomfite were		
in litell tyme wiþ Grete feere;		

	ffor no noþer wise dide þei stryve, Butt as .xx. shape among wolfes fyve ; ffor .v. off hem þen were ayenste an Englischman þere.	4
(tho the Scots were 9 to 1)	So þere itte was welle semyng þatte <i>with</i> multitude is no scomfiting, Butt <i>with</i> God, fulle off mighte, wham he will helpe in trewe ffighte.	8
by the grace of God, at Halidon Hill near Berwick.	so was þis, Bi goddes Grace, Discomfiture off Skottes in þat place, that men cleped Halidown Hille ; ffor þere þis Bateill Befelle,	12
	Atte Berwike, Be-side þe towne. This was do <i>with</i> mery sowne, wiþ pipes, Trompes, & nakers þer-to ; And loude clariounes þei Blew also.	16
35,712 Scots and 1 more lay dead, and only 7 English.	And þere þe Scottes leyen dede, xxx. M <sup>l</sup> . Be-yonde Twede, & v. M <sup>l</sup> tolde there-to, <i>with</i> vii· C· xii· and mo ;	20
	& of Englischemen But sevenne,— worschipped Be God in hevenne !— & þat wer men on ffote Goyng, By foly of her owne Doying.	24
The victory of Halidon Hill was on St. Margaret's Eve,	on seinte Margete-ys Eue, as y yow tell, Befille þe victory of Halidoun Hille, In þe yere of God almighte, a M <sup>l</sup> iii· C and ii· and pritty.	[leaf 83, col. 2] 28
19 July, 1332-3.	atte þis Discomffiture þe Englisch knightes towke her hure of þe Skottes þatte weren dede, Clopes & haberiounes for her mede ;	32
The English took the Scots' armour and clothes.	And watte-euer þei might finde on þe Skottes, þei lefte not behinde ; And þe knaues, by her purchas, hadde þere a mery solas,	36
	for þei hadde for her degree, In alle her lyffe þe Better to be : Alle þus þe Bateille towke Ending.	
But where their Kings	But y canne not telle off þe yen Going	40

Off þe too kingges, were þei become,	went to, I
& weþer þei wenten oute or home ;	don't know.
But Godde, þatte is heven king,	
sende vs pees and Gode Ending!	4

[2. *A shorter fragmentary version in MS. Arundel LVIII,  
College of Arms, leaf 334, back.*]

There þan men myght se	
Many a Scott swiftly fle,	The Scots
And þe Englysshmen after prikyng,	fled, the
Wij sharp swerdys þe Scottes stykyng ;	English pur-
& þere hure banyrs weryn founde	sued 'em.
al displayd, lyeng on grounde ;	8
and þay lay sprad on blood,	
as þey foughten on þe flood.	12
That þe Englisshmen drent shold be,	The Scots
ffor þat þey hopyde to se,	hoped the
ffor so þey hopyde to spede,	English
Seyng þe flood þat was on Twede.	would be
ffor þe Englisshmen myght not fle	drownd ;
but yf a-drent þey shold be ;	16
& þan þere-to lop þey were,	
for þey þought nought in no such fere,	20
But þey kept hem on londe,	
So þat þe Scottes myght nought stonde ;	
ffor þey were fillyd to grounde,	
many a þousand in þat stounde ;	24
& þe Englisshmen pursywid hem so,	but they kild
fort þe flood was al a-go.	many thou-
And þis þe Scottes discomfytyd ; were	sand Scots.
In lytil tyme wij gret fere.—	28

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## PREFACE.

THIS second part finishes the text of the Chronicle, or rather, series of Chronicles, contained in the present volumes. In the first part I have printed the text of the common Brut which comes down to A.D. 1333, while this second part contains the continuations of the Brut, composed by various authors at different times, in different places and with very varying intentions. Out of the great number of Continuations I have chosen only such as have not been published as yet; and among these, only such as afford new material for the student of History or Literature. If a Continuation exists in several MSS., I have always chosen the best MS., not the oldest, for publication, and have taken the one or two next best MSS. for collation. In a few cases, however, the Continuations are extant in one recension only. The text has been printed from the MSS. as it stands, without attempting conjectural emendations, but occasionally a word or sentence accidentally omitted has been supplied from the other MSS., in the text instead of in a footnote, for the convenience of readers. But in all cases of this kind the reading of the original has been put in a footnote. Letters or fragments of words accidentally omitted are mostly added in brackets. In the footnotes, mere variations of spelling have not been inserted as a rule, while inversions of words are always noticed.

The present publication will be welcome, as well to the Student of Literature as to the Student of History. The former will recognise in it the work which, in its various forms, has been for three centuries the most popular Chronicle of England, and will find in it some interesting matter, not only in the inserted poems, among which the two mocking songs against the Flemings (p. 582 and p. 600) are published for the first time, but also in a fair number of prose passages of which I shall only refer to that dealing with Henry V's dismissal of his old rioting companions (p. 594).

The Student of History will recognise in our text the first large

Chronicle in the English language which has been laid under contribution by nearly all the great Chronicle-writers of the 16th and 17th centuries. As to its historical value I readily admit that the authors of the common Brut and its Continuations have for the most part recorded such matter as is not new, and much that, in the present state of historical literature, will appear to many readers trivial and unimportant. But these disadvantages are inseparable from the uniform practice of annalists of the middle ages. I am, however, decidedly of opinion that there is an amount of original historical information contained in the various Continuations which outweighs the obvious trivialities, mistakes and repetitions; and even the superficial reader will see that long parts of the Continuations are given with a vividness which marks the narration like that of an eye-witness. The whole discussion of historical points connected with the Brut is reserved for the Introduction and the Notes in the third volume.

The following account of the MSS. used for the text and collation in the present volume may suffice. The letters prefixed to each designate them in the notes below the text:

The *first Continuation* from A.D. 1333 to A.D. 1377 called *B*, is taken from

*C* = MS. Corpus Christi Coll. Camb. 174, which was written in the beginning of the 15th century and closes with the burial of Edward III in 1377.

The text, though the best among the MSS. of the same recension, is not a good one. It has been collated with

*T* = MS. Br. Mus. Add. 24,859, a late but accurate transcript from a MS. of the second half of the 15th century which closes with the capture of Rouen in 1419, and

*R* = MS. Br. Mus. Reg. 17 D XXI, likewise a late but faithful transcript from a MS. of the second half of the 15th century which ends in the same year.

*Appendix B* describing the character of Edward III, is taken from

*W* = MS. Harley 753, a late 15th century MS. which closes in the year 1430. It has been collated with

*X* = MS. Lambeth 331, a 15th century MS. breaking off in 1422.

*Y* = MS. Lambeth 491, which shows a hand of the early 15th century, and ends in 1377.

*Z* = MS. Lambeth 738, which is written by two 15th century hands, and ends in 1418.

*The Continuation* from A.D. 1377 to 1419, called *C*, is taken from

*Kk* = MS. Un. Libr. Camb, Kk I 12, which was written about the middle of the 15th century and closes in the year 1419. It has been collated with *T* and *R* described above.

*Appendix C*, a fuller version of the time from A.D. 1399 to 1401, is taken from

*Ra* = MS. Rawl. B 173, which was written in the 15th century and closes in 1431. It contains a very bad text, but is unique for the piece it contains.

*The Continuation* from A.D. 1418 to 1430, called *D*, is taken from

*G* = MS. Galba E VIII, which is written in a fine 15th century hand and closes in 1430. It has been collated with

*A* = MS. Harley 2256, the text of which agrees in every respect with that of the foregoing Galba MS.; and where *A* is defective, with

*B* = MS. Harley 266, a MS. of the same type.

*Appendix D*, which gives additional matter for the years A.D. 1418 to 1430, is taken from

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*The Collection* of pieces between Havelok's time and A.D. 1475, called *K*, is taken from

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For anything else the reader is referred to the third volume of the present edition, which will contain Introduction, Notes, Glossary and Index.<sup>1</sup> Finally, I have again to express my thanks to Dr. Frederick J. Furnivall for his constant and invaluable help. In both volumes the headlines over the pages are added by him.

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<sup>1</sup> An abstract of the Introduction has appeared in German under the title: *Geschichte und Quellen der mittelenglischen Prosachronik The Brute of England oder The Chronicles of England.* Marburg. N. G. Elwert. 1905.



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¶ Ande so, after þis gracious victorye, þe King turnyd him  
aȝen vnto þe same seege of Berwyk. & whan þey of þe sege,<sup>1</sup> sawen  
& herd hov þat þe<sup>2</sup> King Edward had sped, þey ȝolden to him þe  
4 toun, *with* þe castell, on þe morwe after þat þe bataile was, þat ys  
forto seyn, on Seint Margaretes day. And þan þe King ordeyned  
Sere Edwarde Bayllol, *with* opere noble & worþy men, to be<sup>3</sup> keepers  
and gouernours of Scotlonde in his absence; & hym self turned  
8 aȝen, and come into Englonde after þis victory, *with* myche ioye &  
worship.

¶ And in þe next ȝere sewyng,<sup>4</sup> þat ys forto<sup>5</sup> seyn, þe ȝere of our  
Lord M<sup>o</sup>. CCC. & xxxij,<sup>6</sup> & of King Edward, þe vj.,<sup>7</sup> he wente aȝen  
12 into Scotland in þe wynter tyme; at whiche viage þe castell of  
Kylbrigge in Scotland, for hym & his men þat *with* hym comen,  
he recouered, & had<sup>8</sup> aȝens the Scottis, al þat<sup>9</sup> his owne luste.<sup>10</sup>  
¶ And in þat same ȝere, Sere Edward Baillol, king of Scotlande,  
16 held his *parlement* in Scotland, *with* meny noble lordes of Enge-  
lond, þat were at þat same *parlement*, for enchesoun of hire landes  
and lordshipes þat þey had in þe reume of Scotland, and helden of  
þe same Baillol. & in þe vij. ȝere of his regne, aboute þe feste of  
20 sent Iohn<sup>11</sup> Baptiste, Sire Edward Baillol, þe verry and trewe King  
of Scotland, as by heritage & riȝte lyne, made his homage and  
feaute vnto King Edward of Englonde for þe reaume of Scotland,  
at þe Nev Castell vp Tynt, in *precense* of meny worþi lordez, and  
24 also of *communes* of boþe reaumes, & anon after in þe same ȝere of<sup>12</sup>  
King Edward of Englonde resceyued of þe duke of Britaigne his  
homage for þe erldome & lordship of Richemound.<sup>13</sup> ¶ And so  
folwyng in þe neyne ȝere of his regne, after Micelmasse, King  
28 Edwarde rode into Scotlonde, and þer was faste by sent Iohnnes  
toun almoste al þe wynter tyme; & he helde his *cristiscemasse* at

<sup>1</sup> towne T. toun R.    <sup>2</sup> þe om. R.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 173.    <sup>4</sup> folwyng R.

<sup>5</sup> to T.    <sup>6</sup> M<sup>o</sup>CCC xxxiii T. MCCC xxxiiij R.    <sup>7</sup> vj ȝeer R.

<sup>8</sup> had it T.    <sup>9</sup> at T. at R.    <sup>10</sup> wille.    <sup>11</sup> Iohn þe TR.

<sup>12</sup> of om. R.    <sup>13</sup> erldom of Richemonde & lordship R.

þe Castel of Rokysburgh. & in þe same 3ere þoru3t-out al Engelond, aboute sent Clemcys tyde, in wynter þere arose a<sup>1</sup> suche a sprynggyng and wellinge op of wateres<sup>2</sup> and floodes, bothe of þe see and also of fresshe ryvers & sprynges, þat þe see brynke wallaes<sup>4</sup> & coostes broken vp.<sup>3</sup> Men,<sup>4</sup> bestes, and houses in meny places, & namely in lowe cuntres, violently and sodenly<sup>5</sup> were dreynt and dryven away; and þe fruyte of þe erþe, þoru3 continuance and abundaunce of þe see watres, euermore after<sup>6</sup> were turned into more<sup>8</sup> saltnes & sournes of sauour.

¶ The x. 3ere of King Edwarde, he entred þe Scottysse see after Missomere; & to meny of þe Scottes he 3af batayll, and ouercome him,<sup>7</sup> and meny he treted & bowede vnto his pees, þoru3 his<sup>12</sup> doughtynes. & after Michelmasse þan next folwyng, was þe Erl of Moryf ytake att Epinburgh, & brou3t into Engelond, & put into prisoun. ¶ And in þe moneþes of Iuyn and Iuull<sup>8</sup> þan next folwyng, in the xj. 3ere of his regne, was seyn and aperede in þe<sup>16</sup> firmament, a bemyd<sup>9</sup> sterre, þe whiche clerCUS calleþ ‘stella comata’; and þat sterre was seyn in diuerce parteis of the firmament; wherafter anon þer folwyd in Engelond good chepe, and wonder grete plente of<sup>10</sup> chaffaree, vitale and marchaundice, and<sup>20</sup> þere azens, hunger, scrafte, mischif,<sup>11</sup> and nede of money, in-somuche þat a quarter of whete att London was suolde for .ijs., and a good fatte oxen at a noble, and v. good dowe briddes for a jd. In whiche 3ere, on Holy Roed 3eue, deide Sere Iohn of Elham, Erl of<sup>24</sup> Cornewaile, King Edwardus broþer, and lithe at Westmynstre.

**Hov King Edwarde made a Duchye of þe Erldom of Cor[n]waile; & also of vj. oþere erles þat were newe made; & of þe ferste Chalangyng of þe reaume of Fraunce. Cap<sup>o</sup> CC<sup>mo</sup>. 28 xxv<sup>to</sup>.<sup>12</sup>**

<sup>13</sup>In þe 3ere of our Lord a<sup>14</sup> M<sup>t</sup>. CCC. xxxvii., and of King Edwarde xij.,<sup>15</sup> in<sup>16</sup> þe moneþe of March, duryng þe parlement at Westmynstre in lente tyme, King Edwarde made of the erldome of<sup>32</sup> Cornevayle a duchye, þe whiche duche he 3af to Edwarde his ferste sone wijþ<sup>17</sup> þe erldome of Chestre. also King Edward made at þat tyme vj. oþere erles, þat ys forto sey, Sere Henry, þe Erl of

<sup>1</sup> a om. TR.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 173, back.    <sup>3</sup> vp om. T. vp so þat R.

<sup>4</sup> and boþe men T.    <sup>5</sup> Cuntrees sodenli and violenti R.    <sup>6</sup> after om. TR.

<sup>7</sup> hem T.    <sup>8</sup> of Iuyff and Iuyn R.    <sup>9</sup> lemed R.    <sup>10</sup> of alle R.

<sup>11</sup> mischif om. T.    <sup>12</sup> CCxxvj R.    <sup>13</sup> leaf 174.    <sup>14</sup> a om. T.

<sup>15</sup> xij<sup>e</sup> yeer T.    <sup>16</sup> Edwarde þe xij 3eer in R.    <sup>17</sup> þe R. om. C.

Lancastres sone, Erl of Leycestre; William of Bowham, Erl of Northampton; William of Mountgen, Erl of Salesbery; Hughe of Awdelee, Erl of Gloucestre; Robert of Vfforde, Erl of Suthfolk; 4 and William of Clynton, Erl of Huntyngdone. In that same zere, hit<sup>1</sup> was ordeynede in þat same parlement, þat noman shulde were no cloþe þat was woruþt oute of Engelond, as cloþe of gold, of silk, damaske, vellewet, saton, baudekyn, ne non suche oþere; ne non<sup>2</sup> 8 wyldware in Furrenre of bezonde<sup>3</sup> see, but suche as myzte Spende an C. ii. of rente erliche<sup>4</sup>: but pis ordeynaunce and<sup>5</sup> statute was of<sup>6</sup> litel effecte, for hit was noþing holde.

¶ In þe xiiij. zere of hys regne, King Edward wente ouere see 12 into Braban, wiþ Quene Phelip his wif<sup>7</sup> þere beryng<sup>8</sup> childe,<sup>9</sup> and<sup>10</sup> att Andwerp, þere<sup>11</sup> he duellid more þen a zere, to trete wiþ þe Duke of Braban and oþere allyed vnto him of þe calynggyn of þe reaume of Fraunce to King Edward, be rihte and by herytage, after 16 þe deþ of Carol þe grete, King of Fraunce, broþer Germayne of<sup>12</sup> quene Isabelle,<sup>13</sup> King Edwardus Moder, þe whiche<sup>14</sup> was holden and ocupied vnrightfully by Philip of Valeys, þe Emessone of King Carol: ¶ þe whiche duke, and al his, in þe forseyd þinges<sup>15</sup> and in 20 al oþere þerto longyng, wiþ al his men and goodes, King Edward founde redy vnto him, and maden and behyzen<sup>16</sup> suerte, by good fayghte and truste; and after þat, þe king hasted him into Engeland azen, and left þere þe quene stille behynde hym in Braban.

¶ þan in þe xiiij. zere of his regne, whenne al þe lordez of his<sup>17</sup> reaume, and oþer þat ownen to be at his parlement, weren clepte and assembled togedre in þe same parlement, holden at London after þe feste of sent Hillary, þe Kingez nedes were putt forþe and 28 promoted as toching þe kingdome of Fraunce; for whiche nedez to be spede, þe King askeþ þe vif<sup>18</sup> part of alle þe meble goodez of Engeland, and þe wolles, and þe ix. þe<sup>19</sup> schef of euery<sup>20</sup> corn; and þe lordez of eny<sup>21</sup> toun wher suche þinges schulde be taxid and gaderd, 32 schulde ansuere to þe King þerof; and al he had and helde at his owene liste<sup>22</sup> and wil. wherfor, yf y shal knowliche þe verrey treuþe,<sup>23</sup> þe ynnere loue of þe peple was turned into hate, & þe

<sup>1</sup> hit *om* T.    <sup>2</sup> noon oþer R.    <sup>3</sup> beyonde þe T.    biyonde þe R.

<sup>4</sup> yeerli rente T [cp. *Newers day*, 302/12].    <sup>5</sup> and þis T.    & þis R.

<sup>6</sup> off fult R.    <sup>7</sup> wif and T.    <sup>8</sup> sche bere T.

<sup>9</sup> þere beryng childe *om*. R.    <sup>10</sup> and *om*. T.    <sup>11</sup> and þere T.

<sup>12</sup> to T.    <sup>13</sup> Isobelle that was T.    <sup>14</sup> that T.    <sup>15</sup> leaf 174, back.

<sup>16</sup> behighte him R.    <sup>17</sup> þe T.    <sup>18</sup> xv<sup>e</sup> T.    xv. R.

<sup>19</sup> þe *om*. TR.    <sup>20</sup> alle maner T.    <sup>21</sup> eueri T.    euerie R.

<sup>22</sup> luste T.    lust R.    <sup>23</sup> þe treuthe verray R.

commune prays into cursinge, for cause þat the commune peple were strongliche ygreued. ¶ also þe forsaide Philip of Valeys of Fraunce, had gadered to him a grete oste, and destroyede þere in his parteys and kingdome, meny of þe Kinge; frende; of Engelonde, 4 with tounes & castellis, and meny opere of hire lordshippe; and meny harmes, schames, and despite; dede vnto þe Quene. wherfore þe King, whan he ha[r]d<sup>1</sup> of þis<sup>2</sup> tydinge, he was stron[g]lyche meued, and þerwip an-anger[d], and sente diuerse letters ouere see 8 to þe Quene, and to opere þat were his frende; glad yng him, and certyfienge þat he wolde be þer<sup>3</sup> him-self in al þe haste þat he myzt. ¶ And anon, after Ester, when he had sped of al þing þat hym neded, & come fore,<sup>4</sup> he wente ouere see azen; of whos comyng, þe 12 quene & al his frendis were wonder glad, & maden myche ioye; and al þat were his enemys, and azens hym helden,<sup>5</sup> madyn as<sup>6</sup> muchel sorwe. ¶ In þe same tyme þe King, þoru; councel of his treue leiges, & counsell<sup>7</sup> of his lordes þat þere weren present wip 16 him, toke þe King of Fraunces name,<sup>8</sup> and toke & melled þe Kinge; armes of Fraunce quarterly with þe armes of Engelond, & commaunded forþwip his coigne of gold, vnder descripcioun of the name of Engelond and of Fraunce, to be made, þe<sup>9</sup> beste þat myzte be, 20 þat ys for to seyn, þe floreyne þat was clept þe ‘noble,’ of<sup>10</sup> value of vj.s. & viij.d., and þe ‘half-noble’ of<sup>11</sup> iij.s. iij.d., & þe ‘ferþing’ of value of xx.d.

**Hov King Edward come to þe Selus, and descomfited alle þe 24 poer<sup>12</sup> of Fraunce in þe same havene. Capitulo<sup>13</sup> CC<sup>mo</sup> xxvj<sup>to</sup>.<sup>14</sup>**

And in þe next zere after, þat ys forto seyn, þe xv. zere of his regne, he comaunded, & lete<sup>15</sup> write in his charters, writtes, & opere 28 letters, þe date of his regne of Fraunce ferst,<sup>16</sup> & while þat he was þus do yng & trauailyng in Fraunce, þoru; his councel he wrote to al prelati; dukes, Eries, barouns, &<sup>17</sup> noble lorde; of his cuntre, and also to diuers of þe commune peple, diuers lettres and maunde- 32 mentis, beryng date at Gandanum þe .viij. day<sup>18</sup> Feuerer. ¶ And anon aftir, wip-yn<sup>19</sup> litel tyme, he come azen into Engelond, wip þe

<sup>1</sup> herde TR.    <sup>2</sup> these T.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 175.    <sup>4</sup> & come fore om. T.

<sup>5</sup> helden om. T.    <sup>6</sup> as om. T.    <sup>7</sup> counsell om. R.

<sup>8</sup> kingis name of fraunce T.    <sup>9</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>10</sup> of þe R.

<sup>11</sup> of value of T.    off value of R.    <sup>12</sup> power R.    <sup>13</sup> Capitulo om. T.

<sup>14</sup> xxvj<sup>to</sup> om. T.    CC xxvij R.    <sup>15</sup> dide T.    <sup>16</sup> ferst om. R.

<sup>17</sup> and þe TR.    <sup>18</sup> day of TR.    <sup>19</sup> yn a T.

quene and hire childrin. And in þe same 3ere, on Missomer even, he bigan to sayle towarde Fraunce azen, & manly & stilly ful vpon Philip of Valeys, the whiche long tyme lay, and had<sup>1</sup> gaderid to  
 4 him a ful <sup>2</sup>huge and boystous navee of diuers nacions, in þe hauene of Selus. And þere þey fouzten togedir þe Kinge of Fraunce, and he wiþ her osten from midday vnto þe morwe. ¶ In wiche batail were slayn xxx m<sup>t</sup> men of þe kinge3 cumpanye of Fraunce, and  
 8 meny shippes & Cogge3 were take; and so, þoru3 Gode3 helpe, he had þere þe victorye, and bere pens a glorious chiuache. And in þe same 3ere, aboute sent Iames tyde, wiþout þe 3ates of sent Omers, Robert of Artoys, wiþ men of Engelond and of Flaundes, bitterly  
 12 fauzt azens þe duke of Burgoyne & þe Frensshe men; at wiche bataile þer were slayn & take <sup>3</sup>of þe Frensshe men, xv. barouns, .iiij. knyztis; & shippez & barges were take,<sup>3</sup> vnto þe noubre of .CC. &<sup>4</sup> xxx. ¶ The same 3ere, þe Kinge making &<sup>5</sup> abydyng  
 16 oppon þe see<sup>6</sup> of Tourney, þe Erl of Henaude, wiþ englysshe archers, made asawte to þe toun of Seyntanmund, wher þat he slow L. knyztis & meny oþere, and destroyed also þe toun.

And in þe .xvj. 3ere of his regne folwyng, in þe wynter tyme,  
 20 þe king, duelling still oppon þe forsaid sege, sent oft into Engelond to his tresorer & oþer purveyours for gold<sup>7</sup> & meny, þat shulde be sent to hym þer in his nede; but his procuratours & messagers cursidly & ful slowly serued him at his nede, & him deceyved.  
 24 ¶ On wos faute & laches þe Kinge toke trews bytwene hym & þe Kinge of Fraunce. & þe Kinge, ful of sorow woo & shame in his hert, wiþdrowe him from þe see,<sup>8</sup> and come into Brytaigne; & þer was so grete strif<sup>9</sup> for vitailles, þat<sup>10</sup> he lost meny of his peple. &  
 28 whan he had do þere<sup>11</sup> þat he come for, he dressid hym ouer see<sup>12</sup> into Engelond warde. ¶ And as he sayled toward Engelond, in þe hye see, þe moste mishappes, stormes & tempeste, thundres & lightnynges, fil to hym in þe see, þe whiche was seyde þat it was  
 32 done & areysed þoru3 evel spirites made by sorcery and Nigromancye of hem of Fraunce. Wherefore þe Kinge3 hert was ful of sorwe & angwysshe, weylyng & sighyng, & said vnto oure lady on þis wyse. ¶ “O blessid lady, sent Marye! what is þe cause þat

<sup>1</sup> had *om.* T.      <sup>2</sup> leaf 175, back.      <sup>xx</sup><sup>3-3</sup> of þe ffrensshe men xv barons iiij knyztis & shippez & barges were take *om.* T.      <sup>4</sup> and *om.* T.      <sup>5</sup> making and *om.* T.<sup>6</sup> sege T. kinge abydyng vp on þe sege R.<sup>7</sup> for gold and R. for gold *om.* C. purveyours for gold T.      <sup>8</sup> sege R.<sup>9</sup> leaf 176.      <sup>10</sup> so þat T.      <sup>11</sup> þere *om.* R.      <sup>12</sup> the see T.

euermore, goyng into Fraunce, al þingeꝝ & wederes fallyn to me ioyful & likyng & gladsome, & as y wolde haue hym<sup>1</sup>; but alwey turnyng into Engelond ward, al þinges fallen vnprofitable & harmful? ¶ Neuer þe latter, he, scapyng alle þe perilles of þe see, as 4 God wolde, come<sup>2</sup> by nyght to þe tour of London. & þe same zere þe King held him<sup>3</sup> Cristemas att<sup>4</sup> Menres, and sent word to þe Scottes by his messagers, þat he was redy, and wolde fiȝte wiþ him; but þe Scottis wolde not abyde þat, bot fled ouere þe Scottish see, 8 & hid hem as wel as þey myȝte.

¶ And in<sup>5</sup> þe xvij. zere of his regne, aboute þe feste of Conuersion of seint Paule, King Edward, wan he had be in Scotland, & þe Scottis were fledde, he come aȝen into Engelond, & a litel afore 12 Lente was þe turnement at Dunstable, to þe wiche turnement comen al þe ȝong bachelrye & chyualrye of Engelond, with meny erles & oþer lordes; at þe wiche turnement þe King himself was þere<sup>6</sup> present. ¶ And þe nexte zere folwyng, <sup>7</sup>in þe xvij. zere of his 16 regne, at his parlement holden at Westminster in þe xv.<sup>8</sup> of Pasche, Kyng Edwarde þe þrid made Edward, his ferst bygeten sone, Prince of Walys.<sup>9</sup> ¶ And in þe xix zere of his regne, anon after in Janyuer, before<sup>10</sup> Lente, þe same King Edward lete make ful<sup>11</sup> noble Iusticeȝ, 20 and grete festis, in þe place of his berþe, at<sup>12</sup> Wyndessore, þat þere weren neuere non suche seyn þere<sup>13</sup> afore.<sup>14</sup> at whiche festis and rialte were ij. Kingeȝ, .ij. queneȝ, þe Prince of Walys, þe Duk of Cornewaile, x erlis; .ix. Cuntesse, barouns,<sup>15</sup> & many burgeys, þe 24 wiche myȝt nouȝt liztly be noumbred; & of diuers landeȝ be-ȝonde<sup>16</sup> þe see, were many strangers. and at þe<sup>17</sup> same tyme when þe<sup>18</sup> Iustes were don, King Edward made a grete soper, in þe wiche he<sup>19</sup> ordeyned feest, and bygan þe<sup>20</sup> Rounde Table, & ordeyned & 28 stefastyd þe day of þe forsaide Rounde Table to be holde þer at Wyndissore in<sup>21</sup> Whitesen-wike euermore after erly.

¶ In<sup>22</sup> þis tyme, Englysshe men so muche haunted and cleuyd to þe wodnes and<sup>23</sup> foley of þe strangers, þat fro þe tyme of þe 32 comyng of þe Henauderns, xvij. zere passid, þey ordeyned and chaungyd ham euery zere diuers schappis of<sup>24</sup> disgynges of cloþing, of long large and wyde cloþis, destitu and desert fram al old honeste

<sup>1</sup> hem T.    <sup>2</sup> and come TR.    <sup>3</sup> his R.    <sup>4</sup> at þe T.    <sup>5</sup> in om. T.  
<sup>6</sup> þere om. R.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 176, back.    <sup>8</sup> xv<sup>o</sup> day T. xv day R.    <sup>9</sup> Wawys C.  
<sup>10</sup> in R.    <sup>11</sup> ful om. TR.    <sup>12</sup> at TR. and C.    <sup>13</sup> þere om. T.  
<sup>14</sup> seen) afor þat R.    <sup>15</sup> barouns om. T.    <sup>16</sup> beȝonde þe see T. þe see om. C.  
<sup>17</sup> þat T.    <sup>18</sup> þe R.    <sup>19</sup> whiche he R. he om. C.    <sup>20</sup> his TR.  
<sup>21</sup> in þe R.    <sup>22</sup> And in TR.    <sup>23</sup> of T.    <sup>24</sup> and R.



and good vsage; & anoþer tyme schorte clopis & stret-wasted, dagged & ket, & on euery side<sup>1</sup> desslatered & boned, wip sleues & tapets of sircotys, & hodez ouere longe & large, & ouermuche hang-  
 4 ynde, þat if y soþ schal say, þey were more liche to turmentours & deuels in hire cloping & schewyng & oþer arraye þen comen.<sup>2</sup>  
 ¶ And þe wemmen more myseli zet pasted<sup>3</sup> þe men<sup>4</sup> in array, and cureslicher; for þey were so strete cloped þat þey lete hange fox  
 8 tailles sawyd beneþe *with*-inforþ hire clopis, forto hele and heyde hire ars; þe whiche disgysenge; & pride *per*aurenture afterwarð brouzte forþe & encausid many mys-happis & mischeuys<sup>5</sup> in þe reame of Engeland.

12 ¶ The xx zere of King Edward he wente ouere<sup>6</sup> into Brytaine & Gascoigne: in wos companye wente þe Erl of Warwyk, þe Erl of Suthfok, þe Erl of Honntyngdone & þe Erl of Arundel, and meny oþer lordes, & *commune* peple in a gret multitude,<sup>7</sup> *with* a  
 16 grete navey of ij. C.<sup>8</sup> & xl. shippis, anon after mydsomer, forto avenge him of meny wrongez & harmes<sup>9</sup> to hym done be Philip of Valeys, King of Fraunce, azens þe treues byfore-hand<sup>10</sup> grauntyd, þe whiche trewes he fasly & ownetreuly, by cawelaciones, loste and  
 20 disqwatt.

Hov King Edward sayled into Normandye, & arryued at Hogges wip a gret oste; & of þe batayle of Selus, and of<sup>11</sup> þe bygynnyng of þe seege of Calys, & also of þe  
 24 batayll of Duresme. Cap<sup>o</sup>. CC<sup>mo</sup> xxvij<sup>mo</sup>.<sup>12</sup>

I N þe xxj. zere of his regne, King Edward, þoru; counsel of al þe grete lordez of þis<sup>13</sup> reame, clepid & gadered togedre in his parlement at Westminster before Estern, ordeyned him  
 28 forto<sup>14</sup> passe ouer þe se azen, for to discesce and destrouble þe rebellis of Fraunce. and when his navey was come togedre & made redy, he went *with* an huge oste, þe xij. day of Juyll, & sayled into Normandye, & arryued at Hoggez.<sup>15</sup> & whan he had  
 32 restid him þere vj. daies, for bycause of *trauelyng* of the see, & forto haue out al his men wip al hire nessessaryes, out of hire shippes, he wente toward Cadomon,<sup>16</sup> brengyng, wastyng, & destroyenge al þe tounes<sup>17</sup> as he went by þe way. ¶ And þe xxvj day

<sup>1</sup> side TR.    <sup>2</sup> þen comen *om.* T.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 177.

<sup>4</sup> þe men *om.* T.    <sup>5</sup> meny mischiefs and myshappez R.    <sup>6</sup> ouere *om.* R.

<sup>7</sup> multitudo C.    <sup>8</sup> *om.* R.    <sup>9</sup> meny harmez & wronges R.

<sup>10</sup> biforhand R.    byfore had C.    <sup>11</sup> of *om.* T.

<sup>12</sup> cccxxvij R.    xxvij *om.* T.    <sup>13</sup> his R.    <sup>14</sup> to T.

<sup>15</sup> and arryued at hoggez *om.* TR.    <sup>16</sup> Rone T. Paris R.    <sup>17</sup> leaf 177, back.

of Juyll, at þe brigge of Cadomy, manly & orpudly ystrengþed and defended wiþ Normannes, he had þere a stronge batayll, & a<sup>1</sup> longe-duryng, þoru3 which<sup>2</sup> grete<sup>3</sup> multitud of people was slayn. ¶ And þere were take prisoners, þe Erl of Ewe, þe Lord 4 of Tankerwyle, & an C. oþer kinge3<sup>4</sup> and men of armes, & vj C. foote men ynombred; and þe toun & þe subbarbus vnto þe bare wallys of al þing þat myzte be bore & caryed out, was robbid and despoyled. ¶ aftirward þe King, passing forþe by þe cuntre 8 aboute þe brede of xx. mile, he<sup>5</sup> wastyd alle manere þing þat he founde. Whan Philip of Valeys perseuyd<sup>6</sup> al þis, al-pou3 he were faste by *with* a stronge oste, he wolde nouzt come no ner, but brek al þe briggys bezonde þe water of Seyn, fro Roon vnto Paris, 12 & him self fledde vnto<sup>7</sup> þe same Citee of Paris<sup>8</sup> wiþ al þe haste þat he myzte. ¶ fforsothe, þe noble King Edward, when he come to Paris brigge, and founde hit broken, wiþinne ij. dayes he lete make hit aȝen; & in þe morwe after þe assumplicioun of oure 16 Lady, King Edward passed ouere þe water of Seyen, goyng toward Cryesce, & distroyed by þe way tounes wiþ þe<sup>9</sup> people duelling perinne.<sup>10</sup> & in þe feste of sent Bartolomev, he passid ouere þe water of Comme owne hurte<sup>11</sup> wiþ al his oste per as neuer afore 20 honde was eny manere wey in<sup>12</sup> passage werto a M<sup>13</sup> men were slayn of hem þat letted hire passage ouer.

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¶ þerefore, þe xxvj. day of auguste, King Edward in a felde faste by Creysece, hauyng iij.<sup>14</sup> bataillis of englisshe men, countryd 24 and mette wiþ Philip of Valeys, hauyng<sup>15</sup> wiþ him iiij. batailles, of þe wiche þe leste passid gretely þe nombre of þe Englisshe peple. & whan þes ij. ostes metten togedir, þer fil oppon him<sup>16</sup> þe King of Beme, þe Duke of Loroyn and erles also of Flaundes, Dalasoun, 28 Bloys, Harecourt, Aumerle, and Nyvers, & meny oþer erlis, barouns,<sup>17</sup> lordes, Kinge3,<sup>18</sup> & men of armes, þe noubre of a M<sup>19</sup> V. C. xlij.,<sup>19</sup> wiþout foet men & oþer men in<sup>20</sup> armevne, þat were noþing rekened. ¶ And for al þis, þe same vnglorious Philip wiþdrowe him, wiþ þe 32 residue of al his peple; wherfore it was seyð in *commune* among

<sup>1</sup> a om. T.   <sup>2</sup> wiche a T. with C.   <sup>3</sup> þoru3 wiche a greet R.

<sup>4</sup> knyghtis T. knztis R.   <sup>5</sup> and R.   <sup>6</sup> herde R.

<sup>7</sup> to R.   <sup>8</sup> & him self fledde vnto þe same Cite of Paris om. T.

<sup>9</sup> þe om. R.   <sup>10</sup> þerine om. T.   <sup>11</sup> owne hurte om. T.   <sup>12</sup> ne TR.

<sup>13</sup> Where ij M<sup>14</sup> R.   <sup>14</sup> þe iij<sup>o</sup> T.   <sup>15</sup> leaf 178.   <sup>16</sup> hem TR.

<sup>17</sup> barons and T.   <sup>18</sup> knyghtis T.   oþer lordis erlis Barons knyztis R.

<sup>19</sup> M<sup>19</sup>VC xij T.   M<sup>19</sup> vij<sup>c</sup> xlij R.   <sup>20</sup> y TR.

his owne peple ‘Nostre beall Retret,’ that is for to sey, ‘Our faire wipdraweþ hym.’ þan Kyng Edward & our Englyssh men, þank-  
 yng God for suche a victorye, after hire grete labour, takyng to  
 4 hem al þyng nedeful for her sustenaunce & sauynge of hire lyf  
 ferdred of hire enemys, rested hem þere. ¶ And ful erly in<sup>1</sup> þe  
 morwe, after þe Frensshe men wip au houghe passyng oste come  
 azen for to zeue batayll & fizte wip þe Englysshe men, wip whom  
 8 metten & countreden þe Erles of Warwyk, Norhampton & Norfolk,  
 wip hire companye & slowen ij. M<sup>1,2</sup> & token meny prisoners of  
 þe gentils of ham; and þe remenaunt of þe same oste fled iij.  
 mile þens.

[*The Siege of Calais, and the Invasion of England by the Scots.*]

12 ¶ And þe thirde day after the bataill, þe kyng wente to Caleys  
 warde, destroyng al þe cuntre as he rode; whider,<sup>3</sup> whan þat<sup>4</sup> he  
 was comen,<sup>5</sup> þat is forto seyn, þe .iiij. day of Septembre, he bygan  
 to besege þe toun wip þe castell, and continued his sege fro þe  
 16 forseyd iij. day of Septembre vnto þe iij. day of Auguste þe next  
 zere after. & in<sup>6</sup> þe same zere, duryng þe sege of Caleys, þe King  
 of Scotlond,<sup>7</sup> with a ful grete multitude of Scottis, come into  
 Engelond, to Nevyles crosse, about seint Lukes day þe euangglist,  
 20 hopynge & trustyng to haue found al the land destitute & voyde  
 of peple, forasmuche as þe Kyng of Engelond was bezend þe see,  
 saue only prestes & men of holy chirche, & women & childrin, &  
 ploughmen, & such oþer laborers. ¶ And þer þey robbeden, &  
 24 deden mych priue<sup>8</sup> sorow; but zet fond þey ynowe þat ham  
 wipstode, by þe grace of God. And so a day of batayll was  
 assigned bytwene hem; & certeyne lordes & men of holy cherche  
 þat were in þat cuntre, wip oþere comune peple, fast by þe Citee  
 28 of Duresme; at whiche day, þoruþ þe grace and þe helpe of God<sup>9</sup>  
 þe Scottis<sup>10</sup> were ouercomen, & zet were þey threfold so meny of  
 hem<sup>11</sup> as of<sup>12</sup> Englysshe men<sup>13</sup>; and þere was slayn al þe chivalrye  
 and knyghthod of þe reame of Scotland. ¶ And þer were take,  
 32 as þey wolden haue fled, Dauid, King of Scotlond, þe Erl of  
 Mentyf, sere William Douglas, & many oþer grete men. & after  
 þat, oure Englysshe men, when þey had restyd ham a fewe dayes,  
 & had ordeyned keepers of þe<sup>14</sup> Northcuntre, þey comen to London,

<sup>1</sup> on T.    <sup>2</sup> ij M<sup>1</sup> men T.    <sup>3</sup> whider om. TR.    <sup>4</sup> þat om. R.

<sup>5</sup> was come þider R.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 178, back.    <sup>7</sup> Scotlond C.    <sup>8</sup> oþer T.

<sup>9</sup> help & grace of God R.    <sup>10</sup> Cottis C.    <sup>11</sup> of hem om. R.    <sup>12</sup> þe R.

<sup>13</sup> peple TR.    <sup>14</sup> þe land of the T.

and brouzt with ham þe King of Scotlond, & þes opere lordez þat were taken prisoners, vnto<sup>1</sup> þe tour<sup>2</sup> of London, wiþ al þe haste þat þey myzte; & þer þey lefte ham in saue kepyng, vnto þe Kingez comynge,<sup>3</sup> and went<sup>4</sup> home aȝen into hire owne cuntre. & after- 4 ward was þe Kingez raunsome of Scotlond taxid vnto an C. M<sup>t</sup> mark<sup>5</sup> of seluere, to be payed in x ȝer, þat ys forto sayne, euery ȝere x þousand mark.

Of the conqueste and <sup>6</sup>wynnge of Caleys, and of<sup>7</sup> grete <sup>8</sup>pestelence & raynes þat fillen sone aftir; and of þe tresoun ordeyned aȝens Caleys. Capitulo<sup>8</sup> CC<sup>mo</sup>. xxviiij<sup>o</sup>.<sup>9</sup>

**I**N þe xxij ȝere of King Edwardys regne, he wente ouere in þe wynter time, & lay al þe wynter in<sup>10</sup> þe seege of Caleys. <sup>11</sup>þe <sup>12</sup>whiche year, while þe sege lasted, Philip of Valeys,<sup>11</sup> Kyng of Fraunce, cast & purposed, trecherously & wiþ fraude, to put away þe sege,<sup>12</sup> & come þe xxvij day of Iuyll in þe same ȝere wiþ a grete oste & a strong poer, & neigrhed vnto þe sege of Caleys. ¶ þe <sup>16</sup>wiche Philip, þe last day of Iuyll, sent to King Edward word þat<sup>13</sup> he wold ȝeue him playn bataill þe .iiij. day next after þat, about euesong tyme, if þat he durst come fro þe sege & abyde hit. And whan Kynge Edward herd þat, wiþout eny long taryng or grete <sup>20</sup>avisement, he accepted gladly þe day & hour of bataill þat Philip had assigned. And whan the Kyng of Fraunce herd þat, wiþout eny long taryng or grete auysement, þe next nyght after he set hys tentys afyre, and vanysshed & went away þens cowardly. ¶ Than <sup>24</sup>þey þat were in<sup>14</sup> þe toun and in þe castell bysegged, seyng al þis, how þat þei hade non oper helpe ne socour of þe Kinge of Fraunce ne of his men, & also þat her vitailles wiþin hym<sup>15</sup> were spended and wasted, & for defaute of vitailles & of<sup>16</sup> refresshyng þey eten <sup>28</sup>hors, houndes, cattes & mys, for to kepe her troupe as long as þey myzte. ¶ And whan they sawe, & was found amongez hem at þe last þat þey had no þing amonge hem<sup>17</sup> forto ete ne lyve by, ne no socour ne rescuyng of þe Freussshemen; on þe toþer<sup>18</sup> syde <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> to T.    <sup>2</sup> tone C.    towr TR.    <sup>3</sup> comyng to London T.

<sup>4</sup> wente TR.    when C.    <sup>5</sup> an C M<sup>t</sup> e CK.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 179.    <sup>7</sup> of þis R.

<sup>8</sup> Capitulo om. T.    <sup>9</sup> xxviiij<sup>o</sup> om. T.    cexix R.    <sup>10</sup> at T.

<sup>11–11</sup> þe whiche yeer while þe sege lasted Philip of Valeys T.    the whiche yeer while the Sege lasted Philip of Valeys R.    om. C.

<sup>12</sup> þe sege TR.    þe om. C.    <sup>13</sup> sent word to King Edward þat R.

<sup>14</sup> withine T.    <sup>15</sup> hem T.    <sup>16</sup> of om. T.    <sup>17</sup> amonge hem om. R.

<sup>18</sup> on þat oper TR.

þey weste wel þat <sup>1</sup>þey must deie<sup>2</sup> for defaute, eyþer<sup>3</sup> zelde<sup>4</sup> vp þe  
 toun; and anon wenten & tokin<sup>5</sup> done þe banerys &<sup>6</sup> þe armes of  
 Fraunce on euery side þat were hanged out, & wenten on þe walles  
 4 of þe toun, and in oþer diuers placys, as naked as þey were bore,  
 saf hire chirtys and<sup>7</sup> brechys, & heldyn hire swerdus naked, & þe  
 poynt downward, in hire handez, & puttyn ropys & halterys  
 abowte hire<sup>8</sup> neckys, and zolden vp þe keyes of þe toun and of þe  
 8 Castell to Kyng Edward, wiþ grete fere and drede of hert. ¶ And  
 when the King sav þis, as a mercyable king and lord, resceyued  
 hym al to his grace; & a feue of þe grettste persones of stat and  
 of gouernaunce of þe toun he sent into Engeland, þer for to abyde  
 12 hire raunsome & þe kinges grace; & al þe *communialte* of þe toun  
 þe king lete go wher þey wolde in pees, & wiþoute ony harme, &  
 lete ham here *with* ham al hire þingeꝝ þat þey myzte bere & cary  
 away,<sup>9</sup> keping þe toun and the Castell to hymself. ¶ þan, þoruꝝ  
 16 mediacioun of cardenalles þat were sent fro þe pope, trewes was take  
 þer bituene Fraunce & Engeland for ix monethes þan next folwyng;  
 & aboute mychelmasse King Edwarde come aȝen vnto Engeland  
 wiþ a glorious victorye.

[*The Plague of 1348.*]

20 ¶ And in þe xxiiij. ȝere of his regne, in þe Este parteys of þe  
 worlde þer aros & bygan a pestilence, & deþ of Sarasineꝝ and  
 Payngneins, þat so grete a deþ was neuer herde of afore,<sup>10</sup> and þat  
 wasted away so þe peple þat vnneþes þe x<sup>the</sup> persone was left  
 24 a<sup>11</sup>-lyue. & in þe same ȝere, aboute þe Sowthcuntreys and also in<sup>12</sup>  
 þe west cuntres, þere fell so much<sup>13</sup> reyne and so grete waters þat,  
 from Cristemasse vnto<sup>14</sup> Midsomer, þer was vnneþes day ne nyght  
 but þat it rayned sumwhat; þoruꝝ whiche watres, þe pestilence was  
 28 sone fectid<sup>15</sup> & so habundant in all cuntres, & namely aboute þe  
 court of Rome & oþer places & sore<sup>16</sup> costes,<sup>17</sup> þat vnneþes þere were  
 left alyve<sup>18</sup> folk to bery ham þat were ded, honestly, but maden  
 grete diches and puttes þat were wonder brood and depe, & þerin  
 32 beried, & made a renge of þe<sup>19</sup> dede bodyes, & anoþer renge of erþe  
 aboute ham; & þus were þey buried, & non oþer wise, but yf it were  
 þe fewer þat were grete men of state.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 179, back.<sup>2</sup> eythir die T.<sup>3</sup> or ellis T.<sup>4</sup> þey moste ouþer die for defaute or ellis yelde R. <sup>5</sup> took a T.<sup>6</sup> of TR. <sup>7</sup> and her TR.<sup>8</sup> þeir R.<sup>9</sup> away om. T.<sup>10</sup> bifore R.<sup>11</sup> on T.<sup>12</sup> in om. R.<sup>13</sup> leaf 180.<sup>14</sup> to T.<sup>15</sup> was so effect T. was so effected R.<sup>16</sup> sondry T.<sup>17</sup> & sore costes om. R.<sup>18</sup> on lyue T.<sup>19</sup> þe om. R.

¶ And after al þis, in þe xxiiij zere of his regne, hit was done King Edward to wite and vnderstonde of a tresoun þat was bygun at Caleys, and ordeyned for to selle þat<sup>1</sup> toun for a grete somme of Florens vnto King Philip of Fraunce, þoruþ þe falsnes & þe<sup>2</sup> 4 ordinance of a knyzt þat me called Sir Geffrey of Charney, þat was wonder priuey wiþ þe King of Fraunce. ¶ And whan þe King herd þis, he toke wiþ hym þe noblys & þe gentils, & opere worþy & orped men of armes, þat were þere present wiþ hym for þe 8 solempnite of þat<sup>1</sup> hey<sup>3</sup> feest, & wel & wisely, in al þe haste þat he myzt, & as priuely as he myzt, he wente hym<sup>4</sup> ouere see,<sup>5</sup> and þat same tyme þe King held hys Cristemas at Haueryng. ¶ And in þe morwe after<sup>6</sup> Newers day, þe King was in þe Castell of 12 Caleys wiþ his men of armes, þat none of<sup>7</sup> þe aliens wist þerof. And thilk<sup>8</sup> fals conspiratour & traytour, Geffrey of Charney, seth<sup>9</sup> he myzte not opynly haue his purpos of þe castell, pryuely & stelyngly he comen yn, & held þe toun wiþ a grete oste. 10 And 16 when he wiþ his men were comen yn, he payed þe forsaide somme of florens, as couenaunt was bituene him, to a Geneweys in þe toun þat was keper of þe castell, & consentyng to þe same Gefferey in al þis<sup>11</sup> falsnesse & trecherye, & bonde þe Englysshe mynesters and 20 seruauntz þat were in þe castel, þat þey myzt nouzt helpe hamself, ne lete ham of hire purpos. & þan, wenyng þat þey had be siker ynov, þey spaken hire wickednesse & falones oppynly & an hey, þat al men myzt here. ¶ And nov shul ze here hov þey were 24 desceyued; for þey comme in by a preuy posterne ouer a litel brigge was drawyn opp<sup>12</sup> of tre; & when þey were come yn sotelly and preuely, þe brigge was dravyn op and kepte, þat non of ham þat were come yn myzte go out, ne no moo come yn to hym. ¶ And 28 anon our Englysshe men wente oute at priuy holes and wendawes, & ouere þe wallys of þe toun & of þe castel, & wenten & fouzten manly wiþ þe Frenche men þat were wiþoute, & had the better of ham, þe wiche when þey were ocupied by ham self on<sup>13</sup> hire side. þe King, 32 þat was wiþin þe toun, hauyng wiþ him<sup>14</sup> scharstly but xxx. men of armes, dreve out his swerd, & with a lowed voys cried on hey: “*A sent Edward! a sent Gorge!*” And when folk herde þat, þey come rennyng to him, and zeauen þer<sup>15</sup> to hire enemys so stronge 36

<sup>1</sup> þe TR.      <sup>2</sup> þe om. R.      <sup>3</sup> hey om. T.      <sup>4</sup> hym om. R.      <sup>5</sup> þe see R.

<sup>6</sup> next T.      <sup>7</sup> of alle T.      <sup>8</sup> And whane þat R.      <sup>9</sup> saw þat R.

<sup>10</sup> leaf 180, back.      <sup>11</sup> þis om. T. his R.      <sup>12</sup> was drawyn opp om. TR.

<sup>13</sup> on of C. on TR.      <sup>14</sup> wiþ him om. R.      <sup>15</sup> þer om. T.

assaute þat þer were mo þen ij. C. men of armes, and meny oþer, slayn, & meny fledden; & so, by þe grace of God, þe victorye fel to þe Englysshe men. ¶ þan þe King toke with him þis Gefferey, þat  
4 was fynder of þis trecherye, and also many oþer Frenshe prisoners, & withyn a while <sup>1</sup>after wente<sup>2</sup> aȝen into Engeland.

[*The Plague, or Black Death.*]

And in þis same ȝere, and in þe ȝere afore, & also in þe ȝere aftir, was so grete a pestilences of men fro þe Est into þe west, & namely  
8 þoruȝ bocches, þat he þat siked þis day, deid on þe iij. day after. ¶ To þe wich men þat so deiden in þis pestilens, þat haddyn but litel respyte of lyggyng, þe pope Clement, of his goodnes & grace, ȝaf ham ful remissioun & foryeuynge of all hire synnes þat þey  
12 were schryven of. & þis pestilence lasted in London fro Michelmasse into<sup>3</sup> Auguste next folowyng almoste an hool ȝere. & in þes dayes was deþ wiþoute sorwe, weddyng wiþoute frendship, wilfull penaunce, and derþe wiþout scarste, and fleyng wiþoute refute or  
16 socour; ¶ ffor meny fledden fro place to place by-cause of þe pestilens; but þey were<sup>5</sup> enfecte, & myȝt not ascape þe depe, after þe prophete Isaye<sup>6</sup> seith: “ho<sup>7</sup> þat fleep fro þe face of drede, he shal fall into þe diche; <sup>8</sup>& he þat wyndeþ hymself out of þe diche,<sup>8</sup>  
20 he shal be holde and teyd wiþ a grenne,” but whan þis pestilens was cesid & endid, as God wolde, vnneþes þe x. parte of þe peple was left alyve,<sup>9</sup> and in þe same ȝere bygan a wonder þing þat al þat euere were born after þat pestilens hadden ij. chekteth in her heed lasse  
24 þan þey had afore.

**How King Edward had a grete bataylle of þe Spaynardes in þe see faste by Wynchel-see, & of meny oþere þingeȝ.**  
**Capitulo CC.<sup>mo</sup> xxix.<sup>o</sup>**<sup>10</sup>

28 And in þe xxv. ȝere of his regne, about sent Johnnes tyde in heruest, in þe see faste by Wynchelse, King Edward had a grete batayll wiþ men of Spayne, wher þat <sup>11</sup>hire shippes & navee ley cheyned togider, þat eipere they muste fiȝt or drenche. ¶ And so,  
32 whan al our worþi men of armes on þe see coostes fast by Wynchel-see & Romeny were gadred,<sup>12</sup> & ouer navee & shippes al redy to þe werre, þe Englyssh men metten manly & stifly with hire enemys,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 181.    <sup>2</sup> wente R. om. C.    <sup>3</sup> vnto R.    <sup>4</sup> of T.

<sup>5</sup> were om. R.    <sup>6</sup> Isaye þat T.    <sup>7</sup> who R.

<sup>8-9</sup> om. R.    <sup>9</sup> on lyue T.    <sup>10</sup> xxix om. T. cccxxx R.

<sup>11</sup> leaf 181, back.    <sup>12</sup> gatherid togidere T. gadred to gedir R.

comyng fersly azens ham, & when þe Spaynesshe vessellis & nauey were closid yn al about, þer men myzte se a stronge bataile vn boþe sides, and long duryng; in þe whiche Batayle þer ner<sup>1</sup> but fewe þat fauzten but þat<sup>2</sup> þey were sputesly herte, & fowle. and after 4 þe batayle þer were xxiiij shippes of herez ytaken; & so þe<sup>3</sup> Englysshe men had þe better.

[*The new Coinage. The dear Summer. A Drought.*]

¶ And in þe next zere after<sup>4</sup> folwyng, of his regne xxvj<sup>ti</sup>, þe King, þoruþ his councele, lete ordeyne & make his neve money, þat 8 ys forto sey, þe peny, þe grote of valev of iiij. pens, & þe half<sup>5</sup> grote þe<sup>6</sup> valev of ijd.; but hit was of lesse wyzth þan þe old sterlyng was, by v. s. in þe pound. ¶ And in þe xxvij. zere of his regne was þe<sup>7</sup> grete derþe of vitales, þe wiche was clepid þe dere 12 somer. ¶ And in þe xxviii. zere of his regne in þe parlement holdyn at Westminster after Ester, Sere Henry, Erl of Lancastre, was made Duk of Lancastre. and in pis<sup>8</sup> same zere was so grete a drowthe þat, fro þe moneþ of Marche unto þe moneþ of Iuyll, þer 16 fel no rayne into<sup>9</sup> þe erþe; wherfore al<sup>10</sup> fruttys, sedis and erbis, for þe more<sup>11</sup> part was lost; in defaute wherof þer come so grete desise of men and bestes, & derþe of vetailes in Engelond, so þat pis lande, þat euer byfore was plentues, had nede þat tyme to seche 20 his vytaylis and refreschyng of oþer out yles and cuntres.

[*Negotiations about Guienne dropt.*]

¶<sup>12</sup> And in þe xxix zere of King Edward, hit was acorded, graunted and swore, bytwene þe King of Fraunce & þe King of Engelond, þat he schulde haue azen al his landez and lordshippes þat 24 longe to þe Duche of Guyne of old tyme, þe wiche had bene with-drawe & wrongfully occupied by diuers Kynges of Fraunce byforhand, to hane & to hold to Kyng Edward & to his eyrs & successours for cuermore, frely, pesible, & in good quyete, vpon pis 28 covaunt, þat þe Kyng of England shold leue of,<sup>13</sup> & relese all<sup>14</sup> right & clayme þat he had & claymed of þe kingdome of Fraunce, & of þe title þat he toke þerof. Oppon wiche speche & coueantmes, it was sent to þe court of Rome on boþe sydes of þe Kynges,<sup>15</sup> þat 32 þe forsaid coueant shold be enbulled. but God ordeyned betere for þe Knyges worship of Engelond; for, what þoruþ fraude &

<sup>1</sup> ne were but T.      <sup>2</sup> þat om. T.      <sup>3</sup> oure T.

<sup>4</sup> after om. T. folowyng R.      <sup>5</sup> and half a TR.      <sup>6</sup> of TR.

<sup>7</sup> þe om. R.      <sup>8</sup> þe TR.      <sup>9</sup> on TR.      <sup>10</sup> alle þe R.      <sup>11</sup> moste R.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 182.      <sup>13</sup> of om. R.      <sup>14</sup> al þe R.      <sup>15</sup> of þe kynges om. T.



deceyte of þe Frensshmen, & what þoruȝ lettyng of þe pope & of þe court of Rome, þe forsaid couenauntes were to-squat & left of.

[*Transfer of the Staple of Wool to England.*]

¶ And in þe same ȝere þe Kyng reuoked, by his wys & descrete  
4 counceyll, þe staple of wolles out of Flaundes into Engelond, wiȝ  
al þe libertees, fraunchises & free customes þat longen þerto, &  
ordeyned hit in Engelond in diuers places, þat ys forto<sup>1</sup> seyn, at  
Westminster, Caunterbery, Chichestre, Bristowe, Lincoln, & Hull,  
8 wiȝ al þe forsaid þyngeȝ þat longen þerto. and þat þis þing sholde  
be þus done,<sup>2</sup> þe Kyng swore hym self þerto, & prins Edward his  
sone, wiȝ oþer meny grete witnessse þat were þere than<sup>3</sup> present.

[*The French attempt on Guienne frustrated.*]

And in þe .xxx. ȝere of his regne, anon after Wytsonday, in þe  
12 parlement ordeyned at Westminster, hit was told and<sup>4</sup> certyfyed  
to<sup>5</sup> þe King, þat Philip þat held þe kingdome of Fraunce was dede,  
and þat John his sone was crowned King, & þat þis John had ȝoue  
Karoll his sone þe Duchie of Guyone. ¶ Of þe<sup>6</sup> wiche þing, King  
16 Edward, whan he herd þerof, he<sup>7</sup> had grete indignacioun vnto hym,  
& was wonder wroþ, & strongly meved: and þer, afor<sup>8</sup> al þe worþy  
lordes þat þere were assembled at þat parlement, he clept<sup>9</sup> Edward  
his son to hym, to wiche<sup>10</sup> þe Duchye of Guyene by right heritage  
20 shold longe to, and ȝaf hit hym þer, byddyng and strengþing him  
þat he shulde ordeyne him to defende and avenge him oppon his  
enemys, & saue & mayntene hys ryȝt. ¶ And afterward, King  
Edward him self, and his eldiste<sup>11</sup> sone Edward,<sup>12</sup> wenten to diuerce  
24 placeȝ and senten in Engelond a pilgrimage, forto haue þe more  
grace and help of God and of his sentȝ. and þe secunde kalend  
of Iuyll, whan al þing was redy to þat viage and batayleȝ, and al<sup>13</sup>  
his retennev & power assembled, and hire navey also redy, he toke  
28 wiȝ him þe Erl of Warwyk, þe Erl of Suthfolk, þe<sup>14</sup> Erl of Salys-  
bery, & þe Erl of Oxenford, and a M<sup>t</sup> of<sup>15</sup> men of armes, and as  
many archerys, in þe Natiuite of our Lady, and at Plymmough  
token hire shippes, and bygan to sayle. ¶ And when<sup>16</sup> he come  
32 and was arryued in Guyene, he<sup>17</sup> was þer worshipfly take<sup>18</sup> and<sup>19</sup>

<sup>1</sup> to R.    <sup>2</sup> þo R.    <sup>3</sup> were þanne þere R.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 182, back.

<sup>5</sup> to om. T.    <sup>6</sup> þe om. R.    <sup>7</sup> he om. R.    <sup>8</sup> þerfore R.

<sup>9</sup> also and cleped R.    <sup>10</sup> whom TR.    <sup>11</sup> eldiste om. R.

<sup>12</sup> Prince Edward T.    <sup>13</sup> al om. T.    <sup>14</sup> þe erle TR.    þe om. C.

<sup>15</sup> of om. TR.    <sup>16</sup> when om. T.    <sup>17</sup> and he T.    <sup>18</sup> take om. R.    <sup>19</sup> and om. C.

resceyued<sup>1</sup> of þe moste noble men and lordez of þat cuntre. And anon after, King Edward toke wip him his ij. sones, þat ys forto seye,<sup>2</sup> Sir Lyonell, Erl of Vltoun, and Sere Iohn his broþer, Erl of Rychemonde, and Sere Henry, Duke of Lancastre, wip meny Erles 4 and lordes and men of armes, and too <sup>3</sup>M<sup>t</sup> archers, and sayled into<sup>4</sup> Fraunce, and reste him awhile at Caleys. ¶ and afterward, þe King went wip his folk aforsaide, and wip opere sowdiours of bezende þe see þat þere aboden þe Kinges comynge, þe secunde day 8 of Nouembre, & toke his iorneye toward King Iohn of Fraunce, þere as he trowed to<sup>5</sup> haue y<sup>6</sup>found him faste by þe toun of Odomarum, as his letters and couenauntz made mencion þat he wolde abyde him þere wip his oste. ¶ And whan King Ion of 12 Fraunce herde of þe Kyngez cominge of Engelond, he wente away wip his men & his cariage, cowardly & schamfully fleyng, wastyng al vitaillez ouer<sup>7</sup> al, þat<sup>8</sup> Englysshe men shold nauzt haue therof. ¶ And when King Edward herde þat he fled, he pursued him wip 16 al his mayne til<sup>9</sup> Hedoun; and þen he, by-holdyng þe wantyng and þe scarsites of vitaillez, and also the cowardice of the King of Fraunce, he turned azen, wastyng al þe cuntre.

[*The Scots attack Berwick.*]

¶ And while al þese þingez were a<sup>10</sup>doying, þe scottes prevyly and 20 by nyzt token þe toun of Berwyk, sleyng ham þat wipstode ham, and no man ellis; but,—blessid by god!—þe castel neuer-þe-latter was sauyd and kepte be Englysshe men þat were þerin. þen þe Kinge perceuyng al þis, turned azen into Engelond as worþ as he 24 myzte.<sup>11</sup> ¶ Wherfore in a parlement at Westminster was graunted to þe King of euery sake of<sup>12</sup> wolle .l. s. duryng þe terme of vj. zere þat he myzt þe myztlyker fyght and deffende þe reame azens þe Scottis and opere mys-doers: and so, when al þinges were redy, 28 þe King hastyd hym to þe seege warde.

**Hov King Edward was crowned King of Scotland, and hov Prins Edward toke þe King of Fraunce,<sup>13</sup> & of þe bataylle of Peyters.<sup>13</sup> Capitulo CC<sup>mo</sup> Tricesimo.<sup>14</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> and reseuyd T.    <sup>2</sup> þat ys forto seye om. TR.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 183.

<sup>4</sup> toward TR.    <sup>5</sup> forto T.    <sup>6</sup> y om. TR.

<sup>7</sup> ouerall R.    <sup>8</sup> oper al C.    <sup>9</sup> pat þe T.    þe R.    <sup>10</sup> to T.    <sup>11</sup> in T.

<sup>12</sup> myghte be R.    <sup>13</sup> of om. T.    <sup>13-13</sup> om. T.

<sup>14</sup> Tricesimo om. T.    ccxxi R.

<sup>1</sup> And in þe xxxj. 3ere of his regne, þe xiiij day of Ianuere, þe King beyng in þe castel of Beywyk wip a fewe men, but<sup>2</sup> havyng þer fastby a<sup>3</sup> gret oost, þe toun was 3old to him wipout 4 eny<sup>4</sup> manere fens or<sup>5</sup> difficile. þan þe King of Scotlond, þat ys forto sey, Sire Iohn Bayllol, considering how þat God dede meny merueyllles þinge; & gracious<sup>6</sup> for King Edward at his owene will fro day to day, he toke<sup>7</sup> & 3af op<sup>8</sup> þe reaume of Scotland, & þe 8 croune of Scotland,<sup>9</sup> att Rokesburgh,<sup>10</sup> in-to þe Kinge; handes<sup>11</sup> of Engelond, vnder his patent lettres þer of y<sup>12</sup>made. ¶ And anon after King Edward, in presence of al þe prelates & oþer worpi men & lordez þat þere were, lete croune hym King þer-of<sup>13</sup> þe reaume 12 of<sup>14</sup> Scotland. and whan al þinge; were done & ordeyned in thilk cuntres at his luste, he turned a3en into Engelond wip a<sup>15</sup> houghe worschip.

¶ And while þat<sup>16</sup> þis viage was adoyng in Scotland, Sir 16 Edward, Prins of Walys, as a man enspired of God, was in Guyne, in þe Citee of Burdeux, tretimg & spekyng of þe chalangyng, &<sup>17</sup> of the Kinge; right of Engelond, þat he had to þe reaume of Fraunce; and þat he wold avenged be<sup>18</sup> wip stronge hond. & aH þe prelates, 20 peris, & my3ty men of þe cuntre, consentid wele to hym. ¶ þan Sere Edward, the Pryns, wip a grete oste y<sup>19</sup>gaderid to hym, þe vj. day of Iuyll went fro Burdeux, goyng & trauaylyng by meny diuers cuntres. And he toke meny<sup>20</sup> prisoners, mo þan vj<sup>M</sup> men of 24 armes, by the<sup>21</sup> cuntre as he iourneyed,<sup>21</sup> & toke þe toun of Remorantyn in Saloigne, & beseged þe castell vj. dayes. and at þe vj. dayes ende þey 3olden þe castell vnto hym; and 22 þere were taken þe Lord of Crom, and Sere Bursigand, and meny oþere knyghtes, 28 and men of armes mo þan <sup>xx</sup>iiij.

[The Battle of Poitiers.]

And fro þens by Tureyne & Petey,<sup>23</sup> faste by Chaneney, his noble men þat were with him hadden a strong bataill wip Frenssh men, and a<sup>24</sup> C. of hire<sup>25</sup> men<sup>26</sup> of armes were slayn. and þe Erle

<sup>1</sup> leaf 183, back.    <sup>2</sup> but om. T.    <sup>3</sup> bi a T.    <sup>4</sup> any defence or any T.

<sup>5</sup> fens or om. T.    <sup>6</sup> & gracious om. R.    <sup>7</sup> toke up T.

<sup>8</sup> and 3af vp om. T.    <sup>9</sup> of Scotland om. T.

<sup>10</sup> Rokesburgh and bi Baillol þe kyng of Scotland y yonen frely T.

<sup>11</sup> þe hondis of the kyng T.    <sup>12</sup> y om. T.    <sup>13</sup> him þere king off R.

<sup>14</sup> þe reaume of om. R.    <sup>15</sup> An TR.    <sup>16</sup> þat om. T.    <sup>17</sup> & om. TR.

<sup>18</sup> wolde be avengid T.    <sup>19</sup> y om. R.    <sup>20</sup> meny om.

<sup>21-21</sup> cuntre and he ordeynd T.    <sup>22</sup> leaf 184.    <sup>23</sup> MS. indistinct.

<sup>24</sup> an R.    <sup>25</sup> of hire om. R.    <sup>26</sup> And an C men T.

of Damice & þe stiward of Fraunce weren take, wiþ a<sup>1</sup> C. men of armes. In þe wiche 3eer, þe xix day of Septembre, fast by Peyters, — þe same prins, with a M<sup>t</sup> and ix<sup>c</sup> men of armes and archers, ordeyned a bataill to Kyng Iohn of Fraunce, comyng to þe prins- 4 ward wiþ vij. M<sup>t</sup> cosyn men of armes, and oþer miche peple in a houg<sup>e</sup> 2 passyng noumbre<sup>3</sup>; of<sup>4</sup> þe whiche þer was yslayne<sup>5</sup> þe Duke of Burboun and þe Duke of Athenez, & meny oþere noble men, & of þe pris men of armes a M<sup>t</sup>, & of oþere (after þe trewe account & 8 rekenyng) viij. C.; and þe King of Fraunce was þer take, and Sere Philip his 3onger sone, and meny dukes & noble men & worþy knyztys, and men of armes aboute .ij. M<sup>t</sup>; and so<sup>6</sup> þe victorie fill þere to þe Prins & to þe peple of Engelond, by þe grace of God. 12 ¶ And meny þat were take prisoners were set at her raunsoun, & oppon her troupe & kny3thoode were charged, and had leue to go; but þe Prins toke wiþ hym þe King of Fraunce, and Philip his sone, wiþ al þe reuerence þat he myzte, & wente a3en to Burdeux 16 with a glorious victorie. ¶ þe somme of þe<sup>7</sup> men þat were take prisoners, & of þe man þat were slayn, þis day of<sup>8</sup> bataill, was iiij. [M<sup>t</sup>]CCCC. xl.<sup>9</sup> And in þe xxxij. 3ere of Kyng Edward, þe .v. day of Maij, Prins Edward, wiþ King Iohn of Fraunce<sup>10</sup> and Philip his 20 sone, and meny worþy<sup>11</sup> prisoners, arryved graciously in þe hauene of Plymmouth; & þe xxiiij. day of þe same moneþ, about iij. after none, þey comen to London by London brigge, & so wente forþe to þe Kynges paleys of<sup>12</sup> Westmynstre. ¶ and þere fill so grete pres & 24 multitude of peple abute ham, to byholde and se þat<sup>13</sup> wonder and þat<sup>14</sup> real<sup>15</sup> sizth, that<sup>16</sup> vnneþes fro Midday þey myzte come to Westmynster. And þe Kinges raunsoun of Fraunce was taxied & set to iij. Milions of Scutes,<sup>17</sup> of whom<sup>18</sup> ij. shuld<sup>19</sup> be paid a 28 noble<sup>20</sup>: & 3e shul vnderstonde þat a Milioun is a M<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>t</sup>. And after somme men, his raunsoun was set at iij. M<sup>t</sup><sup>21</sup> floreyms; & al is on in effecte.

And in<sup>22</sup> þis same 3ere was made solempne iustes in Smeþefeld, 32 beyng þer present, þe King of Engelonde, þe King of Fraunce & þe King of Scotlond, & <sup>23</sup>meny worþi noble<sup>23</sup> lordes. ¶ The xxxij.

<sup>1</sup> an TR.    <sup>2</sup> in a houg<sup>e</sup> om. T.    <sup>3</sup> the nombre T.

<sup>4</sup> aforesaid of T. oft passyng þe noumbre R.    <sup>5</sup> slayne TR.    <sup>6</sup> so om. T.

<sup>7</sup> þe om. TR.    <sup>8</sup> in T. to R.    <sup>9</sup> iiij. M<sup>t</sup> iiij. C. and xl<sup>th</sup> T.

<sup>10</sup> leaf 184, back.    <sup>11</sup> oþer TR.    <sup>12</sup> at T.    <sup>13</sup> þat hit was T.

<sup>14</sup> þat om. R.    <sup>15</sup> for hit was a roia<sup>t</sup> T.    <sup>16</sup> and þat T.

<sup>17</sup> floreyms R.    <sup>18</sup> wher of R.    <sup>19</sup> ij mylions schulde T.

<sup>20</sup> anon T. a noble om. R.    <sup>21</sup> iij mylions of T.    <sup>22</sup> in om. T.

<sup>23</sup>—<sup>23</sup> noble and worthi T. meny oþer noble and worthi R.

3ere of his regne þe same King Edward at Wyndesore, as wel for<sup>1</sup>  
 loue of kny3thood as for his owne worship, & at þe reuerence of þe  
 King of Fraunce &<sup>2</sup> oþer lordez þat were þere at þat tyme, he held<sup>3</sup>  
 4 a wonder rial<sup>4</sup> and<sup>5</sup> costlow feest<sup>6</sup> of sent Gorge, passyng eny þat  
 was hold euere afore.<sup>7</sup> wherfor þe King of Fraunce, in scornynge,  
 sayd þat he saw neuere ne herd such solempne festes ne ryalties  
 holden ne done *with* taylles, wipoute<sup>8</sup> payng<sup>9</sup> of gold or siluer.

[*The Marriage of Duchess Blanche.*]

8 ¶ And in þe xxxiiij. 3ere of his regne, þe xiiij. kalend of Iuyll,  
 Sere Iohn, Erle of Richemund, Kyng Edwardes sone of Engelond,  
 weddid dame Blaunche, duk Herryes douzter of Lancaster, cosyu  
 to þe same Iohn, by dispensacioun of þe Pope. and in þe mene  
 12 tyme were<sup>10</sup> ordeyned iustes at London iij. dayes of<sup>11</sup> þe rogacions,<sup>12</sup>  
 þat is forto sey, þe Maiere of London, wip his xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> aldermen,  
 azens al þat wold come. In whos name and stede þe King priuely  
 wip his iij. sones, Edwarde, Leonell, Iohn & Edmund, & oþere xix.  
 16 grete lordes, helden þe feld wip<sup>13</sup> worshopp.

¶ And þis same 3ere (as it was tolde & seyde of ham þat sawe hit)  
 þere come out blood of þe toumbe of Thomas, sumtyme Erl of  
 Lancaster, as ffresshe as þat day þat he was done to þe<sup>14</sup> deþe. And  
 20 in þat same 3ere King Edward chose his sepulture & his liggyng at  
 Westminster, faste by þe shryne of Sent Edward.

[*Edward III goes again to France.*]

And anon after, þe xxvij. day of Octobre, he wente ouere see  
 to<sup>15</sup> Caleys, makyng protestacioun þat he wold neuere come azen  
 24 into Engelond til<sup>16</sup> he had fully endid þe werre bytuene Fraunce and  
 him. ¶ And so, in þe xxxv. yere<sup>17</sup> of his regne, in þe wynter tyme,  
 King Edward was and<sup>18</sup> trauayled in þe Ryne costes; and aboute  
 Seynt Hillere tyde he departed his oste, and went to Burgoyne-  
 28 warde; wip whom þan mette pesibely þe Duk of Burgoyne, byhot-  
 yng to hym lxx. M<sup>t</sup> Floreyns þat he shold spare his men<sup>19</sup> & his  
 peple. And þe King<sup>20</sup> graunted at his request, & dwelled þere vnto  
 þe xvij. day of March, þe wiche day it come to King Edwardes ere  
 32 þat straunge pennes on<sup>21</sup> þe see vnder þe Erle of Sent Paule, þe xv

<sup>1</sup> for the T.    <sup>2</sup> and of T.    <sup>3</sup> beheld C. he helde TR.    <sup>4</sup> roiaH feste T  
<sup>5</sup> and a T.    <sup>6</sup> feest om. T.    <sup>7</sup> bifore T.    <sup>8</sup> oute eny R.  
<sup>9</sup> any payng T.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 185.    <sup>11</sup> aftir R.    <sup>12</sup> rogacion) Daie; R.  
<sup>13</sup> with om. T.    <sup>14</sup> þe om. TR.    <sup>15</sup> vnto T.    <sup>16</sup> til that T.  
<sup>17</sup> yere of T.    yere of R.    yere om. C.    <sup>18</sup> was and om. T.  
<sup>19</sup> lond T.    <sup>20</sup> king it R.    <sup>21</sup> were on TR.

day of Marche, liggung awayte oppon þe tounes of Hastyngge, Rye, and oþer places & villages on þe see coostes, hadden<sup>1</sup> entred as enemyes into þe toun of Wynchelsee, & slown al þat euere withstode ham and wiþseyd her comyng; wherfore þe King was<sup>2</sup> gretly 4 meved and wraithed. ¶ And he turned aȝen to Parys-ward,<sup>3</sup> commaunded his ost to destroye & slee wiþ deynt & strengthe of swerd hem þat he had byfore hand y<sup>4</sup>sparid. and þe xij day of Aprill þe King come to Parys; & þere he departed his oost in ix diuerse 8 bataylles, with iiij<sup>c</sup> of knyȝtes newe dubbed, on þe to<sup>5</sup> syde of hem.<sup>6</sup> And Sere Herry, Duk of Lancastre, vnder pees & trewes wente to þe ȝates of þe Citee,<sup>7</sup> profryng to hem þat<sup>8</sup> wold abyde a batayl in þe feld, vnder suche a condicioun, þat yf þe King of 12 Englonde were ouercome (þere as God forbede hit!), þat þen he shold neuere chalange þe kingdome of Fraunce. ¶ and whan he had of hem but a short & an<sup>9</sup> scornfull answeere, he told þe King & his lordes what he had herd, & wat þey saide. and þan fortwiþ 16 þe newe knyghtes, with meny oþere, makyng assaute to þe Citee,<sup>10</sup> destroyeden hougly þe subarbes of þe Citee. And while al þese thinges were adoyng, þe Englissh men made hem aredy to be avengid vpon þe shame &<sup>11</sup> despit þat was done þat ȝeer at 20 Wynchelse, and ordeyneden a nave of iiij<sup>xx</sup> shippes of mennes of London & of<sup>12</sup> oþer marchauntes, & xiiij M<sup>†</sup> of men of armes & archers, & wenten & destroyeden hem, & scymed þe see,<sup>13</sup> & manly token, & helde þe Ile of Caux; wherfore þe Frenssh men, þat is for 24 to sey, þe abbot of Cluync, þe Erle of Tankerville & Sere Bursigand, þat than was stiward of Fraunce, wiþ meny of<sup>12</sup> oþer men of þe same cuntre, by *commune* assent of þe Lord Karoll, þat þo was regent of Fraunce, þey hasted hem, & wenten to<sup>14</sup> þe King of Englonde, 28 askyng & bysekyng hym<sup>15</sup> stedfast pees, & euerelastyng, vpon<sup>16</sup> certeyne condicions þat þer were wreten schewed.<sup>17</sup> ¶ The whiche, whan þe King and his counsell had seen, it plesed ham neuere a dele. <sup>18</sup>But seþ it wolde be non oþere, in<sup>19</sup> tyme of betere acorde & 32 deliberacioun, þe Frenssh men bysily & wiþ grete instaunce askede trewes for her see coostes; & þe King<sup>20</sup> graunted hem. and in þe

<sup>1</sup> and hadde TR.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 185, back.    <sup>3</sup> Parice warde and TR.

<sup>4</sup> y om. R.    <sup>5</sup> that oon T. on þat o R.    <sup>6</sup> him T.    <sup>7</sup> of Paris R.

<sup>8</sup> that he T. þat he R.    <sup>9</sup> a TR.    <sup>10</sup> Citee and thei T.    <sup>11</sup> & om. TR.

<sup>12</sup> of om. TR.    <sup>13</sup> and skemed þe See and destroyed ham R.

<sup>14</sup> vnto T. to to C.    <sup>15</sup> hym of T. them of R.    <sup>16</sup> vpon a TR.

<sup>17</sup> were schewid wreten T. wreten R.    <sup>18</sup> leaf 186.    <sup>19</sup> til. R.

<sup>20</sup> and he T.

morwe after þe ocptas of Pasche, þe King turned hym with his ooste towards Orlyauunce, destroyng & wastyng al þe cuntre by þe wey. And as þey wenten þiderward, þere fil oppon hym suche a  
 4 storme & tempest þat non of our nacioun herd ne sawe neuere non such; thurght þe whiche, þousandez of our men & of hers (*sic*) horses in here<sup>1</sup> (*sic*) iourneyng (as it were þorough vangeaunce), sodenly were slayn & perished, þe which tempestes ful mich zet<sup>2</sup>  
 8 ferid not þe Kyng, ne myche of his peple, þat þey ne wenden forth in her (*sic*) viage þat þey had begunne.

[*Peace made between England and France.*]

¶ Wherfore, abute þe feest of Holy-Rode Day in Maii, fast by Carnocum, þe forseid lordes of Fraunce, metyng þer with þe King of  
 12 En[g]londe, a pesible acorde & a fynal, oppon certeing condicions & grauntez articulerlich<sup>3</sup> gaderid & wryten togeder, euermore to laste, ful discretly made, & to boþe kyngges profitable, & to her reumes, boþ wiþ on assent of Karoll þe Regent and Gouernour of Fraunce,  
 16 and of<sup>4</sup> Parys of the same reaume, ywretyn & made vnder þe date, at<sup>5</sup> Carnacum, þe xv day of May, þey offred & profred to þe King of Engelond, requireng his grace in alle thynges ywriten,<sup>6</sup> þat he wold benyngly admitte hem, and hold<sup>7</sup> hem ferme & stable to hem,  
 20 & to her eires for euermore. þe wiche þinge; and articles, whan Kyng Edward had seyn, he<sup>8</sup> graunted hem, so þat boþe parties sholde be yswore<sup>9</sup> on Goddis body and on þe holy euanglies, þat þe forsaide couenaunt; shold be stablysshed. & so þey acordeden  
 24 graciously; þerfore þere were ordeyned & dressid on euery syde too barons,<sup>10</sup> ij. baronettes, ij. knyghtes, to admitte & receyve þe othes of þe Lord Karoll, regent of Fraunce, & of Sir Edward,<sup>11</sup> the first sone and Eyr of King Edward of Engelond; and þe x. day of Maii ther  
 28 was songen a solempne masse at Parys, and aftir þe iij ‘agnus dei’ yseid,<sup>12</sup> wiþ ‘dona nobis pacem,’ in presence of the forseid men, that there yordeynid<sup>13</sup> to admitte and resceyve the opes, and of all oper þat þer myght be, the same Karoll leyd his right honde on the  
 32 patene wiþ Goddis body, & his left hand on þe missale, and sayd: ¶ “We, N and N, sweryn on Goddis body and on þe<sup>14</sup> holy gospellez, þat we schulle trewliche and stedfastly holden toward vs

<sup>1</sup> his R.    <sup>2</sup> zet *om.* T.    <sup>3</sup> articulerli was R.    <sup>4</sup> of þe T.    <sup>5</sup> of T.

<sup>6</sup> writen R.    <sup>7</sup> hold *om.* T.    <sup>8</sup> hem he R.    <sup>9</sup> swore TR.

<sup>10</sup> too barons *om.* TR.    <sup>11</sup> leaf 186, back.    <sup>12</sup> was seide T. was seid R.

<sup>13</sup> ordeynyd T.    þat were þere ordeyned R.    <sup>14</sup> this T.

þe pees and<sup>1</sup> þe acorde made bytuene þe<sup>2</sup> ij kingeꝝ, and in no manere to do the contrarie." & þer, amonge al ij his<sup>3</sup> lordes, for more loue & streng[t]he of wytneꝝ, he<sup>4</sup> deled & departed þe reliques of þe croun of Crist to þe knightes of Engelond: and þey<sup>5</sup> curteysly token her 4 leue. And in þe Fryday next, þe<sup>6</sup> same manere othe in presences of þe<sup>7</sup> knightes, & of<sup>8</sup> al<sup>9</sup> oþer worthy men, Prins Edwarde made at Loners. Afterward, boþe Kyngeꝝ, and her sones, and þe moste noble men of boþe reaumes, wipin þe same 3er maden þe same oþe. 8 & forto strengthe al þes forsaid þingeꝝ þe King of Engelond axed þe grettest men of Fraunce; and he had his axyng; þat is forto seye, .vj. dukes, viij. Erlez, xij. lordez, that is to seyn, baronys and worthy knightes. And whan þe place and þe tyme was assigned 12 in þe whiche bothe Kyngeꝝ with her counceyll shold come togedir, al þe forsaid thynges bytwene hem yspoke, for to<sup>10</sup> ratifie and make ferme & stable.

þe King of Englond anone wente toward þe see, & at Houn- 16 flete he bygan to sayle, levyng to his osten that were yleft<sup>11</sup> behind him (bycause of his absence) mych hevynes; & after þe xix day of Maii he come into Englond, & went to his paleys at Westminster on Seynt Dunstons day. & þe iij. day after, he visited John, þe 20 King of Fraunce, þat was in þe Tour of London, & deliuered him frely from <sup>12</sup>al manere prisoun, saue ferst they were acorded of iij.<sup>13</sup> Milions of fforeyns for his raunsom, and þe King comforted hym & chered him in alle places, wip all solaces & merþes that longen to 24 a king, in his goyng homward.

¶ And þe ix day of Iuyll in þe same 3er, þe same Iohn, King of Fraunce, that aforhand<sup>14</sup> lay here in ostage, wente home aȝen into his owne lande, to trete of þo þingeꝝ, & of opere that longeden & 28 fillen to þe gouernance of his reaume. And afterward metten and comen togedir at Caleys bothe ij Kinges, wip boþe hire counceyll, about Alhalwen tyde, and þer were shewed the condiciouns and þe poyntes <sup>15</sup>of þe pees, & of þe acorde of boþe sydes ywriten; & 32 ther,<sup>15</sup> withoute eny wipseying, of boþe sides graciously þey<sup>16</sup> þere acorded. and þer <sup>17</sup>was done and sung<sup>17</sup> a solempne masse, and after þe iij. Agnus Dei, vppon Goddes body & also on þe Masse-book, boþe Kyngeꝝ, & her sones, & þe grettest lordez of boþe 36

<sup>1</sup> as C. and R.    <sup>2</sup> þo R.    <sup>3</sup> his om. R.    <sup>4</sup> se he R.    <sup>5</sup> þey om. T.

<sup>6</sup> aftir þe T.    <sup>7</sup> þe forseide T.    þe forsaid R.    <sup>8</sup> of om.

<sup>9</sup> alle om. T.    <sup>10</sup> to for to C.    <sup>11</sup> left TR.    <sup>12</sup> leaf 187.

<sup>13</sup> iij TR.    <sup>14</sup> aforsaid þat R.    <sup>15-15</sup> of þe pees . . . ther om. TR.

<sup>16</sup> þey om. TR.    <sup>17-17</sup> was songen and done T.



reaumez, and of hir counceill that þere were<sup>1</sup> þan present, & not had yswore byfor, þe forsaide ope that they<sup>2</sup> had made, & was titled bytwene hem, þey behighten þere to kepe, & all oper coue-  
 4 nauntes þat were bytuene ham yordeyned.<sup>3</sup> ¶ And in þe<sup>4</sup> same 3er men, bestes, trees, & housyng, wiþ sodeyn tempest & strong light-nyng were yperished<sup>5</sup>; & the deucl appered bodyly in mannis liknes to myche peple as they went in diuerses plices in<sup>6</sup> the 8 cuntre & spake to hem.<sup>7</sup>

[A Parliament at Westminster. Eclipse of the Sun; Marvels, etc.]

**K** yng Edwarde in þe xxxvj 3ere of his regne anon after Criste-  
 masse in þe feest of<sup>8</sup> Conuercion of seint Poul, held his par-  
 lement at Westminster, in the which was put forþ and showed þe  
 12 acorde and the tretys þat was stablysshed and ymade<sup>9</sup> betwene þo ij. kynges; the which ac<sup>10</sup>orde plesid to<sup>11</sup> myche peple; and þerfore, by þe Kynges commaundement, þere were gadryd and comyn togider in Westminster cherche, the ferst Soneday of<sup>12</sup> Lente, that  
 16 is to sey, the ij. Kalend of Feuerell, the forsaide English men and Frensshe men; wher was song a solempne masse of þe Trynyte, of<sup>13</sup> þe Erchbissshop of Caunterbury, Mayster Symond Islepe. And whan Agnus Dei was do, þo<sup>14</sup> King, beyng þere with his sones, and  
 20 also wiþ þe kynges sones of Fraunce, and oper noble and grete lordes, with candels ylight,<sup>15</sup> and crosse ybrought<sup>16</sup> forth al þat were called þerto that were not yswore<sup>17</sup> afor sworn<sup>18</sup> þat same othe that was writen oppon goddis body & oppon þe masse boke in þis wyse,  
 24 “We, N. and N., sweren oppon holy Goddes body, and on<sup>19</sup> þe gospels, stedfastly to hold and kepe toward vs þe pees and þe acorde made betwene the too kynges, and neuere forto do þe contrarie.” And whan they had þus swore,<sup>20</sup> þey token her scrowes that þe  
 28 othes were comprehendid in, to the<sup>21</sup> Notaries.

¶ And this same 3er, in þe Ascencioun, even about Midday, was seyn the Eclipse of þe sunne; and þer folowed suche a newe<sup>22</sup> droght that, for default of rayn, þer was grete bareynes of corn, froyt,<sup>23</sup> and  
 32 hey, and in þe same 3ere, the vj. kalend of Iuyn, þere fill a sangweyn rayne, almoost like blood, at<sup>24</sup> Burgoyne; and a sangweyn

1 were þere R.      2 that thei T.      þat þey R.      they om. C.  
 3 ordeynyd T.      4 þis TR.      5 perished R.      6 of T.  
 7 ham. Capitulum ccxxxij R.      8 feest of om. TR.      9 maad TR.  
 10 leaf 187, back.      11 to om. R.      12 in T.      13 bi T.      14 the TR.  
 15 light TR.      16 brought R.      17 Swore R.      18 sworn om. T.  
 19 vpon T.      20 I-swore T.      21 the om. R.      22 newe om. R.  
 23 of fruyt T.      24 in R.

crosse, fro morwe vnto pryde, was seyn and apperid at Boloigne in þe eyr, þe whiche meny a man sawe; & after, it mevid & fill in<sup>1</sup> þe myd see.

¶ and in þe same tyme in Fraunce & in Engeland, & in opere 4 meny<sup>2</sup> landes as þey had<sup>3</sup> duelled in<sup>4</sup> playn cuntres & desert bare wytnes, sodenly þer apperid ij castels, of þe whiche wenten out ij. ostes of armed men; and þe to<sup>5</sup> oste was helid and clothed in white, and þe to<sup>6</sup>ere in blak; and whan<sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup>batayl bytuene hem was 8 bygunne, the white ouercome þe blake, and anone<sup>9</sup> after, þe blak token hert to hem & ouercome þe white; and<sup>9</sup> after þat, þey went azen into her castellis, and þat<sup>10</sup> þe castels & al þe oostes vanissheed away. and in þis same zere was a grete & a<sup>11</sup> houge pestilence of 12 peple, and namely of men, whos wyues, as wymmen out of gouernaunce, token husbondes, as wel straungers as opere lewed and symple peple, þe whiche, forzetyng her owne wurschip & berthe, coupled & maried hem with hem<sup>12</sup> þat were of lowe degre & litel 16 reputacion.

¶ In this same zere deide Herry, þe<sup>13</sup> Duke of Lancastre; & also in this zere, Edward, Prins of Walys, weddid þe Cuntesse of Kent, þat was Sere Thomas wyf<sup>14</sup> Holande, þe whiche was departed & 20 deuorsid sumtyme fro þe Erl of Salysbury, for cause of þe same knyght. And about þis same tyme pere bygan & aros a grete companye of diuers nacions gaderid togeder, of wom her leders & gouernours were Englissh peple; & þey were clept 'a peple without 24 an heed,' þe whiche deden mych harme in þe partye of Fraunce; & not long after pere aros anoþer companye of diuers nacions þat was called 'þe white companye,' þe whiche, in þe parties & cuntre of Lumbardy, dede myche sorwe. þis same zere Sere Iohn Gaunt, 28 þe sone of King Edwarde þe third, was made Duk<sup>15</sup> of Lancastre, by resoun & cause of his wyf, þat was þe douzter &<sup>16</sup> eyre of Herry, sumtyme Duk of Lancastre.

**Of the grete wynde, & howe Prins Edward, þe<sup>17</sup> lordship of 32 Guyene, of King Edward his fader toke of him,<sup>18</sup> & went thider.**

*Capitulo cc. xxxij.*<sup>19</sup>

<sup>1</sup> into T.    <sup>2</sup> meny oper R.    <sup>3</sup> þat R.    <sup>4</sup> in the TR.

<sup>5</sup> þat oon T.    and þat on R.    <sup>6</sup> þat oþir T.    <sup>7</sup> whenne the T.

<sup>8</sup> leaf 188.    <sup>9-9</sup> after þe blak . . white and om. T.    <sup>10</sup> þanne TR.

<sup>11</sup> An T.    <sup>12</sup> with hem om. T.    <sup>13</sup> þe om. R.    <sup>14</sup> wyf of T.

<sup>15</sup> þe Duke T.    <sup>16</sup> and the T.    <sup>17</sup> had þe T.

<sup>8</sup> toke of him om. TR.    <sup>19</sup> cc°. ccxxxij R.

And in þe xxxvij 3er of King Edward, the xv day of January, that is to sey, on Seynt Mauris day, about evesong tyme, þer aroos & come such a wynd out of þe suoth, wip such a fersnes, that he 4 brast &<sup>1</sup> blewe<sup>2</sup> down<sup>3</sup> to ground hye houses, & strong byldynges, toures, cherches, &<sup>4</sup> steeples, & oþer strong<sup>5</sup> þynges; and al oþer strong<sup>6</sup> werkes þat stoden still, were so yshake þerewith, þat þey ben 3ett, and shol be euermore, the febelere & weyker while þey 8 stonde; & þis wynd lasted withoute eny cesyng vij. dayes continuels.

¶ And anon after, þer folowed such watres, in hey tyme & in hervest tyme, þat all feld-werkes were strongly let & left vndone, and in þe same 3ere Prins Edward toke þe Lordship of Guyene, & 12 dede to Kyng Edward his fader feaute & homage þerfore, & went ouer see into Gascoigne, wip his wyf & his childryn; & anone after, King Edward made Sere Leonel, his sone, Duke of Clarence, &<sup>7</sup> Edmund, his oþer sone, Erl of Caumbrig. ¶ and in þe xxxviij 3ere 16 of his regne, hit was ordeyned in þe parlement, þat men of lawe, bothe of þe temporall & of<sup>8</sup> holy chirche lawe, fro þat tyme forth shold plede in her moder tunge. And in þe same 3ere comen into Engeland thre kinges, that is to sey, þe King of Fraunce, the King 20 of Cypres, & þe King of Scotlande, by cause to visite & to speke wip þe King of Engeland, of whiche<sup>9</sup> þey were wonder welcomen<sup>10</sup> & myche yworshiped.<sup>11</sup> & after þat þey had ben her longe tyme, ij of hem wenten a3en home into<sup>12</sup> her owne kingdomes; but þe 24 King of Fraunce, thurgh grete sikenes & malady þat he had, left still in Engelande.

¶ and in þe xxxix 3er of his regne, was a strong and an houghe frost, & that lasted long, that is forto sey, fro Sent Andrewes tyde 28 vnto þe xiiij kalend of Aprill, that þe tilthe &<sup>13</sup> sowyng of þe erthe, & opere suche feld werkes and hand werkes, were myche yyet<sup>14</sup> & lefte<sup>15</sup> vndo, for colde & hardnesse of<sup>16</sup> erthe.

¶ And at Orrey in Brytayne þat tyme was ordeyned a grete 32 dedly batayll bytwene Sere Iohn of Mounfort, Duk of Bry<sup>17</sup>tayne, & Sere Charles of Bloys, but þe victorie fill to þe forseyd Sir John, thurgh help and socour of þe Englissh men; & þere were take meny kni3tes & sqwyers and oþer men þat weren ynoubred.<sup>18</sup> In the

<sup>1</sup> touris chirchis and T.      <sup>2</sup> leaf 188, back.      <sup>3</sup> down om. T.

<sup>4</sup> toares cherches and om. T.      <sup>5</sup> strong om. T.      <sup>6</sup> strong om. R.

<sup>7</sup> and sir R.      <sup>8</sup> of the T.      <sup>9</sup> whom T. of whom R.

<sup>10</sup> home ayen to T. to R.      <sup>11</sup> worshiped R.      <sup>12</sup> to R.      <sup>13</sup> and þe R.

<sup>14</sup> let R.      <sup>15</sup> moche I left T.      <sup>16</sup> of the T.      <sup>17</sup> leaf 189.

<sup>18</sup> men of name R.

whiche bataill was slayn Charlis hymself, with al pat stood about hym; & of þe<sup>1</sup> Englissh men per were slayn but vij. And in this 3ere deid at Savey, Iohn, the King of Fraunce, whose *seruise* & exequyes King Edwarde lete<sup>2</sup> ordeyne, & dede in diuerses places 4 worschipfully to be done, and to douorre of worschipfull men ordeyned hym worthily to be ledde, wiþ his owne costes & expenses; from<sup>3</sup> þens he was fet into Fraunce, & beried at Seynt Denys. 8

[*Peter's Pence stopt. Rain, Sparrow-fights, Plagues.*]

¶ In the xl 3eer of King Edward the vij, kalend of Feuerer, was born Edward, Prins Edwardes sone, þe whiche, whan he was vij 3ere olde, he deide. And in þe same 3er hit was ordeyned that seynt Petris pens, fro þat tyme forþ shold not be payd, þe whiche 12 Kyng Iva, sumtyme King of Englonde, of þe cuntre of West-Saxons, that bygan to regne in þe 3er of our Lord DCIxxix, ferst graunted to Rome, for þe scole of Englonde ther to be continued. And in this same 3er þere fill so mich rayne in hey-tyme, that it wasted<sup>4</sup> & 16 distroyed boþe corn & hey; and per was suche a debate & fighting of sparrows, by diuers places in thes<sup>5</sup> dayes, that men founden vnumerable multitudes of hem dede in felde as þey wenten. And ther fill also such a pestilens, that neuere non such was sene in no<sup>6</sup> 20 mannes tyme alyve<sup>7</sup>; for meny men, anone<sup>8</sup> as þey were go to bed hool<sup>9</sup> & in good poynt,<sup>10</sup> sodeinly þey deiden. also þat tyme a sikenes þat men callen 'þe pokkes,' slow boþe men and whymmen, þour; hire enfectyng. ¶ and in þe xli. 3er of his regne<sup>11</sup> King 24 Edwarde, was bore at Burdeux Richard the seconde, <sup>12</sup>sone of Prins Edward of Englonde, þe whiche Richard<sup>13</sup> King Richard of American heved at þe funtston, after whom he was cleped Richard. & þis same Richard, whan his fader was dede, & Kyng Edward 28 also, was crowned Kyng of Englonde þe xj 3ere of his age, thurgh ryght lyne & heritage, & also by *commune* assent & desir of þe connalte of þe reaume.

[*With Du Guesclin's help King Pedro of Spain is deposed, and King Henry elected, A.D. 1366.*]

¶ About þis tyme, at King Edwardes commandement of 32 Englonde, whan al þe castelles & tounes were 3olde to him, that

<sup>1</sup> þe *om.* TR.    <sup>2</sup> lete *om.* R.    <sup>3</sup> And from T. And fro R.

<sup>4</sup> lasted T.    <sup>5</sup> Tho T.    <sup>6</sup> no *om.* R.    <sup>7</sup> on lyue T.

<sup>8</sup> anone *om.* R.    <sup>9</sup> hool T.    <sup>10</sup> point anon R.    <sup>11</sup> his regne *om.* TR.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 189, back.    <sup>13</sup> Richard was C. Richard TR.

long<sup>1</sup> weren hold in Fraunce by a grete coumpany assembled togider, Sere Bertram Cleykyn, knyzt, and<sup>2</sup> a<sup>3</sup> orpid man & a good werreour, went & purposid hym to put out Piers, Kyng of Spayne, out of his kingdome wip help of þe most partye of þe forsaide grete<sup>4</sup> cumpanye; trustyng also oppon help & fauour of þe Pope, for as myche as hit come to his eres that þe same Piers shold lede & vse the most<sup>5</sup> worst & synfullest lyf out.<sup>6</sup> ¶ The wiche Peris, King of Spayne, ysmytyn<sup>7</sup> with drede of this tydyng, fled into Gascoigne to Prins Edward, forto haue help & socour<sup>8</sup> of hym. and whan<sup>9</sup> he was fled out of Spayne, Herry his broþer, þat was a bastarde, by assent of þe moste partie of Spayne, & þorughe help of þat ferfull cumpany þat y spak of arst, was made & crowned Kyng of Spayne: and þe noumbre of þat same cumpany was rekened &<sup>10</sup> set at þe noumbre of lx. M<sup>t</sup> fighting men.

[*A Danish Expedition against England.*]

¶ This same ȝere, in þe monþe of Iuyn, þere come a gret<sup>16</sup> companye & navee of þe Danes, & gaderyd hem togedir in þe Norþ See, purposyng hem to come into Engelond, to reue & to<sup>11</sup> robbe, and also to<sup>11</sup> slee; with<sup>12</sup> whom, countreden & metten in þe see, Maryners and oþer orpyd fightyng men of the same cuntre, &<sup>13</sup> disparpled hem<sup>14</sup>; & þey,<sup>15</sup> ashamed, went home aȝen into her owne cuntre. But amonge al oþere was<sup>16</sup> a boystous and a strong vessell of her nauie that was ouere-sayled of the<sup>17</sup> Englissh men, & was perisshid & dreynt; in þe whiche, þe stiward & oþer worthy & grete men of Denmark, were take prisoners, &, by the Kyng of Engelond & his counsell, yprisoned.<sup>18</sup> ¶ The whiche lordes, þe Danes afterward comen & soghten<sup>19</sup> al about for to haue had<sup>20</sup> her goodes þat þei had lost; and þei, not wel apayed ne plesid of þe answere þat þei had here,<sup>21</sup> turned homwardes<sup>22</sup> aȝen leuyng behind hem in her ynnes, pryvyly ywriten,<sup>23</sup> in scrowes and on walles, “ȝet<sup>24</sup> shall Danos þes Wanes.” Than happed þere an Englissh writer &<sup>25</sup> wrote aȝens þe Danes in þis manere wyse: *Her*  
*32 shall Danes fett<sup>26</sup> banes.*

<sup>1</sup> long om. TR.    <sup>2</sup> and om. TR.    <sup>3</sup> an TR.    <sup>4</sup> grete om. R.  
<sup>5</sup> most om. R.    <sup>6</sup> out om. R.    <sup>7</sup> ysmytyn om. T.  
<sup>8</sup> socoure and help T.    socour and help R.    <sup>9</sup> whan om. T.  
<sup>10</sup> rekened & om. T.    <sup>11</sup> to om. R.    <sup>12</sup> leaf 190.    <sup>13</sup> and thei T.  
<sup>14</sup> hem om. T.    <sup>15</sup> þey om. T.    <sup>16</sup> þer was R.    <sup>17</sup> the om. T.  
<sup>18</sup> prisoned T.    <sup>19</sup> sente R.    <sup>20</sup> had with C.    had TR.  
<sup>21</sup> þei T.    here om. R.    <sup>22</sup> hoom R.    <sup>23</sup> writen R.    <sup>24</sup> þe T.  
<sup>25</sup> & om. R.    <sup>26</sup> sette her TR.

[*The deposed King Pedro of Spain appeals to the Black Prince for help.*]

And in þis tyme, Peirs, Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Spayne, *with oþer* Kynges, þat is forto sey, þe King of Nauerne, &<sup>2</sup> þe King of Malogre, beyng menes, wenten bitwene, & prayed counceyl<sup>3</sup> & help of Sere Edwarde, þe Prins þonez, whose counceil, whan he had vnderstond<sup>4</sup> her articles & desire þat he was requyred of ij.<sup>4</sup> kinges, lothe he was, and ashamed, to sey 'nay,' & contrarie hem; but nopeles he was agast lest it sholde be eny preiudice azens þe Pope.<sup>5</sup> Long he taried hem or he wolde graunte & consente þerto, til he had better<sup>8</sup> counceyl & avysement *with* good deliberacioun of King Edward, his geter and<sup>6</sup> his fader. ¶ But whan þat<sup>7</sup> he was with euery dayes & continuele bysechynges of so meny noble men yrequired<sup>8</sup> & spoken to, & wip meny prayers ysent<sup>9</sup> and made bituene þam, <sup>12</sup> Prins Edwarde sent to his fader—boþe by pleynnyng *lettres*, and also by comfortable, conteynyng al her suggestions and causes, wip al þe toþer<sup>10</sup> Kynges epistles & *lettres* forto haue<sup>11</sup> comfort and helpe of þe wronges, not only to þe Kyng of Spayne ydo, but also for <sup>16</sup> such þinges þat might fal to oþere kynges also, if it ner not þe sonner holpen & amendid, þurgh þe dome & help of knyghthoode to hem that it asked & desired. ¶ The which *lettres*, whan þe kyng and his wys counceyll had seyn & vndirstonden, he had grete <sup>20</sup> compassioun & heuynesse of such a kynges spoylyng and robberyng, wip myche vermaille<sup>12</sup>; and sent azen comfortable letteres to Prins Edward, his sone, and to þe oþere forsaide kynges, & warned hym forto arme hym & ordeigne hym azens þat mysdoer, & to wipstond <sup>24</sup> hem, by þe help of God, that weren such enemies to kynges.

[*The Black Prince undertakes to help the King of Spain.*]

¶ Whan this<sup>13</sup> noble Prynþ had reseceyued þes letteres, hym-self, wip þe oþere kynges byfor all her counceyll clept togeder or þat he wold vndirtake þe querell be<sup>14</sup> bonde, & knet sore þe King þat was <sup>28</sup> deposid wip a grete othe, þat is forto sey, þat he shold euere after maynteigne the ryzt byleue and faith of holi chirche, & holy chirche<sup>15</sup> also wip al her mynistres, rightes & libertees, to defende from all her enemies; and all eueles<sup>16</sup> & al þat were þere azens, <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> kyng *om.* T.      <sup>2</sup> & *om.* R.      <sup>3</sup> of counseil T.      <sup>4</sup> þo TR.

<sup>5</sup> pope and T.      <sup>6</sup> his geter & *om.* TR.      <sup>7</sup> þat *om.* TR.

<sup>8</sup> required T.      <sup>9</sup> sent T.      <sup>10</sup> oþer R.      <sup>11</sup> leaf 190, back.

<sup>12</sup> mervailþ R.      <sup>13</sup> þe R.      <sup>14</sup> he R.      <sup>15</sup> & holy chirche *om.* R.

<sup>16</sup> & all eueles *om.* TR.

bytterly to ponysshe & destourble, & al þe rightes libertees & pryuileges of holy cherche encrece, mayntaigne & amende, & al pinges þat were wrongfully benome, wipdrawe & bore away, by hym  
 4 or by eny opere by cause of hym, hastily to restore aʒen, and to dryve & put out Sarazins & al opere mysbyleued peple out of his kyngdom, wip al his strenghe & power, & suffre ne admitte none such for no manere þing, ne cause to duell theryu; and þat whan he  
 8 had take a cristen womman to wyf, he shold neuere come in to<sup>1</sup> non oper wommans bedde, ne non opere mannes wyf to<sup>2</sup> defoule: al þes  
 3 forsaide pinges, trewlych forto kepe,<sup>4</sup> continue & fulfill al his lyf tyme, he was bound by othe afor notaries, in presence and witnes  
 12 of tho kynges wip opere prins, & þan thilk<sup>5</sup> gracious Prins Edward vndertoke þe cause & þe querele of þe King þat was deposed, & behight hym, with<sup>6</sup> þe<sup>7</sup> grace of God, to restore hym aʒen to his kyngdome, and lete ordeigne & gadre to-gedir forthwip in all haste,  
 16 his nave, wip men of armes, to werre & fight in this forseid cause.

[*Fight of Eagles; Fall of Fiery Stars; Storms and Destruction.*]

¶ And in this same tyme, oppon þe sonde of the Scottyssh see, þat meny a man<sup>8</sup> hit sye ther<sup>9</sup> iij. dayes togedir þere were sene ij. Eglez, of þe which the tone<sup>10</sup> come out of þe southe, & þe toper<sup>11</sup>  
 20 out of<sup>12</sup> þe North, & cruelly & strongly þey foughten togider & warstled togider; & þe south Egle first ouercome the Northe egle, & al<sup>13</sup> to-rent and tare hym wip his bille & his clowes, þat he shold not reste ne take no breþe; and aftir, the south egle flye home to  
 24 his owne coostes. and anone after, þere folowed & was seyn in þe<sup>14</sup> morne afore þe<sup>15</sup> sunne rysing; and after, in<sup>16</sup> þe last day of Octobre saf on, þat<sup>17</sup> meny sterres gaderid togedir on an hepe fel down into þe erpe, leuyng behind hem fery<sup>18</sup> bemes in manere of  
 28 lightnyng, whos flaumes & hete brent & consumed mennys clopes & mennys here, walkyng on þe erpe, as hit was seen & knowen of meny a man. ¶ and ʒet thilk Northren wynd, that is euere redy & destinat to all evell fro Seynt Katerins even til iij. dayes aftir, lost  
 32 good wipoute nombre vurecouerable. and in þese same dayes þer fill & comen also such lightnynges, pundres, snowe & hayl, þat hit wastede and destroyed men, bestes, houses and trees.

<sup>1</sup> in TR.    <sup>2</sup> to om. R.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 191.    <sup>4</sup> be kept R.    <sup>5</sup> þat R.  
<sup>6</sup> hym with om. T.    <sup>7</sup> bi the T.    <sup>8</sup> a man om. T.    <sup>9</sup> it saw R.  
<sup>10</sup> that oon T.    <sup>11</sup> þat on R.    <sup>12</sup> that opere T.    <sup>13</sup> þat opere com off R.  
<sup>14</sup> al om. T.    <sup>15</sup> in the T.    in þe R.    om. C.    <sup>16</sup> þe om. R.  
<sup>17</sup> in om. R.    <sup>18</sup> þat om. R.    <sup>19</sup> very R.

Of þe bataill of Spayne bituene Prins Edward & Herry þe Bastard of Spayne. *Capitulo CC<sup>mo</sup> xxxiiij<sup>o</sup>.*<sup>1</sup>

[I]n þe 3er of our Lord a M<sup>t</sup>CCC. lxxvij, & of Kyng Edward xliij., þe thrid day of <sup>2</sup>Aprill, þer was a strong bataill & a 4 grete, in a large felde yecept<sup>3</sup> Pryazers, fast by þe water of Nazers in Spayne, bitwene Sir<sup>4</sup> Edward Prynys,<sup>5</sup> & Harry, þe Bastarde of Spayne; but þe victorie fill to Prynys Edwarde, by þe grace of God. & þis same Prins Edward had with hym Sere John, þe Duke of 8 Lancastre, his broþer, and worþi oþer<sup>6</sup> men of armes, aboute þe noubre of xxx. M<sup>t</sup>. And þe King of Spayne had on<sup>7</sup> his side, men of diuerce nacions, to þe noubre of a<sup>8</sup> C. M<sup>t</sup>. & passyng. ¶ Wherfore þe sharpnes & þe fersnes of his aduersarye, wiþ his 12 ful boystus & ful<sup>9</sup> grete strengthe, made &<sup>10</sup> strevyn<sup>11</sup> þe ryztfull partye abak a gret wey; but þurgh þe grace of Almyzty God, passyng eny mannys strengthe, thilk hougest ooste was desparbled myghtfully by þe noble Duk of Lancastre and his oste, or þat Prynys 16 Edward come nye hym. ¶ And whan Harry þe Bastard sey þat, he turned wiþ his men,<sup>12</sup> wiþ so grete haste and strengthe, to fle, þat an houghe cumpanye of him in þe forseyd flood, & of þe brigge þer-of,<sup>13</sup> fillen<sup>14</sup> down<sup>15</sup> & perished. and þere were take, þe Erl of 20 Dene and Sere Bertram Cleykyn, þat was chefe<sup>16</sup> maker and cause of the werre, and also chyueteyn of þe vauntward of þe bataill, wiþ meny oþer lordes and knyghtes, to þe noubre of ij. M<sup>t</sup>; of whom ij<sup>c</sup> weren of Fraunce, & meny of Scotlond; & þere were feld in þe 24 felde on our enemys side, of lordes and knyghtes, with oþere mene peple, to þe noubre of vj M<sup>t</sup> & mo; and of Englissh men but a fewe. ¶ And after þis, þat noble Prins Edward restored þe same Piers into his kingdom a3en. þe whiche Piers afterward, þour3 28 trecherye & falsnes of þe forsaid Bastarde of Spayne as he sate atte þe table, he was strangled and deyde. but after þis victorye, meny noble and hardy men of Engelond, in Spayne, þour3 the fflix & odir diuers siknesses, toke her dethe.

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& in þis same <sup>17</sup>3er in Marche,<sup>18</sup> was seyn 'Stella Comata' bitwene þe North costes & þe west, whos bemes strecched toward Fraunce. and in þe 3er next sewyng of King Edwardes regne

<sup>1</sup> *Capitulo CC<sup>o</sup> T. CCxxxiiij R.    2 leaf 191, back.    3 clept TR.*

<sup>4</sup> *sir om. R.    5 bitwene Prince Edward T. þe Prins R.*

<sup>6</sup> *and oþer worthi R.    7 in R.    8 an T.    9 ful om. R.*

<sup>10</sup> *made & om. R.    11 droof T.    drynen R.    12 wiþ his men om. TR.*

<sup>13</sup> *þer of om. R.    14 fil a T.    15 A downe T.    16 chefe om. T.*

<sup>17</sup> *leaf 192.    18 in Marche om. T.*



xliij., in Aprill, Sere Leonell, Kyng Edwardes sone, þat was duk of Clarence, went towarde Myleyn, with a chose meyne of þe gentils of Englonð, forto wedde Galoys douzter,<sup>1</sup> and haue her to wyf, by 4 whom he shold haue half<sup>2</sup> þe Lordship of Mileyne. But after þat þey were solempnly wedded, the<sup>3</sup> same Duke, about þe Natiuite of our Lady deid.<sup>4</sup> & in þe same 3ere þe Frensshe men breken þe pees & the trewes, ryding on þe Kinges ground and lordship of 8 Englonð, in þe shire & cuntre of Pountyf, & taken & helden castls & townes, & bere þe Englysshe men on hond falsly<sup>5</sup> & sotilly,<sup>6</sup> þat þey were cause of breking of þe<sup>7</sup> truw. And in þis same 3ere deyð þe Duchesse<sup>8</sup> of Lancastre, & is beryed worschipfully in<sup>9</sup> Seynt 12 Poules Cherche.<sup>10</sup>

[ *A Great Pestilence, A.D. 1369.* ]

¶ The xliiij 3ere of King Edward regne, was þe grete pestilens of men and of grete beestes; and by grete fallyng of wateres þat fill þat tyme, þer fill grete hyndryng & destroyeng of corn, in so 16 mych þat þe next 3ere after, a bussell whete<sup>11</sup> was solde for xl d. and about þe laste ende of May, Kyng Edward held his parlement at *Westminster*; in þe whiche *parlement* was treted & spoken of þe ope & þe<sup>12</sup> trewes þat was broke bituene hem and þe King of 20 *Fraunce*, & how he myzte best oppon his wrong be avenged. ¶ In þis same 3er, in þe Assumpcion of our Lady, deid<sup>13</sup> Qwene Philippe of Englonð, a ful noble and good woman; & at *Westminster* ful worschipfully is buried & entered.

24 And about *Missomere*, þe Duke of Lancastre & þe Erle of Herford, wip a grete cumpanye of kniȝtes, wenten into *Fraunce*, wher þey gete hem but a litell worship and name<sup>14</sup>; for þer was an houghe oste of Frenssh men oppon<sup>15</sup> Chalkhul brigge,<sup>16</sup> & anoper oste<sup>17</sup> 28 of Englysshe men faist by þe same brigge,<sup>16</sup> þat longe tyme had leyn þere; and meny worþy men & grete of þe<sup>18</sup> Englysshe men ordeyned & 3af counceyll forto fight & 3eue bataill to þe Frensh men; but þe forsaide lordes wolde nopng<sup>19</sup> consente þerto, ne assent,<sup>20</sup> for no 32 manere þing. ¶ Ther anon after, hit happid þat þe Erl of Warwyke come pedirward forto werre; & whan þe Frenshmen herde

<sup>1</sup> Galeys þe Dukis sister of Mileyne R.      <sup>2</sup> þe half R.      <sup>3</sup> þat T.

<sup>4</sup> he died T.      <sup>5</sup> men falsly on honde T.      þat falsli R.

<sup>6</sup> sotilly om. T.      <sup>7</sup> þe om. R.      <sup>8</sup> Duke T.      <sup>9</sup> at T.

<sup>10</sup> chirche at London R.      <sup>11</sup> of whete T.      <sup>12</sup> and of the T.

<sup>13</sup> died the T.      <sup>14</sup> and name om. R.      <sup>15</sup> leaf 192, back.

<sup>16-16</sup> & anoper oste . . . brigge om. R.      <sup>17</sup> oste om. T.      <sup>18</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>19</sup> not R.      <sup>20</sup> ne assent om. R.

of his comynge, or þat þey<sup>1</sup> come fully to londe, þey left her tentis and pavilons, wip al hir vetayles, & fledden<sup>2</sup> and wenten away pre-veyly. And whan þe Erl was come to londe wip his men, he wente in al has[t]<sup>3</sup> into<sup>4</sup> Normandye, and distroyede þe Ile of Cavs, þourz<sup>4</sup> 4 dent of suerde & þourz fire; but allas, in his returnyng into<sup>5</sup> Eng-land-warde home azen, at Caleys he was take with siknes of pestil- lence, & deide, nowt lewyng behynde him, after his dayes, non<sup>6</sup> so noble a kniȝt, ne so<sup>7</sup> orpid of armes. ¶ In whiche tyme rayned<sup>8</sup> 8 and werred thilk orpid kniȝt, Sere Iohn Hawkwode, þat was an Engliſshman born, hauyng with hym at<sup>8</sup> his gouernance pilk white cumpanye þat ys abore<sup>9</sup> ynemned, þe whiche were<sup>10</sup> o tyme azens holy chirche, and anoper tyme azens lordes werryng, & ordeynede<sup>12</sup> 12 gret batailes; & þer in þat cuntre he dede many mervayles þingeȝ.

And aboute þe Conuersion of Seynt Poule, King Edward, whan he had ȝended and done þe entering and þe<sup>11</sup> exequites, wip grete costes and rialtees, aboute þe tombe<sup>12</sup> & buryng of Quene<sup>16</sup> 16 Phillip his<sup>13</sup> wif, he held his parlement at Westminster. In þe whiche parlement was axed of þe clergye a iij. ȝers disme, þat is forto sey, a gret dime to be paied .iij. ȝer duryng; and the clergye put hit of, and wolde not graunte hit vnto Ester next comyng;<sup>20</sup> 20 & þan þey graunted wele þat in iij ȝere, by certeyne termes, þat disme<sup>14</sup> shold be payed; & also of þe lay fee, was a iij. ȝers xv. ygraunted to þe King.

**Hov sir Robert Knollis, wip oper certeyne<sup>15</sup> lordes of þe<sup>24</sup> 24** reame,<sup>16</sup> wente ouere þe see into Fraunce; & of here gouernaunce. *Capitulo CC<sup>mo</sup>. xxxiiij<sup>o</sup>.*<sup>17</sup>

**A**nd in þe xlv ȝere of King Edward, in þe bygenyng, King Edward, wip owne-wise<sup>18</sup> counceyll and vndescret, borwed a<sup>28</sup> 28 grete summe of gold of þe prelatis and lordes, Marchauntes and oper riche men of þe<sup>19</sup> reame, saynge þat hit sholde be spende in deffendyng of holy cherche & of his reame; but neuer þe latter hit profited hit<sup>20</sup> not. Wherefore about Midsomer after, þe king<sup>32</sup> 32 made a grete oste of þe worthiest men of his reame, amonges whom were somme lordes, þat is forto seyn, þe Lord Fitzwater,

<sup>1</sup> he TR.    <sup>2</sup> fledde þenneȝ R.    <sup>3</sup> haste T.    <sup>4</sup> haste toward R.

<sup>5</sup> to TR.    <sup>6</sup> non om. R.    <sup>7</sup> knyght and TR.

<sup>8</sup> and at TR.    <sup>9</sup> afore R.    <sup>10</sup> were om. TR.    <sup>11</sup> þe om. R.

<sup>12</sup> sepulchre TR.    <sup>13</sup> his wif T.    his wif R.    wif om. C.

<sup>14</sup> leaf 193.    <sup>15</sup> certeyne om. R.    <sup>16</sup> of þe reame om. TR.

<sup>17</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> T.    CC xxxv R.    <sup>18</sup> with vnwis R.    <sup>19</sup> his TR.

<sup>20</sup> hit om. TR.

þe Lord Gromson, and oper worpi kniȝtes, of whiche kniȝtes þe King<sup>1</sup> ordeyned Sere Robert Knollis, a proved kniȝt and wel assayed in dede of armes, forto be gouernour; and þat, þourȝ his 4 gouernance and counceyll, al þing sholde be gouerned & dressid. and whan þey come into Fraunce, as long as þey duelled and helde him hole togider, þe Freusslmen þorust<sup>2</sup> nout falle oppon hym. & at þe<sup>3</sup> laste, aboute þe bigynnyng of wenter, for enuye and covetyse<sup>4</sup> 8 þat was amonges ham, and also discorded, þey sunddered & partyd him into diuers companyes, vnwysely & follely. But Sere Robert Knollis & his men wenten and kepten ham saf<sup>5</sup> wipinne a Castel in Britaigne. & whan þe frenshe men saw þat our men were 12 deuyded into diuers companyes & places, nouȝt holdyng ne strengyng ham togeders, as þey awȝte forto done, þey fel fersly on our men, & for þe moste partey<sup>6</sup> token ham & slowen<sup>6</sup>; and þo þat þey toke, ledde wip him presoners. ¶ And in þe same ȝere 16 Pope Vrban come fro Rome to Avyoun, for enchesoun & cause þat he shold acorde and make pees bytwene þe King of Fraunce and þe King of Engelonde for euermore; but allas,<sup>7</sup> or he bygan þis tretis, he deide wip sikenes, þe xxj day of Decembre, & was 20 yburied<sup>8</sup> as for þe tyme in þe cathedral chereh of Avyon, fast by þe hye<sup>9</sup> auter. & þe next ȝere after, whan he had leyn so, his bones were taken out of þe erþe, and beryed new in þe abbey of Seynt Victour, fast by Marcyle, of þe whiche abbey he was sumtyme 24 abbot hymself.<sup>10</sup> & in hoþe places þat he was buried yn, ther<sup>11</sup> bene meny grete miracles done and wroght, thurgh þe grace of God, to meny a mannes help, and to þe worship of God. After whom folowed next, & was made Pope Gregore Cardynall, dekene, 28 þat bifore was clept Piers Rogier.

[The Black Prince takes Limoges, and comes back to England.]

¶ In this same ȝere þe Citee of Lymage rebelled and faght aȝens þe Pryns, as opere Citees in Guyene dede, for grete taxes, costages & raunsoms, þat þey wer put-yn and ysette<sup>12</sup> to<sup>13</sup> by Prins Edward, 32 þe whiche charges were unportable, & to chargeable; wherfor þey turned fro him, & fill to þe King of Fraunce, & whan Pryns Edward sawe þis, he was sore ychaufed<sup>14</sup> & ygrevid; and in turnyng

<sup>1</sup> the kyng TR. the om. C.    <sup>2</sup> durest R.    <sup>3</sup> þe om. TR.

<sup>4</sup> and covetyse om. TR.    <sup>5</sup> selff R.

<sup>6-6</sup> token hem or slowen hem T. or slowen ham R.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 193, back.

<sup>8</sup> buried TR.    <sup>9</sup> hye om. R.    <sup>10</sup> hymself om. R.    <sup>11</sup> ther om. T.

<sup>12</sup> sette T.    <sup>13</sup> to om. T    <sup>14</sup> chaufed R.

homward azen to Engelond, with sore skyrmisshes & fightyng and grete<sup>1</sup> assautes, fought<sup>2</sup> with hem, & toke þe forsaid Citee, & destroyed hit almost to þe<sup>3</sup> grounde, and slow al þat were<sup>4</sup> founde in þe Citee.<sup>4</sup> And þan, forto sey þe sothe, for diuers siknesses and 4 maladies þat he had, and also for defaute of money þat he myght not wipstande ne tarie on his enemys, he hyed hym azen into Engelond. And about þe bygynnyng of Januarij he come into Engelond with his wyf and his meyne, levyng behind him in Gas- 8 coigne þe Duk of Lancastre & Sere Edmund,<sup>5</sup> Erl of Caumbrigge, with opere worpy and orpid men of armes.

¶ In þe xlvj zere of King Edwarde, at þe ordinaunce & sendyng of King Edwarde, þe King of Nauern come to hym to Claryngdoun, 12 to trete wip ham of certeyn þinges touching his werre<sup>6</sup> in Normandye, wher King Edward had left<sup>7</sup> certen seges in his stede til he come azen; but King Edwarde myghten not spede of þat þat he asked of hym; and so þe King of Nauerne, with grete worshup & grete 16 zeftes, toke his leue, & wente home azen. And about þe begynnyng of Marche, whan þe parlement at Westminster was bygunne; þe King axed of þe clergye a subsidie of L. M<sup>t</sup> ti,<sup>8</sup> þe whiche, by a<sup>9</sup> good avisement & by a general conuocacioun of þe clergye, hit was 20 ygraunted<sup>10</sup> & yordeyned<sup>11</sup> þat hit shold be payede & reised of þe lay fee. And in þis parlement, at þe requeste & axyng of þe lordes, in hatered of men of holy chirche, þe Chaunceler & tho þat were Bisshopes, þe Tresorer & þe Clerk of þe Pryue Sele, were remeued 24 & put out of hire office, & in hire stedes were seculer men put yn. And while þis parlement laste, þer comen solempne ambassiatours, ysent<sup>12</sup> fro þe Pope to trete wip þe King, of pees, & saiden þat þe Pope desired to fullfille his predecessours will; but for al hir 28 comyng þey spedden not of hir purpos.

**Of þe sege of Rochell, & hov þe Erl of Penbroke was taken of þe Spaynardez. Capitulo CC<sup>mo</sup> xxxv<sup>o</sup>.<sup>13</sup>**

The ix day of Juyn, King Edwarde, in þe xlvij zere of his regne, 32 helde his parlement at Wynchestre; & hit lasted but viij. dayes; to þe<sup>14</sup> parlement was sompned by wryt, of men of holy chirche, iiij. bisshopes &<sup>15</sup> iiij. abbotes, wipoute eny mo. This parlement

<sup>1</sup> and grete om. R.      <sup>2</sup> fightyng sautis foughten T.      <sup>3</sup> þe om. T.  
<sup>4-4</sup> founde þerynne R.      <sup>5</sup> Iohn TR.      <sup>6</sup> leaf 194.      <sup>7</sup> lost R.  
<sup>8</sup> l Ml pound T.      <sup>9</sup> a om. R.      <sup>10</sup> graunted R.      <sup>11</sup> ordeyned R.  
<sup>12</sup> sent R.      <sup>13</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> T. CC xxxvj R.      <sup>14</sup> þis R.      <sup>15</sup> & om. T.

was<sup>1</sup> holden for Marchauntis of London, of Norwych, & of oper diuers places, in diuers pinges and poyntes of tresoun þat þey were diffamed of, þat is forto sey, þat þey were rebelle, & wolde<sup>2</sup> rise<sup>4</sup> azen þe King.

¶ This same zere þe Duk of Lancastre and þe Erl of Caumbrigge, his broþer, comen out of Gascoigne into Englund, & token & weddid to hir wyues Petres doghters, sumtyme King of Spayne; of 8 which<sup>3</sup> ij douzters þe Duke had þe elder,<sup>4</sup> and þe Erl þe zonger. And þe<sup>5</sup> same tyme þer were sent ij Cardinals fro þe Pope, þat is to sey, an Englissh Cardinal, & a Cardinal of Parius, to trete of pees bytwene tho ij. reaumes, þe which, whan þey had ben boþe longe 12 eche in his province, & in places & cuntres fast by, tetryng of þe forsaid pees, at þe last þey toke wip hem her lettres of procuracye, & went azen to þe court of Romeward,<sup>6</sup> wipoute eny effecte of hir purpos. ¶ In þis zere also þere was a stronge bataill on þe see 16 bytwene Englissh men & Flemmynges; & þe Englissh men had þe victorye, & toke xxv. shippes ycharged<sup>7</sup> wip salt, sleyng & drenchyng al þe men þat were þerin, vnwytyng hem þat þey weren of þat cunte. and redily mych harme had fall by cause<sup>8</sup> þerof, 20 ne had pees þe<sup>9</sup> sonner be made bitwene hem. and in þis same zere þe Frenssh men byseged þe toun of þe<sup>10</sup> Rochell, wherfor þe Erle of Penbrok was sent into Gascoigne with a grete cumpanye of men of armes, forto destroye þe sege; þe which passeden þe<sup>11</sup> see, 24 & comen safe to<sup>12</sup> þe haven of Rochell. and whan þey were þere at þe haven moupe, or þat<sup>13</sup> þey myght entre, sodenly comen oppon hem a strong naue of Spayne, þe whiche ouercomen þo<sup>14</sup> þe Englissh men, in mych blemyschyng, hurtyng & sleyng of many 28 persones, for as miche as þe Englysse men were not þan redy forto fight, ne ware of hem. & in þis comyng oppon<sup>15</sup> of þe Spaynardes, all þe Englissh men, eyþer þey were take or slayn; & x. of hem were wonded to þe dethe; & all her shippes ybrent.<sup>16</sup> ¶ And þere<sup>17</sup> 32 þey token þe Erle, with an houge tresour of þe reaume<sup>18</sup> of Englund, & many oper noble men also, on Missomer eve, þe whiche is seynt Mildredes day, &<sup>19</sup> ledden hem wip<sup>20</sup> him into Spayne. And of þis mysshif was no grete wonder, for þis Erle was a ful euel lyuer, as

<sup>1</sup> was maad and T.    <sup>2</sup> wolde om. T.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 194, back.

<sup>4</sup> elder TR.    Erle C.    <sup>5</sup> þat TR.    <sup>6</sup> ward om. R.    <sup>7</sup> charged TR.

<sup>8</sup> bycause om. R.    <sup>9</sup> þe pece T.    <sup>10</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>11</sup> in þe T.

<sup>12</sup> vnto T.    into R.    <sup>13</sup> þat om. T.    <sup>14</sup> þo om. T.    <sup>15</sup> on T.

<sup>16</sup> brent R.    <sup>17</sup> þere om. T.    <sup>18</sup> of þe reaume om. T.    <sup>19</sup> þei T.

<sup>20</sup> hem wip om. R.

an opyn lechour; & also in a <sup>1</sup> certeyne parlement he stood and was azens þe <sup>2</sup> riȝtes & þe fraunche of holy chirche<sup>2</sup>; and also he counceyled þe King and his counceyle,<sup>3</sup> þat he shold axe more of men of holy chirch þan of *oper* persones of þe lay fee. ¶ And for <sup>4</sup> þe King & *opere* of his counceyl axcepted & token rap<sup>er</sup> evell opynions & causis azens men of holy chirch, þan he dede forto fende & maynteyne þe riȝt of holy chirch, hit was sen in <sup>4</sup> many tymes after, þourgh lakkyng of fortune and <sup>5</sup> grace, þey had not ne <sup>8</sup> bere away so <sup>5</sup> grete victorye ne power azens hir enemyns as þey dede byfore.

þis same zere, þe King, wiþ a grete oster, entred þe see to remeve þe sege of <sup>6</sup> Rochell; but þe wynd was euen contrarye to <sup>12</sup> hem, and suffred hem<sup>7</sup> not longe tyme to <sup>8</sup> goo fer fro þe londe. Wherefore he abode a certeyne time oppon þe see costes, abyding after a good wynde for him; and zet come hit not. So at þe <sup>9</sup> laste he come þens wiþ his men to londeward azen; and anon as he was <sup>16</sup> a <sup>10</sup> londe, þe wynde bygan turne,<sup>11</sup> and was in anoþer coste þen he was byfore.

**Hov þe Duk of <sup>12</sup> Lancastre, with a grete oste, went into Flaundres,<sup>12</sup> & passed by Parys, þoruȝ Burgoyne. Capitulo 20 CC<sup>mo</sup> xxxvj<sup>o</sup>.<sup>13</sup>**

**S**one<sup>14</sup> after, in þe xlviij zere of King Edward, þe Duk of Lancastere, wiþ a grete oste, wente into Floundres, and passid by Parys, þourȝ Burgoyne, & þourȝ alle Fraunce, til he come to <sup>24</sup> Burdeux, wiþoute eny manere wiþstonddyng of þe Frenshe men. & he dede him but litel harme, saf he toke and raunseued many places & tounnes, & meny<sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>men lette hem goon after<sup>16</sup> frely.

¶ The same zere þe King sent certeyne embassetours to þe Pope, <sup>28</sup> praynge hem þat he sholde<sup>17</sup> leue of and melle-not<sup>18</sup> in his court of þe keypynges & reseruaciouns of benefeces in Engelond; & þat þo þat were chose to bisshopes sees<sup>19</sup> & dingnites, frely & wiþ ful right myȝte<sup>20</sup> Ioye haue,<sup>21</sup> & be confermed. <sup>22</sup>Of her Metropolanes and <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> leaf 195.      <sup>2-2</sup> rightis of holi chirche and þe fraunchises T.

<sup>3</sup> and his counceyle *om.* TR.      <sup>4</sup> in *om.* R.

<sup>5-5</sup> grace for þey hadde neuer so R.      <sup>6</sup> at T.

<sup>7</sup> and suffred hem *om.* T. to him þat he myȝte not R.

<sup>8</sup> to *om.* R.      <sup>9</sup> þe *om.* T.      <sup>10</sup> at T. at þe R.      <sup>11</sup> to turne T.

<sup>12-12</sup> lancastre wente into flaudris with a greet hoost T.

<sup>13</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> T. CCxxxvij R.      <sup>14</sup> Anoon T. Anon R.      <sup>15</sup> meny *om.* T.

<sup>16-16</sup> men and after lete hem gone T. men and let ham aftir go R.

<sup>17</sup> wolde T.      <sup>18</sup> and not medle TR.      <sup>19</sup> sees *om.* R.

<sup>20</sup> ful moche T. right myȝte R.      <sup>21</sup> haue TR. and haue C.

<sup>22</sup> leaf 195, back.

Erchebisshops, as þey were went to be of old tyme of þes poyntes, & of oþer toching þe Kinge and his reame. When þey hadden her answeere of þe Pope, þe Pope enioyned hem þat þey sholde 4 certyfie hem aȝen by her letteres of þe Kinges wylle, and of his reame, or þat þey determened out<sup>1</sup> of þe forsaide articles.

¶ In this same ȝer, deid John, þe Erchebisshop of ȝork, Iohn, bosship of Ely; William, bisshop of Worschestre, in whos stedes 8 folweding, and were made bisshop by þe<sup>2</sup> auctorite of þe Pope, *Mayster Alexander Nevyle* to þe Erchebisshoprich of ȝork, *Thomas of Arundell* to þe Bisshop<sup>3</sup> of Ely, & *sere Herry Wakefeld* to þe bysshoprich of Worcestre. In whiche tyme it was ordeyned in þe 12 parlement þat all Cathedrall cherches shold ioyn and haue her eleccions hool; & þat þe King, fro þat tyme afterward, sholde not write aȝens hem þat were ychosen,<sup>4</sup> but rather help ham by his *lettres* to her confirmacioun. & this statut was kept, and dede 16 myche profet & good; & in þis parlement was graunte to þe King a dysme of þe clergie, & a xv of þe lay fee.

¶ The ȝere next<sup>5</sup> after, of King Edwarde xlix, þe v. day of Iuyn, deid *Mayster William Wytlesey*, Erchebisshope of Caunter- 20 bery. Wherfor þe monkes of þe same chirche asked & desired a Cardinall of Engelond to be Erchebisshop; and perfore þe King was agreued, & had ment and purposed to have exiled þe monkes of þe same hous<sup>6</sup>; & so þey<sup>7</sup> spended nich good or þey myghte haue þe 24 Kinges grace aȝen, & his loue; but ȝet wold not þe King consente ne graunte to her eleccioun of þe Cardinall, ne þe Pope also, ne his Cardinals.

& about þe bygynnyng of August, it was tretid & spoken at 28 Brugges of certeyn poyntes & articles hauyng bytwene þe Pope and þe King of Engelonde; & þis tretis lasted almoste ij. ȝere. At þe<sup>8</sup> laste it was acorded bytwene ham, þat þe Pope, fro þat ty<sup>9</sup>me forþe, shold nout vse ne dele wiþ þe reseruacions of<sup>10</sup> benefices in Engelond; 32 and þat þe King shold not graunte ne lete no benefices by his wryt þat ys yclept<sup>11</sup> 'Quare impedit'; but as touchyng þe eleccions aboue seyð, þere was noþing touchid ne do; & þat was wytyed<sup>12</sup> & put oppon certeyn clerkes, the<sup>13</sup> whiche rap<sup>er</sup> supposed & hoped<sup>14</sup> 36 to be auanced & promoted to bysshopriches which<sup>15</sup> þey desired — & coueyted, by þe court of Rome þan by eny eleccions.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ought T.    <sup>2</sup> þe om. TR.    <sup>3</sup> archebisshopriche R.    <sup>4</sup> chosen TR.

<sup>5</sup> nexte yeer R.    <sup>6</sup> chirche R.    <sup>7</sup> þey om. T.    <sup>8</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 196.    <sup>10</sup> of þe R.    <sup>11</sup> clept TR.    <sup>12</sup> wytyed R.    <sup>13</sup> the om. T.

<sup>14</sup> hoped & supposed R.    <sup>15</sup> with that T.    <sup>16</sup> þanne oþer wise R.

This same 3er about Candelmasse, þere comen & metten togider at Brugges, meny noble and worþy men of boþe reaumes, to treten of pees bituene þo ij. kingdomes. And this tretys lasted twey 3er, wiþ grete costes & honge spences of<sup>1</sup> boþe 4 parties; & at þe laste þey went & departed þens wiþout eny accorde or effecte.

¶ The next 3er after, þe xlix<sup>2</sup> 3er of Kyng Edward, þe iiij. None of Maii, beyng 3et void & vacaunt<sup>3</sup> þe Erchebisshop of 8 Caunterbury, Maister Symound Sudbury, Bysshop of London, was<sup>4</sup> made Erchebisshop of Caunterbury; & Maister Will. Courteneye, þat was Bisshop of Herford, was þan made Bysshop of London; & þe Bisshop of Bangor was made Bosship of Herford. 12

And in þis same tyme, in a certeyn tretys, & speking of pees, trews was take bytwene Fraunce & Engelond, fro<sup>5</sup> Missomere vnto Missomere come a3en, al on hool 3er. ¶ And about the bygynnyng of Aprill, þe Duke of Brytayne, wiþ meny Erles,<sup>6</sup> barons, and 16 noble and<sup>7</sup> worþy men of Engelond, went ouere see<sup>8</sup> into Brytaine, wher he had al his lust, desire & purpos,<sup>9</sup> ne had þe forsaide trws be so sone ybrake,<sup>10</sup> þe whiche letted hem myche. This same tyme, þe Ile of Constantyn, wher þat the castell of Sent Sauour is yn, þat 20 longe tyme was fought at & byseged of þe Frenshe men,<sup>11</sup> was þan 3olden to þe Frenshemen,<sup>11</sup> wiþ al þe appurtenaunces, into grete harme & hyndryng of þe reaume of Engelond.

And þe<sup>12</sup> same 3er þere were so<sup>13</sup> grete & so passyng hetes, & 24 þerewiþal a grete pestilens in Engelond, & in oþer diuers parties of þe world, þat it destroyed & slow, violently & strongly, both men & wymmen without noumbre.

¶ This same 3er deid Sir Edwarde, þe lord Spencer, a worthy 28 kny3t and a bolod; & in þe Mynstre of Teukesbury worschipfully is buried.

& lastyng this pestilens, þe Pope, at þe instaunce & prayer of a<sup>14</sup> Englissh Cardinall, graunted to al þe peple þat deid in Engelond 32 þat weren sory and repentaunt for her synnes, & also shryven, ful remyssioun, by ij. bulles vnder lede, vj. monthes þan next to last.

In þis same 3er þe Erl of Penbrook was take & raunsened by<sup>15</sup> Bertram Cleykyn, bytwne Parys & Caley, as he come towarde 36

<sup>1</sup> on T.    <sup>2</sup> TR.    <sup>3</sup> vacaunt & void R.

<sup>4</sup> london was T. london þey R.    <sup>5</sup> fro R. for C.    <sup>6</sup> erlis & R.

<sup>7</sup> noble and om. R.    <sup>8</sup> þe see T.    <sup>9</sup> purpos and desire R.

<sup>10</sup> ybrake T. take RC.    <sup>11-11</sup> was þan 3olden . . . men om. T.

<sup>12</sup> this TR.    <sup>13</sup> leaf 196, back.    <sup>14</sup> an T.    <sup>15</sup> bi for R.



Engelonde oppon Seint Etheldreidis day; þe whiche Seynt, as hit was said, þe same Erl oft tymes had offended; & wiþin a while after, he deide. & in Noubre<sup>1</sup> next after, þere metten at Brugges 4 þe Duke of Lancastre & þe Duke of Angeoy, wiþ meny oþer lordes & prelates of boþe reaumes, forto trete of pees.

Of þe deþe of prins Edward, & of dame<sup>2</sup> Alys Perers, & Piers de la Mare. *Capitulo CC xxxviij*.<sup>3</sup>

[*A Parliament held at Westminster, A.D. 1376. Alice Ferrers and Lord Latimer.*]

8 Not<sup>4</sup> longe after þe lj. 3ere of þe regnyng of King Edward, he lete ordeyned & holde his parlement at Westminster, þe grettest þat was sen meny 3ere afore. In þe whiche parlement, he axed of<sup>5</sup> Communaltee of þe reaume as he had done byfore, a grete subsede 12 to be graunted to hem, for defendyng of hem and of his reame; but þe communes answered þat 'þey were so oft, day be day, ygreud & charged wiþ so meny talyage; & subsidies, þat þey myzte no longer suffre non such berþes ne charges; ¶ and þat þey knewyn 16 & wisten wel þat þe King had ynov for sauynge of hem & of his<sup>6</sup> reaume, yf þe reaume wher wel and trewly gouerned, but þat<sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup>it had be so long euel ygouerned<sup>9</sup> by euel officers, þat the reaume myzt neither<sup>10</sup> be plenteuous of Chaffare and merchaundise, ne 20 also wiþ<sup>11</sup> richesse: & þese þinge; þey profered hem self, if þe King wold, certey[n]ly to preue & stonde by. and if it were found & proued after, þat þe King þan had nede, þey wold þen gladly, euery man, after his power and state, hem wold<sup>12</sup> helpe & 24 lene.'

¶ And after þis, þere were publisshed & shewed in þe parlement meny playntes & defautes of officers of<sup>13</sup> þe reaume, & namely of þe Lorde Latymer, þe Kinges Chamberlayn, of his euel gouernance, boþe<sup>14</sup> to þe King & eke to þe reame; & at þe laste also þer<sup>15</sup> was tretid & spoken of Dame Alys Pereis, for þe grete<sup>16</sup> wronge; & euel<sup>17</sup> gouernance þat was done by her & by her counceyl in þe reame; þe whiche Dame Alys Perers, þe King had holde long 32 tyme to his lemman. Wherfor hit was þe lesse wonder thogh,

<sup>1</sup> MS. Noubre.    <sup>2</sup> dame om. T.    <sup>3</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> T.    <sup>4</sup> Not TR.    Bot C.  
<sup>5</sup> of þe R.    <sup>6</sup> þe R.    <sup>7</sup> þat om. R.    <sup>8</sup> leaf 197.    <sup>9</sup> gouerned TR.  
<sup>10</sup> neuer T.    <sup>11</sup> of R.    <sup>12</sup> wold om. R.    <sup>13</sup> diuers of R.  
<sup>14</sup> boþe om. R.    <sup>15</sup> þere it R.    <sup>16</sup> grete om. T.  
<sup>17</sup> yuyl T.    euel R.    wel C.

purgh þe freelte of þe wommannys exciting & her streyng, consentid to her lewednes & evell counceyll. ¶ The which Dame Alys, & also þe Lord Latymer, & also oper<sup>1</sup> such þat sterid þe King to evel gouernaunce, azens his profite & þe reaumes. also al þe communalte 4 of þe reame desired & asked þat þei shold be meved & done<sup>2</sup> away, & in her stedes, wyse men & worpy þat were trewe, & welle assayed & proved, and of good gouernaunce, shold be put in her stedes. ¶ So amonge all opere, þer was on among þe communes þat was a 8 wys knyzt, & a trewe, & an eloquent man, whos name was Piers de la Mare; & þis same Piers was chosen to be speker for the communes in þe parlement.<sup>3</sup> & for þis same<sup>4</sup> Piers told & publissed þe trewþe, & rehersed meny wronges azens þe forsaid Dame Alys, & 12 oper certeyne persones of þe Kinges counceyll, as he was bode by þe communes, & also trustyng mych forto be supported & maynteyned in þis mater by help & fauour of þe Pryns, anon as þe Pryns was dede, at þe instaunce and <sup>5</sup>request of þe forsaid Dame 16 Alys, þis Piers de La Mare was iugged to perpetuel prisoun in þe Castell of Notyngham, in þe whiche he was ij. 3ere. & þe vj. kalend of Inyll, lastyng þat same parlement, deid Prens Edwardes ferst sone, þat is forto sey, in <sup>6</sup>Trynite Sounday; in þe worship of<sup>7</sup> 20 whiche feest he was wont euery 3ere, wher þat euere he were in þe worlde, to make & hold þe moost solemnyte þat he myght. ¶ Whos name & fortune of kniþthood, but yf it had bene of anoper<sup>8</sup> Ectour, al men, both Christen & heþen, while he leuyd & 24 was in good poynt, wondred mych, & dred him wonder sore; whos body is worshipfully beryed at Crycherehe of<sup>9</sup> Caunterbury.

And in þis same 3ere þe man & þe Erles tenauntes of Warwyk arisen maliciously azens þe Abbot & þe Covent of Euesham & her 28 tenauntes, & destroyeden fersly þe Abbot & þe toun, & wounded & bete her men, & slown of hem meny one, & wenten to her maners & places, & dede myche harme, & brekyn doun her parkes & her closes, & brenten & slown her wild bestes, and chaced hem, 32 brekyng her fissespond hedis, & lete þe water of her pondes, stewes & ryuers, renne out; & token þe fissh, & bere it with hem, & deden hem al þe harme þat þey myzte. ¶ In so ferforth, þat forsope þey had be destroyed perpetuely, þat abbay,<sup>10</sup> wip all her 36 membres &<sup>11</sup> appartenaunces, but yf þe King þe sonner had

<sup>1</sup> oper om. R.    <sup>2</sup> put R.    <sup>3</sup> in þe parlement om. T.    <sup>4</sup> same om. R.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 197, back.    <sup>6</sup> on R.    <sup>7</sup> of þe R.    <sup>8</sup> of anoper om. T.

<sup>9</sup> in T.    <sup>10</sup> þat abbay om. R.    <sup>11</sup> & om. T.

holpen hit & taken heed *perto*. and *perefore* þe King sent his *lettres* to þe Erle of Warwyk, charging hym, & comaundyng, þat he shulde stynt, redresse & amende the evel doers & brekers of his  
 4 pees. and so, by menyng of lordes & oþere frendes of boþe sides  
 pece<sup>1</sup> & good acorde & loue was made bytwene hem. ¶ And for  
 þis hurlyng, as hit was seyde, þe King wold not be gouerned at þat  
 tyme by his lordes þat *pere* were in þe *parlement*; <sup>2</sup>but he toke and  
 8 made his sone, þe Duk of Lancastre, his *gouernour* of þe reanme;  
 the which stood so still *gouernour* til tyme þat he deide.

The same 3er, anon after Candelmasse, or the *parlement* was  
 done, the King axede a subsidie of the clergie and of þe lay fee,  
 12 and hit was graunted him, þat is forto seye, that he sholde haue of  
 euery persone of the lay fee, bothe of men and womman þat passed  
 xiiij. 3er age, iiij d.—outake pore beggars that were knowen opynly  
 for<sup>3</sup> nede, beggars,<sup>4</sup>—and þat he shulde haue of euery man of  
 16 holy chirche þat was beneficed or promoted, xij d., and of al oþere  
 þat were nout promoted iiij d., outake þe iiij. orders of the Frers  
 beggars.

¶ This same 3er, after Myghelmase, Richard, Prin3 Edward;   
 20 sone, was made Prins of Walys; to whon þe King also 3af<sup>5</sup> þe  
 Duche of Cornewayl, wyth þe Erldom of Chestre. and aboute þis  
 tyme, þe Cardinallis of Engelond, þe forþe day bifore Mary  
 Maudgalyne day, after mete, sodeynly was smete & take<sup>6</sup> wiþ a  
 24 palsie, & loste his speche; and on Marye Mawgdalyne day  
 he died.

Of the deth of Kinge Edward; and hov Sere John Mounster-  
 worþ, knight, was drawe and honged for his fals tresoun.

28 **Capitulo CC<sup>mo</sup>. xxxix<sup>o</sup>.**<sup>7</sup>

**R**yght anon after, in þe lij 3ere of his<sup>8</sup> regne, of King Edward,  
 in þe begynnyng of October, Pope Gregory þe xj. brou3t  
 and remeved wiþ hem his court from Aveyon to Rome.

32 And þe xij. day of Aprill, John Munsterworþe, knight, at  
 London was drawen, hanged, and þen byheded; and after, his  
 body quartered, and sent to þe .iiij.<sup>9</sup> cheff tounes of Engelond, and  
 his heed sette oppon<sup>10</sup> London Brigge. ¶ For þis same Iohn was

<sup>1</sup> pece and T. and C.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 198.    <sup>3</sup> for TR. fro C.

<sup>4</sup> nedi pouere beggars T. nedy poer beggars R.    <sup>5</sup> yaf also TR.

<sup>6</sup> was take and suiyyte T. & take om. R.    <sup>7</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> T.    <sup>8</sup> þe TR.

<sup>9</sup> to foure the T.    <sup>10</sup> on T.

ful vntrewe to þe <sup>1</sup> King and to the reaume, and ful coveytous and vnstable; for he toke ofte tymes grete summes of money of þe King and his counceyll for men of armes wages, that he sholde haue payed ham; and take hit into his owne vse. and he, dreding <sup>4</sup> at<sup>2</sup> the laste he shold he shent and acused, for þe same cause fled pryuily to the King of Fraunce, and was swore to hem, and biome his man, and behight hym to bringe a<sup>3</sup> grete nave of Spayne in confusion, and distroyende of<sup>4</sup> Engelonde. but rightful <sup>8</sup> God, to whom no pryvite is vnknowe, suffrede hym first to be shent and spilt, or that he sholde so trecherously & falsly, his leige lord, the King of Engelonde, and his peple and his reaume—in the whiche ground the same Iohn was bore wickedly, thourgh <sup>12</sup> bataill, destroye, or bryng his cursed purpose aboute.

In the feste of Seynt Gregore þo<sup>5</sup> next sewyng, King Edward <sup>3af</sup> to Richard of Burdeux, his eyr, that was Pryns Edwardes sone, att Wyndesore, the ordre of knyghthood, and made hym knyght. <sup>16</sup> the which Kyng Edward, whan he had regned lj.<sup>6</sup> 3ere and more, the xj kalend of Iuyn, he deide at Shene, and is beried worshipfully at Westmyenster; on whos soule God haue mercy! Amen!

<sup>1</sup> leaf 198, back.    <sup>2</sup> þat at TR.    <sup>3</sup> him a T.    <sup>4</sup> of TR. al C.  
<sup>5</sup> þe T.    <sup>6</sup> lij R.

## APPENDIX B.

[THE CHARACTER OF EDWARD III.]

[MS. Harley 753, fol. 146 ff. (collated with MS. Harley 331 = X, Lambeth 491 = Y, and Lambeth 738 = Z).]

Of þe description<sup>1</sup> of Kyng Edward. Cap<sup>o</sup>. CC. xxix<sup>o</sup>.<sup>2</sup>

**T**His<sup>3</sup> Kyng Edward was forsoþe of a passyng goodnesse, and ful gracious amonge aH þe worthymen of þe world; for he passyd  
 4 and shone by vertue & grace<sup>4</sup> yeven to hym fro God, above aH his  
 predecessours þat were noble men & worthy. And he was a wele  
 hard-herted<sup>5</sup> man, for he dred neuer of none myshappes, ne harmes  
 ne evyH fortune, þat myzt falle a noble warryour, and a fortunate,<sup>6</sup>  
 8 bothe<sup>7</sup> on lond<sup>8</sup> and on þe see.<sup>9</sup> And in aH batayle & assembles,  
 with a passyng glory and worshyp<sup>10</sup> he had euere þe victory.

And<sup>11</sup> he was meke and benygne, homely, sobre, & softe to aH  
 maner men,<sup>12</sup> as wele to straungres as to his owne subiectes, And to  
 12 oper þat were vnder his gouernaunce.<sup>13</sup> He was devoute & holy,  
 bope to God & holy<sup>14</sup> chirch; ffor he was worshipped &<sup>15</sup> mayn-  
 tened holy chirch and her mynystres with aH maner reuerences.<sup>16</sup>  
 He was treteable & wele avysed in temperaH & worldly nedes, wyse  
 16 in counseH, and discrete, soft, meke,<sup>17</sup> & good to speke with.  
 In hys dedes & manere, fuH gentiH & wele ytaught, havyng pite  
 on hem<sup>18</sup> þat were in dissesse; plentevous in yevyng almesse,<sup>19</sup>  
 Besy<sup>20</sup> & corious in bildyng; And fuH lyghtly he bare & suffred  
 20 wronges and harmes. And whan he was yeve to any occupacion, he  
 left aH oper þynges in<sup>21</sup> þe mene tyme, and tent<sup>22</sup> þerto; semly of  
 -body, & of mene stature; havyng alwey, to high & lowe, a good  
 chere. And þer sprang & shone so mochi grace of hym<sup>23</sup> þat, what

<sup>1</sup> distruction MS and Z.    <sup>2</sup> heading om. Z.    <sup>3</sup> The Z.<sup>4</sup> vertue of grace YZ.<sup>5</sup> a wel and a hardy hertid Y.    a well and an harty hartid Z.<sup>6</sup> and so fortunate X.    a fortunate Y.    a ffortynant Z.<sup>7</sup> for bothe Y.    <sup>8</sup> on þe lond X.    <sup>9</sup> on se Z.    <sup>10</sup> glory and Joy Z.<sup>11</sup> And om. Y.    <sup>12</sup> maner off men Z.    <sup>13</sup> his owne Gouvernaunce Z.<sup>14</sup> to holy Z.    <sup>15</sup> worshepid halpe and Z.    <sup>16</sup> of reuerence Z.<sup>17</sup> and meke Z.    <sup>18</sup> to hem XY.    <sup>19</sup> benefytes Z.    <sup>20</sup> and Besy Z.<sup>21</sup> for Z.    <sup>22</sup> tent om. Z.    <sup>23</sup> leaf 146, back.

maner man had byhold<sup>t</sup> his face, or had dremed of hym, he hoped þat day þat aH þyng shold<sup>t</sup> hap<sup>1</sup> to hym IoyfuH and lykyng. And he gouerned gloriously hys kyngdon into his age. And<sup>2</sup> he was large in yevyng, and wyse in spences. He was fulfilled with<sup>3</sup> aH 4 honeste of good maners, & vertuous; vnder whom to lyve,<sup>4</sup> hit was as for to regne; wherfor his name<sup>5</sup> & his loos sprang so fere þat it came into hethenesse and Barbarye, shewyng and tellyng his worthynesse & manhode in aH londes; And þat in<sup>6</sup> no lond vnder 8 heven had be<sup>7</sup> brought forth so noble a kyng,<sup>8</sup> so gentiH & so blessyd, or myzt reyse such anoþer whan he were dede.

Neuerþelesse,<sup>9</sup> lechery & mevyng of hys flessH haunted hym in his age; wherfor þe rather, as it was to suppose,<sup>10</sup> for vnmesurable fulfillyng of hys lust, his lyff shorted þe sonner. And herof takeþ good hede, lyke as hys dedys byfore bereth wytnesse; for, as in hys bygynnyng aH þynges were IoyfuH and lykyng to hym & to aH þe<sup>11</sup> peple, And in hys myd age he passed aH men<sup>12</sup> in high 16 Ioye and<sup>13</sup> worshype and blessydnesse, Ryzt so, whan he drow in-to Age, drawyng downward purgh lechorye and oþer<sup>14</sup> synnes, litiH & litiH aH þe IoyfuH and blyssed<sup>15</sup> þynges, good fortune & prosperite decresed and myshapped, And Infortunat þynges, & vnprofytable 20 harmes, with many evele, bygan for to sprynge, and, þe more harme is, conteyned longe tyme after.

<sup>1</sup> ffall Z.    <sup>2</sup> And om. Z.    <sup>3</sup> of Z.    <sup>4</sup> þe lyffe Z.    <sup>5</sup> fame YZ.

<sup>6</sup> in om. YZ.    <sup>7</sup> be om. XYZ.    <sup>8</sup> knyzt Z.

<sup>9</sup> Neuere the latter Y.    Neuyr þe latter Z.

<sup>10</sup> suppose for XYZ.    <sup>11</sup> þe om. Z.    <sup>12</sup> pepill Z.    <sup>13</sup> and om. YZ.

<sup>14</sup> affter Z.    <sup>15</sup> blisfull X.

## [C]

[FROM THE CORONATION OF RICHARD II (A.D. 1377)  
TO THE CAPTURE OF ROUEN (A.D. 1419).]

[*Cambridge University Library MS. Kk. 1. 12.*]

<sup>1</sup> And aftir King Edwarde the thrid, þat was bore at Wyndesore,  
Regned Richard of Burdeux, that was Prynce Edwardez  
sone of Walis; which Prince Edwarde was þe sone of <sup>2</sup>  
4 King Edwarde þe iij<sup>de</sup>.<sup>3</sup> *Capitulum ccxxxix.*

And aftir the gode King, King Edwarde the iij<sup>de</sup>, þat was born  
at Wyndesore, Regned Richarde þe ij, þat was þe gode Prince  
Edwardez sone of <sup>4</sup> Walis; which King Richard was born yn þe  
8 cite of Burdeux yn Gasquoyn, and was crowned at Westminster yn  
þe xj yere of his age. ¶ And yn ij<sup>5</sup> yere of his regne fil þe<sup>6</sup>  
debate þat was betuene þe Lorde Latimer and Syr Raaff Ferrers,  
kniȝt,<sup>7</sup> þat were ayens Hawle & Schakele, squiers, for the prysoner  
12 þat was take yn the botayle of Spayngue <sup>8</sup> by þese ij squyers, þe<sup>9</sup>  
which þe sayde<sup>10</sup> Lorde Latymer and Ser Raaff Ferrers wolde haue  
had; þe which prysoner was þe Erle of Deene, þat þay toke yn þe  
batayle of Spayngue.<sup>8</sup> ¶ Wherfore þese ij lordez comyn yn-to  
16 Westminster church,<sup>11</sup> and founde þis on Squier heryng his<sup>12</sup> messe  
besyde Seint Edwardez schryne; and there þei slow hym þat me  
callyd Hawle; and Schackele was arestid and put yn-to þe Tour of  
London; and þere he was long tyme, for<sup>13</sup> he wolde not delyuer þe  
20 Erle of Dene, his prasoner, vnto þeze ij lordez by Ser Aleyn Buxhill,  
Constable of the tour, and be Ser Raaff Ferrers, one of his aduer-  
saryes, tyll þe tyme þat<sup>14</sup> þe king grawnted hym grace.

¶ In the iij<sup>de</sup> yere of King Richarde come þe<sup>15</sup> galies of Fraunce<sup>16</sup>  
24 yn-to Engelonde, vnto dyuers portez, and brent, & Robbyd, and  
slow moch pepyll of Engelond, þat is to sey,<sup>17</sup> Wynchilse, Rie,  
Hastyng,<sup>18</sup> Portesmouth, Hampton, Stormore, &<sup>19</sup> Grauysende,  
and dede moche harm, and wente hom ayen.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 110, back.    <sup>2</sup> of þe T.    <sup>3</sup> þe iij<sup>de</sup> om. T.    <sup>4</sup> Prynce of T.

<sup>5</sup> þe seconde R.    <sup>6</sup> regne for TR.    <sup>7</sup> the knyght T.

<sup>8-9</sup> om. T.    <sup>9</sup> and þe R.    <sup>10</sup> sayde om. R.

<sup>11</sup> into the Chirche of Westmynstre TR.    <sup>12</sup> his om. T.    <sup>13</sup> and T

<sup>14</sup> þe tyme þat om. TR.    <sup>15</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>16</sup> yeer off his Regne þe galeys of fraunce come R.    <sup>17</sup> seie at T.

<sup>18</sup> hastyng and T.    <sup>19</sup> and om. T.

[*The Commons' Revolt led by Jack Straw and Wat Tyler.*]

And yn þis same yere was a parlement holden at Westminster; and at þat parlement was ordeyned þat euery man, woman & childe, þat were<sup>1</sup> at þe age of xiiij yere & aboue, þorzout all þe Reme, pore folke & Rich,<sup>2</sup> schulde pay to þe talage iiij d; wherfore come 4 aftirwarde grete myschiff & moche deseze to alle<sup>3</sup> communialte of þe Reme. ¶ And yn þe iiij yere of þe regne of King Richarde þe comynes loked vp, &<sup>4</sup> arsyn vp<sup>5</sup> yn dyuers partez of þe Reme, and dede moche harm, þe which þei callid<sup>6</sup> "hurlyng tyme." And 8 þei of Kent & of Essex madyn hem ij cheveteynez to rewle & gouerne þe compayne of Kent & of Essex: þat one<sup>7</sup> me<sup>8</sup> callid Jacke Strawe, and þat oþer, Watte Tyler; and þai comen and assembled ham vpon þe Blake-Heth yn Kent. And apou the<sup>9</sup> 12 Corpus Christi day and after, þei comen doune yn-to Southwerk, and brekyn vp þe prison hous, þat is to wite, þe Kingis Bench, and þe<sup>10</sup> Marchalsy, & delyverde out alle þe prisoners. And so þe same day þei comen yn-to London; and þere thay robbyd þe peple, and 16 slowyn alle<sup>11</sup> alyens þat þay myzt fynde yn þe cyte and aboute þe cite, and despoiled alle her godez, and made havoke. ¶ And on the Fridai<sup>12</sup> next aftir, þat was on þe morowe, thei comyn vn<sup>13</sup> to þe Tour of London; and the king beyng þere-yn, þei sette out of þe 20 Tour þe Archebishop of Caunturbury, Maistir Symond<sup>14</sup> Sudbery, and Ser Robert Hale, Pryour<sup>15</sup> of Saint Johnes,<sup>16</sup> and a Whit Frere þat was confessor vn to King Richarde, and brouzt ham vnto þe Tour Hill; and þere þay smytyn of her hedys, and comyn ayen to 24 London, & slowyn mo peple of men of lawe, and oþer worthi men yn dyuers parteyez of þe cite. And þanne went þai<sup>17</sup> to the Duke; place, of Lancastre, beyonde Saint Mary Stronde, þat was callyd Savoy.<sup>18</sup> ¶ And þere þei deuoured & destroyed al þe godez þat þay 28 myzt fynde,<sup>19</sup> and bare ham away, and brent vp þe place. And þanne aftir þey went to Seint Johnes without Smythffelde, and destroyed þe godes,<sup>20</sup> & brent vp þat hous, and went to Westminster, and so to Sent Martyne; þe Graunt, and made hem go<sup>21</sup> out of 32

<sup>1</sup> weren T. were R. om. Kk. <sup>2</sup> and oþer T.

<sup>3</sup> aft þe T. al þe R. <sup>4</sup> loked vp & om. TR.

<sup>5</sup> vp om. R. <sup>6</sup> callid þe TR. <sup>7</sup> one om. R. <sup>8</sup> þat men T.

<sup>9</sup> Kent on TR. <sup>10</sup> þe om. T. <sup>11</sup> alle þe TR.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 111. <sup>13</sup> vn om. T. <sup>14</sup> sir Edmund TR.

<sup>15</sup> hospitaler prioure and maistir T. <sup>16</sup> Iohnes house T.

<sup>17</sup> þei wenten T. þey wente R. <sup>18</sup> þe Savey T. <sup>19</sup> fynde þere R.

<sup>20</sup> goodis there T. <sup>21</sup> to go TR.



þe sayntwarye, alle<sup>1</sup> þat were þere<sup>2</sup> ynne for eny maner of<sup>3</sup> gryth.<sup>4</sup>

¶ And þanne come vnto þe Temple, and to alle oþer ynnez of men  
4 of lawe, & dispoyled ham and rebbed ham of<sup>5</sup> her godez, and also  
taare hir bokis of law; and þai<sup>6</sup> come to London, and brake vp the  
pryson of Newgate, & droff out alle þe prisoners, felons, & oþir of<sup>7</sup>  
bothe countres, and alle þe peple þat was with-ynne ham, &  
8 destroyed alle þe bokis of bothe countres; and þus þay contynued  
forth, both Saturday and Sunday,<sup>8</sup> vnto<sup>9</sup> þe Monday next folowyng,  
yn alle hir<sup>10</sup> malice & wickydnesse. And þanne,<sup>11</sup> on the Monday,  
King Richard, with his lordez þat were *with* hym þat tyme, and<sup>12</sup>  
12 with þe Meire of London, William Walworth, þe<sup>13</sup> aldermen & þe  
commynnez of þe cite, come<sup>14</sup> yn<sup>15</sup> to Southwerk<sup>16</sup> to here &<sup>17</sup> know  
þe entencion of þese rebellis and misgouerned pepil.<sup>18</sup> ¶ And þis  
Iak Straw þanne made an oyes in þe felde, þat alle þe pepyl of  
16 accorde schulde come nere, & here his clamour and<sup>19</sup> his crye and  
his will, and þe lordez, and þe Mayre and þe aldermen, with þe  
communielte, hauyng indignacion of his Covetise and Falsnesse,  
and his foule presompceion; and anon William Walworth, þat tyme  
20 beyng Mayre, drew out his knyff, and slow Iack Straw, and anon  
ryzt þere dede smyzt of his hed, and sette it vp apon<sup>20</sup> a spere-  
schafte; and so it was bore þrouz London, & set on high vp on  
London Brygge. ¶ And<sup>21</sup> anon alle þe<sup>22</sup> rysers and mys gouernyd  
24 men were voyded and<sup>23</sup> vanyshed, as hit hadde not byn þay.  
¶ And<sup>24</sup> þe king, of his grete godenesse, and by prayer of his lordez,  
made þere vj knyztis of gode & worthi men of þe cite of London,  
þat is,<sup>25</sup> William Walworth—þat tyme was<sup>26</sup> Mayre and slow Iack  
28 Straw,—& ij<sup>de</sup><sup>27</sup> was Nicholas Brembre, þe<sup>28</sup> iij was<sup>29</sup> John Phily-  
pot, the<sup>28</sup> iiij was<sup>30</sup> Nicholas Twyfford, þe<sup>28</sup> fyffþe was<sup>29</sup> Robert  
Lawndeþ, þe<sup>28</sup> vj, Robert Gayton. ¶ And þanne þe king, with his  
lordez and his<sup>31</sup> knyztis, returned ayen vnto the Tour of London;  
32 and þere he restid hym tylle his<sup>32</sup> peple were bettir cecyd, & seet yn

<sup>1</sup> alle *om.* R.    <sup>2</sup> with T.    *þere om.* R.    <sup>3</sup> of *om.* R.    <sup>4</sup> gryth *om.* T.

<sup>5</sup> of TR. or Kk.    <sup>6</sup> þanne þai T.    *þanne þey* R.    <sup>7</sup> and of TR.

<sup>8</sup> vnto þe Sunday T.    <sup>9</sup> and vnto T.    <sup>10</sup> her maner of T.

<sup>11</sup> þanne *om.* T.    <sup>12</sup> and *om.* T.    <sup>13</sup> þat was þat tyme come with þe TR.

<sup>14</sup> and come T.    <sup>15</sup> yn *om.* T.    <sup>16</sup> Smythfelde R.    <sup>17</sup> and to T.

<sup>18</sup> peple þat so reuyd and robbid T.

<sup>19</sup> and here his clamouris and T.    and here his clamour and R.    *om.* Kk.

<sup>20</sup> vpon T.    it vpon R.    <sup>21</sup> And *om.* T.    <sup>22</sup> þese T.    *þize* R.

<sup>23</sup> and clene T.    & clene R.    <sup>24</sup> And thanne T.    and þanne R.

<sup>25</sup> is to saie T.    is to say R.    <sup>26</sup> þat was þat tyme T.    <sup>27</sup> þe ij<sup>e</sup> T.

<sup>28</sup> and þe T.    <sup>29</sup> was *om.* TR.    <sup>30</sup> was *om.* T.    <sup>31</sup> his *om.* R.    <sup>32</sup> this T.

rest and peeze. ¶ And þanne, by processe of tyme, as þay myzt gete and take þeze <sup>1</sup>Rebellis & rysers, they hanged ham vp on<sup>2</sup> the next galous yn euery lordesschippe throuz þe<sup>3</sup> Reme of Engelond,<sup>4</sup> be xl & be xxx, be<sup>5</sup> x. & be xij., euer as þay myghte be goton & take<sup>6</sup> 4 yn eny parteys.

¶ And yn þe v. yere of King Richardez Regne was þe grete Erthe quake; and þat<sup>7</sup> was do<sup>8</sup> generally ovir<sup>9</sup> alle þe worlde,— the Wedynesday aftir Whitsonday, yn the yere after<sup>10</sup> incarnacion<sup>8</sup> of our Lorde Ihesu crist, m<sup>1</sup> ecc. iiii<sup>xx</sup> xj,<sup>11</sup> where-of alle þe peple were sore agast, and dra<sup>12</sup> long tyme aftir, for þe grete<sup>13</sup> vengauce and grete drede þat our Lorde God schewed and dede.

¶ In<sup>14</sup> þe vj zere of his regne,<sup>15</sup> Ser Henri Spenser, Bischop of Northwych, went with a croyseray ouer þe see yn-to þe contre of Flawndrez; & þere he<sup>16</sup> gate þe towne of Grauenyng, &<sup>17</sup> þe toun of Oldenburgh,<sup>18</sup> Dunkirk, and Newport; and þere þai ladde & fryzt .l.j. schyppes with peleage<sup>19</sup> for to haue come yn to Engelonde<sup>16</sup> with alle þese schippes and goodis,<sup>20</sup> and þe Bischop of Northwich and his counsel lette brenne þese schippe, with al þe peleage, yn þe same havynne, all yn-to hard ashes.

¶ And at Dunkirk was don a grete batayle betuene þe Flemynge<sup>20</sup> and þe Englisch men; and<sup>21</sup> at þat batayle was slayn a gret multitude of þese Flemynge, and a passyng noubre. ¶ And þanne went þe bischop with his retynu vn-to Iprez, and besegid it a long tyme; but it myzt not be gote, and so he lefte þat sege, and come<sup>24</sup> ayen yn-to Engelond, for our Englischmen were foule destroyed, and mony deied on þe Flyx.

[*Anne of Bohemia comes to wed Richard II.*]

¶ And yn þis same zere come Quene Anne yn-to Engelond, for to be spoused vnto King Richard; and hir fadir was Emperour<sup>28</sup> of Almayne, and King of Beeme. And with hir came þe Duk of Tassy and hir vncle, and mony oþer worthi lordez & kniȝtes<sup>22</sup> of hir cuntre of Beeme, and of oþer Duch tungez, to do hir reuerence

<sup>1</sup> leaf 111, back.    <sup>2</sup> vpon T.    <sup>3</sup> out þe TR.    <sup>4</sup> of Engelond om. T.  
<sup>5</sup> and bi T.    <sup>6</sup> be take and gete T.    <sup>7</sup> hit T.    <sup>8</sup> do om. T.  
<sup>9</sup> ouer T.    <sup>10</sup> after the T. after þe R.    <sup>11</sup> and xj T.    <sup>12</sup> a dred T.  
<sup>13</sup> girte om. TR.    <sup>14</sup> And in TR.  
<sup>15</sup> of þe reigne of kyng Richard T.    of þe regne of king Richarde R.  
<sup>16</sup> and þei T.    þey R.    <sup>17</sup> & om.    <sup>18</sup> Broburgh T.  
<sup>19</sup> pilage T.    pesage Kk.  
<sup>20</sup> with these shippis and goodis T. with þeze shippes & godis R. om. Kk.  
<sup>21</sup> and om. T.    <sup>22</sup> knyghtis and lordis T.

and worschip. ¶ And Ser Symond Beuyrley, a worthi Knyzt of þe Gartyr,<sup>1</sup> & oper knyztis and squyers þat were þe Kingiz embassetoures, brouzt hir yn-to Engelond, and so ferthe to London.

4 ¶ And þe pe[p]le of þe cite, þat is to saye, þe Mayre & þe Aldermen and alle þe<sup>2</sup> comynez, rydyn ayens hir to welcome hir; and euery man yn gode aray, and euery craft with his Mynstraleye, yn þe best maner, mette with hir on þe Blak-Heth yn Kent, & so  
8 brouzt hir to<sup>3</sup> London þrouz þe cite, and so forth yn to<sup>4</sup> Westemystre, vn-to þe kingez palice; and þere sche was spoused vnto King Richard, welle and worthily, yn þe Abbey of Westmynstre; and þere sche was crowned Quene of Engelond; and alle hir frendis  
12 þat comyn with hir hadde gret yeftis, and hadde grete chere, and were wel refresched<sup>5</sup> as long tyme as þai abyden here.

¶ And yn þis same yere was a batayle do with-ynne þe kingez Palys at Westmynstre, for certeyne poyntis of treson, betuene Ser  
16 Iohn of Ansley, knyzt, defendaunt, and Karton, Squyere, þe appellaunt; but þis Ser Iohn of Ansley ouyr-come þis Carton, & made hym<sup>6</sup> to yolde hym withynne þe listis, and anon þis Craton (*sic*) was<sup>7</sup> dispoyled of his harnez and drawe out of þe lystis,  
20 and so forth to<sup>8</sup> Tyborne; and þere he was hangyd for his falsnesse.

¶ And yn<sup>9</sup> the viij yere of his Regne<sup>10</sup> Ser Edmunde of Langele, Erle of Cawmebrygge, þe kingez vncler, wente vnto<sup>11</sup> Portingale with a Fayre manye of men of armez and archers, yn helpyng & streyng-  
24 thyng<sup>12</sup> of þe King of Portyngale ayens þe King of Spayngne and his power. and þere þe King of Portyngale hadde þe victory of his Enymyez, þronz help and comfort of our Englysch men. And whanne þat iornay was y<sup>13</sup>do, The Erle of Cawmbrige com hom  
28 ayen with his peple yn-to Engelond yn haste; blessid be Gode and his gracious yeft! Amen!

¶ And þis same yere, Kinge Richarde hylde his Cristismesse yn þe Maner of Estham (*sic*). And þe same tyme, þe King of Ermony  
32 fledde out of his owne londe, and come yn-to Engelond, for to haue socour and help of our King ayens his enymyez, þat hadde dreve hym of<sup>14</sup> his Reme; and so he was brouzt vn-to<sup>15</sup> þe King to Eltham, þere as þe King hylde his realle feest of Cristismasse; and

<sup>1</sup> MS. gartyd.    <sup>2</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>3</sup> into T.    <sup>4</sup> vnto T.

<sup>5</sup> and weren welle cherid and refresshid T. & well were chered & refresched R.

<sup>6</sup> leaf 112.    <sup>7</sup> was om. T.    <sup>8</sup> to þe T.    <sup>9</sup> yn om. T.

<sup>10</sup> þe reigne of kyng Richard T.    <sup>11</sup> into T.

<sup>12</sup> in strengthyng and helpyng T.    in strengthinge & helpinge R.

<sup>13</sup> y om. TR.    <sup>14</sup> out of T.    <sup>15</sup> to R.

þere oure King welcomed hym, and dede hym reuerence & worschip, and commawnded alle his<sup>1</sup> lordez to make hym alle þe chere þat þay cowthe. and þanne he besouzt the King<sup>2</sup> of grace and help, and of his eomfort yn his nede, and þat he myzt be brozt<sup>4</sup> ayen yn<sup>3</sup> to his owne kingedom and londe, for þe Turkez hadde deuoured & destroyed moch parte of his londe; and for drede he fledde, & come hider for socoure and helpe. ¶ And than<sup>4</sup> þe King, hauyng compassion of his gret myschiffe and greuos deseze,<sup>8</sup> anon<sup>5</sup> he toke his Counsel, and axed what was best to do. and þai answered and sayde, ‘yef it likyd hym to yeue hym eny gode, it were welle ydo: and as towchyng his peple, to Trauayle so fer yn-to out-londez, it were a grete ieparde’; and so þe King yaf hym golde<sup>12</sup> and seluyr, and many richez<sup>6</sup> and iewellis, and betauzt hym to God; and so he passed ayen out of Engeland.

¶ And yn þis same yere King Richarde, with a ryall power, went yn-to Scotland for to war ayen<sup>7</sup> þe Scottis, for hir Falsnesse and<sup>16</sup> destroccion þat þay<sup>8</sup> hadde do ayens<sup>9</sup> þe<sup>10</sup> English men yn þe Marchis. And þe<sup>11</sup> Scottis come doun<sup>12</sup> for to trete<sup>13</sup> with hym<sup>14</sup> & with his lordez for tiewes, as for certeyn yeres; and so oure Kyng and his Counsel graunted hem trewes certyn yeres<sup>15</sup> vnto<sup>20</sup> her axyng, and our King turned hym hom ayen yn-to Engelande. ¶ And whanne he was come vnto<sup>16</sup> Yorke, þere he aboode and restyd hym. and<sup>17</sup> þere Ser John Helond, þe Erle of Kentis broþer, slow þe Erlis sone of Staffarde and his heyre with a daggar<sup>24</sup> yn þe cite of Yorke, wherfor the King was sore amoued and grevid, & remevyd fro þennez and come to London; and þe Meire and þe Aldermen and þe commyns, with alle þe solempnite þat þay<sup>18</sup> myghte do,<sup>20</sup> rydyn ayens þe King, and brouzt hym ryally throuz<sup>28</sup> the cite, & so forth vnto Westmynstre vnto his owne Palis.

¶ And yn þe ix yere of his regne<sup>21</sup> he hadde<sup>22</sup> a parlement at Westminster, & þere he made ij dukes, and a Markques & v. erlez:

<sup>1</sup> þe T.      <sup>2</sup> the king om. T.      <sup>3</sup> yn om. TR.      <sup>4</sup> than om. T.

<sup>5</sup> and om. TR.      and anon Kk.      <sup>6</sup> riche yiftis T.      rich ziftis R.

<sup>7</sup> vpon R.      <sup>8</sup> þe Scottis T.      <sup>9</sup> to T.      <sup>10</sup> do vnto R.

<sup>11</sup> þanne þe T.      <sup>12</sup> downe vnto þe kyng T.

<sup>13</sup> entrete T.      <sup>14</sup> with him TR.      hym Kk.

<sup>15</sup> yeeris, and so oure kyng and his counceile grauntid hem trewes certeyn yeris T.      yeris and so þe king & his counsel graunted ham trewis certayn yeres R.      om. Kk.

<sup>16</sup> to T.      <sup>17</sup> and om. TR.      <sup>18</sup> þay om.      <sup>19</sup> leaf 112, back.

<sup>20</sup> þat myghte be do R.

<sup>21</sup> of kyng Richardis reigne T.      yeer of king Richardis Regne he held R.

<sup>22</sup> helde T.

þe first þat was mad Duk, was þe Kingez vnclē, *Ser* Edmund<sup>1</sup> of Langeley and<sup>2</sup> Erle of Caumbrigge; and hym he<sup>3</sup> made<sup>4</sup> Duk of Yorke; and his oþer vnclē, *Ser* Thomas of Wodestoke, þat was Erle 4 of Bokingham, he made Duke of Gloucestre, and *Ser* Lover, þat was Erle of Oxynforde, he<sup>5</sup> made Marques of Denelyn; and Henry of Bolyngbroke, þe Dukez son of Lancastre, he<sup>6</sup> made Erle of Derby; and *Ser* Edwardē, þe Dukes sone of York, he<sup>6</sup> made Erle of Ruth- 8 lond; *Ser* John Holandē, þat was þe Erle of Kentis brother, he<sup>6</sup> made Erle of Huntyngton; *Ser* Thomas Mombraye, Erle of Notyng- ham, & Erle Marchall of Engelond; and *Ser*<sup>7</sup> Michell of Pole, knyzt, he<sup>6</sup> made Erle of Suffolke and Chaunceler of Engelond.

12 ¶ And the Erle of the<sup>8</sup> March, at þat same<sup>9</sup> parlement holdon at Westemynstre, yn<sup>10</sup> playne parlement among al þe Lordez and Comyns, was proclaymed Erle of the March, and heyre<sup>11</sup> parant vnto<sup>12</sup> þe crowne of Engelonde aftir King Richarde. ¶ The which 16 Erle of the<sup>13</sup> Marche went ouyr<sup>14</sup> see yn-to Ireland vnto his lorde- schippe; and londez, for the Erle of<sup>15</sup> Marche is Erle of Vlcestre yn- Irelande, and<sup>16</sup> by ryzt lyne and heritage. and at<sup>17</sup> a<sup>18</sup> Castill of his he lay þat tyme; and þere come apon<sup>19</sup> hym a grete multitude yn 20 buschmentis of wilde Iryschmen, hym for to take and distroye, and he come out ffersly of his Castell with his peple, and manly ffauzt with ham; and þere he was take, and hew al to pecis, and þere he<sup>20</sup> deied; on whose soule God haue mercy! Amen!

24 ¶ And yn the .x. yere of King Richarde; regne, þe Erle of Arundell went to<sup>21</sup> þe see with a grete Naueye of schippe; enarmed with men of arme; and gode archers. And as<sup>22</sup> þai come yn to þe brode see, þei mette with þe hole flytte þat come lade with wyne<sup>23</sup> 28 from Rochell; and<sup>24</sup> the wynez were Enymye; godes; and þeron oure<sup>25</sup> Naueye sette apoin<sup>26</sup> ham, and toke ham alle, and brouzt hym yn to<sup>27</sup> diuers portis; and hauons of<sup>28</sup> Engelond, & sum to London: and þere þe myzte haue hedde a ton of Rochel wyne of þe beste for 32 xx s. of sterlynges; and so we hadde gret chep of wyne þrouz-out þe Reme at þat tyme, þankyd be God Almyty!

<sup>1</sup> Symonde T.    <sup>2</sup> and om. TR.    <sup>3</sup> he om. R.  
<sup>4</sup> and he was made T.    <sup>5</sup> him T.    <sup>6</sup> him he T.    <sup>7</sup> sir TR. for Kk.  
<sup>8</sup> the om. TR.    <sup>9</sup> same tyme of þe T.    <sup>10</sup> in þe T.    <sup>11</sup> heir of R.  
<sup>12</sup> to TR.    <sup>13</sup> the om. TR.    <sup>14</sup> ouer þe TR.    <sup>15</sup> of the T.  
<sup>16</sup> and om. R.    <sup>17</sup> there at T.    þere at R.    <sup>18</sup> þe R.    <sup>19</sup> vpon TR.  
<sup>20</sup> he om. T.    <sup>21</sup> vnto TR.    <sup>22</sup> And as T.    and Kk.  
<sup>23</sup> comen wyne lade T.    with wyne om. R.    <sup>24</sup> and om. T.  
<sup>25</sup> and þere oure T.    þere our R.    and þeron Kk.    <sup>26</sup> vpon TR.  
<sup>27</sup> vnto R.    <sup>28</sup> into T.

How þe .v. lordez aysen at Ratcot brydge, ye schul here.<sup>1</sup>

*Capitulum ccxl.*<sup>2</sup>

And yn þe a.xj yere of King Richarde<sup>3</sup> regne, þe .v. lordez reson at Ratcote brygge, yn<sup>4</sup> destroccyon of the<sup>5</sup> Rebellis þat weryn 4 þat tyme yn alle this<sup>6</sup> Reme. ¶ The first of the .v. lordez was *Ser Thomas* of Wodestoke, þe Kingis vncle, and Duk of Gloucestre; þe<sup>7</sup> ij was *Ser Richarde*, Erle of Arundell; þe<sup>8</sup> iij was *Ser Richard*, Erle of Warwic; þe iiij was *Ser Harri*<sup>9</sup> Bolyngbroke, Erle of Derby, 8 and þe .v. was *Ser Thomas* Mouubray, Erle of Notygham. ¶ And þe<sup>3e</sup> .v. lordez sawe þe myschif, and mysgouernaunce, and þe Falsnesse of the Kingez counsell; wherfor þai þat were of þe Kingez kounsel chef,<sup>10</sup> fleddyn out of þis londe ouer þe see, þat is to say, 12 *Ser Alisaunder* Neuyle, Archebisshop<sup>11</sup> of York, *Ser Robert* le Veere, <sup>12</sup>*Marquis* of Develyn and Erle of Oxynforde; *Ser*<sup>13</sup> Michel de la Pole, Erle of Suffolke and Chaunceler of Engeland. and þese iij. lordez went ouyr see,<sup>14</sup> and cam nevir ayen, for there þay deied. 16 And þan<sup>15</sup> þe<sup>3e</sup> .v. lordez forsaide<sup>16</sup> maden<sup>17</sup> a parlement at Westmynstre, and þere thay tokyn *Ser Robert* Tresilian, þe Iustize, and *Ser Nicholl* Brembre, knyzt an<sup>18</sup> citezein of London, and *Ser Iohn* Salesbury, knyzt of the Kingis housholde, & Vske, sergeaunt of 20 armez; and mony moo of oper peple were take and Iuged vnto<sup>19</sup> deth by þe counsel of þese .v. lordez yn hir parlement at Westmynster, for treson þat þai put apon ham, to be draw fro þe<sup>20</sup> Tour of London þrouz þe cite, and so forth to Tyburne; and þere to be 24 hangyd, and þere her þrotis to be kut; and þus þei were serued, and deiden.

And aftir þat, yn þis same parlement, was<sup>21</sup> *Ser Symond* of<sup>22</sup> Beverlay, þat was a Knyzt of þe Garter, and *Ser John* Beauchamp, 28 knyzt, þat was Steward of the Kingis housholde, and *Ser Iamez* Berners, were for-Iuged vn-to<sup>23</sup> deth; and<sup>24</sup> þay wer ladd on fote vn-to<sup>25</sup> þe Toure Hille; and þere were her hedis smytyn of, and mony other mo, be þe<sup>3e</sup> .v. lordez. 32

<sup>1</sup> ye schul here om. TR.      <sup>2</sup> CC<sup>o</sup> T. CCxlj R.

<sup>3</sup> in the reigne of kyng Richard þe xj<sup>e</sup> yeer T.    þe Regne of king Richarde þe xj yeer R.      <sup>4</sup> in þe T.      <sup>5</sup> the om. TR.      <sup>6</sup> þe TR.

<sup>7</sup> and þe T.      <sup>8</sup> And þe T.      <sup>9</sup> henri of R.

<sup>10</sup> weren that tyme cheef of þe kyngis counceile T.    were þat tyme chief of þe kinges counseil R.      <sup>11</sup> the Erchebisshop T.      <sup>12</sup> leaf 113.

<sup>13</sup> and sir T.      <sup>14</sup> þe see TR.      <sup>15</sup> þan om. T.      <sup>16</sup> forsaide v. lordis T.

<sup>17</sup> aboute seide maden T.      <sup>18</sup> and T. & R.      <sup>19</sup> vnto þe T.

<sup>20</sup> þe T.    þo Kk.      <sup>21</sup> at Westmynstre was T.      <sup>22</sup> of om. T.

<sup>23</sup> vnto the T.      <sup>24</sup> and þanne T. & þanne R.      <sup>25</sup> to TR.

[*Jousts in Smithfield, A.D. 1388.*]

¶ In þis<sup>1</sup> forsaide parlement, and in þe xij yere of King  
 Richardez regne, he let crye and ordeyne<sup>2</sup> generalle Iustize, þat is  
 called a turnement, of lordez, knyztis and skquiers. ¶ And þese  
 4 Iustes & turnement were holden at London in Smithfelde, for alle  
 maner of strayngers, of what londe &<sup>3</sup> cunctre þei<sup>4</sup> were, and<sup>5</sup>  
 þidir þei were riȝt welcome; and to hem and to alle oþer was  
 holden opon housholde and grete ffestis; and also grete yftis were  
 8 yeue to alle maner of straungers. And þay<sup>6</sup> of the kinges syde  
 were<sup>7</sup> alle of on<sup>8</sup> sute: her cotis, her armyour, scheldeȝ, & her<sup>9</sup>  
 hors &<sup>10</sup> trapure, alle<sup>11</sup> was white hertis, with crowneȝ about her  
 nekkis, and cheyneȝ of golde hangyng þere vp-on, and þe crowne  
 12 hangyng lowe before þe hertis body; þe which hert was þe kingeȝ  
 lyveray þat he yaf to lordez & ladieȝ, knyztis and skquiers, for to  
 know his housholde from oþer peple. ¶ And at þis first comyng to  
 her Iustes, xxiiij ladieȝ ladde þese xxiiij lordez of þe Garther with  
 16 cheynys of goolde, and alle yn þe same sute of hertis as is afore  
 sayde, from þe Tour on hors bak þrouȝ the cite of London yn-to  
 Smythfelde, þere þe Iustes schulde be do.<sup>12</sup> And þis fest and Iustes  
 was holde general, and<sup>13</sup> to alle þo þat wolde come, of what land or  
 20 nacion þat eyr he<sup>14</sup> were; and þis<sup>15</sup> was holde duryng xxiiij  
 dayeȝ, of þe kingeȝ owne cost; and þese xxiiij lordez to answe-  
 re to<sup>16</sup> alle maner of<sup>17</sup> pepil þat wolde come þidir. And þedir come þe  
 Erle of seint Poule of Fraunce, and mony oþer worthi knyȝtes with  
 24 hym of diuers parteyȝ, fful welle arayed.<sup>18</sup> And out of Holand &  
 Henaude come þe Lorde Ostrenaunde, þat was þe Dukeȝ sone of  
 Holande, & mony oþer worthi knyȝtes with hym, bothe<sup>19</sup> of Holand  
 & Henaude<sup>20</sup> fulle welle arayed. And whenne þese feste and  
 28 Iustes was do and<sup>21</sup> endid, þe King þanked þese st[r]ayngers and  
 yaf ham mony grete yeftis; and þanne þei token hir leue of þe  
 King & of oþer lordez and ladyeȝ, and went hom ayen yn-to her  
 owne cuntre, with grete loue & moche þanke.

32 ¶ And yn þe xiiij yere<sup>22</sup> of King Richardeȝ regne, þer was a

<sup>1</sup> this same T. þis same R.    <sup>2</sup> ordeyne a T.    <sup>3</sup> or TR.<sup>4</sup> what so cuer þei T.    <sup>5</sup> of & T. off and R.    <sup>6</sup> þay om. TR.<sup>7</sup> þey were R.    <sup>8</sup> on om. T. o R.    <sup>9</sup> & her om. TR.    <sup>10</sup> & om. TR.<sup>11</sup> and alle T. & aH R.    <sup>12</sup> holde T.    <sup>13</sup> and om. T.<sup>14</sup> thei T. þei R.    <sup>15</sup> þis om. T.    <sup>16</sup> to om. TR.    <sup>17</sup> of om. TR.<sup>18</sup> MS. Kk. wrongly inserts here ¶ And þeȝ Fest & Iustes was endid, þe  
 king thankyd þese. And þes ffest & . . . þese om. TR.<sup>19</sup> bothe om. T.    <sup>20</sup> henaude om. T    <sup>21</sup> do and om. TR.<sup>22</sup> leaf 113, back.

batayle y<sup>1</sup>do yn the Kingis palis at Westmynstre, betwene a skquyer of Nauerne þat was *with* þe king, and anoþer skquier þat me callid John Walsch, of<sup>2</sup> poyntis of treson þat þis Nauerner put vp-on þis Walsch ; but þis Nauerner was ouercome, and yelde hym craunt to<sup>4</sup> his aduersarye, and anon he was dispoyled of his armyowr, and draw out of þe palis vnto Tyburne, and þere he was hangyd for his ffalsnesse.

¶ And þe xiiij yere of þe regne of King Richard, Ser John of<sup>8</sup> Gaunt, Duk of Lancastre, went ouyr se<sup>3</sup> yn-to Spayne,—for to chalenge his ryzt, þat he hadde be his wife; tytill, vnto þe croune of Spayngne,—with a gret ost of pepil, of men of arme; and archers. And he<sup>4</sup> had<sup>5</sup> with hym þe Duchesse, his wyff, and his<sup>12</sup> iij douztre; yn-to<sup>6</sup> Sp[a]yne, and þere<sup>7</sup> þay weryn a grete while. ¶ And at þe<sup>8</sup> last, þe King of Spayne began to trete with þe Duke of Lancastre, and þay were accorded to-gadir þrouz hir boþe counsel, yn þis maner: þat þe King of Spayne schulde wedde þe Duke;<sup>16</sup> douzter of<sup>9</sup> Lancastre, þat was þe<sup>10</sup> ryzt heire to Spayne, and<sup>11</sup> schulde yeue to<sup>12</sup> þe Duk of Lancastre golde and selnyr, þat was cast yn-to grete wegge; and mony oþir iewellis, as mony as viij Charietis myzt carye. ¶ And enery yere aftir, duryng þe lyff of þe<sup>20</sup> Duke of Lancastre and of the<sup>13</sup> Duchesse his wyff, .x. M<sup>t</sup> Marke of golde, þe which golde auenture and<sup>14</sup> charge; þay of Spayne schulde auenture and bryng yerley to<sup>15</sup> Baione to þe Dukes assygne; be surete made. ¶ Also þe Duk of Lancastre maried anoþer of his<sup>24</sup> douztres vnto þe King of Portingale þe same tyme. And whanne he hadde do þis,<sup>16</sup> he come hom ayen yn-to Engelond, and þe gode lady his wyff also ; but mony a worthi man yn þat viage deid vpon þe Flix.<sup>17</sup>

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¶ And yn þe xv yere of King Richarde; regne, he hilde his Cristismasse yn þe Maner of Wodestoke ; and there þe Erle of Penbroke, a yong lorde, &<sup>18</sup> tendir of age, wolde lerne to Iuste with a kni;zt me<sup>19</sup> callid Ser Iohn Saint-Iohn, & redyn to gadir yn<sup>32</sup> þe park of Wodestoke ; and þere þis worthi Erle of Pembroke was slayn *with* þat oþer knightes spere, as he east hit fro hym whanne

<sup>1</sup> y om. TR.    <sup>2</sup> for T.    <sup>3</sup> þe see T.    <sup>4</sup> he om. T.    <sup>5</sup> ladde R.

<sup>6</sup> ouer þe see with him into T.

<sup>7</sup> and there T. and þere R. and Kk.    <sup>8</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>9</sup> of TR. om. Kk.    <sup>10</sup> þe om. R.    <sup>11</sup> and þe kyng of Spayne T.

<sup>12</sup> vnto TR.    <sup>13</sup> his T.    <sup>14</sup> and om. T.    <sup>15</sup> vnto R.

<sup>16</sup> þus T.    <sup>17</sup> viage vpon þe flixie died T.    <sup>18</sup> and a T.

<sup>19</sup> þat men T.    þat me R.



he<sup>1</sup> had cowped; and þus þis gode Erle made þere his ende; for whose dethe<sup>2</sup> þe King and the Quene made moche sorow.<sup>3</sup>

¶ And yn þe xvj yere of Kyng Richard his regne,<sup>4</sup> Iohn Hende  
4 beyng þat tyme Maire of London, and Iohn Walworth & Henry  
Vannere beyng scherreffes of London, þat<sup>5</sup> tyme a bakers man bare  
a basket of horsbred yn to Flet-strete, toward an ostrye hous; and  
þere come a yemon of þe Bischoppis of Salysbury, þat was callyd  
8 Romain, and he tok an horsloff out of þe basket of þe baker<sup>6</sup>; and  
he askyd hym 'whi he dede so.' And þis Romain turned ayen, and  
brak þe bakers hedde; and neybourez come out, and wolde haue  
restid þis Romaine; and he brak from ham and fledde yn-to þe  
12 lordez place. and þe counstabilis wolde haue hadde hym out; but þe  
Bischoppez men schitte þe zatis fast,<sup>7</sup> and kept þe place þat no man  
myzte entre. And þanne moch more pepil gadryd þedir, & saide  
þat 'þai wolde haue hym out, or<sup>8</sup> ellis þei wolde breune vp þe place,  
16 and alle<sup>9</sup> that were with-ynne.' ¶ And þanne come þe Maire and<sup>10</sup>  
Schereffe3, with opir myche pepill, and cecid þe malice of þe  
comyne3, and made euery man go<sup>11</sup> hom to his<sup>12</sup> hous, and kepe þe  
pee3. ¶ Thanne<sup>13</sup> þe3 Romaynes lorde, þe Bisshop of Salusbery, *Ser*  
20 Iohn Waltam (þat was þat tyme treserer of Engelond) went to *Ser*  
Thomas Arundel,<sup>14</sup> Archebisshop of York, and also Chaun[ce]ler of  
Engelonde, and to hym made his complaynt<sup>15</sup> vpon þe peple of þe  
cite of London. ¶ And þanne þe3e ij Bischoppez, of grete malice  
24 and vengeaunce, comyn vnto<sup>16</sup> the King to Wyndesore, and made a  
grete complaynte vpon the Maire and the Schereffes; and anon  
aftirward alle þe cite<sup>17</sup> was before þe King and his consel, and þai  
cast vn-to<sup>18</sup> ham a greuous herte, and wondir grete malice. ¶ And  
28 anon sodenly þe King sent for þe Maire of London & for þe ij  
scherreffes; and þai cam to<sup>19</sup> hym to þe Castell of Wyndesore.  
And þe King rebukyd þe Maire and þe scherreffes fulle foule, for þe  
offens þat þai hadde do ayens hym & his officers, yn his chaumbir  
32 of<sup>20</sup> London. ¶ Wherefore he deposid & put out the Mayre of

<sup>1</sup> þei TR.    <sup>2</sup> eende and þerefore T.    <sup>3</sup> sorow for his deeth T.

<sup>4</sup> of kyng Richardis reigne T.    yeer of king Richardis regne R.    his regne Kk.

<sup>5</sup> þe same TR.    <sup>6</sup> þe bakers basket T.

<sup>7</sup> fast *om.* T.    shette faste þe yatis R.    <sup>8</sup> and R.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 114.

<sup>10</sup> and þe TR.    <sup>11</sup> to gone T.    <sup>12</sup> her T.    <sup>13</sup> And thanne T.

<sup>14</sup> of Arundel T.

<sup>15</sup> and þere þe bisshop made his complaynt vnto þe chaunceler T.    an þere made his complaynt to him R.

<sup>16</sup> to T.    <sup>17</sup> anon aft þe Citee aftirward T.    <sup>18</sup> to T.

<sup>19</sup> vnto T.    <sup>20</sup> at TR.

London<sup>1</sup> and þe ij<sup>2</sup> Scherrevez; and þis was don xiiij<sup>3</sup> dayez afore þe Fest of saint Iohn the Baptist. ¶ And þanne þe King callyd to hym a kniȝt þat me called *Ser Edward Valyngrigge*,<sup>4</sup> and made hym warden and *gouernoure* of þe cite, & *Chaumbyr* of 4 London, and ouyr alle his pepil þereynne; and so he kept þat office but iiij wokis, because he was so tendir and gentill vn-to þe cetezens of London; wherfore þe King deposyd hym, and made *Ser Bawdewyn Radyngton*, knyȝt, þat was *Countroller* of þe Kingis Hous- 8 holde, wardeyne and *gouernoure* of his chaumbyr, and of his<sup>5</sup> peple þerynne; and chese vnto hym to worthi men of þe cite to be Schereviȝ *with* hym, for to gouerne & kepe þe kingez lawez yn the cite; & on me called *Gylbert Maghfelde*, and þat oper, *Thomas* 12 *Newnton*, And þeze iiij gode men hadde þe *gouernaunce* of þe cite vn-to þe tyme of þe Maires eleccion þanne next,<sup>6</sup> þat was called *William Stawnden*<sup>7</sup>; And þis *Gilbert Maghfelde* & *Thomas Newnton*, schereff. ¶ And þanne þe *Mayre* & þe ij schirrevez,<sup>8</sup> 16 and alle þe aldermen, *with* alle þe worthi craftis of London, went on fote vn to þe Tour; and þere came out þe *Counstable* of þe Tour, and yaff þe *Maire* and þe Scherevez her othe, and charge,<sup>8</sup> as þay scholde haue take yn the *Chequer* at<sup>9</sup> *Westmynstre* yn 20 þe Kingez Court of his *Iustizes* & *Barons* of the sayde<sup>10</sup> *Cheker*; and þanne went thay whom ayenne.

¶ And þanne þe King and his Counsel, for grete malice of þe Cite of London, and<sup>11</sup> despite, remevid alle his Courtez fro<sup>12</sup> *West-* 24 *mynstre* vn-to þe cete of *Yorke*, þat is to say, þe *Chauncerie*, þe *Cheker*, þe<sup>13</sup> *Kingeȝ Bench*, and also þe *Comyn Place*, and þere þay hilde alle her<sup>14</sup> *Courtis* of Law fro *mysdomer* vn-to<sup>15</sup> þe fest of *Cristismesse* next comyng. ¶ And þanne þe King & his counsel 28 sawe it not so profitable þere, as it was at London; þanne anon he<sup>16</sup> remevid hit ayen to<sup>17</sup> London, and so to *Westmynstre*, for gret ese of his officers and avauntage of<sup>18</sup> þe King and of<sup>19</sup> alle þe comyns of þe Reme. 32

¶ And whenne þe<sup>20</sup> peple of London sawe & knew þat þese

<sup>1</sup> of London *om.* TR.    <sup>2</sup> and boþe TR.    and for the ij Kk.    <sup>3</sup> a xiiij T.

<sup>4</sup> *Walynregge* T.    *Walingrugge* R.    <sup>5</sup> þe TR.    <sup>6</sup> next þanne T.

<sup>7</sup> *Wiliam Staundon* was chosen *mayre* T.    nexte *William Staundon* chosen *meire* R.

<sup>8</sup> hir charge and oth R.    <sup>9</sup> of T.    <sup>10</sup> sayde *om.* TR.    <sup>11</sup> and for R.

<sup>12</sup> from T.    fro R.    for Kk.    <sup>13</sup> and þe T.    <sup>14</sup> þese T.    his R.

<sup>15</sup> *midsomer* that is to saie þe feste of seynt Iohn þe Baptist vnto T.

<sup>16</sup> leaf 114. *back.*    <sup>17</sup> vnto TR.    <sup>18</sup> for R.    <sup>19</sup> of *om.* TR.

<sup>20</sup> þe *om.* TR.

courtis were come ayen, and þe King and his peple also,<sup>1</sup> þanne þe Maire and þe Aldermen, with þe Cheff<sup>2</sup> comyns, let gadir a grete summe of goolde of alle þe comyns of the cite, & ordeyned & made grete rialte ayens his comyng to London, for<sup>3</sup> to haue his grace and gode<sup>4</sup> lordeschip, and also her liberteis and Fraunchezes graunted vnto ham ayen as þai afore tyme hadde. And þann, by grete instaunce and prairer of Quene Anne, and of oþer<sup>5</sup> lordez and ladez, þe King graunted hem grace: and þis was do at Schene yn Sothereye. ¶ And þan<sup>6</sup> þe King with-ynne ij<sup>7</sup> dayez aftir, com to London; and þe Maire of London,<sup>8</sup> schereue, aldremen,<sup>9</sup> and alle þe worthi cite aftirward, redyn ayens þe King yn gode araye vnto þe heth on þis syde þe maner of Schene, submittyng humyly hem self,<sup>10</sup> and mekely, with<sup>11</sup> almaner of<sup>12</sup> obeysaunce, vn-to hym, as þay owed to<sup>13</sup> do. And þus þai brouzt þe King and þe Quene to London. ¶ And whanne þe King come to þe gate of þe Brygge of London, þere þay presentid hym with a mylke-white stede, sadelled and brydilled, & trapped with white cloth of golde and red parted togadir, and þe Quene a palfraye alle white, trappid yn þe same aray<sup>14</sup> with white and rede, and þe<sup>15</sup> conditez of London Ronnen white<sup>16</sup> wyne and rede, for al maner pepill to drynke of. ¶ And betuene Seint Poulez and the Cros yn Chepe, þere was made a stage, a ryalle, stondyng vpon hygh; a[n]d þerynne were mony angelis, with dyuers melodie; and songe; and an<sup>17</sup> aungell come doun<sup>18</sup> fro þe stage on high, by a vice, and sette a croune of golde & precious stonez & perles apon þe Kingez hed, and anoþer on<sup>19</sup> the Quenez hed; and so the citezenys brought þe King and þe Quene vnto Westmynstre, yn-to his palice at<sup>20</sup> Westmynstre, & presentyd hym with ij basyns of syluyr, & ovirgilte, fulle of coyned golde, the summa of xx m<sup>t</sup> li,<sup>21</sup> prayng hym, of his<sup>22</sup> mercy and lordschip and specialle grace,<sup>23</sup> þat þay myzt haue his gode loue, and<sup>24</sup> liberteez & Fraunchezes like as þay hadde before tyme, and by his lettrez

<sup>1</sup> also om. T.    <sup>2</sup> cheff om. T.    <sup>3</sup> and for T.    <sup>4</sup> his good TR.

<sup>5</sup> of her T. hir R.    <sup>6</sup> þan om. T.    <sup>7</sup> a ij T.    <sup>8</sup> london) with þe T.

<sup>9</sup> aldremen om. T.    <sup>10</sup> hem humbely T.    submittinge ham humbely R.

<sup>11</sup> with om. T.    <sup>12</sup> of om. TR.    <sup>13</sup> for to T.

<sup>14</sup> white and in þe same aray trappid T.    and in the same aray trapped R.

<sup>15</sup> also þe T.    <sup>16</sup> with white T.    alle þe R.    <sup>17</sup> oon T.

<sup>18</sup> a downe T.    <sup>19</sup> Crowne vpon T.    croune vpon R.

<sup>20</sup> paleys And þanne on þe morne aftir þe mayre and þe sherefis and þe Aldermen of london) come vnto þe kyng into his paleys at T.    Palis. And þanne on þe morow aftir þe meir and þe sherevis and þe aldremen of london) com vnto þe king in his Paleis at R.    <sup>21</sup> xxM<sup>l</sup> pound T.

<sup>22</sup> his hie TR.    <sup>23</sup> of his grace T.    <sup>24</sup> and leve and R.

patente; confermed.<sup>1</sup> ¶ And þe Quene, and oþer worthi lordez & ladiez, fillyn on hir<sup>2</sup> kneys, and besouzt þe King of grace to conferme þis. Thanne þe King toke vp þe Quene, and grauntyd hir alle hir askyng, and þanne þei þanked þe King and þe Quene and <sup>4</sup> went home ayene.

¶ And yn þe xvij<sup>3</sup> yere of his regne,<sup>4</sup> certeyne lordez of Scotlande com yn-to Englonde to gete worschip, as by feet of arme; þese<sup>5</sup> were þe persons: þe Erle of Marre, and<sup>6</sup> chalanged the Erle 8 Marchall of Englonde to Iuste with hym certeyn poynte; on horsbak with scharpe speris. And so þai redyn togadir, as ij worthi knyztis & lordes, certayne cours, but not þe fulle chalange þat þe Scottysche Erle made; for he was cast both hors and man, and ij <sup>12</sup> of his rybbis brokyn with þe<sup>7</sup> ffalle; and so he was born out of Smythfelde, hom yn-to his Inne; and with-ynne a litil while aftirward<sup>8</sup> he was caried homwarde yn a liter; & atte York he<sup>9</sup> deied. ¶ And Ser William Darell, knyzt, and<sup>10</sup> banerrer of Scotland, <sup>16</sup> made anoþer chalange with Sire<sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>Piers Courteneye, knyzt; and þe Kinges banerrer of Englonde, of<sup>13</sup> certeyne course; hit on horsbak yn þe same ffelde. ¶ And whanne he hed y<sup>14</sup>rede certeyne cours hit, and saw he myzt not haue<sup>15</sup> þe bettyr, yaf<sup>16</sup> it ouyr, and wolde <sup>20</sup> no more of his chalang, and <sup>17</sup> turned his hors and rode hom vnto his owne in.<sup>18</sup> And one Koeborne, squier, of Scotland, chalanged Sir<sup>19</sup> Nicholl Hawberke, knyzt, of certeyne cours, hit with scharp speris on horsbak; and redyn .v. cours hit togadir; and att euery cours <sup>24</sup> þe Scotte was cast down,<sup>20</sup> both hors and man; and þus our Englisch lordez;<sup>21</sup>—þankyd be God!—had þe felde.

¶ And yn þe xvij<sup>22</sup> yere of King Richarde; regne, deied þe gode gracious Quene Anne, þat was wiff to King Richarde, yn þe <sup>28</sup> maner of Schene, yn þe schire of Surreie, vp-on Whitsonday. þanne<sup>23</sup> was sche brozt to London, and so to Westmynstre; and þere was sche y<sup>24</sup>beryed and worthily entered, besyde saint Edward; schryne; on whose soule Almyzti God haue mercy and pite! <sup>32</sup> amen! <sup>25</sup>

<sup>1</sup> and patentis And her chartir confermyd T.      <sup>2</sup> hir om. TR.

<sup>3</sup> xvj T.

<sup>4</sup> of kyng Richardis reigne T.      yeer of king Richardis Regne R.

<sup>5</sup> And þese T.      <sup>6</sup> and he T.      & he R.      <sup>7</sup> þat T.

<sup>8</sup> litiH tyme after T.      alitil tyme aftir R.      <sup>9</sup> þere he TR.      <sup>10</sup> þe T.

<sup>11</sup> sir T.      sir R.      sixe Kk.      <sup>12</sup> leaf 115.      <sup>13</sup> of TR.      <sup>14</sup> y om. TR.

<sup>15</sup> not haue TR.      haue Kk.      <sup>16</sup> he yaf TR.      <sup>17</sup> but T.      <sup>18</sup> his Inne T.

<sup>19</sup> sir T.      sir R.      for Kk.      <sup>20</sup> adoun TR.      <sup>21</sup> men R.      <sup>22</sup> xvij T.

<sup>23</sup> And þanne TR.      <sup>24</sup> y om. TR.      <sup>25</sup> amen om. T.

How King Richarde spoused dame Isabell, þe Kingis douȝtir of  
 Fraunce, yn the towne of Caleys, and brouȝt hir yn-to  
 Engelond, and let croune hir Quene yn þe Abbey of Saint  
 4 Petris of Westmynstre. *Capitulum ccxlj.*<sup>1</sup>

In þe xx<sup>ti</sup> yere of King Richardeȝ regne, he went ouyr se<sup>2</sup> to  
 Caleys, with dukis, Erlis, lordis, and Barons, and mony oþer worthi  
 squyers, yn grete aray, and comyn pepil of þe Reme yn gode aray,  
 8 as longith to such a worþi king and prynee, of his nobley<sup>3</sup> to do  
 hym reverence and obseruaunce, as owed<sup>4</sup> to be do to<sup>5</sup> hir liege  
 lorde, and so myȝty a King and Emperour yn his owne, to abyde and  
 reseceyve there þat worthi & gracious lady þat schulde be his wif, a  
 12 yong creature of ix yere of age, Dame Isabell, þe Kingis douȝtir of  
 Fraunce, and mony<sup>6</sup> worthi lordis of grete name, bothe Barons and  
 knyȝtis, with moche oþer pepil þat comen vn to þe toun of Grauen-  
 yng, and ij Dukis of Fraunce: þat on was þe Duk of Burgoyne,  
 16 and þat oþer, Duk<sup>7</sup> of Barre, þat wolde no firþer lasse þanne þey  
 hadde pleggeȝ for<sup>8</sup> ham. And þanne King Richarde delyuered ij  
 pleggeȝ for ham to goo saaf and come saaf: his ij worthi vneleȝ, þe  
 Duk of Gloucestre and þe Duk of York. And þei ij went ouer þe  
 20 watir of Grauenyng, & abiden þere as for<sup>9</sup> pleggeȝ, vnto þe tyme  
 þat þe Maryage and þe fest were do.<sup>10</sup> ¶ And þanne þeze ij worthi  
 Dukis of Fraunce<sup>11</sup> come ouir þe water at Grauenyng, and so to  
 Caleis, with þe<sup>12</sup> worschepful lady, Dame Isabell, þe<sup>13</sup> Kingis  
 24 douȝtir of Fraunce. And with hir come mony a worthi lorde and  
 lady,<sup>14</sup> knyȝtis and squyers, yn þe best aray þat myȝt be; and þere  
 þai mette with our meyne at Caleys, þe which welcomyd hir and hir  
 meyne with þe grettest<sup>15</sup> honour and reuerence þat myȝt be, and  
 28 so brouȝt hir to<sup>16</sup> Caleys toun. And þere sche was reseceyvid with  
 alle þe solempnite and worschip þat myȝt be do vnto<sup>17</sup> such a lady.  
 And þanne þei brouȝt hir vnto þe King; and þe King toke hir,  
 and welcomed hir and alle hir fayr mayne,<sup>18</sup> and made þere alle þe  
 32 solempnite<sup>19</sup> þat myȝt be do. ¶ And þanne þe King and his  
 counsel axed of the Frensche lordeȝ<sup>20</sup> whethir alle þe conauntes and

<sup>1</sup> cc<sup>o</sup> T. ccxlj R.    <sup>2</sup> went him ouer þe see T.    þe See R.  
<sup>3</sup> nobley and of his owen persone T.    nobleie and of his owen) persone R.  
<sup>4</sup> owith T.    <sup>5</sup> vnto T.    <sup>6</sup> many oþer TR.    <sup>7</sup> þe Duke R.  
<sup>8</sup> of R.    <sup>9</sup> for þe Kk. þe om. TR.    <sup>10</sup> was done T.    was do R.    were Kk.  
<sup>11</sup> of Fraunce om. T.    <sup>12</sup> this T.    þis R.    <sup>13</sup> þat is þe T.  
<sup>14</sup> and eek lady and T.    <sup>15</sup> beste TR.  
<sup>16</sup> brought into T.    hir into R.    <sup>17</sup> to R.    <sup>18</sup> maynce T.  
<sup>19</sup> leaf 115, back.    <sup>20</sup> men and lordis R.

forwardez, with þe composicion þat were ordeyned and made on bothe parteys, schulde be trewly kept and holde betwene hem; and þai sayde “ye”; & þere þay sworon and token<sup>1</sup> hir charge upon a boke, and toke<sup>2</sup> hir oth welle and trewli it<sup>3</sup> to holde yn alle<sup>4</sup> maner poyntis and couenauntes, without contradiccion or delay yn euery<sup>4</sup> maner wyse. And þanne was sche brouzt to<sup>5</sup> Seint Nicholas chirch yn Calis; and þere sche was worthili weddyd, with þe moste<sup>6</sup> solempnite þat eny king or<sup>7</sup> quene myzt haue, with arche-<sup>8</sup> bischoppes and Bischopez, and alle<sup>8</sup> mynystrez of holy churche. ¶ And þanne were þai<sup>9</sup> brouzt hom vnto<sup>10</sup> þe Castell, and set<sup>11</sup> to mete, and þere<sup>12</sup> were serued with alle maner of delicacez of alle<sup>13</sup> riall metis and drynkis plenteuously, to alle maner of strayngourez<sup>12</sup> and al oper. And no creature<sup>14</sup> warned þat Fest, but alle were welcome; for þere were grete halys & tentis sette vp on þe grene without þe castell, for<sup>15</sup> to resceyue alle maner of peple, and euery office redy to serue ham alle; and þus þis worthi mariage was<sup>16</sup> solemli do and ended with alle ryalte.

¶ Thanne<sup>16</sup> þese ij Dukys of Fraunce, with hir peple, tokon hir leue of þe King and<sup>17</sup> Quene, and went ayen to Grauenyng watir; and þere þe Frensch lordez, þat is to say, þe ij Dukis &<sup>18</sup> hir meyne,<sup>20</sup> were comen ovir þe watir of Grauenyng, & þere þay mette, & euerych toke leue of oper; and so þai departed, and our lordez come ayen to Caleys, and þe Frensch lordez went hom ayen<sup>19</sup> yn-to Fraunce.

And<sup>20</sup> anon aftir, þe King made hym redy<sup>21</sup> with þe Quene and alle his lordez and<sup>22</sup> oper pepil with ham, & comyn ouyr þe see yn-to Engeland, and so to London, and þe Maire and þe Scherevez, with al þe aldermen and worthi comynez, ryden ayens ham vnto þe<sup>28</sup> Blacke-Heþ yn Kent; & þere þay mettyn with þe King and þe Quene, and welcomyd ham, and þat yn gode aray, and euery man in his cloþing of his crafte, and her<sup>23</sup> mynstrelles to-fore ham; and so þay brouzt ham to Saint Georgez Barre yn Southwerke; and þere<sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> and token T. and took R. and Kk.    <sup>2</sup> made TR.    <sup>3</sup> hir T.

<sup>4</sup> any T. euy R.    <sup>5</sup> vnto TR.    <sup>6</sup> with moche T.    <sup>7</sup> and T.

<sup>8</sup> alle om. T.    <sup>9</sup> þai om. TR.    <sup>10</sup> to T.

<sup>11</sup> sett T. set R. for Kk.    <sup>12</sup> þere þei T.    <sup>13</sup> alle om. R.

<sup>14</sup> creature was T.    <sup>15</sup> for om. TR.    <sup>16</sup> and T.    <sup>17</sup> and þe T.

<sup>18</sup> and aH T. and alle R.

<sup>19</sup> wenten ouyr þe watir and so home T. wenten ouer þe watir and so hom in to ffrance ayen. R.

<sup>20</sup> ayen And T.    <sup>21</sup> him redy T. made him redy R. hym Kk.

<sup>22</sup> and ladies and T. & ladiez & alle R.    <sup>23</sup> here T.

hy<sup>1</sup> tokyn hir leue, and þe King and þe Quene redyn to Kenyngton; and þanne þe peple of London turned hom ayen. And yn turnyng ayen to London brygge, þere was so moche prees both on  
 4 fote & on hors,<sup>2</sup> þat þere were ded on þe brygge a<sup>3</sup> xj personez of men,<sup>4</sup> wymmen & chyldryn: on whose soulez God haue mercy! amen! ¶ And þanne aftirward þe Quene was brouzt to the Tour of London, and þere<sup>5</sup> sche was al nyzt. And on þe morowe<sup>6</sup> sche  
 8 was bronzt prouþ þe Cete of London, and<sup>7</sup> so forth to<sup>8</sup> Westmynstre, & þere sche was crowned Quene of Engelonde. þan<sup>9</sup> was sche brouzt ayen yn-to the Kingis Palis, and þere was<sup>10</sup> holde an opon & a ryall Fest after<sup>11</sup> hir coronacion, for al maner peple<sup>12</sup>  
 12 þat þedir come: and þus<sup>13</sup> was do þe Sunday afftir þe Fest of seint Clement, in þe xx yere of King Richardez regne.

And þan, þe xxv day of august next folouyng, be euyl excitacion & ffals counsel, & for grete wrathe<sup>14</sup> and malice þat he had of  
 16 olde tyme vnto his vncler, þe gode Duke of Gloucester, and to þe Erle of Arundel, & to þe Erle of Warwic, ¶ The King, by is<sup>15</sup> euylle counsell, late yn the Euenyng on þe same day aboue saide, made hym redy with his streynthe, and rode yn-to Essex vnto þe  
 20 toune of Chelmesforde, and so come to Plassche sodenly, þere Ser Thomas of Wodestoke, þe gode Duk of Gloucestre, lay. And þe gode Duk come anon to welcome þe King<sup>16</sup>; and þe King hym self<sup>17</sup> arestid þe gode<sup>18</sup> Duke<sup>19</sup>; and so he was ladde doun to þe water,  
 24 and anon put yn to a schippe, and<sup>20</sup> had vnto Caleis, and brouzt vnto<sup>21</sup> capteynys warde, to be kept yn holde be þe Kinges commaundement of Engelond: ¶ And þat tyme þe Erle Marchal of Engelond was capten of Caleis. ¶ And anon aftir,<sup>22</sup> be commaundement of þe King and of<sup>23</sup> his fals Counsel, commaunded þe capten to put hym to<sup>24</sup> deth. ¶ And anon certeyn yemen<sup>25</sup> þat had þe gode Duk yn kepyng, tooke her counsel how þei<sup>26</sup> wolde put hym to<sup>27</sup> deth; and þis was her poyntment: þat þai schulde come  
 32 vpon hym whanne he were yn<sup>28</sup> bedde, and aslepe on a Fetherbed. And anon þei bonde hym honde and<sup>29</sup> foot,<sup>30</sup> & chargid hym to ly

<sup>1</sup> thei T. þey R.<sup>2</sup> on hors and on foote T. boþe on hors and on fote R. <sup>3</sup> a om. TR.<sup>4</sup> men and T. <sup>5</sup> and þere R. and Kk. <sup>6</sup> morne TR.<sup>7</sup> aH ouer and T. <sup>8</sup> vnto T. <sup>9</sup> And þanne TR.<sup>10</sup> was TR. was sche Kk. <sup>11</sup> at TR. <sup>12</sup> of peple T. <sup>13</sup> this T. þis R.<sup>14</sup> leaf 116. <sup>15</sup> his T. <sup>16</sup> duke come to euylt come þe kyng anoon T.<sup>17</sup> hym self om. T. <sup>18</sup> goode om. R. <sup>19</sup> duke him silf his owen bodi T.<sup>20</sup> and anoon T. <sup>21</sup> into þe TR. <sup>22</sup> after sende a T. <sup>23</sup> bi TR.<sup>24</sup> to þe T. <sup>25</sup> anoon þo men T. <sup>26</sup> þat þei TR.<sup>27</sup> to þe T. vnto R. <sup>28</sup> a R. <sup>29</sup> and om. R. <sup>30</sup> foot and hond T.

style; and whanne þai hadde þis<sup>1</sup> do, þe<sup>2</sup> tokyn ij smale tewellys, and made on ham<sup>3</sup> rydyng knottis, and caste þe tewellys aboute þe Dukis nek: and þanne þei token þe fetherbed þat lay vnder hym, and cast hit aboute hym; and þan þei drowen her towellis eche 4 wayez; and sum lay vpon þe fethir bed apon hym, vnto þe tyme þat he were ded, because þat he schulde make non noyse. And þus þei strangled þis worthi Duk vn[to] the deth, on whose soule God, for<sup>4</sup> his pite, haue merci! Amen! ¶ And whenne þe King 8 hadde arestid þis worthi Duke, and his owne vnclē, and sent hym to Caleis, he come ayen to London yn alle hast, with a wondir grete people. And as<sup>5</sup> he was come, he sent for the Erle of Arundel and for the gode Erle of Warwic; and anon as þay cam,<sup>6</sup> he arestid 12 ham<sup>7</sup> his owne self. Sir Iohn Cobham<sup>8</sup> & Ser Iohn Cheyny, knyztis, he arestid also yn þe same wyse,<sup>8</sup> til he made his parlement; & anon þei were put ynto holde. But þe Erle of Arundel went at large vnto þe parlement tyme, for he founde sufficient 16 surete to abyde þe lawe, & al maner of answeere at þe<sup>9</sup> poyntez þat þe King & his Counsel wolde put vp on hym.

**10 Off þe grete parlement, and of þe deth of þe Erle of Arundell; and how þe Erle of Derby and oþer were exiled, and þe 20 sayde Erle come ayen ynto þis londe; and how King Richarde went ynto Ireland, and how he deide.<sup>10</sup> Capitulum cexlij.<sup>11</sup>**

And yn the xxj yere of King Richardez regne, he ordend a<sup>12</sup> par- 24 lement at Westmynstre, þe which was clepid ‘þe Grete Parlement’; and this parlement was made for to iugge þese ij worthi lordez and oþer moo, as ham lust<sup>13</sup> at þat<sup>14</sup> tyme. ¶ And for þat iugement þe king let make in alle hast a long and a large hous of tymbir, 28 The which was called an hale, and couered with tyle; ouyr; and it was opun al aboute on bothe sydez, and at þe endis, þat al maner of men myzt se þrouzout; and þere þe dome was holden<sup>15</sup> vpon þese forsaide lordez, and iugement yeue at this forsaide parlement. 32 ¶ And for to come to<sup>16</sup> þis parlement þe King sent his writtis vnto

<sup>1</sup> þus R.    <sup>2</sup> do thus thei T.    þey R.    <sup>3</sup> hem ij T.    ham ij R.

<sup>4</sup> of T.    <sup>5</sup> as sone as T.    <sup>6</sup> þei were come T.

<sup>7</sup> hem boþe T.    ham boþe R.

<sup>8-8</sup> and he arestid also sir Iohn Cobham and sir Iohn Cheyne knyghtis T. manere R.

<sup>9</sup> to alle T.    <sup>10-10</sup> Off þe grete parlement . . . deide om. TR.

<sup>11</sup> cexlij R.    <sup>12</sup> him a T.    <sup>13</sup> list TR.    <sup>14</sup> this T.

<sup>15</sup> leaf 116, back.    <sup>16</sup> vnto TR.



euery lorde, Baron, kniȝt and squier, in euery schire þrouȝout  
 Engeland; and þat euery lorde schulde grade and bryng his retynu  
 of peple with hym,<sup>1</sup> yn as schort tyme and the<sup>2</sup> best aray þat þay  
 4 myȝt gete, in maynteynyng and streynghyng of þe King ayens  
 ham þat were his enymys, and þat þis were do yn alle haste, and  
 þei<sup>3</sup> to come to hym yn peyne of deth. ¶ And þe kyng hym self  
 sent ynto<sup>4</sup> Chestirschire, vnto þe Chefteynes of þat cuntre, and þay  
 8 gaged and brouȝt a grete and an huge multitude of peple, bothe of  
 knyȝtis & of<sup>5</sup> Squyers, & prynspally of yemen of Chestreschire, þe  
 which yemen and archers þe Kyng toke yn-to<sup>6</sup> his owne court, &  
 yaf ham bothe<sup>7</sup> boȝe<sup>8</sup> of court and gode wageȝ, to be keepers of his  
 12 owne body, both be nyȝt and be day, above alle oþer persons, and  
 most ham<sup>9</sup> loued & best trust. ¶ The which sone aftirwarde  
 turned þe King to gret losse, schame, hyndryng, and his vttyrly  
 vndoing and destroccion, as ye schalle here sone aftirward.

16 ¶ And þat tyme come *Ser Henry*, Erle of Derby, with a grete  
 meyne of men of armeȝ and archers; and þe Erle of Ruthlande  
 come with a strong pouer of peple, bothe of men of armeȝ and  
 archers; and the Erle of Kent brouȝt with hym<sup>10</sup> a grete power of  
 20 men of armeȝ and archers; The Erle Marchalle come yn þe same  
 wyse;<sup>11</sup> The Lord Spenser yn the same maner; The Erle of North-  
 ombirland and *Ser Harry Peerey* his sone, & *Ser Thomas Perci*, þe  
 Erleȝ broþer; & alle<sup>12</sup> þeze worthi lordiȝ brouȝtyn a fayre mayne  
 24 and a strong power, & ech man yn his best aray; And þe Duk of  
 Lancastre and þe Duk of York comyn yn þe same maner *with men*  
 of armeȝ and archers, folouyng þe King; and *Ser William Scrop*,  
 Tresorer of Engelande, come yn þe same maner. ¶ And þus, yn  
 28 þis aray, comyn alle þe worthi men of þis londe vnto our King;  
 and alle þis peple come to London yn on day, yn so moche þat<sup>13</sup>  
 euery strete & lane yn London & yn þe sowthbarbeȝ weren fulle of  
 ham logged, and .x. or xij myle about London euery way. And  
 32 þis<sup>14</sup> pepil brouȝt þe King to Westmynstre, and went hom ayen  
 vnto hir loggyng, bothe hors & man. ¶ And þan on þe Monday,  
 þe xvij day of Septembre, þe parlement began at *Westminster*, þe  
 which was clepyd “þe grete parlement”; and on þe Fryday next  
 36 ffolowyng, þe Erle of Arundel was brouȝt yn-to,<sup>15</sup> parlement

<sup>1</sup> retenu with him of peple R.<sup>2</sup> in þe T. in the R.<sup>3</sup> þei om. T. <sup>4</sup> to T. <sup>5</sup> of om. R. <sup>6</sup> vnto T.<sup>7</sup> bothe om. TR. <sup>8</sup> bouche T. <sup>9</sup> ham om. TR.<sup>10</sup> with hym om. TR. <sup>11</sup> manere TR. <sup>12</sup> alle om. T. I alle R.<sup>13</sup> in R. <sup>14</sup> pese T. <sup>15</sup> in to þe R.

among alle þe lordez,—and þat was on<sup>1</sup> saint Mathewez day þe Apostyll & euaungelist,—&<sup>2</sup> þere was<sup>3</sup> foriuged vnto the deth in þis<sup>4</sup> hale, þat was made yn þe palis at Westmynstre. And þis was his Iugement: he<sup>5</sup> scholde go on fote, with his handez y<sup>6</sup>bounde 4 be-hynde hym, from þe place þat he was foriuged ynne, and so forthe þrouz þe cite of London vnto þe Toure hyll, and there his hed to be smetyn of; and so<sup>7</sup> it was do yn dede yn þe same place. ¶ And vj. of þe grete lordez þat sat on his Iugement redyn 8 with hym vnto þe<sup>8</sup> place there he was do vnto<sup>9</sup> deth. And to se þat<sup>10</sup> þe execussion were y<sup>11</sup>do aftir his<sup>12</sup> dome, and by þe Kingis commaundement went with hem<sup>13</sup> on fote men of armez and archers, a grete multitude of Chestirschire men yn streynghthyn of the lordez 12 þat brouzt þis erle vnto his deth, for þai draddyn þat þe erle schulde haue be rescued and take fro ham, whanne þay come yn-to London. ¶ Thus he passed forth þurgh þe cite vnto his deth; and þere he toke it full paciently; on whose soul God haue mercy! amen! 16 ¶ And þanne come þe frere<sup>14</sup> Austyns, and toke vp the body and þe hed of þis gode Erle, and bare it whome yn-to<sup>15</sup> hir hous, and buried hym yn hir quere. ¶ And yn<sup>16</sup> þe morow<sup>17</sup> aftir, was Ser Richarde, Erle of Warwic, brouzt yn-to þe parlement, þere as þe 20 Erle of Arundel was foriuged; and þai yaf þe Erle of Warwic þe same Iugement þat þe forsaide erle hadde; but þe lordez had compassion on<sup>18</sup> hym because he was of grete<sup>19</sup> age, and relecyd hym to perpetuall pryson, and put hym yn-to<sup>20</sup> þe Ile of Man. ¶ And 24 þanne the Mondaye next aftir, þe lorde Cobban of Kent, Ser Iohn Cheyne,<sup>21</sup> knyzt, were brozt yn-to þe parlement, yn-to<sup>22</sup> þe same hale; and þere þay were Iugid to be hangyd & draw; but, þrouz þe prayer and grete Instaunce of alle þe lordez, þat Iugement was 28 foryue ham, and relecyd to perpetual prison.

¶ And þis same tyme was Richard Whityngton, Meyre of London; and Iohn Wodekoc and William Askam, scherevez of London; and þai ordeined, at euery yate and yn euery warde, 32 strong wacche of men of armez and of archers, and prinspally at euery yate of London, duryng þis<sup>23</sup> same parlement.

<sup>1</sup> on TR. of Kk.    <sup>2</sup> & om. T.    <sup>3</sup> he was T.    <sup>4</sup> his T.    <sup>5</sup> þat he T.  
<sup>6</sup> y om. TR.    <sup>7</sup> so om. T.    <sup>8</sup> leaf 117.    <sup>9</sup> vnto þe T.  
<sup>10</sup> þat om. R.    <sup>11</sup> y om. TR.    <sup>12</sup> hir TR.    <sup>13</sup> with hem wenten T.  
<sup>14</sup> iffreres of T.    <sup>15</sup> home vnto TR.    <sup>16</sup> on R.    <sup>17</sup> on þe morne T.  
<sup>18</sup> of TR.    <sup>19</sup> more TR.    <sup>20</sup> to om. TR.  
<sup>21</sup> ser Iohn Cheyne . . . turned hem omitted in R to page 358, line 30.  
<sup>22</sup> to om. T.    <sup>23</sup> þe T.

¶ The King at þis parlement<sup>1</sup> made .v. Dukis, a Duchasse, & a Marke, & iiij Erlez; & þe first of ham was þe Erle of Derby, & he was made Duke of Hereforde; and þe ij was þe Erle of Ruthland, and he was made Duke of Awmarle; þe iij was þe Erle of Kent, & he was made Duke of Surreye; and þe iiij was þe<sup>2</sup> Erle of Hontyngton, and he was made Duke of Excestre; and þe .v.<sup>3</sup> þe Erle of Notyngham, and he was made Duke of Norfolk; and<sup>4</sup> 8 þe Erle of Somersete was<sup>5</sup> made þe Markeys of Dorset; & the Lord Spenser was made Erle of Gloucestre, and þe Lorde Neuyle of Rabye was made Erle of Westmerland; & *Ser Thomas Percy* was made Erle of Worsceter, and *Ser William Scrope*, þat was Treserer of 12 Engelonde, he was made<sup>6</sup> Erle of Salysburye. ¶ And whanne þe King had þis<sup>7</sup> do, he helde at<sup>8</sup> þe parlement a<sup>9</sup> rial ffest vnto all his lordez, and to al maner of pepil þat þidir wolde come.

¶ And yn þe<sup>10</sup> same yere deyed *Ser Iohn of Gaunt*, þe Kingez 16 vncl, & Duke of Lancastre, yn the bischoppez In yn Holborn, and was brout fro þennez to Saint Poulez and þere þe King made & hilde his terement welle & worthily with all his lordez,<sup>11</sup> and þere he was beryed besyde Dame Blaunch his wiff, þat was douztur & 20 heyre to þe gode Henry, þat was Duke of Lancastre.

[*The Fight between Bolingbroke and Norfolk stopt.*]

¶ And yn the same yere þer fil a discencyon and a debate betuene þe Duk of Herford & þe Duke of Norfolk, yn so moche þat þay waged batayle & cast doun her gloues; & þanne þey<sup>12</sup> were 24 take vp and<sup>13</sup> seled, and the day & þe place of batayle assygned at Couyntre.<sup>14</sup> and þedir come þe King and<sup>15</sup> alle his lordez at þat<sup>16</sup> day, and was sette yn þe ffelde; and þan þeze ij worthi lordez comyn yn to þe ffelde, clene armed and wel arayed with alle her wepon, 28 and redy to do her batayle, and were yn the place redy to fize at þe vtrest. ¶ But þe King bade hem cese, and tok þe quarel yn-to his honde, and forthwith, þere present, exiled<sup>17</sup> þe Duk of Herforde for þe terme of .x. yere, and þe Duke of Northfolk for evyrmore;

<sup>1</sup> kyng did T.      <sup>2</sup> þe om. T.      <sup>3</sup> þe v om. T.

<sup>4</sup> and dame Margrete þe oold ladi of Northfolk and T.      <sup>5</sup> he was T.

<sup>6</sup> Englund made him erle of Wiltshire and *sir Iohn* Mountagew T.

<sup>7</sup> thus T.      <sup>8</sup> þe T.      <sup>9</sup> and a T.      <sup>10</sup> þis T.

<sup>11</sup> lordes in the chirche of seynt Poules in london T.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 117, back.      <sup>13</sup> and a T.

<sup>14</sup> sealid and þe bataile synyd and þe day y sett and þe place assynyd and whanne þe day schulde be vitirli assynyd to be doon at Couentre T.

<sup>15</sup> with T.      <sup>16</sup> þe T.      <sup>17</sup> he exilid T.

and *Ser* Thomas Arundel, Archebischop of Caunterbury, was exiled þe same tyme for evyr, and deposed of his ssee, for malice of þe King. ¶ And anon þese iij worthi lordez were commaunded and defendid þe Kinges Reme; & anon þay gat hem schippeþ at dyuers <sup>4</sup> hauens, and went ouer þe see ynto dyuers londez, eche his way; & þe Duk of Northfolke went to Venize, and þere he deied: on whose soule God haue mercye! amen!

¶ And þanne King Richarde made *Ser* Roger Walden, a clerke <sup>8</sup> of his,<sup>1</sup> Archebischop of Caunterbury.

¶ And yn þe xxij yere of King Richardeþ regne, be fals counsel and ymaginacion of ffals men and couetous<sup>2</sup> þat were aboute hym, were made & ordeyned<sup>3</sup> blank Chartureþ, and made <sup>12</sup> ham to be selid of alle maner of riche men þrouzout þe Reme, in-so-moche þat þai compellid dyuers pepill to sette to<sup>4</sup> her seelez; and<sup>5</sup> þis was so<sup>6</sup> for gret couetize; wherfore alle þe<sup>7</sup> gode hertis of þe Reme clene<sup>8</sup> turned away fro hym<sup>9</sup> eyr eftir, and þat was <sup>16</sup> vtturli<sup>10</sup> destruction & ende of hym<sup>11</sup> þat was so hygh and so excellent a king, þrough couetyse and fals counsel: Alas, for pite, þat such a king myzt not se!

¶ And þanne King Richarde sette his kingdom and his riall <sup>20</sup> londe to fferme of Engelond,<sup>12</sup> vnto iij personeþ, þe which were þese, *Sir* William Scrope,<sup>13</sup> Erle of Wilschire & Treserer of Engelond, *Ser*<sup>14</sup> Iohn Busch, Henry<sup>15</sup> Grene, and *Ser* Iohn Bagot, knyztēs; þe<sup>16</sup> whiche<sup>17</sup> turned hem to moche myschef and deth <sup>24</sup> with-ynne a<sup>18</sup> lytil tyme aftir, as ye schal here<sup>19</sup> wretyn sone aftir.

[*Richard II's Expedition to Ireland.*]

¶ Thanne<sup>20</sup> King Richarde made gret ordynaunce, and went ouyr see<sup>21</sup> Into Ireland, and mony grete lordez with hym, with grete osten, for to streyngthe hir king, as men of armez, archers,<sup>22</sup> <sup>28</sup> and moche grete stuff & rzt gode ordynaunce, as longith to warre. ¶ And or he passid þe see, he ordeyned and made *Ser* Edmunde of Langeley his vnclē, Duk<sup>23</sup> of York, his Licutenaunt of Engelond

<sup>1</sup> a clerke of his *om.* T.      <sup>2</sup> of couetous men T.

<sup>3</sup> ordeynyd and maad T.      <sup>4</sup> to *om.* T.      <sup>5</sup> to and T.      <sup>6</sup> do T.

<sup>7</sup> þe *om.* T.      <sup>8</sup> weren clene T.

<sup>9</sup> him þat is þe kyng T.      fro hym þe kyng Kk.

<sup>10</sup> and was vttirly his T.      and þat vtturli Kk.

<sup>11</sup> of hym *om.* T.      <sup>12</sup> of Englond to ferme T.      <sup>13</sup> of Scrope T.

<sup>14</sup> and *sir* T.      <sup>15</sup> and *sir* Harry T.      <sup>16</sup> þe *om.* T.      <sup>17</sup> whiche þat T.

<sup>18</sup> a *om.* T.      <sup>19</sup> here fynde T.      <sup>20</sup> And þanne T.

<sup>21</sup> wente him ouer þe see T.      <sup>22</sup> and archers T.      <sup>23</sup> þe duke T.

yn his absence, be<sup>1</sup> þe gouernaunce &<sup>2</sup> counsel of þese iiiij knyȝtis þat had take Engelonde to ferme of the King. ¶ And þanne he passed þe see, and come ynto Irelande, and þere he was welle and<sup>4</sup> worthily resceyved. And þese rebellis of Ireland bith<sup>3</sup> callid ‘wilde<sup>4</sup> Irisch men’; and<sup>5</sup> anon her chefteyneȝ & hir<sup>6</sup> gouernoures &<sup>7</sup> leeders comyn doun vnto þe King, & yolde ham vnto hym, bothe body & godeȝ, alle at his owne wille, & swore to be his lige<sup>8</sup> men, and þer-to dede to hym<sup>8</sup> homage & feaute, and gode seruiȝe; & þus he conqueryd<sup>9</sup> þe moste party of Ireloud yn a litil tyme.

[*The Return of Bolingbroke.*]

¶ While þat<sup>10</sup> King Richard was þus yn Irelande, Ser Henry of Bolingbroke, Erle of Derby, þat þe king hadde made before Duk<sup>12</sup> of Herforde—þe which Duk, þe King had exiled out of þis lande—was come ayen yn-to Engelond, for to chalange þe Duchery<sup>11</sup> of Lancastre as for<sup>12</sup> riȝt & trewe heritage. ¶ And he come doun out of Fraunce by londe to Calis, and þere mette hym Ser Thomas of<sup>16</sup> Arundel, þat was Archebischop of Caunturbury, þat was exiled out of Engelond; and with hym come þe Erle of Arundell sone, & his heire, þe which was yn warde and yn<sup>13</sup> kepyng of Ser Iohn Selly, kniȝt, sum tyme with þe Erle of Huntynghon, and with þe Duk of<sup>20</sup> Excestre, þe which was yn the Castell of Rygate yn Suthsex; and þere he stale away from Shelly, & come to Caleys; & þere he was kept welle and worthily til þis<sup>14</sup> oþer ij lordeȝ were come to Caleys. ¶ And þan þis worthi Duk, & þe Archebischop of Caunturbury,<sup>24</sup> Arundel, schippid yn þe hauene of Caleis, and drow his cours Norþewarde, and arryued yn Yorkschyre, Rauensporne, fast by Brydlyngton; and þere he come, and entrid þe londe, & þese ij lordeȝ with hym, and hir meyne. And þanne moche pepil of the<sup>28</sup> Reme, þat wist of his comyng and<sup>15</sup> where he was, anon drowyn to<sup>16</sup> hym, and welcomyd þese lordeȝ, and socurred hym yn alle maner þyngis, and passed forth yn<sup>17</sup> the londe, and gadryd myche peple.

<sup>32</sup> ¶ And whanne King Richard wist of þis, & herde<sup>18</sup> þat þese ij lordeȝ were come ayen yn-to Engelonde, and were loded, þanne

<sup>1</sup> be *om.* T.    <sup>2</sup> and þe T.    <sup>3</sup> ben T.    <sup>4</sup> the wilde T.  
<sup>5</sup> and *om.* T.    <sup>6</sup> hir *om.* T.    <sup>7</sup> and her T.  
<sup>8</sup> there to him diden T.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 118.    <sup>10</sup> þe T.  
<sup>11</sup> dukedom T.    <sup>12</sup> for his T.    <sup>13</sup> yn *om.* T.    <sup>14</sup> these T.  
<sup>15</sup> and *om.* T.    <sup>16</sup> anoon þei drewe vnto T.    <sup>17</sup> into T.  
<sup>18</sup> Richard herde and wiste T.

þe King left alle his ordynaunce yn Irelande, and come yn-to Engelondewarde yn alle þe hast þat he myzte, & come yn-to<sup>1</sup> þe Castell of Flynt; and þere he abode for to take his counsell, and what myght<sup>2</sup> best be do; but to hym com non. ¶ And þanne Ser<sup>4</sup> Thomas Percy, Erle of Worcestre, þat was þe Kingis Steward, when he wist<sup>3</sup> and knew þis, anon he com yn-to the halle among alle þe pepil, and þere he brake þe yerd of þe Rial Kingis housholde; and<sup>4</sup> every man went his way, and forsoke his maistir & 8 souereyne lorde, and left hym alone: <sup>5</sup>and þus was King Richard brouzt adoun and destroyed, and stode alle alone,<sup>5</sup> without counsel, confort & socour<sup>6</sup> of eny man. Allas! for pite of þis ryal King!

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¶ And anon come tydynges þat Harry of Bolyngbroke was vp with a<sup>7</sup> strong power of pepill, and þat alle þe Schyrevez of Engeland reysed vp þe Schires yn streyngthing of hym ayens King<sup>8</sup> Richard; and þus sone he was come out of þe Northcuntre 16 to Bristow, and þere he mette with Ser William Scrope, Erle of Wilschire and<sup>9</sup> Tresorer of Engeland, and with Ser Iohn Busch and Ser Henry Grene, and Iohn<sup>10</sup> Bagot, but he ascapyd from hym, and went ouer þe see In-to Irelande; & þeze oþer ij<sup>11</sup> knyghtes were 20 take, and her hedis smytyn of; & þus þei deied for her fals couetize.

¶ And þanne was King Richard y<sup>12</sup>take, & brouzt vnto þe Duk; and anon þe Duk put hym y[n] saff<sup>13</sup> warde and strong 24 holde, vnto his comyng to London. ¶ And þanne was þere<sup>14</sup> a Rumore yn London,<sup>15</sup> and a strong noyse, þat King Richarde was come to Westmynstre; and the pepil of London ranne þider, and wolde haue don moche harm and scathe yn hir wodnesse, ne hadde 28 þe Mayre and þe aldermen, and oþer worthli men, ceid ham with faire wordes, and turned hem <sup>16</sup>hom ayen vnto London. ¶ And þere was<sup>17</sup> Ser Iohn Slake, Dene of the Kinges chapel of Westmynstre, take,<sup>18</sup> and brouzt to London, and put yn<sup>19</sup> Ludgate; and 32 Bagot was take yn Irelande, and brouzt to London, & put yn prisone yn Newgate, þere to be kept and<sup>20</sup> abide his answe.

<sup>1</sup> vnto T.    <sup>2</sup> what myghte T.    what Kk.

<sup>3</sup> Steward whenne he wiste T.    Steward wist Kk.

<sup>4</sup> and the hit disparbelid and T.    <sup>5-5</sup> om. T.

<sup>6</sup> withoute comfort or socoure or good counceile T.

<sup>7</sup> a wondir T.

<sup>8</sup> þe king T.    <sup>9</sup> and om. T.    <sup>10</sup> sir Iohn T.    <sup>11</sup> ij T.

<sup>12</sup> y om. T.    <sup>13</sup> into faste T.    <sup>14</sup> and there was thanne T.

<sup>15</sup> leaf 118, back.    <sup>16</sup> MS. R begins again.    <sup>17</sup> was take T.

<sup>18</sup> take om. T.    <sup>19</sup> in prison in T.    <sup>20</sup> and to T.

¶ And sone aftir, þe Duk brouzt King Richard pryuyly to London, and put hym yn the Tour, vnder sure keypyng as a prisoner. And þanne come þe lordez of the Reme, with alle hir counsel, vnto þe  
4 Tour to King Richard and saide to hym of his mys gouernaunce and extorcion þat he hadde do, maade, and ordeyned, to oppresse alle þe comyn pepil, & also alle<sup>1</sup> þe Reame; wherfore al þe comyn peple of his Reme wolde haue hym deposed of his kingdom; and  
8 so he was deposyd at þat tyme in þe Tour of London by alle his<sup>2</sup> lordez counsel, and by<sup>3</sup> the common assent of al þe Reme. ¶ And þan<sup>4</sup> he was put fro þe Tour vnto þe castel of Ledis yn Kent, and þere he was kept a while; and þan was he hadde fro þennez vnto  
12 þe kastell of Pomfret in þe Northcuntre, to be kept yn pryson; and sone aftirward riȝt þere he made his ende.

¶ Whanne<sup>5</sup> King Richarde was deposed, and hadde resyngned his croune and his kingdom, and hym self kept fast yn holde, þan  
16 alle þe lordez of þe Reme, with þe comyns assent, and by one<sup>6</sup> accorde, chosyn þis worthi lorde, Ser Henry of Bolyngbroke, Erle of Derby, Duk of Herford and Duke of Lancastre be riȝt lyne and heritage; and for his myȝtful manhode þat þe peple founde yn  
20 hym, before al oþer þei choson hym, & made hym King of Engelonde.<sup>7</sup>

Of Ser Henry of<sup>8</sup> Bolingbroke, Erle of Derby, þat regned aftir King Richarde, þe<sup>9</sup> which was þe fourth Henry after þe  
24 Conqueste. *Capitulum cexliij.*<sup>10</sup>

And aftir Kinge Richarde þe secunde was deposed and put out of his kingdom, þe lordez & þe comyns, alle *with* on assent, and alle oþer worthi of þe Reme, chosyn Ser Henry of Bolyngbroke, Erle  
28 of Derby, sone & heyre of Iohn a Gaunt, Duke<sup>11</sup> of Lancastre, for his worthi manhode þat ofte tyme hadde be founde yn hym, and yn dede preuid; vpon Saint Edwardes Day þe Confessoure, he was crowned King of Engelond at Westmynstre, by alle þe Remys  
32 assent, next aftir<sup>12</sup> deposyng of King Richard. ¶ Thanne he made Henry, his eldist sone & his heire, Prynce of Walis, Duk<sup>13</sup> of Cornewayle, and Erle of Chestre; and he made Ser Thomas of Arundel, Archebisshop of Caunturbury ayen, as he was before;

<sup>1</sup> to aH T.    <sup>2</sup> his TR.    hir Kk.    <sup>3</sup> by om. T.

<sup>4</sup> there T.    þere R.    <sup>5</sup> And þanne whenne T.    And whanne R.

<sup>6</sup> one om. R.    <sup>7</sup> Englonde amongis hem. T.    <sup>8</sup> om. T.

<sup>9</sup> Richarde þe om. T.    <sup>10</sup> cc<sup>o</sup> T.    cexliij R.    <sup>11</sup> Iohn þe duke TR.

<sup>12</sup> aftir þe T.    <sup>13</sup> and duke T.

and Ser Roger<sup>1</sup> Walden, that King Richard had made Archebischop of Caunturbury, he made<sup>2</sup> Bischop of London, for þat time it stode voyde; and he<sup>3</sup> made þe Erlez sone of Arondel, <sup>4</sup>that come ouer the see with him from Caleys into Englund, he made him Erle of <sup>4</sup>ArundaH,<sup>4</sup> and put hym yn possession of alle his londez; and þere he made homage and feaute unto his liege lorde þe King, as alle oþer lordez hadde do.

¶ And þanne anon deied King Richard in þe castell of 8 Pountfret yn the Northeuntre, for þere he was enfammed vnto the deth be his keper, for he was kept into<sup>5</sup> iiij or v. dayez fro mete and drynke; and so he made is ende yn þis worlde. Yet moche pepil yn Engelond and yn oþir <sup>6</sup>landez saide þat he was alyue <sup>12</sup>meny yerez aftir his deth; but wheþer he were a<sup>7</sup>lyue or ded, þei<sup>8</sup> hilde hir fals opynyons and beleue þat þay<sup>9</sup> hadde; and moche pepil aftirward comyn to myschif and to foule deth, as ye schulle here aftirwarde. ¶ And whanne King Henry wist and knew <sup>16</sup>warly<sup>10</sup> þat he was ded, he lete sere hym yn þe best maner þat he myzte,<sup>11</sup> and<sup>12</sup> closed hym yn<sup>13</sup> lynnyn cloth, alle saue his visage, and þat was left opon þat men myzt se and know his person from alle oþer men; and so he was brought to London with torchis lyzt <sup>20</sup>brennyng vnto Saynt Poulez, and þere he hadde his masse and his dirige, with moche reverence and solempnite of seruize. ¶ And fro Poulez was<sup>14</sup> brouzt ynto þe Abbey of Westmynstre, and þere hadde<sup>15</sup> alle his hole seruize ayen; and fro Westmynstre he was <sup>24</sup>ladd<sup>16</sup> ynto<sup>17</sup> Langeley, and þere he was beryed: on whose soule God haue mercy! Amen!

¶ And yn þe first yere of King Henryez regne he hilde his Cristismasse yn þe Castell of Wyndesore; and on þe twelfthe <sup>28</sup>evyn come þe Duke of Awmarle vnto þe King, and tolde hym þat he & þe Duk of Surrey, þe<sup>18</sup> Duk of Excestre, þe<sup>18</sup> Erle of Salusbury, þe<sup>18</sup> Erle of Gloucestre, & oþir moo of her afinite, were accorded to make a mummyng vnto þe King on<sup>19</sup> xij<sup>the</sup> day at <sup>32</sup>nyght; and þere þay cast to sle þe King yn hir revelyng; and þus þat<sup>20</sup> Duke warned þe King. And þanne þe King come þe same<sup>21</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Roger of T.    <sup>2</sup> made him TR.    <sup>3</sup> he om. R.    <sup>4-4</sup> RT; om. Kk.

<sup>5</sup> in T.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 119.    <sup>7</sup> on T.    <sup>8</sup> forth thei T.

<sup>9</sup> men T.    <sup>10</sup> verily T.    <sup>11</sup> þat he myzte om. TR.

<sup>12</sup> and closid hit in a fayre chest with dyuerse spiceries and bawmes T. and closed him in a fair chiste with diners spicez and bamez and R.

<sup>13</sup> in a TR.    <sup>14</sup> he was TR.    <sup>15</sup> he hadde T.    <sup>16</sup> ladde T.    hadd Kk.

<sup>17</sup> to T. vnto R.    <sup>18</sup> and þe T.    <sup>19</sup> on þe T.    <sup>20</sup> þis R.

<sup>21</sup> þe same TR.    same Kk.    þe om. R.



nyzt to London<sup>1</sup> priuili, yn alle þe<sup>2</sup> hast þat he myzte, to gete hym helpe, socoure, comfort<sup>3</sup> & counsel. And<sup>4</sup> anon þeze oþer, þat wolde haue do þe King to deth, fleddyn yn alle þe haste þat þei 4 mȝhte,<sup>5</sup> for þei knewen welle þat her counsel was bewrayed. ¶ And þanne fled þe Duke of Surrey, and þe Erle of Salusberye with<sup>6</sup> alle hir meyne, vnto þe toun of Siscetre; and þere þe pepil of þe toun wolde haue arestid ham; and þey wolde not stonde to 8 her arest, but stodyn at her<sup>7</sup> defence, & fauzt manly; but at þe<sup>8</sup> laste þey were ouercome and take;<sup>9</sup> and þere þei smote of þe Dukes hed of Surrey, and þe Erlez hed of Salusbury, & mony oþer moo; & þere<sup>10</sup> þay putte þe quarters in sackys, and her hedeȝ on<sup>11</sup> 12 poleȝ born on hy, and so<sup>12</sup> þei were brouzt þrouz þe cite of London vnto London brygge; and þere her hedeȝ were sette vp an<sup>13</sup> hy, & her quarters were sent to oþer gode tounez and citeȝ, and set vp þere.

16 ¶ At Oxynforde were<sup>14</sup> take Ser Thomas<sup>15</sup> Blount, knyzt, Benet<sup>16</sup> Sely, knyzt, and Thomas Wyntirsell, squyer; and þese were behedid & quartered; & the knyztes hedis were sette on poleȝ & brouzt to London, & sette on London brygge, and þe quarters sent 20 forth to oþer placeȝ & tounez. ¶ And yn þe same yere at Pritwelle yn<sup>17</sup> Essex, was take Ser Iohn Holond, þe Duk of Excestre,<sup>18</sup> with þe<sup>19</sup> comyneȝ of þe cuntreȝ; and þay brouzt hym fro þe mille vnto Plasche; and to þe same place þere King Richard hadde 24 arestid<sup>20</sup> Ser Thomas of Wodstoke, þe Duk of Glowcestre. And rȝt þere, yn þe same place, þei<sup>21</sup> smytyn of þe Duk of Excestreȝ hed, & brouzt it to London vpon a poole; and it was sette on London Brygge. ¶ And yn þe same yere, at Bristow, was take þe 28 Lorde Spenser, þat King Richard hadde made Erle of Glowcestre; & þe comyneȝ of the toune of Bristow<sup>22</sup> toke hym, and brouzt hym in to þe Market place of the Toun; & ther thay smyte of his hed and sent hit to London, and hit was sette on London brygge. 32 ¶ And yn þe same yere was Ser Bernarde Brokeys, kniȝt, take and

<sup>1</sup> to London TR. om. Kk.    <sup>2</sup> þe om. R.    <sup>3</sup> and comfort T.

<sup>4</sup> And om. T.

<sup>5</sup> haste þat þei myghte T. haste þat þey myzte R. om. Kk.

<sup>6</sup> and with R.    <sup>7</sup> her om. TR.    <sup>8</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>9</sup> took hem T.

<sup>10</sup> þere om. T.    <sup>11</sup> vpon T.    <sup>12</sup> so om. T.    <sup>13</sup> on TR.

<sup>14</sup> were TR. we Kk.    <sup>15</sup> ser Thomas om. T. Iohn) R.

<sup>16</sup> and Benet T.    <sup>17</sup> in a mille in TR.

<sup>18</sup> Essex there sir Iohn) holande þe duke of Excestre was take T. Essex þere sir Iohn) holande þe Duke of Excestre was take R.

<sup>19</sup> þe om. R.    <sup>20</sup> hadde arestid T. hadde arested R. arestid Kk.

<sup>21</sup> thei T. þey R. þe Kk.    <sup>22</sup> loaf 119, back.

arestid, & put yn-to þe Tour of London; and Ser Iohn Selley, kniȝt, & Ser Iohn Mawdeleyne & Ser William Fereby, persons of King Richardeȝ, were<sup>1</sup> arestid and put yn-to þe Tour of London. and þedir come þe Kingeȝ Iusticeȝ, and saat vpon hem yn the 4 Toure; and þere were<sup>2</sup> dampned alle iiij vnto þe deth.<sup>3</sup> And the dome was yeue vnto Ser Bernarde Brokeys, þat he shulde go on fote fro the Tour þrouȝ þe toun of<sup>4</sup> London vnto Tyburne, and þere<sup>5</sup> to be hangyd, & aftir his hed to ben<sup>6</sup> smyten of & sett on 8 London Brigge, & Ser Iohn Selley, knyȝt, and Ser Iohn Maudeleyn & Sir William Feriby, persons, weir draw þrouȝout London to Tyburne, & þere hanged.<sup>7</sup>

¶ And yn þe<sup>8</sup> same yere King Henry sent Quene Isabell, þat 12 was King Richardeȝ wiff,<sup>9</sup> hom ayen yn-to Fraunce,<sup>10</sup> and yaff hir Golde & siluer and mony oþer Iewelleȝ; and so<sup>11</sup> sche was<sup>12</sup> discharged of alle hir dower, & sent out of Engelond.

¶ And yn þe secunde yere of<sup>13</sup> King Henri þe iiij<sup>th</sup>, was Ser 16 Rogger of Claryngdon, kniȝt, & ij of his men, & þe Priour of Launde, & viij frere Menoures, and sum Maistres of diuinite, & oþer, for treson þat þay wrouȝt ayens the King, were drawe & hangyd at<sup>14</sup> Tyborne, alle xij presoners & personeȝ.<sup>15</sup> 20

¶ Than<sup>16</sup> beganne þe<sup>17</sup> discencion<sup>18</sup> & debate yn þe cuntre of Walis betwene þe Lorde Grey Rithyn<sup>18</sup> & Oweyn of Glyndore, Squier of Walis. And þis Oweyn rerid a nownbyr of Walschemen, and kept þat<sup>19</sup> cuntrey about ryȝt strong, & dede myche harme, and 24 destroyed þe Kingis touneȝ and lorschippeȝ þrouȝout Walis, & robberyd & slowgh þe Kingis pepil, both Englisch and Walsch; and þus he endured xij<sup>20</sup> yere large. And he toke þe Lorde Gray of<sup>21</sup> Rithyn presoner, and kept hym fast yn holde tylle he was 28 raunsonde of prysoners of þe March, and kept hym long tyme yn holde; and at þe<sup>22</sup> last he made hym wedde on of his douȝtris,<sup>23</sup> and kep[t]e hym styлле þere<sup>24</sup> with his wiff, and sone after he deyed.

<sup>1</sup> and þei weren T.    <sup>2</sup> þey weren T.    <sup>3</sup> vnto þe deth alle four R.

<sup>4</sup> þe tour of om. TR.    <sup>5</sup> þere om. T.

<sup>6</sup> aftir his heed T.    aftir his hed R.    his om. Kk.

<sup>7</sup> hangid and her heedis smyten of and sett on london brigge T.    hanged and hir hedis smyten of and set on london Brigge R.    & sett on London Brigge om. Kk.    <sup>8</sup> þis T.    this R.    <sup>9</sup> þat was . . . wiff om. T.

<sup>10</sup> ffrance þe which was kyng Richardis weddid wiff T.    <sup>11</sup> so om. T.

<sup>12</sup> was so T.    <sup>13</sup> of þe reigne of T.    <sup>14</sup> at þe T.

<sup>15</sup> & personeȝ om. TR.    <sup>16</sup> There T.    Ther R.    <sup>17</sup> a T.    þe om. R.

<sup>18</sup>—<sup>18</sup> and a debate bitwene þe lord Grey Reffen in þe cuntree of Walis T.

<sup>19</sup> aȝ þat TR.    <sup>20</sup> a xij T.    <sup>21</sup> of om. T.    <sup>22</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>23</sup> his douȝtris TR.    douȝtris om. Kk.    <sup>24</sup> there styлле T.

¶ And þanne þe<sup>1</sup> King,<sup>2</sup> knowyng þis myschef, destruccion and treson, þat þis Oweyn hade y<sup>3</sup>wrougt, þen anon he ordeyned a strong power of men of armez and of archers, & moche oþer stuffe 4 þat longid to warre, for to abate & destroye þe malice of þe<sup>4</sup> fals Walschemen. And þanne þe King come yn-to Walys with his power, for to destroy þis Owen and oþer rebellis, fals Walschmen. And<sup>5</sup> anon þei fledden yn-to þe mountayne; and þere myzte þe 8 Kinge do hem non harme yn no maner of<sup>6</sup> wyse; but ofte þei toke þe Kingis cariage, and euery day destroyed his peple. But Oweyn and his men, þe moste parte, ascapid harmele; ffor þe King ne his meyne myzt not come<sup>7</sup> to hem yn no maner-of<sup>8</sup> wise 12 for þe mountayne; and so the King come to<sup>9</sup> Engelond ayen, for lesyng of moo of his peple, and þus he<sup>10</sup> spedde not þere.

¶ In þis same yere was gret scarsite of whete yn Engelond, for a quarter of whete was at xvj s.;<sup>11</sup> and merchaunthes were sent out 16 of Engelond ouyr see<sup>11</sup> ynto Spruce for whete. anon<sup>12</sup> þay hadde lade & freight shippez ynow, & came hoom yn saafte, blessid<sup>13</sup> be God of<sup>14</sup> alle his yeftis!

¶ And yn the ij<sup>de</sup> 15 yere of King Harryez regne, ther was a 20 sterre seyne in þe firmament, þat schewed hym-self þrouz alle<sup>16</sup> þe worlde, for dyuers tokenns þat schulde befall e sone after; þe which sterre was named & called be clergie<sup>17</sup> ‘Stella comata.’ And on Seint Marye Magdaleyne day, next aftir,<sup>18</sup> yn þe same 24 yere, was þe Batayle of Schrouysbury; and þedir come Ser Henry Percy, þe Erlez sone of Northombirlonde, with a grete multitude of men of armes & archers, and yaf<sup>19</sup> batayle to<sup>20</sup> King Harry þe iiiij<sup>the</sup>, þrouz fals<sup>21</sup> counsel and wicked reede of Ser Thomas Percy, is vnclerle, 28 Erle of Worcestre; and þere was Ser Harry Percy slayn, and þe most parte of his mayne, yn the felde,<sup>22</sup> and Ser Thomas Percy take, and kept yn holde ij dayez tyll þe King hadde sette rest among his peple on both sydes. And þanne Ser Thomas Percy 32 was Ingid to be ded, þat is to wete, drawe, hangyd, & his hed

<sup>1</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>2</sup> king Harry T.    <sup>3</sup> y om. TR.    <sup>4</sup> pese T.    þis R.

<sup>5</sup> and om. T.    <sup>6</sup> of om. TR.

<sup>7</sup> nought come T.    not come R.    not om. Kk.

<sup>8</sup> of om. TR.    <sup>9</sup> into TR.    <sup>10</sup> he om. R.

<sup>11</sup>—<sup>11</sup> and þanne was marchaundise of Englonde sente ouer þe see T.

<sup>12</sup> and anon T.    and anon R.    <sup>13</sup> and comen in haste y blessid T.

<sup>14</sup> in R.    <sup>15</sup> leaf 120.    <sup>16</sup> out al R.

<sup>17</sup> & called be clergie om. T.    <sup>18</sup> folowyng T.    folowyng R.

<sup>19</sup> yaf a T.    <sup>20</sup> to þe T.    <sup>21</sup> the fals T.

<sup>22</sup> Percy slayn in þe felde & þe moste part of his meyne R.

smyte of for his fals treson at Schrowesbery, & his hed brouzt to London & set on London-is<sup>1</sup> Brygge. And al<sup>2</sup> oþer peple þat<sup>3</sup> were slayne þere,<sup>4</sup> on þe Kingez syde<sup>5</sup> and yn boþe parteys,<sup>6</sup> þe King let bury: and þere was slayn on þe Kingy; syde yn the<sup>7</sup> 4 batayle, þe Erle of Staffarde, and Ser Water Blount yn þe Kingys kote armyour, vndir þe Kingez baner, and mony mo worthi men; on<sup>8</sup> whose soule God haue mercy! amen!

¶ And yn þe iiiij<sup>the</sup> yere of King Harryez regne, come þe 8 Emp[er]oure of Constantynoble, with mony grete lordez and knyghtes and moch oþer peple of his cuntre, in to Engelonde, to King Harry, with hym to speke<sup>9</sup> and to disporte hym, and see<sup>10</sup> þe gode gouernaunce & þe condicionez of our peple, and know<sup>11</sup> þe 12 commodite; of Engelond. And our King, with alle his worthi lordez, godely and worschepfully hym reseeyved, and welcomed hym<sup>12</sup> and alle his mayne þat come with hym, and dede hym alle þe reuerence & worschip þat þay cowthe and myzte. And anon þe 16 King commawnded al maner officers þat he schulde be serued as worthily & as<sup>13</sup> ryaly as it longith to<sup>14</sup> such a worthi lorde & Emperour, on his owne cost, as long as þe Emperour was<sup>15</sup> yn Engelond, and alle his men þat comyn with hym. 20

¶ And yn þis same yere came dame Iohane,<sup>16</sup> þe Duchasse of Bryttayne, yn-to Engelonde, and landed at Falemouth yn Cornewayle; & fro þenne; she was brouzt to þe cite of Wynchestre, and þere sche<sup>17</sup> was weddyd vnto King Harry þe iiiij<sup>the</sup> yn the Abbey of 24 Saynt Swythens of Wynchestre, with alle þe solempnite þat myzt be do and made. ¶ And sone after, sche was brouzt fro þenne; to London; and þe meyre, with<sup>18</sup> þe aldermen and þe comyns of þe cite of London, rydyn ayens hir, and hir welcomed,<sup>19</sup> and brouzt 28 hir throuz þe cite of London vnto Westmynstre; and þere sche was crowned & made<sup>20</sup> Quene of Engelond; and þere þe king made a ryalle and a<sup>21</sup> solempne fest for hir, and for al maner men þat þedir wolde come. 32

¶ And yn þis same yere, Dame Blaunche, þe eldist douztir of

<sup>1</sup> is om. TR.    <sup>2</sup> aþ þe T.    <sup>3</sup> that there T.    þat þer R.

<sup>4</sup> þere om. TR.    <sup>5</sup> side in þat Bataile R.

<sup>6</sup> slayne on boþe parties T.    and yn boþe parteye om. R.

<sup>7</sup> kyngis side in þat T.    þat R.    syde om. Kk.    <sup>8</sup> of T.

<sup>9</sup> to speke with him T.    <sup>10</sup> to see T.    to se R.    <sup>11</sup> to knowe T.

<sup>12</sup> hym om. R.    <sup>13</sup> as om. R.    <sup>14</sup> vnto T.

<sup>15</sup> Emperoure was T.    Emperour was R.    was Kk.    <sup>16</sup> Iane TR.

<sup>17</sup> schē om. T.    <sup>18</sup> and T. & R.    <sup>19</sup> welcomyd hir T.

<sup>20</sup> & made om. R.    <sup>21</sup> and a TR.    and om. Kk.

King Harry þe iiiij<sup>th</sup>, was y<sup>1</sup>sent ouyr see<sup>2</sup> with þe Erle of Somersete, hir vncler, and with Maister Richarde Clyfforde, þanne<sup>3</sup> Bisshop of Worcestre, and with mony oþer lordez; and worthi<sup>4</sup> knyztis, ladiez,<sup>4</sup> and Squyers,<sup>5</sup> as longed to such a worthi lady, and come vnto Coleyne. And þedir come þe Duke; sone of Barrey, with a faire mayne, and resceyved þis worthi lady, and þere the Bisshop<sup>6</sup> of Worcestre wedded & sacred ham to-gedir, as holy<sup>8</sup> churche it<sup>7</sup> wolde; & þere was made a ryalle feest and a<sup>8</sup> grete Iustize, yn<sup>9</sup> reverence and worschip of ham, and to alle peple þat þedir come. ¶ And whanne þis maryage and fest was do, þe Erle and þe Bisshop, with alle hir meyne, token her leve of lordez and<sup>12</sup> ladiez and come home ayen yn-to Engelond in saafte, y<sup>10</sup>þankynd be God!

¶ And yn þe .v. yere of King Harryez regne, þe Lorde Thomas, King Harryez sone þe iiiij<sup>th</sup>, and þe Erle of Kent went ouyr see,<sup>11</sup> and mony oþer lordez and knyztis, and men of armys & archers, and went to<sup>12</sup> þe se to chastise þe rebellis þat afore hadde do moch harme to our Englisch<sup>13</sup> Marchaunte; & to mony tounes and portis yn Engelond vpon þe se costis. ¶ And þe Lorde Thomas, þe<sup>20</sup> Kingis son, cam yn-to Flaundres, toffore a toun þat is callid þe Schuse, among alle þe schippe; of dyuers nacjons þat were þere; and after, þai rydyn with her schippe; among ham, and went alonde, & sported ham þere ij. daiez, and cam ayen to hir schippe;<sup>24</sup> & token þe brode se, & þere þay mettyn with ij carrake; of Iene, þat were lade with dyuers Marchaundize, and welle y<sup>14</sup>manned; and þere þay fouztn to-gadryze longe; but þe Englischmen hadde þe victorie, and brouzt þe Carrake; yn-to þe camere before<sup>28</sup> Wynchylse; and þere þay cantid þes gode; and on of þeze Carreke; was sodenly þere brent, & þe lordez; and hir peple turned hom ayen, and went no firthir at þat tyme.

¶ And yn that same yere, Serle, yoman of King Richarde;<sup>32</sup> Robys, come yn-to Engelond out of Scotland, and saide to diuers peple þat 'King Richard was alyve yn Scotlond'; and so, moch of

<sup>1</sup> y om. TR.    <sup>2</sup> þe see T.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 120, back.    <sup>4</sup> and ladies TR.

<sup>5</sup> and worthi squyers T. worthi squiers R.

<sup>6</sup> the bisshop T. þe Bisshop R. bisshop Kk.

<sup>7</sup> it om. TR.    <sup>8</sup> a om. TR.

<sup>9</sup> in þe T.    <sup>10</sup> y om. TR.

<sup>11</sup> iiije wente ouer þe see and þe Erle of kent T. wente ovir see and þe erl of kent R.

<sup>12</sup> archers a greet meyne wenten to T. archers a greet meyne went R.

<sup>13</sup> Englysshe men T.    <sup>14</sup> y om. R.

þe peple beleued yn his wordez; wherfore mych of þe peple of þe Reeme were yn gret erreure and gruching ayens þe King, þrouz fals informacion<sup>1</sup> þat þis Serle hadde made, for moche peple beleuyd & trustid to<sup>2</sup> his seyng; but at þe<sup>3</sup> last he was take yn the North 4 cuntre, and by lawe juged to be draw þrouz euery cite & gode burgh tonn yn Engelond; and so he was *serued*. And at þe<sup>3</sup> last he was brouzt to London, vnto Gilde<sup>4</sup>-halle before þe justize; and þere he was juged to<sup>5</sup> be brouzt to þe Tour of London, and þere to 8 be laide vp<sup>6</sup>-on an hirdille, & þan to<sup>7</sup> be drawe þrouz þe cete of London to Tyborne, &<sup>8</sup> hangyd, & þan quarterde, and his hed smyte of & set on London Brygge, & his quarters to be sent to iiij gode townez of Engelond, & þere set vp: & þus endid he his<sup>9</sup> fals 12 treson & desceit.

¶ And yn þe vj yere of King Henryez regne, þe Erle of Marre, of Scotland, be saaf condit come ynto Engelond for to chalange *Ser Edmunde*, þe Erle of Kent, of certeyn cours of warre on hors-bak; 16 & so þis chalange was accept and graunted, and þe place take yn Smythfelde at London. And þis Erle of Marre, þe<sup>10</sup> Scot, com proudly<sup>11</sup> yn-to the felde, as his chalange asked. And anon com yn þe Erle of Kent, and rode vnto þe Scot, and manfully rydyn 20 togadir with scharp<sup>12</sup> speris dyuers cours; but þe Erle of Kent hadde þe Felde, and gate hym moch worschip & þanke of al maner of<sup>13</sup> men for his manful dedis.

¶ And þis yere<sup>14</sup> *Ser Richard Scrope*, Archebyschop<sup>15</sup> of York, 24 and þe lorde Mounbray, Erle Marchal of Engelonde, gadrid vnto hym a strong meyne yn þe North cuntre ayens King Henry. and þan King Henry, heryng<sup>16</sup> þerof, yn alle þe hast þat he myzte, come with his pöwer northwarde, and mette with ham at York; 28 and þere were þei<sup>17</sup> ij lordez take, and brouzt to<sup>18</sup> þe King, and anon þe Ingez weryn sette, and pese ij lordez brouzt forth; and þere þai were dampned vn-to þe<sup>19</sup> deth, þat bope her hedis schulde be<sup>20</sup> smyte of; and þere þay made her ende: on whose soulez God, for 32 his pete, haue mercy! Amen!

<sup>1</sup> thorough informacion) of lesyngis and falslies T. þoru3 informacion) of his liez and fals lesyngis R.

<sup>2</sup> peple trustid him and bileeuyed in TR. <sup>3</sup> þe om. T. <sup>4</sup> þe Gilde T.

<sup>5</sup> forto T. <sup>6</sup> vp om. TR. <sup>7</sup> to om. R. <sup>8</sup> and þere TR.

<sup>9</sup> for his TR. <sup>10</sup> a T. <sup>11</sup> leaf 121. <sup>12</sup> scharp om. T. <sup>13</sup> of om. R.

<sup>14</sup> And in þe same yeer of kyng Harries reigne þe iiij<sup>t</sup> T. And in þe vi. yeer of kinge henries regne þe iiij<sup>th</sup>e R.

<sup>15</sup> þe Erchebisshop T. <sup>16</sup> þanne þe kyng heryng T.

<sup>17</sup> pese T. þeze R. <sup>18</sup> vnto T. <sup>19</sup> þe om. R. <sup>20</sup> heedis were T.

¶ And whanne<sup>1</sup> þis was do, þe King come to London ayen, a[nd]<sup>2</sup> restyd hym. And anon, God, of his grete godenesse, wrouzt and schewyd meny grete myrales for his worthi Clerke, þe<sup>3</sup> 4 Archebischop of Yorke, þat þus was down to<sup>4</sup> deth.<sup>5</sup>

¶ And yn þe vij yere of King Henryez regne come<sup>6</sup> Dame Luce, þe Dukez sistir<sup>7</sup> of Millane, yn-to<sup>8</sup> Engeland, and so vnto London, and þere was weddid to *Ser* Edmund Helond, Erle of 8 Kent, yn þe priory of Saint Mary Ouerey yn Southwerke, with moche solempnite and grete worschip: and þere was þe King hym selfe, and yaf hir at þe churche dore. ¶ And whanne<sup>9</sup> þay were weddyd, and masse do,<sup>10</sup> þe King, his owne persone, brouzt and 12 ladde þis worthi lady yn-to þe Bischopis place of Wynchestre; and þere was a wondir grete fest helde, to alle maner of pepil þat come pedir.<sup>11</sup>

¶ In þis<sup>12</sup> same yere, *Ser* Robert Knollis, kniyzt, þe worthi 16 warriour, deied at his Maner yn Northfolke: and fro þennez he was brouzt to London on<sup>13</sup> an hors beere, with myche torche lyghte; and so was he brouzt to<sup>14</sup> þe Whit-Freris yn Flet-strete; and þere was do and <sup>15</sup>made a ryal &<sup>16</sup> solempne terement for 20 hym, for þem<sup>15</sup> þat þidir wolde come, boþe pore & rich; and þere he lyth beryed<sup>17</sup>; on whose soule God<sup>18</sup> haue mercy! Amen!

¶ And<sup>19</sup> yn the<sup>20</sup> same yere *Ser* Thomas Ruston,<sup>21</sup> kniȝt, Constab[le] of þe Tour of London, was dreynt yn<sup>22</sup> Themys<sup>23</sup> at London 24 Brygge, as he com fro Westmynstre towarde þe Tour yn a barge; and al þrouz lewdenesse. And yn þe same yere Dame Phelyp, þe yongyr douȝtir of King Henry þe iiij<sup>the</sup>, was ladde ouer þe see with *Ser* Richarde, þe Dukez brothir of Yorke, and *Ser* Edmund Cour- 28 teneye, bishop of Norwiche, and mony oþer lordiz, kniȝtis and squyers, ladiez and gentil-wymmen, as<sup>24</sup> perteyneth to<sup>25</sup> such a worthi Kingis douȝtir, and come yn-to Denmarke, to a toun<sup>26</sup> þat is callyd Elsyngborgh. And þedir come þe King of Denmarke, wipe 32 his lordis, and reseceyvid þis worthi lady for his wiff, and welcomyd

<sup>1</sup> as T.    <sup>2</sup> and there T. and pere R.    <sup>3</sup> þe om. TR.

<sup>4</sup> vnto R.    <sup>5</sup> vnto þe deeth T.    <sup>6</sup> come om. T.    <sup>7</sup> doughtir T.

<sup>8</sup> come into T.    <sup>9</sup> And as sone as T.    <sup>10</sup> and þe masse was doon T.

<sup>11</sup> þedir om. T.    <sup>12</sup> þe TR.    <sup>13</sup> vpon TR.    <sup>14</sup> vnto T.

<sup>15-15</sup> maad for him a solempne feste and a roiaff terment for tho T. þo R.

<sup>16</sup> and a R.

<sup>17</sup> buried bi dame Constance his wiff in mydde of þe bodi of the churche T. beried be Dame Constance his wiff in þe myddel of þe body of þe chirche R.

<sup>18</sup> god of his pitee T.    god for his pite R.    <sup>19</sup> And þus T.

<sup>20</sup> this R.    <sup>21</sup> Rempston R.    <sup>22</sup> in þe R.    <sup>23</sup> yn Themys om. T.

<sup>24</sup> þat TR.    <sup>25</sup> vnto T.    <sup>26</sup> Toure T.

pese worthi lordez, and dede ham moche reuerence & gret worschip. ¶ And þanne þei were brouzt to a toun þat is<sup>1</sup> callid London yn Denmark, and þere was this lady weddid and sacryd to þe King of Denmark with moche solempnite; and þere was sche crowned<sup>4</sup> Quene of Denmark, Norway and Swethyn; & þere was made a rialle fest. ¶ And whanne þis Fest and mariag was do & endid, þeze lordez<sup>2</sup> and ladiez tokyn her leve of the<sup>3</sup> King and Quene, and comyn home ayen yn-to Engelonde yn hast, þanked be Ihesu! 8

¶ And yn the viij zere of King Harryez regne, þer was a man þat was clepid 'þe walsch clerke,' and<sup>4</sup> apelyd a knyzt þat me callyd *Ser Perciuale Sowdon*, of treson; and þere þey were ioyned to fyt vnto þe deth, within<sup>5</sup> þe listez, & þe day,<sup>6</sup> tyme and place<sup>12</sup> assigned and lymtyd to be do and ende, yn Smythfelde. At þe which day þe ij personez comyn yn to þe felde, and fouztyn soore and myztily togadris; but at þe<sup>7</sup> last þe knyzt ouercame þe clerke, and made hym yelde<sup>8</sup> creaunde of his fals plechement þat he sayde<sup>16</sup> on hym; and þan was he dispoyled of his armeour and drawe out of þe ffelde to Tyburne; & þere was he hangyd, and þe knizt take to grace, and was a gode man.

¶ And yn þis same yere, *Ser Henry*,<sup>9</sup> erle<sup>10</sup> of Northombirlande, 20 & þe Lorde Bardolf, comyn out of Scotlande, yn preiudice & destruccion of King Harry; wherfore pay of the Northcuntre arysyn vp,<sup>11</sup> and<sup>12</sup> smytyn of her hedis, and<sup>13</sup> sent þe hed of the Erle, and þe<sup>14</sup> quarter of þe lorde Bardolfe, to London; and þere<sup>24</sup> þey were set vp on þe brygge, for fals treson þat þay had purposed ayens þe Kinge.

¶ And yn þe ix yere of King Harrez regne, was *Ser Edmu[n]de*<sup>15</sup> Holonde,<sup>16</sup> Erle of Kent, made<sup>17</sup> Amerel of Engelonde, for to kepe<sup>28</sup> þe see. And he went to þe see with mony ryalle<sup>18</sup> schippis, þat were full well arayed and<sup>19</sup> enarmyd with mony a gode man of armez & of<sup>20</sup> archers, and of gode defence of<sup>21</sup> warre yn þe Kinges name of Engelonde; and so he londit at þe<sup>22</sup> laste yn þe costes of 32

<sup>1</sup> men T. me R.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 121, back.    <sup>3</sup> the om. T.    <sup>4</sup> and he TR.

<sup>5</sup> in T. with ymne R. with Kk.    <sup>6</sup> day and T.    <sup>7</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>8</sup> yelde him TR.    <sup>9</sup> ser henry om. T.    <sup>10</sup> þe Erle T.

<sup>11</sup> vpon hem T.    vp on ham R.

<sup>12</sup> and faught with hem and sconefitid hem and took hem and T. and fauzt with ham and scomfited ham & took ham & R.

<sup>13</sup> and quartrid her bodies and T. and quartred hir bodies and R.

<sup>14</sup> a TR.    <sup>15</sup> Edmū Kk.    <sup>16</sup> of holonde T.    <sup>17</sup> was maad T.

<sup>18</sup> a roiaht T.    <sup>19</sup> and apparellid and T. and appareiled & R.

<sup>20</sup> of om. TR.    <sup>21</sup> in T.    <sup>22</sup> þe om. T.



Brittaigne, in þe Ile of Bryak, with alle his peple; and he besegid þe castel and assauted it. and þai with-ynne<sup>1</sup> with-stode hym with grete defence & streinþe, and anon let sette his ordynaunce; & yn 4 þe leyngthe of a gune com a quarel, & smot þe gode Erle yn þe hed, & þere he cauȝt his deth-wownde, but yet þei left not tulle þay hadde gotyn þe Castell and alle þat was þere-ynne; and þere þis gode lorde deid: on whose soule God haue mercy.<sup>2</sup> ¶ And þanne 8 his<sup>3</sup> meyne comyn hom ayen in-to Engeland with þe Erlez body, and was buried among his auncetryeȝ riȝt worthily. ¶ And yn þe same yere was a gret frost<sup>4</sup> yn Engeland, þat dured xv wokeȝ.

¶ And yn þe<sup>5</sup> x yere of King Harryes regne þe iiij<sup>the</sup>, come þe 12 Senescall of Henaud, with oþer meyne, yn-to Englund, for<sup>6</sup> to seke<sup>7</sup> auntreȝ, and to gete hym<sup>8</sup> worschyp yn dedis of armeȝ, boþe on horsbak and on foote, of al maner poyntis of<sup>9</sup> dedis of armeȝ and<sup>10</sup> warre. And þe Senescal Challenged þe Erle of Somerset; and 16 þe Erle delyuerde hym manfully yn al his chalangeȝ, and put his aduersari to þe worsse yn alle poyntis, & wanne hym þere grete worschyp and degre<sup>11</sup> of the ffeelde. ¶ And þe next day come yn to þe ffeelde a noþer man of armeȝ of the Seneschallys party; & 20 ayens hym com Ser Richard of Arundell, knyȝt; and þe<sup>12</sup> Henauder hed<sup>13</sup> þe bettyr of hym<sup>14</sup> on fote in on poynt, for he broȝt hym on his kne. ¶ And þe thrid day come yn<sup>15</sup> a noþer man of armeȝ yn to the felde; and ayens hym Ser Iohn Cornewayle, knyȝt; and manly 24 & knyȝtly quyt hym yn alle maner of poynteȝ ayens his aduersary, and had þe bettyr yn the felde. ¶ And<sup>16</sup> þe iiij day come yn<sup>17</sup> a noþer man of armys of Henaude, yn<sup>18</sup> þe felde; and ayens hym com Ser Iohn Cheynees sone,<sup>19</sup> and manly quyt hym ayens his aduersary, 28 for he caste bothe<sup>20</sup> hors & man into þe feelde; and þe King, for his manhode at þat tyme, dubbyd hym knyȝt. ¶ And þe v day þer com a noþer man of armeȝ of<sup>21</sup> Henaudeȝ party yn-to þe ffel[d]e; and to hym come Iohn<sup>22</sup> Steward, squyer, and manfully quyt hym þere yn 32 al maner of poyntis, and hadde þe bettir. ¶ And þe vj day come a nother Henauder; & to hym come William Porter, squier; and manfully he quitte<sup>23</sup> hym yn þe ffelde, and hadde þe bettir,<sup>23</sup> and þe

<sup>1</sup> with-ynne *om.* T.    <sup>2</sup> mercy Amen TR.    <sup>3</sup> his TR.    þis Kk.

<sup>4</sup> forst Kk.    <sup>5</sup> þe same T.    <sup>6</sup> for *om.* TR.    <sup>7</sup> seke T.    seihe Kk.

<sup>8</sup> hym *om.* T.    <sup>9</sup> and T. & R.    <sup>10</sup> and of TR.    <sup>11</sup> and þe gree T.

<sup>12</sup> þe he R.    <sup>13</sup> hed *om.* R.    <sup>14</sup> leaf 122.    <sup>15</sup> yn *om.* T.

<sup>16</sup> And on TR.    <sup>17</sup> yn *om.* T.    <sup>18</sup> into TR.    <sup>19</sup> his sone T.

<sup>20</sup> bothe *om.* TR.    <sup>21</sup> of þe TR.    <sup>22</sup> sir Iohn) T. to him yn sir Iohn R.

<sup>23-23</sup> quytte him and hadde þe bettir in þe ffelde and T. him and hadde þe bettir in þe felde R.

King dubbid hym kni3t þe same time. ¶ And þe vij day come a noþer Henauder yn-to<sup>1</sup> the felde; & to hym come Iohn Standisch, Squyer, and manly quit<sup>2</sup> hym on his aduersary, and hadde þe bettir yn þe felde; and þere þe King dubbyd hym kni3t þe same<sup>4</sup> day. ¶ And yn<sup>3</sup> þe same day come a noþer Henauder; and to<sup>4</sup> hym come a squier of Gasquoyne; and<sup>5</sup> proutly & manly he quitte hym on his aduersarye, and þere hadde þe bettir, and anon þe King dubbyd hym kni3t. 8

¶ And<sup>6</sup> þe viij day com yn-to þe ffelde ij men of armes of Henaude; and to ham come ij soudiers of Calis þat were brepryn, y<sup>7</sup>-Clepyd þe Boroughez; and welle and manly quit hem on hir aduersarie3, and hadde þe bettir yn þo<sup>8</sup> felde; and þus endid þis<sup>12</sup> Chalanged with moche worschep. And þe King, at þe reuencens of the straungers, made a grete ffeest, and yaff ryeh yeftis; and þay tokyn hir leue, and went whom yn-to hir cuntre.

¶ And yn þe xj 3ere of King Hen[r]ye3 regne þe iiij<sup>the</sup>, þere was<sup>16</sup> a gret Batayle yn<sup>9</sup> Smythfelde betwene ij squiers; þat on<sup>10</sup> men callid Glowcestre, and<sup>11</sup> þat was<sup>12</sup> appelaunt, and<sup>13</sup> Arture, þat was<sup>14</sup> defendaunt; and welle and manfully fou3tyn togadrys longe tyme. And the King, for hir manfulnesse and of his grace, toke<sup>20</sup> hir quarell yn-to his honde, and mad ham go<sup>15</sup> out of þe felde at<sup>16</sup> ones; and<sup>17</sup> so þay were dyvyded of hir bataile; and þe King yaf ham grace.

And yn<sup>18</sup> þe xij 3ere of King Henrye3 regne þe iiij<sup>the</sup>, Rys ap<sup>19</sup> die, a Squier of Walis þat was a rebell & a ryser,<sup>20</sup> and<sup>21</sup> supporter of Owen of Glyndore þat dede moche destruccion to þe pepil yn<sup>22</sup> Walis, was<sup>23</sup> take, & brou3t to London. And þere he come afore þe Iustize, and was dampned for his treson; & þan he was leyde on<sup>24</sup> an hirdyl, and so draw forth to Tyburne þrowghe the cite, and þere was hangyd, & lete doune ayen, and his hed smytyn of; and his bodi quarterde and sent to foure towne3, and his hedde sette on London Brygge. 32

¶ And the<sup>25</sup> xiiij 3ere of King Henrye3 regne,<sup>26</sup> deyed

<sup>1</sup> to om. T.    <sup>2</sup> he quytte TR.    <sup>3</sup> on TR.    <sup>4</sup> vnto T.  
<sup>5</sup> þat T.    <sup>6</sup> And in T.    <sup>7</sup> y om. TR.    <sup>8</sup> þe TR.  
<sup>9</sup> doon in T.    do in R.    <sup>10</sup> on om. R.    <sup>11</sup> and om. R.  
<sup>12</sup> was þe TR.    <sup>13</sup> and þat oþer T.    <sup>14</sup> was þe TR.    <sup>15</sup> to go T.  
<sup>16</sup> boþe at T.    <sup>17</sup> and om. R.    <sup>18</sup> þanne T.    yn om. R.  
<sup>19</sup> rose vp oon T.    of R.    <sup>20</sup> & a ryser om. T.    <sup>21</sup> and also T.  
<sup>22</sup> of T.    <sup>23</sup> Walis and at laste he was T.    <sup>24</sup> vpon TR.  
<sup>25</sup> in þe T.    <sup>26</sup> of King harries T.    of king henrie3 Regne þe iiij R. of his regne Kk.

Ser Iohn Beauford, Erle<sup>1</sup> of Somerset, þat was <sup>2</sup>Capteyne of Caleys, and was beryed at þe Abbey of Tour-hille: on whose soule God haue mercy! Amen! And yn þe same yere þe Lorde Thomas, <sup>4</sup>King Harrye; sone, wedded þe Countesse of Somerset. And þe<sup>3</sup> same yere come þe ambasceturs of Fraunce yn-to Engelonde, from þe Duk of Burgoyne, vnto the prince of Engelonde, King Harrye; sone and his<sup>4</sup> heire, for help & socour of men of arme; and archers <sup>8</sup>ayens the Duk of Orlyauns. And he sent forth<sup>5</sup> þe Erle of Arundell, Ser Gylbarde Vmfrauyll, <sup>6</sup>Erle of Kyme, and þe Lorde of Cobham, Ser Iohn Oldecastell, and mony oþer gode knyztis, and worthi squyers and men of arme;, and gode archers, ouyr see<sup>7</sup> yn-to <sup>12</sup>Fraunce, and comyn to<sup>8</sup> Parys, to þe Duk of Burgoyne, þere<sup>9</sup> he resceyvyd and welcomyde þese<sup>10</sup> Englisch lordis and alle hir meyne. ¶ And þanne it was do hym to wete þat þe Duk of Orlyaunce was come to Senclowe, faste by Parys, with a grete noumbre of men of <sup>16</sup>armys & arblasters; and þedir<sup>11</sup> went our Englisch men, and fouztyn with ham, and gotyn þe brygge of Senclowe; & þere þay slow mony<sup>12</sup> of the Frensch men and Armenacke;, and þe remenaunt fledde, and<sup>13</sup> wolde no lengir abide. And oure Englysch <sup>20</sup>men comyn ayen to Paris; & þere þay tokyn hir leue of the Duke, and comen hom ayen yn-to Engelonde yn saafte, & he<sup>14</sup> yaf ham gret yeftis. ¶ Anon folowyng, the Duk of Orlyaunce sent ambascetours yn-to Engeland, to King Harry þe iiij<sup>the</sup>, besechyng hym of <sup>24</sup>his help & socour ayens his dedely enmye, þe Duke of Burgoyne. And þan þe King made Thomas, his sone, Duke of Clarence, & his oþer sone John<sup>15</sup> Duke of Bedforde, and his oþer sone Vmfray Duk of Gloucestre; & Ser Thomas Beauforde, Erle of Somerset<sup>16</sup>; & þe <sup>28</sup>Duke of Awmarle he<sup>17</sup> made Duk of Yorke. ¶ And þan þe King ordeyned his sone Thomas, and<sup>18</sup> Beauford, Erle of Somerset,<sup>19</sup> and Sir Iohn Cornewayle, and meny oþer lordis, knyztis<sup>20</sup> &<sup>21</sup> squyers, men<sup>22</sup> of arme; and<sup>23</sup> archers, to go ouyr<sup>24</sup> yn-to Fraunce, yn

<sup>1</sup> þe Erle TR. <sup>2</sup> leaf 122, back. <sup>3</sup> þis T. in this R.

<sup>4</sup> his om. T. <sup>5</sup> And thanne ther went ouer þe see T.

<sup>6</sup> vmfrauyll om. T. <sup>7</sup> wente ouer þe see T. þe se R. <sup>8</sup> into T.

<sup>9</sup> and þere TR. <sup>10</sup> welcomyd wele and goodly these T.

<sup>11</sup> tho T. <sup>12</sup> moche peple T.

<sup>13</sup> and wente and T. <sup>14</sup> and þe duke T. Duk R.

<sup>15</sup> sone Iohn TR. John om. Kk. <sup>16</sup> Dorsett T. Dorset R.

<sup>17</sup> þe whiche T. <sup>18</sup> and om. TR. <sup>19</sup> dorsett T. Dorset R.

<sup>20</sup> lordis and many oþer knyztis T. and knyztis R.

<sup>21</sup> & om. R. <sup>22</sup> and men TR.

<sup>23</sup> and many oþer T. <sup>24</sup> to gone ouer þe see T. to go over þe se R.

to ouyr Kk.

helpyng & streyngthyng of the Duke of Orlyauunce. ¶ And pese worthi lordez, with alle his retynu, schippyd at Hampton, and sayled ouyr yn-to Normandy, and landed at Hoggez. And þere mette with ham þe lorde Hambe, at hir londyng, with vij M<sup>t</sup> men <sup>4</sup> of armes of Frenschmen<sup>1</sup>; and alle were put to flyzt, and takyn of hem vij C men of armes & iiij C hors, *with-out* þo þat were slayn yn the felde. And so þei ryden forth þrouzout Fraunce, and token Castell & tounez, & slow; mych pepil of Frenschmen þat with-stode <sup>8</sup> ham, and tokyn meny prysoners as þay roode; and so þai passyd<sup>2</sup> forth til þay comyn to Burdeux; and þere þay restid ham a while, and sette þe cuntre yn pees & rest tylle þe vyntage were redy to sayle; and þanne þe Duk with his mayne com hom yn-to Engelond <sup>12</sup> yn saafte, þankyd be God! ¶ And yn þe same yere was þe Kingis coyne<sup>3</sup> chaynged þrouz-out Engelond, by þe King and his counsel, þat is to say, þe noble, half noble, & ferthyng of goolde.

¶ And þe <sup>4</sup>xiiij yere of King Harryez regne þe <sup>iii</sup>the, he lete <sup>16</sup> make galaiez of warre, for he hadde hopid to haue past þe grete se, and so forth to Ierusalem, and þere to haue endid his lyf. but God vised hym<sup>5</sup> sone aftir with Infirmyteez and grete sekenessez, þat he myzt not wel endure no while, so fernentli he was y<sup>6</sup>tak. And he <sup>20</sup> was<sup>7</sup> yn Bedde at Westmynstre yn a faire Chaumbre; and as he lay abedde, he axed his Chaumbirleyn what he<sup>8</sup> callyd that Chaumbyr þat he lay-ynne: he answerde and sayde 'Ierusalem.' þanne<sup>9</sup> he sayde, his prophecie sayde 'he<sup>10</sup> schulde make an ende <sup>24</sup> and deye yn Ierusalem.' and þan<sup>11</sup> he made hym redy vnto God, & disposed alle his wille, and sone aftir he deyed, and was caryed be water fro Westmynstre yn a barge to Feueresham, and fro þennes to Caunturburye be londe, with moche torehelyzt brennyng, yn-to <sup>28</sup> þe Priorie<sup>12</sup> of Crichirch, and þere he was worthili entered & beried besyde saint Thomas shryne of Cawnturburye. And þus endid pis<sup>13</sup> worthi King Henry abowte myd Lent Sunday, in þe yere of our Lorde Ihesu Crist, M<sup>t</sup>CCCCxiiij,<sup>14</sup> on whos soule God haue <sup>32</sup> mercy! Amen!

<sup>1</sup> frensshmen þre sergeauntes of armes with him T.      <sup>2</sup> riden R.

<sup>3</sup> yeer þe kingez coyn was R.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 123.

<sup>5</sup> him so TR.

<sup>6</sup> y om. TR.

<sup>7</sup> take and brought T. was brouzt R.

<sup>8</sup> thei T. þey R.

<sup>9</sup> and þanne T. and thanne R.

<sup>10</sup> þat he T.

<sup>11</sup> þan om. T.

<sup>12</sup> abbey T.

<sup>13</sup> the T. þe R.

<sup>14</sup> and xiiij T.

And aftir þis King Henri, regnyd his sone Henry, þe v<sup>the</sup>  
aftir þe conquest.<sup>1</sup> *Capitulum CC.xliij.*<sup>2</sup>

And aftir þe deth of King Harry þe iiiij<sup>the</sup>, regnid King Harry  
4 his sone, þat was born at Munmoth yn Walis, þat was<sup>3</sup> a worthi  
King, and a gracious man, and a gret conquerour. ¶ And yn þe  
firste yere of his regne, for gret loue & gedenesse, he sent to þe  
ffreris of Langeley, þere as his Fadir hadde do burye King Richard  
8 þe ij<sup>de</sup>, & let take vp his body ayen out of the erthe, and dede  
bring hym to Westmynstre, yn a ryal chare couert with blak  
veluet, & baners of diuers arme; alle aboute. & al þe horsse  
drawing þe chare were trappid yn black, & bete with diuers arme;  
12 and mony<sup>4</sup> a torch brennyng, by alle þe wey, til he come to  
Westmystre. And þere he lette make for hym a ryalle & a  
solempne terement, and buried hym be Quene Anne his wiff, as  
his owne desire was, on þe firther syde of Seynt Edwardes schryne,  
16 yn the Abbey of Saint Petris of Westmynstre : on whose soule God  
haue mercy ! Amen !

¶ And yn þis same yere weren<sup>5</sup> certeyne of Lollarde; and fals  
heritikis takine, þat hadde pu[r]sued, þrou; fals treson, to haue  
20 slayn þe<sup>6</sup> King, and for to haue destroyed alle þe clergy of þis  
Reme. & þai my;ht haue hadde her fals purpos, but oure Lorde God  
wolde not suffre it ; for yn hast þe<sup>7</sup> King hadde warnyng þerof, & of alle  
hir fals ordinaunce & worchyng, and come sodenly with his power  
24 to Saint Johnes-without-Smythfelde ; and anon þei tokyn a certeyn  
of þe Lollarde; & fals heritike; , and brou;ht hem<sup>8</sup> vnto þe Kingis  
presens, & þere þei<sup>9</sup> tolde all her fals purpos & ordinaunce, how þey  
wolde haue do & wro;ht, & þay my;ht haue regned &<sup>10</sup> hadde her  
28 wylle, and þere þei tolde which were her captens & her<sup>11</sup> gouernours.  
& þan þe King commaunded ham to þe Tour of London ; & þanne  
þey took moo of ham, bope w<sup>ith</sup>in þe cite & w<sup>ith</sup>out, <sup>12</sup>and sent ham  
to Newgate and to<sup>13</sup> bothe<sup>14</sup> Countie; . And þan þere<sup>15</sup> were [þei]  
32 brou;ht yn<sup>16</sup> examynacion before þe clergy and þe Kingis Iustice; ;  
& þere þei were conuicte of<sup>17</sup> hir fals heresy, & dampned before þe  
Iustice; for hir fals treson : & þus<sup>18</sup> was her Iugement, þat þay

<sup>1</sup> regnyd Harry his sone T.    <sup>2</sup> CC.xliij om. T. CC.xlv R.

<sup>3</sup> Walis and he was T.    <sup>4</sup> many TR. moy Kk.    <sup>5</sup> weren a TR.

<sup>6</sup> oure TR.    <sup>7</sup> oure T.    <sup>8</sup> þey R.    <sup>9</sup> hem om. T.    <sup>10</sup> þei om. T.

<sup>11</sup> and haue T.    <sup>12</sup> her om. T.    <sup>13</sup> leaf 123, back.    <sup>14</sup> into T.

<sup>15</sup> bothe the T.    <sup>16</sup> thei T.    <sup>17</sup> into T.

<sup>18</sup> thei were committed bifore þe clergy for T. conuict befor þe clergy for R.

<sup>19</sup> þis T. this R.

schulde be drawe fro þe Tour of London, þrouz London, vnto seint Gylez felde; & þere to be hangid & brent on<sup>1</sup> þe galows. ¶ And also was<sup>2</sup> take Ser Roger Acton, kniȝt, boþe for Lollardye & eke for treson ayens þe King and þe Reme. and he come afore þe 4 clergie, and was conuict of<sup>3</sup> his<sup>4</sup> lewed Lollardye, and<sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>before þe Iustize ydampned to be brent,<sup>6</sup> &<sup>7</sup> to be draw fro þe Tour of Lunden þrouz þe cite to Saint Gylez felde, & to<sup>8</sup> be hanged & to be<sup>9</sup> brent. 8

¶ And þe<sup>10</sup> ij yere<sup>11</sup> of King Harryez regne<sup>12</sup> þe v<sup>the</sup>, he hilde a counsel of alle þe lordez of the Reme at Westmynstre; and þere he put ham þe<sup>13</sup> demaunde, & prayed<sup>14</sup> hem of hir godenesse and of her gode counsel<sup>15</sup> to schewe hym, as touchynge þe titile &<sup>16</sup> ryȝt þat<sup>12</sup> he hadde to Normandy, Gasquoyne & Guyenne, þe which þe King of Fraunce withhilde hym<sup>17</sup> wrongefully and vnriȝtfully, þe wh[i]che his auncetrez before hym hadde holde be trewe titill of conquest, & riȝt heritage. ¶ The which Normandy, Gasquoyne & Guyenne, þe 16 gode King Edward of Wyndesore, and his<sup>18</sup> ansetryez before hym, hadde holde alle hir lyvez tyme. And his Lordez ȝaf hym counsel to sende ambassetours vnto þe King of Fraunce and his counsel, þat<sup>19</sup> he schulde yelde vp to hym his riȝt heritage, þat is to<sup>20</sup> say, Normandie, 20 Gasqueyne, & Guyenne, þe<sup>21</sup> which his predecessoris had y<sup>22</sup>holde afore hym, or ellis he wolde it wynne with dunt of swyrde yn schort tyme, with help<sup>23</sup> of Ihesu. ¶ And þanne þe Dolfynne of Fraunce answeyrd to our<sup>24</sup> ambassetours, & sayde yn<sup>25</sup> þis manere: 24 þat þe<sup>26</sup> King was ouyr yonge &<sup>27</sup> tendir of age to make eny warre ayens hym, and was not like yette to be no gede (*sic*) warryor to<sup>28</sup> make such a conqueste þere vpon hym; &<sup>29</sup> yn scorne & despite he sent to hym a tonne fulle of teneyz-ballis, be-cause he schulde<sup>30</sup> haue sumwhat 28 to<sup>31</sup> play with-alle, for hym & for his<sup>32</sup> lordez; ‘& þat become hym bettir þanne to mantayne eny warre,’ he sayd.<sup>33</sup> ¶ And þanne our<sup>34</sup>

<sup>1</sup> in R.    <sup>2</sup> ther was T.    <sup>3</sup> was committed for T.    for R.

<sup>4</sup> his clergie and TR.    <sup>5</sup> and *om.* R.

<sup>6-6</sup> to be brent and dampnyd bifore the Iustices T.    Iustice to be brent & dampned R.

<sup>7</sup> and *om.* T.    <sup>8</sup> þere R.    <sup>9</sup> to be *om.* TR.    <sup>10</sup> in the R.

<sup>11</sup> And in the yeer T.    <sup>12</sup> regne *om.* R.    <sup>13</sup> this TR.

<sup>14</sup> praide and bisoughte T.    praide & besouȝte R.

<sup>15</sup> counceile and good wille T.    counseff and goodwill R.    <sup>16</sup> and the T.

<sup>17</sup> hym *om.* TR.    <sup>18</sup> his TR.    hir Kk.    <sup>19</sup> and þat TR.

<sup>20</sup> is to TR.    is Kk.    <sup>21</sup> Gascoigne and Gyene and Normandie þe T.

<sup>22</sup> y *om.* TR.    <sup>23</sup> þe helpe T.    þe help R.    <sup>24</sup> oure T.    our R.    *om.* Kk.

<sup>25</sup> on T.    <sup>26</sup> oure T.    <sup>27</sup> and to T.    <sup>28</sup> to do and to T.    and to R.

<sup>29</sup> And sumwhat T.    <sup>30</sup> wolde R.    <sup>31</sup> forto T.

<sup>32</sup> for his TR.    for Kk.    <sup>33</sup> he sayd *om.* T.    <sup>34</sup> anoon oure T.

lordez, þat were ambassetours, tokyn hir leue & comyn yn-to  
Engelond ayen, & tolde þe Kinge and his Counsel of the vngodely  
answere þat þay hadde of the Dolfyn, and of þe present þat he hadde<sup>1</sup>  
4 sent vnto the Kinge. ¶ And whanne þe King hadde herde here  
wordez, and the answeere of the Dolfyne, he was wondir sore  
agreyd, & ryzt evil payed towarde the Frenschmen and towarde þe  
King & þe Dolfyn, and þouzt to venge hym apon hem as sone as  
8 God wolde sende hym grace and myght; and anon lette<sup>2</sup> make  
tenysballis for the Dolfyn in alle þe haste þat þay myzte be maad,<sup>3</sup>  
& þat þei were harde & grete gune-stonys, for þe Dolfyn to play  
with-alle. ¶ And þanne anon þe King sent for alle his lordez, &  
12 hilde a gret<sup>4</sup> Counsel at Westmynstre, and tolde vnto hem þe  
answeere þat he<sup>5</sup> hadde of the Dolfyn, and of<sup>6</sup> his worthi present  
to<sup>7</sup> hym and to<sup>8</sup> his lordez, to play with-alle. And þere þe King  
and his lordez were accorded þat þay schulde be redy yn armys with  
16 hir power, yn þe best aray þat myzt be,<sup>9</sup> and gete<sup>10</sup> men of armes  
and archers,<sup>11</sup> and alle oþer stuff þat longed þerto,<sup>12</sup> & to be redy  
with alle hir retynu to mete at Southhampton be Lammesse next  
folouyng, without eny delaye; for the King ordeyned is<sup>13</sup> Naueye  
20 of schippe, with al maner stuff<sup>14</sup> & vitaille þat longid to such a  
warriour, of al maner ordinaunce,<sup>15</sup> yn the hauen of Southhamton,  
in<sup>16</sup> to þe nowmbir of iij<sup>c</sup> xx<sup>ti</sup> sayle. ¶ And þere fil<sup>17</sup> a grete deseze  
& a foul myschif; for þer were iij lordez þat<sup>18</sup> þe King tryst moche  
24 ynne, þat,<sup>19</sup> for fals couetize purposid<sup>20</sup> þe Kingis deth, & þouzt to  
haue slayn hym and alle his breþryn or he hadde take þe see, þe  
which were named þus: Ser Richarde, þe Erle of Caumbrydge,  
broþer to þe Duk of York; þe ij was þe Lord Scrope, Treserer of  
28 Engelond; þe iij was Ser Thomas Gray, knyzt, of the Northeuntre.  
And þeze iij lordez afore sayde, for luere of Moneye, had made  
promis to þe Frenschmen to<sup>21</sup> haue slayne oure King and alle his  
worthi brethryn, by a false trayne sodenly, ere þay hadde be war.  
32 But God, of his gret grace, hylde his holy hand ouyr ham, & saued

<sup>1</sup> whiche he hadde T. þe whiche he hadde R. þat hadde Kk.

<sup>2</sup> he lete T. <sup>3</sup> maad TR. padde (sic) Kk. <sup>4</sup> leaf 124. <sup>5</sup> thei T.

<sup>6</sup> of om. R. <sup>7</sup> that he sente to T. þat he sente to R. <sup>8</sup> to om. T.

<sup>9</sup> be done T. be do R. <sup>10</sup> to gete T.

<sup>11</sup> archers þat myghte be geten T. archers þat myzte be gotten R.

<sup>12</sup> longid toward it T. to it R. <sup>13</sup> þanne his T. <sup>14</sup> of stuff T.

<sup>15</sup> of ordinauncis T. <sup>16</sup> in om. T.

<sup>17</sup> And thanne felle ther T. And þanne fil þer R. <sup>18</sup> which þat TR.

<sup>19</sup> ynne þat om. T. þat om. R.

<sup>20</sup> couetise þat þei hadde purposid & Iugid T. couetize þat þey hadde  
purposed and iuged R. <sup>21</sup> forto TR.

hem from þis pavelous meyne. ¶ And for to haue do<sup>1</sup> þis, þei resceyued of þe Frenschmen a mylyon of golde, þat<sup>2</sup> was þere oponly previde; and for þer fals treson þey were all iij Iuged vnto deth<sup>3</sup>; and þis was þe Iugement: þat þai schulde be ladde þrouz Hampton, 4 and without þe<sup>4</sup> Northegate, þere to be hedid; & þus þai endide, for her fals couetyse and treson.

¶ Anon as þus<sup>5</sup> was do, þe King and alle his meyne made hem redy, and wenton to schyppe, &<sup>6</sup> sayled forth with xv<sup>e</sup> schippe, 8 and arryued with-ynne Sayne, at Kiteaws, vpon our Ladiez Evyn, þe<sup>7</sup> Assumpcion, yn Normandy, with al his ordynaunce; & so went<sup>8</sup> forth to Hareflyte, & besegid þe toun al aboute, by londe<sup>9</sup> and<sup>9</sup> by watir, and sent to þe capteyne, and bade hym delyuer þe<sup>12</sup> towne: and he saide, ‘non<sup>10</sup> he delyuerd hym, ne non he wolde to hym delyuer,<sup>11</sup> but bade hym do his beste.’ ¶ And þan þe<sup>12</sup> King leyde his ordynaunce vnto þe toun, þat is for to saye, Gunnez, Engyne, 13 Tripgettis, & schet and cast vnto þe wallis & eke yn-to 16 þe toun, & caste down both toures and toun, & layde ham vnto þe grounde: & þere<sup>14</sup> he played at<sup>15</sup> tenys with his harde gune-stones; þat<sup>16</sup> were withynne þe toun. ¶ Whanne þai schulde plai, þai songyn ‘welawaye and allas þat<sup>17</sup> eny suche tenyez-ballis were made,’ 20 and cursed al þo þat warre beganne, & þe tyme þat<sup>18</sup> þei were born. ¶ And on þe morow þe King dede crye at euery gate of þe toun, þat euery man schulde be redye, on þe morowe erlye to make assaute vnto þe toun. ¶ And Gilliam<sup>19</sup> Bocher & Iohn Gaunt,<sup>20</sup> with 24 xij oper worthi burgez, comyn to þe King, and besouzt hym, of his ryall mageste & power, to<sup>21</sup> withdrawe his malice and<sup>22</sup> destruction þat he dede vnto hem, & besouzt hym of viij dayez respite and trewez, yef eny rescu myzt come vnto hem, and ellis to yelde vp þe 28 toun vnto hym, with alle her godez. ¶ And þan þe king sent forth þe Capteyne, and kept þe Remenaunt stille with hym. And þe lorde Gancort went fforth to Rone yn alle hast, vnto þe Dolfyn, for<sup>23</sup> help & socour; but þer was non, ne no maner rescu<sup>24</sup>; for þe 32 Dolfyn wolde not abyde. ¶ And þus þis Capteyne come ageyne to<sup>25</sup>

<sup>1</sup> þo R.    <sup>2</sup> and þat R.    <sup>3</sup> the deeth T.    <sup>4</sup> þe om. R.

<sup>5</sup> this T. þis R.    <sup>6</sup> and token and T.    <sup>7</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>8</sup> wente him T.    <sup>9</sup> and eek T.    <sup>10</sup> that noon T.    <sup>11</sup> yelde TR.

<sup>12</sup> oure T.    <sup>13</sup> Engynes and T.    <sup>14</sup> þere om. T.

<sup>15</sup> at the T.    <sup>16</sup> at þe R.    <sup>17</sup> to hem that T.

<sup>18</sup> that euer T.    <sup>19</sup> þat euer R.

<sup>20</sup> William T.    <sup>21</sup> And thanne William R.    <sup>22</sup> Grant R.

<sup>23</sup> leaf 124, back    <sup>24</sup> and his T. & his R.    <sup>25</sup> forto haue T.

<sup>26</sup> reson R.    <sup>27</sup> vnto TR.



þe King, and yelde vp þe toun, and delyverde hym þe keyez. And þan he callyd his vnclē, þe Erle of Dorset, and made hym Capteyne of the toun<sup>1</sup> of Harflete, & delyuered hym þe keiez, and bade hym  
 4 go put out alle þe Frensch peple, both man, womman and chylde, & stuffe þe toun<sup>2</sup> with Englisch men. ¶ And þan þe King sent yn to Engelonde,<sup>3</sup> þat what crafti man wolde come þidir, & ynhabit hym þere ynne þe tounē, he scholde have hous and housholde to  
 8 hym & to his heyrez for euermore. And þidir went mony dyuers Marchauntez & Crafti men, & inhabited ham þere, to streynth þe tounē, & weryn welcome. ¶ And whenne þe King saw þis, þat hit was<sup>4</sup> welle stoffed both of vitaille & of men, þis worthi Prynce  
 12 & King toke his leve, & went hym to Caleys warde by londe. ¶ And þe Frensch men herde of his komyng, and<sup>5</sup> pouzt to stoppe his way, þat he scholde not passe þat way; & yn hast broken alle þe brygges þere eny passage was for hors & man, yn-so-moche þere<sup>6</sup>  
 16 myzt no man passe ouyr þe see Ryuers, noþer on hors ne on foote, but yef he schulde be drounde. ¶ Wherefore our<sup>7</sup> King, with alle his peple, went & souuzte his way fer vp to<sup>8</sup> Paris warde; & þere was alle þe ryal power of Fraunce redy to yef hym batayle, and to  
 20 destroy al his pepyl; but God<sup>9</sup> almyzti was his gide, and saued hym and alle his peple,<sup>10</sup> and withstode alle<sup>11</sup> his enymys purpos, þankyd be God, þat so sauyd<sup>12</sup> his owne knyzt & King yn his riztfull tytyl! ¶ And<sup>13</sup> our King saw<sup>14</sup> þe multitude & nowmbre of  
 24 his enymys to withstonde his way & for to yeue hym bataile, þanne þe King, with a meke hert and a gode spiryt, lyfte vp his handez to Almyzti God,<sup>15</sup> besechyng hym of<sup>16</sup> help & socour, and þat dai to saue his trew seruauntez. ¶ And þanne our King gadryd alle his  
 28 lordez togadir,<sup>17</sup> and oþer pepil aboute hym, and bade hem alle to be of<sup>18</sup> gode chere, for þei schulde haue a<sup>19</sup> fayre daye and a gracious victori, and þe bettir of al hir<sup>20</sup> enymys; and prayed hem alle to make hem redy vnto þe batayle; for he wolde rapere be ded þat

<sup>1</sup> towne that is to seie T.

<sup>2</sup> stuffid this towne of Harflete T.

<sup>3</sup> Englonde and dide criē in eueri good towne of Englonde T. Engelonde and dede criē in eueri good town of engelonde R.

<sup>4</sup> þat hit was T. saw þat it was R. þat is Kk.

<sup>5</sup> thei T. <sup>6</sup> þat ther T. þat þer R. <sup>7</sup> þe R. <sup>8</sup> ferre vnto T.

<sup>9</sup> god that is T. <sup>10</sup> meynee T. meyne R. <sup>11</sup> alle om. TR.

<sup>12</sup> that sauyd so T. saued so R. <sup>13</sup> And thanne TR.

<sup>14</sup> king biholding and seyng T. beholdinge and seyng R.

<sup>15</sup> god and TR. <sup>16</sup> of his TR. <sup>17</sup> togadir om. TR.

<sup>18</sup> of TR. a Kk. <sup>19</sup> haue a TR. schulde a Kk. <sup>20</sup> his TR.

day, in batayle or yn felde,<sup>1</sup> þan be<sup>2</sup> take of his enymys; for he wolde nevir put þe rem of Engelond to no Rawnson for his persone. ¶ And þe Duk of Yorke fill on his<sup>3</sup> kne, and besauzt þe King of a bone, þat he wolde graunte hym þat day þe vawnt-ward yn his<sup>4</sup> batayle: and þe King graunted hym his asking, and sayde, “gramarcy, Cosyn of Yorke!” and prayed hym to make hym redye. ¶ And þanne he bade euery man to<sup>5</sup> orden hym a stake of tre, and<sup>6</sup> scharp both<sup>7</sup> endis, þat þe stake myzt be pyght yn<sup>8</sup> the 8 erthe a-slop, þat hir enymyeȝ schulde not ouyr-ryde hem,—for þat was hir fals purpos,—and arayed hem al<sup>9</sup> þere for<sup>9</sup> to ouyr-ryde our meyne at þe first comyng of ham sodeynly yn þe first bront.

¶ And alle nyzt before þe bataile, þe Frenschmen made mony<sup>12</sup> grete fires, and moche revell with hontynge, and<sup>10</sup> played our King and his lordez at þe dys, and an archer for<sup>11</sup> a blanke of hir moneye; for þei wende hadde<sup>12</sup> be heyreȝ.

[*The Battle of Agincourt.*]

¶ The morow<sup>13</sup> aros, þe day gan spryng, and þe King, be gode<sup>16</sup> avis, lette arme<sup>14</sup> his bataile and<sup>15</sup> wynges, and charged euery man to kepe hym hoole togadir, & prayed hem al to be of gode chere. And whanne þay were redy, he askid what tyme of þe day it was, & þay sayde ‘pryme.’ ¶ “Thanne,” said our King, “nowe is gode<sup>20</sup> tyme, for alle Engelond prayeth for vs; and þerfore be of gode chere, & lette vs go to our iorney.” And þanne he sayde with an hygh voyce: ¶ “In þe name of Almyȝti God and<sup>16</sup> Saynt George, avaunt banarer! and Saynt George, þis day þyn help!”<sup>24</sup>

¶ And þanne þeȝe Frenschmen come prikkyng doun as þei wolde haue ouyr-rydyn alle oure meyne; but God and our archers—made hem sone to stomble; for our archers schet neuyr arowe amys, but it<sup>17</sup> perished and brouzt to grounde man and hors<sup>18</sup>; for þey<sup>28</sup> schet þat day for a wager; and our stakeȝ made hem top ouyr terve, eche on oþer, þat þay lay on hepis ij spere lengthe of heighth. And our King, with his meyne and with<sup>19</sup> men of armeȝ, evir

<sup>1</sup> wolde rathir that day be deed in the feld T. þe feeld R.

<sup>2</sup> to be T. <sup>3</sup> his om. T. <sup>4</sup> leaf 125.

<sup>5</sup> of tre and om. T. <sup>6</sup> at bothe R. <sup>7</sup> into TR.

<sup>8</sup> hem aȝ T. hem alle R. al Kk. <sup>9</sup> for om. T.

<sup>10</sup> and shoutyng and T. and showtynge and R.

<sup>11</sup> ail for T. al for R. <sup>12</sup> all hadde TR. <sup>13</sup> morne T. morn R.

<sup>14</sup> araie TR. <sup>15</sup> and his TR. <sup>16</sup> and of R. <sup>17</sup> that it T.

<sup>18</sup> hors and mau T. <sup>19</sup> with om. R.

1 layde doune; for he most fyt<sup>1</sup> with his owne hondez; and our<sup>2</sup> gode archers lackid<sup>3</sup> on<sup>4</sup> arowes, and<sup>5</sup> layde on with stakez. ¶ And þus Almy<sup>3</sup>ti God and Saint George brouzt our enymys to grounde, and 4 3af vs þat day þe victori; & þere were slayn of Frensch-men þat day yn þe ffelde of Agyncourt, moo þan a<sup>6</sup> xj M<sup>t</sup>, without prysoners þat were take. & þere were nowmbred þat day of Frenschmen yn the felde, mo þan vj xx M<sup>t</sup>, and of Englyschmen nouzt vij M<sup>t</sup>; but God 8 þat day fauzt for vs.

¶ And aftir come<sup>7</sup> þer tydynges to þe<sup>8</sup> King, þat þere was a new Batayle of Frenschmen ordeyned, redy to stele on hem, and comyn towarde hym. Thanne<sup>9</sup> anon þe<sup>10</sup> King lette crye þat euery 12 man scholde sle his prysoner þat he hadde take; and anon arrayed his bataile ayen redy for<sup>11</sup> to fyt with þe Frenschmen. ¶ Whanne þay say þat our men killyd doun<sup>12</sup> her prysoners, þanne withdrow þay<sup>13</sup> ham, and brak hir batayle and alle hir araye; and þus our 16 King (as a worthi conqueror) hadde þat day þe victory yn the ffelde of Agyncourt yn Pycardye.

¶ And þanne our King returned ayen þere þe Batayle was, to se what pepil was ded of Englyschmen, and yef eny were hurt þat 20 myzt be holpe; and þere were ded yn þe ffelde, on þer party<sup>14</sup> þe Duk of Barry, þe Duk of Launson,<sup>15</sup> þe Duk of Braban, the Erle of Nauerne, þe Chief counstable of Fraunce, and viij oper erlez, and þe Archebischope of Saumte, and of gode Barons C<sup>16</sup> and moo, 24 and of worthi kniȝtis of grete alyaunce of Cote armyours, M<sup>t</sup> C.<sup>17</sup> And of Englyschmen was ded þat day, þe<sup>18</sup> Duk of Yorke and þe Erle of Suffolk; and of alle oper of Englisch<sup>19</sup> Nacyon þere were not ded passyng xxvj bodiez, thanked be God! And pis batayle was 28 on a Friday, þe<sup>20</sup> which was Crispyn & Crispiniane<sup>3</sup> day, yn the moneth of October. And anon þe King commawnded to bery ham, and the Duke of York to be caried forth with ham, and þe Erle of Suffolke. And þere were tak<sup>21</sup> prisoners, þe Duk of Orlyance, þe 32 Duk of Burbone, þe Erle of Vandom, þe Erle of Ewe, þe Erle of Richmond, and Ser Bursigaunt, Marchal of Fraunce. And mony

1—1 leide doune for him bifett to fighte that day T. laide doun) for him fil to figte R.

2 our om. T. 3 þat lackeden T. 4 on om. T. 5 and om. T.

6 a om. TR. 7 that come T. 8 oure T. our R.

9 And T. Thanne om. R. 10 oure T. our R. 11 for om. TR.

12 a doune T. 13 thei withdrew T. 14 on þer party om. TR.

15 Alaunsonn T. 16 an C T. 17 A M<sup>t</sup> and v C T.

18 þe good T. þe gode R. 19 leaf 125, back. 20 þe om. T.

21 take om. T.

oper worthi lordez were take yn pis batayle of Agyncourt, and brouzt vnto þe toun of Caleys, and so ouyr se<sup>1</sup> with þe King yn-to<sup>2</sup> Engelond, and londid at Douer, yn Kent, with alle his prisoners in saafte,—þankid be Ihesu!—and so cam to<sup>3</sup> Caunturbury, and offred 4 at Saint Thomas Schryne; and so roode forth þrouz Kent þe next way to Eltham, & þere he restid hym tyll he wolde come to London. ¶ And þan þe Meire of London and þe Aldermen and 4 þe Schereffe<sup>5</sup>, with alle þe worþi Comeners and craftis, comyn to þe 8 Blake-Heth, welle and worthilye arayed to welcome our Kyng with dyuers melodye, and 6 þanke Allemyzty god of his gracious victory þat he hadde schewed to<sup>7</sup> hym.

[*Henry V's Reception in London.*]

¶ And so þe King and his prysoners passyd forth by ham, til 12 he com vnto<sup>8</sup> Seint Thomas watryng; and þere mette<sup>9</sup> with hym alle þe Religious with precession, and welcomyd hym; and so<sup>10</sup> þe King come ridyng<sup>11</sup> with his prysoners þrouz þe cite of London, where þere<sup>12</sup> was schewyd mony a faire syzt at alle þe Conditez and 16 at þe Cros yn Chepe, as yn heuynly aray, angelis,<sup>13</sup> archaungelis, Patriarchus, prophetis,<sup>14</sup> and virginis with dyuers melodyz, sensyng<sup>15</sup> and syngyng to welcome our King, and alle conditus<sup>16</sup> rennyng wyne. And þe King passyd forthe vnto Saint Paulez; and þere<sup>17</sup> 20 met with hym xiiij Bischopez, reuersed and mitryd, with Censers to welcome þe King, and sungun for his gracious victori *Te deum laudamus*. And þere þe King offred, &<sup>18</sup> roode forth<sup>19</sup> to Westmynstre; and þe<sup>20</sup> Maire toke leue<sup>21</sup> of þe King, and rode hoom 24 ayen.

¶ And yn þe thrydde yere of King Henryez regne þe v<sup>th</sup>e, Came þe Emperour of Almayne, King of Rome & of Hungary, yn-to Engelonde, and so to þe cite of London. And þe Maire, aldermen,<sup>22</sup> 28 and schereviz,<sup>23</sup> with þe<sup>24</sup> worthi craftis of London, be þe Kingiz commaundement, met with hym on the Blake-Heth yn þe best aray þat þay cowthe, on hors bak; & þere þay welcomyd hym, and brouzt hym to London with moche honour and grete reuerence. 32

<sup>1</sup> þe sea T.    <sup>2</sup> king of T.    <sup>3</sup> vnto T.    <sup>4</sup> & R. and om. Kk.

<sup>5</sup> london with the sherefis and þe Aldirmen T.    <sup>6</sup> & to R.

<sup>7</sup> for TR.    <sup>8</sup> to T.    <sup>9</sup> þei mette T.    <sup>10</sup> so om. T.    <sup>11</sup> MS. adyng.

<sup>12</sup> that ther T.    <sup>13</sup> of Aungels TR.    <sup>14</sup> prophetis om. R.

<sup>15</sup> of sensyng T.    <sup>16</sup> þe Condites T.    þe conditus R.    <sup>17</sup> þanne T.

<sup>18</sup> & took and T.    <sup>19</sup> forth om. T.    <sup>20</sup> thanne the T.    þenne þe R.

<sup>21</sup> his leue T.    <sup>22</sup> and the aldirmen T.

<sup>23</sup> with the sherefis T. and shereues R. shereviz Kk.    <sup>24</sup> and þe T.

And atte Seint Thomas watryng þere mette with hym the King and alle<sup>1</sup> his lordez yn gode aray. And þere was a worthi metyng betwene þe Emperour and þe King; & þere thay kussid togadrez,<sup>4</sup> & braced ech othir; and þan<sup>2</sup> þe King toke þe Emperour be þe hande; & so þai come rydyng prouzt þe cite of London vnto Saint Poulez; and þere þay lyzte, and offred; and alle þe<sup>3</sup> Bischopez stode reuersed, with censers yn here hondez, censyng. ¶ Thanne<sup>4</sup> 8 þei tokyn hir hors, and ryden to<sup>5</sup> Westmynstre; and þere the King loggyd the Emperoure yn his owne palis, & þere<sup>6</sup> restid hym a grete while, and alle atte þe Kingis cost.

¶ And sone aftir come þe Duk of Holond yn-to Engelond, to<sup>7</sup> 12 se þe Emperour, and to speke with hym and with þe King; and he was worthily resceyved and loggyd yn the Bischopis In of Hely, and alle at þe Kinges cost. ¶ And whanne þe Emperoure hadde wel restid hym and sey þe lande yn dyuers partees, and knew þe 16 commoditees, þanne, be processe of tyme, he toke his leue of the King; but ere he went<sup>8</sup> he was made Knyzt of the Gartir, & resceyved and weryd þe lyuerey; and þanne he thanked þe King and alle<sup>9</sup> his worthi lordez; and<sup>10</sup> þe King & he went ouer þe see 20 to Calys, and abydyn þere longe tyme, to haue an onswere of the Frensch King. And atte þe<sup>11</sup> last hit come, and plesyd hym rizt nought; and<sup>12</sup> þe Emperour toke his leue of the King, and passyd forth yn Goddis name; and oure King come ouyr ayen yn-to 24 Engelond, yn alle þe hast þat he myzt; and þat was on Saynt Lukes eue þat he come to Lambeth; and on the Monday next ffoluynge he come yn<sup>13</sup> to the parlement atte Westmynstre. And yn þis same yere was a gret derth of Corne yn Engelond, but,<sup>14</sup>— 28 thankyd be God!—hit lastid not long.

**How the King went þe secunde tyme yn-to Normandy; & of þe sege of Roone.<sup>15</sup> Capitulum CC xlv.<sup>16</sup>**

And yn þe forth yere of King Harryez regne<sup>17</sup> þe fifthe, he 32 hilde his parlement at Westmynstre yn the begynnynge of<sup>18</sup> moneth of October, and lastid vnto þe purificacion of our Lady þanne next folowyng. And þere was grawnted vnto þe King, to maynetayne

<sup>1</sup> the kyng and alle T. hym alle Kk.    <sup>2</sup> thanne T. þan om. R.

<sup>3</sup> þe om. R.    <sup>4</sup> And þanne T. And þenne R.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 126.

<sup>6</sup> þere he TR.    <sup>7</sup> to come and T.    <sup>8</sup> þede T. yede R.

<sup>9</sup> alle om. T.    <sup>10</sup> And thanne TR.    <sup>11</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>12</sup> And thanne T.

<sup>13</sup> yn om. R.    <sup>14</sup> but om. T.    <sup>15</sup> How the king . . . Roone om. TR.

<sup>16</sup> CC xlvj R.    <sup>17</sup> regne om. T.    <sup>18</sup> of the T. of þe R.

his warres, bothe of<sup>1</sup> *spiritualte* & *temporalte*, an hole tax and a dyme.<sup>2</sup> ¶ And<sup>3</sup> anon þe King prayed al his lordez to make hem redy to streynth hym yn his ryzt; and anon he lette make a new retynu, and charged alle men to be redye at Hampton yn þe<sup>4</sup> 4 Whitson woke þanne next folowyng, without eny delay. ¶ And<sup>5</sup> þe Kinge made þe Duke of Bedforde Protector & defender of his Reme of Engeland yn his absens, and charged hym to kepe his lawez, &<sup>6</sup> mayntayne boþe<sup>7</sup> *spiritualte* and<sup>8</sup> *temporalte*. ¶ And<sup>8</sup> whanne þe King hadde þus do, and sette alle þyng yn kinde, on Saint Marke; day, þat was þat tyme Hocwednesday, he toke his hors atte Westmynstre, and come rydyng to Poulis; & þere he offred, and toke his leue, and<sup>9</sup> rode forth þrow þe cite, taking his<sup>12</sup> leve of alle maner of<sup>10</sup> peple, as welle of<sup>11</sup> pore as of<sup>11</sup> Rich, praynge alle hem<sup>12</sup> yn generall to pray for hym. And so he roode forth to Saint George; and þere he offred, and toke is leve of þe Maire, Chargyng hym to kepe welle his Chaumbre; and so rode forth to<sup>16</sup> Hampton, and þere abode tille his retynu was redy and come to hym; for þere was alle<sup>13</sup> his Naueye of schippe; with his ordynaunce, gadred and welle stuffyd, as longyd to such a ryalle Kinge, with alle maner of<sup>14</sup> vitayle; for his<sup>15</sup> pepille, as welle for hors as for<sup>20</sup> man, as longyd for such a warriour, þat is to say, armure, Gonne; tripgettis, Engyne; sowe; Bastille; brygge; of lethir, scaling laddres, mallis, <sup>16</sup>spade; schouylle; Pykys,<sup>17</sup> bowe; and<sup>18</sup> arowe; bowstrynge; scheftis,<sup>19</sup> &<sup>20</sup> pipis fulle of arowe; as nede for such a<sup>24</sup> worthi warriour þat no ping was to sech. &<sup>21</sup> whanne tyme come, þedir come to hym scheppe; lade with<sup>22</sup> gunepowder.

[*Henry V's second Invasion of France.*]

¶ Whanne<sup>23</sup> þis<sup>24</sup> was rede, and his retynu come, þe King and his lordez, with alle his rial host, went to schippe, & tokyn þe see &<sup>28</sup> sayled yn-to Normandye, and landed at Towk vpon<sup>25</sup> Lammas Day þan next; and þere he made xxviii<sup>26</sup> knightis at his lonyng.

<sup>1</sup> of þe T.

<sup>2</sup> dyme in susteynyng of his warres T. dyme in susteynyng of his werris R.

<sup>3</sup> And þanne T. and thenne R. <sup>4</sup> þe om. T.

<sup>5</sup> And there T. and þere R. <sup>6</sup> and to T. <sup>7</sup> boþe the T.

<sup>8</sup> and þe T. <sup>9</sup> and so TR. <sup>10</sup> of om. T. <sup>11</sup> of the T.

<sup>12</sup> hem alle T. han alle R. <sup>13</sup> alle om. T. <sup>14</sup> of om. R.

<sup>15</sup> for such a roiall T. for such a rial R. <sup>16</sup> leaf 126, back.

<sup>17</sup> Pikeyses Pavises T. Pikeys Pavis R. <sup>18</sup> and om. T.

<sup>19</sup> Tonnes Cheftis T. Tonnes Chiftis R. <sup>20</sup> & or T. <sup>21</sup> & om. TR.

<sup>22</sup> with Gennes and T. <sup>23</sup> And whanne R. A. whenne T.

<sup>24</sup> all this T. <sup>25</sup> vpon þe T. <sup>26</sup> xlvij TR.

¶ And panne þe King, hering of mony enymys vpon þe see, þat is to sey, ix grete Carylis, hulkys,<sup>1</sup> Galeyez & schippi3, that were come to<sup>2</sup> destroye his Nauey, anon<sup>3</sup> he commaunded þe Erle of the

4 March to be chyff Capteyne, and mony worthi lor[d]e3 with hym, with<sup>4</sup> men of armys and archers, to go to the see, þat non enmyes defouled his Nauey<sup>5</sup> ne entred his londe yn no maner party for to destrowble his viage ne<sup>6</sup> corneye. ¶ And anon þe erle toke his

8 meyne, and went to schyppe, and skimmed the see, and kepte þe see-costez, þat no maner<sup>7</sup> enymys durste rowte<sup>8</sup> vpon þe see.

¶ And anon þe Kinge sent his heroudes vnto þe Capten of Towke, & chargyd hym to delyuer is<sup>9</sup> Castell and his toun, & ellis he

12 schulde leve neyper<sup>10</sup> man ne child a<sup>11</sup>lyve. And anon þe Captene & iiij oþer burge3 brouzt the keye3 vnto þe King, and besouzt hym of grace; and þe Kinge delyuerd<sup>12</sup> to Ser Iohn<sup>13</sup> Kighley þe keie3, and made hym Capteyn, & commawnded hym to put out<sup>14</sup> alle þe<sup>15</sup>

16 Frenschmen, bothe of þe Castell and of the toun. ¶ And þere besyde was þe Castell of Louers; and þedir þe King sent þe Erle Marchall, with a faire mayne, and sawted þe toun; and anon it was yelded vp vnto<sup>16</sup> þe Erle, & brouzt hym þe keye3,<sup>17</sup> & he

20 brouzt þe keye3 to þe King; & þe King toke to<sup>18</sup> hym þe keye3, and made hym Capteyn of the Castell of Louers & of alle þat longed perto, and charged him to<sup>19</sup> delyuer oute alle þe F[r]enschen.

¶ And þan þe King<sup>20</sup> hilde forth his way to Cane, þat was a

24 strong toune and a faire, and a ryalle Castell þerynne. And anon he sent his herodde3 vnto þe Capteyn, and Chargyd hym to delyuer þe toun and his Castel, or ellis he wolde hit gete with<sup>21</sup> streynth of hond.

28 ¶ And þai answerd and sayd to him, 'non of hym he toke,<sup>22</sup> ne non þey<sup>23</sup> wolde delyuer vnto hym.'<sup>24</sup> ¶ And þanne<sup>25</sup> anon he leyde his sege to þe toun, and layde gunne3 on euery syde, and bete adoun both walles & toures, and slow myche pepil yn hir<sup>26</sup> howse3

32 & eke yn stretes. ¶ And þe gode Duk of Clarens, he<sup>27</sup> layde doun<sup>28</sup>

<sup>1</sup> hulkis and T.      <sup>2</sup> forto T.      <sup>3</sup> And anoon T.      <sup>4</sup> of R.  
<sup>5</sup> his Navie T.      his Naueie R.      Nauey Kk.  
<sup>6</sup> ne his TR.      <sup>7</sup> maner of TR.      <sup>8</sup> come T.      <sup>9</sup> him his TR.  
<sup>10</sup> neiper leue T.      neyther leue R.      <sup>11</sup> on T.      <sup>12</sup> dide delyuer T.  
<sup>13</sup> lohn of R.      <sup>14</sup> putte out TR.      put Kk.      <sup>15</sup> þe om. TR.  
<sup>16</sup> yolden to T.      yolde to R.      <sup>17</sup> and þe keies brought to him T.  
<sup>18</sup> to om. TR.      <sup>19</sup> him to T.      to Rkk.      <sup>20</sup> And þe kyng þanne T.  
<sup>21</sup> with dynt of swerde and T.      <sup>22</sup> saide he took him noon R.      <sup>23</sup> he R.  
<sup>24</sup> and seide he took hem noon ne noon he wolde delyuer to him T.  
<sup>25</sup> thanne om. T.      <sup>26</sup> hir om. T.      <sup>27</sup> he om. R.      <sup>28</sup> a downe T.

þe wallis on his syde vnto þe grounde; and so with ynne a while þe King be his counsel assauted þe toun alle aboute; and anon þe Duk of Clarans had entyrd yn-to the toun, and slow3 douu ryzt til þat he come vnto þe King, and spared neþer man ne childe; and 4 eyr þai cryed "a Clarans, a Clarans, Seint George!" & slou3 douu ryzt; and þere was ded on þe wallis,<sup>1</sup> on þe Kingis syde, a worthi man þat me callid Sprengheose, þe which þe King commaunded to be beryed yn þe abbey of Cane, fast by William Conqueroure: on 8 whose soule, God haue mercy! amen! <sup>2</sup>And thanne<sup>3</sup> þe King come yn-to þe toun, with his Broþer þe Duk of Clarens, and mony oþer worthi lordez,<sup>4</sup> with moche solempnite and myrthe, and þanne þe King commaunded þe<sup>5</sup> Capteyne to delyuer his<sup>6</sup> Castell; and he 12 besouzt þe King þat he wolde yeue<sup>7</sup> hym xiiij dayez of<sup>8</sup> respite, yef eny rescu wolde come; and yf non come, to delyuer hym þe keyez and þe Castelle atte his owne commaundement. ¶ And vndir pis composicion was the toun<sup>9</sup> & þe Castell of Bayons, with 16 oþer tounez, fortalicez & villagez, yn-to þe noubre of xiiij tounes. And<sup>10</sup> vpon þe hylle before the castell of Cane, þe<sup>11</sup> King pyght alle his tentis, þat semyd a toun as moche as Cane. & by þat come tydyngis þat no rescu<sup>12</sup> wolde come þere; and<sup>13</sup> so, at þe xiiij 20 dayes ende, þe Capteyne come out, and delyuered þe keyez and þe Castell to our King; And Bayons and þe oþer xiiij tounez weryn delyuerd vnto<sup>14</sup> hym also. and anon þe King delyuerd þe keyes to þe Duk of Clarans, and made hym Capten, both of the toun and of 24 þe Castell, & made hym Capteyn of Bayons, & of al þe oþer tounez also, and so<sup>15</sup> entred þe Castell & þe toun<sup>16</sup> also; and þere he hylde his Seint Georgez feste; and þere he made xv Kniȝtis of the Bath.<sup>17</sup> And þe King commaunded to<sup>18</sup> put out alle þe Frenschmen, boþe 28 man & womman; and no man so hardy to defoule no womman, ne take no maner gode away from ham, but late hem passe yn pees, vpon<sup>19</sup> deth; and þere passed out of the toun, yn on day, moo þan 32 xv c wymmen.

<sup>1</sup> on þe wallis *om.* T.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 127.    <sup>3</sup> thanne T. þanne R. when Kk.

<sup>4</sup> and many oþer lordes T.    <sup>5</sup> commandid þe kyng vnto the T.

<sup>6</sup> him his TR.    <sup>7</sup> kyng to yeue T. þe kinge to yeve R.    <sup>8</sup> of *om.* R.

<sup>9</sup> was the towne T. was þe toun) R. the toun *om.* Kk.

<sup>10</sup> And *om.* T. ac Kk.    <sup>11</sup> oure T. oure R.

<sup>12</sup> rescue T. rescu R.    <sup>13</sup> and TR.    <sup>14</sup> to T.    <sup>15</sup> so *om.*

<sup>16</sup> þe toun) and þe casteH R.

<sup>17</sup> Bath there was *ser* lowes Robserd Salyn Cheyne Mongomerie and many oþer were maad knyȝtis T. Bath and þere was sir lowis Robessart Salyn Cheyne Moungomery and meny oþer R.

<sup>18</sup> hem forto T. ham forto R.    <sup>19</sup> vpon þe T.



¶ And panne þe<sup>1</sup> King lete stuffe þe Toun and þe Castell with Englisch men, and ordeyned ij Capteyne3, on for the toun and a-noþer for the Castell, and chargyd ham, vpon her lyf, to kepe wel 4 the toun and þe Castell. And or he<sup>2</sup> went þenne3, he gat valeys Newelyn, & leyde sege<sup>3</sup> to Chierburgh. And þat<sup>4</sup> sege layde þe Duk of Gloucestre with a strong pouer, and be processe of tyme gat it, and made þere a Capteyne. And þe<sup>5</sup> same tyme þe Erle of 8 Warwic layde sege<sup>6</sup> to Dounstount, & gat hit, and put þeryn a capteyne.

¶ And for to speke moore of the Erle of the Marche, þat þe King hadde sette<sup>7</sup> to scom þe see and þe Cooste3 of Engelonde for 12 enymys, þe wynde aros so vp-on hem, þat þei wende alle for<sup>8</sup> to haue loste her lyve3; but prou3 þe grace of God, and goode governaunce, þey þat were within the Ile of Wight, ryden al þat storme þere.<sup>9</sup> ¶ And þere were lost ij Carreke3 & ij balyngers with 16 marchaundis godis, and alle þe pepyl þat were þerynne; & anoþer Caryk droff before Hampton, and drew his Mast ouyr the toun wallis; and þis<sup>10</sup> was on<sup>11</sup> saynt Barthelemewe3 day. ¶ And whaun alle þis storme was ceeid, þis worthi Erle of the Marche 20 tooke his schippe with his meyne, and went ayen<sup>12</sup> to þe see, and londid yn Normandy at Hogge3, and so rode forth towarde þe King; and euyr as he cam, þe Frenschmen fledde. ¶ And<sup>13</sup> there com to hym an Antony pygge, and folowed þe ost al þat way tyl 24 thay come tyll<sup>14</sup> a grete wasch; and þere<sup>15</sup> þay drad to haue be ded, for the water closed ham so þat þay myzt noughere goo<sup>16</sup> out. ¶ But atte þe<sup>17</sup> last, þis pygge<sup>18</sup> and God<sup>19</sup> brou3t hem out alle<sup>20</sup> saaf; and þere þay cau3t a gyde that knewe alle the cuntre aboute,<sup>21</sup> 28 and he brou3t ham prou3 quicsonde, and so yn-tille<sup>22</sup> an Ile; and þere they toke meny prysoners yn her way<sup>23</sup> toward the King yn her iourney<sup>24</sup> towarde<sup>25</sup> Cane.

And þere þe King welcomyd hym, and toke his iourney 32 towarde<sup>26</sup> Argenton, & anon it was yolde vnto þe King, and þai<sup>27</sup>

<sup>1</sup> oure T. our R.    <sup>2</sup> And eer þat oure kyng T. þey R.    <sup>3</sup> a sege T.  
<sup>4</sup> at þat T.    <sup>5</sup> þat T.    <sup>6</sup> a sege T.    <sup>7</sup> kyng took T.    <sup>8</sup> for om. T.  
<sup>9</sup> þei riden withinne the Ile of wight there in aft þat storme T. þey that were wight ryden al þat storme þere Kk.  
<sup>10</sup> þat T.    <sup>11</sup> vpon T.  
<sup>12</sup> and wente ayen T. and wente R. went Kk.    <sup>13</sup> And panne T.  
<sup>14</sup> to TR.    <sup>15</sup> þere om. T.    <sup>16</sup> gete T.    <sup>17</sup> þe om.  
<sup>18</sup> leaf 127, back.    <sup>19</sup> and god om. T.    <sup>20</sup> ham alle out R.  
<sup>21</sup> aboute om. T.    <sup>22</sup> to TR.    <sup>23</sup> wey as thei wente T.  
<sup>24</sup> yn her iourney om. TR.    <sup>25</sup> vnto T.    <sup>26</sup> to T.    vnto R.  
<sup>27</sup> there thei T.

hadde her lyues, & went hir way. ¶ And þanne þe<sup>1</sup> King remeued to a strong toun<sup>2</sup> callyd Cessy, and þere was a fayr Mynstre, and þay yelde it anon vnto<sup>3</sup> þe King. And<sup>4</sup> þe King went anon<sup>5</sup> fro þennez to Launson,<sup>6</sup> and gat<sup>7</sup> þe toun and<sup>8</sup> brigge. And<sup>9</sup> þe King 4 sent þe Erle of Warwic to a toun me<sup>10</sup> callith Belham, with a strong power; and anon þay yelde ham,<sup>11</sup> and put ham yn the Kingis grace<sup>12</sup>: and so dede mony mo stronge tounez & castellis þat were in þo parteez. ¶ And fro þennes þey went to Vernyl in 8 Perche; and anon it was yolden to<sup>13</sup> þe King, bothe toun & castell, bodye; and godes, at the Kingis grace. And so þe King gat and conquered alle the tounez and Castelles, Pilez,<sup>14</sup> Streyntthis, and Abbeyez,<sup>15</sup> vnto Pountlarge, & fro þennez vnto the Cite of Roone. 12

[*The Lollard, Sir John Oldcastle.*]

¶ And yn þe .v. yere of King Henryez reing þe v<sup>the</sup>, Ser Iohn Oldecastell, knight, þat was þe Lorde of<sup>16</sup> Cobbam, was arestyd for Lollardy, and brouzt yn-to<sup>17</sup> the Tour of London. And anon aftir he brak out of þe Tour, and went ynto Walis; and there he 16 kept hym longe tyme. ¶ And at the<sup>18</sup> laste, þe Lorde Powis mette with hym and tooke hym; but he stode at grete defence longe tyme, and was soore wounded or he wolde be take; and so þe Lorde Powys meyne brouzt hym out of Walis to London yn a 20 whirlecole; & so he was brouzt to Westmynstre, & there was<sup>19</sup> examyned of certeyn poynte; þat were put vpon hym. & he sayde not nay; and so he was conuycte be<sup>20</sup> þe clergy of<sup>21</sup> Lollardy, & dampned before þe Iustize vnto<sup>22</sup> deth for treson; and so he was 24 hadde vnto þe Tour ayen, and þere he was laide on a hurdil, and draw prough þe cite to Saint Gylez Felde, & þere was made a new paire of Galows, and a stronge chayne, and a coler of yron for hym, and þere he was hanged and brent on þe galous, & alle for his 28 lewdeness &<sup>23</sup> fals opynyons.

<sup>1</sup> oure T. our R.    <sup>2</sup> towne þat men T. town þat me R.

<sup>3</sup> to TR.    <sup>4</sup> And þanne TR.    <sup>5</sup> anon om. TR.

<sup>6</sup> Alaunsonn T.    <sup>7</sup> wanne T. wan R.    <sup>8</sup> and þe TR.

<sup>9</sup> And om. T.    <sup>10</sup> þat men T. þat me R.

<sup>11</sup> ham om. T.    <sup>12</sup> hem in his grace and in þe kyngis T.

<sup>13</sup> vnto TR.    <sup>14</sup> Piles and T.

<sup>15</sup> and abbeies T. & Abbeye; R. abbeye; Kk.    <sup>16</sup> of om. R.

<sup>17</sup> vnto T.    <sup>18</sup> the om. T.    <sup>19</sup> he was T.    <sup>20</sup> of TR.

<sup>21</sup> for TR.    <sup>22</sup> vnto the T. vnto þe R.    <sup>23</sup> and for his TR.

<sup>1</sup> How the King sent his vnclē Syr Beaufort, Duk of Excestre, before the cite of Roon, and there displayed his Baner.<sup>1</sup>

And<sup>2</sup> yn the vi<sup>the</sup> yere of King Harrie; regne þe v<sup>the</sup>, he sent  
 4 his vnclē, Sir Thomas Beauforde, Duk of Excestre, with a fayre  
 manye of men of arme; and archers, a<sup>3</sup>fore þe cite of Roone, & þere  
 displayed his baner, & sent herode; vnto þe toun, and bade hem  
 yelde it<sup>4</sup> vnto oure King, her lige lorde. ¶ And þai saide he<sup>5</sup>  
 8 toke hem non to kepe, ne non he schulde haue þere, but yf it were  
 ryzt dere bouzt and medid with hir hande; ; for other answer wolde  
 þey non yeve.<sup>6</sup> ¶ And þere þe<sup>7</sup> Duk toke gode<sup>8</sup> avysement of the toun  
 and<sup>9</sup> of the grounde al about; and anon þere yssued out of þe cite  
 12 a grete meny of men of arme; bothe on horsbak & eke<sup>10</sup> on fote;  
 & anon our mayne mette with ham, <sup>11</sup>and ovirthrew an hep of  
 hem; and there were slayn and take xxx<sup>ti</sup> persone; of right gode  
 menne; bodie; ; and þe rempnaunt fledde vnto<sup>12</sup> the toun. And þe  
 16 Duk went ayen<sup>13</sup> vnto Pountlarge vnto þe King and tolde hym alle  
 how he hadde sped, and how hym lykyd þe grounde. ¶ And anon  
 as he was go, þey cast adoun al her<sup>14</sup> subbarbe; about þe cite, vnto  
 þe harde grounde, for þe King schulde haue þere<sup>15</sup> non refreschyng  
 20 at his comyng. ¶ And the Fryday before Lammas day þen next,  
 our King with his ost come before Roone, and layde<sup>16</sup> his sege  
 rounde about þe<sup>17</sup> cite, and anon leet leye his owne<sup>18</sup> ordinaunce  
 vnto the toun. ¶ And þe King and his lorde; were logged yn the  
 24 Charterhous, and gret streyngth about hym, and þat was yn þe est  
 partye of þe cetey. And þe Duk of Clarans loggyd hym at þe  
 westende, yn a wast abbeye before þe porte of Caux. ¶ And the  
 Duk of Excestre yn the North syde, before þe Port Denys; and  
 28 betwene þe Duk of Clarens & þe Duk of Excestre was þe Erle  
 Marchal logged, with a strong pouer, before<sup>19</sup> þe castell Gate.  
 ¶ And þan was þe Erle of Ormonde, and þe Lorde Haryngton, and  
 þe lorde Talbot with his<sup>20</sup> retynu, next hym; and þanne Ser Iohn  
 32 Cornewayle, and mony oþer noble kniȝtis of name with hir retynu,  
 lay with þe Duk of Clarens. And from þe Duk of Excestre

<sup>1-1</sup> om. TR.      <sup>2</sup> Of the Sege of Roone. And T.

<sup>3</sup> to R.      <sup>4</sup> þat Citee T.      yelde þat Cite R.

<sup>5</sup> þat he T.      <sup>6</sup> yeue but Gannes T.

<sup>7</sup> there the T.      þere þe R.      þere Duk Kk.      <sup>8</sup> gode om. T.

<sup>9</sup> of the toun and om. TR.      <sup>10</sup> eke om. TR.      <sup>11</sup> leaf 128.

<sup>12</sup> ayen into TR.      <sup>13</sup> ayen om. T.      <sup>14</sup> þe T.

<sup>15</sup> there schulde haue T.      <sup>16</sup> and anoon he sette T.      sette R.

<sup>17</sup> that T.      <sup>18</sup> owne om. TR.      <sup>19</sup> with a strower bifore T.

<sup>20</sup> her T.      hir R.

towarde þe King weryn logged þe Lorde Roos, þe Lorde<sup>1</sup> Wylughby, þe Lorde Fitzhugh,<sup>2</sup> and *Ser* William Porter, kniȝt, with hir retynu, before þe Port Saint Hillary. ¶ And þan was þe Erle of Mortayne, with his retynu, logged yn þe Abbey of Saynt<sup>4</sup> Kateryne; and þe Erle of Sawlesbery with is retynu lay on þat on<sup>3</sup> syde of Saynt Katerynes; & *Ser* Iohn Gray, knight, was logged at þe<sup>4</sup> Mount Saint Mychell; and *Ser* Philippe Leiche, knight, þe Kingis tresorer, was logged betwene þe watir of Sayne and þe abbey,<sup>8</sup> and kepte þe warde vndir þe hille. And þe Baron of Carew was loggid<sup>5</sup> on þe watir syde to kepe þe passage, and Iemco þe skquier lay next hym on þe water syde; & þay<sup>6</sup> ij Squiers kept manly þe watir of Sayne, and fauȝt *with* her enmys oft tymeȝ. And on<sup>12</sup> þat oþer<sup>7</sup> syde of Sayne lay þe Erle of Hontyngton and Maistir Nevyle, þe Erleȝ sone of Westmerlonde, and *Ser* Gilbert Homfraule, þe Erle of Kyme, *Ser*<sup>8</sup> Richarde of Arundell, and þe Lorde Ferrers *with* hir retynu, before þe Port de Pount; & eche of these<sup>16</sup> lordeȝ hadde strong ordynaunce. ¶ And þe King dede make at Pountlarge, ouyr þe watir of Sayne, a strong and a myȝty Cheyne<sup>9</sup> of Iren, & put it þrouȝ grete pileȝ ffast pyȝt yn the grounde; & þat went ouyr þe Ryver of Sayne, þat no vessell myȝt passe þat way<sup>20</sup> in no kind. And aboue þat chayne þe King leet make a brygge ouyr þe watir of Sayne, þat man & horse & alle othir<sup>10</sup> Carrage myȝt go to and fro, at<sup>11</sup> alle tymeȝ whanne þat<sup>12</sup> nede were.

¶ And thanne come þe Erle of Warwic, and hadde gote Douns-<sup>24</sup> rount vnto þe King; and anon þe King sent hym<sup>13</sup> to Caudebeek, to besege it. And whenne he com before the toun, he sent hys heroudeȝ vnto þe Capteyne, and bade hym yelde vp þe toun<sup>14</sup> on<sup>15</sup> payn of deth. And anon he layde his sege; & þan þe Capteyne<sup>28</sup> besouȝt þe Erle þat he myȝt come vnto<sup>16</sup> his presens & speke with hym; and so þe gode Erle graunted hym. ¶ Thanne<sup>17</sup> he come out, and iiij oþer burgeȝ with hym, and Entretyd so with þe Erle þat this toun was vndir composicion to do as þe cite of Roone dede; <sup>32</sup> and þe Erle graunted and consentyd þer-to, vpon þis condicion, þat þe Kyngeȝ Nauey, *with* his ordynaunce, myȝt passe vp by ham in

<sup>1</sup> lord of TR.      <sup>2</sup> lord Phehew T.      <sup>3</sup> oþer T.

<sup>4</sup> þe abbey þat is called T.    þe *om.* R.

<sup>5</sup> was loggid T.    was logged R.    was loggid *om.* Kk.

<sup>6</sup> and þo T.    & þay *om.* R.    & þay and þay Kk.      <sup>7</sup> one R.

<sup>8</sup> and *sir* T.      <sup>9</sup> Brigge R.      <sup>10</sup> *leaf* 128, *back*.

<sup>11</sup> at TR.    and Kk.      <sup>12</sup> þat *om.* TR.

<sup>13</sup> sent the Erle of Warwik T.    sente þe erle of Warwick R.

<sup>14</sup> þe towne up T.      <sup>15</sup> in T.      <sup>16</sup> to T.      <sup>17</sup> And þanne T.

saafte, without eny lette or dysturbaunce; and to þis composycion  
 þei sette her<sup>1</sup> seelez, and þe Schippe3 passed vp by ham yn saafte,  
 & come before þe cite of Roon, into a C.<sup>2</sup> schippe3, and þere þay  
 4 cast her<sup>3</sup> anchors, and þanne þis citee<sup>4</sup> was besegid bothe be lond  
 & by watir.<sup>5</sup> ¶ And whanne alle þis was do, and þe schippe3  
 come vp, þanne come þe Erle of Warwic ayen vnto þe King, and  
 loggyd hym betwene þe Abbey of Saint Katerynez & þe King, til  
 8 þat þe<sup>6</sup> abbey intret, and was<sup>7</sup> yolde vnto þe King; and þanne he  
 remeved fro þenne3, and loggyd hym before þe Poort Martevile.  
 ¶ And þanne<sup>8</sup> was þe Erle of Salusberye commawnde be þe King  
 to make hym redy for to ryde; but þere come hasti tydynges and  
 12 made hym to abyde; & so he returned ayen and logged hym  
 besyde3 þe Erle of Hontyngton til þe sege was endyd. ¶ And  
 þann come þe Duk of Gloucestre, þe Kinges broþer, from þe sege of  
 Chierborough þat<sup>9</sup> he hadde wonne & gotoun, & stuffed ayen to<sup>10</sup>  
 16 þe Kinges behoue & pr[o]fit.<sup>11</sup> And whanne he<sup>12</sup> was come to<sup>13</sup>  
 the King before Roon, anon he logged hym with grete ordynaunce  
 before þe Port Saint Hyllarye, more nygh<sup>14</sup> þe toun and his enmys  
 þanne eny oper man<sup>15</sup> be xl rode3 of lengthe, withynne schotte  
 20 of quarell; & with hym lay þe Erle of Suffolk & þe Lorde of  
 Bergeveny with alle hir retynu & strong ordynaunce, & manly &  
 proutly fauzt euery day with hir enmys evere whanne þay issued  
 out of the Cete. ¶ And þanne com þe Pryour of Kylmaynon yn<sup>16</sup>  
 24 Ireland, ouyr the se vnto þe King, with a fayre mayne of men of  
 arme3 of hir owne cuntre gise, vnto<sup>17</sup> the summe of xv c of gode<sup>18</sup>  
 monnez bodyez. And þe King welcomyd ham, and made ham ryzt  
 grete<sup>19</sup> chere.  
 28 ¶ And þanne come tydynges to<sup>20</sup> the King þat þe King of  
 Fraunce, and þe Dolffyn and þe Duke of Burgoyne, <sup>21</sup>wolde come  
 doun<sup>22</sup> to rescu þe cite of Rone with a strong power of alle maner<sup>23</sup>  
 nacionez, and<sup>24</sup> breke þe sege; and he cast hym to entre on þe  
 32 North syde of the oste, because þat þere was þe beste entre, and

<sup>1</sup> to her T.    <sup>2</sup> ij C T.    <sup>3</sup> per T.    <sup>4</sup> Citee T.    cite R.    sege Kk.

<sup>5</sup> boþe bi watir and bi londe. T.    <sup>6</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>7</sup> and was T.    was Kk.

<sup>8</sup> And þanne T.    And thanne R.    And Kk.

<sup>9</sup> þe whiche TR.    <sup>10</sup> vnto TR.

<sup>11</sup> and profit vnto þe crowne of Englonde and T.    profit to þe Croune of englonde R.

<sup>12</sup> whanne he om. T.    <sup>13</sup> vnto T.    <sup>14</sup> nere T.    nerrer R.

<sup>15</sup> lay RT.    <sup>16</sup> of T.    <sup>17</sup> vnto om. R.

<sup>18</sup> gise þe nombre of xv C goode T.    <sup>19</sup> good TR.

<sup>20</sup> vnto T.    <sup>21</sup> leaf 129.    <sup>22</sup> a downe T.    <sup>23</sup> of dyuerise T.

<sup>24</sup> and forto T.

most playne groun[d]e. And þerefore þe King assyngned þe Priour of Kilmaynon with is power, and logged hym on þe northe syde of the oste, to stoppe hir passage, and was be þe forest of Lions; and of his<sup>1</sup> ordinaunce þei were fulle gladde. And þai<sup>2</sup> went forthe yn haste, and kept the<sup>3</sup> grounde, and þe place þat þe King & his counsel hadde assyngned vnto ham; and þai quitte ham as gode warrioures vnto þe<sup>4</sup> King.

¶ Now wyl y telle you which were þe Chyff Capteyne; & 8 governowres of þis cete of Roone: Mounser Guy Botelere was chyff capteyne, bothe of the cite & of the castell; and Mounser Turmegan, he was capten of þe<sup>5</sup> Port de Caux; Mounser le Roch was<sup>6</sup> capteyn de Syne; Mounser Antony, he was lieutenaunt to Mounser 12 Guy<sup>7</sup> Botelere; Henry Chaunfewe, he was capteyne of the<sup>8</sup> Port de Pount, Iohn Matribas, he was capteyne of the Port de la Chastell; Mounser de Peneux, he was capteyne of þe Port<sup>9</sup> Saint Hillary; þe Bastarde of Tyne, he was capteyn of the Port 16 Martivile; and graunt lake; a worthi warryour, he was capteyn of alle<sup>10</sup> warryoures, and<sup>11</sup> gouernoure outwarde, bothe on horsbak & on foote, of alle men of arme; whenne þei issued out of the cite, of alle þe portis, he hem arayed as þey schulde countre with 20 our meyne. ¶ And ech of these capteyne; hadde<sup>12</sup> v M<sup>t</sup> men of arme; & some mo. And at<sup>13</sup> þe first comyng of<sup>14</sup> oure King, þere were noubred be heroudes ynto an CCC M<sup>t</sup> of men,<sup>15</sup> wymmen, & childryn, what yong & olde. And among alle þese was many a 24 manful man of his hand; and so þay prevyd ham whanne þei issued out of þe cite, bothe on horsbak & on foote, for þay come neuer out at on gate alone, but at iij or iiij; and at euer y gate .ij. or iiij. M<sup>t</sup> of gode men of arme; and<sup>16</sup> manfully counted with our Englisch- 28 men, & moche pople slayne dyuers tyme; with Gune; quarell, & oþer<sup>17</sup> ordynaunce. And þis sege endured xx<sup>ti</sup> wokey; and euer þai of the toun hopyd<sup>18</sup> for to haue be rescued; but þer come non. ¶ So at þe<sup>19</sup> laste, þei kept so longe þe toun þat þere deied mony 32 thowsande; withynne þe toun for defaute of mete, of<sup>20</sup> men, wymmen and chyldryn; for þay had ete al her hors, doggis and

<sup>1</sup> þis T.    <sup>2</sup> so þei TR.    <sup>3</sup> kepte þe TR. kept Kk.    <sup>4</sup> her T. hir R.

<sup>5</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>6</sup> he was TR.    <sup>7</sup> Guy de TR.    <sup>8</sup> de T.

<sup>9</sup> Port de T.    port of R.    <sup>10</sup> alle the T. alle þe R.

<sup>11</sup> and he was TR.    <sup>12</sup> ladde T.    <sup>13</sup> And whenne a<sup>t</sup> T.

<sup>14</sup> was of T.    <sup>15</sup> men and T.

<sup>16</sup> goode mennes bodies y armyd and T. gode menne; bodiez yarmed and R.    <sup>17</sup> oþer om. R.

<sup>18</sup> hopid T. hoped R. hopyp Kk.    <sup>19</sup> þe om. T.    <sup>20</sup> boþe of T.

cattez, þat were yn the toun. And ofte tymeþ þe men of armez  
droff out þe pore pepyl at the gatis of the tounez, for spendyng of  
vitayle ; and anon our Englischmen droff ham yn-to þe toun agayne.  
4 So at þe<sup>1</sup> last, þe capteyneþ of the toun, seyng þe myschif þat þay  
were nouzt rescued, and also þe scarcite of vitayle, & þat þe peple  
so deied for defaute of mete, euery daye mony thowsandeþ, and  
also saue yonge childryn lye & sowke her modir pappis þat weryn  
8 ded, þan anon þey sent vnto<sup>2</sup> þe<sup>3</sup> King, besechinge him<sup>4</sup> of his grete  
mercy & grace,<sup>5</sup> and brouzt þe keyes of<sup>5</sup> þe toun vnto the Kinge,  
and delyuered the toun to<sup>6</sup> hym ; and alle<sup>7</sup> soudereþ voyded the  
toun, with hir hors & harnez ; and þe comuneþ of the toun for<sup>8</sup> to  
12 abyde and dwelle stille yn the toun, yerely to pay hym<sup>9</sup> and to his  
successours, for al maner customeþ, see<sup>10</sup> seruieþ & quaterymeþ  
[*blank*] Marc. ¶ And þanne þe King entred yn-to þe toun, &  
restyd hym yn the Castell tylle þe toun were sette yn rewle and  
16 gouernawnce.

<sup>1</sup> þe *om.* T.      <sup>2</sup> to TR.

<sup>3-3</sup> king bisekyng him of grace and mercy T. king besechinge him of  
his grace and mercy R. besechinge him *om.* Kk.

<sup>4</sup> *leaf* 129, *back.*      <sup>5</sup> of TR. to Kk.      <sup>6</sup> vnto T.      <sup>7</sup> alle þe TR

<sup>8</sup> for *om.* T.      <sup>9</sup> to him TR.      <sup>10</sup> and fee T. and sec R.

## APPENDIX C.

FULLER VERSION OF THE TIME FROM 1399-1401.

Compare p. 361, l. 16 ff.

[MS. *Rawlinson, B. 173.*]

<sup>1</sup>And at Oxonford<sup>d</sup> were take *Sir Thomas Blounte*, kniȝt, and Benet Cely, kniȝt, & *Thomas Wyntershiȝt*, Squier. ¶ And these were be-hedyd and quarterd; And the kniȝhtes hedes were set on poles, and brought to Londoñ, and set on Londoñ Brygge; And <sup>4</sup> the quarters sent forth to other places and townes. And in the same yere, at Priteweȝ, in a Mille in Essex, there was *Sir Ioȝn Holand*, the Duke of Excestre, take with the commons of the Contre. ¶ And they brought him from that Mille vnto Plassh, <sup>8</sup> And to the same place pere as King Richard Arested *Sir Thomas of Wodestocke*, Duke of Gloucestre. ¶ And right there, in the same place, they smote of the Duke of Excestres hede,<sup>2</sup> and brought hit to Londoñ vpon a pole, And hit was sett on Londoñ Brigge. <sup>12</sup> And in the same yere, at Bristowe, was take the Lorde Spencer þat King Richard hadde made Erle of Gloucestre. ¶ And the commons of the towne of Bristowe toke and brought him into the Market-place of the towne; And there þey smote of his hede, and sent hit <sup>16</sup> to Londoñ, & hit was set oñ Londoñ Brigge. ¶ And in the same yere was *Sir Barnard Brokeys*, kniȝt, take and Arested, & putte into the Toure of Londoñ, And *Sir Ioȝn Shelley*, <sup>3</sup>kniȝt, and *Sir Ioȝn Magdaleyn*, And *William Ferby*, persons of King *Richard*; <sup>20</sup> And þey were arested and put into the Toure of Londoñ. And there come the *Kinges Iustices*, and satte vpon them in the Toure; And þere they were dampned aȝ iiiij vnto deth. And þ<sup>e</sup> dome yeue to *Sir Barnard Brokeis*, that he shulde come on fote from the <sup>24</sup> Toure, þrouȝ Londoñ, vnto Tyborne, And there to be hanged, and his hede smetyn of. And *Sir Ioȝn Shelley*, kniȝt, *Sir Ioȝn Magdaleyn* & *Sir William Ferby*, persons, were drawe þrouȝi-oute London to Tyborne, And there honged, and her hedes smetyñ of, <sup>28</sup> & set oñ Londoñ Brige.

And in the same yere King Henry sent Quene Isabeȝ

<sup>1</sup> leaf 213.<sup>2</sup> 16 Jan. 1400.<sup>3</sup> leaf 213, back.



home ayene into Fraunce, the which was King Richardes wedid wiffe, And yaff her golde and siluer And many other Iuellys; And so she was discharged of aH her doure in Englonde. And in 4 the ij yere of King Henry the iiij<sup>th</sup>, was *Sir Roger* of Claryndoñ, kni3t, and ij of his meñ, and the Prioure of Launde, and vij freris Minours, and *somme* maistres of Diuinite, and other, for tresoñ þat þey wrought a-yenst þe King, were drawe and hanged at 8 Tyborne, aH xij persones to-gedyr. And þus was here ende there for her treson.

And in the same yere bigañ a discencioñ and a debate in the Contre of Walys, bitwene þ<sup>e</sup> Lorde Grey Riffyñ and Oweñ Glen- 12 dore, <sup>1</sup>Squier of Wales. And this Owen arered a nombre of Walshe-men, And kept aH the Contre Aboute right strong, and did moche harme, & distroyed the Kinges townes and lordshjppis proughoute Wales, and robbed and slewe the Kingys peple, both 16 Engli3sh-men and Walshe-meñ: And thus he endured xij yere large. ¶ And he toke þ<sup>e</sup> Lorde Grey Ryffyñ prisoner, And kept him ffast in holde tyH he was Raunsomed. ¶ And in the iij yere of King Henry, Oweñ brent a towne of the Erles of March in 20 Walys, þat highit Kinghton. ¶ And on the morowe after Seint Alboness day, was the batayle bitwene *Sir Edmond Mortymere* and Oweñ; And þis bataile was on the blacke hyH beside Pymareñ.† And þer Oweñ toke *Sir Edmond Mortymer*, þ<sup>e</sup> Erles brother of the 24 Marche, prisoner, and kepte him long tyme in holde; And at the laste he made him wedde one of his doughthers, and kept him there styH with his wiffe; and sone after he died. And þañ the King, hering And knowyng that myscheffe, distruxioñ & tresoñ that þis 28 Oweñ wrought, ¶ Thañ anone he ordeyned him a strong power of meñ of Armes & Archers, And moche other stufte þat longeth to werre, for-to abate and destroye þ<sup>e</sup> malice of these false Walsshmeñ. And whañ <sup>2</sup>the King come into Wales for-to destroye thys Oweñ 32 and other rebelles, false Walsshmen, Anone they fleddeñ into the Mouteyns; And there might no mañ do hem harme In no maner wise; but ofteñ-tymes they toke the Kinges Cariage, and euery day destroyed his peple; but Owen and his meñ for the most party 36 scaped harmeles, For the King ne his meyne might not come by him in no maner wise, for the Mouteynes. And so the King come into Englonde a-yene, for lesing of mo of his peple; and þus he sped not there.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 214.<sup>2</sup> leaf 214, back.

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CONTINUATION OF THE BRUT CONTAINING JOHN PAGE'S  
POEM ON THE SIEGE OF ROUEN.

FROM THE SIEGE OF ROUEN [1418] TO A.D. 1430.

[*Galba E. VIII.*]

<sup>1</sup>How kynge henry the v. leide sege to the Cite of Rone,  
and how he gate the Cite with strengthe and manhode  
well and worthily.

And in the vi. yere of Kynge Henryis Regne<sup>2</sup> the v; the 4  
Kynge sent his vncler Sir Thomas Beauford, Duke of Exeter, with  
othir lordis and knyghtis, men of armys and archeris,<sup>3</sup> to the Cite  
of Rone, and there displayid her baneris opynly byfore the cite of  
Rone, and sent herodis to hem that were withynne the Cite, and 8  
bade hem yolde vp the cite in alle haste,<sup>4</sup> that was the kyngis  
righte, or ellis thei shuld deie an harde and sharpe dethe, and  
withoute eny mercy or grace.

And there he be-hild the g[r]ounde aboute<sup>5</sup> the Cite, how thei 12  
myght beste sette her sege to gete that Cite.

¶ And ansuere wold thei none yeue, but meuyd with her  
hondis ouyr the wallis, as who seyth ' voydith the grounte and the  
place that ye ben on ' ; and shotte tho many gunnys to hem. And 16  
thanne<sup>6</sup> there Issewid out of the Cite many men of armys, of  
Frensshe men on hors bakke, and countrid with oure Engellishe  
men, and flaughten manlyche. And there were sleyne and take of  
the Frensshe men a grete hepe; and the remanent fledden ayen 20  
into the Cite.

¶ And thanne the Duke of Exetir turnyd ayen with his pepuH,  
and come to Pountlarge; and there he met with the Kynge,<sup>7</sup> and  
told hym alle how he had spede and don in his message. 24

¶ And now for to telle how thei that weren withynne the cite  
of Rone, had deuowrid and distroyid alle the subarbis rounde aboute  
the Cite, into the bare grounde, for the Kynge shuld no refute  
haue,<sup>8</sup> ne non refressynge haue there at his comynge; and how thei 28  
had strongly newe dichid, with many othir dispiteffuH and crueH  
ordynauncis that thei coude deuyse and ordeyne, with alle the<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> leaf 137.    <sup>2</sup> Regne A.    Regnyd G.    <sup>3</sup> archeris come A.

<sup>4</sup> in haste A.    <sup>5</sup> rovnd aboute A.    <sup>6</sup> þus A.

<sup>7</sup> he fonde þe kyng A.    <sup>8</sup> haue om. A.    <sup>9</sup> the om. A.

ymaginacionys, congettis and sleythis, rounde aboute the cite, ayens the Kyngis hoste, yn-so-moche thei bite and keste adoun the perisshe-chirchis, abbeyis, and alle maner<sup>1</sup> of housyngis more and  
4 lesse, in-so-moche that thei hewe adoune alle maner of treis that weren stondynge, in Gardeynys or yn eny othir placis, neighe the cite, and hewe a doune alle the<sup>2</sup> Busshis that weren stondynge, and made<sup>3</sup> aH playne vnto the harde erthe.

8 And thanne oure Kynge remouyd him from Pountlerge with alle his pepuH, and come before the cite of Rone the Friday befor- Lammesse day. And he made ordynaunce, and leide and set a sege rounde aboute the cite, with moche strengthe and grete ordynauncis,  
12 so that the Frensshe-men myght no where in no parties ascape away but if thei weren dede and take. And furste the Kynge loggid hym-self in a Geste howse that is callid an hous of charite, with many lordis and strengthe<sup>4</sup> of pepuH aboute hym; and that  
16 was in the Este partye of that cite. And thanne the Duke of Clarence, his brothir, loggid hym wyth his pepuH at an abbey withoute the cite, in the weste ende by the port Kaux. And thanne was the Duke of Exetur loggid with alle his pepuH at Port  
20 Denyse in the northe syde of that cite. ¶ And thanne, betwix the Duke of Clarence and the Duke of Exetur, was the Erle MarchaH loggid, with alle his retenewe and strengthe, bi the casteH gate. And thanne was the Erle of Vrmonde and the Lord Aring-  
24 don and the Lord Talbot, with alle her retenewe and ordynauncis, next hym. ¶ And thanne Sir John Cornewale, and many othir- knyghtis of name, with alle her retenewe and ordynauncis, lay with the Duke of Clarence in his strengthe. And ffrom the Duke of  
28 Exetur toward the Kynge, weren loggid the Lord Roos, the Lord Wilby, and the Lorde Fytz-Hugh and Sir William Portere, knyght, with alle her retenewe, and loggid hem before the Porte Seint Hillari. And thanne was the Erle of Mortayne loggid, with alle his  
32 retenewe and ordynauncis, in the abbey of Seint Katerynys. ¶ And thanne the Erle of Salusbury, with alle his retenewe and ordynauncis, was loggid on that othir syde of this abbey. ¶ And thanne Sir John Gray, knyght, with aH his retenewe and  
36 ordynauncis, was loggid at the abbey that is callid Mount Seint MycheH. And thanne Sir Philip Leche, knyghte, the Kyngis tresorer, with alle his retenewe and ordynauncis, was loggid

<sup>1</sup> all maner A. maner om. G.

<sup>3</sup> & made A. made and G.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 137, back.

<sup>4</sup> & oþer grete strength A.

betwene the watir of Sayne and the abbey, &<sup>1</sup> kepte that ward vndir the hille. ¶ And thanne the Baron of Carewe, with alle his reteneue and ordynauncis, was loggid with his compeny alone by the watir-side, to kepe the passage there. And Ienycō the Squyere<sup>4</sup> lay there nexte hym, with his reteneue and ordynauncis, and helpe to kepe the watir syde of Sayne: and manly and worthili he werid and faught with his enemyes at alle tymes. ¶ And on that othir side of the watir of Sayne, lay the Erle of Huntyngdon, and<sup>8</sup> the Lorde Neuyle (the Erlis sone of Westmerlond), Sir Gilbert Omffreuyle, Sir Richard of ArundeH, and the lord Ferreris, with alle hir reteneue and ordynauncis, at Port de Pount.

¶ And thanne the Kynge lete ordeyne and make at the Pount-<sup>12</sup> large, ouyr the watir of Sayne, a stronge and a myghti cheyne of Iron, and put it thorough piles<sup>2</sup> faste pite in the grounde, ouyr the ryuer of Sayne, that no vesseH myght rowe that wei in no kynde. And thanne, aboue that chayne, the Kynge lete make a brygge<sup>16</sup> ouyr the watir, that man and hors and aH othir cariage myght passe to and fro at alle tyme whanne nede were.

¶ And tho come the Erle of Warwike, and had goten Domfferauncte,<sup>3</sup> and come down there the Kynge lay at the sege of<sup>20</sup> Rone; and the Kynge comaundid hym with his pepuH to gon to Cawde-becke<sup>4</sup> and besege hit. ¶ And whanne he come before the toune, the gouernouris of the toune come oute, and tretid with the Erle of Warwike, and seid that thei wolde don and be<sup>24</sup> gouernyd aftur the Cite of Rone; and so thei grauntid in composicion, and asselid it vp, in full condicion that thei shuld suffre and lette passe alle oure flete of Shippis by hem, with-oute eny lette or disturburaunce. And so oure Shippis passid alle yn,<sup>28</sup> and come be hem, and comen before the Cite of Rone, and there keste ankre as thikke as thei myght stonde; and so they segid the Cite of Rone bothe be watir<sup>5</sup> and by londe.

¶ And whanne the Erle of Warwike had thus endid and don<sup>32</sup> with the toune of Cawdebecke, and alle the Engelysshe shippis were come vp in the watir of Sayne, and set before the cite of Rone, ¶ Thanne the Erle of Warwike turnyd hym ayen with alle his pepuH, and come to the Kynge, and loggid hym with alle his<sup>36</sup> pepuH betwyxt Seint Katerynys and the Kynge, tille that an abbey

<sup>1</sup> & A. of G.      <sup>2</sup> porugh grete piles A.

<sup>3</sup> Domfferauncte A [*i. e.* Domfront].      do in ffrance G.

<sup>4</sup> Caudebeck A.      <sup>5</sup> leaf 138.

that was in trete there, was yolden to the Kynge; and thanne anon aftur he went thens and loggid hym, with alle his pepuH and ordynauncis at Porte Morteuyle, to kepe that porte of the Cite.

4 ¶ And thanne was the Erle of Salusbury comaundid by the Kynge to make hym redy to ryde. And tho hasty tithyngis come, and returnyng<sup>1</sup> hym ayen, and did hym byde; and there he bode be sidis the Erle of Huntyngdon, till the sege was endid, and 8 wonne vp in-to the Kyngis hondis.

¶ And thanne come Sir Vmfrey, Duke<sup>2</sup> of Gloucestre, the Kyngis brothir, from the sege of Cherburgh, wiche he had wonne and gotyn he sawte and good fete of werre, and aftur lete hit stuffe 12 with Engelisshe pepuH, and with vitaile, and with othir stronge ordynauncis, as longid to werre and to worship<sup>3</sup> and prophite to the Kynge of Engeland. ¶ And whanne he was come doune to fore the Cite of Rone, he loggid hym with his pepuH and ordynauncis 16 at the Porte Seint Hillare, more nere his enemyes to the toun thanne eny othir man by xl. rodys of lengthe, with-ynne shotte of Gounne and quareH. And with hym lay the Erle of Suffolke and the<sup>4</sup> Lord Begeyne, with alle<sup>5</sup> her retenewe and alle her<sup>6</sup> 20 ordynauncis; and manfully euyry day they<sup>7</sup> ffaughten with her enemyes whanne they issewed oute of the Cite.

¶ And thanne come<sup>8</sup> the Pryore of Kylmayne, oute of Irlond, ouyr the see, with a feyre compeny of men of armys on her Guyse,<sup>9</sup> 24 the summe of xv. c., good bodyes and manfuH men to werre, and come with-ynne<sup>10</sup> Sayne Mouth, and aryuyd and landid at Hareflete, and spede hem in alle haste to the Kynge, and come vnto the sege of Rone: and the Kynge tho welcomyd the pryore of Kylmayne 28 and alle his pepuH.

¶ And thanne come tydyngis to the Kynge<sup>11</sup> that the Frensshe kynge, with an huge powere of pepuH of dyuerse nacionys, and the Duke of Burgoyne with hym, with an huge compeny of Burgoyneys, 32 of Flemmyngis, and of othir Duches tungis, wold come down to breke the sege, and keste hem to entre on the northe syde of oure hoste, because that there was lefte entre and moste pleyne grounde.

36 ¶ And thanne the Kynge assyngnyd the Pryoure of Kylmayne,

<sup>1</sup> tidyngis returnyd A.    <sup>2</sup> vmffray be duke A.    <sup>3</sup> unto worship A.

<sup>4</sup> the om. A.    <sup>5</sup> alle om. A.    <sup>6</sup> alle her om. A.    <sup>7</sup> they om. A.

<sup>8</sup> panne come A.    panne G.    <sup>9</sup> on her contre quyse A.

<sup>10</sup> with ynne A.    with G.    <sup>11</sup> kyng of England A.

with alle his pepuH, to logge hem on the northe side, for to stoppe and kepe the weyis and passagis by the foreste of Lyonys, that none enemyes might come doune that weyis to the sege, with-oute that thei countrid with hem in fight: and of that ordynaunce thei 4 weren fayn and glad; and thei yeden forthe in haste, and kepten the gronde and the<sup>1</sup> place that the Kynge and his counseile had asingnyd hem to; and as good warriouris and as prowde men of armys they shewid hem at alle tymes vpon her enemyes, wherefore 8 the Kynge had hem in heighe cherite for her grete manhode.

¶ Now wolle y telle you who weren the cheeff capteynys and gouernouris of the cite Rone.<sup>2</sup> Furste, Moune-seighnour Guy de Botelere, cheef Capteyne, bothe of the<sup>1</sup> cite and of the<sup>1</sup> CasteH; 12 Moune-seighnoure Ternagon, and he was Capteyne of the Porte Caux; Moune-seighnoure le Roche was capteyne of Porte Denysine; Moune-seighnoure Antony, he was leue-tenaunte to Moune-seighnoure Sir Guy the Botelere, Henry Chamfewe was capteyne 16 of Porte de Pount; Iohn Matreuas was captayne of Port de la CasteH; Moune-seighnoure Peneuxe was tho captayne of Port Seint Hillari; the Bastard of Teyne was tho captayne of Port Martenyle. ¶ And Graunde Iakis, a worthi warrioure, was 20 capteyne of alle the ordynauncis of<sup>3</sup> oute-warde on hors backe, and on ffote of men of armis, and<sup>4</sup> Issewid oute of the Cite at alle the portis, to don there ffetes yn the poyntis of werre ayens her enemyes; and euyry<sup>5</sup> of these Captaynys led v. M<sup>h</sup>. men of armys 24 and moo.

¶ And whanne alle the comenmalte weren with-ynn the Cite, men myght sen many a M<sup>h</sup>; for the heraudis nombrid hem that weren with-ynne the Cite at the bygynnyng of the sege, of men, 28 women and childeren, iij C. M<sup>h</sup>. and x. M<sup>h</sup>. bodyes, yonge and olde. And amonge hem weren many manfuH pepuH and hardy, for<sup>6</sup> often tymes they Issewid oute of the Cite, pepuH welle yarmyd, on hors backe and eke on ffote, oute of<sup>7</sup> euyry yate an ij or iij M<sup>h</sup>. men of 32 armys, welle arayed, and manfully countrid and foughten with oure Engelish pepuH yn dyuerse parties of the sege. And tho that myght ascape, turnyd into the cite home ayen; and thus thei endurid longe tyme; and moche werre come fro the Cite wallis, as 36 shott of Gounnys and quareH, for thei shot euyry day from the wallis<sup>8</sup> and touris of the cite, with-ynne the space of an houre, an

<sup>1</sup> the *om.* A.    <sup>2</sup> of þis Cite of Rone A.    <sup>3</sup> of *om.* A.    <sup>4</sup> þat A.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 138, back.    <sup>6</sup> for A. for hai G.    <sup>7</sup> at A.    <sup>8</sup> wall A.

C of Gonne-stonys and moo, and quarellis with-oute nombre; and so thei sloughe and hurte moche Engelisshe pepuH.

¶ And oure Kynge lete make an<sup>1</sup> diche aH withoute, Rounde  
4 a-boute the cite, and strongly stakid it, and heggid it, for these  
pykeris oute on hors backe, and comaundid Syr Robert Babthorp,  
knyght and Countroller, to ouyr-se that this werke were don; and  
he did it make in alle haste. ¶ And thanne they issewid oute  
8 on ffote, and fought manly<sup>2</sup> as good werriouris; and tho myche  
pepuH weren slayn on<sup>3</sup> bothe sidis. And they at the wallis and at  
the touris of the Cite shotten euer<sup>4</sup> Gounnys, quarellis, Trepgettis,  
Spryngollis<sup>5</sup>; and alwey on<sup>6</sup> the Duke of Gloucestreis side thei  
12 diden moche<sup>7</sup> harme, for thei weren loggid nexte of alle pepuH to  
the Cite. And euyr ther come tydyngis newe that the Burgoyngs  
wold come and reskewe the Cite; and for ioye thereof they ronge  
alle the bellis in the Cite; and fro the ffirste tyme of shittynge of  
16 the yatis of the cite they ronge neuyr bellis but for tho tydyngis  
tille the cite was goten and yolden to the Kynge of Engelond.

¶ And tho the Kynge wende the Frensshe hoste had byn come,  
and with good wordis comfortid his pepuH, and bad hem ben of  
20 good chere. And anon tydyngis<sup>8</sup> come ayen that thei were turnyd  
to Paris-ward ayen. ¶ And thanne with-ynne ffewe dayes thei  
were come to Pounteyse, the nombre of iiij. M<sup>iiij</sup><sup>9</sup> good ffightynge  
men, and welle arayed. ¶ And thanne the Kynge made a kry,  
24 and comaundid that euyry mane shuld ligge yn his herneys, and  
byn at alle tymes redy whanne her enemyes come. And tho the  
Kynge lete make a lerge duche, alle withoute his hoste, and pight  
it fuH of stakes ymade sharpe, that wold perisshe, and with turne-  
28 pykes, and leid there-by Gounnys redy bent in euyry partye rounde  
aboute this diche. And the kynge tho comaundid his countroller  
Sir Robert Babthorp, knyght, to spede in alle haste this were don  
by his ouyr sight; and so anon this werke was endid.

32 ¶ And anon come tydynges to the Kynge, there as he lay at  
seege; and this was on the<sup>10</sup> Thorisday, that the ffrensshe hoste  
lay but xx. myle from hym, and wold byn there on the morough  
on the Fryday; and the same tydynges<sup>11</sup> come to hem that were  
36 with-ynne the Cite. ¶ Of these tydynges oure Kynge made  
moche<sup>12</sup> ioye and myrthe, and artely<sup>13</sup> thankyd God. And so on

<sup>1</sup> a A.    <sup>2</sup> manfully A.    <sup>3</sup> in A.    <sup>4</sup> euer A. eu G.  
<sup>5</sup> & engynys A.    <sup>6</sup> vpon A.    <sup>7</sup> most A.    <sup>8</sup> tidyng A.  
<sup>9</sup> iiij M<sup>iiij</sup> A.    <sup>10</sup> a A.    <sup>11</sup> tidyngis A.    <sup>12</sup> grete A.    <sup>13</sup> hertily A.

the Fryday oure Kyng rode to the Erle of Huntynghdon, and told to hym a wile and a good ffete of werre, and made hym ordeyne ij. Bateillis of men of armys. ¶ And the ffirste bataiH thei and he redenn, and her backes<sup>1</sup> toward the Cite; and that othir bataiH<sup>4</sup> come oute of the wode, with standerdis and baneris of the Duke of Burgoyngs armys. And these ij hostis metten, as thei had countrid, and foughten to-gederis; but non did othir harme. And this was ordeynyd and don by the kyngis deuyse and conseile, for<sup>8</sup> thei that weren with-ynne the Cite shuld haue vtterly hopid and trustid that reskewis had *ben* come,<sup>2</sup> and that thei that weren with-ynne the Cite of men of armys shuld boldely haue issewid oute, and ffoughten vtterly with the pepuH of the sege; but thei dorste<sup>12</sup> not come oute of that<sup>3</sup> Cite at that tyme, for thei doutid and drad, and supposid to hem but trayne, and wold not issewe oute for drede of dethe, as for that<sup>4</sup> tyme, but abodyn and lokid aftur helpe, socoure, and reskewis of these Burgoyngs, but ther come no com-<sup>16</sup> forte to hem. but yet tho afturward the men of armys issewid oute ayen of the Cite as thei did befor, and ffoughten manfully with oure Engelisshe-men, and myche pepuH weren slayne on bothe sydis at dyuerse tymes. 20

¶ And tho it drewe nere Cristemesse; and by that tyme her vitailis scarsid sore with-ynne the Cite, for they<sup>5</sup> hade nothir bred, ale, nor wyne, but watir and vynegur, that was her drynke. And flesshe nor fissue they had non, but eten hors,<sup>6</sup> <sup>7</sup> doggis, Mis, Rattis<sup>24</sup> and Cattis; for an quarter of an horse, were he lene or<sup>8</sup> fatte, was tho sold<sup>9</sup> in the Cite amonge the pepuH for an C. s. good payment, and an hors hede<sup>10</sup> for xx. s., and a<sup>10</sup> Ratte for xl. d.;<sup>11</sup> and for xiiij. s. iiij. d. thei sold a Catte,<sup>11</sup> and a mows for xx. d.; and these<sup>28</sup> wormys weren bought and eten so faste that vnnethe thei fonde eny for<sup>12</sup> to selle<sup>13</sup> for no money. ¶ And tho<sup>14</sup> was<sup>15</sup> a ferthyngelof boght in the Cite<sup>16</sup> for a ffranke. And thanne hem failid bothe whete, and mele, and alle othir grayns that thei myght make of<sup>32</sup> eny brede<sup>17</sup>; but<sup>18</sup> branne and broken wo[r]tis, and nepe-rotis, and lekis, was to hem mete of grete valewe; for a leke was sold for

<sup>1</sup> redenn & her bakkis A. redenn & her om. G. <sup>2</sup> to hem A.

<sup>3</sup> þe A. <sup>4</sup> leaf 139. <sup>5</sup> pay A. the G. <sup>6</sup> hors flessch A.

<sup>7</sup> From here to page 402, line 21, to word "trayne," missing in A.

<sup>8</sup> or were he B. <sup>9</sup> sold þo B. <sup>10</sup> a dogge for B.

<sup>11-11</sup> and . . . Catte om. B. <sup>12</sup> for om. B.

<sup>13</sup> to selle B. to slee selle G. <sup>14</sup> tho om. B. <sup>15</sup> þas a B.

<sup>16</sup> in the Cite om. B. <sup>17</sup> make eny brede of B. <sup>18</sup> but of B.



xij. d., and an<sup>1</sup> Egge for ix. d., and an appuſt for x. d.: ſiche merchaundyſe was there with-ynne the Cite a gret while; and ther was many a carefull creature, for her<sup>2</sup> vitailis were alle waſtid and 4 ſpent, and pey<sup>3</sup> myght come to no new by<sup>4</sup> no maner wey; for the ſege that<sup>5</sup> lay withoute, rounde aboute the Cite, wold<sup>6</sup> ſuffre no vitaille come in, to hem, neythir by watir neythir<sup>7</sup> be londe.

¶ And thanne be-ganne the pepuſt with-ynne the Cite to deie 8 faſte, bothe ſmale and grete, for the paſſynge hungur and enfamen that was amonge hem, by<sup>8</sup> C.C. perſonys and moo day by day; and there as was firſte ioy and pryde, and grete boſte, tho was there amonge hem weyllynge, ſorow and<sup>9</sup> care, and wepynge, and wryng- 12 ynge with<sup>10</sup> hondis. ¶ And though a child ſhuld deie, the modir wold yeue it no brede ne nought ellis of<sup>11</sup> othir fode, ne wold not departe no morselle though ſhe myght ſaue the lif of her<sup>12</sup> child of<sup>13</sup> hir body borne, but wold ſaue her ſelfe while ſhe myght; for loue 16 and hertly kyndenesse was tho from hem paſſid. Nor the child wold not profir the modir; for eche of hem caſte hymſelf to leue; for alle kyndenesse and loue tho was<sup>14</sup> ſette beſide<sup>15</sup>; for euyr the childe wold hide his mete<sup>16</sup> and his drynke<sup>17</sup> fro his modir and from 20 alle his othir ffryndis, for his mete thei ſhuld not ſee, for thei ete hit alle in pryuate. ¶ And we may preue by that pepuſt there, that hounzir paſſithe kyndenesse and eke loue, that made her<sup>18</sup> vnrightweſneſſe and her curſid leuyng and pryde that regnyd 24 amongis hem in tho dayes, wherefore God ſent hem a yerd of chaſtiſement. But yet thei that kept the wallis and<sup>19</sup> touris of the Cite rounde aboute, be-cause the pepuſt withoute ſhuld not knowe nor wete of her grete nede and myſchef that thei weren ynne, euyr 28 to<sup>20</sup> hold her courte and<sup>21</sup> contynauce of opyn werre, bothe with ſhot of Gounnyſ and quarellis.<sup>22</sup>

¶ But amonge ther iſſewid ſumme pepuſt of the Cite oute; and they come forthe, and weren take of the wacchemen withoute 32 at the<sup>23</sup> ſege Cite. ¶ And they affraynyd hem how it ſtode with the<sup>24</sup> pepuſt that weren lefte with-ynne the Cite. ¶ And they anſuerid and told to the Engelisſhe pepuſt of the grete nede,

<sup>1</sup> and an B. and G.    <sup>2</sup> theyr B.    <sup>3</sup> and pey B. and G.

<sup>4</sup> in B.    <sup>5</sup> þat þer B.    <sup>6</sup> wold not B.    <sup>7</sup> nor B.    <sup>8</sup> by om. B.

<sup>9</sup> and om. B.    <sup>10</sup> of B.    <sup>11</sup> nought ellis of om. B.

<sup>12</sup> her owne B.    <sup>13</sup> of of G.    <sup>14</sup> was þo B.    <sup>15</sup> a syde B.

<sup>16</sup> hys mete wolde hyde B.    <sup>17</sup> and his drynke om. B.

<sup>18</sup> her grete B.    <sup>19</sup> and the B.    <sup>20</sup> to B.    to and to G.

<sup>21</sup> and curſed B.    <sup>22</sup> querell and gonnys B.    <sup>23</sup> the om. B.    <sup>24</sup> hys B.

scarste, hungir and<sup>1</sup> dethe, that was euyry day<sup>2</sup> amongis hem.  
<sup>3</sup>But our folke wold not beleue nor truste hem,<sup>3</sup> be cause that the  
 pepuH with-ynne hilde<sup>4</sup> alle tymes contynauce like in werre, day  
 be day,<sup>5</sup> as thei did beforne vpon the sege withoute; wherefore thei<sup>4</sup>  
 had<sup>6</sup> hem in<sup>7</sup> no truste in no degre.

And thanne with-ynne a lituH<sup>8</sup> while aftur, the worthi men  
 that weren with-ynne the Cite, gederid alle the pore pepuH that tho  
 weren with-ynne the Cite, man, woman, and child, and brought<sup>8</sup>  
 hem to the yatis, and put hem oute at euyry porte by an C  
 personys on<sup>9</sup> a rowte, and bad hem helpe hem-self in her beste  
 maner that thei myght, for there thei shold no lenger abyde yn no  
 wyse with hem. ¶ And thanne thei come forthe toward<sup>10</sup> the<sup>12</sup>  
 Engelisshe seege, knelynge on her kneis, and wepynge sore, bothe  
 man, and woman with yonge sowkyng children<sup>11</sup> in her armys, and  
 olde febuH men knelynge besyde hem, makynge there a dilfuH  
 crye; for alle they cryed there atonys "haue mercy on vs, ye good<sup>16</sup>  
 and<sup>12</sup> Cristen and worthy men."<sup>13</sup> ¶ And thanne oure Kyng  
 had<sup>14</sup> rewthe on hem and pite,<sup>15</sup> and yaf hem brede and drynke,  
 and made hem turne ayen to the Cite; and there thei kepte hem  
 in the diche, that thei shold not knowe nor here the ordynaunce<sup>20</sup>  
 nor counseile of the seege, ne of her wacche in no wyse, for trayne  
 and treson that myght falle.

¶ And whanne these pore pepuH shuld turne<sup>16</sup> ayen, thei made  
 high sorough and grete murmuracion amonge hem-self, and seyden<sup>24</sup>  
 they had leuyr byn sleyn there thanne go ayen into the Cite,  
 and dilfully, with high voycis<sup>17</sup> bannyng and cursyng her<sup>18</sup> owne  
 nacion, for thei that weren with-ynne the Cite wold not suffre hem  
 come in ayen; wherefore y trowe thei diden grete synne and mys-<sup>28</sup>  
 chieff to hem-self; for meny of him deiden there for colde, that,  
 and thei had byn with-ynne, her lifis<sup>19</sup> might haue byn sauyd and  
 kepte.

¶ And tho was come the tyme of Cristmesse, in whiche oure<sup>32</sup>  
 Kyng did tho grete mercy and relief to his enemyes, at the reuer-  
 ence of that Glorious feste of the byrthe of oure Lorde Ihesu  
 Criste and of his blessid modir, oure Lady Seynt Marye, that

<sup>1</sup> and *om.* B.      <sup>2</sup> day new B.      <sup>3-3</sup> But . . . hem *om.* B.  
<sup>4</sup> hilde at B.      <sup>5</sup> day by day in werre B.      <sup>6</sup> had of B.      <sup>7</sup> in *om.* B.  
<sup>8</sup> litull *om.* B.      <sup>9</sup> in B.      <sup>10</sup> wolking to B.      <sup>11</sup> leaf 139, *back.*  
<sup>12</sup> and *om.* B.      <sup>13</sup> englyssh man B.      <sup>14</sup> had grete B.  
<sup>15</sup> & pytee on hem B.      <sup>16</sup> shuld algatis turue A.      <sup>17</sup> voice A.  
<sup>18</sup> her A.      he G.      <sup>19</sup> lyuys A.

gracious and mercifull virgyne. For, of high pite, mercy and<sup>1</sup>  
 grace, and at the reuerence of<sup>2</sup> that tyme of the holy feste, the  
 Kynge, of high compascion that he had in hert, and of his worthi  
 4 and excellent manhode, sent oute his heraudis in good araye, bothe  
 to hem that weren wyth-ynne the Cite as welle as with-oute the  
 Cite, on the Cristemesse day self, to hem<sup>3</sup> that lackid vitaille, that  
 thei shold come and haue mete and drynke ynow, in worship of the  
 8 Feste, and sauf-condite to come and to goo. And thei seiden  
 alle 'gramersis' lightly, as thei had no nede there-to, and set no  
 pryce by his sonde. And vnnethe thei wold graunte space vnto  
 the<sup>4</sup> pepuH of her owne nacion to ben releuyd that layn in the diche  
 12 vndir the Cite wallis, that thei had drouen and put oute of grete  
 myschieff. But two preestis and iiij seruauntis for<sup>5</sup> to brynge hem  
 vitailles, mete and drynke; and if ther come eny moo personys,  
 thei wold shete to hem and sle hem to dethe. ¶ And thanne  
 16 weren alle these pore pepuH set arowe; and these two preestis with  
 her iiij. seruauntis brougthen hem plente of mete and drynke, of  
 the Kyngis gracious almys; and so thei weren at<sup>6</sup> that tyme made  
 welle at eese; and replete of mete and drynke. And as thei sete  
 20 her mete to fonge, this talkynge thei had amongis hem. ¶ "A,  
 almyghty God," thanne thei seide, "the<sup>7</sup> Engelisshe-men by<sup>8</sup> of  
 good and treue<sup>9</sup> herte! Lo, how here this excellent Prynce and  
 Kynge that we thought neuyr to<sup>10</sup> obey vnto, ne neuyr profre ne  
 24 don hym homage, now hathe he on vs more pite and compassion by  
 a M<sup>ii</sup><sup>11</sup> thanne hathe oure owne nacion; therefore, oure Lord God,  
 that art fuH of myght, graunte hym grace to wynne and gete his  
 trewe right!" Thus the pore pepuH for the Kynge prayde; that  
 28 Gōd kepe and mayntene hym in alle his nedis. ¶ Whanne thei  
 had thus seruyd alle the pore pepuH with mete and drynke, and  
 were welle reffresshid, oure folke turnyd ayen to<sup>12</sup> the Kynge, for  
 the trewse lastid no lengur but that same day.  
 32 ¶ And whanne the nyght be-ganne to apere and shewe, thanne  
 thei on the wallis beganne newe werre ayen vpon the seege, and  
 wachhiden a ward that<sup>13</sup> fuH streyte bothe day and nyght with  
 hungir smerte, for that tyme her vitaiH weren alle wastid and  
 36 spente. And meny a worthy body for defaute of lyuelod of mete

<sup>1</sup> and A. an G.    <sup>2</sup> of om. A.    <sup>3</sup> peym A.    <sup>4</sup> the pore A.

<sup>5</sup> for om. A.    <sup>6</sup> at om. A.    <sup>7</sup> pese A.    <sup>8</sup> ben A.

<sup>9</sup> treue A.    treue of G.    <sup>10</sup> to om. A.    <sup>11</sup> M<sup>ii</sup> parte A.    <sup>12</sup> vnto A.

<sup>13</sup> pat was A.

and drynke was<sup>1</sup> spent and ded, for euyr grete hounzir brekithe herd stonen waß yn hir grete nede; for euyr the lif is dere and suete.

¶ Thanne alle the Capteynys of that Cite, bothe Baillis, Bur- 4  
geses and comunalte, toke her counseih with-ynne hem self to  
trete with the Kynge; and with the pepuß the cause pryncipaff  
for the high myschieff that tho was amongis hem<sup>2</sup> of enfamenynge  
for hungir; for thei knewe welle thei myght note longe endure so; 8  
and for the sodeyne and <sup>3</sup>multitude dethe that was euyry day  
amonges hem for lakke of ffode, vpon the New Yeris Euyr at  
nyght, the pepuß with-ynne come to the wallis at euyry porte to  
the seege, and clepedyn a knyght to speke with hem; and there 12  
was non man that tyme that hem herd till thei come to the Porte  
de Pounte of Sayne. ¶ And that was on that side<sup>4</sup> as the Erle of  
Huntyngdon kepte the ward. And there thei weren herd, and  
answerid tho ayen, and askid what thei wold: and thei ansuerid 16  
and seid, and prayed at the <sup>5</sup>reuerence of almyghty God,<sup>6</sup> if ther  
were eny gentih knyght that wold here her complaynte, and bere  
her erende vnto the Kynge. ¶ And thanne oon ansuerid and seid,  
he was a knyght; and thei preyd hym to telle hys name. And 20  
he seid, “my name ys Vmfreuyle;” and thei thankid God and oure  
Lady that thei had mette with hym, for he was of the old blode of  
that contre of Normandye; “and we praye you to helpe vs haue an  
ende betwene youre Kynge and vs.” And he seid, “what is youre 24  
wille?” and thei seid at fewe wordis: “we haue byn at euyry  
porte of the <sup>7</sup>City there these Pryncis loggyn before, and haue  
callid aftur speche of hem; but we coude haue non ansuere: ffirste  
at the Duke of Clarence, the excellent prynce; and from thens to 28  
the Duke of Gloucestre, his worthi brothir; and ofte we clepid,  
and longe there stode; and so we come doune to the Duke of  
Exeture, and there we gate non ansuere.

The starving  
Roueners  
can't get Lord  
Warwick or  
the Earl  
Marshal to  
listen to  
them.

“And at Warwike, that Erle so fre, 32  
We callid ofte: it wold not be;  
And at the Erle Marchaß we were.  
ther was no wight that wold us ansuere.  
And we haue clepid at aß these so moche, 36  
But non ansuere we coude gete truliche;

<sup>1</sup> was pere A.    <sup>2</sup> hem A. om. G.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 140.    <sup>4</sup> side pere A.  
<sup>5</sup> the heigh A.    <sup>6</sup> god almyghty A.    <sup>7</sup> þis A.

therefore we pray these princis, for Mari sake,		
And for that Lordis loue that did vs make,		The Roueners want English nobles to beg Henry V to
As thei ben dukis of high dyngnyte,		
And cheeftaynys of cheualrye,	4	
Vnto the Kynge to prey for vs,		
And we may fynde hym so gracious ;		be gracious to them,
And we wolle gon with you also		
Vnto the Kynge, and speke hym to,	8	
And beseche hym, for loue of that Kynge		
That made heuen, erthe, and alle thyng,		
With his witte and his good auyse,—		
Aboue alle pryncis he is pryse,—	12	
And for his owne high prynehode,		
and also for his owne worthy manhode,		for his manhood's sake,
And as he is kynge moste excellent,		
and to God, but to non othir, obedyent,	16	
That regnythe here in erthe by ryght, <sup>1</sup>		
But only to oure <sup>2</sup> Ihesu full of myght,		
And with-ynne hym selff Emperoure,		
and also <sup>3</sup> Almyghti kynge and conqueroure,	20	
That he hym-self wold graunte vs space,		
and sauf-condite, and alle his grace,		and grant them safe-conduct for
Nought-withstondyng oure offence,		
That we myght come to his presence,	24	
xij. men of vs by on assent,		12 of em to come to him.
That lordly Kynge to telle fully oure entent.		
May we come hym onys to se,		
With the myght of God so fre,	28	
We shuH hym shewe, withoute distaunce,		
that shaH hym turne to grete plesaunce.”		
Quod <sup>4</sup> Vmfray : “ this y [as]sent ; ”		Umfraville agrees, and asks the Duke of Clarence
and <sup>5</sup> toke his leue, and forth he went,	32	
And come to the Duke of Clarence there,		
and told hym <sup>6</sup> this mater aH in ffeere.		
he thankid God and his modir eke,		
that oure enemyes were be-come so meke,	36	
and <sup>7</sup> that he wold, with good wille,		
Speke for hem oure Kynge vntille.		to speak to Henry V.

<sup>1</sup> right A. nyght Kk.

<sup>2</sup> oure lord A.

<sup>3</sup> also a A.

<sup>4</sup> Ox A.

<sup>5</sup> he A.

<sup>6</sup> hym om. A.

<sup>7</sup> & seide A.

	lo, so sone this good lord hem vndirtoke, and her mekenesse he nought forsoke. he is a prynce forto <sup>1</sup> comende ; but aH to fewe of sicke ben founde ;	4
	he is manfuH, whanne werre dothe laste, and mercifuH whanne hit is paste ; Manhode, mekenesse, witte and grace, Is conteynyd with hym in a lituH space ;	8
	he wantith nothyng a prynce shold haue ; Almyghti God mote hym saue ! Thanne Vmfrey <sup>2</sup> toke his leue, and his message he went to meue.	12
Umfraville goes to the Duke of Exeter and to Gloster,	To Gloucestre thanne did he goo, To Exetur the Duke also, and <sup>3</sup> told hem the tydyngis how it was. thei thonkyd God of his high grace,	16
	that her enemyes, ayens her wille, ffor nede of socoure wold yold him tille ; and seid thei wold, for Goddis sake, helpe for hem a good ende to make.	20
who promise him help.	loo these pryncis of high mekenesse,— God kepe hem yn hele and from sikenesse !— [lf. 140, bk.] Though thei haue suffrid peynys smerte, yet haue thei mercy and pite in herte.	24
Then he goes	Thanne Vmfreyule, his leue he tace, and passid forthe in his space To erlis and to lordis be <sup>3</sup> name ; and thei hym seid aH the same.	28
to other nobles,	Lo ! these cheefenteynys of cheualrie, how thei weren come in cherite ! therefore God, of his grete grace, yef hem good spede in curyr place.	32
	thanne on <sup>4</sup> Newe Yeris Day in the morny[n]g, Sir Gilbert Vmfreyule come to the Kyng, and aH this mater to hym he <sup>5</sup> seid :	36
and then to Henry V.	And there of the cite mekely hym prayed. oure Kyng seid thanne, be good auyse, and also at his owne deuyse,	

<sup>1</sup> to A.    <sup>2</sup> vmfrevile A.    <sup>3</sup> by A.    <sup>4</sup> a A.  
<sup>5</sup> he om. A.

to graunte that cite aH her wille :		
“ let xij of hem come me tille.”		Henry V will see the 12 Roueners.
of aH his lordis euyry-chone.		
ayens it was neuyr oone.	4	
lo! that high <sup>1</sup> prynce and kynge so felle, <sup>2</sup>		
of aH erthely creaturis he is welle ;		
lo! how he hathe prouyd hym self manfuH,		How manful and merciful he is,
and as <sup>3</sup> a prynce right mercifuH ;	8	
thei that had hym so ofte <sup>4</sup> meuyd,		
and also hym had gretely greuyd,		
and also <sup>5</sup> put hym yn grete coste,		
and of his pepuH fuH meny loste,	12	
And <sup>6</sup> withstonde hym of his right,—		
And now thei byn falle in his myght,		when he has em in his power!
and at his wille hem to greue,		
yf he wol put hem to myscheue ;	16	
and thanne hym-self to light so lowe,		
of her wille to wete and knowe,		
and also to graunte hem to trete :		
that was heigh mercy and cherite.	20	
Sithe that thei had hym so <sup>7</sup> agilte,		
and lithe in hym to don hem ben spilte ;		
he grauntid hem <sup>8</sup> grace and merciful mekenes :		
ffor-sothe, a child of God, y wot <sup>9</sup> he is ; <sup>10</sup>	24	He is truly a Child of God.
of goodnesse and uertu he wantith no thyng ;		
that his <sup>11</sup> preisyng for a kynge.		
therefore Criste, for his passion,		
kepe hym in <sup>12</sup> right compassion !	28	
whanne the kynge had grauntid, as y haue told,		
to Vmfreuyle, the knyght so bolde		
The Kynge seid, “ sir, whanne shalle this be ?		
If thei wille to-morrowe, let see.”	32	
Thanne <sup>13</sup> Vmfreuyle of the Kynge leue hent. <sup>14</sup>		Umfraville goes back to Rouen.
And to that <sup>15</sup> cite anon he went.		
and whanne he come at that <sup>16</sup> gate,		

<sup>1</sup> he A.    <sup>2</sup> principaH B.    <sup>3</sup> is B.    <sup>4</sup> so oft had B.

<sup>5</sup> also had B.    <sup>6</sup> and had B.    <sup>7</sup> so greuously B.

<sup>8</sup> hem of hys B.    <sup>9</sup> wot wele B.

<sup>10</sup> is pat doth good ayenst mysse B.    <sup>11</sup> is B.

<sup>12</sup> in hys B.    <sup>13</sup> tho B.    <sup>14</sup> toke leue B.    <sup>15</sup> pe B.

<sup>16</sup> that om. B.

	the statis of the cite he fonde the[r]ate.	
Umfraville says Henry V will see the	he seid : " y haue be with oure Kyng <sup>1</sup> , and he hathe grauntid youre askynge.	
	to-morowe, be-tymes loke ye be yare,	4
12 Roueners to-morrow.	ffor xij of yow shuH to hym fare : and syn ye shuH gon hym to, My counseiH y rede that ye do.	
	to-morow y wote that ye shulle se	8
	The rialliste prynce of Cristiante ; To <sup>2</sup> syche a prynce neuer ye spake, ne so loue a worde can take.	
They must take care their tongues are not too long, but speak few words.	Theyinke with hert byforn youre tonge, leste youre tongis <sup>3</sup> byn to longe : speke but fewe, and welle hem sette To that prynce whanne ye byn mette ;	12
	ffor a word wronge oute of ward	16
	Might make you to <sup>4</sup> fare fnH herd, Therefore, of wordis loke ye ben wise, and sei no thyng withoute good advise."	
	thanne thanked thei hym fuH curtesly,	20
	and of his god lore seid, " gramercy ; that ye wold vs so moche good teche, or that we come to that worthi princis speche."	
	he seid " adieu ! " and went his wey,	24
	the seturday aftur neweyeris day.	
Next day at prime he meets the	and at <sup>5</sup> that houre of day be <sup>6</sup> pryme, Sir Gilbert Vmfreyuyle come that <sup>7</sup> tyme ; of the Kyngis squyeris weren sent,	28
	that tyme wyth <sup>8</sup> hym verayment, <sup>9</sup> <sup>10</sup> and yomen of the crowne also, with hym assyngny were to goo, <sup>10</sup>	
	thei went to Sein Hillariis Gate :	32
12 Roueners :	anon the xij men come oute there-ate :	
4 knyghts, 4 clerks, and 4 burgesse.	iiij knyghtis and <sup>11</sup> iiij clerkes, and <sup>11</sup> iiij burgeys, wise <sup>12</sup> of werkes :	
	alle <sup>13</sup> thei were clothid in <sup>14</sup> blacke,	36

<sup>1</sup> kyng<sup>e</sup> *om.* B.    <sup>2</sup> *with* B.    <sup>3</sup> wordes B.<sup>4</sup> *to om.* B.    <sup>5</sup> and on B.    <sup>6</sup> at B.    <sup>7</sup> by B.<sup>8</sup> with B.    wyth be G.    <sup>9</sup> hym assigned were to go B.<sup>10-10</sup> and yomen . . . goo *om.* B.    <sup>11</sup> and *om.* B.<sup>12</sup> wise B.    with wise G.    <sup>13</sup> & B.    <sup>14</sup> aH in B.



comly of chere, and feire thei spake.		
whanne thei were come to the <sup>1</sup> hous of charite,		
thenne oure Kynge, at messe was he ;		Henry V is at Mass.
with-ynne the chirche thei did lend	4	
the[r]tille that the messe was at the <sup>2</sup> end.		
tho <sup>3</sup> come forthe the Kynge withoute let,		He comes out.
there as he had knelid in his closet,		
with chere so cheuetayneliche,	8	
with <sup>4</sup> so lith light <sup>5</sup> a loke, and lordliche, <sup>6</sup>		
and so right solent senblaunt, and sad :		
<sup>7</sup> to se that lord men mygh[t] be glad. <sup>7</sup>		
as sone as the Frensshe-men hym did <sup>8</sup> see,	12	The Roueners kneel to him,
To-forn hym thei fille on kne.	[leaf 141]	
he blenchid on hem with stately chere ;		
he <sup>9</sup> ne wiste what thei were :		
thei enclinyd hem with meke speche,	16	
And a bille to hym thei did reche.		hand him a Petition.
he taught a lord to take her bille,		
and sumwhat he turnyd hem till :		
what it ment, y hard say ;	20	
tretise thei wold, be eny way ;		
Thei be-soght hym, for Goddis sake,—		and pray him to hear them.
that heuen and erthe and alle did make,		
Bothe este, weste, northe and southe,—	24	
‘ that ye wold here oure speche be <sup>10</sup> mouthe.’		
the Kynge bad hem speke and sey her wille ;		
and thei were fayn, and knelid stille.		
Thé seid, “ we you beseche <sup>11</sup> and prey,	28	They beg him
ffor His loue that deid on good Friday,		
And for his Modiris loue so fre,		
considre now on <sup>12</sup> vs now, for charite !		to pity them.
the pore pepuH that byn withoute,	32	Their poor are starving.
In our dichis rounde aboute,		
Thei lien there for faute of breed ;		
and for defaute many byn dede.		Many are dead.
haue ye pite hem vppon,	36	

<sup>1</sup> to be B. to G.    <sup>2</sup> the om. B.    <sup>3</sup> to B.    <sup>4</sup> And with B.

<sup>5</sup> hygh B.    <sup>6</sup> lordshyppe B.    <sup>7-7</sup> to . . . glad om. B.

<sup>8</sup> did om. B.    <sup>9</sup> As he B.    <sup>10</sup> by B.

<sup>11</sup> byseche yow B.    <sup>12</sup> consider & tender B.





	and weren redi batalle to yelde :	
The weaker brought the stronger bread and wine, to make them merciful.	The weyker party of the men thanne brought the bigger parti brede and wyn, In tokenyng that thei shold be Grace, mercy, and eke pite :	4
		[leaf 141, back]
We Roueners bring you the same, and Rouen.	and nowe we brynge you bred and wyn, and Rone that cite feire and fyne." "Rone," he seid, "is my herytage, I wille haue it withoute fage. And fro this tyme y rede ye do, that mercy and grace may come you to. And at the reuerence of god almyght and of Mary his modir, that maiden so <sup>1</sup> bright, Of trefy <sup>2</sup> y graunte you space ; And if ye wille ye may haue grace." thanne seid thei, "sir, pur charite, how wille ye to youre pore pepuH be, <sup>3</sup> that in diches suffryn pyne, and for defaute deie as suyne ?" The Kyng ansuerid hem with wit full wise :	8
Henry grants them time,	"Thereof woH y take myn a-vise, as God put hert, mynde, <sup>4</sup> and wille, So wiH y do that pepuH vntille : as he me redithe, y wille hem rewe." with that he went and seid "adieue !" The <sup>5</sup> ffrensse men, that same while, fforthe thei went with Vmfreuyle ; And toward the cite as thei yode, thei spoken of oure Kyng so goode :	12
and will consider how he'll treat the starving outsiders.	Thei seiden, "he is, to oure advise, of alle erthely kyngis moste vise, takyng reward to his chere and to his contynauce in fere, To his person and propurte, to his ffeturis and <sup>6</sup> beaute, And to his depe discrecion that is in his possession, and to his passyng pryncchode,	16
The Roueners go home-wards,		20
and praise Henry V.		24
		28
		32
		36

<sup>1</sup> so om. A.      <sup>2</sup> tretise A.      <sup>3</sup> see A.      <sup>4</sup> mynde herte A.<sup>5</sup> These A.      <sup>6</sup> & his A.

and to his discrete and worpy <sup>1</sup> manhode ;		The Rouen delegates praise Henry
ffor he is mercyfuH in sight,		
and askithe nothyng but his right :		
These vertuis byn a passynge thyng,	4	
That byn with-ynne siche a kyng.		
how shuld he do <sup>2</sup> but wyne honour ?		
how shuld he be but a conquerour ?		
welle he dothe <sup>3</sup> withoute dene ;	8	
God hym loue, and that is sene.”		
Thus the Frensshe men, of the Kyng talkithe,		
Toward the cite as thei walkithe.		
her leue at Vmfreuyle <sup>4</sup> thei toke,	12	
Into the Cite, and hym forsoke.		and enter Rouen.
On that othir day nexte, erliche,		
the Kyng made two tentis to picche,—		Henry V has 2 tents pitcht for the English and French to treat in.
On for the <sup>5</sup> Englysshe, and on <sup>6</sup> for the <sup>5</sup> Frensshe ;	16	
And bothe thei stode in Gloucestre <sup>7</sup> trenche,—		
Though the stormys were neuyr so grete,		
drie-hedid that thei myght trete.		
whanne bothe paulywnys weren pight,	20	
thei went to trete with aH her myght.		
Warwike, that erle so wise,—		Our men are Lords Warwick,
ffor in our partye he bare the pryce ;—		
Salusburi, that erle so treue,	24	Salisbury,
and also the Lord Fithe-hughe,		Fitzhugh, and
and the Kyngis steward, Hungurford,		Hungerford.
By name y can no moo record ;		
and from that cite come hym to mete,	28	They meet 12 Roueners.
xii. of the Frensshe that weren discrete.		
hit was a sight of solempnite		It is a solemn sight.
ffor to behold bothe partë ;		
To see the riche in her araye ;	32	
and on the wallis the pepuH that laye ;		
and on oure pepuH that weren withoute,		
how thike that thei walkid aboute ;		
and the herowdis, semely to sene,	36	
how that thei went ay betwene ;		

<sup>1</sup> & worpy A. and G.    <sup>2</sup> be A.    <sup>3</sup> with A.  
<sup>4</sup> vmfreuyleuyle G.    <sup>5</sup> the om. A.    <sup>6</sup> & an oper A.  
<sup>7</sup> Gloucecestre G.

The Heralds	the Kyngis horoudis and pursiuuantis In cotis of armys amyunauntis ; The Englysshe a beste, the Frensshe a floure, of Portyngale bothe caste and toure,	4
were drest like lords, adorned with gold.	and othir cotis of dyuersite, as lordis beren in her degre. Good-liche with gold thei were be-gon, Right as the sonne on hem shon.	8
The poor French had hardly a clout.	this sight was to hem a sory chere ; of sorow and pyne thei weren full nere ; of that pore pepuH that weren put oute ; thei had[den] <sup>1</sup> vnnethe a cloute ; The clothis that weren on her backe, kept hem there from reine and racke ; The wethur was to hem a peyne, ffor alle that tyme it stode be <sup>2</sup> neyne.	12
A child of 2 begd bread,	There men myght se a <sup>3</sup> grete pite, a child of two yere or thre Goo aboute and begge his brede, ffor ffadir and modir bothe lay dede.	16
its parents lay dead.	and vndir hem the watir stode ; and yet thei lay cryynge aftur foode.	20
Some had starvd to death.	Summe storuen to pe <sup>4</sup> dethe, and summe stoppid bothe yen and brethe ; And summe crokid in the kneys, and as lene as eny treis ;	24
Mothers held dead children up.	and women holdynge in her arme a dede child, and nothyng warme ; And childeren soukyng on the pappe Withynne a dede womanys lappe ;	28
10 or 12 dead to 1 living.	There men myght ffynde ffuH ryue, x. or xij. deie, ayens on alyue. and thei knewe not of dethe, So preuely thei yolden vpe the brethe,	[leaf 142] 32
They died noiselessly, as if they slept.	without noyse or eny cry ; as thei had slept, so did thei dey.	36
	These were sightis of differaunce, that on of ioye, that othir of penaunce,	

<sup>1</sup> had hem A. <sup>2</sup> by A. <sup>3</sup> see a A. se G. <sup>4</sup> to pe A. to G.

as heuen and erthe had partid on twoo, that on to wele, that othir to woo. ther was neuyr <sup>1</sup> kyng so straunge, To see that sight, but his hert wold chaunge, and wold considre to that syght, he shuld be pensiff, and moche light.	4	The sad sight would change any king's heart.
there men myght lerne in her lif, what it is, ayens right to strif; ffor while it lay in her lotte, thei were ffuH crueH (God it wotte), and mercy they wold non haue tille nede come that thei moste craue; and yet, for alle her wikkid wille, Mercy thei were take vntiH.	8	Yet the Roueners had
Now of that pepuH let we be, and of oure tretis speke we.	12	no mercy on us till their need came.
we hem chalengithe and accusithe, and thei ansuerithe and excusithe. we askid mykiH, and thei proferid smaH, that is yuyH to accord with aH; tho thei tretid an xiiij nyght, and yet accordid thei ne myght.	16	We discuss with em
thane the tretise thei broken in haste, and bethe tentis adoun were caste. thane the Frensshe men hem be-thought, her owne bale that thei had wrought. whanne thei shuld her leue take, thei preyed oure lordis, and this thei spake: "For the loue of God Almyght, contenew this tretise to mydnyght; And yf we clepyn, that ye wille speke with-ynn that tyme, we you be-seke that we mowe <sup>2</sup> haue eudyence fforto here oure euydence."	20	for a fort- night in vain,
Quod <sup>3</sup> the Englisshe lordis, "that, we assent." thei toke her leue, and forthe thei <sup>4</sup> went. to the Kyng our lordis passid, and tolde hym aH these materis faste,	24	and break off treating.
	28	
	32	They pray for delay till midnight.
	36	Our lords agree,  and report to Henry V.

<sup>1</sup> neuer þe A.    <sup>2</sup> may A.    <sup>3</sup> Ox A.    <sup>4</sup> þay A.    the G.

	how thei lefte, and in what issewis, and how <sup>1</sup> thei contynuyd the trewis.	
Henry V approves his lords' action.	yet the Kynge was mercyfuH in mode : That thei had grauntid, he not withstode. Thei passid forthe with simpufH chere, Into that cite alle in fere.	4
In Rouen,	Sone in the toun it was yspoke that the trewis was tho broke.	8
the poor abuse the rich, call em 'murderers,'	the pore pepuH alle aboute, on the riche thei made a showte, and seiden, "ye fals cherlis ! and also ye murtherreris and manquelleris ! will ye take no reward to vs tha[t] suffren here so herd, and deiden here euyry day ? welle we thanne telle may ; and also rennyth vpon oure coste, and in youre defaute we ben loste.	12
and appeal to God against them.	we pray to God that ye <sup>2</sup> mote ansuere, be-fore that iuged that suffrid sore on Caluery, vpon the rode, and bought vs with His blessid blode, that ye ben gilty in this case. we you apele byfore His face ! wold <sup>3</sup> ye obeye you to youre liege, thanne wold he come <sup>4</sup> lere his <sup>5</sup> sege ; but for youre goodis ye abide, and for youre pompe and for youre pryde	20
If they won't yield to Henry V	ye nyH enclyne to oure Kynge, but rathur lese vs for hungerynge. but ye accord with oure wille, right here anon we shuH you kyH ; and he shaH come into his right. and yf <sup>6</sup> ye it withstonde, we shaH fight, leuyr thanne thus to lye here, and be enfamenyd alle in ffere."	24
the poor 'll kill em.	they seide they dede it for a skylle. alle that we do ys for a wile,	28

<sup>1</sup> how pat A.    <sup>2</sup> pat ye A.    that G.    <sup>3</sup> wlod G.  
<sup>4</sup> sone A.    <sup>5</sup> bis A.    <sup>6</sup> yf om. A.



to excuse vs to that fode,		
<sup>1</sup> that we pay hym but lituH goode. <sup>2</sup>		
thei sembrid thanne aH that cite ;		
and euyry man seid in his degre :	4	The Roueners say they must either give up their city
“no nede is to counseiH goo ;		
ther is no moo but of two :		
ffor to dellyuyre vp this clos,		
or to be dede here : this is to <sup>3</sup> chos.”	8	or die.
to the Porte of Seynt Hillary thei went,		
and clepid oute by on assent.		
tho ansuerid hem <sup>4</sup> a knyght anon,		
that was clepid Robesard, Sir Iohn :	12	They ask Sir John Robsart
“sirrys,” he seid, “what is youre wille?”		
thei ansuerid and seid hym tille :		
“we you be-seche, pur charite,		
And for the honoure of cheualrye,	[leaf 142, back] 16	
that ye for vs woH speke youre speche		
to the Duke of Gloucestre, and hym beseche		to get the Duke of Gloster to tell Henry V
So for us to <sup>5</sup> the Kynge to prayne,		
That we nought mowe <sup>6</sup> trete ayayne.	20	
we wolle submitt <sup>7</sup> to his wille,		that they'll submit to him.
and alle that longith hym vntille,		
oure prosonys and oure possessionys,		
alle to dispose at his discrecionys.”	24	
whanne that <sup>8</sup> Robesard the Duke had told,		The Duke tells the King.
ffor hem to speke in haste he wold :		
he meuyd hit vnto oure Kynge,		
and he hym grauntid newe trefyng	28	
Of Caunturbury the Erchebisshop fre :		The Arch-bishop of Canterbury
at Seynt Katerynys thanne lay he.		
whanne he was knowynge of that care,		
at his herte he toke it sare ;	32	
to the kynge sone he wente,		
and hym be-sought with good entente,		has leave to speak to the
that he myght wende <sup>9</sup> to that cite,		
and speke with her spryrytuate,	36	Religious of Rouen.
and to be meue of that trete ;		

<sup>1</sup> & þat A.   <sup>2</sup> litil goode A.   lituH G.   <sup>3</sup> þe A.

<sup>4</sup> hem answerid A.   <sup>5</sup> to om. A.   <sup>6</sup> now A.

<sup>7</sup> submytte vs A.   submittis G.   <sup>8</sup> þat A.   the G.

<sup>9</sup> myght wende A.   myght G.

	and help a fynall pees to be.	
	the Kynge hym grauntid anon right.	
Tents are pitch.	two paulyonys anon were pight, <sup>1</sup>	
	with-ynne the trenche that thei had ben.	4
	the archebisshop pight his owne betwene ;	
	So was that state of <sup>2</sup> spiritualte	
	there for to make an vnity.	
Negotiations go on for 4 days,	They tretid day, they tretid nyght,	8
	with candiH and torchis bryght ;	
	thei tretid iiij dayes in that place,	
and then end.	and tho made an ende, thorough Godis grace.	
	whanne they knewe a clousion,	12
The Roueners	the Frensshe men made a peticion ;	
	her worship for to saue,	
ask for 8 days,	But viij dayes forto haue,	
to send to the French king at Burgundy.	That thei myght send to tho <sup>3</sup> Frensshe Kynge	16
	and to the Burgoyneys, this tydyng,	
	In what degre they stode, and howe,	
	willynge hem to haue reskow.	
	it was a poynte of cheualre ;	20
Henry V grants them.	The kynge hem grauntid with hert fre,	
	that thei myght bothe knowe and kenne	
	how that it shuld be, and whanne.	
	Now to my tale wiH ye tende,	24
The Agree-ment is, that if no rescue comes in 8 days,	and y shaH you tell her poyntemente :	
	In viij dayes, as y you tolde,	
	yf no reskowis come to that hold,	
Rouen is to be given up to Henry V,	They shuld dellyuere that cite,	28
	And alle the burgaysis, Englysshe to be,	
with £50,000,	and to oure Kynge, of money sounde,	
and they are to build Henry a castle	to pay oure Kynge .l. M <sup>li</sup> . ii. ;	32
	and more, they shuld vndirtake,	
	a casteH for oure Kynge to make,	
on the Seine,	withynne in half yeris, withoute let ;	
	and vpon Sayne it shuld be set.	
	and thei to haue her ffraunchisis fre,	36
	as it was wonte in olde tyme to be.	
	And no man withynne her cite selle,	

<sup>1</sup> prght G.    <sup>2</sup> state of A.    state G.    <sup>3</sup> þe A.

But citezenys that ther-ynne duelle, And he that was a Normaunt borne, And an Englysshe man sworne ; prysoner and <sup>1</sup> othir, as hit was skille,	4	
oure Kynge to raunson at his wille ; and alle the sowdyouris that there were, her goodis to lese, <sup>2</sup> and goo bare		The French soldiers in Rouen are to go home bare.
In her dowbelettis oute of the toune ; and yet oure Kynge yaf euyry man a goune. This was the compasicion, and made be <sup>3</sup> good discrecion.	8	Henry V gives each a gun.
thane Graunde Iakis anon present, aftur reskewe he was sent ; and of that message he was fuH fayne. to Rone he come nought ageyne ; but a messagere thedur he did sende, and bad hym haue do, and make an ende, and did hem to wete (y telle you trewe,) Ther was no reskewe that he knewe.	12	The Rouen deputy to the French King
the viij day (the trowthe to telle), in the feste of Seint Wolston, that day befeH, and this was vpon a Thorysday. oure Kynge thanne, in good aray, ffuH rialliche in his astate, as a conquerowe, there he sate, with-ynne a <sup>4</sup> hous of cherite, to resseyue the keyis of that cite.	16	sends a message that they'll not be rescued.
the viij day (the trowthe to telle), in the feste of Seint Wolston, that day befeH, and this was vpon a Thorysday. oure Kynge thanne, in good aray, ffuH rialliche in his astate, as a conquerowe, there he sate, with-ynne a <sup>4</sup> hous of cherite, to resseyue the keyis of that cite.	20	So on the 8th day of the truce
mow sir Guy the'botelere, and burgeisis of that cite in fere, to the Kynge the keyis they brought, and of legaunce hym besought.	24	Henry V
to Exeter, oure Kynge souerayne, comaund the keyis, and to be capteyne ; and the Duke tho charchid he to resseyue that cite, and entre in his name that nyght, and assygnyd to hym many a knyght. thane the Duk of Exeter, withoute bode,	28	receives the keys of Rouen
to Exeter, oure Kynge souerayne, comaund the keyis, and to be capteyne ; and the Duke tho charchid he to resseyue that cite, and entre in his name that nyght, and assygnyd to hym many a knyght. thane the Duk of Exeter, withoute bode,	32	and hands them to the Duke of Exeter,
thane the Duk of Exeter, withoute bode,	36	and bids him enter the city that nyght.

<sup>1</sup> or A.      <sup>2</sup> goodis to lese A.      goodis G.  
<sup>3</sup> by A.      <sup>4</sup> an A.

The Duke of Exeter rides into Rouen	toke his hors and forthe he rode to Benysyn that porte so stronge, That he had lay before so longe.	[leaf 143]	
with a brilliant suite.	To that yate sone he cam, and with hym many a worthi man ; There was neyinge of many a stede, And shynynge of many a gay wede ; There was many a geton gay, with mychiH and grete aray.		4    8
He is welcomd by music,	and whanne the yate was opynnyd there, thei <sup>1</sup> weren redy, in to fare :		
and shouts	Trompis blewe her bemys of bras, pipis and clarionys, for-sothe ther was ; and as thei entrid, thei yaf a showte with her voyce : thei were <sup>2</sup> fuH stowte.		12  15
from thousands of the French.	"Seint Gregori ! Seint Gregori !" thei cride on hight, and seide "welcome oure kyngis right !" the Frensshe pepuH of that cite were gederid be <sup>3</sup> thousandis hem to se :		20
But it is sad to see the	thei criden alle "welcome" in fere ; "in siche tyme mote ye entre here, plesynge to God that it may be, and to vs, pees and vnyte."		24
skin-and-bone folk,	and of that pepuH, to telH the trewth, yt was a sight of ffuH grete rewthe : mykiH of that folke ther-ynne, thei weren but very bonys and skyn, with ey-on holow, and nose sharpe,		28
pale as lead, some dying,	vnnethe thei myght brethe or carpe ; ffor her colour was wan as lede, not like to lyf, but sone byn dede ; disfigurid patrouys and quantite, and as a dede Kyng thei weren paynte.		32
and hundreds crying for bread.	there men myght se an examplayre how foode makithe the pepuH feyre : In euyry strete, summe lay dede, and hundris cryinge aftur brede ; and aftur longe, meny a day,		36

<sup>1</sup> & þay A.    <sup>2</sup> þat was A.    <sup>3</sup> by A.

thei died as faste as thei myght be laid away.

In-to that wey, God hem wisse,  
that thei may come to his blisse! Amen!

Now wille y more telle<sup>1</sup> spelle, 4  
and of the Duke of Excestre to telle.

The Duke o  
Exeter rides  
thru Rouen,

to that casteH firste he rode,  
and sithen the cite alle abrode,  
lengthe and brede he it mette, 8

and riche baneris he upsette,  
vpon the Porte Seint Hillary,  
a banere of the Trynyte ;

and sets  
English  
banners on  
its gates,

and at the Porte Baux<sup>2</sup> he set euyne 12

a banere of the Quene of Heuen ;  
and at Porte Martuyle he vp pight  
Of Seint George a baner bright.

he set vpon the casteH to stonde, 16  
The armys of Fraunce and of Engelonde.

on its castle  
the arms of  
France and  
England.

And on the Fryday, in the mornynge,  
Into that cite come oure Kynge,  
And alle the bisshopis in her<sup>3</sup> aray, 20

Next day,  
Henry V  
comes,

and vij abbotis with crucchis gay :  
xlij crossis there were of religion,  
and seculer ; and alle thei went in<sup>4</sup> prosession

and is met  
by bishops,  
abbots, etc.,

ayens that Prynce withe-oute the toune ; 24  
and euyry cros, as thei stode,

he blessid hem with mylde mode ;  
and holy watir, with her honde,  
They yaf the Prynce of oure lande. 28

and sprinkled  
with holy  
water.

and at the Porte Cauke<sup>5</sup> so wide,  
he passid yn<sup>6</sup> withoute pryde ;  
withoute pype or bomys blaste ;

He rides  
in quietly,

oure Kynge, worthili he<sup>7</sup> paste, 32  
and as a conqueoure yn<sup>8</sup> his right,  
thankynge eyr God Almyght.

like a  
Conqueror,

and alle the pepuH in that cite,  
“ welcome oure lord ! ” thei seid so fre, 36  
“ welcome into thyn owne right,

and all the  
folk cry  
‘ Welcome ! ’

<sup>1</sup> telle om. A.    <sup>2</sup> kanyer A.    <sup>3</sup> her A. he G.

<sup>4</sup> a A.    <sup>5</sup> kaux A. tauke G.    <sup>6</sup> in passid A.

<sup>7</sup> he in A.    <sup>8</sup> in A. lyn G.

	as it is the wille of God Almyght!"	
The Rouen folk cheer Hen. V on his brown steed.	with that, thei cryed alle 'nowelle' as high as thei myght yelle. he rode vpon a browne stede ;	4
	of blake damaske was his wede ; a peitreH of <sup>1</sup> gold fuH bright aboute his necke hynge doun right. and a pendaunt be-hynde hym did honge	8
He alights at the Muinster,	vnto the erthe, it was so longe. and thei that neuyr byforn hym <sup>2</sup> did se, thei knewe by chere whiche was he.	
	To the mynstur did he fare,	12
	and of his hors he light thare. his chapeH mette hym at the dore there, and went before hym alle in fere, and songe a responde fuH glorious,	16
hears Mass, and goes to the Castle,	'Quis est magnus dominus.' Messe he hard, and offryd þoo, <sup>3</sup> and thanne to the casteH did he goo, that is a place of rialte,	20
and lodges in the city,	and a paleis of grete beaute. there he hym loggid in the toune with riaH and grete renoune.	
	and the cite faste did <sup>4</sup> encrease,	24
which is soon plentifully fed.	of bredde and wyn, fische and flesshe ; and thus oure gracious liege	
So the siege is ended.	Made an ende of his sege. and alle that haue herd this redynge, [leaf 143, back]	28
	To his blisse, Criste you brynge, That for vs deied vpon a tree ! Amen ! sey we alle pur charite.	

And in this yere was quene Iohna, that was Kyng Henryis 32 wiff<sup>5</sup> the iiij<sup>e</sup>, arestid be<sup>6</sup> John, Duke of Bedfford, thanne Lewtenaunt of Engelond, and sent to the casteH of Ledis in kent, to abide the wille and grace of the Kyng.

¶ And in the same tyme maystur Randolf, the gray ffrere, was 36 taken in the yle of Gernesey, and was brought to the casteH of

<sup>1</sup> gf G.    <sup>2</sup> hym A.    hym hym G.    <sup>3</sup> offryd þoo A.    offryd G.  
<sup>4</sup> dide faste A.    <sup>5</sup> henreis wiff A.    Henryis G.    <sup>6</sup> by A.

Chirbourne in Normandye, for treson that she<sup>1</sup> wrought ayens the Kynge.

¶ And at Wittesontyde the Kynge lay at Maunt with alle his  
4 lordis ; and there he hild his rialte and feste at that tyme amonge  
alle his pepuH. and tho was maystir Randulf the Grey ffrere, and  
his beaupere, brought fro the casteH of Cherborough to Maunte there  
the kynge lay ; and from thens the<sup>2</sup> ffrere Randulf was brought  
8 to London, and put in-to the Toure in prison, by comaundement of  
the Kynge. And so by processe longe aftur the persone of the  
Toure and this ffrere Randulf fillen in debate and stryffe with-  
ynne the Toure ward ; and there this persone smote this ffrere  
12 Randulf, and sloue hym ; and thus he made his ende of the world.

¶ And at this same feste of Wittesontide, the Kynge made two  
newe lordis<sup>3</sup> in Normandye : that on was the Capdowe of Burdeux,+  
and he was made Erle of Langle ;<sup>4</sup> and Sir John Grey, Erle of  
16 Tankyrulye.

¶ And in the same tyme come the Embassitorys of Fraunce  
into Maunte, there the Kynge of Engelond lay, to haue a day of trete  
to the whiche trete the Kynge of Fraunce shuld come hym self  
20 and hys Quene, and Dame Katerene his doughtir, and the Duke  
of Burgoyne, with the othir counseile of Fraunce. And there the  
day and place was assignyd and take for bothe pertyes besyde this  
toun of Melange. And there was the feld rially apparaylid of  
24 tentis and payulownys on bothe sidis, bothe for Engelisshe and  
Frensshe ; and this fild was listid and palid alle rounde aboute in  
bothe sidis. ¶ And in the Frensshe side stode a pale dichid, for  
mistruste that they had of the Engelisshe pepuH,<sup>5</sup> and on bothe  
28 sidis serteyne men of armys weren assyngnyd for to kepe the fild,  
and in the myddis of this felde stode a pauylowne rialle, with a  
large EguH gilte, for Kynge Henry of Engelond. ¶ And a tente  
stode aforn ayens it, for the Frensshe kynge. And in this  
32 pauylown and tente, by ordynaunce made, shuld no pepuH come  
but tho that werne sworn on bothe sidis to the Counseille, vp  
peyne of dethe.

¶ And on the Engelisshe partye was ffriste, Henry the King of  
36 Engelond, and Thomas his brothir, the Duke of Clarence, and Sir  
Vmfray, his othir brothir, Duke of Gloucestre, and Sir Thomas  
Beauford, Duke of Exetir, and the nobuH Erle of the Marche, and

<sup>1</sup> he A.

<sup>2</sup> þis A.

<sup>3</sup> Erlis A.

<sup>4</sup> langvile A.

<sup>5</sup> And þe Englissh side was not but barrid A.

the Bisshop of Wynchestir, Sir Henry Beauford, the Kynges vncle, and othir Bisshoppis, and erlis, barony and lordis, and othir clergy,<sup>1</sup> knyghtis and squyeris, that weren assyngnyd to the nombre of this trete. 4

¶ And on the Frensshe partye ther shuld be the Frensshe Kyng; but he come not, for his infirmyte was come on hym, that he myght not come there at that tyme. ¶ But the Quene come, and Dame Kateryne hir doughtir, and the Duke of Burgoyne, and 8 xxvj ladyes in good aray, with othir lordis of the counseil of Fraunce. And vij dayes they tretid and they myght not accorde; and tho weren the<sup>2</sup> paulyonys and the tentis taken vp and born away, and the ffield broken vp, and euyry man went his wey. 12

¶ And tho the Kyng of Engeland, with alle<sup>3</sup> his lordis and all his pepu<sup>h</sup>, turnyd ayen and come to Maunte. ¶ And thanne this Erle of Gascoigne toke his retenewe with othir Engelisshe men, and come be<sup>4</sup> nyght, and stale the toune of Pounteyse of the 16 Frensshe men, and drof hem oute; and so thei fled; and so the toune was wonne; and there-ynne was myche rychesse. ¶ And whanne the Kyng<sup>5</sup> herd this, he sent his brothir Thomas, the Duke of Clarence, with his pepu<sup>h</sup> thidur to Pountese, and made 20 hym captayne there-of. And thanne he toke his pepu<sup>h</sup> and issewid oute, and come to-fore the Cite of paris with x. M<sup>h</sup>. men of armis;<sup>6</sup> and there they lay two dayes and two nyghtis, and no pepu<sup>h</sup> proferid oute to hem; and tho they turnyd and went ayen to 24 Pounteyse.

¶ And thanne<sup>7</sup> the Duke of Burgoyne, seyng<sup>8</sup> that they myght not accorde with the Engelisshe party; tho the duke of Burgoyne and his counseile come to the Dolfyn, there he lay, to 28 trete with hym, to se and knowe how they myght beste voyde<sup>9</sup> the Kyng of Engeland with alle his pepu<sup>h</sup> oute of the Rewme of Fraunce by theyre good counseil. ¶ And thanne the Dolfyn and his counseil tho answerid and seide, “like as he had brought,<sup>10</sup> he 32 shuld bryng hem oute:” and so they fille in altercacion and strif with-ynne hem self; and there they sloue the Duke of Burgoyne and othir lordis that come with hym, in her counseil chambre.

¶ And whanne tydynges come to the Frensshe kyng and to 36 his counseil, and to alle the Burgeysis of Paris, that the Duke of

<sup>1</sup> clergie & A.    <sup>2</sup> the A.    the the G.    <sup>3</sup> alle om. A.    <sup>4</sup> by A.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 144.    <sup>6</sup> of armis om. A.    <sup>7</sup> po A.    <sup>8</sup> seyng bis A.

<sup>9</sup> beste voyde A.    beste G.    <sup>10</sup> brought hem in A.



Burgoyne was thus slayne and dede, and his othir ffellowship, thanne were they sory and yveH payde, and weren tho redles, and wiste not what to don. ¶ And thanne the Frensshe kyngis counseih, 4 and the grete and worthiest Burgeysis of Parys token her counseih with aH the countre aboute Parys, and come and tretid with the Kyng of Englonde and his lordis and grauntid hem her askyng, that Henry the Kyng of Engelond shuld haue dame Kateryne the 8 Frensshe Kynges doughtir to wif, with aH his othir askyngis, and the Kyng of Engelond toke his lordis and othir of his men, and made grete puruyance and ordynance that he wold haue for his maryage.

¶ And so the Kyng wente into<sup>1</sup> Troys in<sup>2</sup> Champeyne there 12 they shold byn weddid; and thedur was Dame Kateryne brought with grete rialte; and there they were worthiliche welcomed and resseyued of aH the pepuH there. ¶ And there the Erchebisshop of Caunturburi, Sir Henry Chichele, and othir Engelisshe Bisshoppis 16 and Frensshe Bisshoppis diden this solempne seruyce there, and weddid hem togederis there by ordynance of God and holy chirche, with honoure and grete ioye. And there he made a rialle and a passyng worthi solempne feste to alle the pepuH that come, 20 the Monday nexte aftur the Trynyte day in the yere of his regne the vij<sup>e</sup>.

¶ And aftur this rialle and solempne weddyng, the Kyng and the Quene, with her pepuH, come doune to Rone, and there they 24 dullid a longe tyme, and in the contre aboute Roone, tiH he sawe his tyme to come in-to Engelond with Dame Kateryne the Quene, his wif; and ordeynyd, or he come oute of Normandy, Thomas his brother, the Duke of Clarence, to be his leef-tenaunte of Nor- 28 mandye, and of alle othir londis that he had in that contre of Fraunce, and lefte hym pepuH and stuffe ynow to maynteyne and kepe his right that he had goten, vnto his ayencomyng, and byraught hym to God.

¶ And tho aftur the Kyng and the Quene come to Caleys, and so ouyr the see into Engelond, and Dame Katerine his Quene with hym. And they landid at Donyre in Kente; and there come a grete multitude of men of the contre aboute, and in goode aray on hors- 36 backe, and welcomyd hem with alle honoure and reuerence that thei myght, and so brought hem to the cite of Caunturbury; and there were thei<sup>3</sup> worthily welcomyd of alle the pepuH of alle the contre of Kent, and yoven vnto hir grete yeftis, and so come

<sup>1</sup> to A.

<sup>2</sup> in A. and G.

<sup>3</sup> pay weren A.

ridynge with hem thorough Kente, and brought the Kyng and the Quene to his maner of Eltham, and there restid hem awhile tyll they wold come to London.

¶ And the meyre and aldremen, with alle the commnalte of the 4 Cite of London, lete ordeyne and make many<sup>1</sup> diuerse shewyngis and sightis thourgh the high stretis in the Cite, with many othir presentis and yeftis, bothe<sup>2</sup> to Kyng and Quene at the comynge into the Cite. ¶ And that day that the Kyng and the Quene 8 remeuyd from the maner of Eltham, the Meyre and aldremen, and the communis of London, in good araye of white garmentis and rede hodyis or rede kappis,—and euyry crafte, a dyuersite on her garnement to knowe euyry crafte be<sup>3</sup> hym-self,—and aH on hors 12 backe, with clarionys and aH maner of<sup>4</sup> lowde mynstrelsie, in honoure and comforte of the Kyng and of the Quene, and to the glorious and riaH sight of straungeris that come with hem ouyr from the see, and for the grete worship of the worthi Cite of 16 London, the Meyre and his aldremen, with the worthi pepuH of the cite, the nombre of xxx M<sup>ti</sup>. men and moo, abyden and houyd on her hors on the Blake-Hethe in Kente, abydyng the Kyng and the Quenys comynge. ¶ And tho, whanne they were come, they 20 weren reseuyd reuerently and worthyli, with alle humylite and obeysaunce of alle pepuH and men,<sup>5</sup> with<sup>6</sup> alle the melodye that they had, and so brought hem into the cite, and so to the Toure of London; and there the Kyng and the Quene restid hem. 24

And on the morow, aftur Quene Kateryne come fro the Toure to her coronacion to Westminster, and tho the Meyre and the<sup>7</sup> aldremen and alle the Commnes of the cite,<sup>8</sup> that is for to seye, euyry crafte in her beste clothyng, with alle her melodye and 28 mynstralsie, went alle on ffote tho, and brought the Quene thourgh the Cite. And there was don and shewid to hir alle the rialte of sightis that myght be don to her comforte and plesaunce, and euyry strete hongid rychely<sup>9</sup> with riche clothis of gold and silke, 32 and of velewettis and clothis of aras, the beste that myght be gotyn; and so the pepuH brought hir thourgh the cite to Westminster, to the Kyngis paleys.

¶ And thanne the nexte day sewynge the Sunday aftur the 36 feeste of Seynt Mathy apostiH in lente, Dame Kateryne the Quene

<sup>1</sup> many riall A.      <sup>2</sup> leaf 144, back.      <sup>3</sup> by A.

<sup>4</sup> of oper A.      <sup>5</sup> and men om. A.      <sup>6</sup> & A.      <sup>7</sup> and the om. A.

<sup>8</sup> of the cite om. A.      <sup>9</sup> richely hongid A.

was crounyd in the Abbey of Westem<sup>1</sup>inster, with alle the grete and  
worthi Bisshoppis of this londe, with alle the solempnite and rialte  
that myght be don and ordeynyd; and the ffeste holden in the  
4 paleis opyn to alle pepu<sup>h</sup>, straungeris and othir that wold come, of  
alle maner rialteis of metis and drynkys.

¶ And on the efter-eu<sup>2</sup>yne nex<sup>3</sup>te sewynge, Thomas, the Duke of  
Clarence, tho issewid oute from the place there he lay, with a  
8 lytu<sup>h</sup> meyne, to knowe and se the place and grounde where the  
Dolfynnys pepu<sup>h</sup>, Armynackis and Scottis, had ordeynyd to mete  
and to fight with the Engelisshe men, and to yeue batai<sup>h</sup>. ¶ And  
as the Duke of Clarence come with his folke by the watir of Leyre  
12 vpon this eftur eyn afor<sup>n</sup> seide, the Erle of Armynacke with  
the dolfynys meyne and his and a grete nombre of<sup>1</sup> Scottis  
mette with the Duke of Clarence and his meyne by this watir of  
Leyre; and there they foughten to-gederis; and at the laste there  
16 was the Duke of Clarence slayne, and othir moo with hym; and  
there was take prisoner the Erle of Huntyngdon and the Erle of  
-Somersette and his brothir, and the Fytz-Watir, and othir moo.

¶ And aftur, the Bastard of Clarence come and gate his ffaderis  
20 body, and did so brynge it into Engelsond, and so to the abbey of  
Criste-chirche of Caunturbury, and was there enterid and buryed  
-besides Kynge [Henry] the iiij<sup>e</sup> his ffadir, on whos soule oure  
Lord God haue mercy! Amen!

¶ And also in the same yere, betwene Cristemesse and Candil-  
masse, the toune of Milon was yolden to the Kynge; and all the  
cheueteynys, with the soudiourys, were taken, and led to the Cite  
-of Paris in the croke of the mone, they myght sey; for of hem ther  
28 scapid thens but a fewe on lyue. And sone aftur, Kynge Henry  
the vj. was born in the caste<sup>h</sup> of Wyndesore, the day of seynt Ni-  
cholas the Bisshop, the yere of oure Lord Ihesu Criste .M<sup>ti</sup>. cccc. xxj.,  
whos godfaderis and godmodris at the fontstone weren these: sir  
32 Henry Beauford, Bisshop of Wynchestir, and Iohn, Duke of Bed-  
ford; and the Duchesse of Holond was his godmodir; and at<sup>2</sup> his  
-confirmacion the Erchebisshop of Caunterbury was his god ffadir.//

**How whanne Kynge Henry herd of his brotheris dethe, Thomas,  
36 the Duke <sup>3</sup>of Clarence, ordeynyd a newe retenewe, and  
wente ouyr the see in grete haste, & leid sege to Mewis in  
Bry, with his pepu<sup>h</sup>.//**

<sup>1</sup> of meyne G. of A.    <sup>2</sup> and G. and at A.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 145.

And in the vij. yere of Kynge Henryes regne the v ÷, come tydyngis in-to Engelond how that Thomas his brothir, the Duke of Clarence, was sleyne by the watir of Leyre, wherefore the Kynge was heuy and wrothe; and in aH the haste that he myght, he ordeynyd hym a newe retenewe of men of armys and archeris, with alle maner of othir stuffis that bylongid therto at aH maner nedis, and went ouyr the se with his pepuH, and come into Fraunce, and bysegid Mewis in Bry, a grete toune and a stronge, with a 8 Castelle. And that Towne and the Castelle weren welle vitailid and eke mannyd; and grete strengthe they had with-ynne hem, and manly they deffendid hem, and kep[t]e Towne and CasteH longe tyme.<sup>1</sup> 12

¶ And in this tyme, while the Kynge hild his sege of Mewis yn Bry, ther come goode tydyngis oute of Engelond to the Kynge, how that Dame Kateryne his wif, the Quene, was dellyuyryd of a feyre sone, a lord and prynce, to<sup>2</sup> the Rewme ese, profite and worship, 16 and gladnesse in hert, whiche with high<sup>3</sup> and grete worthynesse<sup>4</sup> was brought forthe, and cristenyd in his colage withynne his Castelle of Wyndesore. And of this worthi tydyngis the Kynge was glad, and thankyd God, and so diden alle his pepuH whanne 20 they herd there-of: and that day of this worthi pryncis birthe was on Seynt Nycholas day in the yere of oure Lord God<sup>5</sup> .M<sup>th</sup>. CCCC. xxj. and the Regne of the Kynge the ix<sup>e</sup>. ¶ And aftur these good tydyngis, the Kynge, with alle his pepuH, busied sore 24 to gete this towne and CasteH, bothe by watir and by londe and leid therto his grete Gounnys, Trepgettis and Engenys, and bete adowne the wallis in dyuers placis; and so at the laste they entrid yn with strengthe, and gate the Towne; and there was 28 moche pepuH slayne and dede; and tho was the toune wonne and the casteH eke.// ¶ And there the Kynge toke many riche men prysoneris, and sent hem afturward into Engelond.

¶ And thanne the Kynge sent aftur the Quene, and aftur IoHn 32 his brothir, the Duke of Bedford, and that they shuld brynge with hem more stuffe of pepuH in all haste. And anon as these<sup>6</sup> tydyngis come to, the Quene Kateryne went to Hampton, and the Duke of Bedford also, with a feyre meyne, and wente to Shippe, and come 36 ouyr the se, and landid at Hareflete in Normandye the vij. day of

<sup>1</sup> tyme for all her enemyes A.<sup>2</sup> to all A.<sup>3</sup> hert whiche and with high G. hert with high A.<sup>4</sup> worthynesse & solempnyte A.<sup>5</sup> God om. A.<sup>6</sup> these om. A.

May in saufte, and alle her pepuH,—thankyd be God!—and in alle haste reden forthe vp in the londe tille thei come there as the Kyng was.// ¶ And sir Vmfrey, the Duke of Gloucestre, his othir 4 brothir, was tho made the Kyngis Lefetenaunte of Engelond in his absence, to kepe and gouerne the Rewme in alle degreis, in saufyng of the pepuH and of the lond, that God maynten and kepe in good pees and reste, with good loue and charite to endure! 8 Amen! //

¶ And in the lettur ende of the monythe of AprieH, in the .x. yere of Kyng Henry the V. is regne, was the toune and casteH of Mewis in Biri gotyn and wonne by<sup>1</sup> grete strengthe, by the Kyng 12 and his pepuH, oute of the Frensshe mennys hondis. ¶ And in the firste day of IuyH the same yere, the Kyng sent ouyr the see his prisoneris that he had take at Mewis in Bry, the ffuH nombre of xxvij. personys; and they weren brought in-to Engelond, and 16 londid at Hampton; and aH his prisoneris weren caryed in cartis to London, and so brought into the Toure of London, to kepe hem there-ynne saufly.//

¶ And tho anon the Kyng remouyd from Mewis in Bry, and 20 come ayen to Parys. And with ynne awhile aftur, the Kyng beganne to waxe sore sike, and tho remouyd hym to<sup>2</sup> haue the betir Eyre and hele of body; and his sykenesse come to hym so sore pat<sup>3</sup> he myght not welle endure it. ¶ And so he sent aftur his lordis 24 that weren there, and his counsaiH, and deuysid his wille, and made his testament fuH, and sette his executoris, and deuysid his tresoure and his Iewellis to ben solde, and to pay<sup>4</sup> his dettis, as weH to his sowdyouris as to othir dettouris.//<sup>5</sup> ¶ And he ordeynyd 28 Iohn, the Duke of Beedford, his brothir, to byn there Regent Gouvernoure of Fraunce and of Normandie, vnto good gouernaunce and profite vnto Henry his<sup>6</sup> sone, and good keyng in reste and pees of his pepuH there, vnto the tyme the good Counseil of Enge- 32 lond myght dresse it and amende it, to set it in pessabuH poynte and reste.// ¶ And he comyttid thanne<sup>7</sup> the keyng of Henry, his yonge sone, to Syr Henry Beauford his vncl, the Bisshop of Wynchestire, and to Sir Thomas Beauford, his othir vncl, Duke 36 of Exetre, and<sup>8</sup> charged hem bothe to his good gouernaunce and

<sup>1</sup> with A.    <sup>2</sup> forto A.    <sup>3</sup> hym sore G.    him so sore pat A.

<sup>4</sup> to ben and to pay G.    to ben solde to pais A.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 145, back.

<sup>6</sup> his yong A.    <sup>7</sup> And þene he comyttid A.

<sup>8</sup> & charged hem bothe to hie gouernaunce and keyng A.

kepyng in his tendir age, for alle the louys that euyr were betwene hem, that no preiudise nor wronge were do to hym thorough noo fals couetous counseil nor nede.// ¶ And tho the Kyng disposid hym to Godwardis, and toke aH his rightis of holy 4 chirche, and toke his leue of aH his ffire[n]dis, and comendid his soule to God, and deid, the xxix<sup>1</sup> of Auguste in the x. yere of his regne: on whos soule God haue mercy! amen! //

¶ And thanne was his body enbawmyd and dight with riche 8 Spicerie and oynementis, and closid in shire clothe, and closid faste in a cheste; and he was cariid doune to Rone, and there he had his dirige and his messes don for hym, with aH the moste solempnite that myght byn ordeynyd and doon in holy chirche; and from 12 thens he was brought doune by londe to Caleis. And with the Erchebisshop of Caunturbury<sup>2</sup> come the Quene of Engeland his wif, Dame Kateryne, and many othir grete lordis, and knyghtis and Squyeris, and brought the body ouyr the see into Engeland, 16 and come vp at Douir, and so to Caunturbury, and so thorough Kente to London.//

¶ And thanne<sup>3</sup> the Meyre and aldremen, with aH the Craftis of London, weren clothid in blacke, abydyng the body of the kyng 20 on the Blacke-Hethe in Kente; and so come down to seint Thomas Waterynge, withoute<sup>4</sup> Soughwarke, and there met aH the religious pepuH with pe<sup>5</sup> body, prystis and othir, and brought the cors to London, and so thorough the Cite to Seint Poulis. And there was 24 Dirige don ouyr euyr, and messe of Requyem on the morowe, and whanne the seruyce was don at aftur mete, bothe the lordis and knyghtis and othir, with aH the Commnes of the Cite of London, brought hym from Seint Poulis to Westminster, and there was his 28 Dirige don ouyr euyr, and messe on the moroughe of Requyem,<sup>6</sup> with aH the Bisshoppis; and there was he burye[d] by Seint Edwardis Shryne, the .viij<sup>e</sup> day of the monythe of Nouembre, in the yere of oure Lorde Ihesu criste, M<sup>li</sup>. CCCC. xxij.// 32

¶ And yn that same yere it byfeH so that thoroughoute aH Engeland was a grete yere of ffrute. And in that same yere deiden the moste partye of alle the lory treis thorough aH Engeland.//

<sup>1</sup> xxix day A.    <sup>2</sup> with his herce A.    <sup>3</sup> thanne om. A.

<sup>4</sup> withoute *withoute* A.    <sup>5</sup> the pe G.

<sup>6</sup> messe of Requiem on pe morowe A.

How aftur the dethe of Kynge Henry the v<sup>e</sup>, Regnyd his sone  
Kynge Henry the vj<sup>e</sup>, and was borne at the CasteH of  
Wyndesore.//

4 **A**Nd aftur the dethe of Kynge Henry the v ÷, Regnyd Henry  
his sone, that was<sup>1</sup> borne in Wyndesore, that men callid  
Kynge Henry the vj<sup>e</sup>. And for his tendir and yonge age, Henry  
his ffadir comyttid hym to the kepyng of Sir Henry Beauford,  
8 Bisshop of Wynchestre, and to Sir Thomas Beauford, Duke of  
Exetre, bothe his bele vnclys; and the kepyng of Fraunce and  
Normandie to Iohn the Duke of Bedford, to ben regent and  
gouvernoure of bothe there, till that Henry, his yonge sone, by  
12 his good counseile wold set it in bettur gouernaunce.// ¶ And  
the kepyng of Engelond to sir Vmfray, the Duke of Gloucestre,  
to ben Proptectour and deffendour of the Rewme till that Henry  
his yonge sone, by alle the good counseile of Engelond, wold set  
16 and put it<sup>2</sup> into bettur gouernaunce, and to moste profite of<sup>3</sup> the  
Kynge and of the Rewme.

¶ And in the seconde yere of Kynge Henry the vj ÷ Sir  
Iohn Mortymere, knyght, brake pryson oute of the Toure of  
20 London, and was take ayen vpon the Toure-wharf; and there he  
was foule woundid and bete, and brought on the morow to  
Westem<sup>in</sup>ster byforn the Kyngis Iusticis; and there for his treson  
Iuggid<sup>4</sup> to byn brought ayen to the Toure of London, and there  
24 leide vpon an<sup>5</sup> hurduH, and so drawe thourouge the Cite to  
Tibourne, and there<sup>6</sup> hongid, and his hed smeton of, and sette  
on London Brigge; and thus endid he his lif: on whos soule  
God haue merci! //

28 ¶ And in the iij<sup>e</sup> yere of Kynge Henryis Regne, Sir Edmonde  
Mortymere, Erle of the Marche, wente oute of Engelond into  
Wallis, and so ouyr into Irlond, to se his londis and lordshippis  
there, And anon withynne a lituH processe of tyme there, he deid  
32 in Irlond.

And also in the same yere Vmfrey, the Duke of Gloucestre,  
the Kyngis vncl, and the Duches of Holond, his wif, went ouer  
the see oute of Engelond into Henaud, for to take there possession  
36 of his wifis heritage of lordshippis and londis. ¶ Wherefore<sup>7</sup>  
thei were worshipfully welcomyd and resseyuyd for chief lorde

<sup>1</sup> that was *om.* A.    <sup>2</sup> put G.    put it A.    <sup>3</sup> to G.    of A.  
<sup>4</sup> Iuggid to be deth A.    <sup>5</sup> and G.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 146.    <sup>7</sup> where A.

and lady of the lond. But not longe aftur, hit happid so that he was fayne to retourne ayen into Engelond, and lefte his lady byhynd hym, with aH the tresoure that he<sup>1</sup> brought oute of Engelond with hym, in a toune that me callid Mouns in Heuland, 4 the whiche was sworn to hym to be goode and trewe, and to kepe this lady in sauf ward till he come ayen to here. But at the laste thei weren fals, for thei delyuyryd the lady to the Duke of Burgoyne; and he sent hir<sup>2</sup> to the cite of Gaunte yn Flaunderis, 8 to be kepte there.// ¶ But, as God wold, in a shorte tyme aftur she ascaped thens in mannys clothyng, and come to a toune of her owne in Selande, that is callid Seryse, and fro thens she went to a toune of her owne in Holand, that is callid Tragowe, where, 12 with help of her ffryndis that there were, she withstode the Duke of Burgoyne and alle his malice.//

¶ And in the iiij<sup>e</sup> yere of Kynge Henryis regne the vj<sup>e</sup>, there aros a grete debate<sup>3</sup> betwene Sir Vmfrey, the Duke of Gloucestre, 16 and Sir Henry Beauford, Bisshop of Wynchestir; and this Henry<sup>4</sup> bare tho heuy herte ayens the pepuH of the Cite of<sup>5</sup> London; And pis debate bygan on þe day of þe Meyris tidyng of London,<sup>5</sup> whanne thei come to Westminster paleis; and the Meyre of London 20 that tyme me callid Iohn Couentre, mercer. And on the nexte morow folowyng, the Bisshop of Wynchestre hadde gaderyd a grete pepull in Soughthewerke, of men of armys and archeris; and they of the Cite kept tho strongly London Brygge-gate with men of 24 armys [&] archeris, that no man myght<sup>6</sup> in, nothir oute, for to kepe the pees in bothe partyes. ¶ And anon, vpon viij. of the klokke in the mornynge, alle the Cite was vp with-her wepyn, and shette in her howsis, and drewe hem downward to Temyse- 28 side, and wold haue apassid ouyr the watir, forto haue taken the Bisshop. ¶ But the Erchebisshop of Caunturbury, Sir Henry Chichele, and the Bisshop of Bathe, Sir Iohn of Stafford, and the Prynce of Portyngale—that in the same tyme were in the Cite of 32 London—went betwene hem and the Cite, that aH was cessed and set in reste by none; <sup>7</sup> blessid be<sup>8</sup> God! //

¶ And in the same yere, the .x. day next aftur that Iohn the Duke of Bedford, and his lady, his wiff, that was the Dukis 36

<sup>1</sup> he þo A.    <sup>2</sup> hir þo A.    <sup>3</sup> debate & dissencion A.

<sup>4</sup> this sir henry A.

<sup>5-5</sup> London And pis debate bygan on the day of þe Meyris tidyng of London A. om. G.

<sup>6</sup> myght nor A.    <sup>7</sup> noone y A.    <sup>8</sup> by G. be A.



sustur of Burgoyne, come out of Fraunce ouyr the see into Engeland, to here and to<sup>1</sup> se the welfare of oure Kynge, and to se also the gouernaunce of this Rewme. and whanne he come  
4 nygh London, the Meyre and Aldremen, and many crafty men of the Cite, riden ayens the Duke and the Duchesse, and welcomyd hem, and brought hem into the Cite. ¶ And at the Bisshoppis place of Dereham, there thei were herborowid; and with hem  
8 tho come the Bisshop of Wynchestre ridynge thorough London, to right grete greuance of the pepuH, saue for the displesaunce and presence of the Duke.

¶ And in the .v. yere of Kynge Henry the vj<sup>e</sup>., anon aftur  
12 the Feste of Seint Hillary, the Kynge held his parlement at the toune of Leycestre. And at that parlement Sir Vmfray, the Duke of Gloucestre, and Sir Henry Beauford, Bisshop of Wynchestre, weren<sup>2</sup> made at on, and accordid, by the Kynge and the Duke  
16 of Bedford, and othir lordis that weren there presente.// ¶ And in that same parlement the kynge made two Dukis: my Lord Sir Richardis<sup>3</sup> sone of Caumbrigge, Duke of Yorke, and Sir Iohn<sup>4</sup> of Mombray, Erle MarchaH, Duke of Northeffolke, and there the  
20 kynge made also many knyghtis of the Bathe.

¶ And in this same yere deid Sir Thomas Beauford, Duke of Exetur, the kyngis beH vncler, in a place there he lay in the toune of Grenewiche, iiij. myle oute of London; and thanne he was  
24 brought into London to Seint Poulis, and there he had Dirige and messe; and from thens thei caried hym to Seint Edmondisbury; and there he was worthili enterid and buryid in Cristemesse woke in the yere of oure Lord Ihesu criste, M<sup>ti</sup>. CCCC. xxvj: on whos  
28 soule God haue mercy! amen! //

¶ And in the same yere, aboute Shroftide, Iohn, the Duke of Bedford, and his lady the Duchesse, passid ouyr the [see] to Caleis. And a lituH byforne [they] passid ouyr the see to Caleis,  
32 Henry the Bisshop of Winchestre, and vpon oure lady day<sup>5</sup> the Anunciacion, the yere of Grace M<sup>ti</sup>. CCCC. xxvij, the Bisshop of Wynchestre was made CardynaH in Seint Marye Chirche in Caleis fuH solempnely; where weren the same tyme the Duke of  
36 Bedford, Regent of Fraunce, and his duchesse.// ¶ And byforne the messe was bygonne, whiche the Bisshop of Wynchestre shold do, tho the Popis cosyn brought the Cardynallis hatte, and with

<sup>1</sup> to om. A.      <sup>2</sup> wer pen A.      <sup>3</sup> Richard pe Erlis A.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 146, back.      <sup>5</sup> lady G. lady day A.

grete reuerence he set it vpon the high auter, and there it stode aH the messe tyme.// ¶ And whanne the Bisshop had don his<sup>1</sup> messe and wa[s] onreuersid, thanne was don on the Bisshop an abbite in maner of a ffreris Cope of fyne Scarlet furrid with purid 4 werke; and whanne he was thus arayid, he knelid there vpon his kneys beforn the high auter; and there the Popis bullis weren radde to hym.// ¶ And the firste buH was his charge of his dyngnyte of Cardynalship; and the seconde buH was that he 8 shuld haue the reioysynge of alle the Benefisis SpirituaH and TemperaH that he hathe in Engelond. And whanne this was don, the Duke of Bedford, Regent of Fraunce, went vp to the high auter, and toke the high Cardinallis hatte, and set it vpon the 12 Bisshoppis hed of Wynchestre; and he bowid and obeyid the Bisshop, and toke hym byfore hym.

¶ And in the vj. yere of Kyng Henryis Regne the vj.<sup>e</sup>, went the Erle of Salusbury, with a grete retenewe of men of armys and 16 archeris, by comaundement of the Kyng and of alle the Counseile of Engelond, & made hym the Leftenaunt or alle the partyes of Fraunce and of Normandye, forto distroye the Kynges enemyes, and to chastice the rebellis in the<sup>2</sup> pertyes by his strengthe, myght 20 and power.// ¶ And so he depertid, and toke his leue oute of London, with aH his pepuH and ordynauncis, the morow aftur Mydsomyr Day, in the yere aboue seid, and come ouyr the see with alle his pepuH in sauftte; thankid be God in aH his yeftis! 24 and anon as he was come into Fraunce, he set sore on the Frensshe men that weren the kyngis Enemyes, and slowe and destroyid many of hem, and toke vilagis, Tounys and castelles, and made hem be suoren to the Kyng of Engelond. And afturward he 28 leid sege to the toune of Orlyauce; and that sege endurid longe tyme, for the toune of Orliaunce was so stronge, and well ymannyd and vitailid, that it myght not be goten for no crafte of werre that was don therto; where[of] he was wond[er] heuy and wroth, for 32 he myght note spede of his purpos.// ¶ And tho at the<sup>3</sup> laste, as he was busi to sete and loke vpon his ordynauncis, forto gete it yf he myght, a fals thef, a traitour withynne the toune, shotte a *Gonne*, and the stone smot this good Erle of Salusbury, that he was 36 dede thorough the stroke; wherefore was made grete doole<sup>4</sup> and sorow for his dethe longe tyme afturward, for the grete doughtynesse

<sup>1</sup> pe A.<sup>2</sup> po A.<sup>3</sup> the om. A.<sup>4</sup> grete G. grete doole A.

and manhode that was founde in hym, and in his gouernaunce at aH tymes. And thanne was his body<sup>1</sup> brought ouyr the see into Engelond, and his body was caryid and leid amonge his 4 aunseteris there as thei byn buryid of holde tyme: on whos soule oure God<sup>2</sup> haue mercy! Amen!

¶ And also in this same yere fro the begynnyng of the monythe of AppryeH into the feste of AH-Haloue, was so grete 8 haboundance of Reyne, where-thorough not only heigh was destroyid, but also aH maner of cornys, for it reynynd almoste euyry othir day, mo<sup>3</sup>re or lesse, duryng the tyme aforeseid.

¶ And forthirmore, duryng the sege of Orliaunce, at the 12 begynnyng of Lenton nexte ffolowyng, vij. M<sup>th</sup>. of Frensshe men and moo, with many othir Scottis, fiH vpon oure men as they went toward the Toune with vitaiH that is callid 'yamuyle,' where Sir John Steward of Scotlond and his brothir, with moo thanne 16 vij. c. Scottis and they weren gouernouris they lighten on ffoote, and they weren, euyry modir sone, slayne by Sir John Folstalff and Sir Thomas Rampston, and othir Capitaynys of oure side, the whiche had not passyng .v. c. of ffightyng men with hem at aH, 20 with Carteris and aH othir.// ¶ But Charlis of Burgoyne and the Bastard of Orliaunce, with aH the Frensshe men sittyng on hors backe and seyng this Gouernaunce, trussid hir packe and went her wey. Also a lituH beforne Witsontide nexte folowyng, was 24 the foreseide sege of Orliaunce broken vp by the Duke of Launson and his power; and alle othir lordis and Capitaynys of the same sege weren disparkelid, that is so seye, the Erle of Suffolke and his brothir, and the Lord Talbot and thé Lord Skalis, with many 28 moo of Engelisshe pepuH, the whiche sone afture weren taken euyrychone, at grete myschief, prysoneres.

¶ And in the vij. yere of Kyng Henry the vj<sup>e</sup> the viij day of Nouembre, the Duke of Norfolke, with many gentiH men of 32 knyghtis and Squyeris and yemen, token a barge at Seint Mari Ouereyis Brygge, bitwene iiij. and .v. of the klokke ayens nyght; and they purposid tho to passe thorough London Brigge, where the foreseide barge, thorough mysgouernaunce of sterage, fiH vpon 36 the pilis thorough mysgouernaunce, and ouyrwelfid, the whiche was cause of distruccion of moche pepuH thereynne, that was the more rowthe.// ¶ But as God wold, the Duke hym-self, and .ij.

<sup>1</sup> body y A.<sup>2</sup> oure lord A.<sup>3</sup> leaf 147.

or .iij. othir gentiH men, tho seyngge that myschief, lept vpon the pillis, and so thei weren sau'd thorough help of hem that weren aboute the brygge, wyth castynge doune of ropis, blessid be God!

¶ And in this same yere, the firste day of the monith of 4 Septembre, Sir Henry Beauford, Bisshop of Wynchestre and beH-vnele to the Kyngge, come to London fro the Pope of Rome. CardynaHes, and alle the prestis and religious of<sup>1</sup> London, and ney; London, went ayens hym yn prosession withoute the Cite, 8 and there they met with hym, and did hym aH the<sup>2</sup> honour and reuerence as longith for<sup>3</sup> sicke estate to ben don.// ¶ And the Meyre and Aldremen, with many worthi craftis of London, met with hym on the Blake-Hethe in Kent; and there thei welcomyd 12 hym, and did hym reuerence and worship, and brought hym porugh pe Cite,<sup>4</sup> and so to Charinge Crosse and there the Meyre and the men of London toke her leue of hym, and he rode forthe to the casteH of Wyndesore to the Kyngge. 16

¶ And in the same yere, at the ffeste of Mydsomyr, Sir Henry Beauford, CardynaH, and Bisshop of Wynchestir, went<sup>5</sup> ouyr the see into Fraunce for the Kyngis nedis; and Sir John Radclif, knyght, went ouyr the se that same tyme, with a grete compeny of 20 men of armis and archeris, to helpe and to strengthe John, the Duke of Bedford and Regent of Fraunce and of Normandie, and the Engelisshe pepuH that weren lefte there in the right of the Kyngge of Engelond. 24

¶ And in the<sup>6</sup> same yere was Henry Barton, Meyre of London. And tho was, thoroughoute Engelond, grete searste of corne and of othir vitaiH, for oxen and shipe, deiden stronglyehe, and a bussheH whete was at xx d<sup>o</sup>. longe tyme: blessid be God in 28 alle his yeftis of amendement!

¶ And in the viij yere of Kyngge Henryis regne the vj<sup>e</sup>; was hold a grete parlement at Westem<sup>i</sup>nster; and that beganne the morow aftur Michelmesse-Day, and it endurid tille Shroftid. And 32 on Seint Lethenardis day byforn Cristemesse, and that was on the Sunday (and Sunday went by lettur A. that yere,) the Kyngge was crownyd at Westem<sup>i</sup>nster, with honoure, of Henry Chichele, Erchebisshop of Caunturbury, and with moo othir Bisshoppis, with 36 alle the solempnite that myght be made and doon. ¶ And in<sup>7</sup> the

<sup>1</sup> in A.      <sup>2</sup> the om. A.      <sup>3</sup> to A.

<sup>4</sup> hym G.    hym porugh pe Cite A.      <sup>5</sup> om. G.    went A.

<sup>6</sup> bis A.      <sup>7</sup> in om. A.

same day, come fro byyonde the see to his coronacion and feste,  
Sir Henry Beauford, CardynaH, and Bisshop of Winchestre, <sup>1</sup>and  
the Prynce of Portyngale with a feyre meyne of pepuH, in reuerence  
4 and worship of the Kyng; and byforne that weren come and  
abedyn at London a bisshop of Fraunce, and serteyn knyghtis and  
squyeris with her meyne, to se that rialte, and the Coronacions of  
the kyng. <sup>2</sup>And the even bifore þe coronacion, þe kyng<sup>2</sup> lete  
8 make xxxvj. Knyghtis of the Bathe, withynne the Toure of  
London. ¶ And in the same [time] in<sup>3</sup> Cristemesse wike, bi  
ordynaunce and comaundement of the Kyng and of his CounseH,  
the Bastard of Clarence and Sir Iohn Kyzelei, knyght, and moo  
12 oper knyghtis and squyeris þat were made peti capteynes, with  
men of armes ande archeris, the nombre of a M<sup>ti</sup> personys and moo,  
shippiden at dyuerse portes in Kente and in Southesex, and seilid  
ouyr into Normandie forto helpe and strengthe the Duke of  
16 Bedford, Regent of Fraunce and of Normandie, and in releuyng  
and comforyng of aH the Kynges pepull that haue eny keypyng  
of Ceteis, townys, Castelles, or eny holdis tha[t] bilongen to the  
Kyng in the parties of Fraunce and of <sup>4</sup> Normandie: the whiche,  
20 Criste maynteyne and kepe, for his high mercy!

¶ And in this same yere was a <sup>5</sup> bataiH doon in Smythffeld, at  
London, the Tewisday the xxiiij. day of Januare, betwene two men  
of the toune of Feuyrisham in Kente: that on me callid maistir  
24 John Vpton, notarye, that was the appellaunte; and that othir,  
John of Downe, JentiHman, the deflандаunte. And thei two  
ffoughten togederis, armyd at aH poyntis, to the vtterist; but the  
Kyng, of his rialH power and grete grace, kryid ‘pees,’ and toke it  
28 vp in his hand, and yaf hem bothe fre grace: and this was the  
cause of her bataiH, for this Maistur John Vpton put-of <sup>6</sup> on John  
of <sup>7</sup> Downe, that he and othir moo of his compeny ymagenid and  
purposid the Kyngis dethe at the day and tyme of his coronacion:  
32 whom God kept and saue from aH mysauenturis. Amen!

¶ And in the same yere, the xxvij. day of Januare, Sir Henry  
Beauford, CardinaH, and Bisshop of Wynchestre, went ouyr the  
see to Caleis, and so to Bryggis in Flaundris, in embassitrie for  
36 Henry, Kyng of Engelond and of Fraunce, vnto the Duke of  
Burgoyne, and also to se the mariage betwene the Duke of

<sup>1</sup> leaf 147, back.

<sup>2-2</sup> And the even bifore þe coronacion þe kyng A. om. G. <sup>3</sup> in þe A.

<sup>4</sup> for G. of A. <sup>5</sup> a ki G. a A. <sup>6</sup> of om. A. <sup>7</sup> o A.

Burgoyne and the Kyng of Portyngalis doughtir, that is cosyn to the Kyng of Engelond.

¶ And in the same yere and day, Thomas of Borough, and Gray, two esquieris, by ordynaunce and comaundement of the Kyng and of his Counseil, had a grete retenewe of pepu, of men of armys and archeris, that weren sent ouyr the see into Fraunce, to the Duke of Bedford, Regent and Gouvernoure of the parties of Fraunce and Normundie, in releuyng and helpyng and strengthing of the Kyngis pepu in oure liege lordis right, Kyng<sup>1</sup> of<sup>2</sup> Engelond and of Fraunce.

¶ How that Kyng Henry the vj<sup>e</sup> went ouyr the see into Fraunce, the viij yere of his regne; and of the whiche [of] Fraunce that was callid the 'Pushed': how she was take prysonere.

And in the viij. yere of Kyng<sup>3</sup> [Henry the sixt] his Regne, on Seint Mathi day the Apostu, and that was on the Fryday, the xxiiij. day of Feuyrere in the yere aboue seid, Kyng Henry the vj<sup>e</sup>, aftur his coronacion at Westem<sup>inster</sup>, and ende of his parlement holden the same tyme at Westem<sup>inster</sup>, that the Kyng, by counseil and ordynaunce of aH the lordis and commu[n]es of Engelond, that the Kyng shuld wende ouyr the see into Fraunce, to resseyue<sup>4</sup> his heritage, and bere the Crowne as rightfuH lord and kyng of the londe.// ¶ And the Kyng, by his good and wise counseil, ordeynyd and made his vncler Sir Vmfrey, the Duke of Gloucestre, Leftenaunte of Engelond aftur his passage ouyr the see, for to gouerne and kepe the londe ayen his enemyes of aH partyis, and to se that right and lawe be mayntenyd in alle degreis, in sauacion of his pepu and good kepyng of his Rewme.

¶ And on Seint Mathi day the<sup>5</sup> Appostu, as is aforne seide, the Kyng come fro Westem<sup>inster</sup> to London, with his lordis and his pepu, and come to Seint Poulis, and there of<sup>6</sup>frid, and toke his hors, and rode thourgh the Cite, and toke his leue of aH the Commualte of London; and so he rode to his maner of Eltham in Kente, and there he duellid alle the Lenton tiH it was ayens Palme Sunday, and thanne he rode to Caunturbury, and abode there tille estur was passid, tiH his retenewe was made and ordeynyd, that shuld gon and passe ouyr the see with hym into Fraunce.

<sup>1</sup> kyng *om.* A.    <sup>2</sup> & A.    <sup>3</sup> kyng *om.* A.    <sup>4</sup> resseyue & A.

<sup>5</sup> the *om.* A.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 148.

¶ And thann the Kyng come to Douyre, and on Seint Georges  
eun, withynne nyght, the wethur and wynde was feyre and  
menabuH, and the Kyng was brought to ship withoute Douyre in  
4 the roode.// ¶ And whanne tyde of passage come, thei toke the  
see, and passid ouyr, and come to Caleis, and landid there in the  
mornynge at vij. of the clocke in Seint Georgis Day; and that was  
on the Sunday; and the domynyeaH lettur went<sup>1</sup> by . A.// ¶ And  
8 whanne he was landid, the Kyng went to the Castell of Caleis;  
and there he abode tille aH his retenewe and ordynaunce were come  
ouyr the see. And withynn iij. wikis aftur Estur aforne seid, aH  
his pepuH, with alle his<sup>2</sup> ordynauncis, weren come ouyr to the  
12 Kyng.// ¶ And the Kyng anon aftur, bi his CounseiH, sent  
dyuerse lordis,<sup>3</sup> knyghtis and capitainys, with her men of armys  
and archeris and ordynauncis, to dyuers tounnys, Castelles and  
Garnysonys of his in Fraunce and in Normandie, for kepyng and  
16 strengthyng of his liege pepuH, and kepyng of his tituH and  
right.

¶ And in the same yere, the xv. day of May, ther was made a  
Journey in Fraunce bisidis the toune of Compyne; and at that  
20 Journey were slayn of the Frensshe men, Armynakkis and Scottis  
the nombre of .vij. c. of good mennys bodyes; and there were take  
also of the<sup>4</sup> Frensshe<sup>5</sup> and of her compeny, many Cote armuris.  
And at that same Journey was take the wicche of Fraunce that was  
24 callid th[e] ‘PussheH’; and she was take alle armyd as a man of  
armys; and by her<sup>6</sup> crafte of sorserie alle the Frensshe men and  
her compeny trystid for to haue ouyrcome alle the Engellishe  
pepuH. But God was lord and maistir of that victorie and  
28 scomfiture, and so she was take, and brought and kept in hold bi  
the Kyng and his counseiH aH tymes at his comaundement and  
wille.

¶ And at that Journey, of Engellishe men weren Capitaynys, Sir  
32 John Monuntegomere and Sir John Steward, knyghtis of the  
Kyngis houshold, with her retenewe. ¶ And there was Sir John  
Mountegomere smyte his arme vn two; and Sir John Steward was  
shotte unto the thye with a quareH, and yet God sent hem good  
36 hele and welfare, and Scomfiture of aH her enemyes: blessid be  
God!

<sup>1</sup> wente pat tyme A.    <sup>2</sup> þe A.    <sup>3</sup> dyuerse G. diuerse lordis A.  
<sup>4</sup> þese A.    <sup>5</sup> ffrensshe men A.    <sup>6</sup> her & by hire A.

## APPENDIX D.

## ADDITIONAL MATTER FOR THE PERIOD 1420-28.

[*MS. Hh. 6. 9, University Library, Cambridge.*]

And þis was doon þe Monday next aftir the Trinity Sunday, In the yere of *grace* M<sup>i</sup> IIII<sup>e</sup> XX<sup>ti</sup>. And anone aftir this mariage was done, the Kyng hym-self [Henry V], with his English lordes and Retenue, And þe Duke of Burgoigne with many grete lordes 4 of Fraunce, with his strength and gouernance of people, leyde sege to dyuers Citees townes & castelles which wer' holden of the Dolphynne, with strength of his meyney, And of the Armenakkis and Scottis. And the Kyng with his people gat theme, and had the 8 victorie of his enemies.

And in this same yere, And in þe yere of *grace* a M<sup>i</sup> IIII<sup>e</sup> XX<sup>ti</sup>, by-twene Cristemesse and Candilmasse, the Towne of Milloyne was yolden vp to the Kyng; And all þe Chiftains, *with* þe Souldeours, 12 were take and ledde to þe Cite of Parys, 'in þe Croke of þe mone' þei may say for theme; ffor þer escapede fro thens of þeme but a fewe on lyue, for þei of Paris did theme to dethe.

Willelmus Cambrigge, { Johannes Wellis, } vic' VIII<sup>o</sup> [A.D. 16  
M[ayor] { Johannes Botiller, } 1420-21].  
draper

And in þis same yere [1 Hen. VI] þe Wednysday, þe XXI day of Octobre, in þe first yere of Kyng Henry þe VI, at þe houre 20 betwene VI & VII in þe mornyng, died Charles, þe French Kyng, In his Inne of saint Paules *with*-Inne þe Cite of Paris, And is buried in þe chirche of Saint Denyse *without*e þe cite of Paris: On whos soule, God haue mercie! Amen! 24

And in þis same yere, in þe moneth of Februarie, James Stewarde, Kyng of Scottes, spoused Dame Joan, the Duchesse Doughter of Clarence, of hir first housbond, Erl of Somersette, in þe church of Saint Marie Overey in Suthwerk. 28

And in þis same yere, Maister William Tailour, clerk of Oxenforde, was a-fore the clergie at Saint Paules in London, And þer





pe dethe. And so he was brought again from Westmynster to Suthwerk, & þen he was put in a carte, stanndyng, & faste bounde; & so he was cariede thourgh pe Cite to Tiborne, that all men myght see hym & knowe hym, And so he was caried the thirde day of 4 Juyll, And there hangede for his trespass.

Johannes Gedney M[ayor] Robertus Oteley vic' A° VI.  
Henricus Frowik [A.D. 1427-8.]

**How that there ffill grete habundaunce off Rayn; And how 8 dyuers sowdiourz went ouer the see.**

And in this same yere, & in þe yere of *grace* M<sup>i</sup> IIII<sup>c</sup> XXVII, from þe begynnyng of þe moneth of Aprile vnto the feste of All Halowen, was so abundaunce of Rayn that, not only hay was 12 distroied, but Also all maner of Cornes; for it Raynede all-moste euery day, more or lesse, duryng this terme a-for-said.

And anone aftir, as þe Erle of Warrewik, *ser* Thomas Beauchampe, was sennd oute of Fraunce from þe Duke of Bedforde 16 by all the worthy & discrete counsaill of Englande, he was made maister & gouernoure vn-to the Kyng duryng his non-age, & hym to goueren, teche & norish, as oweth to be done to such a worthy prince, to his lernyng of all maner worthynesse to good gouernance, 20 discretion and reason.

And in þis same yere, an old man, a girdeler of Norwiche, which counterfetede the Kynges grete seale, And escaled charters & protections *with pat* counterfeit seall, in disseit & *preiudice* of þe 24 Kyng & of his liege peple, was iugede to þe deth, to be drawe thourgh the Citee of London vnto Tiborne, and *per* hangede; & *þus* he died for his treason.

**How that A Breton had mordrede a widdow without Algat. 28 Ca II<sup>c</sup> LXII.**

And in þe same yere, a fals Breton, betwen Ester and Witson-tyde, mordrede a good wedowe in hir bedde, the which hadde found hym, for Almesse, *withoute* Algate, In the suburbes of 32 London; & he bar a-way all that sche hadde, And after toke girth of holy churche at Saint Georges in Suthwerk; but at þe last he toke the Crosse, & for-suore þe Kyng land. And as he went his way, it

happid hym to come by the same place wher he did that cursede dede ; And women of þe same parish come oute to hym with stones & *with* canell dong & *þere* made an ende of hym in þe high streit, so 4 þat he went no *ferþere*, not-*with*-standyng þe Constablis & *oper* men also, which had hym in gouernaunce, to convey hym forth in his way ; for *þere* was a grete companye of them ; & on hym thei had neither *mercie* nor *pite* ; & thus this fals thefe endede his life in þis 8 world, for his falsnesse.

**How that An Erytyk was take And conuicte ; And how Kyng Henry ordeynyd to go in to Fraunce, to resceyue þe crown.**  
Ca. II<sup>c</sup> LXIII<sup>c</sup>.

12 And in þis same yer, & in þe yer of *grace* a-foresaid, Richerde Woll-pakker, of Marc Lane, þat was conuicte a-for þe clergie, & dampned of heresie, was led to þe Tour-Hill of London ; & ther he was brent for his fals & cursed opynious þat he helde & mayntened 16 in presence of þe Duke of Gloucestre, & of þe Duke of Northfolk, & þe Erl of Warrewik, & þe Erle of Stafforde, & *oper* lordes & Jentilles, & afore all þe comuners þat were there present of þe roialme a grete multitude.

20 And in this same yere, þe Satirday, þe XXI Day of Februarie, one Fenables, a Jentilman of Chestre, & Thomas Clement a Draper of London was dampnede atte Westmynster for treason & for þift þat thei had done to þe Kynge & to his liege peple, to be drawe fro 24 þe Toure of London thorough þe Citee to Tiborne, & *þere* hangede & quartrede, And there hedes sett vpon London Brugge.

And in þis same day & yere, Embassitoures of Spayne, þat is to say, a Bishoppe, with other grete & worthy clerkis, And an Erl 28 *with* knyghtes & squyers,—& these people come to þe Kynge in to Westmynstre Hall the day aboue-saide.

And in þis same yere, on <sup>Saint</sup> Mathie day, Apostill, which was on a Friday, Kyng Henry the Sexte after his coronation & ende of 32 his parlement holden at Westminster, by the advise of all the lordes & comons of England, was ordeyned in þis parlement a-foresaid þat þe Kynge shulde wende ouer the see in to Fraunce for to resceyue the Crowne *þere*.

## [E]

CONTINUATION OF THE BRUT FROM THE CAPTURE OF  
ROUEN (1419) TO 1430.

[MS. Egerton 650.]

<sup>1</sup>In þat same yere þe Kyng lay at þe sege of Roon; and þe xvij day of Ianuere it was yoldyn to oure Kyng. on Chyldermesse Day come tythyng to London þat the vj day of Feueryere the Duke of Bedford, Leutenannt of Englund, and the Chauncelere, and many 4  
oper bysshoppis, and þe Maire and hys aldermen, with all þe  
Cetizins, made a generaH procession from Paules to Westmynstre,  
ponkyng God of the good and gracios spede þat he had gyff to oure  
Kyng. 8

And in þat yere was Ludgate for-do, And aH the prisoners  
remeved from Newgate. And þer died lx and x with-in xv days.  
And þis was done for one Olyuer and iij false harlottes, And þer  
þai died. 12

And in þat same yere Quene Iahan was a-rested And broght to  
Retherhyde; And a gray frere was a-rested in Gernesie and lad to  
Chyrburgh, And sone aftre was broght before oure Kyng; and oure  
Kyng commaundit hym to the Toure of London, And þer he was 16  
do in prisone.

Richard Whyttington Maior.	{	Wylliam Boteler .	} Anno Ottauo H. V <sup>ti</sup> . [A.D. 1419-20.] 20
		Robertus Whytting-	
		ham	

In þat yere come þe Duke of Gloucestre in-to Englund, and  
forth so to London; And þer was rescauyved and made Leutenannt  
of Englund.

And þe Duke of Bedforth, with a fayr meyne, went to Hampton, 24  
And þer he shypplit and sayled ouer in-to Normandy.

And in þat yere our Kyng weddit Dame Kateryne, þe kynges  
Doghter of Frannee, vpon þe Monday next afore þe Trinite Sondag.

And in þat yere was Pount Melayne wone, and oþer fortises 28  
many moo: þonked be God!

Williamus Cambryge	Iohannes Welles	} Anno nono H. quin-
Maior.	Iohannes Boteller.	

In þat yere was a womman brent at CotehyH for sleying of hyr husband.

And in þat yere oure Kyng and Dame Kateryne hys wyfe come 4 from Parise in-to Englonð, and so forth to London; And þer were þai ressaued wurshypfully with þe Maire & þe Aldermen, and all þe Citezins of London.

And vppon þe xij day of Feueryere, þat feH vppon a Sondag in- 8 Lente, Dame Kateryne was crownned Quene at Westmynstre. And whene þe Solempnite was done in þe chyrche, sho was broght fuH solelyþly þrogh þe Paleis in-to the grete haH, where þe fest was holdyn Off þe Coronacion of Quene Katerine.

12 **Off þe statis at þe Coronacion of Kateryne, þe Quene of Englonð,  
And of þe seruyce þat was done in þe same fest.**

Fyrst, þe Quene Sate in hyr estate;

The Archbysshop of Cannctbury, The <sup>1</sup>Bysshop of Wynchestre, 16 vppon þe ryght syde of the Quene; And þai were serued next þe Quene, couerd at euery course;

The Kyng of Scotland in hys estate, vppon the left syde of þe 20 Quene, wech at euery course was serued next aftre þat þe Quene and the bysshoppes were serued.

The Duchesse of York, The Countesse of Hunttyngdon, The Duke of Gloucestre, vppon the same syde;

The Erle of Marche knelyng vppon þe desse on þe ryght syde 24 þe Quene, And held up a sepre of the Quenes;

The Erle of Stafford, knelyng vppon þe left syde of the Quene vppon þe desse, and held a-noþer Sepre of the Quenes;

The Countesse of Kent was syttyng at the ryght fote vndur the 28 table;

Syr Ritchard Nevyle, keruere before þe Quene;

--The Erles broþer of Southfolk, Copp-berrer;

Syr Iohn Steward, sewerer to the Quene;

32 The lord Clyfford, Panter, in the stede of Werwyke;

The Lord Wylloghby botelere, in þe stede of þe Erle of ArundaH, The Lord Grey Ryffyn, Napperer;

The Lord Audeley, Aumerer, In the stede of þe Erle of Caum- 36 bryge;

The Erle of Warwyke, Steward of Englonð, in þe stede of þe Duke of Clarence;

<sup>1</sup> leaf 112.

The Erle of Worcestre, MarchaH of Englonð, in þe stede of þe Erle MarchaH.

**The nounbre and sitting in þe haH fyrst at þe tables :**

The Barons of the .v. Portes begone þe table in þe haH on þe 4 ryght hand Of the Quene ; And be-neyth þaim, at þe same table, setten þe Bonchers of þe Chauncery ;

The Maire of London And hys Aldermen begone þe table in þe haH on þe left syde of þe Quene, with oþer commynners of 8 the cete ;

And beneth þaim at the same table, in þe myddyst of the haH, next þe table of þe .v. portys, vppon the ryght hand of the Quene, The Bysshop of London satt *withyn* þe table, The Bysshopp of 12 Bath, The Bysshop of Excester before hym, The Bysshop of Norwyçh, The Bysshopp of Salesbury, The Bysshopp of Saynt Dauid, The Bysshopp of Bangore before hym.

The bysshop of Lyncolne, The Abbot of Waltham, The 16 bysshop of Carlyle before þaim.

And þen next þaim, at the same table syttyng, þe Iustices ; And afftre þe Iustices at þe same table Satt WurshyppfuH knyght and Sqwyers ; 20

And þe ladys beyone þe tables in þe myddys of þe haH, ffor agayns þe Maire and þe Aldermen of Londone, The Countesse of Stafforde, Doghtter of Sere Thomas, som tyme Duke of Gloucestre ; The Countesse of Marche, hyre doghtter ; The Countesse of Arun- 24 deH, <sup>1</sup>The Countesse of Westmerland, The Countesse of Northumberland, hyr doghtter ; The Countesse of Oxenford ; The lady NeveH, some tyme þe Lordys wyfe NeveH, doghtter of the Erle of Somersette ; Dame Margarete, þe Dukes doghter of 28 Northfolk ; The Lady Clyfford, Suster of the Erle of Northumberlande ; The lady Burgeyne ; The lady Talbot ; The lady Wylloghby ; The lady Manley ; The wyfe of Syr Richard Nevyle, doghtter of the Erle of Salesbury, and no mo ladys of estate. And 32 þat table was ocupied *with* ladis and damesels, and a quarter of the bysshoppis table also.

There lordys sewying were assigne to do þe ryaH seruyce to the Quene : 36

The Erle of Northumberland	The Erle of Westmerland.
The Lord Fehughe.....	The Lord FurnevaH.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 112, back.

The Lord Feris of Groby ..... The Lord Gray of Wyltton.  
 The Lord Poynynges ..... The Lord Haryngton.  
 The Lord Darcy ..... The Lord Dacrys.

4 The Lord Delaware.

The seruyce of þe ffyrst course.

Brawne wyth mustarð ..... Dedelys in Burueux.

ffirment *wit*h Baleyne ..... Pyke.

8 Lamprey Poudered..... Troute.

Codlyng ..... Plays.

Merlyng ffryed ..... Grete Crabys.

Leych lumbard ..... A bake mete in past.

12 Tartis ..... A Sodelte.

The seruyce of the secunð course.

Gele ..... Blaundesore.

Breme..... Cunge.

16 Soles ..... Millet.

Chevan ..... BarbeH.

Roche ..... ffreche Samon.

Halybut ..... Gurnard rosted.

20 Roget broyled..... Smelt ffryed.

Lopsters ..... Leyche Damask.

Laumpray in past ..... flampaun ryaH.

A Sotelte.

24 <sup>1</sup>A Panter and a damesseH before The seruyce of þe þryde course.

Dates in Composte..... Grene motteley.

Carpe dere ..... Turbutt.

Tenche ..... Perche.

28 Gogenos [Gudgeons] ..... Sturgeon frech and powderd.

Welkys ..... Porpas rosted.

Munse fryde ..... Crevis douse.

Grete Scrympys ..... Elys and lampryns rosted.

32 A leyche called 'whyte leyche' A bake mete in past, *wit*h iiij  
 Angels.

A Sotelte : a tyger, and Saynt George ledyng it.

And in þe Ester weke foloyng, þe Duke of Clarence was slayne  
 36 in Fraunce, fast by the water of Leyre, wyth Scottes, Frenche men,  
 Armynakkys, be-cause he wold not be gouerned, and haue take hys-

ost *with* hym. And *per* was take þe Erle of Hunttyngton, The Erle of Somersette and hys broþer. And *per* was lost þat day in-to a <sup>xx</sup>iiij good knyghttes: on whos soules God haue mercy! Amen!

And in þe same yere our Kyng, vppon the thred Day of Iune, 4 Schyppit at Douere, And londit at Caleis, and rode forth in-to Fraunce.

And in þat yere was grete queraunce in London for vsures; And some of þaim left money, Iohn Sadeler, Water Chyrche, and 8 many oþer; And in þat tyme money was skarse.

Robert Chycheley, maior. *Wilhelmus* Weston. Anno decimo h. v<sup>ti</sup>  
Ricardus Crosby. [A.D. 1421-2.]

In þat tyme, vppone saynt Nicholas *evyn*, come tythynges from 12 Wyndysore to þe Maire, þat oure Quene, Dame Kateryne, had borne a prince, a fayre sone. And a-none aH þe belles in London were re[n]gon; 'Te Deum' was songone at Paules; And *per* was the Chauncelere and many bysshoppys, And þe Maire and hys 16 Aldermen, And aH þe craftes of the Cite.

And in þat tyme þe gold of þe realme went by weght; And euery man had a payr ballaunce And weghttes in hys sleve for þe gold. 20

And in þat yere Qwhenne Kateryne went to Hampton, And *per* made hyr redy to go ouer the see vn-to þe Kyng. And *with* hyr went þe Duke of Bedforthe *with* a fayre meyne; And þe viij day of Maij sho landit at Hereflete, And so went forth vn-to oure 24 Kyng.

And in þat same tyme Mewes Embry was gotten in þe last ende of ApryH. And fyrst day of Iule oure kyng sent to the Toure of Londone xvij Cartes chargit *with* Frenche men þat were hys 28 *presoners*, þat he toke in Mewes <sup>1</sup>Embry: the nombre of þaim into <sup>xx</sup>viiij.

And in þat yere *per* come a<sup>2</sup> wrytte from þe Kyng vn-to the Maire of London, for to a-rest certayne *persones* þe wech were 32 found defectyfe in certayne poyntes of Erysy and Lollardy, And þeis bene þaire names: Eston, Mercer, and oþer moo.

And þat yere died Kyng Henry the fyft in Fraunce, vppone þe *evyn* of þe decollacion of Saynt Iohn Baptist; And þen was hys 36 sone Henri made Kyng.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 113, back.

<sup>2</sup> MS. and a



And in þat yere þe Shryves of London went by barche to Westmynstre, And dyuerse craftes of London *with þaim*; And in þis maner þai come home agayne, all in blak. And þis was done be-  
4 cause of our Kynges deth: on whos soule, God haue mercy! Amen!

And on þe Monday before Saynt Symond Day and Iude, The Bysshop of London, Mayster Iohn Kempt, was stalled at Paules.

Thes ben þe names of Maire and Shrevis of London in þe tyme  
-8 of Kyng Henri þe vj, in þe age of hym not xij moneths fulli:

Wylelmus Walderne, Iohannes TedershaH. } Anno primo Henrici  
Maior. Thomas Estfelde. } vi<sup>ti</sup> [A.D. 1422-3.]

In þat yere þe Maire and þe Aldermen and aH þe craftes went  
12 to Westmynstre by barge, aH in blak, þe v. day of Nouember; And  
-þer he toke hys oth in þe eschekere, as þe maner is. And whene  
he had done, he toke hys barge *with aH þe craftis*, And come home  
agayne.

16 þe vj day of Nouember, The cors of Kyng Henri the .v. was  
brought to London; And a-none the Maire and þe Aldermen & aH  
þe Citezins reseceyved hym, aH in blak, and brought hym to Paules;  
And þer he had hys dyryge and masses, and was entered, as it feH  
20 for a kyng. And þis was done vpon þe Fryday. And aftre mete  
he was brought to Westminster; And vpon þe Setterday he was  
beryd before Saynt Edwardys shryne: on whose soule Almyghtti  
God haue mercy! Amen!

24 And in þat yere, come Frenche bysshoppys oute of Fraunce;  
And oper Frenche lordys and worthy knyghttes of Fraunce come  
to þe Kyng to do homage to hym, as for heyre of Englund and  
Fraunce: And þis was aftre Crystynmasse foloyng.

28 And þat same yere, þe secund day of Marche, þer was brent in  
Northfolk a prest þat was dysgated of hys clergy for hys mys-byleue  
and hys heresy. And hys name was Master Wylliam Tayloure.

Also Richard Whyttington, mercer, died þe xiiij day of Marche:  
32 on whos saule Almyghtti God haue mercy! Amen!

Wylelmus Crowmere, Thomas Wandeford, } Anno ij<sup>do</sup> H. sexti.  
Maire. Nicholas Iames. } [A.D. 1423-4.]

<sup>1</sup>at xxli þe paryshesens shuld pay xls; And yf it were of  
36 more valewe, þen pay more.

And in þe same yere, on Saynt Gylis day, come þe CardinaH,  
þe Bysshop of Wynchestre, to London; And þe maire and þe

Shryves and þe Alderdirmen, *with* aH the craftes of the cite, ryddyn agaynst hym, and wurshypfully ressaued hym And Welecommed hym, and breght hym to Paules, And from Paules to Westmynstre ; And *per* he a-bode aH þat nyght. And on þe morow he toke hys 4 hors and rode to Wyndysore vn-to our Kyng.

Henricus Barton maior. Iohannes Abbot. Anno vij<sup>thio</sup> henrici vj<sup>ti</sup>  
Thomas Duffons. [A.D. 1428-9.]

In þis yere was þe good Erle of Salesbury, *Sere* Thomas Moun- 8 tague, slayn at the sege of Orlyaunce *with* a gonne, wheche was a noble lord and a worthy werreor emong aH Crystyn men : On whose saule, God, for hys pete, haue mercy ! Amen ! And he ys bered at Bryssham. 12

And in þis same yere, at Mydsomertyde, Henry Beauford, Cardinale, And also bysshop of Wynchestre, went ouer þe see in-to Fraunce *with* a fayre meyne of Archers and men of Armes ; And þe Lord Wylloghby was made Capten of hys werris. The wheche 16 Cardynale was ordined and purpast for to haue gone in-to Prage, to haue dystroyed and gyf batayle vn-to the fals herytykes and Lollordys. And whene he was rydy, tydynges come þat þe sege of Orlyaunce was brokyn, And þe Lord Talbot takyn, and oþer worthy 20 lordys. And a-none, in aH þe hast, þe CardinaH *with* hys meyne, And *Ser* Iohn Ratelyff *with* hys meyne, þat was purposed for to haue gone in-to Gyene, went ouer in-to Fraunce to help and strenghe þe Regente, The Duke of Bedford, in þe Kynges rygt of Englund. 24

And in þe same yere fell sodanly a derth of whete, þat a BussheH of whete was at xx<sup>d</sup> ; And xxiiij Days, brede was ryght skantt in London, in-so-moch þat vnneth Any myght be gete ; bot in short tyme,—ponked be Almyghtti God!—hit was a-mendit ; 28 And befe and motun, and Al maner of ffleshe, þat same tyme was ryght dere and scarce vn-to Lanmasse ; And þen sone aftre,—ponked be Ihesu, of hys ʒeftis !<sup>1</sup>—it was a-mendit.

Wilelmus Est- { Wilelmus Rous, } Anno Octauo h. 32  
feld, Maior. { Radulphus Holand, schereffyes. } vj<sup>ti</sup>. [A.D. 1429  
-30.]

<sup>2</sup>The fi[f] day of Nouember, þe Kyng, wyth hys lordys, ryally rode frome Kyngstone ouer London Bryge, And so forth Fenchyrehe strete, evyn vn-to the Toure, to hys mete. And þe 36 Maire and þe Aldermen, aH in Scarlete hodys, rode to mete the

<sup>1</sup> MS. þeftis.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 114, back.

Kyng, And so rode forth with hym to þe Toure The Seterday next aftre; wher-of were þe Erle of Denshyre, þe Lord Spencer sone, the Erle of Warwyk, þe Lord Beamounde. And aftre none, 4 þe Kyng, in a riaH araye, with aH hys lordys Ryally a-rayed in cloth of gold for þe most part, with the said xxiiij newe knyghtes aH in blew, the prestes rode a-fore þe Kyng ij and ij, from þe Toure to Westmynstre. And þe Maire and þe Aldermen, aH in 8 Scarlet, rode also, and broght þe Kyng to Westmynstre. And at London Bryge was made a toure full of Angels And þe grete Condyte and þe lytiH Condite in þe Chepe, rially arayed, rynnynge bothe rede wyne and whyte. And at the Crosse in þe Chepe was 12 made a riaH casteH, And þerin was grete Wurshyp shewed to þe Kyng.

On þe morne, þe Sunday, þe vj day of Nouember, þe Kyng was crowned at Westmynstre fuH rially. And aH Bysshoppys and 16 Abbotes Copitt and mytred ryally; And aH temperaH lordys rode in paire estate; And aH oper knyghtes (for most perty) aH in cloth of gold rially. And Henri of Wynchestre, Cardinale, as a CardenaH sate in a sete by þe ryght hand of the Kyng. And þer was 20 Quene Kateryne, moder of the Kyng, And a grete noumbre of ladis and gentiH-wemmen rially arayed. And also þer come sodanly to þe coronacion one of þe kinges sones of Porttyngale, And he was Wurshypfully reseceyved. And þat day was a fare day and a clere, 24 blessed be God!

Also pat yere þe perlement was eniourned tiH aftre Crystyn-masse. Also þe Fryday, þe xx day of Ianuere, Richard Hunden, wolpakker, was brent at þe Toure-hyH for hys Lollardy and herysye. 28 The Tuysday next aftre, Iohn Vpton, þe appellaunte, and Iohn Downe of Feueressham, defendaunt, Armed, faght with-yn lystis in Smythfelde nyghe an oure. And þen þe Kyng toke it in-to hys awne hand; And þe Seterday aftre, at Kenyngton, þe Kyng made 32 an<sup>1</sup> ende be-twene þaim bothe; And so þai rode at large.

The perlement began agayn þe Monday aftre, þe xij day. And in þe meyne tyme The CardinaH went ouer þe see on þe Kynges message.

36 And also þe same yere, in Estre Weke, þe Kyng went to Caleis, And so to Roon, with the substance of aH þe lordes and gentyls of Englund, And left þer þe Duke of Gloucestre, Leuetenauunte.

Nicholas Watton maior.

(M. cccc. xxxi.)

<sup>1</sup> MS. and

## APPENDIX E.

ANOTHER VERSION OF THE TIME FROM 1422-31.

[*MS. Rawlinson, B. 173. Bodleian Library.*]

<sup>1</sup>And in that yere [Nov. 1422] come Frenssh Bisshoppes oute of Fraunce, & þis was Cristmas folowyngt.

¶ William Crowmere, Maire

¶ Thomas Sandeford<sup>2</sup> } ¶ Shreues, anno ij<sup>o</sup>. 4

¶ Nicholas Iames } [1 *Sept.* 1423 to 31 *Aug.* 1424.]

¶ And in that yere the King was brought fro Windesore in a chare to Londoñ, and his modre the Quene sitting in the same chare, and he in her arnes, and so he was brought to Westminster. 8 and on the morue bigañ the parliament. And in that same yere, on the Wednesday bfore Seint Mathewes day, Syr Ioñn Mortymere, knight, brake prison, and went oute off the Toure of Londoñ; but sone he was take vpon p<sup>e</sup> Toure-wharfe, bitwene the 12 Toure & the Temysse, & there he was euyH wounded. And forthwith-aH he was brought forth bfore the Duke of Gloucestre; And vppoñ the Saturday he was brought to hys answe, and there he was dampned to be drawe & honged, And his hede smetyn of at 16 Tyborne. And thañ his hede was take and sett vpoñ Londoñ Brygge, and his body was beried at Iones, bicause he<sup>3</sup> was a knight of the Sepulere; And hys hede was take downe, & beried with the body: & þat licence gate freier Winchilsey. 20

¶ Ioñn MicheH, Maire.

¶ Ioñn Bithewater } ¶ Shreues. anno iij<sup>o</sup>.

¶ Symkyñ Semañ } [1 *Sept.* 1424 to 31 *Aug.* 1425.]

¶ And in that yere was a generaH processioñ, And a pardonor 24 Ridig vpoñ an horse, and his face to the horse taile, and his billes hanging a-bought hys necke by-hynde and bifore. And whañ he

<sup>1</sup> leaf 225.<sup>2</sup> i.e. Wandesford.<sup>3</sup> leaf 225, back.

come to p<sup>e</sup> South dore of Poules, there was Made a grete fire, and aH his billes were brent.

¶ Iohn Couentre, Maire.

4 ¶ William Mildrede } ¶ Shreues, Anno iij<sup>to</sup>.

¶ Iohn Brockelej } [1 Sept. 1425 to 31 Aug. 1426.]

¶ And in that yere was a grete discencion bitwene the Duke of Gloucestre and the Bisshop of Wynchestre; And this was on  
—8 the same day that p<sup>e</sup> Maire rode. And on the Tuesday was mekle of the bisshoppes retenewe gadered in Southwerke, with bowes and arowes and other herneys. And than the Brige gate was kept with strength of men of armes. And sone after, vppoñ viij of the  
12 clocke, aH the Cite was vp, and drewe hem to the water-side, and wolde haue passed ouyr Thamyse. But the Prince of Portingale, the Bisshop of Caunterbury, the Bisshop of Bath, entreted, ponked be God, aH was cesed, or none. And the x day of Ianyvere next,  
16 p<sup>e</sup> Duke <sup>1</sup>of Bedford and his wiffe the Duchesse come to Londoñ; and the Maire and aH the Aldermen, & the craftes, ridde a-yenst him, and welcomed him vnto the Cite, And the Bisshope of Winchestre come with him. And in this same yere was the parliament  
20 at Leicestre.

¶ Iohn Reynewe,<sup>2</sup> Maire.

¶ Robert Arnolde } ¶ Shreues, Anno quinto.

¶ Iohn Higham } [1 Sept. 1426 to 31 Aug. 1427.]

24 And in the same yere, in the latter ende of December, died the goode Duke of Excestre. and in the same yere were founde many false vessels of Romenej, the whiche were made by gadered Galgenet, into the nombre of vj buttes, the which the hedes were  
28 smyt oute of in diuerse places of the Cite: the falsest gode that euyr any mañ see.

¶ Iohn ReyneweH,<sup>3</sup> Maire.

¶ Robert Otele } ¶ Shreues, anno vij<sup>to</sup>.

32 ¶ Henry Frowyke } [1 Sept. 1427 to 31 Aug. 1428.]

¶ In his tyme there was a lone of iij þousand marke; And it was for the Erle of Salesbury for-to meyntene the Kinges werres in Fraunce; And therto payed diuerse peple, asweH p<sup>e</sup> mene as the  
36 riche; som more, som lasse; but the leste was x s. ¶ And after that, was graunted bi the parliament, þat aH the chirches of the ralme shulde be stent at a somme; and the Chirche were at xx ti,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 226.

<sup>2</sup> i. e. Raynwell.

<sup>3</sup> i. e. John Gedney.

the paressiens shulde paye xls.: and iff it were of more valewe, than<sup>1</sup> to paye more.

¶ Henry Bartoñ, Maire.

¶ Iohn Abbot } ¶ Shreues, Anno vij<sup>o</sup>. 4

¶ Thomas Duffons } [1 Sept. 1428 to 31 Aug. 1429.]

¶ And in this yere was the gode Erle of Salesbury, *Sir Thomas Mountague*, slayne at the sege of Orliaunce with a Gonne; the whiche was a noble lorde, and a worthi werrioure amonge aH Cristeñ 8 meñ: On whos soule God for his pite haue mercy! amen! And he was beried at Brisham. In this same yere, at Midsomertide, Henry Benford, CardinaH, and also Bisshop of Winchester, went ouyr the see into Fraunce with a faire meyne of Archers and meñ 12 of armes; ¶ And the Lorde Welouby was made Capteñ of his werres; the whiche CardinaH was purposed and ordeyned for-to haue go into Prage, to haue distroyed and yeue bataile vnto the false heretikes and lollars. And whañ he was redy, tidinges come 16 that the sege of Orliaunce was broken, and the Lorde Talbot take, and other worthi lordes. And anone in aH haste, the CardinaH with his meyne, and *Sir Iohn Radclyff* with his meyne, pat was purposed to haue go into Gienne, went ouer into Fraunce to helpe 20 and strenght p<sup>e</sup> Regent, the Duke off Bedford, in the Kingis right of England.

¶ William Estfelde, Maire.

¶ William Rouse } ¶ Shreues, anno viij<sup>o</sup>. 24

¶ Richard Holand } [1 Sept. 1429 to 31 Aug. 1430.]

¶ The Friday, the iij<sup>de</sup> day of Nouember, the King with <sup>3</sup>his lordes, Rialli rode fro Kingestoñ ouer Londoñ Brige, And so forth Fanchirch strete, even to the Toure, to his mete. And the Maire 28 and the Aldermeñ, aH in scarlet hodes, Rode to mete the King, and rode forth with him to the Toure. the Saturday next after, the King made xxxiij knightes of the Bath, in the Toure of Londoñ; wherof were the Erle of DeuenyssH-shire, the Lorde Spencers sonne, 32 the Erle of Warrewike, the Lorde Beaumont. and after none, the King, in riaH aray, with aH his lordes rialli arayed in clothes of golde for the moste partie, with the saide xxxiij knightes aH in blewe like prestes, rode a-fore the King ij and ij fro the Toure to Westminster. 36 And the Maire & p<sup>e</sup> Aldermeñ aH in scarlet, rode also, and brought the King to Westminster. And on the Morue, the Sunday, the vj

<sup>1</sup> MS. has pañ than with the first pañ underlined for crasure.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 226, back.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 227.

day of Nouembre, the King was crown'd at Westminster rialli; and Henry of Winchestre, CardinaH, as a CardinaH sate in a sete by, oñ the right honde of the King. And there was Quene Katerin, 4 moder of the King, And a grete nombre of ladies and gentilwemen rially arayed. And ther come sodenly at þ<sup>e</sup> Coronacioñ, one of the Kinges sonnes of Portingale; and he was worshipfully reseeyued. And that daye was a fayre day, & a clere, blessid be God!

8 ¶ Nicholas Wotton, Maire.

¶ Water Chirtesey } ¶ Shreues, anno ix<sup>o</sup>.

¶ Robert Large } [1 Sept. 1430 to 31 Aug. 1431.]

12 ¶ In that yere come the CardinaH oute of Normandy from Roañ; And there was the King, and helde Cristmasse. ¶ and after Cristmas, after Seint Hillaries day, bigañ the parliament at Westmynstre. and in that yere come to Londoñ the Ambassiatours of Spayne, to trete of pees.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 227, back.







Normandy, to þe Cite of Roan, *with* strenght of his lordes, and *with* men of armes and archers; and there the kyng abode, and rested hym in the Castell and <sup>1</sup> the Cite of Roan, from Seint Iames tyde the Apostell, <sup>2</sup> vnto the secund day of Decembre.<sup>2</sup> And when <sup>4</sup> he come first into Rone, he was receuyed and welcomed for their liege lord and Kyng, *with* all reuerence, solempnite, gladnesse and worship, þat myght be ordeyned and made; and also they presented hym *with* ryche and roiall giftes, and thanked God of his comyng. <sup>8</sup> And in the tyme of his abidyng in þe Cite of Roan, there were many *iourneyes* done in *dyuers* partyes of Fraunce and Normandy, which be not titled in this boke; for y haue not full conusauunce of them, how, ne in what place nor where they were doon.<sup>3</sup> 12

<sup>4</sup> Here is the begynnyng of Kyng Herries comyng the Sext, from Roan to Parys; and how worthely they of Parys receuyed the Kyng in his first comyng thider.<sup>4</sup>

And when Kyng Henry the Sext was goon from the Cite of 16 Roan toward þe Cite of Parys, and first to Seint Denys the .ij. day of Decembre; and þere he was worthely receuyed as euer was any kyng to any Cite; and þe village cleped 'Chapell,' betwene Seint Denys and <sup>5</sup> Parys, there mette *with* the Kyng and his lordes, the <sup>20</sup> Provost of Parys, *with* the Marchauntez, and iij. other estates *with* hem,<sup>6</sup> clothed in oon sute, in rede fyne saten crymsyn<sup>7</sup> furred *with* Martrons, and *with* blewe hodes, to a grete<sup>8</sup> notable nombre. And whan the Kyng was passed the village, þere mette *with* hym the <sup>24</sup> Provost of Parys aforeseid,<sup>9</sup> in a blewe gowne of velwet, and <sup>10</sup> the .iiij. Maisters of the chastlet *with* theym, alle clothed in blewe *with* blak hodes; and next after theym<sup>11</sup> come<sup>12</sup> the ix worthy Emperoures, *with* Kynges and Quenes, and iche of<sup>13</sup> them armed, <sup>28</sup> sauf the Quenes, and their horses<sup>14</sup> trapped *with* their armes, <sup>15</sup> and the quenes hors trapped *with* their armes; <sup>15</sup> and then come the Maister of the Chamber, *with* the acomptes all clothed in violet, ermyn,<sup>16</sup> scarlet hodes, a notable number; and after come the <sup>32</sup> President, *with* alle the maysters of þe *parlement*, all clothed in

<sup>1</sup> and in y<sup>e</sup> U.      <sup>2-2</sup> om. U.

<sup>3</sup> deon. And y<sup>s</sup> for I leue theme vn writynnc. U.      <sup>4-4</sup> om. U.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 208, back.      <sup>6</sup> hym all clothe U.      <sup>7</sup> and crymsyn U.

<sup>8</sup> grete om. U.      <sup>9</sup> aforeseid om. U.      <sup>10</sup> and all the U.

<sup>11</sup> hym U.      <sup>12</sup> come ridynge U.      <sup>13</sup> of Tr. of theme U.

<sup>14</sup> horses U.      <sup>15-15</sup> om. U.      <sup>16</sup> violet Tr. *with* crymsyn. U.

scarlet, *with* furred hodes, and round standynge cappes of Trype; and these were the iij estates *with* alle the ix worthies.

And at comyng to þe gate of Seint Denys of Parys, there was  
 4 afore<sup>1</sup> the fronte of the gate þe armes of the towne in gowles, a  
 chieff of asure, *with* the flourellice of gold in asure; and also þer  
 was a verrey shippe, *with* alle the appurtenaunce<sup>2</sup> þerto belongyng,  
 couered with siluer foyle, and certeyne persones standing þerin.  
 8 And at the Kynges comyng to the gate, they henge ouer the shippe  
 borde iij. bloody hertys like vnto mennys hertys, bot þey were  
 gretter. And as the Kyng come to the gate, these thre hertes  
 opened; and oute of hem<sup>3</sup> flewe white dovyys and oper briddes, and  
 12 certeyn scriptures made, shewyng vnto the Kyng þat they<sup>4</sup> receyued  
 hym *with* alle hertys, and for their souereyn Lorde and Kyng.  
 And at the comyng in of<sup>5</sup> the gate was ordeyned a clothe of gold,  
 and vj men beryng it<sup>6</sup> vpon vj. spere-shaftes, and eche of the men  
 16 bare heded; and on their hodes,<sup>7</sup> garlaundes of gode<sup>8</sup> foyle, and  
 they clothed in blewe. And in the<sup>9</sup> same strete was a condit, and  
 iij. meremaydes swymmyng aboue on<sup>10</sup> the water; <sup>11</sup>and oute of  
 the condite come rennyng <sup>12</sup>dyu[er]s wyne; oon ypocras; the  
 20 second rede wyne, the thridde, *with* mylke.<sup>12</sup> And euery Englissh  
 man þat wold drynk ypocras, had ynough; and alwey men redy to  
 serue theym *with* cuppes and pecis. And iij wodewoses playing  
 vpon the toppe<sup>13</sup> of þe condyte; and other wodewoses benethe,<sup>14</sup>  
 24 playing to kepe this<sup>15</sup> condite.

And then in the same strete was made a scaffold; and þerupon  
 men disgysed after the weddyng of oure Lady, and of the birthe of  
 oure Lorde Ihesu Crist, fro the begynnyng to the ende. And þere  
 28 was neyder man nor childe þat any wight myght perceyue, þat  
 euer chaunged any chere or countenance alle the tyme duryng;  
 bot held their countenance, as they had been ymages peynted; so  
 þat all peple þat sawe hem, seyde þat they sawe neuer in þeire lyves  
 32 suche a noder sight.

And after that, comyng in at<sup>16</sup> þe Inner gate of Seint Denys  
 wh[e]re þat he was in Chater, there was made the life of Seint  
 Denys, and of many other dyuers persons in grete estate aboue hym,

<sup>1</sup> afore at U.    <sup>2</sup> appurtenaunce U.    <sup>3</sup> theme U.    <sup>4</sup> the U.

<sup>5</sup> at U.    <sup>6</sup> it vp vpon U.    <sup>7</sup> hedes U.    <sup>8</sup> golde U.    <sup>9</sup> this U.

<sup>10</sup> vpon U.    <sup>11</sup> leaf 209.

<sup>12-12</sup> iij stremes one of ypocraers an oper *with* rede wyne and ye thrid  
*with* mylk.

<sup>13</sup> Cupp U.    <sup>14</sup> playing bynethe U.    <sup>15</sup> the U.    <sup>16</sup> of U.

bothe spirituall and temporall, after<sup>1</sup> Cristen men and hethen, as they were in theyre tyme þat is passed. And so comyng to the founteyn of Seint Innocentz, there was made a hegge of grene holme-busshes; and þerout stert an hert, and houndes rennyng 4 after hym, couered in þe armes of England and<sup>2</sup> Fraunce. And at þe Chastelet, þere was made a stately ordynauce of scaffoldes, hanged with clothes of golde and with arras, with the Kinges armes of England and of Fraunce; and a man lykened to þe Kyng 8 sitting in a sete, kepyng a state in scarled<sup>3</sup> with a furred hode and with .ij. buylhons made with the armes of England and of Fraunce; and vpon the right hande, knelyng, my Lord of Bedford,<sup>4</sup> my<sup>5</sup> Lord of Gloucestre, my Lord Cardynall,<sup>6</sup> and many oþer lordes 12<sup>7</sup> of England, iche man<sup>8</sup> after his degre, armed with his cote of armes vpon hym;<sup>9</sup> and then the Duke of Burgoyne, knelyng<sup>10</sup> on the lifte hande, offeryng vp the armes of Fraunce, and alle the other lordes of Fraunce in their degre, knelyng, and offeryng<sup>11</sup> vp 16 their armes; and dyuers scriptures made, þat all they requyre the Kyng of rightwisnesse. And after was presented to þe Kyng a wyld hert, trapped with the armes of the towne.

And so þe Kyng rode forth to oure Lady Chirche, and made-20 his offryng. Alle<sup>12</sup> the stretes from Seint Denys Gate were hanged with clopes of arras and with clothes of tapissery werk; and for þe most party all the stretes were couered with linnen clothes.

And so from thens the Kyng that same tyme<sup>13</sup> went to Tourney, 24 and<sup>14</sup> because it was ill<sup>15</sup> ridyng, for the grete froste þat was that tyme in the towne, and the stretes were strawed thurghout for slidyng of their horses vnto þey come to Tourney; and there the<sup>16</sup> Kyng souped with my Lorde of Bedford, and lay there all nyght, 28 and dnyed there on the morowe ere [he] passed any ferther.

And so vpon the morowe the Kyng went to<sup>17</sup> speke with his grandmoder, þe Quene of Fraunce. And there she made hym<sup>18</sup> chere, and welcomed hym with all the dalyauce, countenaunce, 32 and chere þat she coude or<sup>19</sup> myght; and seid þat 'she was neuer so gladde as she was then, sith she sawe þe Kyng of Fraunce in

<sup>1</sup> and aftir U.      <sup>2</sup> and of U.      <sup>3</sup> in a sete of Estate in Scarlet U.

<sup>4</sup> my Lord of Bedford knelyng U.      <sup>5</sup> and my U.      <sup>6</sup> the Cardinall U.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 209, back.      <sup>8</sup> man om. U.      <sup>9</sup> theme U.      <sup>10</sup> sitting U.

<sup>11</sup> Fraunce kneling in ther degre and offeryng U.      <sup>12</sup> and all U.

<sup>13</sup> y<sup>t</sup> same tyme þe Kyng U.      <sup>14</sup> and for U.      <sup>15</sup> parillous U.

<sup>16</sup> there Tr. þere the U.      <sup>17</sup> and spak.      <sup>18</sup> hym grete U.

<sup>19</sup> and U.

good plyte.' And so from the Quene he rode streight to Boys in Vyncent; and there he rested hym<sup>1</sup> vnto þe tyme of hys Coronacion, þe which shuld be holden and<sup>2</sup> doon on þe Sunday, the .viii<sup>th</sup> day<sup>4</sup> afore Cristmasse, by the grace of God.

And þen the Saterdag, the xv. day of Decembre, the Kyng come on the after-none from Boys in Vyncent vnto þe palays of Parys; and he rested hym there all þat nyght. And þe next<sup>8</sup> morowe, the Sunday, was he brought worthely from the palyce to the Chirche of oure Lady in Parys; and there he was crowned Kyng of Fraunce by the Cardynall, þe Bisshop<sup>3</sup> of Winchestre and oþer Englissh Bisshoppes, and by .vj. of þe worthiest Bisshoppes<sup>12</sup> of Fraunce. And this coronacion was worthely doon, with all the solempnite þat myght be doon and ordeyned.

And when the Kyng was crowned, and the seruice doon, then the Kyng was brought ageyn to his palyse, and there set to mete<sup>16</sup> with all delicacye of metes and drynkes þat myght be ordeyned, and open fest to all men þat wold com, bothe pore and riche. And after his coronacion at Parys, the Kyng come down to þe Cite of Roan. And so, by candelmasse next, the Kyng came to Caleys.<sup>20</sup> And the Marchauntes of the Staple, with the peple of the towne, welcomed hym with all reuerence and honoure, and presented hym with giftes.

And within .xiiij. dayes after, the Kyng come ouer the see<sup>24</sup> into England, and landed at the towne of Dover in Kent; and there were redy the Burgeys of the .v. Portes, and bare the Kyng on lande. And then come moche peple of Kent and Sussex, of good gentelmen and yomen on horsbak and in good aray, and they<sup>28</sup> welcomed the Kyng, and brought hym to Caunterbury; and þere þe Kyng rested hym a day. And then the peple of all the Cuntre aboute come on horsbak and good aray to þe Kyng, and welcomed the Kyng with all theire hertys, and brought the King fro<sup>4</sup><sup>32</sup> Caunterbury vnto his Maner of Eltham þat is .v. myle oute of London. And there the Kyng rested hym .v. or .vj. dayes, vnto his comyng to the Cite of London.

And in this same yere the xxj<sup>th</sup> day of Februare, Kyng Henry<sup>36</sup> the .vj. come from his Maner of Eltham toward the Cite of London; and the Maire and aldermen, with the comynalte of

<sup>1</sup> hym all nyght U.

<sup>2</sup> There is a break in U here from doon on p. 461 to foloyng on p. 462, l. 8.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 210. <sup>4</sup> for Tr.

London, roode ayenst the Kyng on horsbak, in the best aray *pat* they myght, in the reuerence of the Kyng and in worship and gladnesse of the worthy name of the Cite of London, thurghout the world in worthynesse commended and *praysed*. For the Maire 4 hym-self was clothed in rede Crymsyn velwett, and a grete velwet hatte furred royally, and a girdell of gold aboute his mydell, and a bawdrik of gold aboute his neck, trillyng doun behynde hym; and his .iij. hensmen on <sup>1</sup>.iij. grete Coursoures <sup>2</sup>foloyng hym, in oon 8 sute of a good aray, in rede,<sup>3</sup> all spangled in siluer; and then all the Aldermen in gownes of scarlet,<sup>4</sup> *with* sangwyn cappes. And all the *communialte* of the Cite were <sup>5</sup> clothed in white; bot every craft *with* dyuers devices enbrowded<sup>6</sup> vpon the white gownes, *pat* 12 every craft myght be knowen, oon from a-nother, *with* scarlet hodes or cappes. And all they hoked still on horsbak on<sup>7</sup> the Blak-Heth in Kent, on both sides, as a strete, vnto the Kynges comyng.

And when they sawe the Kyng come, the Maire *with* the 16 aldermen rode to the Kyng, and welcomed hym *with* all reuerence, honour and obeysaunce.<sup>8</sup> And the Kyng thanked hem, and<sup>9</sup> he come ridyng thurgh all the peple; and they obeyed, and seid, “Welcom oure liege<sup>10</sup> and Kyng! welcom!<sup>11</sup> and thanked be God 20 in all his giftes, *pat* we se you in good quart!” and so the Kyng rode streight the high way to London.

And when the Kyng had riden thurgh Suthwerk, and come to the stulpes *without*<sup>12</sup> London Brigge, *pere* stode a gyaunt in<sup>13</sup> a 24 toure, *with* his swerd drawe in his hande, shewed *with* countenaunce, doth manace all foreyn enemyes to the death *without* mercy, *pat* seith or doth<sup>14</sup> ayenst the<sup>15</sup> Kynges right. “And y, the Kynges Champyon, in full myght and power.” 28

And then the Kyng come to London Brigge; and there was made a roiall hevenly toure; and therin was shewed .iij. ladyes as Emperice, worthely apparaylled in their aray, which were called by name ‘Nature, Grace, and Fortune.’ And their girdelles were 32 blewe, shynyng like to sapheres, which shewed to the Kyng, in his comyng, all goodnesse and gladnesse in<sup>16</sup> vertuous lyvyng; and *with* oper .vj.<sup>17</sup> virgyne celestial, in tresses of gold, and *with*

<sup>1</sup> leaf 210, back.<sup>2</sup> U begins again.<sup>3</sup> in rede om. U.<sup>4</sup> scarlet gownes U.<sup>5</sup> all U.<sup>6</sup> enbrandrede U.<sup>7</sup> vpon U.<sup>8</sup> honour, reuerence and obeysaunce U.<sup>9</sup> and so U.<sup>10</sup> liege lorde U.<sup>11</sup> welcom om. U.<sup>12</sup> borough U.<sup>13</sup> with Inne U.<sup>14</sup> doth or saith U.<sup>15</sup> his U.<sup>16</sup> and U.<sup>17</sup> vij. U.

coronalles on their hedes, all clothed in white, as virgines, with sonnys<sup>1</sup> of golde on their garmentes, shewyng as heavenly creatures, mekely salewyng the Kyng, and gaf hym .vij. giftes, þat were 4 toknes of oure Lord God of heven, þat were<sup>2</sup> white dowves, betokenyng the giftes of the Holy Gost, a spirite of intelligence, a spirite of sapience, and a spirite of strenght and of connyng, and of consayle, pite, drede, and lowlynesse. And on the lifte side of 8 these .iiij. Emperesses, were .vij. oper virgyns, clothed<sup>3</sup> all in white, with sterres of gold on<sup>4</sup> their garmentes, with coronalles on their hedes, which presented the Kyng with<sup>5</sup> royall giftes: first, they endowed the Kyng with the crowne of glorie, and with the sepre 12 of mekenesse<sup>6</sup> and of pite; a swerd of myght and victorie, a mantell of prudence, a shelde of feith, a helme of helth, a girdell of love and of parfite peas. And all these ladyes and virgines welcomed the Kyng with all honoure and reuerence.<sup>7</sup>

16 And then the Kyng procedyng forth to the Condyte in Cornhill; and þere was made in serkelwyse a Trone; and in the myddes sittyng, a yonge child arayed as a kyng, whom to gouerne were .iiij. ladyes, Mercy, Trouthe and the Lady<sup>8</sup> Clennesse; and 20 .ij. Iuges of lawe, and .viij. sergeauntes, to shewe the kyngdom lawe and right. And then the Kyng rode forth, and entred into Chepe, and come to the grete Conduit, þat ranne plente of good wyne, bothe white and rede, to all peple þat wold drynk. And 24 aboue, ouer the Condite, was a royall toure likned to Paradyse, with many dyuers trees<sup>9</sup> beryng eueryche dyuers frutes. And in this same gardeyn was dyuers welles of dyuers wyne, with bokettes; and .iiij. glorious virgines wounde vp the wyne, pro- 28 feryng the Kyng there full habundaunce, fulsomnesse, and high plente. And the names of these virgines been 'Mercy, Grace, and Pite.' And in the ende of this gardeyn þere appered to the Kyng .ij. olde men,—þat oon, Enok; and þat oper, Ely,—þat shewed the 32 Kyng chere and grete preysing<sup>10</sup> ministryng his gouernance.

And<sup>11</sup> the Kyng passed forth, and come to the Crosse in Chepe;

<sup>1</sup> soñs U.    <sup>2</sup> were vij U.    <sup>3</sup> all clothede U.    <sup>4</sup> vpon U.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 211.    <sup>6</sup> clennesses U.

<sup>7</sup> with alle melodie & roalte of songe. And than ye Kyng rode forth, comes to redenhall in Cornhill, & þer was made a roiall thyng like vnto a tabernakle & þere in satt þat lady dame sapience with the vij sciences euery in þere degre shewyng þere craftis werkis & konnynges & made grete Ioie melodie & songe vnto ye Kyng & welcomede hym with all honoure & reuerence U.

<sup>8</sup> lady of U.    <sup>9</sup> dyuers thynges and trees U.    <sup>10</sup> praisyng and U.

<sup>11</sup> and þan U.

and there was made a castell roiall ; and on the Est syde stode .ij. grene treez, which bare the armes of England and of Fraunce, the libardes and the flouredelice, which been the Kinges right and trewe armes be lyne. And vpon this castell, toward Seint Paules, 4 there was the tree of Iesse, *with* all the braunches, shewyng the kynrede of oure Lorde Ihesu<sup>1</sup> and of our Lady,<sup>2</sup> Seint Marye, to the comfort of the Kyng, and for the grete solempnite of þe worthy cite of London. 8

And then they<sup>3</sup> passed forth from þe<sup>4</sup> Castell and come toward Seint Paules at the Litell Conduit ; and þere was made an heven indivisible of the Trinite ; and a trone compassed his roiall See *with* a grete multitude of angellys hym aboute, *with* dyuers 12 melodyes and songe, to hertly ioye and <sup>5</sup>comfortyng of the Kyng and all his peple. And whan he was come to Seint Paules, there<sup>6</sup> he alight doun of his hors ; and þere come þe Archebisshop of Caunterbury, and the Archebisshop of York,<sup>7</sup> and þe Bisshop<sup>8</sup> of 16 Lincoln, and the Bisshop[es] of Bathe, Salesbury, Norwich, Ely, and Rochestre, and the Dene of Paules *with* his couent, in procession, in theire best araye of holy Chirche, and met *with* hym, and did hym obseruaunce as bylongeth<sup>9</sup> to hym, and censed hym at his 20 comyng in ; and so brought the kyng to the high autere, *with* roiall songe. And there the kyng offred ; and then he come oute ageyn, and toke his hors, and come to Westminster ; and thider brought hym the Maire, Aldermen, and all the *communialte* of the 24 Cite of London.

And when the kyng was come to Westminster *with* all his peple, the Abbot and all the Couent come oute, coped roially, in procession, *with* high solempnite and gladnesse. And the Abbot 28 brought to the Kyng, Seint Edwardes septre ; and so he come into the Abbay *with* all solempnite, ioye and songe, and offred to Seint Edward ; and then come oute ageyne, and went to his palace. And then the Maire and Aldermen, *with* all the *communialte* of London, 32 toke theire leve of the Kyng and of the lordes, and thanked God highly of his welfare and comyng.

And on the Seturday next suyng, the Maire and þe Aldermen come ageyn to Westminster to the palays, *with* a riche hanaper of 36 gold, and presented it to the Kyng, and a M<sup>l</sup> .li. of gold therin, to

<sup>1</sup> Ihesu Criste U.    <sup>2</sup> of his moder U.    <sup>3</sup> the Kyng U.    <sup>4</sup> that U.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 211, back.    <sup>6</sup> there om. U.    <sup>7</sup> yorke his chaunceler U.

<sup>8</sup> byshoppis of lyncolne Bathe U.    <sup>9</sup> bylongede to theme U.



his bien venewe and welcom hoom ; and prayed hym of his high myghty grace, lordship and love to his Chambré.

And þen anon after Ester next folowyng,<sup>1</sup> the Kyng held his 4 parlement at Westminster ; and it lasted till seint Jametyde þe Appostell. and at þe begynnyng of the parlement, the Cardynall, the Bisshop of Wynchestre, come ouer the see into England, and so to London to þe Kyng, to excuse hym of the offence; and blames 8 þat were put vpon hym for thinges<sup>2</sup> doon in Fraunce, by the com- pleynt of certeyn lordes ; wherof he hath worthely excused hym to the Kyng and to his consayle ; and so he was<sup>3</sup> fully excused, and the parties at oon.

12 And also to this parlement come Frenssh lordes, bothe spirituall and temporell and ambassatours of Spayne, and oper diuers lordes of dyuers<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>landes, to trete for peas and other certeyn maters. And the xxvj. day of Juyn come the Dukes son of Bretayn ouer the 16 see into England, and so to London<sup>6</sup> to the Kyng ; and with hym come a Bisshop of that lande, and certeyn knyghtes and Squyers and theire meny.

20 Johannes Parneys, Maior. Johannes Olney } vicecomites  
Johannes Paddesley } anno xj<sup>o</sup>  
[A.D. 1432-3.]

And this<sup>7</sup> same yere, the Lord Camoys,<sup>8</sup> Sir Waltere Hunger- ford son, went ouer the see into Normandy, with knyghtes, 24 squyers, men of arme; and archers, to the Nombre of xv<sup>c</sup>. peple and mo, by ordynaunce of the Kyng and his Consayle of<sup>9</sup> the Reame, in strengthing and helpyng of the Duke of Bedford, Regent in tho parties, and of all the Kynges liege peple, and for 28 keping of the Kynges title and right.

And in þis same yere the Kynges sonne of Naverne, with oper dyuers peple with hym, come in ambassiatry to the Kyng and to<sup>10</sup> his Consayle.

32 And in þis same yere the Kyng let intere the Duchesse<sup>11</sup> of Bedford, which deyed in Fraunce, <sup>12</sup>at Seint Pauls in London,<sup>12</sup> with moche royalte and solempnite as myght be doon in holy Chirche.

And in this same yere, anon after Cristmasse, þe Bisshop of 36 Acres in the land of Navern, come to the Kyng in ambassiatry.

<sup>1</sup> next folowyng om. U.    <sup>2</sup> thinges Tr. for thinges U.    <sup>3</sup> is U.

<sup>4</sup> and of other dyuers U.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 212.

<sup>6</sup> into þis lande ouer the see and so to london U.    <sup>7</sup> in this U.

<sup>8</sup> Cannys and U.    <sup>9</sup> and of U.    <sup>10</sup> to om. U.

<sup>11</sup> entre at saint pauls in london the duchesse U.    <sup>12-12</sup> om. U.

And in þis same yere on Seint Wolstans day, Sir Robert Fitzhugh was stalled Bisshop of London in the see<sup>1</sup> of Seint Paules.

And in this same yere, anon after Cristmasse, the grete conuocation and consayle of all the landes<sup>2</sup> in Cristendom, and also of all *oper* seculer lordes, and Clerkes,—þat is to say, Bisshoppes and other<sup>3</sup> consayle began in the Cite of Basyle in Duchelande, for to make vnite and peas emong all Cristen peple, and for to destroye heretikes and erresye þat then reigned emong the peple.<sup>2</sup> 8

And in this same yere, anon after Ester,<sup>4</sup> þe Archebisshop of Caunterbury and *oper*<sup>5</sup> Bisshoppes with othere clergy, and the Duke of Gloucestre with *oper* lordez, knyghtes and squyers, went ouer the see to Caleys, for treti, and made þere a consayle<sup>6</sup> betwene<sup>7</sup> þe<sup>12</sup> Frenssh and þe Englissh. And þider come out of Fraunce þe Duke of Bedford, Regent, with many other Frenssh<sup>8</sup> lordes, bothe spirituall and temporall; and also þider come þe Cardynall, þe Bisshop of Wynchestre. 16

And in this same yere, the xxij<sup>th</sup> day of Aprell, the Erle of Huntynghon, with other dyuers lordes, knyghtes and<sup>9</sup> squyers, with<sup>10</sup> men of armes and archers, shipped at Hampton, and went ouer the see into<sup>11</sup> Normandy and so<sup>12</sup> to Fraunce, for to mayntene, 20 kepe and gouerne the right of oure Kyng and þe parties of Fraunce and Normandy.

And in this same yere, Herry Beauford, Cardynall, Bisshop of Wynchestre, come<sup>13</sup> ouer the see into England, and so to London, 24 the x<sup>th</sup> day of Iuyn, to his Maner of Seint Mary Ouerey in Suthwerk.

And<sup>14</sup> in this same yere was the Clipse in þe after-None, þat Asshewell þe white frere, and *oper* clerkes, spake of longe tyme 28 before; which all peple dowted and were sore aferd of, thurgh the speche of þe seid frere.<sup>15</sup> And this clipse was the xvij.<sup>16</sup> day of Iuyn.

And in this same yere come Iohn, Duke of Bedford, with his 32

<sup>1</sup> chireh U.

<sup>2-2</sup> of Cristiance of all ye spirituale & temporalle and of all secular lordes and clerkis þat is to say Bisshoppis & other was holden & begonme in ye Cite of basile in Ducheland for to make peace & vnite betwix all cristen peple & for to destroie heretikes & heresie þat now reigneth amonge the peple U.

<sup>3</sup> other which Tr. <sup>4</sup> Ester om. U. <sup>5</sup> oper om. U. <sup>6</sup> leaf 212, back.

<sup>7</sup> to trete of peace and made a counsaill at Caleis betwene U.

<sup>8</sup> grete U. <sup>9</sup> and om. U. <sup>10</sup> with om. U.

<sup>11</sup> to Caleis and so into U. <sup>12</sup> so om. U. <sup>13</sup> come frome.

<sup>14</sup> In U the next few lines down to *xix of June* are transposed.

<sup>15</sup> þer of þorough thre freres speche. <sup>16</sup> xix U.



And in this same yere, anon after these lordes comyng out of Fraunce from this trefy of peas, Iohn, Duk of Bedford, was seke, and deyed in the Roan in Normandy; and there he is buryed: vpon whos soule, God haue *mercy!* amen! 4

Henricus Frowyk, Maior. Robertus Clopton } *vicecomites anno*  
Thomas Catworth } *xiiiij<sup>o</sup> [A.D. 1435-6.]*

And in this same yere, and in the yere of *grace* M<sup>t</sup> ccccxxvj<sup>ti</sup>, Kyng Henre pe vj<sup>th</sup> held his *parlement* at Westmynster. And in 8  
pis *parlement* was graunted a <sup>1</sup>disme for holy chirche, and a xv<sup>th</sup>  
thurgout the Reame, to mayntene pe Kynges werres and to  
deffende oure Encmyes. And also they graunted to pe Kyng in  
this *parlement*, of all peple, pore and riche, both of *spirituell* and 12  
*temporell*, to pay of theire landes and rentes, and of all freheld *pat*  
they haue *within* this Reame of England, vj.d. of pe pound; and  
pis treuly to fecche and geddre, to help in pe Kynges nedes as at  
this tyme. 16

And anon, in the begynnyng of Lent next folowyng, pe King,  
*with* his conseyle, borowed a *somme* of gold purghout pe Reame, of  
temporall peple, *pat* amounted a c. M<sup>t</sup> marc of money, to sende his  
peple *ouer* the see; to kepe, mayntene, and *gouerne* his landes 20  
byyonde the See: of which *somme*, the peple of London lent x M<sup>t</sup>  
marc in olde and in newe, *pat* is to sey, .iiij. M<sup>t</sup> v<sup>c</sup> marc of olde,  
and .iiij. M<sup>t</sup> v<sup>c</sup> marc of newe prest. So these ij. *sommes* drawen x  
M<sup>t</sup> marc and more, *ouer* the good peple of pe Cite of London, *pat* 24  
is to sey, certeyn craftes found both men of armes and archers to  
Caleys, forto kepe the towne in saufgarde from oure enemys, *pat* is  
to say, the Duke of Burgoyne and his strenght. And also the  
Cite of London sent stuff to Caleys, as Gonnes, Gonnepouder, *with* 28  
other *commoditees* for the werre, to kepe *pat* place sauf, to pe  
worship of oure Kyng and of pe Reame, and to pe welfare and  
*profite* of all England.

And this same yere, deyed .iiij. bisshoppes in England, *pat* is to 32  
say, the Bisshop of Ely, the Bisshop of London, the Bisshop of  
Lincoln, and the Bisshop of Bangore, and *oper* mo *prelatz* of  
worthynesse and state, in *dyuers* partyes of the Reame of England.

And in this same yere, the Erle of Morteyner went *ouer* pe see 36  
to Caleys *with* a grete peple of men of armes and archers, in pe  
Passion Weke, in the defence of oure Kyng, and to destroye oure  
enemys.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 213, back.

And in this same yere, the iij<sup>th</sup> day of Maye, the Erle of Salesbury, and his broder the Lord Faukonberge, went ouer the see into Normandy *with* a fayre company of knyghtes and squyers, 4 *with* men of armes and archers, in defence of þe Kyng and of þe Reame of England, for to destroye oure enemys.

And in this same yere, in þe Moneth of Maye, the Duke of York and þerle of Suffolk, *with* oþer lordes, <sup>1</sup>knyghtes and squyers, 8 men of armes and archers, and all oþer stuff and necessaryes þat perteyneth to werre, went ouer the see into Normandy and Fraunce, as lieftenaunt vnder the Kyng of England, forto gouerne and kepe þe landes of Fraunce and Normandy ageyns the Kynges 12 enemys, and in saluacion of the Kynges peple.

And in this same yere aboute Midsomer, the Duke of Burgoyne, *with* all his pusanace of peple, bothe of Fraunce and of Flaundes, and of oþer dyuers contreys, come and bysegged þe towne of Caleys, 16 and þe garrysons þat belongen *perto*. And *pere* they destroyed both Mark and Oye, and of þe Kynges peple many oon. And þey come thider *with* so grete strenght and ordynaunce of werre, þat it was impossible any creatures to conquere theym, sauf þe grace of 20 God oonly; wherfore þat the Kyng of England, with his consayle, let ordeyn and send ouer þe see to Caleys, for þe Rescues therof, and for his peple lying *pere*, and for his right, his vncler þe Duke of Gloucestre, the Duke of Norffolk, þe Erle of Warwyk, and þe Erle 24 of Stafford, and þe Erle of Ewe, his broder, and þe Erle of Hunt-  
-yngdon, and þe lord Fawnehope, Sir John Cornwayle knyght, and many oþer lordes, knyghtes and Squyers, and many oþer men of armes and archers, to þe nombre of Lx. M<sup>t</sup> peple, *with* many 28 dyuers wepenys þat belongeth to batayle. And then come the Navy of Spayne, *with* oþer dyuers shippes, which were grete vessels, and stronge and well-manned, and bysegged þe towne of Caleys by water. Then come þe Erle of Devenshire *with* his 32 Navye out of the west costes, and *with* oþer dyuers shippes of England well-manned; and they herd of his commyng, and they voided, and went their wey thens, and wold no lenger abide. And then the Erle of Morteysner and þe Lorde Camoys, *with* a certeyn 36 of their peple, issued oute of Caleys, and brake the sege þat the Duke of Burgoyne had ordeyned ayenst the towne of Caleys, and come to þe Bastyle of strength, and slewe þe most party þat were *perin*, and destroyed moche peple, and toke his ordynaunce, and

<sup>1</sup> leaf 214.

the remenaunt fledde away. And this was doon ere the Duke of Gloucestre come ouer þe see to Caleys <sup>1</sup>with his Navye and people.

And after this, aboute our Lady Day þe assumpcion, the Duke of Gloucestre, the Duke of Norffolk, *with* Erles and lordes, *with* all <sup>4</sup>theire *oper* people and ordynaunces, come vnto Caleys forto rescue it, and forto destroye the sege; bot it was doon and ended ere they come, thanked be God of his *grace*! And þen þe Duke of Gloucestre, *with* all his peple, abode in Caleys till he had take his <sup>8</sup>consayle what was best to doon. And þen he toke all his peple and went into Flaundres, and slowe and brent all *þat* they myht, and toke .ij. townes, Poperung and Bell. And anon when this was doon, he comanded all his peple to *turne* ageyn to Caleys, vpon <sup>12</sup>peyn of deth, in all haste. And so þey taryed not longe there, bot come ageyn in all hast into England.

And in pis same yere, whils all this doying was at Caleys and in Flaundres, the Kyng of Scottes come *with* an huge powere of peple <sup>16</sup>and ordynaunce, and biseged þe towne of Berwik, and after, the Castell of Rokesburgh, and did moche harme *pere* as he come. And þen come þe Erle of Northumberland and þe Erle of Westmerland, *with* lordes and peple of the Cuntrees, and distroyed and <sup>20</sup>brake his seges; and he fledde *with* his peple, and turned ageyn into Scotland.

Johannes Mychell, Maior.	Thomas Mustum	{ Vicecomites Anno xv <sup>o</sup> 24 [A.D. 1436-7.]
	Willelmus Gregory	

And in this same yere, and the yere of *grace* M<sup>t</sup> CCCC. xxxv<sup>ti</sup> the grete, hard, biting frost bygan the vij. day of Decembre, and endured vnto þe xxij. day of Feuerere next, which greved þe peple <sup>28</sup>wonder sore; and moche pepel deyed in *þat* tyme, for colde and for skarcite of wode and cole. And tender herbes were slayne *with* pis frost, *þat* is to say, Rosemary, sauge, tyme, and many *oper* <sup>32</sup>herbes.

And in pis same yere deyed good Quene Kateryn, *þat* was moder to Kyng Henre the Sext, and wife to Kyng Henre the .v<sup>th</sup>, the þursday þe .iiij. day of <sup>2</sup>Ianuaire, in þe Abbey of Bermondeseý without Suthwerk, in þe counte of Surre. And the Friday, the <sup>36</sup>vij. day of Feuerere next after, the body of the Quene was brought to Seint Kateryns beside the Toure, and so thurgh London to Seint Paules, *with* lordes and ladyes, and *with* the Maire and Aldermen,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 214, back.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 215.

and the Craftes in London and *with* all the religious peple, as chanons, prestys and freres; and there was a solempe dirige and masse on the morowe. And from thens she was brought to Westminster, and pere was hir terement holden and doon rially; and pere buryed in the Chapell of oure Lady, on whos soule, God haue mercy! Amen!

And in this same yere, duryng the hard frost, pe Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of Ianuare, the gate of pe Cite at London Brigge ouer-threwe and fell doun into Tamys to pe hard ground, and drewe the houses after hym, bothe *within* and *without*, to grete harm to pe Cite and to pe brigge.

12 And in this same yere, the walles of chirches, howses, and of Selers, *pat* were made of chalke, broke in many places, and fell in smale pecys to the grounde as dust.

And in this yere pe Kyng held his *parlement* at Westminster; and it byganne at pe Fest of Seint Hillary, and ended at Ester next folowyng. And in pe begynnyng of Lent, tydynges come to pe Kyng and to the Reame, how *pat* pe Kyng of Scottes, Sir Iames Steward, was slayn at Seint Johnes Towne *with* treson, by a Squyer of Scotland. And to this *parlement* come many dyuers straungers, somme of Aragon in Spayne, somme of Spruce, somme of Beam, and somme of Fraunce and Normandy. And pe Bisshop of Tyrwyn, *with* dyuers knyghtes and Squyers, come to this same 24 *parlement*.

And in this same yere, the ix<sup>th</sup> day of Inyll, deyed Quene Iohan in the Maner of Haueryng-at-Bour in Essex, which was wife to Kyng Henry the iiiij<sup>th</sup>; and from thens she was brought to 28 Caunterbury, and there is she buryed: on whose soule, God haue mercy! Amen!

And in this yere, anon after Midsomer, the Lord Willoughby, and other lordes *with* hym, knyghtes and squyers, men of armes 32 and archers, were sent ouer the see into Fraunce, forto strenght, mayntene, and kepe the Kynges title and right *pat* he hadde in Fraunce and Normandy.

And in this same yere, at pe Natiuite of oure Lady Seint Mary, 36 pe Erle of Warwik was ordeyned <sup>1</sup>and comaunded ouer the see into Fraunce and Norma[n]dy, forto be lieftenaunt and gouernour in the Kynges name, *with* strenght of all pe partyes and landes *pat* the King hath byyonde the see, as in Fraunce, Normandy, and

<sup>1</sup> leaf 215, back.

Gascoyne. And then the Duke of York come hoom ageyn, *pat*-longe tyme had been there; and so the same tyme he toke his iourney *with* lordes, knyghtes and squyers, men of armes and archers, a royall and a worthy company, and toke *with* hym *pe* 4 lady his wife, and the yonge Lord Spencer, his sonne and his heire, and shipped in Goddes name, and toke the see. And when they were forth in the see, there arose grete tempestes, stormes and wyndes; and then they stode in *perill* of deth; and so, as God 8 wold, he was dryven ageyn into England costes, and were saved; and so, at Allhalowentyde next, the good Erle of Warwyk toke his shipping ageyn, and passed *ouer* the see, and come *with* his peple to Roan in sauftte, thanked be God! 12

Willelmus Estfeld, Maior.	Willelmus Hales	{ vicecomites anno xvj <sup>o</sup> [A.D. 1437-8.]
	Willelmus Chapman	

And in this same yere, and in the yere of *grace* M<sup>r</sup> CCCC 16 xxxviiij, a woman of Highgate, *pat* was a tayllours wife, lete sle hir husbond; and *perfore* she was Iuged to be brent at the Toure hill, *pe* Monday *pe* xxviij<sup>th</sup> day of Ianuare.

And in this same yere, on Esterday, a gardyner *pat* wonned at 20 Seint Mary at Nax in London, receued *pe* glorious sacrament oure Lordes body, and toke it oute of his mouth, and hidde it in a clowte, and wold haue brent it. And the *parson* took the sacrament, and receyued it reuerently, and brought it to *pe* high auter ageyn, and 24 sent *pe* gardyner to prison. And *pe* Bisshop of London and *oper* Bisshoppes and clergie sate vpon hym, and Iuged hym, for lollardry and erresye, to be brent in Smythfeld.

And in this same yere, the xiiij. day of Iuyn, .v. men of the 28 Cuntre of Tynderden in Kent, were founden and taken for heresyas and destroyers of the Kinges peple; and so they were brought to <sup>1</sup> Maidston in Kent, and there Iuged to deth, to be drawe, hanged, *quarterd*, and their hedes smytyn of. 32

And in this same yere, the Erle of Morteyn went *ouer* the see into Fraunce by the Kynges comaundment and consayle, forto strenght and kepe in the Kinges name *certeyn* partyes in Fraunce and Normandy, *with* knyghtes, squyers, men of armes and archers. 36

And all this yere duryng, was grete scarcite of corn; for a busshell whete was at xx d. and ijs., and in the last ende of the yere at xxvj d. *pe* busshell; and a busshell of rye was at xvj d. and

<sup>1</sup> leaf 216.





and buried at the towne of Warwik: on whos soule, God haue mercy! amen!

And in this same yere, the .v. day of Iuyn, the Erle of Stafford, *with* lordes, knyghtes, squyers, men of armes and archers, 4 in good aray, went ouer the see to Caleys, for tretice betwene England and Fraunce. And *within* .ij. dayes after, went ouer the see to Caleys, the Archebisshop of York, pe Bisshop of Norwiche, and the Bisshop of Seint Dauy, *with* a grete meyne of clerkes, and 8 moche oper peple *with* theym, in good arraye, to Caleis, to this same tretice. And the Friday next after that, went the Cardinall, the Bisshop of Wynchestre, *with* a grete multitude of peple, ouer the see to Caleys, to the same tretice. And the Seturday next, 12 went out of the Cite of London toward Caleis, to that same tretice, the Duke of Norffolk; *with* oper grete lordes, knyghtes and squyers, and moche oper peple *with* hym, in good arraye; And Sir Richard Wodevyle, knyght, and Sir Roger Chamberlayn, knyght; and 16 many oper worthy states of knyghtes and Squyers, *with* men of armes and archers, went ouer the see into Normandy, to kepe the Kynges title and right. And pere pe Cardynall and these Bisshoppes, and the Duke of Norffolk; abode pere, and treted *with* 20 the Frenssh party vnto pe terme of Michelmasse <sup>1</sup> next folowyng.

And in all this yere, all greynes of corne were at an high price; for whete was at xxxij d., barly at xvj d., and rye at .ij. s., vnto the terme of Michelmasse next; and then was whete at xvij d., barly 24 at xd., and Rye at xiiij d.

Robertus Large, Maior.	Robertus Marchall	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{vicecomites} \\ \text{anno xvij}^{\circ} \\ \text{[A.D. 1439-40].} \end{array} \right.$	28
	Philippus Malpas		

And in this same yere, and in the yere of grace M<sup>t</sup> CCCC xl., a seruaunt pat was with a man of Hakney, .ij. myle from London, come *with* his mayster to London, and bought vitayle and must for deynte, forto sende hoom to his wife, for she was grete *with* childe. 32 And the fals creature, when he come hoom, slewe pe wife and the child *within* her, and an oper damysell and a nooper yong felawe pat was *within* his hous, and robbed theym of all theire Iewels and tresoure pat they hadde *within* theym. And so he fledde, and wold 36 haue goon his weye; but God wold not so; for murdour woll com oute; and so he was take and brought to London, and so to Westminster; and pere he had his dome, to be brought to pe Toure of

<sup>1</sup> *leaf* 217.

London, and *pere* leide on a hirdell, and drawn thurgh the Cite to Tyburn, and *pere* hanged for his falshede.

And anon after in this same yere, *pe* Cardynall and *oper* 4 Bishshoppes, and the Duke of Norffolk, with all *oper* lordes, bothe *spirituall* and *temporall*, had ended their trete, and made a trewes betwene England and Fraunce and Flaundes for iij. yere; and thus was this matere ended.

8 And in this same yere, Pope Eugeny, of the high *grace* and gifte of God, and of his grete avise and gouernance, conuerted and brought all the land of Grece, and *oper* *provynces* and kyngdoms, into Cristen lawe and feith, and to hold the lawe and feith of Rome -12 and of the Pope, as we doon at all tymes.

And in this same yere, on the morne after Seint Martyns Day, Kyng Henry the Sext held his *parlement* at Westminster, <sup>1</sup> and it endured there vnto Cristmasse next, and myght not acorde. And 16 the morowe after xij. day, the Kyng and his lordes removed it to *pe* towne of Redyng; and *pere* the *parlement* was holden and ended, to the welfare of the King and of the Reame, as we trust and hope in oure Lord God, in tyme comyng.

20 And in this same yere, aboute Cristmasse, went the Erle of Somersett ouer the see into Fraunce and Normandy, with a roiall peple of lordes, knyghtes, Squyers, men of armes and archers, forto gouerne there *pe* Kynges peple and landes, and to strenght the 24 lordes and their peple *pat* hadde been *pere* long tyme, savyng and mayntenyng the Kynges right and title.

And in pis same yere, the Duchesse of Clarence deyed in the Abbey of Bermondesei without Suthwerk in Surre. And sho was 28 caried to Caunterbury, and buried beside the Lord Thomas hir husbond, which was Duke of Clarence, on whos soule, God haue *mercy*! amen!

And in this same yer deyed the Countesse of Warwik, and is 32 buried beside hir lord, Sir Richard Beauchamp, Erle of Warwik: on whos soules, God haue *mercy*! amen!

And this same yere, in the tyme of Lent, come .vj. *persones* with their shippes from byyonde the see, with *dyuers* fyssh forto 36 vitayle the Cite of London. And when they were delyuerd, and goyng homward, *per* come a company of fals men, and pursued theym in a barge, and come vpon theym in the nyght, as *pey* were aslepe in their vesseles and rode by anker in Tamys, and slewe all

<sup>1</sup> leaf 217, back.

pat were there in the shippes, and cutte peir throtes and cast theym in the water, and after drowned their shippes,—and the shippes sank in the water,—for no man shuld espye their falsnesse. And so, *with*in a while after, two of these theves were take and dampned, for their trespassse, pat they brake the Kynges trewes and peas, to be ledde to Seint Katerins byyonde the Toure of London, and *pere* a payre of Galowes to be sett vp, and hanged *with* cheynes and colers of Iron, till they be wasted and spent. 8 And this was doon on a Friday, in the mornyng, pe xix<sup>th</sup> day of Aprell.

And in pis same yere, <sup>1</sup>a fuller of Shordiche apeched of treson many worthy men of Kent, bothe Squiers, and *oper* worthy men of 12 gentelmen; wherof he was atteint, and proved fals of his fals apechement; And so he was brought afore the lawe, and dampned to be drawe and hanged, and his hede smytyn of, and sett on London Brigge, and his quarters set on .iiij. gates of London: and 16 this was doon the iiij<sup>th</sup> day of Maye.

And in this same yere, Sir Richard Wyche, vicar of Hermondesworth in *Middlesex*, pat somtyme was vicar of Depford in Kent; and oon Roger Norman, of Normandy born, was take and brought 20 before the Bisshop of London, and tofore the clergie, in the Chapitre hous of Seint Paules; and there they bothe were conuicte in heresy. And then there come a writte from the Chaunceller to the Maire and Shirrefs of London, to do execucion on them; and 24 so they were brought to the Towre Hill on Seint Botulphes Day,—and *pere* brent, bothe in oon tonne; and thus they ended their lives in this world. And pe peple pat sawe them dye, had grete compassion on them, for the confession and ende pat they made 28 in their good byleve, and thanked God of his sonde.

And in this same yere, the xij. day of August, *per* fell such wederyng of rayn, thunder and lightnyng in pe after None, pat it was hydous, and wonder to se; wherof the peple were sore agast; 32 for the lightnyng fell in Bredstrete, on pe Inne pat is called the Sterre; and there it did moche harme, for it fell in a hey hous where *per* was .L. cartfull of heye, and more; and it was all lost and destroyed, and was caried into Chepe; and had not been the 36 high *mercy* and *grace* of God, and the grete Rayn, the peple dred it shuld haue brent moche of the Cite and destroyed moche good in that partye.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 218.



were sore agast, and aferd of the grete tempest. And so it was spoken emonges the peple, *pat per* were som wikked fendes and spirites arered out of helle by coniuracion, forto noy pe peple in the Reame, and to put theym to trouble, discencion <sup>1</sup> and vnrest. An 4  
 pen was it knowen *pat* certeyn clerkes, and women *pat* ar called 'wicches,' had made their operacion and their craft to destroy men and women, or whom they list, vnto deth by their fals craft and worching. Wherof Dame Alianore Cobham, which was pe 8  
 Duchesse of Gloucestre, was named principally of these actes and fals dedes forto destroy the Kyng, whom God saue and kepe! Bot as God wold saue his hande-werk and *seruaunt*, made it be knowen openly, all their fals werkys and tresoun *pat* they ymagyned and 12  
 wrought, which was openly shewed afore all peple *pat* wold com to Seint Paules Crosse on the Sondag, the xxiiij. day of Iuyll, by Roger *pat* was hir Clerk, a Nigromancier, by the deuels crafte and ymaginacion in his worching, which was shewed openly in pe 16  
*sermon-tyme*, the day aboueseyd, to all peple *pat* wold come to se it, of here scriptures, ymages of siluer, of wexe, and of oper metalles, and swerdys, with many oper dyuers instrumentes of this fals craft of Nigromancy and the deuels powere. And pere Roger, this 20  
 Clerk, stode vpon an high stage, with all his Instrumentes about hym, spoyling of his garment; and did vpon hym a surplyce, with a crowne of papir vpon his hede, forto forsake all his fals craft of the devell, and for to relapse all *pat* he had doon and wrought by 24  
 the devyll and his powere, in presence of the Archebisshop of Canterbury, the Cardynall, pe Bisshop of Wynchestre, pe Bisshop of London, the Bisshop of Salesbury, and many oper grete clerkys beyng there present; and of oper lordes temporalles, therle of 28  
 Huntingdon, therle of Northumberland, and therle of Stafford, and moo oper lordes of the Kynge's Consayl, and the Maire and Aldermen, with pe Comons of the Cite of London, and many moo people of dyuers partyes, and straungers of the Reame, and aliens 32  
 of oper straunge landes beyond the see, beyng in pe <sup>2</sup> Cite of London *pat* tyme.

And on pe Tewesday, which was Seint James Day pe Apostell, Dame Alianore Cobham come out of the seintway at Westminster 36  
 into the Kinges Chapell which is within the Kinges paleys, to the high autere of the same Chapell, which is of Seint Stephen, before the principall clergie of the Reame which were pere present, *pat* is

<sup>1</sup> leaf 219.<sup>1</sup> leaf 219, back.

to sey, the Archebissshop of Caunterbury, *primate* of all England, the Cardynal of Wynchestre, the Cardynal of York, the Bissshops of London, Bathe, and Salesbury, and of other many principall  
4 Clerkes of the Reame which were there present, and examyned Dame Alianore Cobham of xxviij. dyuers poyntes, bothe of felony and of treson, which pey opened and shewed there to hir. And she ansuered to the Clergye, and sayde 'not gilty'; and so they let  
8 hir go sauf ageyn to the Seintwary vnto the morowe, pat was Seint Anne day. And thider she come ageyn as she was charged of the Bissshops; and there was Roger hir Clerk, present, and vouched all these poyntes vpon hir pat were shewed the day aboueseyd to hir,  
12 wherof she knowleched *somme* poyntes at that tyme, the nombre of .v.,—and so she went ageyn into Westmynstre for a certeyn tyme tyll pat the Kyng, with his Consayll, wold do correccion and remedy of all this fals actys and dedys, thus ymagyned and doon  
16 to his persone, and his lordes and lieges.

And on þe same day the Kyng sent to London to the Maire and Aldermen and Comons of the Cite, and also to therle of Huntingdon, þe Erle of Stafford, therle of Northumberland, the  
20 Tresorer of England, Sir Rauf Cromwell, the Lord Fawnehop, Sir John Cornwayle, Sir Walter Hungerford, and *oper* knyghtes and Squyers, to fele and see what was to be doon to amende and destroy this fals dede and cursed ymagynacion to the Kyng and to þe  
24 Reame. And they, of their good discrecion and wysedom, as trewe liege peple ordeyned .iiij. enquestes *within* the Cite, of substantiall peple; to brynge and shewe trewe inquisicion of all crymes and trespasses pat she was accused of. And they found hir  
28 gilty bothe <sup>1</sup> of treson and of felony; and so, thurghout Middelsex, the questes were charged at Westminster of knyghtes and Squyers, to brynge in their *verdite*; and they indited her in the same poyntes, bothe of felony and of treson. And so, the .xj. day of  
32 August, Dame Alianore was take into the handes and ward of Sir John Steward and Sir William Wolff, knyghtes, and to *oper* persones as the Kyng and his consayle ordeyned and devised to her, and to *oper* of hir consayle and affinite, as they haue deserued,  
36 after his tyme and leyser; and she to be kept in holde strongly in the Castell of Ledes in Kent, vnto þe wille of the Kyng and of his Consayle, and all þe *oper* persones, bothe men, women wicches, and *oper*, to be kept in the Toure of London to his likyng, leyser, and

<sup>1</sup> leaf 220.

tym to do to theym as they haue deserued. And so, the <sup>17. 45</sup>.xix. day of Octobre next, by the Kynges comaundment, and his Consayl, Sir Iohn Steward, knyght, *with strenght of peple*, brought Dame Alianore Cobham from the Castell of Ledes to Westminster, into 4 the Kynges paleys; and there she was put and kept in warde of pe Constable vnto hir answeere and examynacion. And the Friday next she was brought into Seint Stephens Chapell, called 'the Kynges chapell,' and 'the Kynges college,' afore the Clergye; and 8 *pere* was examyned of hir soreery, and wiccheecraft and treson. And so all the poyntes were opened and shewed there to hir by certeyn Bisshops and clerkys, *pat* is to sey: the Bisshop of London, pe Bisshop of Lincoln, the Bisshop of Salesbury, and the Bisshop 12 of Norwiche, *with moo oper doctours* and maysters of diuinite, beyng *pere present*. And then she *withneyed* and *withseyd* all the poyntez *pat* were put and shewed to hir *pat* tyme. And than she had respite and day of ansuere till the Monday next. And *pere* 16 she come ageyn to the same chapell, tofore all the Clergye and Bisshops and doctours, and maystres of diuinite. And then come Roger, hir Clerk, *with all his Instrumentes pat* were shewed at Seint Paules Crosse aforetyme, and they were shewed to Dame 20 Alianore Cobham; and she *withneyed*, and seyde 'it was not so; + bot *pat* she did it forto haue borne a child <sup>1</sup> by hir lord, the Duke of Gloucestre,' and *pere* was Maister Thomas Suthwell, parson of Seint Stephens in Walbroke, and Chanon of pe Kynges Chapell, 24 *pat* was of hir craft and consayle ayenst hir; and the wicche of Eye, beside Westminster, ayenst Dame Alianore Cobham; and seide *pat* she was causer and doer of all this werk and dede; And so they were all put vp ageyn as for that tyme. And the xxvj<sup>th</sup> day 28 of Octobre next suyng, deyed the seide Mayster Thomas Suthwell, in the Toure of London. And the Friday next, the wicche of Eye was brought from the Towre of London into Smythfeld, and there brent for hir fals beleve and wiccheecraft *pat* she had vsed of longe 32 tyme.

Robertus Clopton, Maior.	Wilhelmus Combes	} vicecomites anno xx <sup>o</sup> [A.D. 1441-42.] 36
	Ricardus Riche	

And in this same yere, and the yere of grace M<sup>t</sup>CCCC xliij., the vj. day of Novembre, the Archbisshop of Canterbury and the .ij. Cardynalles of Wynchestre and of York, and pe Bisshops of

<sup>1</sup> leaf 220, back.



London, Lincoln, Salesbury and Norwiche, with dyuers doctors  
and maistres of diuinite, deuorsed and departed the Duke of  
Gloucestre and Dame Alianore Cobham, as for matrimony made  
4 before betwene theym two. And so Dam Alianore Cobham, by  
ordynaunce and charge of the Archebisshop of Canterbury and his  
brethern, was Joyned to hir penaunce for pe grete offence and  
trespasse pat she had doon ayenst God and holy Chirche, and for  
8 the fals sorcery and wiccheecraft pat she vsed and longe tyme had  
wrought, pat she shuld go from Westminster to London .iij.  
market dayes in the weke, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with  
a taper brennyng in her hande: oon to Seint Paules, an other to  
12 Cristehirch, and pe thridde to Seint Michelles in Cornhill. And  
the Monday, the xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of Nouembre, Dame Alianore Cobham  
come by water from Westminster to the Temple brigge, forto do hir  
charge of penance, ou fote thurgh Fletestrete <sup>1</sup> to Seint Paules;  
16 and pere she offred hir first taper. And the Wednesday next she  
come from Westminster by Water to the Swanne in Tamystrete,  
and come on fote with a taper in hir hande, and come vp Tamystrete  
to Seint Magnus corner, and vp Briggestrete, and Eschepe and  
20 Graschirch, and so to the Corner of Leden-Hall, and so to Crist-  
chirch; and there offred the secund taper. And the Friday next,  
she come from Westminster by water to the Quene-Hithe, and so  
vp purgh Bredstrete into Chepe; and thurgh Chepe into Cornhill,  
24 to Seint Michelles chirch, and pere offred a taper of a pound wexe;  
And then was she brought ageyn to Westminster, into the Constable  
ward.

And the Seturday next, pe <sup>f. xliij</sup> xvij. day of Nouembre, Roger  
28 Bultynbrok, Dame Alianore Cobhams Clerk of Nigromancy and  
sorcery, was brought to the Guyldhall of London, and pere dampned  
for his fals treson, and for his fals tresoun, and sorcery and  
Nigromancy ayenst all holy Chirch; wherthurgh he was dampned  
32 to deth by landes lawe. And he was ledde to the Toure of London,  
and leyd vpon a hirdell, and drawen thurgh the Cite to Tybourne  
galowes, and pere hanged, and let downe ageyne all quyk, and his  
bowelles cutte out of his body, and brent afore hym. And then was  
36 his hede smyten of, and his body quartered; and oon sent to  
Oxenford, the secund sent to Cambrigge, the thridde to Bristowe,  
and the fourth to [ ]<sup>2</sup>; and his hede was set vpon London  
Brigge: and pus he ended his life in pis world.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 221.

<sup>2</sup> Blank space left in MS.

And Dame Alianore Cobham yet kept in warde in þe Constablers of Westminster, vnto the Wednesday, the xxiiij. day of Ianuare; and then she was brought thens to þe Maner of Neyte, which is the Abbotes of Westminster; and þere she was kept 4 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday till noon. And when she was brought first out of Westminster, þere was such wedryng of thonder, lightnyng, hayll and rayne, þat the peple were sore adredde and agast of the grete noyse and hydous of þe weder, <sup>1</sup> þat sodenly was 8 doon and shewed þere at theire passage at þat tyme. And on the Friday at after-None, she was had at the Kynges comaundment and wille, forth to the Cite of Chestre, in an hors-bere, with strenght of peple; and fro Chestre into þe Ile of Man, to be kept þere in sauf 12 gard, etc.

And in this same yere was a batell doon, the xxx<sup>th</sup> of Ianuare, in Smythfeld, betwene .ij. worthy men, and bold in armes and fight: þat oon men called Sir Philipe Beef, a knyght of Cateloyne; 16 and on þat oper party, a Squyere of þe Kynges of England, þat men called Iohn Astley. And at þe comyng to þe feld, eyper of theym toke theire tent; and then was þe knyghtes son of Cateloyne brought to the Kyng, and the Kyng made hym knyght; and then he was 20 brought ageyn to his faders tent. And then, within a while after, the heraudes of armes called theym bothe oute, to do their fight; and so þey come in bothe armed with all theire wepen about theym; bot the knyght come with his swerd drawe, and the Squyere with 24 his spere. And the Squyer cast his spere to þe knyght; and the knyght avoyded it with the swerd, and cast it to the ground; and the Squyer hent his axe, and went to the knyght at onys, and smote many strokes hard and sore vpon his Basenet and on his 28 hande, and made hym lese his axe. And it fell from hym to þe grounde, and brast vp his vmbre .ij. tymes, and kaught his daggere, and wold haue smyten hym in the face forto haue slayne hym in the feld. And then the Kyng cryed 'hoo!' and so they 32 were departed; and eyper of theym went hoom ageyn to his tent. And then the Kyng sent for his squyere Iohn Astley, and made hym to be dubbed knyght, for his worthy and good Iourney þat he did and wrought at þat tyme on his enemy in his noble presence, 36 etc.

And in this same yere, the xviiij<sup>th</sup> day of Maye, began a huge storme of sodeyn wederyng, anon after .ij. of þe clok at after-None,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 221, back.

vnto .vj. of the clok, of hayle, rayne, thundre and lightnyng, *pat* the peple wondred *pervpon*. And *pe* hayle bete down all the blossomes of trees, *pat* the frute was all goon for this yere, at  
 4 London and aboute London, for *pe* multitude of watere <sup>1</sup> *pat* come of *pe* hayle and rayne.

And in this yere, the xxv day of Maye, the Lord Talbot toke his *iourney* fro London toward Normandy and Fraunce, for to help  
 8 to *gouverne* and kepe vnder the Duke of York, the *partyes* byyond the see, *with* knyghtes, Squyers, men of armes and archers, and all *maner* stuff *pat* longed to werre : which, Almyghty God *gouverne*, save, and kepe, and all *pe* Kynges trewe peple, bothe in that *party*  
 12 and in oures ! And er he toke his *iourney* out of this lande, *pe* Kyng made the Lord Talbot, Erle of Shrovesbury, and his son and heire Lord Talbot.

16 *Johannes* Atherley, Maior. Thomas Beaumont { *vicecomites*  
*Ricardus* Nordon { *anno* xxj<sup>o</sup>  
 [A.D. 1442-43.]

And in this same yere, and the yere of *grace* M<sup>t</sup> CCCC xliij., *pe* Tewesday the xiiij. day of Maye, oon Botiler Steynour, and a  
 20 Baker, and two o<sup>per</sup> men and a preest, which were strong, errant theves, robbing and quellyng the Kynges peple, were dampned at Westm<sup>in</sup>ster to be ledde in a Cart standyng vpright from the Kynges Benche in Suthwerk, and so thurgh the Cite of London,  
 24 tyll they come to Tyburn, and there to be hanged. And so they deyed, all .v. *persones*; and at the comyng of *pem* into the Cart, *pere* fell suche wedryng from the skye, *pat* folke were sore adredde and agast, it was so horrible and grete, what of rayne, thondere and  
 28 lightnyng and hayll, in their passage to *pe* deth. And on the Tewesday next suyng, two strong theves, and a woman thefe, were hanged at Tyborn for their fals offences and trespassez, and murtheryng of the Kynges peple.

32 And in this same yere, *pe* Monday next folowyng, the woman of Kent *pat* met *with* the Kyng at *pe* Blak-Heth in Kent, and spake to hym boldly, and reviled hym vngoodly and vnwisely for Dame Alianore Cobham, *pat* he shuld haue hir hoom ageyn to hir  
 36 husbond, the Duke of Gloucestre. And *with* these wordes the Kyng waxe wroth, and toke it to hert; and <sup>2</sup> she was arested and brought into prison by the lawe, and so broght to Westm<sup>in</sup>ster afore the Iusticez of the Kynges Benche. And *pere* she was repreveld

<sup>1</sup> leaf 222.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 222, back.

for hir vngoodly langage, and sole-hardynesse to speke so to hir liege lorde, the Kyng. And she ansuered not, bot asked the Kynges grace. And fro *pat* day she was put vp ageyn in the Kynges Benche till Wednesday next, and then was brought ageyn 4 to Westminster afore the Iustices. And when she was examyned, she wold not speke ne ansuere; and perfore *pe* Iustices gafe hir dome, *pat* she shuld stand in a cart vpright, from the Kynges Benche, and so thurgh London, *pat* all peple myght se hir, with a 8 paupire about hir hede, of hir proude and lewed langage *pat* she had spoke and shewed to *pe* Kyng. And so she was caryed ageyn purgh London and Suthwerk, in *pe* same Cart, tyll she come to *pe* Blak-Heth *pere* as she seide these wordes vnto *pe* King; and then 12 was caryed ageyn to Suthwerk, and delyuerd ageyn to *pe* keepers of *pe* Kynges Benche, for to haue hir Iugement as *pe* Iuge had ordeyned it for her offence, forto lay as moche yron vpon hir body till she be deed: and thus she ended in this world, for hir proude 16 langage to hir Kyng and souerayn lord.

And in this yere the Kyng made the Erle of Somerset, Markes—<sup>r</sup> Dorsett, and ordeyned hym with a grete Navy of peple, of lordes, knyghtes, Squyers, men of armes and archers; with all maner stuff 20 of werre, forto gouerne, kepe and mayntene his landes in Fraunce, Normandy, and Guyan. And he abode longe tyme after in England, vpon the coostes, to abide for shipping and peple *pat* were not come to hym. And so, the xxj. day of Iuyll, he toke his 24<sup>r</sup> shipping ouer the see into Fraunce and Normandy, with his Retenew in good aray and in good spede, purgh the grace of God and his Moder, oure Lady Seint Mary, and by the comfort of Seint George. And in this yere, the vj. day of August, Gyles, the Dukes 28 broder of Bretayn, come to London, and so to *pe* Kyng, as for his souerayn lord and best beloned frende, forto play and sporte hym here in this lande, for a tyme, <sup>1</sup>and bysought *pe* Kyng of his grace and good lordship at all tymes. And so he and his were loeged at 32 the Crowne in Fanchirch Strete, for the tyme of his abidyng here, and of the Kynges grace and gode wille.

Thomas Catworth, Maior.	Nicholaus Wyfold	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{vicecomites} \\ \text{anno } \text{xxij}^{\text{do}} \\ \text{[A.D. 1443-44.]} \end{array} \right.$	36
	Johannes Norman		

And in this same yere, and the yere of grace M<sup>t</sup> CCCC xliiij<sup>ti</sup>, anon after Ester, the Duke of Somerset come out of Fraunce and

<sup>1</sup> leaf 223.

Normandy into England, and deyed at a Maner of his owne in the west cuntre : vpon whos soule, God haue mercy ! amen !

And in pis same yere, on the Wednesday in the Whitson weke, 4 pe Kyng made the Erle of Huntyngdon, Duke of Excestre, in the Castell of Wyndesore ; and in the fest of the Exaltacion of the Holy Crosse next folowyng, the Kyng made the Erle of Stafford, Duke of Bokyngham, and the Erle of Suffolk, Markeys of Suffolk 8 and of Norffolk.

And in this same yere, the ambassiatours come out of Fraunce, and oper partyes byyonde the see, vnto the Kyng, for a mariage for hym, which was a worthy Kynges daughter, pat is called 12 Kyng of Cisile and of Ierusalem. And then the Kyng sent his ambassiatours ouer the see, which was pe Markes of Suffolk, with oper lordes, Clerkys, knyghtes and Squiers, out of England, to knowe of this worthy mariage, and forto make a finall peas betwene 16 the Reames of England and Fraunce.

And in this yere, the xxij<sup>th</sup> day of August, Iohn Kerver of Redyng, gentleman, vntreuly and vngoodly, and ayenst feith and -lawe, depraued the Kyng ; wherfore he was take and brought 20 before pe Kynges Consayle, and pere examyned of his vngodely speche and wordes. And he ansuered, and knowleched hym guilty ; wherfore the Kynges Consayle Juedg hym to deth as a traytour. And this was his full dome : pat he shuld be ledde ageyn to the 24 towne of Redyng, and drawen and hanged, and let downe ageyn all quyk, and then brought ageyn to pe Cite of London, to pe Toure, and from <sup>l</sup>thens drawen to Tyborn galowes, and hanged, and let down ayen all quyk, and then bowayled and quartered, and his 28 bowayls brent, and pen his hede smyt of, and set on London Brigge ; and oon *quartere* to be set vp at Redyng, and the oper in dyuers townes in pe Reame. And then the Kyng, of his grete *grace* and mercy, sent in all haste his Charter of pardon of his 32 offence and trespasse pat he had doon ayenst his persone, and so delyuerd hym quyte, and sent hym to Redyng in sauf garde.

And then the xxv. day of Maye next suyng, pe Kyng of Cisyll and of Ierusalem, with the Quene his wife, brought with theym 36 Dame Margaret their daughter, to pe Cite of Toures in Turyn, in Fraunce, and pere met the Kyng of Fraunce and the Quene his wife. And the Kyng of Fraunce toke the Kyng of Cisill and of Ierusalem by the hande ; and so they yede forth togeder ; and the

<sup>1</sup> leaf 223, back.

Quene of Fraunce toke the Quene of Cisill and of Ierusalem by the hande, and so they yede forth togeder thurgh the Cite till they come to the chief Chirch of þe Cite of Tours in Tureyn. And then come this Dame *Margarete* as for Quene of England, and ledde 4 betwene the Dolphyn of Fraunce and an-*oper* grete Prince of Fraunce; and they ledde Dame *Margaret* to þe chief Chirche, which is of Seynt Martyn, *with .vij. dukes and .xiiij. Erles, with oper grete lordes and ladyes folowing theym, into the same Chirche. 8* And þen come þe Markeys of *Suffolk*; and all þe *oper* ambassatours of England. And *pere* Dame *Margaret* made suraunce to þe Markeis of *Suffolk*, and principally to the Kyng of England, and to all these ambassatours; and she was made *pere* Quene of England. 12 And þe Markeis of *Suffolk* and þe *oper* ambassatours made surance to Dame *Margaret*, in presence of þe kynges and quenenes, dukes, Erles, lordes and ladyes, and also in presence of a legate of Rome there beyng at *pat* tyme. And then the Dolphyn and the *oper* 16 prince[s] ledde Dame *Margarete*, as Quene of England, to þe place *pat* was ordeyned for hyr worship at that tyme, and these kynges, and þese .ij. quenenes folowyng theym, *with* all the dukes, Erles, lordes and ladyes, *with* þe ambassiatours of England. And *pere* 20 Quene *Margarete* was set in þe <sup>1</sup>myddes of the halle, as principall of this fest, and ryally by hir oone, as Quene of England. And these .ij. *oper* quenenes were at a table togedir vpon the right side of Quene *Margarete*. And lordes and ladyes were worthely served 24 thurgh all the Court; and all þe peple of comons *pat* folowed theym had grete chere of mete and drynke; and they made ioye and myrth, and song (all with high voyce) Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! and peas, peas, peas be to vs! Amen! 28

Henricus Frowyk, Maior.	Stephanus Forster	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{vicecomites} \\ \text{anno xxiiij}^{\text{cio}} \\ \text{[A.D. 1444-45.]} \end{array} \right.$
	Hugo Wyche.	

And in this same yere, and the yere of grace M<sup>t</sup>.CCCC. xlv., 32 þe vj<sup>th</sup> day of Nouembre, whan all maner stuff of ordynaunce was made and doon for the Quenes comyng into England, *pat* is to sey, mete, hors, harnesse, chares, *with* all stuff *pat* belonged to theym,— and þen þe Markeis of *Suffolk* and þe lady his wife, *with oper* 36 ladyes and gentelwomen, lordes, knyghtes and squyers, and all *oper* *seruitours* *pat* bylonged to theym, and to þe ordynaunce, for oure Kynges honure and worship went out of London to þe sec-costes,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 224.

forto shippe theym and all theire ordynaunces, forto mete *with* Quene Margaret and *with* hir company, beyng in Fraunce, and condite hir into England in sauf gard to hir lord, Kyng Henry of  
4 England and Fraunce, by the gift and *grace* of oure Lord Ihesu Crist. Amen!

And in this yere, the first day of Februar, was grete wedryng of wynde, hayle, snowe, rayne, thunder and lightnyng, at the after-  
8 None; and it endured .iiij. oures; and it did grete harme to þe Cite of London, for it brent Seint Pauls grete steple, bothe on þe west syde and on þe south syde. And þe peple espied þe fyre, and come to Seint Pauls forto quenche the fyre in þe steple. And goodly  
12 they laboured, and quenched þe fyre as ferre as they kouth serche and fynde. And it was quenched *with* vyneger. And so the Maire herd of this grete hurte, and come *with* grete peple to Seint Pauls, to here and se how it stode there, and to help þem, if nede  
16 had been. And þen þe peple *withdrowe* theym, and went hoom ageyn, and trusted to God it had been in rest and peas.

And then anon after, betwene viij. and ix. of þe klok, þe fyre brast<sup>1</sup> oute ageyn of the steple, more feruent þen it did before, and  
20 did moche harme to the lede and tymber of the steple. And anon come þe Mayre and moche peple, and *with* vynyger, and stanchd þe fyre þat was right fervent,—blessed be God of all his giftes! Amen! And þen after, at the Ledenhall in Cornhill of London, a  
24 standard of tre was set in myddys of the pavement fast in the grounde, nayled *with* holme and Ive, for disport of Cristmasse to þe peple of the Cite. And it was þat tyme tome vp and cast downe  
28 cast in þe strete to dyuers houses, so þat the peple were sore agast of the grete fervent tempestes þat shewed that tyme.

And in this yere, the xvij<sup>th</sup> day of Feuerere, *pere* was a bataylle ordeyned in Smythfeld, and set to fight *with*in lystes for life and  
32 detli, betwene Thomas Fitz-Thomas, Pryoure of Kylmayn in Ireland, which appeled Sir Iames Botillere, Erle of Ormond, of treson þat he did in þe Cuntre of Ireland ayenst hym. And this Prioure *withdrowe* hym, and come not to batayle, where thurgh, as  
36 leude, he was convict. And the Erle of Ormond was redy in his tent to ansuere hym; bot the Prioure come not.

And in this yere, the .xxij. day of Feuerere, the Kyng held his parlement at Westminster, to Archbisshops, bisshops, abbotes

<sup>1</sup> leaf 224, back.

and Priours, and to dukes, Erles, lordes and Barons, knyghtes, squyers, and to Citezens, Burgeises, and comons. And this parlement endured vnto Palme-Sunday; and then it was adiourned by þe King, and his Consayle of his lordes of the parlement, vnto the fest of Seint George was passed. And then, the .xxix<sup>th</sup> day of Aprell, þe parlement bygan ageyn at Westminster with archbisshops and oper lordes, as is beforeseid.

And in this same yere, about Midlent, they brought Quene Margaret out of high, douce Fraunce, into the partyes of Normandy by hir frendes; and the Frenssh partye was there as well as þe Englissh lordes, and abode hir with their peple, with all worship and reuerence þat myght be doon in worship and reuerence of oure Kyng. And so þey brought hir into the Cite of Roan in sauf garde; and þere she abode vnto þe fest of Estere and lenger, by .xiiiij. dayes, with these lordes and ladys of England, þat is to say, the Duke of York, the Duchesse his wife, þe Markes of Suffolk, the lady his wife, the Erle of Shrovesbury, þe Countesse his wife, with oper lordes and ladyes þat abode in Fraunce and Normandy, with knyghtes, squyers, men of armes and archers, þat abode þere to kepe<sup>1</sup> the Kynges right in all landes of the partyes in Fraunce and Normandy.

And then, after hir restyng þere in þe Cite, she was conueyed to þe towne of Houndflete by lande, þere to haue shipping to com into England to hir lord þe Kyng, hir husband; and with hir come the Markeys of Suffolk, with lordes and ladys, knyghtes, squyers, and gentelwomen, men of armes and archers, and oper peple, and brought Margarete sauf into the Reame of England. And she landed at þe towne of Hampton; and þere she was worthely receyued of þe peple of Hampton and of þe peple of the Cuntre aboute, with all reuerence and worship þat they couthe do. And after, oure Kyng come, and met with Dame Margarete, the Quene, and brought hir to an abbey in þe newe Forest, þat men calle þe abbey of [ ]<sup>2</sup>; and there þe Kyng was wedded to Dame Margarete the Quene, with the Bisshop of Salesbury þat men called Maister William Ascu. And then the Kyng and his lordes departed from hir, and then met þe Cardinall of Wynchestre with the Quene, and conueyed hir with all reuerence and honoure þat he kouth do, to a Maner of his; and there she abode all nyght with all hir peple. And there was doon grete chere, with chargeable

<sup>1</sup> leaf 225.<sup>2</sup> Blank space left in MS.



costes, to hir and to all the peple þat come with hir þat tyme, in reuerence and worship of þe Kyng. And so Quene Margaret was conveyed in the Cuntreyes of Sussexe and Surre till she come to þe 4 Archbisshop of Canterburyes Maner in Croydon, in Surre; and there she rested hir all nyght with grete worship and reuerence, and with all the chere þat myght be doon to hir persone as for þat tyme. And on þe morowe after, she went to þe Maner of Eltham; and 8 þere she restid her after hir grete iournay and travayle .viij. dayes, till she wold com to se the Cite of London.

And þe Friday, þe xxvj<sup>th</sup> day of Maye, the Mayre of London, with the aldermen and Shirrefs and comons of the Cite rode to þe 12 Blake-Heth in Kent; and þere they abode and hoked on horsbak vnto the Quenes comyng. And so they come with hir to London; and she was brought to þe Toure of London; and þere she rested hir all nyght. And þere the Kyng, at the reuerence of þe Quene, 16 and the first comyng, made .xlvi. Knyghtes of the Bath. And þen on þe morowen at after None, the Quene come from the Toure in a hors-bere, with .ij. stedes trapped all in white damask poudred with gold; and so was the vesture þat she had on; and þe pylowes 20 and all þe bere in oon sute; and hir here combed downe about hir shulders, with a coronall of gold, riche perles and precious stones, with all lordes on horsbak, and ladyes in chares, þat is to sey, xix. chares of ladyes and their<sup>1</sup> gentelwomen, and all the craftes of the 24 Cite of London goynge on fote in their best aray vnto Saint Paules. And by þe wey, as she come purgh þe Cite, there were shewed and made many devises and storyes, with angeles and oper hevenly thinges, with songe and melody in dyuers places; and þe 28 condites ran wyne, bothe white and rede, for all peple þat wold drynk. And then she was had oute of þe bere, and went on fote vp to þe high auter of Saint Paules; and þere she offred, and come oute ageyn to the bere at the west dore of Saint Paules; and so she 32 passed forth till she come to Westminster, with lordes and ladyes, and with the Maire and Aldermen and Comons of þe Cite of London. And there they toke their leve, and went hoom ageyn.

And on þe morowe, þat was Sunday, þe .xxx. day of Maye, 36 was þe Coronacion and fest rially and worthely holden at Westminster in þe Kynges palays; and iij. dayes after, hold open Iustes and revell within þe seintwary, of lordes, knyghtes, and oper þat wold com at þe reuerence of this fest royal.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 225, back.

And in this yere, þe .xvij. day of Iuyll, come þe ambassatours of Fraunce to London, forto trete for peas betwene England and Fraunce, þat is to say, the Archbisshop of Reynes, þe Erle of Gudoam,<sup>1</sup> with oþer lordes, knyghtes, squyers and clerkes of Fraunce, by the grace of God for a fynal peas.

Simon Eyre, Maior.	Johannes Derby	}	<i>vicecomites</i>	8
	Galfrid Feldyng		anno xxiiiij <sup>to</sup>	
			[A.D. 1445-46.]	

<sup>1</sup> ? MS. Gudoam, Eudoam, Endoam.

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FROM THE CAPTURE OF ROUEN (1419) TO THE ACCESSION  
OF EDWARD IV (1461).

[*Addit. MS., Brit. Mus. 10,099, leaf 181.*]

How þe king of Englonð, Henry þe v<sup>te</sup>,<sup>1</sup> was made heritier  
& Regent of Fraunce, & how he weddid Quene Katherine.  
ca. ccxlv.<sup>2</sup>

4 Anone<sup>3</sup> after þat Rone was goten, Depe, & many other townes  
in baas Normandie yafe þeme ouer with-out stroke or siege, when  
þei vnderstode þat þe Kyng had goten Rone. Also þis same yere  
had bene A pees made & swornen bitwen þe Duke of Burgoyne &  
8 þe Dolphyn, which wer sworne vpon<sup>4</sup> our Lordes body þat þei<sup>5</sup>  
shold love & Assist eche other ayenst þer enmyse. <sup>6</sup>And after þis,  
contrary to þis othe, þe Duke Iohn of Burgoyne was slayn &  
pitously murthred in<sup>7</sup> presence of þe Dolphyn; wherfor þe Frensh  
12 men wer gretly devided, & of veray necessite labored to haue A  
traitie with þe King of Englonð, ffor þe King of Englonð wan  
dayly of þame, townes, casteles & fortresses. Also þis same yere  
was Quene Iane Arested & brought to þe Castel of Ledys in Kent,  
16 and one, frere Randolf, A doctour of Divinitie, hir confessor, which  
afterward was slayn by þe person of þe Tour falling at wardes &  
debate. And after Quene Iane was delyuered, In<sup>8</sup> þe vij<sup>te</sup> yeer,  
bothe þe<sup>9</sup> kinges of Englonð & of Fraunce<sup>10</sup> wer Accorded; &  
20 Kyng Henry was made Heir & Regent of France, & wedded  
dame Kateryn, þe Kyng of Fraunce Doughter,<sup>11</sup> at Troyes in  
Champayn, on Trinite Sondag. And þis was made bi þe mean  
of Philipp, newly made Duke of Burgoyne, which was sworn to  
24 King Henry for tavenge his fadre deth, & was become Englissh.  
And þan þe King, with his new wife, went to Paris, wher he was  
rially receyved. And fro thens he, with his lordes & þe Duke of  
Burgoyne, & many other lordes of Fraunce, laid seige to diuerse

<sup>1</sup> Henry þe v<sup>te</sup> om. HC.      <sup>2</sup> ca. ccxlv. om. H.

<sup>3</sup> And A non H.    and anone C.      <sup>4</sup> of H.      <sup>5</sup> þe H.

<sup>6</sup> leaf 181, back.      <sup>7</sup> in þe H.    in the C.      <sup>8</sup> Also H.      <sup>9</sup> þe om. C.

<sup>10</sup> kynges of fraunce & of Englonð C.

<sup>11</sup> þe kinges Doughter of fraunce H.    the kynges doughter of fraunce C.

townes & Castels pat held of pe Dolphynd's part, & wand pam; bot pe town<sup>1</sup> of Melun held long, for per-in was gode defenders.

In pe viij yere of his regn,<sup>2</sup> pe King & Quene came ouer pe<sup>3</sup> see, & landed on Candelmasse day in pe morow, at Dover; and [the] 4 xiiij<sup>4</sup> day of Feueryere, pe King com to London; & pe xxi day of pe same moneth pe Quene come thider<sup>5</sup>; And pe<sup>6</sup> xxiiij day of the same,<sup>7</sup> she was crowned at Westmynster. Also pe same yeer<sup>8</sup>, Anon after Ester, pe King held a parlement at Westmynster, 8 at which<sup>8</sup> it was ordeyned pat pe gold in Englyssh coygne shuld be weyed, & none receyved but by weght. And Anone after Wittsontyde, pe King sayled to<sup>9</sup> Caleys, & so forth passed<sup>10</sup> in-to Fraunce. And in Marche, pe xxij day, before pe King come ouer, 12 pe Duke of Clarence was slayn in Fraunce, diuerse<sup>11</sup> other lordes take prisoners, as perl of Huntyngdon, perle of Somerssett, with diuerse other: & al was because pei wold not take Archers with pan,<sup>12</sup> bot thought to haue do<sup>13</sup> with pe Frenshmen per<sup>14</sup> self, 16 without<sup>15</sup> thame. And<sup>16</sup> yett, when he was slayn, pe Archiers come & rescued pe body of pe Duke, which pei wold have caried with pame: God haue mercy of<sup>17</sup> his soul; for<sup>18</sup> he was A valiant man! And<sup>19</sup> pe same yeer, bitwene Criste'mas & Candemas, 20 pe town of Melun was yholden to pe Kynge.

In<sup>20</sup> pe ix yere of his regn,<sup>21</sup> vpon<sup>22</sup> saynt Nicholas Day in December, was borne Henry, pe Kynges first begoten son<sup>23</sup> at Windesore, whose god-fadres at fount-stone was Henry, Bisshop 24 of Wynchestre, & Iohn, Duke of Bedford; & pe Duches of Holande was<sup>24</sup> god-moder; And Henry Chicheley,<sup>25</sup> Erchebisshop of Canterbury, was<sup>26</sup> god-fader at confirmyng. And in pe x yere of his regn,<sup>21</sup> pe Cite of Mewes, in Brie,<sup>27</sup> was goten, which hadd 28 bene longe besegied. And pis same yeer pe Queen shipped at Hampton, and sayled ouer to pe King in Fraunce, wher she was worsshypfully receyved of pe King, & also of pe Kynge of Fraunce, hir fadir, & of hir modir. And thus Kinge Henry wan 32

<sup>1</sup> tour H.    <sup>2</sup> of his regn om. HC.    <sup>3</sup> pe om. HC.

<sup>4</sup> xiiij Ad. the xiiij C.    <sup>5</sup> thider om. HC.    <sup>6</sup> pe om. H.

<sup>7</sup> same moneth H.    <sup>8</sup> which parlement H.    which parlement C.

<sup>9</sup> sayld in to H.    <sup>10</sup> & passed so forth HC.

<sup>11</sup> & many H. and diuerse C.

<sup>12</sup> take with pame Archers H. take with hem Archers C.    <sup>13</sup> do om. H.

<sup>14</sup> them HC.    <sup>15</sup> leaf 182.    <sup>16</sup> Bot H.    <sup>17</sup> on C.    <sup>18</sup> for om. HC.

<sup>19</sup> in An) And H.    <sup>20</sup> And in H.    <sup>21</sup> of his regn om. HC.

<sup>22</sup> on HC.    <sup>23</sup> henry the kinges fyrst begoten son was born H.

<sup>24</sup> hys H.    <sup>25</sup> Chicheley the H.    <sup>26</sup> was hys H.

<sup>27</sup> in Brie om. H.

fast in Fraunce, & held gret Astate, & satte at Dynere at A gret feste in Parys, crowned, & þe Queen also, which had nat ben seen to<sup>1</sup> fore; And al<sup>2</sup> þe peple resorted vnto his court. But as 4 for<sup>3</sup> þe Kyng of Fraunce, he held none Astate ne reule, but was left almoste Allone.

Also þis yeer þe weder-cokk was sett vpon Poules staple at London.<sup>4</sup> And þis yeer, in<sup>5</sup> þe moneth of Auguste, þe Kyng 8 wex sike at Boys de Vincent. And when he saw he shold dye, he made his testament, and ordeyned many thinges nobley for his soul, And Devoutly receyved al þe rightes of holy church, in so fer-forth, þat<sup>6</sup> when he<sup>7</sup> was enoynted, he said þe service with 12 þe preste; And at þe verse of þe psalme 'Miserere mei deus' þat was "Benigne fac dñe in bona voluntate tua, Syon, ut edificentur muri Ierusalem," he bad tarie þer, and said þus: "O good Lorde, þou knowest þat<sup>8</sup> myne entent hath bene, & yet is,<sup>9</sup> if I might 16 lyve, to reedify þe walles of Ierusalem." & þen þe preest proceded forth, & made An end; & Anone aftre, þis moste noble prince & victoriouse kyng, flour in his tym of Cristen chiuahrie, whom al þe<sup>10</sup> world dovypted, gaf his soul in-to þe handes of God, & died, 20 & made An end of his naturel lif, at þe said Bois de Vincent beside<sup>11</sup> Parys, þe xxxvj yere of his Age: on whose soul, God haue mercy!<sup>12</sup> þan was þe body enbawmed & cered, & laid in A rial chare, & an ymage like unto him was leyd vpon þe corps, 24 open, with diuerse baners & horse couered rychely with<sup>13</sup> Armes<sup>14</sup> of Englonde & Fraunce,<sup>15</sup> and also<sup>16</sup> tholde Armes of seynt Edwardes, seynt Edmond, & oper; And with gret multitude of torches; with whome went þe Kyng<sup>17</sup> of Scotland, & many oper lordes,<sup>18</sup> which 28 accompayned þe body til it come to<sup>19</sup> Westmynster, bi London, in Englonde. And in euery town by þe way he had solempny his Dirige on þe evyn, & masse on þe morne<sup>20</sup>; & moche Almesse was giffen to<sup>21</sup> þe<sup>22</sup> pore peple bi þe way. And þe vij<sup>te</sup> day of Nouembre after, 32 þe corps was brought to<sup>23</sup> London with<sup>24</sup> gret reuerence & solempnity,<sup>25</sup> & had<sup>26</sup> to Westmynster, wher he<sup>27</sup> now lieth: it was

<sup>1</sup> A H.      <sup>2</sup> all the H.      <sup>3</sup> to C.

<sup>4</sup> was sett up a poulys steple at london the wethercock H.

<sup>5</sup> in om. H.      <sup>6</sup> þai Ad.      that C.      <sup>7</sup> þat when he om. H.      <sup>8</sup> wel H.

<sup>9</sup> is yett H.      <sup>10</sup> this H.      <sup>11</sup> leaf 182, back.

<sup>12</sup> mercy Amen HC.      <sup>13</sup> with the H.      <sup>14</sup> tharmes C.

<sup>15</sup> & Fraunce om. H.      <sup>16</sup> also om. H.

<sup>17</sup> kyng HC.      ſyng Ad. (scribe's blunder).      <sup>18</sup> lordes the H.

<sup>19</sup> vn to C.      <sup>20</sup> morow H.      <sup>21</sup> vnto H.      <sup>22</sup> þe om. C.

<sup>23</sup> thurgh H.      through C.      <sup>24</sup> was H.      <sup>25</sup> for solempnity?

<sup>26</sup> & had om. HC.      <sup>27</sup> he om. H.

worshipfully<sup>1</sup> buried; & after, was<sup>2</sup> leyd on his tumber A rial ymage like to him-self, of siluer & gylt, which was made at pe<sup>3</sup> cost of Quene Katerine. And thus ended, & was<sup>4</sup> enteiored & buried, pe noble King Henry pe Fyft: on whose soul,<sup>5</sup> God have 4 mercy!<sup>6</sup>

**Of pe lawds of King Henry pe Fyft, & what he ordeyned for Kyng Richard & for him self after his deth. Capitulum CC xlvj.<sup>7</sup>** 8

HERE is to be noted *pat* pis King Henry pe Fyft, was A noble prince after he was King & crowned. how-be-it, tofore<sup>8</sup> in his youth he had bene wilde &<sup>9</sup> recheles, & spared nothing of his lustes &<sup>10</sup> desires; but Accomplished *pan* after his lykyns; but as sone as he<sup>12</sup> was crowned, enoynted & sacred,<sup>11</sup> Anon sodenly he was chaunged into A new man, & sett al his entent to lyve vertuously, in mayntenynge of holy church, destroyng of heretikes, keping Iustice, & defending of his Reame and<sup>12</sup> *subgectes*. And for-as-myche as his<sup>16</sup> fader had deposed by his labour<sup>13</sup> pe<sup>14</sup> gode King Richard, & pitously made him to dye, & for pe offense done to hym Ayens his legeance, he had sent to Rome to be Assoiled *per*-of, for which offense, our holy fader [the] Pope<sup>15</sup> enioned hym to<sup>20</sup> make him be prayed-for perpetuelly, & like as he gert<sup>16</sup> be taken from him his<sup>17</sup> naturel lyfe, *per*for he shold do fynd iiij tapers to bren perpetuelly Aboute his body, *pat*, for pe extincion of his bodely life, his soul may<sup>18</sup> be remembred and lyve in heven<sup>24</sup> in *spirituel* lufe; & also *pat* he<sup>19</sup> sholde, euery weke, on pe day as it cometh About of his deth, have A solempn masse of Requiem on pe Eveyn, tofore A dirige with ix lessons, and A dole to poure peple<sup>20</sup> al-wey on *pat* day, of<sup>21</sup> xj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, to be delyd penny 28 mele. At<sup>22</sup> ones in pe yere, at his Anniuersarie, his entierment to be holden in pe moste honest wise; & to be delyd *pat* day<sup>23</sup> xx<sup>ti</sup><sup>24</sup> in pens to poure peple; And to<sup>25</sup> euery monk to haue xxs.: which al this thinges performed<sup>26</sup> pis noble Kynge, for his 32

<sup>1</sup> Rially H.    <sup>2</sup> ward H.    <sup>3</sup> *pe om.* C.    <sup>4</sup> & was *om.* H.

<sup>5</sup> soule And all cristen soules HC.    <sup>6</sup> *mercy* Amen HC.

<sup>7</sup> CC xlvj *om.* H.    <sup>8</sup> Afore H.    <sup>9</sup> & *om.* HC.    <sup>10</sup> ne HC.

<sup>11</sup> sacred and anoynted H.    <sup>12</sup> A H.

<sup>13</sup> by hys labour has deposyd H.    <sup>14</sup> *pe om.* H.

<sup>15</sup> the pope our holy fadyr H.    the pope our holy fadre C.

<sup>16</sup> had don to H.    had done to C.    <sup>17</sup> his his Ad.    <sup>18</sup> may euer HC.

<sup>19</sup> leaf 183.    <sup>20</sup> poure Ad.    pore peple H.    poure peple C.

<sup>21</sup> of *om.* H.    <sup>22</sup> And HC.    <sup>23</sup> *pat* day *om.* H.    <sup>24</sup> xx pounce C.

<sup>25</sup> toke Ad.    to HC.    <sup>26</sup> with all *per*formyd thes thinges H.

fader<sup>1</sup> King Henry þe Fowrt, seth he<sup>2</sup> performed it<sup>3</sup> nat during his life, whom, as it is seyð, God towched, & was A lepre er he died.

4 Also þen þis noble prince lete do caH al þabbottes & poures of Seynt Benett ordre in Englonl, & had þame in þe chapiter house of<sup>4</sup> Westmynster, for þe reformacion of þe ordre, wherin he had communicacion; And also with bisshoppes & men of þe spiritueltie,  
8 in so fer<sup>5</sup> forth þat þei doubted sore þat<sup>5</sup> he wold haue had þe Temperalties out of þer handes; wherfor, by þauis, labour, & procuring of þe spiritueltie, [þei] Encoragied þe King to chalenge Normandy & his right in Fraunce, to pend to sett hym A werk þer, þat he  
12 shold nat seke occasion to entre in-to<sup>6</sup> such matere; And þerfor<sup>7</sup> al his life<sup>8</sup> after, he labored in þe Werres,<sup>9</sup> in conquering gret part of þe Reame of Fraunce, þat bi þe<sup>10</sup> Agrement of þe<sup>10</sup> King Charles had all<sup>11</sup> þe gouernaunce of þe Reand of Fraunce, And was proclamed  
16 Regent & heir of Fraunce. And so, nat-with-standing al þis gret Werre þat he had, yett he remembred his soul, & also þat he was mortal, & must dye; for<sup>12</sup> which he ordeyned by his life, þe place of his sepulture, wher he is now buried; & euery day iij  
20 masses perpetuelly to be songen in A fair chapel ouer his sepulture, of<sup>13</sup> which þe middel masse,<sup>14</sup> þe fyrst & þe last,<sup>15</sup> shall be as is Assigned by him. As it Appereth by þise verse<sup>16</sup> folowyng:—

Henrei misse quinti sunt hic tabulate,

Que successiue sunt per monachos celebrate.

- 24 Die dominica.<sup>17</sup> Prima sit<sup>18</sup> Assumpte de festo Virginis alme;  
Pocit *Christus* postremam<sup>19</sup> de morte resurgens.
- Feria ij<sup>a</sup>.<sup>20</sup> Prima salutate in<sup>21</sup> festo Virginis extat;  
28 Nunciat Angelicis laudem postrema choris,  
22 Feria iij<sup>a</sup>.<sup>23</sup> Esse Deum natum de Virgine, prima facetur,  
Commemorat natam, sic vltima missa Mariam.
- Feria iiij<sup>a</sup>.<sup>24</sup> Prima celebretur ad honorem neupnatis Almi;  
32 Vltima conceptam denunciat esse Mariam;  
Feria v<sup>ta</sup>.<sup>25</sup> Semper prima coli debet de corpore *Christi*.  
Vltima sit facta de Virgine purificata;

<sup>1</sup> fader for H. fadre for C. <sup>2</sup> hys fader H. his fadre C.

<sup>3</sup> it om. H. <sup>4</sup> at H. <sup>5</sup> lest H. þat om. C. <sup>6</sup> to om. H.

<sup>7</sup> þerfor om. HC. <sup>8</sup> life om. H. <sup>9</sup> in þe Warres om. H.

<sup>10</sup> þe om. H. <sup>11</sup> at Ad. aH HC. <sup>12</sup> for the H. <sup>13</sup> of the H.

<sup>14</sup> masse & HC. <sup>15</sup> last messe HC. <sup>16</sup> these verses H.

<sup>17</sup> Die dominica om. H. <sup>18</sup> sit affinite H. <sup>19</sup> xpc' postremā Ad.

<sup>20</sup> fferia ij<sup>a</sup> om. H. <sup>21</sup> in om. C. <sup>22</sup> leaf 183, back.

<sup>23</sup> fferia iij<sup>a</sup> om. H. <sup>24</sup> fferia iiij<sup>a</sup> om. H. <sup>25</sup> fferia v<sup>ta</sup> om. H.

Feria vj<sup>ta</sup>.<sup>1</sup> Condecet ut prima celebretur de cruce sancta,  
 Atque salutate fiet postrema Marie.  
 Omnes alii sanctos est prima colenda supernos :  
 Sabbato<sup>2</sup> Vltima de Requite pro defunctis petit esse ; 4  
 Semper erit media de proprietate diei.

And yet þe Noble King Henry þe Fyft founded ij houses of Religion : one called Syon, beside Braynford<sup>3</sup> of þe ordre of Seynt Brigitt, both of men &<sup>4</sup> women ; And on þat<sup>5</sup> oþer side of þe 8 ryver of Tamyse, an house of monkes of<sup>6</sup> Chartrehouse : In which ij places he is continually prayed for, night & day ; for euer, when they of Syon rest,<sup>7</sup> þei of þe Chartrehouse done þe<sup>8</sup> seruice ; And in<sup>9</sup> like wise, whan þei of þe Chartrehouse rest, þe oþer gow to. 12 And bi þe ryngyng of þe<sup>10</sup> belles of eyther place,<sup>11</sup> ayther<sup>12</sup> knoweth when þai<sup>13</sup> haue ended þer seruice, which be nobly endowed, & done dayly þer great Almesse dedes ; As in þe Charetrehouse certeyn childre be found to<sup>14</sup> scole ; & at Sion, certeyn Almesse 16 gyven dayly.

And yet beside al this, he had founded A recluse, which shal be alway A preste, to pray for him, by þe said<sup>15</sup> Chartrehouse, which<sup>16</sup> preste is wel & sufficiently endowed for him & A seruaunt. 20 Loo! here may al princes take ensample bi þis noble prince þat regned so lytel tyme, nat fully x yere, þat<sup>17</sup> did so many noble Actes, as wel for his soul to be perpetually remembred & prayd fore, as in hys worldly conquestes. And he, beyng in his moste 24 lusty Age, despised & eschewed synn, & was vertuouse, & A gret Iustyser, in so mych þat al þe princes of Cristendome, & also of hethenes, dradd him,<sup>18</sup> & had<sup>19</sup> determyned in þer<sup>20</sup> self—if God wold haue spared him—þat he wold haue werred Ayenst þe 28 Sarazenes. And for to know þe Ayed of other princes, & al þe passage in þat Iorney, he sent a knight<sup>21</sup> of Henaude, named Ser Hugh Delanoy, vnto Ierusalem ; but er he returned, he died at Boys du Vincent, in þe xxxvj<sup>te</sup> yere of his Age, vn<sup>22</sup> whose soul, 32 God haue mercy ! Amen !<sup>23</sup>

<sup>1</sup> feria vj<sup>ta</sup> om. H.    <sup>2</sup> Sabbato om. H.    <sup>3</sup> Brayford Ad. Braynford C.

<sup>4</sup> & of H.    <sup>5</sup> the H.    <sup>6</sup> of the H.    <sup>7</sup> rest then H.

<sup>8</sup> their C.    <sup>9</sup> in om. H.    <sup>10</sup> there H.    <sup>11</sup> of eyther place om. H.

<sup>12</sup> ech H.    eche C.    <sup>13</sup> oþer H.    <sup>14</sup> to the H.

<sup>15</sup> syde the H.    <sup>16</sup> the which H.    <sup>17</sup> þat om. HC.

<sup>18</sup> Cristendome drad hym An also of heythenes H.    Cristendome dradde him & also of hethenes C.

<sup>19</sup> had om. H.    <sup>20</sup> hym HC.    <sup>21</sup> knyght H.    <sup>22</sup> of H.    on C.

<sup>23</sup> Amen om. HC.



<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> How King Henry þe Sixt regned, beyng A childe, nat one yere of age; And of þe batail of Vernoyl in Perche. Capitulum CC xlvij.<sup>3</sup>

4 After King Henry þe Fyft, regned Henry þe Sixt<sup>4</sup> his son)<sup>5</sup> A childe, & nat fully A yere olde; whose regn began þe first day of Septembre, the yeer<sup>6</sup> of our Lord God<sup>7</sup> M<sup>l</sup> iiii<sup>c</sup> xxij.<sup>8</sup> This King, beyng in his<sup>9</sup> Cradel, was moche doubted & dradd, 8 bicause of þe gret conquest of his fadre, & also of<sup>10</sup> þe wisdom & guyding of his vncles, þe Duke of Bedford & þe Duke of Gloucestre. This yeer, þe xxj day of Octobre, died Charles,<sup>11</sup> King of Fraunce, and was<sup>12</sup> buried at seynt Dionise<sup>13</sup>; And þan was 12 þe Duke of Bedford made Regent of Fraunce, & þe Duke of Gloucestre was made protectour & defendour of Englonde. And the first day of Marche after,<sup>14</sup> was Ser William Tailleur, preste, degraded of his prestede; and on þe morne after he was brent 16 in Smythfeld for heresie. þis yere Sir James Styward, King of Scottes, maried Dame Iane þe Duches, Doughter of Clarence, of hir first housbond, þerle of Somersett, at seynt Mary Ouerays. Also þis yere, þe xvij day of August, was þe batail of VernaiH in 20 Perche, bitwene þe Duke of Bedford, Regent of Fraunce & the Duke of Alanson; which was A gret bataiH. þe Duke of Bedford had on his side with him þerle of Salesbury, Montagu, & þe Lorde Talbot, & al þe power þat þei couthe make in Normandie— 24 þe garnisons kept,—And also many Capitaynes, with moche peple of þe Duke of Burgoyns. And on þat other side was þe Duke of Alaunson, þe Duke of Touron, þat was þerle Douglas, þerle of Boughan, with many lordes of Fraunce, & gret company of Scottes 28 & Arminakes. And þan þerle Douglas<sup>15</sup> called þe Duke of Bedford “Ioñn with þe<sup>16</sup> leden swerd.” And he sent hym worde Ageyn þat he shuld fynd þat day þat hys swerd shold be<sup>17</sup> steel; And so þe batail Ioynd on both sides, & þei<sup>18</sup> fought long, 32 so<sup>19</sup> þat þer wist no man who shold haue þe better A gret while; but at þe last, as God wold, þe victorie fil vnto þenglish partie, for þer was slaynd þerle Douglas, which A litel before<sup>20</sup> was made<sup>21</sup>

<sup>1</sup> leaf 184.    <sup>2</sup> Cap. iij. H.    <sup>3</sup> Ca. cexlvij om. H.

<sup>4</sup> þe sixt om. HC.    <sup>5</sup> son) but H.    some but C.

<sup>6</sup> yere Ad. the yere H.    the yere C.    <sup>7</sup> A H.    God om. C.

<sup>8</sup> Ml cccc And xxij H.    <sup>9</sup> in to Ad. in his HC.    <sup>10</sup> of om. C.

<sup>11</sup> Charles the H.    <sup>12</sup> lyeth H.    lieth C.

<sup>13</sup> Denys in fraunce H.    denys C.    <sup>14</sup> after om. H.

<sup>15</sup> Douglas om. H.    <sup>16</sup> þe om. H.    <sup>17</sup> swerd was H.    <sup>18</sup> þei om. HC.

<sup>19</sup> so om. HC.    <sup>20</sup> leaf 184, back.    <sup>21</sup> made the H.

Duke of Tounar, perle of Bewghare, perle of Almarre, perle of Tounar, perle of Vaundore, & þe Vycount of Nerborne, — which was one of þame þat slew Duke Iohn of Burgoyñ, knelyng tofore<sup>1</sup> þe Dolphyn, — & many moo,<sup>2</sup> to<sup>3</sup> þe nombre of xM<sup>t</sup> & mo. 4 And þer was taken prisoner þe Duke of Alaunson, & many oper lordes & gentiles of Fraunce; but Scottes þat day wer slayñ down right the<sup>4</sup> s[u]bstauce of þame aft.

In þe iij yere of King Henry þe vj<sup>te</sup>, þe Duke of Gloucestre 8 married þe Duches of Holand, & went ouer þe<sup>5</sup> See *with* hir to<sup>6</sup> Henaude, for to take possession of his wife enherytaunce; wher he was honorably taken & receyved<sup>7</sup> for<sup>8</sup> lorde of þat<sup>9</sup> land. But sone after, he was fayñ to returne home Ageyn, & left his wife, 12 & his tresour þat he brought, *with*<sup>10</sup> in a town þat<sup>11</sup> is called Mounse in Henaude, which promised for<sup>12</sup> to be<sup>13</sup> trew to him; nat-*with*-standing, þei deliuered þe lady to þe Duke of Burgoyñ, which sent hir to Gaunt; And fro þens she Ascaped in A mannes 16 Aray, & come in to Zeland, to A town of his<sup>14</sup> Awun called Zierixee. And fro þens she went to A town in Holand called þe Ghowde, & þer she was strong enough, & *with*stode þe said Duke of Burgoyñ. And sone after, þe Duke of Gloucestre sent ouer 20 vnto<sup>15</sup> Zeland þe lorde Fitz-Water, *with certeyñ* men of Werre & Archiers, for to help & socour þe fore-said Duchesse of Holand, which loded at a place in Seland called<sup>16</sup> Brewers-haven, wher þe<sup>17</sup> lordes of þe contre come down & fought *with* him; & in 24 conclusion, he was fayñ to *with*draw him & his meyney to þe see Ageyn. But yett he slew and hurt diuerse lordes & moche peple of þat same contre, And so returned home Ageyn *with* his meyne, & preualed nothing. 28

Also þis same yere perl of Salisbury, perle of Suthfolk, the Lorde<sup>18</sup> Willeby & Lorde<sup>19</sup> Scalys, *with þer* retenu, leid seige to þe Cite of Mauns, which<sup>20</sup> Cite was yholden to þem in short tyn, *with* many oper strong townes & castels, to þe nombre of xxxvj. Thys 32 tyme al Normandy & A gret part of Fraunce vnto Orliaunce, was vnder thobeiansce of the King<sup>21</sup> of Englund; And al þe remanent of Fraunce was in gret<sup>22</sup> tribulacion & mischief.

<sup>1</sup> A fore H.    <sup>2</sup> & many moo om. H.    <sup>3</sup> vnto C.

<sup>4</sup> right Ad. rygt the H. right the C.    <sup>5</sup> þe om. C.    <sup>6</sup> in to C.

<sup>7</sup> receyued and takyn H. honourably receyued and taken C.    <sup>8</sup> of for H.

<sup>9</sup> the HC.    <sup>10</sup> *with* hym H. with hym C.    <sup>11</sup> þat om. CH.    <sup>12</sup> for om. H.

<sup>13</sup> to haue ben H.    <sup>14</sup> hir C.    <sup>15</sup> into C.    <sup>16</sup> called the H.

<sup>17</sup> fore H.    <sup>18</sup> Lorde Ad. the lorde H. the lord C.    <sup>19</sup> the lord HC.

<sup>20</sup> the which HC.    <sup>21</sup> king Ad. the kyng C.    <sup>22</sup> gret om. H.

<sup>1</sup> How þer was A gret Affray like to haue bene<sup>2</sup> bituene the Cardinal & þe Duke of Gloucestre; And of þe Coronacion of King Henry þe vi<sup>te</sup>, both in England & in Fraunce. 4 Capitulum CCxlvij.<sup>3</sup>

IN þe iiij<sup>te</sup> yere, þe same night þat þe Mair of London,<sup>4</sup> Iohn Coventre, had taken his charge, was A gret wache in London for Affray þat was<sup>5</sup> bituene þe Bisshop of Wynchestre & þe Duke of 8 Gloucestre, Protectour & c<sup>r</sup>. ffor þe Mair, with þe peple of þe Cite, wold Abide by þe Duke of Gloucestre as Protector of þe Reame, but bi<sup>6</sup> labour of lordes þat went bitwen), & in especial bi þe labour of þe Prince of Portyngale, þer was Apoyntment taken so þat þer<sup>7</sup> 12 was no harme done. And after þe bataille of Verneil in Perche, þe Duke of Bedford come ouer into Englonð; & on Witsonday þe<sup>8</sup> same yere, at Leycestre, he dubbed King Henry knight; And forthwith þe said King Henry dubbed al thise<sup>9</sup> knightes whose names 16 folowes, þat is to say<sup>10</sup>: Richard, Duke of York, Also þe sone & heir of þe Duke of Northfolk, þerle of Oxenforth, þerle of Westmerland, þe sone and heir of þerle of Northumbreland, þe sone & heir of þerle Wormond,<sup>11</sup> þe lorde Rose, Sir Iames Botler, þe Lord 20 Natrauas,<sup>12</sup> Sir Henry Gray of Tankeruille, Sir William Nevile, Lorde Fawconbrigge, Sir George Nevyl, Lorde Latimer, Lord<sup>13</sup> Welles, Lord<sup>13</sup> Berkley, þe sone & heir of Lord<sup>13</sup> Talbot, Sir Rauf Grey of Werk, Sir Robert Ver, Sir Richard Gray, Sir Edmond 24 Hungerforde, Sir Robert Wynkford, Sir Iohn Botler, Sir Reynold Cobham, Sir Iohn Passheley, Sir Thomas Tunstal, Sir Iohn Chydiok, Sir Rauf Langeford, Sir William Drury, Sir William ApThomas, Sir Richard Carbonel, Sir Richard WydeniH, Sir Iohn 28 Shirdelowe, Sir Nichol Blonket, Sir Rauf Ratelyff, Sir Edmond Trafford, Sir William Cheyne, Sir William Babyngton, Sir Iohn Iune, &<sup>14</sup> Sir Gillebert Beauchampe. þan in þe v<sup>te</sup><sup>15</sup> yere þe Duke of Bedford, with þe Duchesse his wife, went ouer þe<sup>16</sup> see to Caley, 32 & A litel tofore went<sup>17</sup> ouer Henry,<sup>18</sup> Bisshop of Wynchestre. & on our Lady day Annunciacion, in our Lady churche at Caley, þe Bisshop of Winchestre, when<sup>19</sup> he had songen masse, <sup>20</sup> was made

<sup>1</sup> leaf 182.      <sup>2</sup> bene A grete Affraye H.      <sup>3</sup> Cap. iiij. H.

<sup>4</sup> þe mair of London om. H.      <sup>5</sup> þat was om. H.      <sup>6</sup> bi the H.

<sup>7</sup> þat Ad. þat þer H. that ther C.      <sup>8</sup> this C.      <sup>9</sup> þes H.

<sup>10</sup> þat is to say om. H. Wite C.      <sup>11</sup> Ormond C.

<sup>12</sup> matrauas C.      <sup>13</sup> the lord HC.      <sup>14</sup> & om. HC.

<sup>15</sup> Item my v<sup>th</sup> H.      <sup>16</sup> þe om. C.      <sup>17</sup> where H.      <sup>18</sup> henry the H.

<sup>19</sup> quen H.      <sup>20</sup> leaf 185, back.

Cardinal; & he knelyng tofore<sup>1</sup> þe high Altare, þe Duke of Bedford sett þe hatt on his hede; & þer wer his bulles red, as wele of his charge As þe reioysing of his benefices *spiritueH* & *tempereH*.

And þis same yere was gret habondance of Rayn, þat þe substance of hey & of<sup>2</sup> corne was destroyed, for it rayned almoste euery other day. þis same yere þe gode Erle of Salesbury, Sir Thomas Mountagu, leyd Seiege vnto<sup>3</sup> Orlyauunce; at which segie he was slaynd *with* A gvn þat<sup>4</sup> come out [of] þe town.<sup>5</sup> And<sup>6</sup> sith<sup>8</sup> forth þat<sup>7</sup> he was slaynd, English men neuer gat ne preuailed in Fraunce, bot euer after<sup>8</sup> began to lefe, bi<sup>9</sup> litel and lytel, til al was lost. <sup>10</sup>Also þis same yere A Breton murthered A gode wedow<sup>11</sup> *with*-out Al-gate, which wedow fond him for almesse; & he bare away <sup>12</sup>al þat she had; And after þis he toke grith of holy church at Seynt Georges in Suthwerk, & þer toke þe crosse, & forswore þis land. And as he went, it happend þat he came bi þe place where he did þis *cursed* dede in þe subbarbis of London; & þe women of þe same <sup>16</sup>parissH come out *with* stones and<sup>12</sup> CaneH dunge, & slew & made an ende of him, nat-*with*standing þe constable & many other men beyng present to kepe him; for þer wer many women, & had no pite.<sup>10</sup> Also [t]his same yere þe Duke of Northfolk, *with* many <sup>20</sup>gentil men & yomen, toke his barge, þe viij day of Nouembre, at Seynt Mary Oueryes, for to haue go through London Brigg; & through misguydyng of þe barge, it ouer-threw on þe Pyles, & many men drowned; but þe Duke him-self, *with* ij or iij, lepe vpon the piles, <sup>24</sup>and so wer saued *with*<sup>13</sup> help of men þat wer Aboue þe brigge, which cast down Roopes, by<sup>14</sup> which þei saved þam-self.

This same yere, on Seynt Leonarde day, King Henre, beyng vij yere old<sup>15</sup> of Age, was crowned at Westmynster: at whose cora- <sup>28</sup>nacion wer made xxxvj knightes. þis yere, on Seynt George day, he passed ouer þe see to<sup>16</sup> Caleys, toward Fraunce. Aboute þis tyme & Afore, þe Reame beyng in gret <sup>17</sup>misery & tribulacion, þe Dolphin, *with* his partie, began to make Werr, & gett certeyn<sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Afore H.    <sup>2</sup> of om. H.    <sup>3</sup> to H.    <sup>4</sup> which HC.

<sup>5</sup> town on whos saule god haue mercy H.    oute of the toune, on whos soule god haue mercy C.

<sup>6</sup> flor H.    <sup>7</sup> þat om. H.    sith that C.

<sup>8</sup> after om. H.    <sup>9</sup> bi om. HC.

<sup>10-10</sup> Also þis same yere breton murthered . . . many women & had no pite om. H.

<sup>11</sup> Wedowe in her bedde C.    <sup>12</sup> stones Ad.    stones and C.

<sup>13</sup> through H.    <sup>14</sup> by the H.    <sup>15</sup> old om. HC.    <sup>16</sup> in to H.

<sup>17</sup> leaf 186.

places, & make destres vpon Englishmen by þe mean of his Capytayns, *pat* is to wete, La Heer and Potonde, Sayntralles, and especial A maid, which<sup>1</sup> they named “la PuceHe<sup>2</sup> de Dieu.” This  
 —4 maid rode like A man, & was A valyant Capitaýn Among þame, & take vpon hir many gret<sup>3</sup> enterpryses, in so myche *pat* þei had A<sup>4</sup> byleve to haue recouered al *per* losses by hir; nat-with-standing, at þe last, after many gret feates, by þe help & prowesse of Sir Iohn  
 8 Luxemburgh, which was A noble capitaýn of þe Dukes of Burgoyne, & many Englishmen, Pykerdes and Burgones, which wer of our *partie*, before þe town of Compyne, þe xxij day of May, þe forsaid PuceH was taken in þe felde, Armed like A man, & many *oper*  
 12 Capitaýnes with hir, & wer al brought to Roan; & *per* she was put in prison, & *per* she was Iuged by þe law to be brent. And þen she said *pat* she was with childe, wherby she was respited A while; but in conclusion it was found *pat* she was not with child,  
 16 & þen she was brent in Roane, & þe other Capitaýnes wer put to raunson, & entreted as men of werre bene Acustomed &c’.

This same yere, About Candelmesse,<sup>5</sup> Richard Hunder, A wollepacker,<sup>6</sup> was dampned for an heritike, & brent at Tour-HiH. And  
 20 About midlente, Sir Thomas Baggely, preest, & vicar of Mauen in Est-sexe, beside Walden, was disgraded & dampned for an heritike, & brent in Smythfeld. Also<sup>7</sup> pis<sup>8</sup> same yere, whiles þe King was in Fraunce, *per* wer many heretikes & lollardes, *pat* had pur-  
 24 posed to haue made A rying; & þei<sup>9</sup> casten billes in many place; but,—blessed be God almighty!—*per* Capitaýn<sup>10</sup> was takyn, which was called<sup>11</sup> William Maundeuil, A wever of Abyndon, & also<sup>12</sup> bayly of þe same town, which named him-self ‘Iack Sharp of  
 28 Wigmoresland in Walis’; & after-ward<sup>13</sup> he was beheded at Abendon in þe Wittsone weke, on þe Twesday.

This same yere, þe vj<sup>te</sup> day of Decembre,<sup>14</sup> Kyng Henry þe Sext was crowned King of Fraunce at Paris, in þe chirch of our  
 32 Lady, with gret solempnite, *per* beyng present þe Cardinal of Englonde, þe Duke of Bedford & many *oper* lordes of Englonde & of Fraunce.<sup>15</sup> And after pis coronacion, a<sup>16</sup> gret fest holden at Paris,

<sup>1</sup> the which H.      <sup>2</sup> Puce Ad. pucelle H. pucelle C.

<sup>3</sup> gret om. H.      <sup>4</sup> had a om. H.      <sup>5</sup> About Candelmess om. H.

<sup>6</sup> packer about candelmasse H.      <sup>7</sup> And also HC.      <sup>8</sup> in this C.

<sup>9</sup> þei om. HC.      <sup>10</sup> þe Capteyn of theme H. the Capitaýn of hem C.

<sup>11</sup> whos name was H. whos name was C.      <sup>12</sup> also om. HC.

<sup>13</sup> ward om. H.      <sup>14</sup> leaf 186, back.

<sup>15</sup> of fraunce and of England H. of fraunce & of englonde C.

<sup>16</sup> & C.

the King returned from thens to Roan, & so toward Caleys. And<sup>1</sup> þe ix day of Feueyner, he<sup>2</sup> landed at Dover, whom al þe comones of Kent met at Beramdon, bitwen Canterbury & Dover, al in rede hoodes; & so come forth til he come to þe Blak-Hethe, wher he<sup>4</sup> was mett *with* þe Mayre of London,<sup>3</sup> Iohn Wellis, *with* al þe craftes of London clad al in white; & so þei brought him to London þe xxj day of þe same moneth. This same yere<sup>4</sup> was A restreynt of þe wolles of Caleys made by þe soudiours, by cause þei were nat<sup>8</sup> payed of *per* waagies; wherfor þe Duke of Bedforth, Regent of Fraunce, beyng þan Capytain, come to<sup>5</sup> Caleys þe Twesday in þe Ester weke; And on þe morne after, many<sup>6</sup> sowdioures of þe town wer Arested & put in warde. And in<sup>7</sup> þe same weke he rode to<sup>12</sup> Terewyne; & bi þe mean<sup>of</sup> Bisshop of Terewyn, he wedded þerles doughter of Seynt Poul, & came ageyn to Caleys. And þe x<sup>9</sup> day of Iune, on Seynt Barnabe day, *per* wer four<sup>10</sup> soudioures of Caleys, þat wer chief Causers of þe restreynt, beheded, þat is to<sup>16</sup> say: Iohn Maddesley, Iohn Lunday, Thomas Palmer, & Thomas Talbot, & C & x<sup>11</sup> bannished þe town þat same<sup>12</sup> tyme: & before wer bannished C xx<sup>13</sup> soudioures. And on<sup>14</sup> Mydsommer evyn after,<sup>15</sup> come þe Lorde Regent & his wife to London. 20

<sup>16</sup> Of þe heresie of Praghe, & of [þe] Counsel of Aras. &c.<sup>16</sup>  
*Capitulum CC xlix.*<sup>17</sup>

Aboute þis tyme Pope Martyn died; & After him, Eugeny þe Fourt was Pope, þat<sup>18</sup> was pesably chosen in Rome by þe Cardinalles, <sup>24</sup> and was very & vndoubted Pope; but shortly after, he was put out<sup>19</sup> & expulsed fro<sup>20</sup> Rome,<sup>21</sup> in suche wise þat he was fayn to flee naked. In þis same tyme was þe Counsel of Basile, to which Counsel he was cited <sup>22</sup>to come; And because he come nat, they <sup>28</sup>deposed hym; but he forsed<sup>23</sup> nat, ner sett<sup>24</sup> *per*by, but<sup>25</sup> gat þe Cite of Rome, & Abode Pope stil<sup>26</sup> xvij yere.

This yere, About Witsontide,<sup>27</sup> þe heretikes of Praghe wer destroyed; for at two Iourneys wer destroyed of þame mo þan<sup>28</sup> <sup>32</sup>

<sup>1</sup> And *per* H.    <sup>2</sup> he *om.* HC.    <sup>3</sup> of London *om.* HC.  
<sup>4</sup> yere *per* H.    <sup>5</sup> into H.    <sup>6</sup> many of the H.    <sup>7</sup> in *om.* H.  
<sup>8</sup> of the HC.    <sup>9</sup> xi HC.    <sup>10</sup> four principall H.  
<sup>11</sup> Talbot and other H.    Talbot And an Cx C.    <sup>12</sup> same *om.* H.  
<sup>13</sup> An C & xx H.    and xx C.    <sup>14</sup> of H.    <sup>15</sup> after *om.* H.  
<sup>16-16</sup> *om.* HC.    <sup>17</sup> Cap ij H.    <sup>18</sup> þis H.    This C.    <sup>19</sup> out *om.* C.  
<sup>20</sup> out of C.    <sup>21</sup> he was expulsed out of Rome H.    <sup>22</sup> leaf 187.  
<sup>23</sup> rought HC.    <sup>24</sup> sett nought H.    sette not C.    <sup>25</sup> but he H.  
<sup>26</sup> styll pope H.    still Pope C.    <sup>27</sup> about Witsontide *om.* H.  
<sup>28</sup> mo þan *om.* H.

xxij M<sup>t</sup>, with *per*<sup>1</sup> Capitayns, þat is to say,<sup>2</sup> Procapius, Saplico, & Lupus presbiter. Also *per* was taken on<sup>3</sup> lyve, maister Piers, clerk,— an Engliſſhman &<sup>4</sup> heretike. Also þis same yere was A gret  
4 frost & A strong, during xj wekes; for it began on<sup>5</sup> seynt Katerines evyn, & lasted vnto<sup>6</sup> Seynt Scolastica Day in Februare: In which tyme þe vyntage þat come fro Burdeux come over Shotters Hill.

This yere was þe counsel of Aras, & A gret treaty bitwen þe  
8 King of Englonð & þe King of Fraunce, wher was<sup>7</sup> Assembled many gret lordes of bothe parties: At which counsel was offred to þe Kyng of Englonð, many gret thinges by þe meane of A legate þat come fro Rome, which was Cardinal of Seynt Crosse, which  
12 offres wer refused by þe Cardinal of Englonð, & other lordes þat wer þer for þe Kinge. Wherefore þe Duke of Burgoyñ, which had bene long English sworne, forsoke oure partie, & retourned Frensh, by meane of þe said<sup>8</sup> legate, & made A pees with þe Frensh kyng,  
16 receyving of þe King, for recompense of his fader deth, the counte<sup>9</sup> Pontien, þe lordeshipp of Macon, with mych other þat was<sup>10</sup> specified in þe said<sup>8</sup> treaty; And so our Embassatoures come home Ayen in wers case þan<sup>11</sup> þei<sup>12</sup> went forth,<sup>13</sup> ffor þei lost *per*<sup>14</sup> þe  
20 Duke of Burgoyñ, which had bene, with his Burgoyñons & Pycardes, A singler help in al þe Conquest of Normandy & of Fraunce.

This same yere was A gret batail on þe See, bitwen þe  
24 Ienewensez & þe King of Aragon; of which batail þe Ianeuenses had þe victori, for þei toke þe Kinge of Aragon, þe King of Naverne, & þe gret Maister of Seynt Iames in Galise, with iij<sup>c</sup> knightes & squyers & moche other peple: & this was of<sup>15</sup> seynt  
28 Dominices day.

This same<sup>16</sup> yeer wer seen þre<sup>17</sup> <sup>soles</sup> Sonnes at ones, & Anone folowed þe threfolde gouernance<sup>18</sup> in þe chirch, þat is to wete, of Eugeny þe Pope,<sup>19</sup> of the Counsel, & of þe nevtralitye. Also þis same  
32 yere M<sup>t</sup> iij<sup>c</sup> xxxiiij, was A passing gret wynd, by<sup>20</sup> which steples, houses &<sup>21</sup> trees wer ouerthrowen. About þis tyme was an holy maid in Holand, called Lydwith, which lyued onely bi miracle, not etynge any mete. This yere þe Duke of Burgoyñ began his

<sup>1</sup> hir C.    <sup>2</sup> wete C.    <sup>3</sup> of H. a C.    <sup>4</sup> And an H.

<sup>5</sup> of H.    <sup>6</sup> tytt H.    <sup>7</sup> was om. H.    <sup>8</sup> same H.    <sup>9</sup> counte of H.

<sup>10</sup> as is HC.    <sup>11</sup> þan om. H.    <sup>12</sup> the H.    <sup>13</sup> forth om. HC.

<sup>14</sup> ffor þer þei lost H.    <sup>15</sup> An HC.    <sup>16</sup> same om. H.

<sup>17</sup> leaf 187, back.    <sup>18</sup> rule and gouernance H.

<sup>19</sup> þe Pope om. HC.    <sup>20</sup> by the H.    <sup>21</sup> & om. H.

ordre at Lyle of 'pe golden Flyes' & ordeyned certeyn knightes of pe ordre, & made statutes & ordinances moche Acordinge vnto<sup>1</sup> pe ordre of pe Garter. Also þis same yere þe Frenshe men had enterprised to have stolen Caleys in pe fysshing tyme, for many 4 botes of Fraunce held<sup>2</sup> saufe conduyt to come to Caleys for to take hering; And þe Sowdioures of pe town had A custome to come to<sup>3</sup> chirch, & leve þer staves standing at þe<sup>4</sup> chirch dore, which staves<sup>5</sup> þe Frenshemen, which wer Araied like fissheres, had purposed to<sup>6</sup> 8 haue taken so<sup>7</sup> þere wepon, & wynn þe town. But one of þame lay with A comon wōman<sup>8</sup> þe night to<sup>9</sup>-fore, & he<sup>10</sup> tolde to hir þare counsel; And she on pe morne told pe lieutenante, which forth<sup>11</sup>-with commaunded þat euery man shold kepe his 12 wepen in his<sup>12</sup> hand, sacryng tyme and other. And when þei Aperceyved þis, þat<sup>13</sup> þei wer mysпойnted, they sayled streght to<sup>14</sup> Depe, & stale & toke þat town. And on<sup>15</sup> Newyeres even after, þei toke Harflete; And thus Englishe men began to losse A litel 16 and<sup>16</sup> liteH in Normandy.

**17 How Caleys and Guyhenes wer beseged by þe duke of Burgoyn, & how þei wer rescued by þe duke of Gloucester.**<sup>17</sup>  
*Capitulum CCI*<sup>mo</sup>.<sup>18</sup> 20

This yere was A gret noyse thurgh aH Englonde, how þe Duke of Burgoyn wolde come & besegie Caleys. Wherefore þerle of Mortayn, with his Army þat he had for to haue gone with<sup>19</sup> in-to Fraunce, was conteraunded, & charged þat he shold go to Caleys, 24 which was at þat tyme wel vitailed & manned; ffor Sir Iohn<sup>20</sup> Rateliff was lieutenaunt of pe King in þat town, And þe Baron of Dudlay, lieutenant of þe Castel. And þe ix day of IuyH, þe Duke of Burgoyn, 21 with al þe power of Flaundres & moche other peple, 28 come before Caleys, & sett his<sup>22</sup> siege About pe town; & euery town of Flaundres had þer tenttes bi þame self. And þis Siege endured thre wekes. In pe mean while þe Duke of Gloucestre, beyng Protector of England, toke pe moste parte of þe lordes of Englonde, 32 & went ouer þe See to Caleys, for to rescu þe town, or for<sup>23</sup> to fight

<sup>1</sup> on to H.    <sup>2</sup> had HC.    <sup>3</sup> to the H.    <sup>4</sup> þe om. C.

<sup>5</sup> which staves H.    which stauis C.    om. Ad.

<sup>6</sup> so to H.    <sup>7</sup> so om. H.    <sup>8</sup> woman om. H.    <sup>9</sup> be H.

<sup>10</sup> he om. HC.    <sup>11</sup> for H.    <sup>12</sup> his om. H.    <sup>13</sup> þat om. H.

<sup>14</sup> forth H.    <sup>15</sup> of H.    <sup>16</sup> and a C.    <sup>17-17</sup> om. H.

<sup>18</sup> Cap. iij vice iij H.    <sup>19</sup> on H.    <sup>20</sup> Iohn of H.    <sup>21</sup> leaf 188.

<sup>22</sup> sette his C.    <sup>23</sup> for om. HC.



with þe Duke & his hoste, if they wold haue bidden. This tyme, London & enery gode towun of Englonð sent ouer þe<sup>1</sup> See to þis rescuse certeyn peple wel Arayed, of þe best & chose men for þe  
 4 Werre. And þe ij day of August, the said Duke of Gloucestre Arriued at Caleys with al his Army & v<sup>c</sup> shippes & moo. And þe Duke of Burgoyne<sup>2</sup> & al his ooste þat lay in þe<sup>3</sup> Siegie, As sone as þei espyed þe Sayles in þe See, before þei<sup>4</sup> Approched Caleys  
 8 haven, sodenly in A mornynge departed fro þe Siege, leuyng behind þame moche stuffe & vitales, & fled in-to Flaundres & Pycardy. And in likewise did þe Siege þat lay tofore Guynes, wher-as they of Guynes toke þe gret gones of brasse<sup>5</sup> called Gedcon,<sup>6</sup> & many  
 12 other gret gones & serpentines. And þen when þe Duke of Gloucestre was Arryved with aH his oost, he went into Flaundres, & was perin xi dayes, & did but litel harme; except þat<sup>7</sup> he brent ij fair villagies, Popering & Belle, & oper houses þat<sup>8</sup> wer of no<sup>9</sup>  
 16 strenght, & so he<sup>10</sup> returned home Ageyn. Also þis same yere þe King of Scotland beseged Rokesburgh<sup>11</sup> with myche peple; but Sir Rauf Gray departed fro þe CasteH, & ordeyned for rescouse; but as sone as þe Kyng vnderstode his departyng, he sodenly brak his  
 20 sieg & went his way,<sup>12</sup> leuyng moche ordynnance<sup>13</sup> behinde him; wher he gat no worsshipe.

This same yeer, þe ij Day of Ianiuer, Quene Katerine, þat<sup>14</sup> was þe Kinges moder, & wife to Kyng Henry þe Fyft, dyed, & departed  
 24 out of þis world, & was brought rially thrughe London to<sup>15</sup> Westmynster; & þer she lyeth worsshippfully buryed<sup>16</sup> in oure Lady Chapel. Also<sup>17</sup> þis same yere, þe xiiij day of Ianiver, fiH down þe yate with þe<sup>18</sup> towr on it,<sup>19</sup> on London Brigg<sup>20</sup> towarde Southwerk,  
 28 with two Arches, & al þat stode peron. This same<sup>21</sup> yere was A gret treaty holden bitweene Grauenyng & Caleys, bitwen þe King<sup>22</sup> & Duke of Burgoyne, In which was þe Cardinal of Englonð & þe Duke of Northfolk, for þe King, with<sup>22</sup> many othir lordes. And  
 32 for þe Duke, was<sup>23</sup> þe Duchesse, having ful power of hir lorde as

<sup>1</sup> þe om. HC.    <sup>2</sup> of Burgoyne om. HC.    <sup>3</sup> þat H.    <sup>4</sup> the H.

<sup>5</sup> brasse which was H.    <sup>6</sup> Dygeon H. digeon C. digeo (*in margin*) Ad.

<sup>7</sup> þat om. C.    <sup>8</sup> which HC.    <sup>9</sup> of Add. of no HC.    <sup>10</sup> he om. H.

<sup>11</sup> Rokesbrught H. burgh Ad.    <sup>12</sup> way and C.

<sup>13</sup> stoff H.    <sup>14</sup> which HC.    <sup>15</sup> And so to HC.

<sup>16</sup> And þer lieth buried worschippfully H.    <sup>17</sup> And H. And also C.

<sup>18</sup> A H.    <sup>19</sup> on it om. H.    <sup>20</sup> leaf 188, back.    <sup>21</sup> same om. H.

<sup>22-22</sup> And the Duke of Burgoyne where for the king was displeyd And sent for þe Cardinatt of Englonð þe Duke of Norfolk And H. Bourgoyne where for the king was the Cardinatt of englonð the duke of norfolk and C.

<sup>23</sup> was duple H.

Regent & lady of his landis, wher<sup>1</sup> was taken, by trewes<sup>2</sup> of both parties, An Abstynence of Werre for A certeyn tyme in þe name of þe Duchesse, & nat of þe Duke, because he had gone from his othe & legeance þat he had made to King Henry; þerfor King Henre<sup>4</sup> neuer wold<sup>3</sup> write, ne Apoynt, ne<sup>4</sup> haue to do with him after, but al in þe Duchesse name.

Also þis same<sup>5</sup> yere, Quene Iane died, þe ij day of Iuyl, which had ben King Henry þe iiiij<sup>te</sup> wife; & was caried fro Carmondsey<sup>8</sup> vnto Caunterbury, wher she lieth buried by<sup>6</sup> King Henry þe iiiij<sup>te</sup>, hir houseband. This same<sup>5</sup> yere died al þe lions in þe Toure of London, which<sup>7</sup> had nat ben seen many<sup>8</sup> yeeris before out of

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<sup>9</sup> How Owayne, a squyer of Wales þat had wedded Quene Kateryne, was Arested; And of þe Scisme bitwene Eugeny & Felix.<sup>9</sup> *Capitulum cclj.*<sup>10</sup>

IN þe xvj yere of King Henry, died Sigismond, pemperoure of 16 Almaign, & Knight of þe Garter; whos entierment þe Kyng kept at Seynt<sup>11</sup> Poules in London ryally, wher was made a ryall hercie; and<sup>12</sup> þe King in his Astate, clad in blew, was at even at dirige. & on<sup>13</sup> þe morne at masse, &c'.<sup>14</sup> And after hym was elect &<sup>15</sup> chosen 20 Albert,<sup>16</sup> Duke of Ostrych, which had wedded Sigismond's daughter, forto be Emperour; &<sup>17</sup> also was Albert<sup>18</sup> taken & receyved to be Kinge of Beme & of<sup>19</sup> Hungarie bi reson<sup>20</sup> of his wyfe; for he left<sup>21</sup> after him none other heir. þis Albert was Emperour bot 24 one yere, for he was poysond, <sup>22</sup> & died perof.<sup>22</sup> Some say he dyed of A flixx: but he was A vertuose man & A<sup>23</sup> pitiful, so moche þat al þe peple þat knew him<sup>24</sup> said þat<sup>25</sup> þe world<sup>26</sup> was nat worthy to haue his presence.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> which H.      <sup>2</sup> sadenes H.

<sup>3</sup> the kyng neuer wold C.      the king wold neuer H.

<sup>4</sup> with hym bot ne H.      <sup>5</sup> same om. H.      <sup>6</sup> with H.

<sup>7</sup> the wich H.      the which C.      <sup>8</sup> in many H.

<sup>9-9</sup> How Owayn . . . Eugeny & Felix om. H.      <sup>10</sup> Cap iij 21 H.

<sup>11</sup> Seynt om. H.      <sup>12</sup> in Ad.      <sup>13</sup> in H.      <sup>14</sup> &c'. om. H.      <sup>15</sup> An H.

<sup>16</sup> Albert om. H.      <sup>17</sup> & om. C.      & also om. H.

<sup>18</sup> also was Ad.      Albert was H.      This was C.

<sup>19</sup> of om. HC.      <sup>20</sup> bicause H.      because C.

<sup>21</sup> his wyfe þat was Sygysmonds daughter which lefte H.      his wife that was Sigismundis daughter whiche lefte C.

<sup>22-22</sup> and so he died HC.      <sup>23</sup> A om. HC.

<sup>24</sup> him om. H.      <sup>25</sup> þat om. H.      <sup>26</sup> worde H.

<sup>27</sup> hys presence. In þis yere was þe Kyuge of Scottes murdered in his chambor by night pytously which king had ben prissond xv yere in Englund And thei þat slew hym were takyn afterward and hade cruel Iustice H.

This same<sup>1</sup> yere, one Owayn, A squyer of Wales, A man of low byrth, which had many A day<sup>2</sup> to-fore secretly wedded Quene Katerine, & had by hir iij sonnes & a doughter, was taken & 4 commaunded to Newgate, to prison, bi þe<sup>3</sup> lorde of Glowcestre, Protectour of þe Reame. And þe same yere<sup>4</sup> he brake prison by þe meand of A preest þat was his Chapelayn. And after, he was<sup>5</sup> taken ageyn bi þe<sup>3</sup> Lorde Bemond, & brought Ageyn to Newgate, 8 which afterward was delyuered at large; & one of his sonnes afterward was made Erle<sup>6</sup> of Richemount, Another,<sup>7</sup> Erle of Penbroke, & þe third, A monk of Westmynster, which monk died sone after. This same<sup>1</sup> yere also, on New-yere day, at Baynard CasteH, fiH 12 down A stakk of wod sodenly at afternone, & slew iij men<sup>8</sup> mesciensly, & foul hurt othir. Also at Bedford, on Ash-twesday,<sup>9</sup> wer iij men<sup>10</sup> murthred without strok, by falling doun of a steir, as þei come out of þer<sup>11</sup> comon haH, & many foul hurt. In 16 þe xviiij yere, Sir Richard Beauchamp, þe gode Erle of Warwick, died at Rone, he beyng þat tyme lieutenaunt<sup>12</sup> of þe King in Normandie; and fro pens his body was brought to Warthewick, where he lieth worsshipfully in a new chapel on þe South side of 20 þe Queer. Also þis<sup>13</sup> yere was A gret derth of Corne in al<sup>14</sup> Englund; for I<sup>15</sup> busshel of whet was worth iij<sup>s</sup> iiiij<sup>d</sup> in many places of Englund,<sup>16</sup> & yet men might nat haue ynoghe<sup>17</sup>; wherfore Stephen Brown, þat tyme Mair of London, sent vnto<sup>18</sup> Pruse, & 24 brought to<sup>19</sup> London certeyn shippes laden with Rye, which eased, & did myche gode to þe peple; for korne was so skaree in Englund þat in some placez<sup>20</sup> pore peple made þame brede of  
braken  
ferne<sup>21</sup> rotes.

28 This yere þe general Counsel of Basile deposed Pope Eugeny; & þei chese Felix, which was Duke of Sauoy; & þan began þe Scisme which<sup>22</sup> endured vnto þe yere of oure Lord Ihesu Crist<sup>23</sup> M<sup>l</sup> iiiij<sup>c</sup> xlviiij.<sup>24</sup> This Felix was A devout prince, & saw þe sonnes of his 32 sonnes, & after, lyued An holy &<sup>25</sup> deuoute lyfe, & was chosen Pope

<sup>1</sup> same om. H.    <sup>2</sup> A day om. H.    <sup>3</sup> my HC.  
<sup>4</sup> And þis yere H.    And this yere C.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 189.    <sup>6</sup> the Erle H.  
<sup>7</sup> And on oþer the H.    & anoþir C.    <sup>8</sup> m<sup>l</sup> Ad. men HC.  
<sup>9</sup> schyrday H.    a shireday C.    <sup>10</sup> m<sup>l</sup> Ad. xviiij men HC.  
<sup>11</sup> the H.    <sup>12</sup> levtenannt þat tyme H.    <sup>13</sup> þis same H.  
<sup>14</sup> al om. H.    <sup>15</sup> a C.    <sup>16</sup> for 1 busshel . . . of Englund om. H.  
<sup>17</sup> thought H.    <sup>18</sup> in to C.    <sup>19</sup> in H.  
<sup>20</sup> þat in some placez om. H.    places of Englund C.  
<sup>21</sup> braken om. HC.    interlined as a gloss Ad.    <sup>22</sup> the which H.  
<sup>23</sup> Ihu crist om. H.    <sup>24</sup> M<sup>l</sup> CCCC & xlviiij H.  
<sup>25</sup> holy & om. H.

by<sup>1</sup> þe Counsel of Basile. Eugeny [was] deposed; & so þe Scisme was long tyme. And þis Felix had no<sup>2</sup> moche<sup>3</sup> obedience, bi-cause of þe Nevtralite for þe moste parte; & wel nygh al Cristendome obeid & repute Eugeny for verey Pope:—God knoweth who was<sup>4</sup> þe<sup>4</sup> verey Poper of þame both; for both occupied, during þe lyfe of Eugeny. This same<sup>5</sup> yere, Sir Richard, which was<sup>6</sup> vicare of Hermetesworth, was degraded of his prestehode at Poules, & brent at Tour<sup>7</sup> Hill, as for an heretike, vpon<sup>8</sup> Seynt Botulphe day; 8 how-be-it,<sup>9</sup> at his deth he died A gode Cristen man; wherfor, after his deth moche peple come to þe place wher he was<sup>10</sup> brent, & offred, & made an hepe of stones, & sett vp A crosse of tree, & held him for A Seynt, til þe Mair &<sup>11</sup> shereves, by þe commaundment of þe<sup>12</sup> Kyng & of<sup>12</sup> bisshopes, destroyed it, & made þer A dong-hiH. Also þis same yere þe shyreves of London sett out of Seynt Martyns þe Grannt, þe sanctuarey, fyve persones, which afterward wer restored Ageyn to þe<sup>4</sup> same<sup>13</sup> sanctuarey by þe Kinges Iusticez. After<sup>16</sup> Albert þe iij, Frederike was chosen Emperoure. This Frederike, Duke of Osterike, was long Emperoure, & differred for to be crowned at Rome because of þe<sup>4</sup> Scisme; but after þat vnion was had, he was crowned with Emperial Diademe, with gret<sup>14</sup> glorie & 20 triumphe, of Pope Nicholas þe Fourt: this was A man peseble, &<sup>15</sup> of singular pacience, nat hatyng þe chirch: he wedded þe King of Portyngale doughter &c'.

<sup>16</sup> How þe Duchesse of Gloucestre was Arested for treson, & 24 committed to perpetuel prison in þe Ile of Mann; And of þe deth of Maister Roger Bolingbroke.<sup>16</sup> Ca. cclij.<sup>17</sup>

IN this yere,<sup>18</sup> Elianour Cobham, Duches of Gloucestre, was Arested for certeyn poyntes of treyson leyd Ageynst hir, wher-vpon<sup>28</sup> she was examyned in Seynt Stephens Chapel at Westmynster, before perchebisshop of Caunterbury; & þer she was enioyned to open penaunce, forto go through Chepe, bering a tapere in hir hand, & affir in<sup>19</sup> perpetuel prison in<sup>20</sup> þe Ile of Man, vnder þe keping<sup>32</sup> of Sir Thomas Stanley. Also þat same tyme wer Arested Maister Thomas Southwell, A chanon of Westmynster, Maister Iohn Hune,

<sup>1</sup> at H.    <sup>2</sup> not C.    <sup>3</sup> grete H.    <sup>4</sup> þe om. H.  
<sup>5</sup> same om. H.    <sup>6</sup> was om. C.    <sup>7</sup> leaf 189, back.    <sup>8</sup> on HC.  
<sup>9</sup> how weH HC.    <sup>10</sup> had been H.    he had be C.    <sup>11</sup> & om. H.  
<sup>12</sup> of om. H.    <sup>13</sup> same om. HC.    <sup>14</sup> gret om. H.  
<sup>15</sup> pesibly quiete and HC.    <sup>16-16</sup> om. H.  
<sup>17</sup> Capitulum 22 H.    <sup>18</sup> yere dame H.    <sup>19</sup> to HC.    <sup>20</sup> into H.

<sup>1</sup>A chappeleyn) of þe said ladys,<sup>1</sup> Maister Roger Bolynbroke, A clerk vsyng Nygromancie, & one Mariery Iurdeman), called 'þe wyche of Eye' beside Westmynster. These wer Arested as for beyng of  
<sup>4</sup>counsel with þe sayd <sup>2</sup>Duchesse of Gloucestre. And as for Maister Thomas Southwel, he died in þe Towr þe night before he <sup>3</sup>shold have benne regned on þe morow <sup>4</sup>; for so he said him self þat he shold die in his bedd, & nat bi Iustice. And in þe <sup>5</sup>xx yere,<sup>6</sup>  
<sup>8</sup>Maister Iohn Hune & Maister Roger Bolyngbroke wer brought to <sup>7</sup>þe Guyldhalle in London, & þer, before þe Mayr, þe lordes & <sup>8</sup>chief Justice of Englonð, wer þei <sup>9</sup>rayned, & dampned both<sup>10</sup> to be drawen, hanged & quartred; but Maister Iohn Hune had his  
<sup>12</sup>chartre, & was pardoned by þe King; but Maister Roger was drawen to Tiborne, wher he confessed þat he died gyltles, & neuer had trespassed in þat þat he died fore; nat-withstanding he was hanged,<sup>11</sup> heded, & quartred;<sup>12</sup> And Margery Iurdemain was brent in Smyth-  
<sup>16</sup>felde. Also þis yere<sup>13</sup> was A gret Affray in Flet Strete by night tyme, bitwen) men of court & men of London, & diuerse men slayn), & many <sup>14</sup>hurt: & one Herbotel was chief <sup>15</sup>cause of þe misgouernance & Affray. Also þis yere, at chesing of þe Mair of London, þe  
<sup>20</sup>commones named Robert Chaptou), & Raulyne Holand, taylor. & þe Aldermenn toke Robbert Clapton, & brought him at þe <sup>16</sup>right hond of þe Mair, as þe custome is. And þan certeyn talyoures & other <sup>17</sup>hand-crafty men cried "nay! nat þat <sup>18</sup>man, but <sup>19</sup>Raulyn  
<sup>24</sup>Holand!" Wherfor þe Mair, þat was Padesly,<sup>20</sup> sent þo þat cried so <sup>21</sup>to Newgate, where they Abode a gret while, & wer wel <sup>22</sup>ponyssshed.

In this same<sup>23</sup> yere wer diuerse Embassatoures sent in to Guyan  
<sup>28</sup>for A mariage for þe King for þerles doughter of Arminak, which was concluded; but, by þe mean of <sup>24</sup>þerle of Suthfolk, it was lett & put Aparte. And after þis, þe said Erle of Southfolk went ouer þe<sup>25</sup> See vnto<sup>26</sup> Fraunce, & þer he treted þe mariage bitwen) þe King

<sup>1-1</sup> om. H.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 190.    <sup>3</sup> þat he H.    <sup>4</sup> morne HC.    <sup>5</sup> þis H.

<sup>6</sup> yere þe xx H.    the yere xx C.    <sup>7</sup> into H.    <sup>8</sup> and the H.

<sup>9</sup> þei om. HC.    <sup>10</sup> both om. H.    <sup>11</sup> hanged om. H.

<sup>12</sup> quartered, on whos saule God haue mercy H.    quartered, on whos soule God haue mercy C.

<sup>13</sup> yere the lord talbott leyde feire to Deype, But þe Dolphyn rescowed it And wan þe Bastell þat Englishman hade made. Also þis yere H.

<sup>14</sup> som H.    somme C.    <sup>15</sup> chief om. H.    <sup>16</sup> þe om. C.

<sup>17</sup> other om. H.    <sup>18</sup> this HC.    <sup>19</sup> no H.

<sup>20</sup> þat was padesly H.    that was padysly C.    om. Ad.    <sup>21</sup> so cried HC.

<sup>22</sup> wel om. H.    <sup>23</sup> same om. H.    <sup>24</sup> þe mean of om. H.

<sup>25</sup> þe om. H.    <sup>26</sup> into HC.

of Englonde & <sup>1</sup> þe Kinges daughter of Cecil & of Ierusalem. & þe next yere it was concluded fully, þis<sup>2</sup> mariage; by which<sup>3</sup> mariage þe<sup>4</sup> Kyng shold delyuer to hir fader þe Duchie of Angeo & perldome of Mayn), which was þe key of Normandy. Then departed þe 4 Duke of Suthfolk, *with* his wife & diuerse lordes & knightes, in þe moste rial astate <sup>5</sup> þat might be, out of Englonde, *with* new charez & palfreys, which went through Chepe, & so went ouer þe See, & receyved hir, & sith brought hir in Lent<sup>6</sup> after to Hampton, wher 8 she landed, & was ryally receyved. And on Candelmes evyn before, bi A gret tempest of thondre & lightenyng at afternone, Poules steple was sett A fire on þe middes of the<sup>7</sup> shafte in þe tymbre, which was qwenched bi force<sup>8</sup> of<sup>9</sup> labour, <sup>10</sup> & specially bi 12 þe labour<sup>10</sup> of þe morow masse preste of þe Bow in Chepe, which was thought impossible, saufe only bi<sup>11</sup> þe grace of God.

This yere was þerle of Stafford made & create Duke of Bokynham; þerle of Warewik, Duke of Warwike; þerle of Dorsett, 16 Marques<sup>12</sup> of Dorsett; & þerle of Suthfolk was<sup>13</sup> made<sup>14</sup> Marquys of Southfolk.

**<sup>15</sup> How King Henry þe Sext<sup>16</sup> wedded Quene Margaret; And of hir Coronacion.<sup>15</sup> Capitulum CCl[i]ij.<sup>17</sup>** 20

IN this yere Kyng Henry married at Southwyke Quene Margaret; & she come to London) [þe] xvij day of May; And bi þe way al þe lordes of Englonde receyved<sup>18</sup> hir worsshypfully in diuerse places, & in especial þe Duke of Gloucestre. And on þe<sup>18</sup> 24 Blakethe, þe Mair of London),<sup>19</sup> Aldermen, & al þe crafte-men<sup>20</sup> in blew gownnes browdred *with* þe deuysel of his craft, þat þei might be biknowen, mett *with* hir, with rede hoodes, & brought hir to London), where were diuerse pagentis & countenance of 28 diuerse histories shewed in diuerse placez of þe Cite Rially, & castelles. And þe xxx day of May þe forsaide Quene was crowned at Westmynster; and þer was Iustes iij dayes during, *with-in* þe sayntuarie tofore pabbey. This yere þe Prior of Kilmain Appelled 32

<sup>1</sup> And Marget H.    <sup>2</sup> þat H.    that C.    <sup>3</sup> the which H.

<sup>4</sup> by the which the H.    <sup>5</sup> leaf 190, back.    <sup>6</sup> the lent H.    the lente C.

<sup>7</sup> of Ad. of the C.    <sup>8</sup> bi force om. H.    <sup>9</sup> by H.

<sup>10-10</sup> and . . . labour om. H.    <sup>11</sup> bi om. HC.    <sup>12</sup> þe marques H.

<sup>13</sup> was om. H.    <sup>14</sup> þe H.    <sup>15-15</sup> How . . . Coronacion) om. H.

<sup>16</sup> þe sext om. C.    <sup>17</sup> Capitulum 23 H.

<sup>18</sup> þe om. H.    <sup>19</sup> of London om. C.

<sup>20</sup> men om. HC.

perle of Vrmond of treson), which had A day Assigned to þame forto  
 feght in Smythfeld. And þe listes wer made, & þe feild dressed ;  
 but when it came to poynt, þe King commaunded þat þei shold nat  
 4 fight, but toke þe quarel in-to his own hond. & þis was<sup>1</sup> done at  
 þe Instance & labour<sup>2</sup> of certeyn prechours & doctoures of London,  
 as Maister Gilbert Worthington, parson<sup>3</sup> of <sup>4</sup>Seynt Andrews in  
 Holborn, & other. Also þis same yere come A gret Enbassate into  
 8 Englonde out of Fraunce, forto haue concluded A perpetual pees ;  
 but in conclusion it turned vnto<sup>5</sup> A trewes of A yere. About þis  
 tyme dyed Seynt Bernardyne, A gray frere<sup>6</sup> which began þe new  
 reformation of þat ordre in many places, In so myche þat þei þat  
 12 wer reformed bene called 'Observantes,' which Observantes bene  
 encrecid gretly in Italie & in Almaigne. This Bernardin was  
 canonized bi Pope Nicholas þe Fyft In þe yere M<sup>1</sup> CCCCL.<sup>7</sup> Iohannes  
 de Capestrauo was his disciple, whiche profited moche<sup>8</sup> to þe  
 16 reformation of þat ordre ; for whome God shewed many a fair<sup>9</sup>  
 miracle. Also here is to be noted, þat fro þis tyme forward, King  
 Henry neuer profited<sup>10</sup> ne Went forward ; but Fortune began to turn  
 fro him on al sides, als<sup>10</sup> wel in Fraunce, Normandy, Guyan, as in  
 20 Englonde. Some men hold opinion þat King Henry gaf commission  
 plenerly<sup>11</sup> to Sir Edward Hulle, Sir Robert Roos, Dean<sup>12</sup> of Seynt  
 Seuerynes, & oper, to conclude A mariage for him with perle of  
 Arminakes suster, which was promysed (as it was seid) & concluded ;  
 24 but afterward<sup>13</sup> it was broken, & he wedded Quene Margarete, as  
 A-fore is seid ; which was A dere mariage for þe reame of Englonde ;<sup>14</sup>  
<sup>15</sup>ffor it is knowen verely þat, for to haue hir, was delyuered þe  
 Duchie of Angeo & þe Erldome of Maign, which was þe key of  
 28 Normandie, for þe Frensh men tentre. And Aboute þis, þe<sup>15</sup> said<sup>16</sup>  
 Marquys of Southfolk axed in playn parlement A fyftenth & an  
 half for to feche hir out of Fraunce. Se now<sup>17</sup> what A mariage was  
 þis, as to þe comparison of þat oper mariage of Armynyke ! for þer  
 32 shold haue ben delyuered so many castels & townes in Gwyhen ;  
 And so moche gode shold haue bene yiffen with hir, þat al Englonde  
 shold haue bene enryched þer-by,<sup>18</sup> but contrary-wise feH. Wherfor

<sup>1</sup> was om. H.      <sup>2</sup> & labour om. H.      <sup>3</sup> the person H.      <sup>4</sup> leaf 191.

<sup>5</sup> to H.      <sup>6</sup> ? MS. frerer.      <sup>7</sup> yere of our lord M<sup>1</sup> CCC and fyty H.

<sup>8</sup> moche om. H.      <sup>9</sup> a fair om. H.      <sup>10-10</sup> om. H.      als = as C.

<sup>11</sup> plenerly om. H.      <sup>12</sup> þe Dean H.

<sup>13</sup> afterward it was broken for by the mene of þe marquys of suffolke H.

<sup>14</sup> englonde as it schewed before H.      <sup>15-15</sup> om. H.

<sup>16</sup> & for H.      <sup>17</sup> lo HC.

<sup>18</sup> ben þer by encreased H.      þer by om. C.

euery gret <sup>1</sup> prince ought to kepe his promisses; <sup>2</sup> for, bicause of breking of pis promise,<sup>2</sup> & for mariage of Quene Margaret, what losse hath pe reame of *Englond* had,<sup>3</sup> bi losyng of Normandy and Guyan, bi diuision of <sup>4</sup> pe reame, pe rebelling of commines Ageynst <sup>4</sup> *per* princes & lordes; what diuision Ayen <sup>5</sup> pe lordes, what murdre & sleying of pame! what felde foughten & made! in *conclusion*, so many,<sup>6</sup> that many a <sup>7</sup> man hath lost his life; And in *conclusion*, pe King deposed, & <sup>8</sup> pe Quene *with* hir son) fayn) to flee into *8* Scotland, & fro pens to <sup>9</sup> Fraunce, & so to Lorayn), pe place wher <sup>10</sup> she come first <sup>11</sup> fro! Many men deme pat pe breking of <sup>12</sup> pe Kinges promise to pe suster of perles of Armynak, was cause of this gret losse & Aduersite. 12

**How pe gode Duke of Gloucestre, Humfrey, pe Kinges vncle, was Arested at pe parlement of Bury; And <sup>13</sup> of his death; And how Anges in Mayn) was deliuered.**

In <sup>14</sup> pe xxv<sup>te</sup> yere <sup>15</sup> of King Henry pe VI<sup>te</sup>,<sup>16</sup> was A parlement *16* at Bvry called seynt Edmundes Bury; About which was commaunded aH pe communes of pe cont[r]e to be *per* in *per* most defensable Aray, to <sup>17</sup> A-wyt vpon pe King, to which <sup>18</sup> parlement come pe Duke of Gloucestre, Humfrey, pe Kinges vncle, which had *20* bene pe <sup>19</sup> protector of *Englond* al pe non-Age of pe King. And Anone after pat <sup>20</sup> he was come to <sup>21</sup> his logyng, he was Arested bi pe Viscount Bemond, pe Constable of *Englond*, acompanyed <sup>22</sup> with <sup>23</sup> pe Duke of Bokyngham & many *oper* lordes, and forth <sup>24</sup> with al *24* his <sup>25</sup> seruandes wer commaunded for to depart fro him; And xxxij of <sup>26</sup> pe chief of them) wer arested also,<sup>27</sup> & sent to diuerse prisones. And anone, after pe <sup>28</sup> said Arest,<sup>29</sup> pe said Duke was on pe morn) found <sup>30</sup> dede: on whos soul, God haue mercy, Amen! <sup>31</sup> But how *28* he died, & in what maner, pe certentie is nat knowen to me.<sup>32</sup> Some said he died for sorow; some said he was murthred bitwene ij

<sup>1</sup> leaf 191, back.    <sup>2-2</sup> om. H.    <sup>3</sup> had om. HC.    <sup>4</sup> in HC.

<sup>5</sup> emong H. amonge C.    <sup>6</sup> so many om. H.    <sup>7</sup> a om. H.

<sup>8</sup> and om. H.    <sup>9</sup> into H. that C.    <sup>10</sup> pat H.

<sup>11</sup> first om. H.    <sup>12</sup> of om. H.    <sup>13</sup> of om. C.    <sup>14</sup> Also in H.

<sup>15</sup> yere xxv C.    <sup>16</sup> pe vi<sup>te</sup> om. HC.    <sup>17</sup> for to HC.    <sup>18</sup> to the which H.

<sup>19</sup> pe om. C.    <sup>20</sup> pat om. C.    <sup>21</sup> come in H. was in C.

<sup>22</sup> whome acompanyed H. whom accompanied C.

<sup>23</sup> with om. HC.    <sup>24</sup> for H.    <sup>25</sup> his om. H.

<sup>26</sup> also of H.    <sup>27</sup> also om. H. were also arested C.    <sup>28</sup> this C.

<sup>29</sup> And v or vj days after pis seid arest H.

<sup>30</sup> was . . . found om. H. found om. C.    <sup>31</sup> Amen om. H.

<sup>32</sup> to me om. H. to me knowen C.



federbeddes; other said *pat* an hote spytt was put in his foundement; & so,<sup>1</sup> how<sup>2</sup> he died, God knoweth, to whome is no thing<sup>3</sup> hidd. And when<sup>4</sup> he was thus<sup>5</sup> dede, he was leid open, *pat* al 4 men might se him, And so both lordes & knightes of þe shires, *with burgessers*, come & saw him<sup>6</sup> ded; but *pai* could nat *perceif* wound ne token<sup>7</sup> how he died. here may men mark what þis world<sup>8</sup> is! this Duke was A noble man & A *gret clerk*, & had worsshippfully 8 rewled þis reame to þe Kinges behove, & neuer coude be found faute in<sup>9</sup> him,<sup>10</sup> but envy of þame *pat* wer *gouvernours*, & had promised<sup>11</sup> þe Duchis of Angas & perldome of Maign, caused<sup>12</sup> þe destruccion of þis noble man; for thei drad him, *pat* he wold haue 12 enpessed *pat* deliuerance. And after, þei sent his body to seynt Albon<sup>13</sup> *with certeyn* lightes for to be buried; And so *Sir Geruase* of Clifton had *pan*<sup>13</sup> þe charge to convey þe corps<sup>14</sup>; & so it was buried at Seynt Albons in þe Abbey; & v persones of his houshold 16 wer sent to London, & *per* wer reyned & juged to be drawen, honged & quartred; Of wome. þe names wer *Sir Roger Chammbrelayn*, knight, one<sup>15</sup> *Midelton*, A<sup>16</sup> *squyere*, *Herbard*, A *squyer*, *Arthur*,<sup>17</sup> A *squyer*, & *Richard Nedham*: which v persons wer drawen fro þe 20 Toure of London thugh Chepe to<sup>18</sup> *Tibun*, & *per* honged, & lat down quyck, & þen striped for to have bene heded & quartred. - And *pan* þe Marquys of Southfolk shewed *per* for þame þe Kinges pardon vnder his gret Seale; & so þei wer pardoned of þe rem- 24 anent of thexecucion, & had *per* lynes, & after<sup>19</sup> war brought agen yn to London, &<sup>20</sup> frely deliuered. this began þe trouble in þe reame of<sup>21</sup> *Englond* for þe deth of þis noble Duke of *Gloucestre*; &<sup>22</sup> al þe communes of þe reame began forto murmure<sup>23</sup> for it,<sup>24</sup> & 28 were nat contente.

After *pat*<sup>25</sup> Pope Eugeny was dede,<sup>26</sup> *Nicholas* þe Fyft was elect Pope. This Nycholas was chosen for Eugeny, yet honggyng þe

<sup>1</sup> but H. so om. C.    <sup>2</sup> leaf 192.    <sup>3</sup> nothing is H.

<sup>4</sup> þen when H.    thenne whan C.    <sup>5</sup> so HC.

<sup>6</sup> him lye H.    hym lye C.

<sup>7</sup> but wond ne token colde the not *perceyue* H. but wounde ne token coude they *perceyue* C.

<sup>8</sup> worde H.    <sup>9</sup> to C.    <sup>10</sup> found be hym Any faute H.

<sup>11</sup> promised to deliuer H.    <sup>12</sup> for thei caused H.

<sup>13-13</sup> om. H.    <sup>14</sup> in the charge of the corpus to convoy H.

<sup>15</sup> And H.    <sup>16</sup> A om. H.    <sup>17</sup> or Archure H.

<sup>18</sup> vnto H.    <sup>19</sup> and so þei H.    And so they C.

<sup>20</sup> And after H.    and after C.    <sup>21</sup> þe reame of om. H.

<sup>22</sup> of *Gloucestre* & om. H.    & om. C.    <sup>23</sup> to mourne H.

<sup>24</sup> for it om. H.    <sup>25</sup> *pat* om. HC.    <sup>26</sup> was dede om. H.

Scisme. natwithstondyng he gat pe obedience of al Cristen Reames ; for after *pat*<sup>1</sup> he was electe & sacred <sup>2</sup> Pope, certayn lordes of Fraunce & of England wer sent vnto<sup>3</sup> Sauoy, to Pope Felix, for to entrete him to cese of pe<sup>4</sup> Pepecy. And bi pe special<sup>5</sup> labour 4 of pe<sup>6</sup> Bisshop of Norwich & pe lorde of Seynt Iohnes, he cessed pe ij<sup>de</sup> yere after *pat* Pope Nicholas was sacred. And pe seid Felix was made Legate of Fraunce & Cardinal of Sauoye, & resigned pe hole papacy to<sup>7</sup> Nicholas ; after,<sup>8</sup> lyved an holy lyfe, & died 8 an holy man ; And as it is said, Almighty<sup>9</sup> God shewed miracles for him. This was pe xxij Scisme bitwen Eugeny & Felix, & dured xvi yere. pe cause was pis : The<sup>10</sup> general Counsel of Basil deposed Eugeny, which was only Pope & vndoubted, for- 12 as-myche as he obserued nat & kept<sup>11</sup> pe decrees & statutes of pe Counceyl of Constance, as it is A-fore<sup>12</sup> said ; nethir<sup>13</sup> he rought not to gyve obedience to *pat* general CounseH in no maner wise ;<sup>14</sup> wher-of Arose A gret Altercacion emong Writeres of pis 16 mateer, *pro* & *contra*, which kan nat Accorde vnto<sup>15</sup> pis day. one partie seith *pat*<sup>16</sup> ‘pe Counsel is Aboue pe Pope,’ *pat* *oper* partie seith “nay, but pe Pope is Aboue pe Counsel.” Godd, blessed Aboue aH thinges, gif & graunt<sup>17</sup> his pees in<sup>18</sup> holy chirche, 20 spouse of Criste, Amen ! This Nicholas was commen of Iene,<sup>19</sup> of low burth ; A doctour of dyvynite, an Actif man, he reedyfied many places *pat* wer broken & ruynouse, & did do<sup>20</sup> make A gret waff About pe Palays, & made pe<sup>21</sup> wall new About Rome, 24 for drede of pe Turkes. And pe peple woundred of pe ering<sup>22</sup> &<sup>23</sup> resignyng of Felix to<sup>24</sup> him, considering *pat* he was A man of so humble<sup>25</sup> burth ; And *pat* othir was of Affinite to al pe moste parte of Cristen princes ; wherof *per* was A verse publissed in 28 Rome, *pus* :<sup>26</sup> hic fulsit mundo ; cessit Felix Nicholas.

**27 How Sir Fraunceys Aragonoys toke Fogiers in Normandy ; & of pe losse of Constantinoble by the Turks.<sup>27</sup> Ca. ccliiij.<sup>28</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> *pat* om. H.      <sup>2</sup> leaf 192, back.      <sup>3</sup> in to H. into C.  
<sup>4</sup> *pe* om. H.      <sup>5</sup> special om. H.      <sup>6</sup> *pe* om. H.  
<sup>7</sup> vnto H.      <sup>8</sup> afterward H.      <sup>9</sup> Almighty om. H.  
<sup>10</sup> *pat* the H.      <sup>11</sup> And kept not H.  
<sup>12</sup> A-fore om. H.      <sup>13</sup> Neuer H.      <sup>14</sup> in no maner wise om. H.  
<sup>15</sup> on to H.      <sup>16</sup> *pat* om. H.      <sup>17</sup> send H.      <sup>18</sup> among H.  
<sup>19</sup> was young of Iene comyn H ; was of Iene comen of C.      <sup>20</sup> to H.  
<sup>21</sup> A H.      <sup>22</sup> ceysyng H.      ceesing C.      <sup>23</sup> and of the H.  
<sup>24</sup> vn to H.      <sup>25</sup> lowe H.      <sup>26</sup> in pis maner H.      in this maner C.  
<sup>27-27</sup> om. H.      <sup>28</sup> Capitulum 25 H.

In þe xxvij yere of King Henry þe vj<sup>te</sup>,<sup>1</sup> beyng trewes bitwen England & Fraunce,<sup>2</sup> A knight of þe Engliſſh partie named *Sir Fraunceys Aragonys*, toke A towne of Normandy, called<sup>3</sup> *Fogiere*,  
 4 Ayens þe trewes; of which takyng began moche sorow & losse, for þis was þe occasion þi which<sup>4</sup> þe Frenshmen gat al Normandy &c.<sup>5</sup>  
<sup>6</sup>About þis tyme þe Cite of Constantinoble, which was Imperia<sup>7</sup>  
<sup>7</sup>Cite in al Grece, was taken bi þe Turkes infideles, which was  
 8 betrayed (as some hold Opinion), & þemp[er] taken & slayn, & þat ryal chirch of Sancta Sophia robbed & despoyled, & þe reliques & ymages & þe Rode drawn Aboute þe strete; which was done in despite of *Cristen* feith. And sone after, al *Cristen* feith in Grece  
 12 perished & cessed. Ther wer many *Cristen* men slayn, & innumerable solde & put in Captiuite. by þe takyng of þis towne, þe Turkey gretly<sup>8</sup> enhaunſed in pride; & it is A gret losse vnto all *Cristendome*.<sup>6</sup>

16 <sup>9</sup>In þe xxviiij yere<sup>10</sup> was A parlement holden at Westmynster, & fro þens Adiourned to þe Blakfreres of<sup>11</sup> London, And after *Cristenmasse*, to<sup>12</sup> Westmynster Ageyn. And þis same yere, Robert of<sup>13</sup> Cane, A man of þe West contre, with A few shippes, toke A  
 20 gret<sup>14</sup> flote of shippes comyng out of þe baye, laden with salt,—which shippes wer of Prays, Flaundres, Holand & Zeland,—& brought þame to Hampton. Wherfor þe merchantes of England beyng in Flaundres, wer Arested in Bruges, Ippre, & oþer places,  
 24 & might nat be deliuered, ner þer dettes discharged, til þei hadd made A poyntment for to pay for thamendes & hurtes of the shippes; which was payed bi þe merchandes of þe staple, euery penny. And in like wise, þe merchauntez & godez beyng in  
 28 Danske wer also Arested, & made gret<sup>15</sup> Amendes.

This same yere the<sup>16</sup> Frenshmen in A mornyng toke, bi A trayn,<sup>17</sup> þe towne of *Ponteralargee*, & þer-in þe Lorde *Faucounbrigge* was taken prisoner. And after þat,<sup>18</sup> in Decembre, Roan was  
 32 taken & lost, beyng þer-in þe Duke of *Somerset*, *Edmund*, þerle<sup>19</sup> of *Shrewsbury*, whiche bi A-poyntment left *Pleges*, & left al<sup>20</sup>

<sup>1</sup> tho in the yere of kyng hary xxvij H. In the yere of kyng henry xxvij C.

<sup>2</sup> fraunce and Englonde C. <sup>3</sup> named HC. <sup>4</sup> bi the which H.

<sup>5</sup> &c om. H. <sup>6-6</sup> om. H. <sup>7</sup> leaf 193. <sup>8</sup> is gretly C.

<sup>9</sup> This yere A squiere of Englonde named *Chalons duer armes* with A knyzt of fraunce named *Sir lenys de buyett* to fore þe french kyng And ranne þe french knyght through wyth A speere And slew him in þe feld H.

<sup>10</sup> yere xxviiij C. <sup>11</sup> at HC. <sup>12</sup> on to H. <sup>13</sup> of om. H.

<sup>14</sup> an hole H. <sup>15</sup> Agrete H. <sup>16</sup> the om. H. <sup>17</sup> by A trayn toke H.

<sup>18</sup> þat om. H. <sup>19</sup> Erle H. <sup>20</sup> lost H. loste C.

Normandy, &<sup>1</sup> come home. And during þe said<sup>2</sup> parlement þe Duke of Suthfolke was Arested & sent to<sup>3</sup> þe Towre; & þer he<sup>4</sup> was A moneth. And after, þe King did do feche him out, for which<sup>5</sup> cause all þe comunes of England wer in A gret rumor, what for<sup>6</sup> 4 deliuerawice of Anges & Maign, & after,<sup>7</sup> losing of al Normandie, And in especial for þe deth of þe gode Duke of Gloucestre; In so myche þat, in some place, men gadred togedre, & made þame capitaynes—as Blew-Berde & oþer, which wer resisted, taken, & 8 had Iustice, & died. And þen<sup>8</sup> þe said Parlement was adiourned to Leycestre; and thidder þe King brought *with* him þe Duke of Southfolk. & when<sup>9</sup> þe Comon house vnderstode þat he was oute of þe Toure, & come thider, þei desired to haue execucion on<sup>10</sup> þem 12 þat wer cause of þe delyuerance of Normandy, & had bene cause of þe deth of þe<sup>11</sup> Duke of Gloucestre, & had sold Gascoygn & Guyhan, of which þei named to-be gyilty, þe Duke of Southfolk as chief, þe — Lord Say, þe Bisshop of Salesbury, Danyel, & many moo. And 16 for to Apease þe comons, þe Duke of Southfolk was exiled out of England v yere; & so, during þe Parlement, he went in to Northfolk, & þer toke shipping forto go out of þe Reame of England<sup>12</sup> vnto<sup>13</sup> Fraunce. And þis yere,<sup>14</sup> as he sayled on þe See, A shipp of 20 Werre called<sup>15</sup> Nicholas of þe<sup>16</sup> Tour mett *with* þis<sup>17</sup> shippe, & founde him þer-in; whome þei toke out, & brought hym into þere shipp tofore þe Maister & Capitayns; & þer he was examined, & at last Iuged to þe<sup>18</sup> deth. And so þei put him in A Cabone, & his 24 chapeleyn for to shryve him; And þat done, þei brought him in to Dover Rood, & þer sett him in-to þe boot, & þere smote of his hede, & brought þe body Alonde, vpon þe sondes, & sett þe hede — þer-by. And þis was done þe fyft day of Maye. loo! whatt 28 Availed him now, al his<sup>19</sup> deliuerance of Normandy &c.<sup>20</sup> And here yhe may leer<sup>21</sup> how he was rewarded for þe deth of þe Duke of Gloucestre. This began sorow vpon sorew, & deth for deth.<sup>22</sup>

**23 How this yere was thensurrexion in Kent of þe communes, 32 of whome Iake Cade, On Irishman, was Capitayn.<sup>23</sup> Ca. cclv.<sup>24</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> A H.    <sup>2</sup> same H.    <sup>3</sup> in to HC.    <sup>4</sup> he om. H.  
<sup>5</sup> for which of Ad. of which HC.    <sup>6</sup> for the HC.    <sup>7</sup> after for H.  
<sup>8</sup> þen om. H.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 193, back.    <sup>10</sup> of H.    <sup>11</sup> þe om. H.  
<sup>12</sup> of England om. H.    <sup>13</sup> into HC.    <sup>14</sup> yere om. H.  
<sup>15</sup> called the HC.    <sup>16</sup> þe om. HC.    <sup>17</sup> hys H.    his C.    <sup>18</sup> þe om. H.  
<sup>19</sup> þis H.    <sup>20</sup> &c om. H.    <sup>21</sup> se H.    here C.    <sup>22</sup> deth &c. C.  
<sup>23-23</sup> om. H.    <sup>24</sup> Capitulum 26 H.

This yere of our Lorde M<sup>t</sup> cccc l, was þe gret grace of þe Iubilee at Rome; wher was gret pardon, in-so-mych þat, frome<sup>1</sup> al place; in<sup>2</sup> Cristendome, gret multitude of peple resorted thider.

4 þis yeere<sup>3</sup> was A gret Assemblée &<sup>4</sup> gadering togedre of þe<sup>5</sup> comons of Kent in gret nombre, & made an Insurrexiõ, & rebelled Ageynst þe Kyng & his lawes, & ordeynd þame<sup>6</sup> A capitayn called Iohn Cayd, An Irish man, which named him self Mortymer, Cosyn  
8 to þe Duke of Yorke. And þis Capitayn held thise men togedre, & made ordinance; Among þame, & brought þame to Blak-Heth, where he made A biH of peticioness to þe King & his Counsel, & shewed what iniuries & oppressions þe Poer comons suffred; & al  
12 vnder colour forto come<sup>7</sup> to his Abone; & he had A gret multitude of peple. And þe xvij<sup>8</sup> day of Iuyn, þe King,<sup>9</sup> many lordes,  
10 Capitaynes & men of Werre, went toward him to þe Blakk-heeth. And when þe Capitayne of Kent vnderstode þe commyng of þe  
16 King with so gret<sup>11</sup> puysaunce, he<sup>12</sup> with-drew him with his peple to Seuenoke, A litel village. And þe<sup>13</sup> xxviii<sup>14</sup> day of Iun, he<sup>15</sup> beyng with-drawn & gone, þe King come, with his Arme sett in ordre & enbatailed, to þe Blak-Heth, And, by Aduise of his Counsel,  
20 sent Sir Vmfrey Stafford, knight, & William Stafford, squyer, two valiaunt Captanes, with certeyn peple, to feght with þe Capytane, & to take<sup>16</sup> & bryng him & his Accessories to þe King, which went to Seuenoke; & þer þe Capytane with his felisshepe mett  
24 with hem, & fought Ayenst þame,<sup>17</sup> & in conclusion slew þame bothe, & as many as Abode & wold nat yheld þame ner flee. Duryng þis sharmysh fiH<sup>18</sup> A grete variaunce Amonges þe<sup>19</sup> lordes men, & þe<sup>20</sup> comon peple beyng on Blak-Heth Ayens þe<sup>21</sup> lordes & Capitayns,  
28 sayng playnly þat þei wold go to þe Capitayn of Kent, to Assist and help him,<sup>22</sup> but if þei might haue execucion of þe traytours beyng<sup>23</sup> About þe King, to which<sup>24</sup> þe King said nay; And þei said playnly þat<sup>25</sup> þe Lorde Say, Tresourer of England, the Bisshope of  
32 Salesbury, <sup>26</sup> þe Baron of Dudley,<sup>26</sup> þabbot of Gloucestre, Danyel, & Trevillian, & many mo, wer traytours, & worthy to be dede.

<sup>1</sup> in H.      <sup>2</sup> of H.

<sup>3</sup> yere was *sir* Thomas Oryell ouerthrownd At Fermynny And many English men slayn and takyn prisoners This same yere H.

<sup>4</sup> A H.      <sup>5</sup> þe om. H.      <sup>6</sup> hym C.      <sup>7</sup> haue come H.      <sup>8</sup> vij H.

<sup>9</sup> king with H.      <sup>10</sup> *leaf* 194.      <sup>11</sup> grete A H.      <sup>12</sup> he om. Ad.

<sup>13</sup> þe om. H.      <sup>14</sup> xxvij<sup>ti</sup> H.      <sup>15</sup> he om. H.      <sup>16</sup> take hym HC.

<sup>17</sup> them Ayenst H.      <sup>18</sup> þer fell H.      <sup>19</sup> þe om. H.      <sup>20</sup> þe om. H.

<sup>21</sup> þer H. their C.      <sup>22</sup> him om. H.      <sup>23</sup> beyng om. H.

<sup>24</sup> to where H. wher to C.      <sup>25</sup> þat om. H.      <sup>26</sup>—<sup>26</sup> om. H.

herfore, forto<sup>1</sup> please þe lordes menys & also some of þe Kinges house, þe Lorde Say was Arested & sent to þe Toure of London. And þan þe King, hering tydynges of þe deth & ouerthrowing of þe Staffordes, *with*-drew him to London, & fro thens<sup>2</sup> to Kylling-4 worth; ffor þe King ne þe lordes durst nat trust þer own household meny &c.<sup>3</sup> Then, after þat þe Capytan had þis victory vpon þise<sup>4</sup> Staffordes, Anone he toke Sir Humfrey Salett, & his brigantines smytten ful of gylted nayles, & also his gilted sporres, & 8 Araied him like A lorde & a Capi<sup>5</sup>tayn, & resorted *with* al his meyney, & also mo þan he had tofore, to þe Blak-Heth. Ageyn to whome come perchebisshope of Caunterbury & þe Duke of Bokyngham to þe Blak-Heth, and spake *with* him; &, as it was said, þei 12 found him <sup>6</sup>witty in his talkynge &<sup>7</sup> request; & so they departed.<sup>6</sup> And þe thirð day of Iuyl he come & entred into London *with* al his peple, &<sup>8</sup> did make A<sup>9</sup> cry per<sup>10</sup> in þe Kinges name & in his name,<sup>11</sup> þat no man shold robb ne take no mannes gode bot if he 16 payd for it; & come ridyng thugh þe Cite in gret pride, & smote his swerde vpon London stone in Canwykstrete. And he, beyng in þe Cite, sent to þe Towre forto haue þe Lord Saye; & so þei sett him & brought him to þe Guyld-Hall before þe Mayre & þe 20 Aldremen, wher he was examined. And þe lorde<sup>12</sup> sayd þat<sup>13</sup> he wolde & ought to bene Iuged by his peres. And þe communes of Kent toke him by force fro þe Mair &<sup>14</sup> officers þat kept him, & toke him to A prest to shryve him. & er he might be half 24 -shryven, þei brought him to þe Standard in Chepe, & þer smote of his hede: <sup>15</sup>& thus died þe Lorde Say, Tresourer of Englonð. After þis, þei sett his hede on<sup>16</sup> A spere, & bare it Aboute in þe Citee. And þe same day, Aboute<sup>17</sup> þe<sup>18</sup> Mylle-Ende, Crowmer was beheded. 28 And þe<sup>19</sup> day before, at afternone, þe Capytan, *with certeyn* of his meyney, went to Philipp Malpas house, & robbed him, & toke Away moche gode. And fro thense he went to Seynt Margret Patyns, to one Cherstis hous, & robbed him, <sup>20</sup>& toke A way moche 32 gode.<sup>20</sup> Also, At which robberyng diuerse men of London of þer neghburse wer at it, & toke part *with* him.<sup>21</sup> For þis robberyng þe

<sup>1</sup> to H.    <sup>2</sup> thens vn to A.    <sup>3</sup> &c. om. H.    <sup>4</sup> the HC.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 194, back.    <sup>6-6</sup> om. H.    <sup>7</sup> and his C.

<sup>8</sup> And þer H. and there C.    <sup>9</sup> A om. HC.    <sup>10</sup> per om. HC.

<sup>11</sup> name om. H.    <sup>12</sup> And he HC.    <sup>13</sup> þat om. HC.    <sup>14</sup> And the H.

<sup>15</sup> hede on whos saul god haue mercy Amen) H. hede on whos soule Almyghty god haue pite and mercy Amen. C.

<sup>16</sup> vp on H.    <sup>17</sup> Aboute om. H.    <sup>18</sup> at H.    <sup>19</sup> þe same H.

<sup>20-20</sup> om. H.    <sup>21</sup> them H.

peples hertes fiH fro him, & euery thryfty man was A-forde<sup>1</sup> forto<sup>2</sup> be serued in like wise. for per was many A man, in London þat Abbayted and wold fayn<sup>3</sup> haue seen A comon robbery, which 4 Almighty<sup>4</sup> God for-bidd! for it is to suppose þat,<sup>5</sup> if he had nat robbed, he might haue gone ferre er he had be *with*-stonde; ffor þe King & al the <sup>6</sup>lordes of þe Reame of Englonð wer departed, except the Lorde Scale; þat kept þe Toure of London.<sup>7</sup> And þe 8 fyft day of Iuyl he gert<sup>8</sup> smyte of A mannes hede in Southwerk. And þe night after, þe Mair of London, þe Aldermen & þe<sup>9</sup> communes of þe Cite, concluded to dryve Away þe Capytane & his hoste, and sent to þe Lorde Scales in<sup>10</sup> þe Toure, & to Mathew 12 Gogh, A Capitayn of Normandie, þat þei wold þat night Assail þe Capitayn *with* þem of Kent. & so þey did, & come to London Brigge, in to Southwerk, er þe Capitan had any knowleage *per*-of; & þer<sup>11</sup> þei fought *with* þem þat kept<sup>12</sup> þe brigge. & þe Kentissh men 16 went to harnoys, & come to þe brigge, & shott & fought *with* þame, & gát þe brigge, & made þame of Londone to flee, & slew many of þame, & þis endured al þe night, to & fro, til ix of þe<sup>9</sup> clokk on þe morne. & at<sup>13</sup> last þei brent þe drawbrigge, wher many of þame of 20 London wer drowned. In which night, Sutton, an Alderman, was slayn; Roger Hesant, & Mathew Gogh, & many oþer. And, after -this, þe Chaunceler of Englonð sent to þe Capytane A general pardon<sup>14</sup> for him, & Another for all his meyney. And þan þei 24 departed fro Southwerk, euery man home to his hous. And when þei wer al departed & gone, þer wer proclamacions made in Kent, Southsea, & in<sup>15</sup> oþer places, þat what man coude take þe Capytane, quyk or ded, shold haue A m<sup>2</sup> mark. And after þis, one Alexander — 28 Iden, A squyer of Kent, toke him in A gardyn in Southsex; & in þe takyng þe Capytane, Iohn Cade was slayn, & after beheded, & his hede sett on London Brigge. And þan Anone after,<sup>16</sup> þe King come in-to Kent, & did his Iustices sitt at Canterbury, & enquire 32 who wer Accessories & chief cause of þis Insurreccion. And þer wer viij men Iuged to dethe in one day, & in othir places, mo. And fro pens þe King went vnto<sup>17</sup> Sucessex, & so<sup>15</sup> in-to þe West

<sup>1</sup> Arested H.    <sup>2</sup> to H.    <sup>3</sup> fayn om. H.    <sup>4</sup> almighty om. H.

<sup>5</sup> þat om. HC.    <sup>6</sup> leaf 195.    <sup>7</sup> of London om. H.

<sup>8</sup> he did do H.    he dide done C.

<sup>9</sup> þe om. H.    <sup>10</sup> to HC.    <sup>11</sup> þer om. H.    <sup>12</sup> And H.

<sup>13</sup> at the H.    <sup>14</sup> pardon generat H.    pardon general C.

<sup>15</sup> in om. H.    <sup>16</sup> And Anon after then H.    And anone after thenne C.

<sup>17</sup> in to H.    <sup>18</sup> so om. HC.

contre, where A litel before was slayn þe Bisshop of Salisburie. And þis<sup>1</sup> yere so many wer<sup>2</sup> Iuged to deth, þat xxij hedes stode<sup>3</sup> vpon<sup>4</sup> London Brigge at ones.

<sup>5</sup> Of þe felde þat þe<sup>6</sup> Duke of York toke at Brenthethe in Kent; 4  
And of þe birth of Prince Edward; And of þe first batail  
of<sup>7</sup> Seynt Albones, wher þe Duke of Somerssett was slayn.<sup>5</sup>  
Ca. cc lvi.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1452</sup> In þe xxx yere of King Henry þe vi<sup>te</sup>, þe<sup>9</sup> Duke of York came 8  
out of þe Marche of Walys, with þerle of Devonshire &<sup>10</sup> Lorde  
Cobham, &<sup>11</sup> gret puyssance, for reformation of certayn Iniuries &  
wronges, & also<sup>12</sup> to haue Iustice of<sup>13</sup> certeyn lordes beyng<sup>14</sup> About  
þe King; and toke A<sup>15</sup> felde at Brentheth beside Derthford in Kent, 12  
which was A strong felde. For which cause þe King, with al þe lordes  
of the land, went vnto<sup>16</sup> Blakheth with A gret & A strong<sup>17</sup> multitude  
of peple, armed & ordeyned for þe werr in þe best wise. And when  
þei had mustered on þe Blakheth, certeyn lordes wer sent to him 16  
for to trete & make A-poyntment with him, which wer, þe Bisshope  
of Ely &<sup>18</sup> þe Bisshop of Wynchestre, & þe Erles of Salesbury & of  
Warrewick. And þei concluded þat þe Duke of Somerssett shold  
be had to warde, & to Answer to such Articles as þe Duke of 20  
York sholde put on<sup>19</sup> him; and þan þe Duke of York shold brek  
his felde, & come to þe King, which was<sup>20</sup> promised bi þe Kyng.  
And so þe King commaunded þat þe Duke of Somerssett shold be  
had in warde; & þen þe Duke of York breke vp his felde, & come 24  
to þe King. And when he was comen, contrary to þe promisses  
tofore<sup>21</sup> made, þe Duke of Somerssett was present in þe felde,  
Awaiting & chief about þe King, & made þe Duke of York ride  
tofore as A prisoner thugh London; & after þei wold haue put 28  
him in holde. But A noyse Aroose þat perl of Marche, his son,  
was comyng with<sup>22</sup> x m<sup>t</sup> men to London-ward, wher-of þe Kyng  
& his counsel fered. And þan they concluded þat þe Duke of  
York sholde departe at his wiþ. 32

<sup>1</sup> þis same H. this same C.

<sup>2</sup> were so many H. were soo many C. <sup>3</sup> leaf 195, back.

<sup>4</sup> on H. at C. <sup>5-5</sup> om. H. <sup>6</sup> þat Ad. that the C. <sup>7</sup> at C.

<sup>8</sup> Capitulum 27 H. <sup>9</sup> In the yere xxx the HC.

<sup>10</sup> & þe H. and the C. <sup>11</sup> with H.

<sup>12</sup> also om. H. <sup>13</sup> on HC. <sup>14</sup> beyng om. H.

<sup>15</sup> An H. <sup>16</sup> vn to the H. vnto the C. <sup>17</sup> & A strong om. H.

<sup>18</sup> and om. H. <sup>19</sup> to H. <sup>20</sup> was at H. was al C. <sup>21</sup> Afore HC.

<sup>22</sup> Here H breaks off imperfect.



About þis tyme began gret diuision in Spriusse bitwene þe gret Maister & þe knightes of þe Duche ordre, which wer lordes of þat Contre; ffor þe communes & townes rebelled <sup>1</sup> Ageynst þe lordes, & made so gret werre þat, at þe last, þei called þe King of Pole to be þe lorde; which <sup>2</sup> King come, & was worsshippfully receyved, & laid siege to þe castel of Marienburgh (which was þe chief Castel & strenght of al þe land), & wan it, & drove out þe Maister of 8 Dansk & al othir places of þat land. And so þei þat had bene lordes many yeres, lost al þere seynorie & possessions in þo landes.

And in <sup>3</sup> þe yere of þencarnacion of our Lord M<sup>t</sup> iij<sup>c</sup> liij, vpon <sup>4</sup> Seynt Edwardes day, Quene <sup>5</sup> Margaret was deluyered of 12 A fair prince, which was named Edwarde. þat same day Iohn Norman was chosen for to be Mair of London, And on <sup>6</sup> þe day þat he shold take his othe at Westmynstre, he went thider by water with al þe craftes, wher Afore-tyme þe Mair, Aldremen, & al þe 16 craftes rode on <sup>7</sup> horse back: which was neuer vsed afore, <sup>8</sup> but seth <sup>9</sup> þat tyme þei haue gone euer bi water, in barges.

Yhe haue wel vnderstond before, <sup>10</sup> how þat, contrary to the promise of þe King, & also þe conclusions taken bitween þe King & 20 þe Duke of York at Brenttheth, þe Duke of Somersett went nat to warde, but Abode about þe King, & had gret rewl. And Anone aftir, he was made Capytayn of Caleys, & rewled þe King & his reame as he wold. Wherfor þe gret lordes of þe Reame, & also þe 24 communes, wer nat pleased, for which cause þe Duke of Yorke, þerles of Warrewick & of Salesbury, with many knyghtes & squyers & moche peple, come for to remeve þe said Duke of Somersett & othir fro þe Kyng. And þe King, hering of þe 28 comyng, thought by his counsel forto haue gone Westward, & nat for to mete with þame: and he <sup>11</sup> had with him þe Duke of Somersett, þe Duke of Bokyngham, þerle of Stafford, þerle of Northumbreland, Lorde <sup>12</sup> Clifford, & many oþer. And what tyme 32 þat þe Duke of York & his felisship vnderstode þat þe King was departed with þise said lordes fro London, Anone he chaunged þe <sup>13</sup> way, & costed þe Contre, & come to Seynt Albons <sup>14</sup> þe xxij — day of May, & <sup>15</sup> mett with þe Kyng, to whome the Kyng sent 36 certayn lordes, & desired him to kepe þe peax, & departed, but in

<sup>1</sup> leaf 196.

<sup>2</sup> the which C.

<sup>3</sup> in om. C.

<sup>4</sup> on C.

<sup>5</sup> the quene C.

<sup>6</sup> on om. C.

<sup>7</sup> a C.

<sup>8</sup> after C.

<sup>9</sup> syn C.

<sup>10</sup> tofore C.

<sup>11</sup> he om. C.

<sup>12</sup> the lord C.

<sup>13</sup> his C.

<sup>14</sup> leaf 196, back.

<sup>15</sup> & there C.

conclusion), whiles þei treted on þat one side, þerle of Warwik, with þe Marchemen & with othir, entred þe town on þat other side, & fought Ayenst þe King & his partie: & so began þe batail & feghtyng, which endured A gode while, but in conclusion þe Duke 4 of York apteyned & had þe victorie of þat Iorney; In which was slayn þe Duke of Somersett, þerle of Northumbreland & þe Lorde Clifford, with<sup>1</sup> many knightez & squyers, & many<sup>2</sup> hurt. And on þe morne after þei brought þe Kinge in gret Astate to London, and 8 he was<sup>3</sup> looged in þe Bisshop paleys of London. And sone<sup>4</sup> After was A gret parlement; In which parlement þe Duke of York was made Protector of Englonð, & þerl of Warwick Capytane of Caley, & þerle of Salesbury Chaunceler of Englonð. And al suche 12 persones as had the rewl tofore About þe King, wer sett Aparte, & might nat reul as þei did Afore.<sup>5</sup>

In this same yeer died Pope Nicholas þe Fyft; & after him was Calixt þe Third. This Calist was A Catalane, & au olde man 16 when he was chosen, & continuëly seek; wherfore he might nat performe his zele & desire þat he had conceyved Agenst þe Turke.<sup>6</sup> & þe cause of lettyng þirof was his Age & sekeness. This Calixte instituted & ordeyned þe Feste of þe<sup>7</sup> Transffiguracion of our Lorde 20 to be halowed on Seynt Sixt day in August, bicause of þe gret victory þat þei of Hungary had Ayenst þe Turkes þat same day he was chosen Pope, in þe yeer of our Lord Ml iiij<sup>c</sup> lv, and died þe yere M<sup>t</sup> iiij<sup>c</sup> lvij, þat same day þat he ordeyned þe Fest of þe<sup>7</sup> 24 Transffiguracion) to be halowed.

In þis same yere fiH A gret Affray in London Ayenst þe Lumbardes. The cause began for<sup>8</sup> A yong man toke A dagger fro A Lumbard, & brake it; wherfor þe yong man on þe morne was 28 sent fore to come tofore þe Mair & Aldermen, & þer, for þe offense, he was commytted to warde. And<sup>9</sup> then þe Mair departed fro þe GuyldhaH for to go home to his dyner, but in þe Chepe þe yong men of þe mercerie, for þe moste parte Apprentises, held þe Mair 32 & Shyreves stil in Chepe, & wold nat suffre him to departe vnto þe tyme þat þare felow, which was commytted to warde, wer delynered; & so by force þei rescued þer felowe fro prison, & þat done, þe Mair & Shyreves departed, & the prisoner was<sup>10</sup> delynered, 36 which, if he had be put to prison, had be in Iubardie of his lyfe.

<sup>1</sup> And C.      <sup>2</sup> many mo C.      <sup>3</sup> which was C.      <sup>4</sup> anone C.

<sup>5</sup> tofore C.      <sup>6</sup> he had agenst the turke conceyved C.

<sup>7</sup> of Ad. of the C.      <sup>8</sup> bycause C.      <sup>9</sup> leaf 197.      <sup>10</sup> was om C.

And pan<sup>1</sup> began A Rumor in þe Cite Ayenst þe Lumbardes, And þe same evenyng þe handcrafty peple of þe town Arose, & come<sup>2</sup> to the Lumbardes houses, & dispoyled & robbed<sup>3</sup> diuerse of þame; 4 wherfore þe Mair & Aldremen come with þe honest peple of þe town, & drofe þame thens, & sent some of thame þat had stollen, to Newgate. And þe yong man þat was rescued bi his felowes saw þis gret Rumor, Affray & robbery, folowed<sup>4</sup> of his first mevyng to 8 þe Lumbard; he<sup>5</sup> departed & went to Westmynster to sanctuary, or els it had cost him his lyfe, ffor Anone After come down An oþer determyne for to do Iustice on al þame þat so rebelled in þe Cite Ayens þe Lumbardes, vpon<sup>6</sup> which satt with þe Mayr þat 12 tyme William Marow, þe Duke of Bokyngham, & many oþer lordes, for to se execucion done, bot þe comons of þe Cite secretly made þame redy, & did Arme þame in þer houses, & wer in purpose forto haue rongen þe comon beH which is named Bow BeH; but þei 16 wer lett bi sad men, which come to þe knowlege of þe Duke of Bokyngham & othir lordes. & forthwith<sup>7</sup> þei Arose, for þei durst ne lenger Abide, for þei doubted þat þe hole Cite shold haue risen Ayenst þeme, but yett neuer-þe-lesse, ij or iij of þe Cite were Iuged 20 to deth for þis robbery, & wer honged at Tiburn.

Anone After, þe King, þe<sup>8</sup> Quene, & othir lordes, rode to Covente, & with-drew þame fro London for this cause And a liteH 9 to-fore, þe Duke of Yorke was sent fore to Grenewiche, & þer 24 was dischargied of þe protectorshipp, & þerle of<sup>10</sup> Salesbury of þe<sup>11</sup> Chauncelershippe. And after þis þei wer sent for by priuey seal forto come to Covente, where þei wer almoste deceyved, & þerle of 28 wele too.

**How Lord<sup>12</sup> Egremond was take by þerle of Salesbury sonnes. And of þe robbery of Sandwyche. ca<sup>m</sup>. cclvij.**

This yere wer taken iij gret fisshes bitwen Greth & London: 32 one<sup>13</sup> was called 'mors marine,' þe secund, A 'swerd fyssh,' & þe other tweyn wer whalles. In þis same yere for certeyn, þer was An<sup>14</sup> Affray in<sup>15</sup> þe North contre bitwene Lorde<sup>16</sup> Egremond & þerle of Salesbury sonnes; & when thay had taken him, was had to

<sup>1</sup> pan om. C.    <sup>2</sup> ran C.    <sup>3</sup> & robbed & despoyled C.  
<sup>4</sup> ensyewed C.    <sup>5</sup> he om. C.    <sup>6</sup> on C.    <sup>7</sup> incontynent C.  
<sup>8</sup> þe om. C.    <sup>9</sup> leaf 197, back.    <sup>10</sup> And my lord of C.    <sup>11</sup> his C.  
<sup>12</sup> the lord C.    <sup>13</sup> that one C.    <sup>14</sup> was An om. C.    <sup>15</sup> done in C.  
<sup>16</sup> the lord C.

London), & per<sup>1</sup> condemned in a gret somme of money to þe said Erle of Salesbury, & þerfor committed to prison in Newgate, in London, wher, whan he had be A certayn space, he brak þe prison, & iij prisoners with him, & ascaped & went his way. 4

Also þis yere þerle of Warrewikk & his wife went to Caleys with A fayr ffelaushipp, & toke possession of his office. About þis tyme was A gret reformacion of many monasteris of Religion, in diuerse parties of þe worlde, which wer reformed after þe first 8 Institucion, & continued in many Places. Also About þis tyme þe craft of enprinteng was fyrst found in Magvnce in Almaign, which craft is multiplied thugh þe world in many places, & bokes ben had gret chepe & in gret nommbre, bicause of þe same 12 craft.

This same yere was A gret batail in þe marches bitwen Hungary & Turkey, at A place called Septedrade, where innumerable Turkes wer slayn, more by miracle þan bi mannes hond, ffor onely 16 þe hondes of God smote þeme. Seynt Iohn of Capestrane was þer present, & prouoked þe Cristen peple, beyng þen Aferde after to pursue þe Turkes, wher ane Infinite multitude wer slayn & destroyed. þe Turkes said þat A gret nombre of Armed men 20 folowed þame, þat þei wer Aferde to turn Ageyn : <sup>2</sup> they wer holy Aungels.

This same yere þe prisoners of Newgate in London brake per prison, & <sup>3</sup> kept þe gate A long while ; but at þe <sup>4</sup> last þe town gett 24 þe prison one them, & þen þei wer put in fetteris & Irons, & were sore punisshed, in example of other. In this yere also was A gret erthquake in Naples, in-so-moche þat per perished xl M<sup>t</sup> peple þat sanke þer into þerth. Item, in þe yeer xxxvj, Seynt Osmunde, 28 somtyme Bisshope of Salesbury, was Canonized at Rome bi Pope Calixt ; & þe xvj day of Iuil he was translated at Salesbury bi þerchebisshope of Caunterbury & many other bisshopes. And in August after, Sir Piers <sup>5</sup> de Breisey seneschal of Normandy, with 32 þe Capytane of Depe & many oper Capitaynes & men of Werre, went to þe See with A gret Navy, & come to Downes by night ; & on þe morne erly, before day, þei loded & come to Sandwych, both bi land & water, & toke the town, & ryfled & dispoyled it, & 36.

<sup>1</sup> sones, the sayd lord Egremond whome they had taken was C.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 198.

<sup>3</sup> prison, & wente vpon the leedes / & fought agenst them of the cyte / & C.

<sup>4</sup> þe om. C.

<sup>5</sup> There is a gap in C from here to p. 527, line 1.

toke many prisoners, & left þe town al naked,—which was A rich town & mych gode per-in,—& had *with* þame many ryche prisoners. In this same yere, in many places of Fraunce, Almaign, 4 Flaundes, Holand & Ze[land, men, women &] children gadred þame by *gret* Companyes forto go on pilgremage to Seynt Micheles Mount in Normandy, which come fro fer contrees; wherof þe peple *mervailed*; & many supposed þat some wicked spirite meved þame 8 so to doo; but it endured nat long, by cause of þe long way, & also for lak of vitail as þei went.

In this yere Reynold Pecok, Bisshop of Chichester, was founden an heretike, & þe iij day of Decembre was Abiured at Lambeth, in 12 þe presence of þerchebisshop of Caunterbury & many bisshoppes & doctoures & lordes *temperel*; & his bokes brent at Paules crosse.

The haue herd tofore how *certayn* lordes wer slayn at Seynt Alboyns, wherfor was euermore A grutche & wrath had, by þe 16 <sup>1</sup> heires of þame þat wer so slayn; Ayenst þe Duke of Yorke, þerles of Warwick & of Salesbury. Wherfor þe Kyng, by þavise of his Councel, sent for thame to London: to which place þe Duke of York came, þe xxvj day of Ianyuer, *with* iiij<sup>c</sup> men, & logied at 20 Bernardes Castel in his own place, And þe xv day of Ianiuer come þerle of Salesbury *with* v<sup>c</sup> men, & was logged in therber, his own place. And þen come þe Duke of Excetre & of Somersett, *with* viij<sup>c</sup> men, & lay *without* Temple Barr. & þerl of Northumbreland, 24 Lord Clifford & Lord Egremond, *with* xv<sup>c</sup> men, & loged *without* þe town. And þe Mayr þat tyme, Ieffray Boleyn, kept *gret* watche, *with* þe comons of þe Cite, & rode About þe Cite by Holborn & Flete Strete *with* a v M<sup>t</sup> men wel Armed & Araied for to kepe þe 28 pees, And þe xiiij day of Feuerer, þerle of Warwick come to London fro Caleys, wel beseen & worsshypfully, *with* vj<sup>c</sup> men in rede Iaquettes, browdred *with* A ragged staff behynd & Afore; & he was logged at þe Gray Freres, And þe xvij day of Marche þe 32 King come to London & þe Quene; & þer was A concorde & pees made Among those lordes, & þei wer sett in pees. And vpon our Lady Day, þe xv day of Marche þer<sup>2</sup> of our Lorde M<sup>t</sup> iiij<sup>c</sup> lviiij, þe King, Quene, & al þise lordes went in *procession* at Poules in 36 London. And Anone after, þe King & þe lordes departed. In þis yere was A *gret* Affray in Flet Strete bitwen men of Court & men of þe same stret: In which Affray þe Quenes Attorney was slayn.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 198, back.

<sup>2</sup> þer = the year.

**How þe Kinges howshold mad Affray Ayenst þerle of Warrewikk; & of þe Iourney at Bloreheth. Ca<sup>m</sup>. cclviij.**

Also þis same yeer, als þerle of Warwyk was at A CounceiH in Westmynster, al þe Kinges houshold meyney gadred þame to-gedre 4 for to have slayn þe said Erle; bot, bi help of God & of his frendes, he recouered his barge, & escaped þare evyl enterprise, how wel þe Coques come renyng out with spyttes & pestelles Ayenst him. And þe same Day he rode to-ward Warrewik; And sone After he 8 gate him A commission, & went ouer þe see to Caleys. Sone after þis, þerle of Salesbury commyng to London, was encountred at Bloreheth <sup>1</sup> with Lorde Awdeley, and moche oþer peple ordeyned forto haue destressed him; bot he, having knowlege þat he shold 12 be mett, was Accompanied with his ij sonnes, Sir Thomas & Sir Iohn NeviH, & A gret felawshipp of gode men. & so þei mett & fought to-gedre; wher þerle of Salesbury wand þe feld; And þe Lorde Awdley was slayn, & many gentilmen of Chesshire, & moche 16 peple hurt; And therles ij sonnes wer hurt; & goyng homeward afterward, þei wer taken, & had to Chestre bi þe Quenes meyney.

After, Calixt Pius was Pope, & was chosen þis yere M<sup>t</sup> iiij<sup>c</sup> lvii./ And he was called before, 'Eneas'; An Eloquent man & A 20 poete laureat; he was embassatoure of þemperor Afore tyme, & he wrote in þe Councel of Basile A noble tretise for þe Auctorite of þe same; Also he Canonized Seynt Katerine of Senys. This Pope ordeyned gret Indulgences & pardon to þem þat wold go Werre 24 Ayenst þe Turke, & wrote An Epistle to þe gret Turke, exorting him to be-come Cristen. & in þe ende he ordeynd A passage Ayenst þe Turks at Ancone, to which moche peple drew, out of al parties of Cristendome; of which peple he sent many home Ayene, 28 be-cause þei suffised nat. And Anone after, he dyed at þe said Ankone, yere of our Lord M<sup>t</sup> iiij<sup>c</sup> lxiiij, xiiij day of Auguste.

**How Andrew Trollop & þe Soudioure of Caleys forsoke þe Duke of Yorke, & þer Maister þerl of Warrewik, in 32 the West contre. Cap. cclix.**

The Duke of York, þerles of Warwik & of Salesbury, saw þat þe gouernance of þe Reame stode moste by þe Quene & hir CounceH, & how þe gret princes of þe lond wer nat called to 36 Counceil bot sett A-parte; & nat onely so, but þat it was scid

<sup>1</sup> leaf 199.

through þe reame þat the <sup>1</sup> said lordes shold be destroyed vtterly, as  
it <sup>2</sup> openly was shewed att Bloreheth bi þame þat wold haue slayn  
þerl of Salesbury, þan þei, for saluacion) of þer lyves, & also for  
4 þe comon) wele of þe reame, thought forto remedie these thinges,  
Assembled þame to-gedre with moche peple, & toke A feld <sup>3</sup> in þe  
West contre; to which þerle of Warwik come fro Caleys, with  
many of þe olde soudiours, as Andrew Trollop & other. In whose  
8 wisdom, as for þe werre, he mych trusted. And when þei wer  
thus Assembled, & made þer feld, þe King sent out his commissions  
& priuey seales vnto al þe lordes of his realme, to come & Awayt  
on him in þer moste defensable wise. And so euery man come, in  
12 suche wise þat þe King was stronger, & had moche more peple þan  
þe Duke of York & þerles of Warrewik & of <sup>4</sup> Salesbury. For it  
is here to be noted þat euery lord in Englonde at þis tyme durst nat  
disobey þe Quene, for she rewled pesibly al þat was done About þe  
16 Kyng, which was A gode, simple, & Innocent man, And þan when  
þe King was comen to þe place wher al <sup>5</sup> þei were; þe Duke of  
York & his felasship had made þer felde in þe stronggest wise, &  
had proposed verely to abyden & have foughten; bot in þe night  
20 Andrew Trollop & al tholde soudiours of Caleys, with A gret  
felasship, sodenly departed out of þe Dukes oost <sup>6</sup> & went strait  
vnto þe Kinges feld, wher þei wer receyved joyously, for þei knew  
þe entent of þe othir lordes, & Also þe maner of þer felde. And  
24 þen þe Duke of York, with þe oper lordes, seyng þame so descevyd,  
toke A councel shortly þat <sup>7</sup> same night, & departed fro þe felde,  
levyng behynde þame þe moste parte of þer peple to kepe þe feld til  
on þe morne. Then þe Duke of York, with his second son,  
28 departed through Walez toward Ireland, levyng his eldest son þerl  
of <sup>8</sup> Marche, with þerles of Warwyck & of <sup>9</sup> Salisbury, which  
to-gedre with iij or iiij persones, rode strait vnto Devenshyre, &  
þar, bi help & Ayd of one Denham, A squyer, which gat for them  
32 A shipp which cost xxxc <sup>10</sup> nobles, & with þe same shipp sayled fro  
þens in to Garnesey, & þer refresshed þame, & fro þens sayled to  
Caleys, wher þei wer receyved in-to þe Castel bi þe postern, er þei  
of þe town) knew of it; & þe Duke of York toke ship in Wales, &  
36 sayled ouer in-to Ireland, wher he was wel receyved.

<sup>1</sup> tho C.    <sup>2</sup> it om. C.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 199, back.    <sup>4</sup> of om. C

<sup>5</sup> as C.    <sup>6</sup> hooste C.    <sup>7</sup> in that C.    <sup>8</sup> of the C.

<sup>9</sup> of om. C.    <sup>10</sup> cc xx C.

<sup>1</sup> How therles of Marche, Warrewik & Salesbury, entred into Caleys; & how<sup>2</sup> perle of Warwik went in to Ireland. ca. cclix.<sup>3</sup>

Then King Henry, beyng *with* his oost in þe felde, nat knowing 4 of þis sodeyn departing, on þe morne fond none in þe felde of þe said lordes, sent forth in al haste men to folow & persue after, to tak þame; but þei mett nat *with* hem, as God wolde. Then<sup>4</sup> þe King went to Ludlow, & despoiled the Castel & þe town, & sent 8 þe Duches of York, *with* hir childer, to þe<sup>5</sup> Lady of Bokingham, hir suster, where she was kepte long aftir. & forthwith þe King ordeynd þe Duke of Somersett Capitayn of Caleys; & thise othir lordes so departed as Afore is said, wer proclamyd rebelles & gret 12 traytours. Then the Duke of Somerset toke to him al þe sowdioures þat departed fro þe felde, & made him redy in al haste to go to Caleys, & take possession of his office. And when he come, he founde perl of Warwick þerin as Captayn, & þerles of Marche & 16 Salisbury also; & þan he loded by Scales, & went to Guysnes, & þer he was receyved. And it fortunod þat some of þe shippes þat come ouer *with* him come in-to Caleys haven bi þer fre wiH, for þe shipmen ought more favour to þerl of Warwick þan to þe Duke of 20 Somerset. In which shippes wer taken diuerse men, as Ieun FynkhiH, Iohn Felaw, Kaylles & Parser, which wer beheded sone after in Caleys. And after þis, dayly come men ouer þe<sup>6</sup> See to pise lordes to Caleys, & began to wex strengier,<sup>7</sup> And þei borowed 24 moche gode of þe Staple. And on þat othir side þe Duke of Somerset, beyng in Guysnes, gat peple to him, which come out & scarmussed *with* þame of Caleys, & þei<sup>8</sup> *with* þame; which endured many dayes; and<sup>9</sup> moche peple dayly come ouer þe see 28 to<sup>10</sup> these lordes. Then on A tyme, by thavyse of councel, þe lordes at Caleis sent ouer Maister Denham, *with* A gret felawship, to Sandwyche, &<sup>11</sup> toke þe town, & þer-in þe Lorde Ryvers, & þe Lorde Scales his son, & toke many shippes in þe haven, & broglit þam al 32 to Caleys; *with* which shippes,<sup>12</sup> many mariners of þer fre wiH come to Caleys to serue perle of Warrewik.

And after þis, perle of Warwik, bi þa advise of þe lordes, toke al

<sup>1</sup> leaf 200.    <sup>2</sup> as Ad. how C.    <sup>3</sup> cclix C.    <sup>4</sup> And thenne C.

<sup>5</sup> my C.    <sup>6</sup> þe om. C.    <sup>7</sup> stronger & stronger C.

<sup>8</sup> they of Caleys C.

<sup>9</sup> many dayes / During thus this same scarmuchyng / C.

<sup>10</sup> come over vnto C.    <sup>11</sup> which C.

<sup>12</sup> leaf 200, back.



his shippes, & manned þam wel, & sayled his<sup>1</sup>-self into Ireland fro  
to speke *with* þe Duke of York, & to take his Advice how þei shold  
entre in-to England ageyn. And when he had ben *þer*, & done his  
4 erandes, he returned toward<sup>2</sup> Caleys, & brought with him his  
moder, þe Countesse of Salesbury. Tho was<sup>3</sup> commyng in þe west  
contre, vpon þe See, þe Duke of Excestre, Admiral of Englon<sup>d</sup>, beyng  
in þe Grace of Dieu, Accompanied *with* many shippes of werre;  
8 which<sup>4</sup> mett *with* þe flete of þerl of Warwik<sup>5</sup>; but þei fought nat,  
for þe substance of þe peple beyng *with* þe Duke of Excestre ought  
better wi<sup>th</sup> & more fauor to þerle<sup>6</sup> þan to him; & þei departed &  
come to Caleys in sau<sup>fte</sup>, blissed be God! Then þe Kinges counce<sup>l</sup>,  
12 seyng þat these lordes had gotten these shippes fro Sandwiche, &  
taken Lorde<sup>7</sup> Ryvers & his son, ordeyned A Garnyson at Sand-  
wich, to Abide & kepe þe town, & made one Mountforte, Capytan  
of þe town, & warned<sup>8</sup> þat no man, ne vitail, ne merchant þat  
16 shold go vnto<sup>9</sup> Flaundres, shold nat go vnto<sup>10</sup> Caleys. Then þei of  
Caleys seyng þis, made out Maister Denhame & many oper, to go to  
Sandwich. & so þei did, & Assayled þe town by water & by lond,  
& gat it, & brought Mountforte *þer* Capitayn ouer þe See to  
20 Risebanke, & *þer* smote of his hede; & yet dayly men come ouer  
to þame fro<sup>11</sup> al parties of Englon<sup>d</sup>.

**How þerles of Marche, of Warwik & of Salesbury entred in  
to England. And of Northampton felde<sup>12</sup> wher diuerse  
24 lordes wer slayn. Cap<sup>m</sup>. cclxj.**

After<sup>13</sup> þis, þe said Erles of Marche, of<sup>14</sup> Warwik & of Salisbury  
come ouer to Dover *with* moche peple, & landed *þer*<sup>15</sup>; to whome  
al þe contrey drew, & come to London Armed; & for to lat þe  
28 lordes of þe Kinges Counceil know *þer* entent & thought, þei<sup>16</sup>  
assembled þame, & told þame þat þei entended no harme vnto the  
Kinges person, sauf þat þei wold put fro him such persones as wer  
About him, & so departed fro London *with* A gret puy<sup>saunce</sup>  
32 toward Northampton, wher þe King was, Accompayned *with* many  
lordes, & had made A strong felde *with*-out þe town. & <sup>17</sup> there  
bothe parties mett, & was foughten A gret batail, In which wer<sup>18</sup>

<sup>1</sup> hym C.    <sup>2</sup> ayenetoward C.    <sup>3</sup> And C.    <sup>4</sup> which *om.* C.

<sup>5</sup> met with therle of Warwyck & his flote C.

<sup>6</sup> therle of Warrewyk C.    <sup>7</sup> the lord C.    <sup>8</sup> warned *om.* C.

<sup>9</sup> in to C.    <sup>10</sup> in to C.    <sup>11</sup> out of C.

<sup>12</sup> And of the felde of Northampton C.    <sup>13</sup> And after C.    <sup>14</sup> of *om.* C.

<sup>15</sup> ther lounded C.    <sup>16</sup> knowe theyr trouth and also theyr entent C.

<sup>17</sup> leaf 201.    <sup>18</sup> batayll were C.

slayn þe Duke of Bokynham, þerl of Shrewesbury, Vicount<sup>1</sup> Beamont, Lorde<sup>2</sup> Egremond, & many knyghtes & squyers, & other Also; And þe King his<sup>3</sup> self taken in þe feld, & afterward brought to London. And Anone After<sup>4</sup> was A parlement at Westmynster, 4 During which parlement þe Duke of York come out of Ireland, with þerle of Rutland rydyng with A gret ffelasship in-to þe paleys at Westmynster, & toke þe Kinges paleys, & come in-to þe parlement chamber, & þer toke þe Kinges place, & clamed þe 8 Crown as his propre enheritance & right, & kast forth in writing his title, & also how he was rightful heyr; wherfor was moche to doo; but in conclusion it was Apoynted & concluded þat Kyng Henry shold regne & be King during his Naturel lyfe, for-as-myche 12 as he had be so long King, & was possessed; & after his deth þe Duke of York shold be King, & his heires after him; & forthwith he shold be proclaimed heyr Apparent, & shold also be Protectour of<sup>5</sup> Englonð during þe Kinges lyfe, with many oþer things 16 ordeyned in þe same parlement. And if King Henry during his life went fro þis Apoyntment, or any Article concluded in þe said parlement, he shold be deposed, & þe Duke shold take þe Crown & be Kyng: Al thise<sup>6</sup> things wer enacted bi þe Auctorite of þe said 20 parlement. At<sup>7</sup> which parlement þe communes of þe reame being Assembled in þe common house, comonyng & tretim vpon þe title of þe said Duke of York, sodenly fiH down þe crown which hang þan in<sup>8</sup> myddes of þe said hous, which is the ffraytor of þe Abbey 24 of Westmynster, which was take for A prodige or token þat þe reign of King Henry was ended. And also þe Crown which stode on þe highest toure of þe steple in þe Castel of Dover, fil down þis same yere. 28

**How þe Duke of York was slayn; And of Wakefelde felde,<sup>9</sup>  
& of þe ij<sup>te</sup> journey at Seynt Albones bi þe Quene &  
Prince. ca. cclxij.**

Then, for-as-moche as þe Quene with þe prince was in þe North, 32 & Absented hir fro the King, & wold nat obey such things as was concluded in<sup>10</sup> þe parlement, Itt was ordeyned þat þe Duke of York, as Protector, shold go Northward for to bring in þe Quene, & subdew such as wold nat obey; with whome went þerl of 36

<sup>1</sup> the Vysecounte C.    <sup>2</sup> the lord C.    <sup>3</sup> hym C.    <sup>4</sup> afterward C.

<sup>5</sup> & regent of C.    <sup>6</sup> whiche C.    <sup>7</sup> at the C.    <sup>8</sup> in the C.

<sup>9</sup> and of the feld of Wakefeld C.    <sup>10</sup> leaf 201, back.

Salesbury, Sir Thomas Nevile his son), with myche peple. And at Wakefeld, in Cristmasse weke, þei wer al ouerthrowen & slayn bi þe lordes of þe Quene partye, þat is to say,<sup>1</sup> þe Duke of York was 4 slayn, þerl of Rutland, Sir Thomas Nevil, & many mo. þerl of Salesbury was / taken<sup>2</sup> Alyve, & other, as Iohn Harow of London, Capitayn of þe foot-men, & Hanson of Huß, which wer brought to Pountfret, & after þer beheded, & þer hedes sent to York, & þer 8 sett vpon þe yates, &c.

And þis tyme, þerl of Marche beyng in Shrewesbury, hering þe deth of his fadre, desired Assistence & Ayd of þe townd for tavenge his fadres deth; & fro þense went to Walys, wher, at Candelmasse 12 after, he had A batail at Mortimess Crosse Ayenst þerles of Penbrok & of Wilshire, where þerl of March had victorie. Than þe Quene, with lordes of þe north, After þei had destressed & slayn þe Duke of York & his felowsshyp, come southward with A gret multitude 16 of peple & A gret puissance of peple, for to come to þe King, to defect such conclusions as had bene taken before bi þe parlement. Ageynst whos commyng, þe Duke of Northfolk, þerle of Warewick, with moche peple & ordinaunce, went vnto Seynt Albones, & lad 20 King Henry with þame; & þer encountred to-gedre in suche wise, & fought, þat þe Duke of Northfolk & þerl of Warewick, with other of þat partie, fledd & lost þat felde; wher King Henry was takyn, & went with þe Quene, & Prince his son, which tho had 24 gotten þat felde. Than þe Quene & hir partie, beyng at þer Above, sent Anone to London, which was on Asshwodenesday, þe fyft day of Lent, for vitail, which þe Mayr ordeynd, bi chanes of þe Aldremen, þat certayn cartes laden with vitail shold be sent to 28 Seynt Albones to þame. And when þo Cartes come to Crepilgate, þe comunes of þe Cite þat kept þat gate,<sup>3</sup> toke þe vitailles fro þe Carters, & wold not suffre it to passe. Then wer þer certeyn Aldermen & comoners Apoynted to go to Barnett forto speke with 32 þe Quenes Counsel for treatie, þat þe Northeryn men shold be sent home vnto þer contre Ageyn; ffor þe Cite of London dred fore to be robbed & dispoyled if þei shold come. And thus, during þis tretye, tydinges come þat þerle of Warrewick mett with þerle of 36 Marche on Cotteswold, comyng fro Walys with a gret meyney of Walesshmen, & þat þei both wer commyng to London ward.

<sup>1</sup> wete C.

<sup>2</sup> Here is a gap in C from *taken* to *men þat wer þer* (page 533, line 5).

<sup>3</sup> leaf 202.

Anone as thise tydinges wer knowen, þe treaty was broken; for þe King, Quene, Prince, & al þe othir lordes þat wer *with* þame, departed fro Seynt Albones northward, *with* al þer peple yet or þei departed fro pens. þei beheded þe Lorde Bonevil & Sir Thomas 4 Kyriel, which wer taken in þe Iourney done on Shroft-Tuesday. Then þe Duches of York beyng at London, & hering of þe losse of þe felde at Seynt Albones, sent ouer þe See hir ij yong sonnes, George & Richard, which went to Vtrecht; & Philip Malpas, a 8 riche merchant of London, Thomas Vaghan, Squyer, & William Hatteclif, & many oþer, fering of þe commyng of þe Quene to London, toke a-shipp of Andwarpe for to haue gone in-to Zeland; And on þat other coste wer taken of one colompne of Frenshmen, 12 A shipp of Werre; & he toke þame prisoners, & brought þame in-to France, wher þei payd gret godes for þer raunson; & þer was myche gode & rychesse in þat shippe.

**Of þe deposicion of Kyng Henry þe vj<sup>te</sup>; And how King 16 Edward þe Fourt toke possession; And of þe batail of Palme Sunday; and how he was crowned. Cap. cclxiiij.**

Than when þerle of Marche & þerl of Warwick had mett togedre on Cotteswold, In-continent they concluded to go to 20 London, & sent worde Anone <sup>1</sup>to þe Mair & to þe Cite þat þei shold come. Anone þe Cite was glad of þer commyng, hoping to be releued bi thame. And when þei wer commyn to London, & had spoken *with* þe lordes & Astates þat wer ther, þei concluded, 24 for-as-mych as King Henry was gone *with* þame Northward, þat he had forfeled his Crown, & ought forto be deposed, According to þe Actes made and passed in þe last parlement. And so, by thavice of þe lordes *spirituel* & *temperel* þen beyng At London, 28 þerle of Marche, Edward, bi þe *grace* of God þe oldest son of Richard, Duke of Yorke, As rightful heir & next enheritour to his fadre, þe iiij<sup>te</sup> day of Marche, þe yere of oure Lorde God M<sup>l</sup> cccclix, toke possession of þe Reame of England at Westmynster in þe gret 32 haH, & after, in þabbey church; & offred as King, bering þe Sceptre ryal, to whome al þe lordes, both *spirituel* & *temperel*, did homage & obeisaunce, to þer *souereyn* liege & lawful lord & Kyng; & forthwith it was *proclamed* thugh þe Cite, Kinge Edwarde, þe 36 Fourt of þat name. And Anone after, þe King rode in his royall Astate Northward, *with* al his lordes, to subdue his subgettes þat

<sup>1</sup> leaf 202, back.

tyme beyng in þe North, & tavenge his fadre deth, And vpon  
Palme Sunday after, he had A gret batail in þe north contre at A  
place called Towton, nat ferre fro Yorke, where, bi þe help of  
4 God, he gat þe felde & had þe victorie; & þer wer slaynd of his  
Aduersaries xxx<sup>m</sup> men & moo, As it was said by men þat wer þer.  
In which batail was slaynd þe Lorde of Northumbreland, þe Lorde  
Clifford, Sir Iohn Nevil, þe Lorde of Westmerlandes broþer, Andrew  
8 Trowlopp, & many oþer knightes & squyers.

Then King Henry, þat had be King, beyng with þe Qvene &  
Prynce at York, hering þe losse of þat felde, & so moch peple slaynd  
& ouerthrowen, Anone forthwith departed al thre, with þe Duke  
12 of Somersett, þe lorde Roos & other, toward Scotland. And þe  
next day King Edward, with al his Army, entred into York, &  
was þer proclaimed King, & obeyed as he ought to be; And þe  
Mair & þe<sup>1</sup> Aldremen come in, &<sup>2</sup> swore to be his liege men. And  
16 whan he had taried A while in þe Northe, <sup>3</sup>& þat al þat contre  
was<sup>4</sup> turned to him, he retorned Southwarde, levying þe Lorde  
Warrewyck in þoo parties, for to kepe & gouerne þat contre. And  
About Midsommer after, þe yere of our Lord God<sup>5</sup> M<sup>t</sup> iiij<sup>c</sup> lx, &  
20 þe first yere of his regne, he was crowned at Westmynster, &  
ennoynted King of Englonde, having þe hole possession of al þe  
hole reame; whome I besече<sup>6</sup> God to preserue,<sup>7</sup> & send him þe  
Accomplishment of þe remanent of his rightful enheritance beyonde  
24 þe see, so<sup>8</sup> þat he may regn in þame to þe pleyasor of Almighty  
God, helth<sup>9</sup> of his soul, honor & worsship in þis present life, &  
wel & profet of al his subgettes, And þat þer may be A verry final  
28 withstanden & destroyed, & our feith enhaunced, which in these  
dayes is sore mynnshed by þe puissaunce of þe Turkes & hethen  
men; And þat after þis present & short life we may come to þe  
euer-lastyng life.<sup>10</sup> Amen!

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Explicit.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> & þe om. C.    <sup>2</sup> & aldermen & comyns C.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 203.

<sup>4</sup> & that al the countre ther had C.    <sup>5</sup> God om. C.    <sup>6</sup> pray C.

<sup>7</sup> god saue & kepe C.    <sup>8</sup> & C.    <sup>9</sup> hath Ad. helthe C.

<sup>10</sup> lyfe in the blysse of heuen / C.    <sup>11</sup> Explicit om. C.

## [H]

## EXTRACTS FROM HARLEIAN MS. 53.

## I.

[*The Foundation of Battle Abbey by William the Conqueror.*]

<sup>1</sup> When William Bastard had<sup>2</sup> conquest all England, and was crownet kyng, and had receyvet his homages and stablisshet his pees, he passet ouer see ageyn in-to Normaundy. And att Ester next folowyng he come ageyn in-to Englond, and landit at Dover, 4 and brought with hym Maude his wif, and many faire ladies and gentiHwemen with hir, and from thens so to London, with gret nobley. and on the Wittesonday after folowyng<sup>t</sup>, she was crownet be the Archbisshope of Euerwik at Westemynster, with gret 8 solemptyte and wurshipe. And þe<sup>3</sup> Kyng<sup>t</sup> William, by counsail of his baronry, ordeynt how his Reame shuld be gouernet for the wele of the land. And he bethought hym howe he had causet gret shedyng of bloode wrongfully; wherfore he foundet an Abbay in 12 the same place where-as the batail was, & made for to clepe it þe Abbay of Bataile; and he gave there-to gret lordshippes, londes and rentes, for to pay for al the sawles that were slayn ther for his love.

¶ And after the discomfiture of the batail, ich wurthy knyght 16 of Normaundy that was there, laft a scochon of his armes, with his name peyntet, in a place of the batail clepit Southope, which was clepit 'the peyntit chamber,' in remembraunce of their<sup>4</sup> honour and wurshipe<sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>for euer; and there thei stode so long, tiH þei feH 20 doune to the erth, and many of hem were lost.<sup>6</sup> And In that same tyme there was one Thomas Sayntlegerd, squyer, dwellyng with the Abbot of Batail, and sawe þe gret myschef and perih that myght aftirward fall of disherytyng of hem of whome the Armes 24 were lost.<sup>7</sup> And of all the scochons and names that were lafte clere, and not lost, he made for to make a faire boke, and peyntet hem therin, for cause they shuld be there founden in remembraunce for euer,<sup>8</sup> that al men myght fynde there their armes if thei hem not 28 knewe. And that same boke was kept in the Abbay of Bataile vnto the tyme that Kyng<sup>t</sup> Henry the .V<sup>te</sup>. shuld passe in-to Normaundy,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 76.      <sup>2</sup> duke of Normandy had L.      <sup>3</sup> there L.

<sup>4</sup> the L.      <sup>5</sup> wurship & honour that they had there L.

<sup>6-6</sup> om. L.      <sup>7</sup> were falle doune & lost L.

<sup>8</sup> be fonden therein euemore in remembrance L.

to conquere his right, and toke with hym al the gentiH-men which had forgeton their armes; wherfore þe said Kyng sent vnto the Abbot of Bataile for to sende hym that boke of Armes; And the 4 Abbot sent to hyme the boke at his comaundement, the which boke was neuer brought ageyn; and the chambre where þe armes were was not repeiret, nor none hede taken to hem; wherfore a gret part of the Armes feH doune, and was lost and forgeten; 8 but then aH the names and armes that were founden clere were writton<sup>1</sup> in a table which is of recorde in the Abbay of Batail, the which names ben rehersit in this table next folowyng in ordre. that is to say :\*

12	[-ard]	PurceH	Baywatt <sup>8</sup>	Hanet
	Bastard	ChameH	Meyniff	Lynet
	Baynard <sup>2</sup>	RideH	DariH	Hachet
	Brassard	RussetH	RocheH	Haket
16	Maignard <sup>3</sup>	BloundeH	—	Truret
	Berard	MaunceH	[-et, -ot]	Burdet
	Maureward	TorchappeH	Toret	Bret
	Beygnard <sup>4</sup>	CharneH	Tanet	Trevet
20	Hansard	TireH	Tupet <sup>9</sup>	Bigot
	Hasard	ToreH	Bratet	Bagot
	Ayelard	OreH <sup>7</sup>	Boynet	Tallebot
	Achard	SaintbrenneH	Malet	Tibot
24	Swyward <sup>5</sup>	TrameH	Bluet	Tabot
	Saylard	ClareH	Brachet	Lincot
	Bereward	FreseH	Belet	Lonetot
	Wishard	WadeH	Ledet	Pigot
28	Musard	TrusseH	Pilet <sup>10</sup>	Tiptot <sup>11</sup>
	Lyard	CoudreH	Palet	—
	Giffard	BurneH	Tuchet	[-aunt, -ent, -ount]
	Picard	BussetH	Basset	
32	Pipard	PevereH	Buket	Gaunt
	Gerard	AueneH	Duket	Passaunaunt [col. 3]
	Fossard	VeeH	Piket	Niuelent
	—	SpigurneH [col. 2]	Mulet	Duredent
36	[-aH, -eH, -iH]	LoveH	Baret	Richemount
	MoreH	FrieH	Mounfichet	Nepount <sup>12</sup>
	MartetH	Furnyvatt	Pouchet	Neyrout <sup>12</sup>
	PameH	Drutatt	Pachet	—
40	PineH	Surdevatt	Corbet	[-act]
	DucreH <sup>6</sup>	Orivatt	Birset	Pountfract

<sup>1</sup> leaf 76, back.    <sup>2</sup> Barnard L (Lambeth MS. 6).    <sup>3</sup> Maynard L.

<sup>4</sup> Boigmard L.    <sup>5</sup> Swyaud L.    <sup>6</sup> L. adds Putnell.

<sup>7</sup> Torell L.    <sup>8</sup> om. L.    <sup>9</sup> Tapet L.    <sup>10</sup> Pelet L.

<sup>11</sup> Tiptot comes 4th in the next list.

<sup>12</sup> These two come at the end of the -court list.

\* The same names are given in alphabetical order on pp. 605-607.

• [court]	Mansey	Audeville	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Piers	
Harecourt	Candrey	Danster <sup>5</sup> ville	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Symond	
Bricourt	Sancey [col. 4]	Maundevile	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Vise	
Phanecourt	Curecy	Souppitt <sup>5</sup> or Sou-	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Hu	4
Deynecourt	Anney	peitt	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Brian	
—	Bussey	—	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Garin	
[-y]	Lescey	[-ampe]	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Herbert	
Lucy	Moubray	Longchampe	—	8
Lacy	Gurnay	Nunchampe	[-acc, -ars, -as,	
Luncy	—	Feschampe	-aus; -eis, -ers,	
Darcy	[ile, -it]	Beauchamp	-es, -eus, -euse;	
Sunely	Morville	—	-oris, -os, -urs,	12
Mounteny	Secheville	[-er, -ere, -our]	-ucc; -is, -oise,	
Barry	Berneville	Passamere [col. 5]	-ose; -euges,	
Berry	Graynville	Mortymer	-euse, -us, -ux]	
Curty	Boutville	Poer	Curteis	16
Tracy	Frivile	Renger	Santemareis	
Bracy	Longevile	Roter	Beaumeis	
Aubeny	Fresvile	Beler	Bleis	
Perly	Folville	Boner	Greis	20
Cunly	Bereville	Butteler	Wasteneis (or	
Curly	Canneville	Dispenser	-eils) <sup>6</sup>	
Crecy	Careville	Budler	Curteneis <sup>7</sup>	
Arcy	Cardevile	Saucer	Mareis	24
Percy	Aspreville	Chaucer [*]	Seygnes	
Vesey	Colville	Ferrer	Raynes	
Verly	Tolveville	Gorger	Keynes [f. 77, col. 1]	
Soldeny	Bareville	Miler	Freynes	28
Mountanasy	Scuteville	Saunzaner	Roos	
Meisy <sup>1</sup>	Buteville	Gower	Curthose <sup>8</sup>	
Gaugy	Vmframville	Leverer	Trauers <sup>4</sup>	
Hercy	Nevile	Sainteler	Matroners	32
Mongomery	Greneville	Saintomer	Vilers	
Semery	Turbeville	Ascher <sup>4</sup>	Prers <sup>4</sup>	
Akeny	Arville	Malynoler	Ferrers	
Pleisy	Sandervile	Hurfer	Moreus <sup>9</sup>	36
Panely	Amondevile	Veer	Valeus <sup>10</sup>	
Audeny	Spyneville	Saintleger	Chalurs	
Quincy	Widville	Gunter	Saintelus	
Tuny	Wivile	Gamager	Saintmoris <sup>11</sup>	40
Massy	Ofvile	Ganter	Pus	
Welby	Gorunville <sup>3</sup>	Banaster	Bruce	
—	Abville	Venour	Chalenges	
[-ay, -ey]	Somervile	Vauesour	Auerenges	44
Hay	Soneville	—	Parles	
Say	Baskerville	[Fitz-]	Huscharles	
Aubray <sup>2</sup>	Hanville	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Geffray	Setvaus <sup>12</sup>	
Morley	Hauteville	Fitz <sup>5</sup> Water	Taillois	48

<sup>1</sup> Mersy L.    <sup>2</sup> Ambray L.    <sup>3</sup> Gounrvile L.    <sup>4</sup> om. L.    <sup>5</sup> Filz L.

<sup>6</sup> Wasteneis L.

<sup>7</sup> Cartenais L.

<sup>8</sup> See 537, 1, 3.

<sup>9</sup> Morens ? L.

<sup>10</sup> Valens ? L.

<sup>11</sup> Saintmorioris L.

<sup>12</sup> Setvans ? L.



	Camois	[-an]	Veisyn	Plevien
	La Heuse	Brian	Mamelbarin <sup>2</sup>	Saintmore
	Courtheuse <sup>1</sup>	Baucan	Comyn	—
4	Breuse	Truan	Warenne	Wildbef [col. 5]
	Chaundos [col. 2]	—	Dulapenne [col. 4]	Pantulf
	Sainterois	[-oun]	—	Bardulf
	Taillepas	Britoun [col. 3]	Meyne	Sanctelou
8	Marcimas	Frisoun	Cheyne §	Gantlou
	Ferebrace	Grauntsoun <sup>2</sup>	Penire [or Pemre]	Mountegu
	Fetepace	Vernoun	Tenere	—
	Bars	Piroun <sup>2</sup>	Lysle	Rosynis <sup>2</sup>
12	Quatremars	Heiroun	Burle	Heris
	Fyneux	Peisoun <sup>3</sup>	Rusak	Brok
	Punegis	Leoun	Murdak	—
	Eurons	Motoun <sup>2</sup>	Gorge	Hubert
16	Manus (or	—	Saintgorge <sup>2</sup>	Lambert
	Manns)	[-yn]	—	Foliambe <sup>2</sup>
	Grace	Cosyn	Dalamare	—
	—	Rosyn	Mire	Escot
20	[-ayn, -eyn]	Sainthelyn)	Saunzire	Kirlecot
	Morteyn	Costenty	Lunar	Trusbut
	Butvileyn	Formenty	Orrewar	Yngre
	Malemayn	Manyn <sup>2</sup>	Clare	Saintnoyre
24	Foleyn	Iardyn	Savage	—
	Chambreleyn	Taryn	Neomarch	Zoochh [? MS.] <sup>2</sup>
	Chastelleyn	Saintquintyn <sup>2</sup>	SaintIohn)	Cornor
		Hamelyn	Chene § <sup>2</sup>	

[The Lambeth MS., leaves 111–112, leaves out a few names, spells others with slight differences, and puts in 'Putrell.']

<sup>1</sup> See 536, IV, 30.

<sup>2</sup> *om.* L.

<sup>3</sup> Tyson L.

## II.

[*The battle of Crecy and the Siege of Calais*, A.D. 1346.]

- 28 ¶ And in the xix yere of his regne he went in-to Britayne, and  
 into Gascoyne & Gian,<sup>5</sup> & with hym the Erle of Hunt-  
 yngtoun, þe Erle of Warrewik, þe Erle of Suffolk<sup>6</sup> and  
 þe Erle of ArundeH, and with many opire lordes, with CC  
 32 and .xl<sup>ti</sup>. shippes, onon after Mydsomer, to avenge hym on the  
 wronges and harmes þat was done be Philippe Valoys,<sup>7</sup> Kyng  
 of Fraunce, agaynes þe truyce beforesaid made; which  
 truis he falsly and vntrewly brake by cauelacioun. And he  
 36 come ageyne in-to Englonde with-in the same yere.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 138. The words in large type are underlined in red in the MS. In other pages of the text, no difference of type is made.

<sup>5</sup> & Gian *om.* L. <sup>6</sup> leaf 138, back. <sup>7</sup> de Valoys L.

¶ Of the bataile of Cressy, and of the seege of Caleys; and of the bataile of Durham where-as the Kyng of Scottes was taken; and alle in one yere. [*This heading is underlined in red in the MS.*]

**I**N the yere of oure Lord. M<sup>t</sup>. CCC. xlvi<sup>ti</sup>. and in the xx<sup>ti</sup> yere 4 of the regne of Kyng Edward of Wyndesore, he held a parlement at Westmynster, where-as were al the lordes of the reame, spiritueh and temperah.<sup>1</sup> At which parlement were proclame þe gret iniuries and wronges þat was done be the Kyng of 8 Fraunce and Frenshmen in the parties of be-yonde the see, and on þe see-costes in Kent, and specially be theym of Caleis. Wherefore þe Kyng, be the counseil of his lordes spirituah and temperah, and of al his reame, ordeynt hym to passe ouer see 12 ageyne, to chastise the rebelles of Fraunce, and to lay seege to Caleis, which did gret harme about al þe see-cost; wherefore it was þat tyme kept with sauidours, to gret cost to þe King and the reame. And þerfore þe Kyng sent to al his frendes be-yonde the 16 see, þat were to hym assuret, as before is said, to mete with hym in Fraunce with al þeire power and Alliaunce. And the whiles he purveid hys navye, and made his retenewe in Englonde, in al þe hast he myght; of which þe namez of the chef lordes and 20 capteyns, with their retenewe and the noubre, folowith heraftir in this table, that is for to say :

- ¶ Prynce Edward with xj banerettes, C. ij. knyghtes, CC lxiij. men of armes, CCC<sup>xx</sup> iij iij Archers on horsebak, iij<sup>xx</sup> ix. Archers 24 on foote, vj<sup>c</sup> Walshmen, wherof on was a chapeleyn, & anoþer a leche, and anoþer a crier. And in his retenewe was xxv<sup>ti</sup>2 vynteners, & iij & iij<sup>xx</sup> footmen, & v standart berers.
- ¶ Henre, Erle of Lancastre, with an Erle, xj banerettes, C. 28 iij<sup>xx</sup> xiiij. knyghtes, v<sup>c</sup> xiiij. men of Armes, and vj<sup>c</sup> xij. Archers on horsebak.
- ¶ William Bohome, Erle of Northampton, with ij banerettes and xlvi<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes, C and xij. men of Armes, And 32 C. lxj of Archers on horsebak.
- ¶ Thomas Beauchampe, Erle of Warrewik, with iij banerettes, and lxiiij knyghtes, and C and xxx<sup>ti</sup> men of Armes, and C. xlv<sup>ti</sup> Archers<sup>3</sup> on horsebak. 36

<sup>1</sup> lordes spirituall & temporal of þe reame. spirituah and temperah om. L.

<sup>2</sup> xxvj L. <sup>3</sup> men of armes L.

- 1 ¶ Richard, Erle of ArundeH, with iij banerettes, and xlj<sup>ti</sup>. knyghtes, and C and .vj. men of Armes, and C liij<sup>ti</sup>. Archers on horsebak.<sup>1</sup>
- 4 ¶ Robert Dufford, Erle of Suffolk, with on baneret, and xxvj<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes, and lvij<sup>ti</sup> men of Armes, and lxij Archers on horsebak.
- ¶ William Clynton, Erle of Huntingtoun, with ij. banerettes, and xxx<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes, and iij<sup>xx</sup> and xiiij. men of Armes, and iij<sup>xx</sup>. viij. Archers on horsebak.
- 8 ¶ John Veer, Erle of Oxenford, with on baneret and xxij knyghtes, and xliij<sup>ti</sup> men of Armes, and lxiiij Archers on horsebak.
- 12 ¶ Laurence Hastynges, Erle of Penbrok, with on baneret, and xxxvj<sup>ti2</sup> knyghtes, and iij<sup>xx</sup><sup>3</sup> vj men of Armes, And C xxiij<sup>ti4</sup> Archers on horsebak.
- 16 ¶ The Erle of Kildare, with on baneret, and on knyght, and xxiiij<sup>ti5</sup> men of Armes, and xxviiij<sup>ti</sup> hobilers.
- ¶ Maistre Thomas Hattefeld, bisshope of Dureham, with iij banerettes, and xlviij<sup>ti</sup>. knyghtes, C lxiiij men of Armes, and iij<sup>xx</sup> and xv Archers on horsebak.
- 20 ¶ Hughe Spenser as an Erle, with .ij. banerettes, and xl<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes, and iij<sup>xx</sup> and xvj<sup>6</sup> men of Armes, and iij<sup>xx</sup> and xv Archers on horsebak.
- 24 ¶ <sup>7</sup> Rauf, Baron of Stafford, with ij banerettes, and xx<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes, & iij<sup>xx</sup> and xij men of Armes, and iij<sup>xx</sup> and xv Archers on horsebakke.
- ¶ Richard Talbot,<sup>8</sup> Baroun, Stuard of þe Kynges house, with xiiij knyghtes, and lx of men of Armes, and lx Archers on horsebakke.
- 28 ¶ Iohn Darox<sup>9</sup> the fadir, Baroñ, with xj knyghtes, and xlviij<sup>ti</sup> of men of Armes, and lx Archers on horsebakke, and xx<sup>ti</sup> Archers on foote.
- 32 ¶ Berthelemew Burewassh, Baneret, the Kynges Chamberleyn, with one baneret, and xxvj<sup>ti10</sup> knyghtes, lxxxj of men of Armes, & lvij<sup>ti</sup> Archers on horsebak, & xix on foote.
- 36 ¶ Waulter Manny, with oper xxv<sup>ti11</sup> banerettes, with theyre

<sup>1-1</sup> om. L.

<sup>2</sup> xxv<sup>ti</sup> L.

<sup>3</sup> C & L.

<sup>4</sup> CC L.

<sup>5</sup> xl<sup>ti</sup> L.

<sup>6</sup> xv L.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 139.

<sup>8</sup> Talbot om. L.

<sup>9</sup> Barox L.

<sup>10</sup> & vj & xx<sup>ti</sup> L.

<sup>11</sup> xxxvj<sup>ti</sup> L.

- retenets, that is to say, with C xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes, D<sup>1</sup> <sup>xx</sup>iiij xij of<sup>2</sup> men of Armes, and D <sup>xx</sup>iiij xij archers on horsebakke, and of hobillers and Pavysers, and C xix Archers on foote.
- ¶ Sir William Wareyne, knyghte, with opir <sup>xx</sup>iiij and xv 4 knyghtes, CCC <sup>xx</sup>iiij xiiij<sup>3</sup> pavisers and hobelers on horsbakke, and xvj archers on foote.
- ¶ Sir Waulter Wetewang, the Kynges wardroper, with ij knyghtes, and xxv<sup>ti</sup> of men of Armes, and xxxvj<sup>ti</sup> Archers on 8 horsbakke.
- ¶ Maistre Symond Islepe, Privey Seal, with xvij<sup>4</sup> men of Armes, and xij Archers on horsebakkè, and iiij Archers on foote. 12
- ¶ Philip Westoñ, Clerk, with ij knyghtes, and xxvij<sup>ti</sup> of men of Armes, and xxx<sup>ti</sup> Archers on horsebakke.
- ¶ William Keldesby, Clerk, with ij knyghtes, and lxxij of<sup>5</sup> men of Armes, and lxviij Archers on horsbakke, and xij 16 Archers on foote.
- ¶ Sir William Daltoñ, Countroller of þe Kynges house, with oper xix Clerkes of dyuers officers, with an C xiiij vndir-Clerkes and squyers, and C xxv<sup>ti</sup> Archers on horsebakke, and 20 ij Archers<sup>6</sup> on foote.
- ¶ William at Wode, the Kynges banerer, with oper iiij banerers, and C xxxij<sup>ti</sup> of *Sergiauntes* to meñ of Armes, Scutifers of þe Kynges house, *sergeauntes* of diuerse office, 24 and mynstrelles, CCLxviij Archers, hobelers, banerers, messagers and yemen of þe Kynges Chambre, and of diuerse offices in þe Kynges house.
- ¶ Sir Thomas Haukestoñ, knyght, with an C lxj of men of 28 Armes, and CCC xij Archers on horsbakke, and CC xlj<sup>ti</sup> Archers on foote.
- ¶ Maistre Siluestre Benet, and oper CCC xiiij Masons, Carpenters, Smythes, pavylers, mynours, Armerers, Gunners, 32 and Artillers.
- ¶ Sir Iohñ Ward, knyght, with x Centenaries and 1<sup>ti</sup> men of Armes, and D<sup>7</sup>CC <sup>xx</sup>iiij, and viij vyntenaries, and CC <sup>xx</sup>iiij xvij<sup>8</sup> Archers on horsbakke, and D hobilers, and xv<sup>9</sup> M<sup>t</sup> iiij 36 Archers on foote.

<sup>1</sup> and L (D = 500, misread as &).      <sup>2</sup> of om. L.      <sup>3</sup> & xv L.

<sup>4</sup> xxvj L.      <sup>5</sup> of om. L.      <sup>xx</sup> <sup>6</sup> on horsebakke and ij Archers om. L.

<sup>7</sup> D (500) om. L.      <sup>8</sup> viii viij L.      <sup>9</sup> xvj L.

- ¶ Sir Howeþ Griffith, knyghte, with *oper* ij knyghtes, and <sup>xx</sup>iiij men of Armes of Walshemen of Northwales and Southwales, and ij C and iij vintenares, and iij M<sup>t</sup> CC Walshmen.
- 4 ¶ Maisters of Shippes, and Constables, maryners, and pages, þe nombre of DCC : þe nombre of maryners, bargers, and balyngers and vitailers, xvj M<sup>t</sup>.
- ¶ And thes ben þe names of the Aliens which were þe  
8 Kynges frendes, and in his Sande that same tyme, and halp hym in his werres in Fraunce. *scilicet* :—
- 1 ¶ Lodewik, the Emperoure of Rome, with a certeyn men of Armes.
- 12 ¶ Reynold, Duke of Gildre, with a certeyn-men of Armes.  
¶ Iohā, Duke of Braban, with a certeyne men of Armes.  
¶ William, Erle of Henawde, with a certeyne men of Armes.  
¶ Tederik, lord Faukemand, with a certeyne men of Armes.
- 16 ¶ Corald of Marke, with a certeyne men of Armes.  
¶ Bertold, Erle of Baiespath, Maurchion de Brandesburghe, and othir knyghtes and squyers, straungers, withholden with þe Kyng.
- 20 ¶ Baudewyñ, Archbisshope of Treeue, with a certeyn men.  
¶ Archbisshope<sup>2</sup> of Magunenser with a certeyn men.  
¶ Guilmyñ, Marchion Iuliacen, with a certeyn men.  
¶ The Erle of Helsteyn, with *oper* xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes alieyns,  
24 clepit 'Nethirbandes,' and C <sup>xx</sup>iiij viij of men of Armes, and C lxxj pavisers.
- ¶ The Erle of Freyburghe, with *oper* xl<sup>ti</sup> knyghtes alieyns, clepit 'Euerbandes,' &<sup>3</sup> CC xxxiiij<sup>ti</sup> of men of Armes and C  
28 <sup>xx</sup>iiij ix<sup>4</sup> pavisers.
- ¶ The nombre of þe retenue, without Alieyns, that is to say, of erles, barons, banerettes, knyghtes, men of armes, Constables, Centeners, capteyns, vynteners, Archers on horsbak, hobelers,  
32 Archers of<sup>5</sup> foote, and Walshmen, as þe rolles of þe retenu make mención, is xxv<sup>m</sup>. CC <sup>xx</sup>iiij. ¶ The nombre of Masone, carpenters, smythes, paviloners, Armerers, Gunners and artillers, is CCC xiiij.  
¶ The nombre of þe maisteres of shippes, Constables, maryners  
36 and pages of shippis, bargers, balyngers, and vitteilers is xvj. M<sup>t</sup>.  
¶ When Kyng Edward had made his retenu and his Armee

<sup>1</sup> leaf 139, back.

<sup>2</sup> The erchbisshop L.

<sup>3</sup> & om. L.

<sup>4</sup> clxvi L.

<sup>5</sup> on L.

in þis wise as before is said, and his navy was redy, he shippit the xij<sup>te</sup> day of Iule, the yere of our Lord M<sup>t</sup> CCC xlvj<sup>ti</sup>, and saylet toward Normaundy, and londit at Hogges, and restet hym ther vj daies, and vnshippit his pepiþ; and þen went he 4 toward Cane, brennyng & distrying euer as he went by þe way. And þe xxviii<sup>ti</sup> day of Iuyle, at þe brigge of Cane, that was strenghet be Normaundes, he had there a gret bataile, and longe duryng, thurgh gret multitude of pepil þat was þer slayn; and þer 8 was take þe Erle of Elbe,<sup>1</sup> the Lord Tankerville, and an C knyghtes and men of Armes, and vj<sup>c</sup> footemen; and al þe subbarbes to þe hard walles was born) and cariet away, al þat couth be cariet. And so þe Kyng passet forth in þe cuntrey, and wastet 12 and distryet xx<sup>ti</sup> myle in brede.

¶ Philip of Valois, Kyng of Fraunce, was fast by *with a* gret host, and hard þerof, and wold not come ouer þe water of Seyne, but brake al the brigges beyonde þe water, from Roan to Parise, 16 and fled *with* his host to Parise. ¶ When Kyng Edward come to þe water of Seyne, he fand al þe brigges broken; but *within* ij daies he made a brige ageyne. and on þe morowe aftiroure Lady day Assumpcion, he passet ouer þe Water of Seyne, and 20 went toward Cressy, & distryet by þe way, townes, and þe pepiþ in hem. And in þe Fest of Saynt Berthelemewe, he passet the water of Summe vnhurt, *with* al his host, where-as neuer was no passage before þat tyme; And yet þer ware ij M<sup>t</sup> Frenshmen to 24 haue lette his passage. And þen, þe xxvj<sup>ti</sup><sup>2</sup> day of August, Edward faught beside Cressy, in a feld, havyng iij batayles of Englishmen, & Philippe of Valois iij batailes: þe lest batail passet þe number of Englishmen. And when þe ij hostes mette to-gedre, 28 ther <sup>3</sup>fell in-with the host of Fraunce, the Kyng of<sup>4</sup> Beame, þe Duk of Loryn, And *oper* Erles, as of Flaundes, Dalison, Blois, Harecourt, Aunard, and<sup>5</sup> Navers, and many *oper* lordes and barons, knyghtes and men of Armes, the nombre of j 32 M<sup>t</sup> CCCCC and xlij<sup>ti</sup>, without footemen. And yette for al this, Phelip the Kyng<sup>6</sup> withdrowe hym with the residew of aþ his pepiþ; wherfore it was said among his oune mewe “Nostre beal retreat,” that is to say, ‘Oure faire withdraweth hym.’<sup>7</sup> 36 ¶ And thus Kyng Edward had þe Victory; and there he and his pepiþ hem restet, and thanket God. and on þe morow after, þe

<sup>1</sup> þe Erle of Elbe *om.* L.    <sup>2</sup> vj L.    <sup>3</sup> leaf 140.    <sup>4</sup> kyng Ha. king of L.

<sup>5</sup> Aunard and *om.* L.    <sup>6</sup> þe king Phelipe L.    <sup>7</sup> hym *om.* L.

Frenshe men come ageyne with a gret host to gyve Kyng Edward bataile; but the Erle of Warrewik mette with hem, and þe Erle of Norhamptoun, and þe Erle of Suffolke, *with* their meyny, and  
4 slowe of hem ij M<sup>t</sup>, and toke many of the gentils prisoners; and al þe remenaunt fled iij lekes thens. And thrid day after, the<sup>1</sup>  
Kyng Edwerd went toward Caleis, distrying al þe cuntrey as he rode, and laide<sup>2</sup> seege to Caleis<sup>3</sup> þe iij<sup>de</sup> day of Septembre, with  
8 the CasteH, and contynuet þe sege stiH<sup>4</sup> from that day vnto þe iij<sup>de</sup> day of Aust the next yere folowyng.

¶ Whiles Kyng Edward lay at Seege of<sup>5</sup> Caleys, a gret power of Scottes come in-to Englonde, to Nevilcros, about Saint  
12 Luyk day, wenyng to haue founden al þe land destitute and voide of men, because the Kyng was beyonde þe see with a gret host; <sup>6</sup>þei wend *per* had be non laste at home, but prestes, men of religion, plowmen and laborers; <sup>6</sup> but, thanket be God! they fand<sup>7</sup> enow to  
16 wiststonde hem: they robbit and made gret distruccion; And so ther was a day of Batail sette betwene hem and certeyn lordes and meñ of holy chireh that were in that cuntrey, and þe comyn pepiH; at which batail, throw Goddes myghte, [the Scottes] were<sup>8</sup>  
20 discomfit, notwithstanding they were iij meñ ageyne one of Englishe meñ.<sup>9</sup> And pere were slayne the chivalry of Scotte-  
lond; and there was David, the Kyng of Scottes, taken fleyng, smytte thrughe þe nose with an Arowe, be a yoman that was  
24 callet Copeland; and there was take, the Erle of Moriss, Sir William Douglas, and many oþer gret meñ. And this batail was done beside Dereham, the xvij day of Octobre, the yere of oure Lord aboue-said. And when þe bataile was done, þe Englishe  
28 men hem restet a fewe dayes, and ordeynt kepers of the north cuntrey, and after came to London, and brozt *with* hem þe Kyng of Scottes, and oþer lordes that were take prisoners, and led hem to þe Toure, where-as they abode of þe comyng of Kyng Edward  
32 out of Fraunce; and aftir that was raunsont at C M<sup>t</sup> marcs, to be payde in x yere, ich yere x M<sup>t</sup> marcs.

<sup>1</sup> the *om.* L.    <sup>2</sup> laide þerto L.    <sup>3</sup> to Caleis *om.* L.

<sup>4</sup> Septembre which seege continued still L.    <sup>5</sup> att L.

<sup>6-6</sup> *om.* L.    <sup>7</sup> fand men E.    <sup>8</sup> were þe scottes L.    were Ha.

<sup>9</sup> of englishe meñ *om.* L.

¶ Of the Conquest of Caleis by Kyng Edward of Wyndisore; and of the tresoun that was ordeynt for Caleis by one Sir Geffrey Charney. [*Big writing underlined in red in the MS.*]

**E**Dward, Kyng of Englund contynuet at þe seege stið aH the 4 wynter, and Philip Valois, Kyng of Fraunce, purpaset hym *with* some fraude to putte hym fro þe seege, and come the xxvij<sup>ti</sup> day of Iuyle, þe yere of oure Lord M<sup>t</sup> CCC xlviij<sup>ti</sup> to Calkewest, a myle and an half from Caleis, with a gret host; 8 and sent to Kyng Edward, and askit hym whedir he durst feight *with* hyme the iij<sup>de</sup> day, about euensonge tyme, and leve þe seege. And Kyng Edward onon, *with*-out eny counsaile or avisement, acceptet gladly the day; and yette much of his pepið wer seke and 12 ded on þe flux. ¶ When þe Kyng of Fraunce wist verely that he wold feight, *with*-out eny avisement or long taryng he sette his loggynges on fyre, and went cowardly his way.

## III.

[*From Bolingbroke's return, A.D. 1399, to A.D. 1405.*]

<sup>1</sup>¶ When Kyng Richard had tithynges in Irlond, that Henry 16 of Boleynbroke, Duyke of Herford, was comyn into Englund, he lafte al his ordynaunce in Irlond, and hastet hym into Englund, in al that he myghte, and come vnto the casteH of <sup>2</sup>Flynt in Wales, and there he abode, to take his counsaile what was best for to 20 done; but ther come no counsaile to hyme. And in the menewhile, Henry Boleynbrok <sup>3</sup>come [to] Herford, and [þe] Erle of Derby<sup>3</sup> come to Chestre, and loggit in the CasteH, <sup>3</sup>with-in the Inner ward *perof*, which casteH Kyng Richard had riolly repeiret, and made 24 *with* hertes of frestone betwene ich lope, with crownes and cheynes about there nekkes, for he lovit wele that place<sup>3</sup> // And then was there sent vnto the casteH of Flynt, Maister Thomas ArundeH, Archbisshope of Caunterbury, and Sir Henry Percy, Erle of 28 Northumbrelond, and othir lordes, both spirituaH and temperaH; and there was much thyng spoken of betwene þe Kyng and hem, by gret othis and suyrtees made, that he shuld come vnto Chestre savelly, and<sup>4</sup> spek with the Duyk, and be delyuert savelly ageyn to 32 the said casteH: which othis and suyrtees were not al parfowremet.

<sup>1</sup> leaf 152, at foot. The red underlines are not now markt by difference of type.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 152, back.

<sup>3-3</sup> om. L.

<sup>4</sup> to L.



And so come the Kyng ridyng vnto Chestre <sup>1</sup>and yong Henry with hyme, that was þe eldest sone of the said Duyk of Herford<sup>1</sup> // and was loggit in the vtterward of the casteH of Chestre.<sup>2</sup> Then  
4 Kyng Richard vndirstood and knewe wele that it was not wele on<sup>3</sup> heire<sup>4</sup> syde. And the same nyght, after that<sup>5</sup> Kyng Richard was gone to Chestir, Sir Thomas Percy, Erle of Wircestre and stuard of the Kynges howsold, come into the haH amonges the pepiH, and  
8 there he brak the rodde of his office, and bade enery mañ do his best; And so went ich man his way.

¶ Then þe Kyng and<sup>6</sup> the Duyk mette and spake to-gedirs in þe haH of þe said CasteH, <sup>1</sup>that was in the vtterward,<sup>1</sup> a longe  
12 while, and aftir departet; and in<sup>7</sup> the departyng, Henry, the sonne and heire of the said Duyk, come to his fadir, and knelit down before hym, and welcomet hym, as hym aught to do; And there forthwith his fadir hym charget the next day to come from the  
16 Kyng, and waite vppon hym. ¶ Then this yong knyght Henry brought þe Kyng to his chambre *with* a sorowfuH hert, for cause he shuld depart from his godfadir and his Souerayne Lord, for he louet hyme enterely. And when he come into the Kynges  
20 chambre, he tolde the Kyng how he most, the next day aftir, wayte vppon his fadir, be streyt and hard comaundement. And then þe kyng said to hym the[s]e wordes: ¶ “Good sonne Henry, I gyve thè good<sup>8</sup> leue to do thy fadirs comaundement; but I knowe  
24 wele there is on Henry shal do me much harme; and I suppose it is not thowe. Wherefore I pray thè be my frende, for I wot now howe it wil go.” And so on the next day aftir, Henry toke his leue of þe Kyng his godfadir with an hevy hert, and went to his  
28 fadir, Duyk of Herford. And after that, was the Kyng arestet in the same CasteH by the said Duyk, and al his meyny that were about hym put away; and such men were put about hym as the Duyk wold. Then from thens he was broughte to London, and, by  
32 assent of al þe lordes, putte in þe Toure. <sup>1</sup>And on Saint Laurence even, þe hed of *Perkyn* of Lee was smyt of vnder the Iubet<sup>9</sup> of Chestre.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> *om. L.*      <sup>2</sup> of Chestre *om. L.*      <sup>3</sup> in L.      <sup>4</sup> his L.

<sup>5</sup> that *om. L.*      <sup>6</sup> þe kyng and *om. L.*      <sup>7</sup> at L.

<sup>8</sup> good *om. L.*      <sup>9</sup> gibbet L.

**¶ Of the deth of Kyng Richard, and of othir dyuers Dukes, Erles, and barons moo.** [*Big writing, underlined with red.*]

**I**N the first yere of the regne<sup>2</sup> of Kyng Henry the iii<sup>te</sup>, Kyng Richard, which þat was put doune of<sup>3</sup> his Rialte, was in þe 4 CasteH of Pountfret vndir þe ward of Sir Robert<sup>4</sup> of Watirton, knyght<sup>5</sup>; and þere he was ich day servet [as] a<sup>6</sup> Kyng aught to he, that he myght se it; but he myght come to non þerof; wherfore sone aftir he deyld for hunger in prison in þe same CasteH<sup>7</sup>; and so 8 he made his ende. ¶ And when Kyng Henry wist verely that he was ded, because much pepiH said he was on lyve many a day after, he made to sere hym, and clope hym in<sup>8</sup> lynnyn Cloth, al saave onely the visage; and that was lafte open, that men myght se and 12 knowe his persone from al oper; and so was he brought with torch-light vnto Paulis at Londoñ, and had þere his masse and dirige, and þe same wise at Westemynster; and þen from Paules he was broughte to Langeley, and þere he was enteret. 16

¶ That same yere Kyng Henry the iii<sup>te</sup> held his Cristemas in þe CasteH of Wynnessore: and on the xij<sup>te</sup> even come to hym the Duke of Awmarle, and told hym how þat he and þe Duke of Surry, þe Duk of Excestre, and þe Erle of Salesbury and þe Erle 20 of Gloucestre,<sup>9</sup> and oper moo of theyre Affynyte, were accordit to make a mummyng vnto þe said Kyng Henry on xij<sup>te</sup> day at nyght, in<sup>10</sup> which mummyng þei purpaset to sle hym. ¶ When<sup>11</sup> Kyng Henry þe iii<sup>te</sup> was thus warnet, he rode in hast þat same 24 nyght pryvely to London, to gete hym socoure and counsaile. But assone as þe forsaid lordes wist and knewe that their counsaile were discouert openly, they fled, euery man his way; And aftirward thei were taken in certeyn places of Englund be þe comyns, and hedit, 28 and þeire hedis sette on London Brigge,<sup>12</sup> and their bodyes quartert, and sett vp in dyuers townes of Englund.<sup>12</sup> Whos names folowen here aftir<sup>13</sup> in þis table, and the places where þei wer taken, and hedit: 32

Att Circestre were taken with hem of þe toune . . . . .	{	The Duke of Surry and Erle of Kent <sup>14</sup> The Erle of Salesbery The Erle of Oxenford	}	quarteret <sup>15</sup> and hedit.	36
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<sup>1</sup> leaf 153.    <sup>2</sup> of the regne *om. L.*    <sup>3</sup> from L.    <sup>4</sup> Henry L.  
<sup>5</sup> knyght *om. L.*    <sup>6</sup> a Ha. as a L.    <sup>7</sup> in þe same CasteH *om. L.*  
<sup>8</sup> on L.    <sup>9</sup> and þe Erle of Gloucestre *om. L.*    <sup>10</sup> on L.  
<sup>11</sup> And when L.    <sup>12-12</sup> *om. L.*    <sup>13</sup> aftir *om. L.*  
<sup>14</sup> and Erle of Kent *om. L.*    <sup>15</sup> And þes thre were quartered L

4 At Oxenford were take { Sir Thomas Blount } knyghtes } quateret  
with hem of þe toune . { Sir Rauf Lunnay } and }  
{ Sir Benet Sely } hedit.  
{ Thomas<sup>1</sup> Wyntersshih squyer }

At Pritweh in a mylne { Sir Iohn Holand } And quateret,<sup>2</sup> and  
was take by th[e] { Sir Iohn Holand } hedit at Plasshe in  
Comyns . . . . . { Duyk of Excestre } Essex.

8 At Bristow was take { The Erle of Gloucestre } quateret and  
by hem of þe toune . { and Lord Spencer. } hedit.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>4</sup> And aftirward in that<sup>5</sup> same yere, was Sir Bernard<sup>6</sup> Brocas, knyght, <sup>7</sup> and Sir Iohn Shelley, knyghte, And Sir Iohn Mawde-  
12 leyne and Ferby, parsones of Kyng Richard Chapeh,<sup>7</sup> take, and put in þe Toure of Londone; and there they were iuged to the deth<sup>8</sup>, <sup>7</sup> theire hedes to be smytton of, and sette on London Brigge: and so they were. ¶ That same yere, Queene IsabeH, that was the  
16 wiff of Kyng Richard the Secunde, was dischargit of hir dowery, and sent home in-to Fraunce ageyne with many rich gyftes.<sup>7</sup>

¶ Of the werre of Wales betwene the Lord Gray of Rithen and Oweyn of Glyndore of Wales, and of the bataile of  
20 Shrewisbury. [*Big writing, underlined with red.*]

**I**N the secunde yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the iiij<sup>te</sup>, was Sire Roger of Claryntoun, knyght, and the Pryoure of Launde, and viij Freres Mynoures,—<sup>7</sup> wherof somme were maisters of  
24 dyvinite<sup>7</sup>—and oper moo, were, for tresone, drawe and hanget at Tiburne.<sup>9</sup> ¶ That same yere ther began a gret discencion and a debate in Wales betwene þe Lord Gray of þe Rithyn and Oweyne of Glyndore, Squyer of Wales, for bying of an hare in the market. ¶  
28 This Oweyne Arerit a gret nombre of Wa[l]sshe-men, and distroyet þe lordshipes of the Lord Gray, and of þe Kynges also, and did much harme through-out Wales, and robbet and slowe the Kynges pepiH, both Englissh and Walsh. and the Lord Gray distroyet, on  
32 his party, al pat held with þe said Oweyne; And this werre endurit xij yere. ¶ And at last this Oweyne toke the Lord Grey, Prisoner, —and were raunsont for V<sup>C</sup><sup>10</sup> prisoners of Walsh-men of the March<sup>11</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> And Thomas L.      <sup>2</sup> And quateret om. L.  
<sup>3</sup> quateret and hedit om. L.      <sup>4</sup> leaf 153, back.      <sup>5</sup> þe L.  
<sup>6</sup> Thomas L.      <sup>7-7</sup> om. L.      <sup>8</sup> Iuged & put to deth L.  
<sup>9</sup> at Tiburne om. L.      <sup>10</sup> vj C L.      <sup>11</sup> of the March om. L.

and þe Lord Gray at last to wedde his doughter, and kept hym there with his wiff; and sone after he dyet. ¶ Then went the Kyng in-to Wales with a gret power, to distry this Oweyne and þe rebelles of Wales; but þe Walssh mén fled vp on hye mounteynes, 4 where-as þe Kyng couth in no wise come to hem; and so þe Kyng sped not þere; wherfore he retournet home ageyne. <sup>1</sup>And þat same yere was a gret drouzth and a scariste of whete, so that a quarter was wurth xvj<sup>s</sup>. 8

¶ That same yere Sir William Sawtre, preest, was brent in Smythfeld, for eryl; and that yere Sir Roger Waldeyne and Sir Richard Clidrowe qvytte<sup>2</sup> by a quest of men of Londoñ. and that same [yere] was a bataile on Halydoun Hylle betwene 12 Englyssh-men and Scottes, where-as was taken þe Erle Douglas, and his one ey smytte out, and þe Erle of Moriss, and many othir lordes, knyghtes and squyers; and so, as God wold, thenglyssh men had þe fel<sup>l</sup> and þe victory.<sup>1</sup> 16

¶ In the iij<sup>de</sup> yere of þe regne of Kyng Henry the iiij<sup>te</sup>,<sup>3</sup> Apperit a sterre in þe firmament <sup>1</sup>in the west, in þe monyth of Feueyere,<sup>1</sup> which wes clepit the ‘blasng sterre,’ <sup>1</sup>and of clerkes it was clepit ‘stella Comata.’<sup>1</sup> Anon after, fel<sup>l</sup> a debate betwene þe Kyng and 20 Sir Henry Percy, that was callet amonge þe Scottes ‘Henry Hate-spurre.’ This Syre Henry come vnto þe Kyng, and asket of hym certeyn wages that he was behynde, for þe kepyng and wardeynshipe of þe Marches, and þe kyng hym gave but a light Answare. 24 And Sir Henry Percy said ‘he quyt hym not to hym as he shold do, for,’ he said, ‘ne had he ben, he had neuer be Kyng of Englund.’ The Kyng then, with that word was sore mevyt, and with his fist stroke Sir<sup>4</sup> Henry Percy on þe cheke. And þen Sir Henry, sore 28 aggrevid, said the[s]e wordes vnto the Kyng: “In faith, this shal be the derrest-boght buffet that euer was in Englund”; and with þat word <sup>1</sup>turnet the bakke, and <sup>1</sup>toke his hors, and rode his way with his meyny <sup>1</sup>that come with hym.<sup>1</sup> When þe Kyng had smytten 32 Sir Henry thus, as before is said, yet he was sory þerof, and hym repentet, and sent for Sire Henry ageyne; but he wold come to þe Kyng in no wise, but rode forth, and rayset a gre[te] pepi<sup>l</sup> of diuers shires, and specialy of Chestre-shire; and on Saynt Mary 36 Mawdeleyne eueñ next folowyng, the yere of owre<sup>5</sup> Lord I .M<sup>l</sup>. CCCC. iij.,<sup>6</sup> was a gret bataile besydes Shrewesbery, betwene Kyng

<sup>1-1</sup> om. L.      <sup>2</sup> qvytte = were acquitted.      <sup>3</sup> the iiij<sup>te</sup> om. L.

<sup>4</sup> Sir om. L.      <sup>5</sup> om. Ha. owre L.      <sup>6</sup> & iij L.

Henry þe iiiij<sup>te</sup><sup>1</sup> and þe said Sir Henry Percy, by false counsaile and  
-wikket steryng of Sir Thomas Percy, Erle of Wircestre, and vncler  
vnto the said Henry Percy. in which bataile was slayne, first, Sir  
4 Henry Percy hym self,<sup>2</sup> and þe moost party of his pepiþ; and Sir  
Thomas Percy, Erle of Wircestre<sup>3</sup> was taken, <sup>4</sup>and was kept ij  
dayes, and after was drawe<sup>4</sup> and<sup>5</sup> hanget, <sup>4</sup>and his hed smytton  
of, and sette on Londoñ Brigge. And in that same batayle,<sup>4</sup> on<sup>6</sup>  
8 þe Kynges party, was slayne The Erle of Stafford, and Sir Waltere  
Blount in þe Kynges cote Armure <sup>4</sup>vnder þe Kynges baner,<sup>4</sup> &  
<sup>7</sup>many othir wurthy knyghtes and Squyers and good yemen.<sup>8</sup> And  
in that same bataile þe Prynce was smytte through þe hed with an  
12 Arowe; and yet God fortunet that he lyvit. <sup>4</sup>And Sir Iohn of  
Stanley, knyght, was smytte in the throte with an Arowe; and  
when þe bataile was done, the Kyng sent to hym, and to wete of  
hym what he shuld do with Chestirshire, for-as-much [as] they  
16 were ageynes hym. And he Ansuard þe messenger, so as he myght  
speke rattelyng in þe throte, and said, “Brenne and sle! Brenne  
and sle!” And þe Kyng asket what he said; and he þat was sent  
to hym said to þe Kyng that he shuld take hem to grace; and so  
20 the Kyng þen hem toke to grace; and al þat wold ask grace þat  
were taken, had grace and forgyvenes; but aftir þe bataile the  
Kynges meyny come into Chestirshire, and dispoylet þe cuntre in  
euery part, and bare away the goodes that couth be caryet.<sup>4</sup>  
24 ¶ This bataile was þe heviest, and vnkyndest and sorest batail þat  
euer was before that tyme in Englonde; for ther was þe sonne  
-ageynes þe fadir, and the brothir ageynes brothir,<sup>9</sup> and kynne  
-ageynes kynne; <sup>4</sup>and þer was beriet in on pitte xj<sup>o</sup> men; in which  
28 place is nowe a Chapeþ of oure Lady, & prestes syngyng for the  
sawles. And thys bataile was the yere of oure Lord aboue-sayd,  
wherof a versifier makith mencion, And sayth on thys wyse :

Anno Milleno quadracenteno-que trino,  
32 Bellum Salopie fuerat in Mag[ne] Mari[e] nocte.

**How Dame Iahne, Duchess of Britayne, come into Englonde, and  
weddit vnto Kyng Henry the iiiij<sup>te</sup>. And of the comyng of  
þe Emperoure in-to Englonde.<sup>4</sup> [*Big writing, underlined with red.*]**

<sup>1</sup> MS. þerte.

<sup>2</sup> and hym self Ha. hym self om. L.

<sup>3</sup> Erle of Wircestre om. L. <sup>4-4</sup> om. L. <sup>5</sup> And aftirward L.

<sup>6</sup> And on L. <sup>7</sup> leaf 154. <sup>8</sup> and good yemen om. L.

<sup>9</sup> the broþer L.

**I**N the iiiij<sup>te</sup> yere of þe regne of Kyng Henry the iiiij<sup>te</sup> [the] Emperoure of Constaigynþnople come in-to Englonð, to se þe gouernaunce and þe conveyaunce of þe land, and þe comoditees, on þe Kynges cost; and when he had seyne al þat he wolde, he went 4 ageyne. And þat same yere, Dame Iahne, Duches of Britayne, come into Englonð, and landet at Falmouthē in Cornewaile, and was weddit vn-to Kyng Henry þe iiiij<sup>te</sup> at Wynchester, in the Abbay of Saynt Swithyn, and sone affirward was crownet at 8 Westemynster. ¶ And þat same yere, Dame Blaunche, the eldest daughter of Kyng Henry þe iiiij<sup>te</sup>,<sup>1</sup> was sent *with* Sire Iohn Beaufort, Erle of Somerzed, hir vnclē, and with Maistre Richard Clifford, that tyme Bysshope of Londone, and oper notable persones, vnto 12 Coleyne; and þer was she weddit vnto þe sone of þe Duke of Barry; and after þe ffest of þe mariage was done, þe saide Erle and Bisshope come into Englonde ageyne.

**Of the bataile of Mark.** [*Big letters, red underlines.*] 16

¶ In þe v<sup>te</sup> yere of þe regne of Kyng Henry þe iiiij<sup>te</sup>, þe Lord Thomas, þe sonne of Kyng Henry, and þe Erle of Kent, with many oper wurthy men, went to þe see; and they landit at Seluys, and made þere a gret assaut, and brent <sup>2</sup>in þe Ile of Cageant, and token<sup>2</sup> 20 iij karrikkes of Geene, lade<sup>3</sup> *with* diuerse<sup>4</sup> Marchaundise, and hem brouzt into þe Cambre<sup>5</sup> before Winchilsey; <sup>2</sup>and þere þe goodes were cantet, and one of þe karrikkes was sodanly brent; and so þe said lordes went no ferther at þat tyme.<sup>2</sup> 24

¶ And that yere, in þe xxiiij<sup>ti</sup>. day of Iunij, the Erle of Saynt Paule laide seege to þe CasteH of Mark, iij myle out of Caleys, *with* iij M<sup>t</sup> men, and diket hem stronge with-in þe toune of Mark,<sup>6</sup> Iohn<sup>7</sup> Beaufort, Erle of Somerzed, that tyme beyng Capteyn of Caleis, <sup>2</sup>and 28 Sir Richard of Asshtoñ, knyghte, his leotenaunt; which Richard,<sup>2</sup> *with* the garison of Caleis, allonely<sup>8</sup> went to Mark, and faught with þe Frensshmen long, and entirt in on hem at þe Northgappe, <sup>2</sup>and at þe west gappe,<sup>2</sup> and slow and toke al that wolde abide. And þe 32 Erle of Saynt Paule hym-self fled his way, <sup>9</sup>þe þe marreys; and or þe bateH wes done, Sir Iohn Beaufort, Erle of Somerzed and Capteyne of Caleys, come out of Englonð, and landit at Caleys,

<sup>1</sup> þe eldest doughtir of king henry dame Blanch L.

<sup>2-2</sup> om. L. <sup>3</sup> with lade Ha. <sup>4</sup> diuerse om. L.

<sup>5</sup> into þe Cambre om. L. <sup>6</sup> of Mark om. L. <sup>7</sup> But Iohn L.

<sup>8</sup> of Caleis allonely om. L. <sup>9</sup> om. L. to line 2, next page.

and went to Mark, and come to þe ende of þe discumfiture of þe Frenssh-meñ<sup>9</sup>: And þer was taken the Lord Hanget and<sup>1</sup> many wurthy prisoners of<sup>2</sup> knyghtes, squyers, <sup>3</sup>and meñ of Armes. and 4 þis bataile was done þe yere of oure Lorde aboue [said, M†] CCCC v, 7 and on saynt Crispyne and Crispianes day, as a versifier makes þerof mencion, and saith<sup>3</sup>: [*No verses follow in the MS.*]

IV.

[*From the first year of Henry V, 1413, to the third year, 1415.*]

<sup>4</sup>And in þat same yere, on Twelft Night, certeyne lollardes were 8 arested at the signe of þe Ax, without Cripilgate, at London, which had purposet, thurgh þeire false treson, to haue made a mummyng at Eltham, where þe Kyng was; and vnder þe coloure of the mummyng, they wold<sup>4</sup> haue distryet þe Kyng, and þe lordes spirit- 12 uaH and temperaH, and all þe clergy of þe Reame. And þey had cast to haue taken þe feld<sup>4</sup> be-side Saint Giles; but, as God wold<sup>4</sup>, þe Kyng þerof had warnyng, and come to London, and with hym þe Bisshope<sup>5</sup> of Caunterbery, and toke þe feld<sup>4</sup> beside Saint Iones 16 and Clerkyn)-weHe, and made to kepe al þe hye wayes to London; and so were thei taken ay as they come thidirward<sup>4</sup>. And in London was tak Sire Roger<sup>6</sup> Acton, knyghte, and was drawe & hanget be-side Saint Giles, where þe Kyng lete do make iiij paires 20 of gallous, þat were callet 'þe lollers galowes.' And þer wes take, Syre Iohn<sup>6</sup> Beuerlay, a prest, and Iohn<sup>6</sup> Broune, a squyere, and many oþer moo, þe nombre of xxxviij persons and moo, and were draw, hanget and brent. ¶ And Sir Iohn<sup>6</sup> OldcasteH, þe Lord 24 Cobbam, was arest at Wyndesore for heresy, and was sent to þe Toure of London; and sone after, he was examynt at þe<sup>6</sup> ffrere prechours, before al the<sup>7</sup> clergy of þe wurthiest of religion, and bisshoppes, and doctours of dyvinite; and þer were temperal lordes 28 to here hys opynions. and after, he was sent vnto þe Toure ageyn; but sone after he brake out of þe Toure, and went in-to Walis. ¶ And þat same yere Iohn<sup>6</sup> Sere, a squyer, slowe Tibey,<sup>8</sup> a prest in <sup>9</sup>London, beside Aldrichgate,<sup>10</sup> and þen toke the chirch of Saint

<sup>1</sup> the Lord Hanget and *om.* L.

<sup>2</sup> prisoners of *om.* L.

<sup>3-3</sup> *om.* L. <sup>4</sup> leaf 155, back.

<sup>5</sup> erchbisshop L.

<sup>6</sup> þe *om.* L. <sup>7</sup> al Ha. al the L.

<sup>8</sup> Tibey *om.* L.

<sup>9</sup> leaf 156.

<sup>10</sup> beside Aldrichgate *om.* L.

Anne; wherefore þe Kyng made þe Cite to wach hym þer, day and nyght, duryng iij wokes; and þen was he muret vp in the chireh: þen he and iij of his mene forswore þe londe, and went in-to Fraunce, and there he dyet. 4

¶ And in þe seconde yere of his regne, he helde a gret counsaile at Westmyn[s]ter, with al þe lordes of his Reame, spirituaH and temperaH: where it was tretit and spoken of his title þat he had to Normaundy, Gascoyne and Gyan, which was his enheritaunce of 8 righte. and after, he held a gret parlement at Leicestre, where, be thavice of al his lordes of his Counsaile, and of þe comyns of his land, he sent in-to Fraunce his embassatours, to þe Kyng there and to his Counsaile, requiryng hem to yelde vp to him his said 12 enheritaunce, or elles he lete hem wete he wold it gete with þe sword, by þe helpe of Ihesu Crist. ¶ Then þe Dolfyn of Fraunce, Charles, ansuard to þe Kynges embassatours, and said: "youre Kyng of Englund is ouer<sup>1</sup> yong and tendre of age to be a good 16 werrioure, and not like to make such a conquest on Fraunce."

¶ Then þe Kynges embassatours, heryng this scornfuH ansuare, retournet in-to Englund ageyne, and told þe Kyng and his Counsaile the ansuare and þe entent of þe Dolfyn and of þe Counsaile of 20 Fraunce. ¶ The Kyng then was þerwith sore amevide; and onon in al hast made redy his ordinaunce necessary for þe werre, and lete make .iij. gret shippes—one of xv<sup>c</sup> tonne þat was clepit þe 'Gracedieu,' and þe 'gost' and þe 'trynite,' smaller shippes. and 24 he lete ordeyne and make gret gunnes, and al oþer ordynaunces, and made his retenewe, And comaundet his lordys, dukes, erles and<sup>2</sup> barons, knyghtes, squyers,<sup>3</sup> and al oþer comyners, masous, carpenters, and al<sup>4</sup> artificers, to make hem redy to go with hym 28 into Fraunce, to help hym wynne his heritage and his righte, and to mete with hym on Lammas Day at Southampton, where he ordeynt his navey to be þer, redy to abide his comyng: <sup>5</sup>whidir come many shippes out of Holynd.<sup>5</sup> And when þe kyng was redy, 32 he come to Southampton on Lanmas day,<sup>6</sup> where-as mette hym al his pepill; and þer was he redy<sup>7</sup> to take his viage <sup>5</sup>in-to . Normandy.

At which day<sup>5</sup> it was puplisshit, and openly knowen, þat iij 36 lordes, þat is to say, Richard, Erle of Cambrigge, broþer to Edward,

<sup>1</sup> ou Ha. ouer L.      <sup>2</sup> and om. L.

<sup>3</sup> & squyers L.      <sup>4</sup> al oþir L.      <sup>5-5</sup> om. L.

<sup>6</sup> on Lammas day om. L.      <sup>7</sup> And as he was redy L.



Duyk of York, and pe Lord Scrope, Tresourer of Englonde, and Sir Thomas Gray, knyght, had receyuet a gret somme of money, pat is to say, a M<sup>t</sup> ponde of gold,<sup>1</sup> and had sold pe Kyng vnto pe  
4 Frensshmen and his brether.<sup>2</sup> Wherefore they were onon taken and Iugit, their hedis to be smytton of; and so they were,<sup>3</sup> without pe Southgates at Southampton.<sup>3</sup> And when that was done, pe Kyng shippit with his host, and so saylet in-to Normaundy<sup>4</sup> with  
8 xv<sup>c</sup> shippes, gret and smaH, And arryvet at Kittance one oure Lady even, pe Assumpcion. And from thens he went streight to Harflewe, and besegit pe toune be londe and be watir.

12 **How kyng Henry the V<sup>te</sup> wanne Harflewe; and of the bataille of Agincourt, and how the Emp<sup>er</sup>oure come into Englonde.**

**W**Hen Harflewe was besegit be londe and be water, per were in pe toune viij<sup>c</sup> men of werre, with-out lordes and states. And thes were pe names of pe lordes: Sir Iakes de Harecourt, capteyn,  
16 pe Lord Gawcourt, the Lord of Hakvyse, the Lord of Florry, the Lord of Bleynvile, the Lord of Tiptot, the Lord of Combrevyle, the Lord of Beushvyle, and opir moo which shal be reherset herafter ¶ The Kyng pen sent to Sir Iakes de Harecourt, Capteyn of Har-  
20 flewe, and hym comaundit to delyuer pe toune. And Sire Iakes ansuard and said, 'he toke hym none to kepe; nor none he shuld haue pere.' And when this ansuare was brought vnto pe Kyng, he made to lay 'goodgrace,' his gret gune, and al his oper gunnes, on  
24 ich a side, and comaundit his gunners to bete doune pe walles. and so thei shotte on ich side, and brak doune pe walles, and pe houses with-in the toune. ¶ When thay of pe toune pat saw, they sent to Kyng Henry, besechyng hym of viij dayes of respite, if eny maner  
28 rescouse myght come to hem in pe menewhile. and if so were there come none rescouse to hem with-in pe viij<sup>te</sup> dayes, they wold deliuer to hym the keyes and pe toune: and per-vppon pai wold deliuer hym xxiiij lordes in hostage, and of the wurthyest men of  
32 pe toune.

¶ The Kyng then grauntet wele perto; and so<sup>5</sup> they delyuert xxiiij<sup>ti</sup> hostages, whos names ben writton in this table<sup>3</sup> next folowyng, pat is to say: <sup>3</sup>—

<sup>1</sup> receyued the somme of M<sup>l</sup> li of gold L.

<sup>2</sup> and his brether *om.* L. <sup>3-3</sup> *om.* L.

<sup>4</sup> shipped & sailed toward Normandy L. <sup>5</sup> leaf 156, back.

-The Lord Tutteville,	Thomas de Asses,	
The Lord of Clere,	Iohn Malherbe,	
The Lord of Chasteleyn, } De Beauvise, <sup>1</sup> } The Lord Blowset,	Iohn Harrard, Stephan Heuband,	4
The Lord Burnet, } of Langchampe, <sup>2</sup> }	Guilliam Buchier, Laurence Robyn,	
The Lord Iohn <sup>3</sup> of Malevile,	Iohn Buchier	
The Lord Charles <sup>4</sup> de Saint Claleyne,	Aleyne Ligne,	8
The Lord Caradouse <sup>5</sup> Deske- sewis,	Iohn Graunt, Robyn Walkyle,	
The Lord Iakes <sup>6</sup> de Bankvyle,	Iohn le Mare,	
Guilliam de Pount,	Ianyne le Duyk,	12
	Guilmot Guillias.	
	Colyn <sup>7</sup> Langloys,	

¶ And when thes xxiiij<sup>te</sup> hostages were sent out of þe toune to þe Kyng, al thoo viij dayes after they of þe toune loket after 16 rescouse; but þer come none. Wherefore Sir Iakes de Harecourt,<sup>s</sup> pat was Capteyn of þe toune of Harflew,<sup>s</sup> with lordes and states of þe toune, brough[t] þe<sup>9</sup> Kyng þe keys at the viij<sup>te</sup> dayes ende, and deliuert hym þe toune. ¶ Then þe Kyng made þe Erle of 20 Dorset, Beaufort his vnkill, capteyn of þe toune, and hym com-aundit to put out al the Frensshe pepiH pat were within, man woman and child, and stuff þe toune with Englisshemen, and so he did. ¶ Then þe Kyng remevit from pens with his pepiH, and 24 come down to Caleis-ward be land, to þe noumbre of viij M<sup>t</sup>; but þe Frensshe-men hade breken alle the brigges where he shuld haue passit ouer. Wherefore he sought his way in oper places, and come downward to a place clepit Agincourt; where-as al þe power 28 of Fraunce wer gedirt, and redy to stoppe hym þe way, and to gyve hym bataile. ¶ And when þe Kyng this sawe, he praid God be his helpe; and with þe pepiH þa[t] he had, which was but scarce viij M<sup>t</sup>, made hym redy, and hym enbatailt. ¶ The Kyng pat 32 tyme had a mys-trust in Edward, Duyk of York; and pat the Duyke wele perceyuet, and come to þe Kyng, and hym besoughte that he myght haue þe vaward pat day. and þe Kyng hym

<sup>1</sup> De Beauvise *om. L.*      <sup>2</sup> of Langchampe *om. L.*

<sup>3</sup> Iohn *om. L.*      <sup>4</sup> Charles *om. L.*

<sup>5</sup> Caradouse *om. L.*      <sup>6</sup> Iakes *om. L.*      <sup>7</sup> And Colyn L.

<sup>8-8</sup> *om. L.*      <sup>9</sup> to þe L.

graunted. Then þe Duyk went forth, and comaundit and charget  
 euery man to ordeyne hym a stake of tre, sharpet at both endys,  
 and pight an ende asslope in þe ground before hem), that þe  
 4 Frenshemen shuld not ouerride hem; for thair purpose was to  
 haue ouerriden hem; for they were nombret <sup>xx</sup>vj M<sup>t</sup> and moo. And  
 þe Frenshmen, al þe nyghte before or þat the bataile was, made  
 muche reveH, and cryeng and shoutyng,<sup>1</sup> al þe nyghte, and plaiet  
 8 Englisshemen at þe<sup>2</sup> dyce, euery archer for a blank. ¶ And on þe  
 morowe about pryme, þe Kyng comaundit euery man to make hym  
 redy to bataile, and said thes wordes: “Sirres! thenkes this day  
 to quyte youe as men, and feightes for þe righte of Englonð! and,  
 12 in the name of Almyghty God, avaunt baner! and Saynt George,  
 this day thyn helpe!” Then oure men knelit doune al attones,  
 and made a cros on þe grounde, and kissit it, and put hem in þe  
 mercy of God.

16 ¶ The Frenshmen þen come with<sup>3</sup> gret pride ferisly, and oure  
 archers shotte frely; and att last, both þe battailes Ioynet and  
 mette, and sore foughton togedirs. And þe Frenshe men presit so  
 fast and so thikke on oure pepiH, þat they felt on þe stakes þat  
 20 were pighte in the ground, horse and man), so thikke, ich ouer<sup>4</sup>  
 othir, þat gret pepiH of hem were slayne with-out eny stroke. And  
 þe Kyng þat day fuH manfully faughte<sup>5</sup> that same day, his oune  
 handys<sup>5</sup>; so that 1 pece of his crowne was broken, which afterward  
 24 was founden and<sup>6</sup> broughte to hynð. and so at last, Almyghty God  
 gaue grace that he had þe victory of hys ennys, for al theire pride,  
 and slowe xij M<sup>t</sup>; of the which, þe lordes and þe states of name,  
 theire names folowen in þis table herafter:

28	The Bisshope of Sayntis,	The Erle of Brene,
	The Duyke of Brabane,	The Erle of Sannes,
	The Duyk of Barry,	The Erle of Grauntpre,
	The Duyke of Launson),	The Erle of Fallyngberge,
32	The Erle of Douers,	The Lord Dalabret,
	The Erle of Marle,	The Lord Heyle,
	The Erle of Russe,	The Constable of Fraunce,
	The Erle of Almartyne,	The Lord of Dampiere,
36	The Erle of Vandemound,	The Lord of Beaufremound,

<sup>1</sup> and shoutyng *om. L.*

<sup>4</sup> on L. <sup>5-5</sup> *om. L.*

<sup>2</sup> þe *om. L.* <sup>3</sup> in L.

<sup>6</sup> founden and *om. L.*

The Lord of Danssy, <sup>1</sup>	The Lord Colard of Fessenis,	
The Lord Damnery, <sup>2</sup>	The Lord Cheyny,	
The Lord Robert <sup>3</sup> Frere,	The Lord of Beauford,	
The Lord of Ranavile,	The Lord of Branen,	4
The Lord Waryn,	The Lord Raulond of Grotuse,	
The Lord of Kemeram,	The Lord Philipe of Lens,	
The Lord of Bakevyle,	The Lord William Eriche,	
The Lord Senal of Henawe,	The Lord of Saint Clos,	8
The Lord of Mongangies,	<sup>8</sup> The Lord Iohn of Poys, <sup>8</sup>	
<sup>4</sup> The Lord Coursy,	The Lord Iakes of Coriamble,	
The Lord Oudard of Rant,	The Lord of Caunkesy,	
The Lord of Hemes,	<sup>8</sup> The Lord Colard Somanyng, <sup>8</sup>	12
The Lord Symond of FragneH,	The Lord Colard of Frenys, [ <i>col. 2</i> ]	
The Lord of Cramys,	The Lord Gaumot of Burnvile,	
The Lord Robert <sup>5</sup> Monerigny,	The Lord Ronale of Flaundes,	
The Lord of Quemes,	The Lord Bidamue of Lannoys,	16
The Lord Daunchy,	The Lord Iohn of Garonns,	
The Lord Gerard of Herbanes,	The Lord Dacoy,	
The Lord Iohn of Gres,	The Lord Colenchet,	
The Lord of Soile,	The Lord Doo,	20
The Lord Dauphyan,	The Lord Iohn of Beaumont,	
The Lord Mounteney,	The Lord Iohn of Drouy,	
The Lord Burey and his sonne,	<sup>8</sup> The Lord Charles, <sup>8</sup>	
The Lord Reynold Dagin-court,	The Lord Philipe Lynberk <sup>10</sup>	24
The Lord Mayhewe <sup>6</sup> of Humes,	and his sonne,	
The Lord Philipe of Fosseins,	The Lord Iohn of Calkevile,	
The Lord Burian <sup>7</sup> of Rubenpre,	The Lord of Bryoile,	
The Lord of Poys,	The Lord William of Granevile,	28
The Lord Launcelet of Clarre,	The Lord Humers,	
The Lord of Hemedede,	The Lord Iohn of Monteney,	
The Lord of Coresques,	The Lord of Harlyn and his	
The Lord of Marquet,	broper,	32
The Lord Robert of Poys,	The Lord Malare of Gurnay,	
<sup>8</sup> The Lord of Noel, <sup>8</sup>	The Lord of Cankers,	
The Lord Robert of Waryn,	<sup>8</sup> The Lord of Houncious of	
The Lord Haucon <sup>9</sup> of Croan,	Poys, <sup>8</sup>	36
The Lord of Eroun and his sonne,	The Lord of Long,	

<sup>1</sup> Anvy L.    <sup>2</sup> Amery L.    <sup>3</sup> lord of L.    <sup>4</sup> leaf 157.

<sup>5</sup> lord of L.    <sup>6</sup> Mayhewe *om.* L.    <sup>7</sup> Burian *om.* L.    <sup>8-8</sup> *om.* L.

<sup>9</sup> Haucon *om.* L.    <sup>10</sup> Lynberk *om.* L.

	The Lord of Tenys and his sonne,	Fort-escu, Robert of <sup>1</sup> Savage,
	The Castelyn of Lens,	Brian of Geromes,
4	The Baron of Mary,	Iohn of <sup>1</sup> Gardyn,
	The Stuard of Henawde,	Dorn dez Pres,
	The Baily of Dauneus, Iohn Guryñ,	Iohn of Sempy, Pier Bonenfaunt,
8	Damset Dannay, Iohn of Lesele,	<sup>2</sup> Burgu of Rony, <sup>2</sup> Pers of Fossenis.

And many othir moo, as before is saide. And thes were þe names of þe Frenssh lordes þat were take prisoners in þat batail:—  
 12 The Duyk of Orlyauñce, The Duyk of Burboyn, <sup>2</sup>The Erle of Eawe,<sup>2</sup> The Erle of Richemond, The Erle of Vandome, Sir Iohn of Bare, þe <sup>2</sup>Dukes broþer of Bare, Sir Bursigaunt,<sup>2</sup> stuard of Fraunce, <sup>2</sup>Sir Iohn de Roche,<sup>2</sup> And many oper<sup>3</sup> moo, to þe nombre  
 16 of viij<sup>c</sup>.

And þes were þe names of þe lordes þat were slayn on oure party:—The good and noble Edward, Duyk of York, in þe raward, The Erle of Suffolk, and oper moo yemen to þe nombre of xxviij<sup>ti</sup>.  
 20 and þis bataile was done þe xxv<sup>ti</sup> day of Octobre, on Saint Crispyn and Crispians day, the yere of oure Lord, M<sup>t</sup> CCCC xv. <sup>2</sup>¶ Of which a versifier makes mencion, and saith “Crispini multos strait gens anglica Francos.” ¶ Then come tithynges to þe Kyng  
 24 þat a newe bataile of Frenshmen were redy to feight with hym ageyn. Then þe Kyng onon chargit and comaundet every man to sle his prisoner. And when the Frensh men þat sawe, they withdrowe hem, and went their way.<sup>2</sup>

28 ¶ Then come þe Kyng to Caleys with his prisoners, and thankit God of þat gloriose victory, <sup>4</sup>and Saint George, which halpe hym to fighte, and was seyne abouen in þe eyre, þat day they fauzt. And when þe Kynge come to Caleys, he restet hym þere awhile,  
 32 and after shippit, and come into Englund, and landet at Dovor, and passit so forth to Berehamdoune, where-as mette with hym þe v portes, with x M<sup>t</sup> men clenly harnesshit and arrayet. And þen said þe Duyk of Orlyauñce: “¶ what! shal we now go ageyne to  
 36 bataile?” And þe Kyng hym ansuard, and said: “Nay: thes ben childer of my cuntre come to welcome me home.” And there<sup>5</sup> þe

<sup>1</sup> of om. L.      <sup>2-2</sup> om. L.      <sup>3</sup> oper om. L.  
<sup>4</sup> leaf 157, back.      <sup>5</sup> their Ha. there L.

v portes presentit þe Kyng with a shippe, & gold therin. And so rode he forth to Caunterbery, where-as þe procession hym mette with-out þe toun, and hym broght to Cristischirche; and the Kyng offert at Saint Thomas shryne. And from thens he rode to Eltham. 4  
 1And fro thens he toke his way to London; 1 and on Blakke-Heth mette with hym þe Meyre and the Aldermen, with al the craftes of þe Cite clothet al in rede, to þe nombre of xx<sup>ti</sup> M<sup>t</sup>; and þer they welcomet hym home, and þe Kyng hem thanket. And so rode he 8  
 forth to London 1 on Saint Clement day, 1 where-as he was riolly receyuet with precession, And song “Aue Anglorum flos, mundi miles Christi!” And when he come to London Brigge, where-as were ij turrets on þe draw-brige, and a gret Geaunt, and on þe 12  
 turrets stonþyng a lyon and a Antlope, with many angeles syngyng “Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini!” And so rode he forth in-to London; and þe stretes were rialy hanget with rich clothes; 1 And in CornhyH was made a rioH toure, full of patri- 16  
 arches syngyng “Cantate Domino canticum nouum! laus laus eius, in ecclesia sanctorum!” and kest doum quyk briddes, which flawe thikke about þe Kyng. 1 And when he come into Chepe, þe Condites ranne wyne. And on þe gret condit were xij Apposteles, 20  
 syngyng “Benedic, Anima mea, Domino!” and xij kynges knelyng, castyng doune oblays, and welcomet hym home. And þe eros in Chepe was riolly arrayet like a CasteH, with toures pight full of baners, and þer-in Angeles syngyng ‘NoweH, noweH!’ gyvyng 24  
 besandes of gold to þe Kyng. And so rode he forth to Paules, where-as mette hym xiiij<sup>2</sup> bisshopes; and al þe belles ronge agaynes hym; and þere he alight and went to þe hye awter. And there þei song “Te Deum laudamus.” And from thens he rode 28  
 forth to his palice at Westmynster; And after, he rode about in the land on pilgremage, and ordeynt þe holy Chireh þat Saint George day shuld be kept hye and holy: and so was it neuer before þat day. 32

¶ In þe iij<sup>de</sup> yere of þe reyne of Kyng Henry þe v<sup>te</sup>, Segewyn, þe Emperoure of Almayn, come in-to Englonð, and was right wurshiply receyuet at London 1 with þe Meyre, alderme[n] and craftes, 1 and broughte to þe Kynges paleys at Westmynster, where-as 36  
 was þe gret haH assignet to hym, which was ryolly hanget with clopes of gold and of Arras. And euery AngeH in þe haH-rof

1-1 om. L.

2 xij L.

holdyng a torche in his honde; <sup>1</sup>and iiij angeles at pe hye decee,  
ich holdyng iiij torches.<sup>1</sup> And pe Kyng gave pe Emperoure pe  
Gartour. And sone aftir, pe Duyke of Holand come in-to Englonde,  
4 and was loggit in Holborn, and abode a long tyme in pe lond, on  
pe Kynges cost; and after, they went home. And pe Kyng went  
with the Emperoure to Caleys, where-as was a Counseyle; at  
which Counseyle was both pe Kyng and pe Emperoure, and per  
8 taried to haue ansuare of pe Frenssh party. And thider come the  
Duyk of Burgoyne; but he wold not come per til Humfrey, Duyk  
of Gloucestre, lay plegge for hym. And after, the Emperoure  
went home in-to his cuntre, <sup>1</sup>and many Englishsh men with hym  
12 made officers, for he trustid hem better pen his oune nacion.<sup>1</sup>  
¶ And when pe Kyng had his ansuare of pe Frenssh party, pat  
liket hym not, he come in-to Englonde ageyn, and ordeynt a gret  
army.

V.

[*From the Capture of Rouen, 19 Jan. 1419, to the Defeat of the Ghent  
men at Calais, and the Death of Watkin RUSKIN, A.D. 1436.*]

16 <sup>2</sup>And then pe Kyng entret in-to pe toune of Roane, and hym  
restit in pe CasteH till pe toune was sette in ruyie and in gouern-  
aunce; and after pat, was Caudebek, and oper garisons pernegh,  
yolden to pe Kyng <sup>1</sup>vnder the same appoyntement.<sup>1</sup>

20 ¶ Of the trefy of pees pat was betwene Kyng Henry of  
Englonde and Kyng Charles of Fraunce; and of pe mariage  
of Kyng Henry pe V<sup>te</sup> and Dame Kateryn, pe Kynges  
doughter of Fraunce; and so pe pees was made<sup>3</sup> and  
24 fynysshit. [*Big writing, with red underlines.*]

**W**hen Kyng Henry of Englonde had goton Roane, as before is  
said, the Dolfyns embassatores, as it was accordit before—  
with fuH power to do al thynges, as he were pere hymself present,—  
28 comen to pe Kyng to pe said Cite of Roane; and after many tretise  
had, thus it was appoyntet: pat a certeyn day sette, pe Dolfyn shuld  
come to pe toune of<sup>4</sup> Dreux, and Kyng Henry to Aueraunchis, and

<sup>1-1</sup> om. L.      <sup>2</sup> leaf 158, back.      <sup>3</sup> made Ha. was made L.  
<sup>4</sup> toun Ha. toun of L.

pere chese a mene place betwene both assent, where they myghte peashely tret of pe pees. Which appoyntement truly to be kept, pe Kyng and the said Ambassatoures sette-to paire seales. at which day pe Kyng come; but pe Dolfyn com not: wherfore pe pees was broke as for that tyme.

¶ In this mene while, Iohn, Duyk of Burgoyne, which had pe ruyle of pe Kyng of Fraunce because of his sekene, be letteres and ambassatouris sought Kyng Henry grace; and pe Kyng sent Ambassatoures ageyn to Charles, Kyng<sup>1</sup> of Fraunce, and to pe said Duyk, to Province, of which ambassatours pe Erle of Warrewik was chef;<sup>2</sup> and in pe way as he shuld go, lay a gret busschement of Frenshe men, to take hym, and let hym pe way and his purpose; but he slogh and toke the moost party of hem, and come to Province, and purposet his ambassiat. And so was it pere appoyntet and accordit, that Henry of Englonde and Charles of Fraunce, with pe Quene his wif, and pe Duyk of Burgoyne, shuld come to a mene place, & trete of pe pees. And to do pis message, pe Erle of Saint Paule, and pe sonne and heire of pe Duyk of Burgoyne, come to pe Kyng as Ambassatours. ¶ Then Kyng Henry of Englonde, of pe mater be relacion of Ambassatoures of both partyes, appoyntet *with* his enmys that, at a certeyn day, he shulde come to Maunt, and Charles, Kyng of Fraunce, and Iohn, Duyk of Burgoyne, shuld come to Pounteys; and pe mene place of this treti should be Melan sus Sayn; to pe which, *nope* party shuld come with moo pen M<sup>t</sup> v<sup>c</sup> men; and in pe mene tyme truyce shulde be on both parties: which mene place was aftirward arayet betwene ij villages, and lymytit and market betwene ij gret diches, where-in no man shuld come, but onely such as shuld trete. And *per* pe Kynge tentes were riolly pighte and arerit, and pe Kynge's tentes of Fraunce. And Kyng Henry lete arere ij tentes betwene .ij. diches, where-in both pe Kynge's myght trete apart with there secret Counsaile,<sup>3</sup> and pe astate of bope Kynge's observet and kept,<sup>3</sup> and a stake was pighte in pe myddes of a faire playn, to pe which, and no ferther, eythir Kyng shuld come to *oper*. And pe day appoyntet,<sup>4</sup> Kyng Henry come to Maunt, And Kyng Charles, because of his acustumet sekene, came not; but pe Quene his wif, and pe Duke of Burgoyne, with *oper* notable prynces of there

<sup>1</sup> Ambassatours to the king L.

<sup>2</sup> the king made chef the erle of Warrewik L.

<sup>3-3</sup> om. L.

<sup>4</sup> assigned L.



alliaunce, and with <sup>1</sup> M<sup>t</sup> v<sup>c</sup> men), comen to Pounteys, and aftir, to þe mene place. And Kyng Henry first kisset þe Quene, and þen Dame Kateryn), hir doughter, <sup>2</sup>for at þat tyme þe Kyng sawe hir 4 first.<sup>2</sup> ¶ Then Kyng Henry, þe Quene and hir doughter, and þe Duyk of Burgoyñ, with oper, went into a tent to trete of pees, where they were almost iij dayes; but it toke non) ende <sup>3</sup>at that tyme.

In the menewhile, the Dolfyn), with letters and messagers, 8 sterid the Duyk of Burgoyñ that he, nor non of his, shuld assent to þe pees. And at þe v<sup>te</sup> nonas of August, in þe which þe said Kynges shuld haue semblet, þe Kyng of Fraunce, þe Quene, þe Duyk of Burgoyñ, nor non) of hem, come. Wherfor it was 12 openly knawe that þe Frensh party was cause<sup>4</sup> þat the pees was not endit at that tyme.

Then Kyng Henry went vnto Pounteys, and gat it. And sent Thomas his broþer, Duyk of Clarence, with a notable power, to 16 Parise, and gate it, And retournet ageyn to þe Kyng. And þen þe Kyng went to Bokenð-villers and <sup>5</sup>Gysours, and gate hem.<sup>6</sup> And whiles this was in doying, þe Duyk of Burgeyn), þat first sought þe Kynges grace, went to þe Dolfyn) to Motreux, vnder 20 sav-condit of comyng and goyng, and pere, by þe said Dolfyn), was traytosely and vnmanly slayne, As he knelit before hym, and after, put in-to a pitte, botit and spurret. ¶ And when Philip, his sonze and his heire, perof had knowlege, he sought Kyng Henry grace, 24 and become his man). ¶ The same tyme, certeyn ambassatours of Kyng Charles and of þe Duyk of Burgoyñ, & of Citizyns of Parise, come to Kyng Henry vnto Maunt, to trete of pees; but because the Kyng was so besily occupiet in his werres, and also he supposet 28 þat the Frenshmen were not fully enclynet to þe pees as than, þis tetry toke non) ende at þat tyme,<sup>7</sup> but aftirward at Roan it was fully fynesshit.

¶ Aftirward, whiles Kyng Henry held) his Cristenmas in<sup>8</sup> 32 Roan, the Ambassatours of Kyng Charles and of þe Dukes of Burgoyñ come pidir to hym; to whom Kyng Henry<sup>9</sup> sent ageyn) Richard, Erle of Warrewik, with oper wise men, and a notable power of men of armes,<sup>10</sup> wip full power to concludye the pees; 36 and aftir many wise tretise had, pees was on both sides concludit, by þe affinite and wedlok of Kyng Henry and Dame Kateryn),

<sup>1</sup> with a L. (Ha has 'M<sup>t</sup>. M<sup>t</sup>.' for 1000.) <sup>2-2</sup> om. L. <sup>3</sup> leaf 159.

<sup>4</sup> cause om. L. <sup>5</sup> Bokenð-villers and om. L.

<sup>6</sup> it L. <sup>7</sup> at þat tyme om. L. <sup>8</sup> att L. <sup>9</sup> þe king L.

<sup>10</sup> of men of armes om. L.

Kyng Charles daughter. But be-cause certeyn thynges were necessary, for þe which þe presence of both þe Kynges most nedis be had, what for setting-to of their seales, what for the mariage sewyng, And also Charles was so feblet for age, and oft tymes was vexit with his sekenes. ¶ Thus it was betwene hem appoyntet, þat Kyng Henry shuld come at a day lymyt, vnder truyce, with suche puysshauce as hym liket, to Nogent vpon Sayn, to performe fynally al thyng that to þe pees was nedful; and if he come not, al thyng shuld be had as for noughte. Aftir this appoyntement þus made, þe Erle retournet to þe Kyng, notifying vnto hym in writyng al þe affecte of his enbassiat. ¶ Then þe Kyng from thens went to Nogent; and þer mette with hym Philipe, Duyk of Burgoyne, with a gret company of men of Armes. Then, after many and diuerse tretise, þe xij<sup>te</sup> kalendes of Iune, þe xli<sup>ti</sup> yere of þe regne of Kyng Charles, in þe CathedraH chirch þer, Kyng Henry, with Thomas, Duyk of Clarence, his broþer, and oþer princes and nobles, and IsabeH, Quene of Fraunce, with þe Duyk of Burgoyne beyng þer for Kyng Charles laboryng þen in his forsaid affirmite; and in þeir oune names, and þe iij states of Fraunce, pees betwene þe ij remes of Englonde and of Fraunce was made, and with certeyn condicions approvit. And Kyng Charles charget al his legemen, on payn of fforfeture of þaire legeaunce, to kepe þe said pees; And þerto þai mad their gret oth, and plight þeir trouthis in þe haudes of Kyng Henry. And onon, Quene IsabeH of Fraunce, & Philipe, Duyk of Burgoyne, in þe name of Kyng Charles, swore vppon þe Euangelistes to kepe this pees, þus concludit, for theym, for their heires, & their<sup>1</sup> successoures, withouten fraude or male engyne, for euermore. And this same othe made Quene IsabeH, and the Duyk of Burgoyne, and þe iij states of Fraunce, to Kyng Henry, his heires and his successoures. And at the ix<sup>te</sup> kalendes of Iune, before Quene IsabeH and Kyng Charles Counsaile in þe parlement, and þe iij states of Fraunce, and oþer Englysshe prynces and lordes, contracte of Maternony be present wordes, betwene Kyng Henry and Dame Kateryn, Kyng Charles daughter, there was solempnet and made. And as sone as this was enditet in writyng, as it was accordit, Kyng Henry, Kyng Charles, and þe ij Quenes, <sup>2</sup> IsabeH and Kateryn, and þe Duyk of Burgeyn, went to Saynluys and gate it; and fro thens vnto Melon, and besaget þe toun. and þe seege enduret from þe first Idus of Iuyle vnto

<sup>1</sup> their Ha. & for þeyre L.<sup>2</sup> leaf 159, back.

Nouembre aftir. and at that seege, lay *with* Kyng Henry, James, Kyng of Scottes, as *presoner*. And þei within þe toune suffert gret duresse; but at last, for diffault of vitaille, thei yolde  
4 vp the toune. ¶ Then þe Kynges and þe Quenes, and Philipe, Duyk of Burgoynd, with theire hostes, went to Parise; and the Citizyns of þe Citee mette *with* hem in<sup>1</sup> fuH noble array, and riolly hem receyued. ¶ And at þe viij<sup>te</sup> Idus of Ianuare, Kyng Henry  
8 and Dame Kateryn comen in-to Englund, and laft at Parise Thomas Beaufort, Duyk of Excestre, his vncl, and Thomas, Duyk of Clarence, his *broper*, Regent of Normaundy. And þe xiiij day of Feueryere, <sup>2</sup>pat feH on þe Sondag,<sup>2</sup> Dame Kateryn was crownet at  
12 Westemynster with gret solempnyte.

¶ And in this while Thomas, Duyk<sup>3</sup> of Clarence, with *oper* certeyn lordes, made a iourmay, and lefte at home þe yomanry, but toke *with* hym gentels and speris; at which iourmay he was  
16 slaynd with þe Scottes, and al *pat* come *with* hym; and þe Erle of Huntyngton was *per* take, and *oper* moo, <sup>2</sup>and *pat* was gret routh.<sup>2</sup>

¶ And when tithynges *perof* come to Kyng Henry, he was sorowfuH and hevy, and made hym redy to go ouer see; and at  
20 Mydsomer next aftir the coronacion,<sup>4</sup> he went ouer<sup>5</sup> into Fraunce ageyn, <sup>2</sup>and left the Quene in Englund,<sup>2</sup> and gat certeyn garisons *pat* were rebeH, and besegit þe toune of Meux; at which seege tithynges come to þe Kyng *pat* þe Quene was deliuerd of a sonne  
24 at Wyndesore *pat* was clepit Henry. ¶ And whene þe Quene<sup>6</sup> was purifiet, she went ouer into Fraunce to þe Kyng. And *after* *pat* Meux was yoldon, Kyng Henry went to Parise, makyng ordynauce to be-seege þe toune of Cane. And þen a sore and a fervent malady  
28 hym toke, and fro day to day hym vexit til he deyed in þe Castell of Bois de Vincent, the last day of August, when *pat* he had regnet ix yere, v monithis, iij. weekes and iij days; and aftirward he was brought in-to Englund Riolly, and enterid at Westemynster.

[*The Accession of Henry VI.*]

32 **A**fter the noble<sup>7</sup> victoriose prynce, Kyng Henry the v<sup>th</sup>, regnet his sonne, Henry the vj<sup>te</sup>, <sup>2</sup>that was bore at Wyndesore in the fest of Saint Nycolace the Confessoure,<sup>2</sup> and began to regne in þe age of ix monithes and xv dayes. And to Richard, Erle of

<sup>1</sup> *with* L.      <sup>2-2</sup> *om.* L.

<sup>4</sup> the coronacion *om.* L.

<sup>7</sup> noble & L.

<sup>3</sup> Duyk Ha.      duyk of L.

<sup>5</sup> ouer *om.* L.

<sup>6</sup> quene Ha.      þe queene L.

Warrewik, was commyttit þe kepyng of hym, for-as-much he was countet and hold þe best-nurturet man of Englonð; and þe Bisshope<sup>1</sup> of Caunterbery and the Bisshope of Wynchester were his godfaders; and þe Duches of Holand was his godmoder; <sup>2</sup>and 4 so forth-with-al he was sette to howsolþ. and þat same yere þe Duches of Holand was weddit to Humfrey, Duyk of Gloucestre.<sup>2</sup> and the first yere of his regne, dyet Charles, þe Kyng of Fraunce, <sup>2</sup>att Bois de Vyncent, and was entered at Parise,<sup>2</sup> and þe Quene 8 his wif with<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>hym. And þat same yere was one Sir William Tailoure, prest, brent in Smythfeld for heresy.

¶ And þe second yere of his regne, Sir Roger Mortymer, knyght, brak out of þe Toure of London, be counsaile of certeyn persones 12 of þe same Toure, and was tak ageyn on þe Toure-wharf, and after brought to Westmynster: and þere was he iuget to þe deth, and was draw and hanget at Tiburn, and quartert, and his hed set on London Brigge; and his hert and his bowelles were beryet in 16 þe Grey Freris in London, on the north side of þe chirch.<sup>2</sup>

¶ **Of the Bataile of VernuH in Perche be Iohn, Duyk of Bedford, and Regent of Fraunce.** [*Big letters, red underlines.*]

In the second yere of þe reyne of Kyng Henry the vj<sup>te</sup> aboue- 20 said, Iohn, Duyk of Bedford and Regent of Fraunce, & <sup>4</sup> the Erle of Salisbery; Mountegu,<sup>5</sup> the Erle of ArundeH, the Lord Scales, the Lord Poynynges,<sup>6</sup> with þe nombre of xij M<sup>t</sup> of Englissh men, laid seege to Ivory in Normaundy. And whiles they lay att that 24 seege, the Duyk of Launson gadert a gret host of Frensshmen, and Scottes and lumbardes, þe nombre of lij M<sup>t</sup>, to rescowe Ivory, and to give bataile to þe said Duyke of Bedford. But when they herd that þe Duyk of Bedforde had with hym xij M<sup>t</sup> men, thay 28 lafte Ivory, and come to VerniH in Perche, which was þat tyme in þe handes of Englissh-men, <sup>2</sup>And the Lord Scales therof beyng capteyn, and was att þe said seege of Ivory.<sup>2</sup> ¶ Then þe Frenssh men chargit þe Englissh men to delyuer þe toun of VerniH vp to 32 hem, And <sup>7</sup>the said Duyke of Bedford and aH his power were ouerthrawe and slayn before Ivory. And they of the toun of VerniH wend it had ben trewe, And gave vp þe toune to þe Frenshmen. And þus<sup>8</sup> by this trayn, VerniH was lost, vnknowyng of 36

<sup>1</sup> Archbysshop L. <sup>2-2</sup> om. L. <sup>3</sup> also L.

<sup>4</sup> & om. L. <sup>5</sup> Mountegu om. L. <sup>6</sup> the Lord Poynyng om. L.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 160. <sup>8</sup> þus om. L.

the Duyke of Bedford and þe lordes which lay att þe said<sup>d</sup> seege of Ivory<sup>1</sup>; neuerþeles at last it was yolden vp to hem. ¶ Then iij M<sup>t</sup>. men toke theire leve of the Duyk of Bedford and Regent of 4 Fraunce,<sup>2</sup> and departet from thens<sup>3</sup> hom to their garisons. And they were not passet thens xij lekes, but tithynges come to þe Duyk how þe Frensshe had geten VERNYH, and were therin. Wherfore he onon, with þe Erle of Salesbery, Mountegu, þe Erle 8 of ArundeH, þe Lord Scalis, and þe Lord Poynynges, with<sup>4</sup> ix M<sup>t</sup> Englisshe men, retournet<sup>5</sup> to VERNYH, and toke thair feld<sup>d</sup> a myle from the toune, to gyve the Frensshe men bataile; but þe Frensshe men nor þe Scottes<sup>6</sup> wold<sup>d</sup> not beleve pat the English men 12 wold<sup>d</sup> feight with hem, for they had redy knowlege pat iij M<sup>t</sup> men were gon hom to their garisons, and þey were<sup>8</sup> but ix M<sup>t</sup> men, and they were lij M<sup>t</sup>: notwithstanding, a day of batail was sett. ¶ Then oure Englisshe men pichet theire stakes; 16 and on þe day of batail when þai shuld feight, they knelit doune and kissit the ground; and þen the Duyke of Bedford bade ‘aunnt baner!’ And so they Ioynet to-gedris and faughte; and the Duyk of Bedford faughte pat day manfully with his oune 20 hondis. And whilis they were besy feightyng, the Lumbardes of þe Frensshe host comen behynde the batail of þe Englisshe men, and slowe theire pages, and went away with thaire horses. And on Yong, an Englisshe Capteyn, fledde away with v<sup>c</sup> men in his 24 felissh[ip]e, and told how Englisshe men had lost the feld; which was aftir taken, and was hanget, drawe and quartert, as he was wele wurthy; for God fortunet so, that þe Duyke of Bedford had the vi[e]tory and the felde<sup>9</sup> of his enmyse, and put þe Frensshe 28 men to the flight, and chasit hem to þe toune dikes of VERNYH, where-as many of hem were drownet. <sup>10</sup>And when þey retournet agayn to the bataile, thay fand þe Scottes feightyng stiH with þe Erle of Salisbery whiles þei were folowyng þe chase of the Frensshe 32 men. And so then onon þe Scottes were aH discomfit and slayne, þe Englisshe men cryyng “A Clarens, A clarans!” for cause þe Scottes before that tyme [ferede] þe Duyk of Clarans. ¶ And the[s] were þe names of þe lordes, knyghtes and swyers, and men of 36 name of þe Scottes pat were slayne in pat batail: that is to say,

<sup>1</sup> Bedford þat lay before Ivory L.      <sup>2</sup> and Regent of Fraunce *om.* L.  
<sup>3</sup> Ivory L.      <sup>4</sup> Salesbury the lord of Arundel & þe lord Scalis *with* L.  
<sup>5</sup> went L.      <sup>6</sup> nor þe Scottes *om.* L.      <sup>7</sup> durst L.  
<sup>8</sup> were Ha.      <sup>9</sup> and the felde *om.* L.  
<sup>10</sup> There is a gap in L from here to *batail* on p. 567, l. 15.

The Erle Douglas, þat was att þe bataile of Shrewisbery new made  
Duyke of Turreyn),

The Erle of Bugham,	Sir Gauter Lynnesey,	
James Douglas,	Alexander Hume,	4
The Lord Sauyton),	Adam Dalgleis,	
The Lord Dondas,	Alexandre Stuard,	
Sir William of Seton,	James Lunieston),	[col. 3]
Sir Thomas of Murray,	Robert Serand,	8
Sir Gye Ferard,	Andrewe Murray,	
Sir Iohn Saintclere,	Thomas Gienston),	[col. 2]
Sir Archbald Goumerston)	Huchon Candy,	
Sir Gauter Berton),	David Murray.	12

¶ And many oþer Scottes moo of gentilmen), and þe men) were  
there slayne that ben not namet here.

¶ And þes ben þe names of þe lordes and men of name of þe  
Frensshe men that were slayne in þat same bataiH before the tou) 16  
of VemyH in Perche : that is for to say :

The Erle of DaumaH),	Sir Lowis de Trye,	[col. 1]
The Erle Bendtadom),	Sir Charles de Guesines,	
The Erle Romier,	Sir Iohn) de Murrak,	[col. 2]
The Erle DaubinaH),	Sir Gyles Deschavile,	
The Lord Manny),	Sir Iohn) Bonnestablez,	[col. 3]
The Lord Gravile,	Sir Giles de Camegez),	[col. 2]
The Lord Flenogin,	Sir Boit de Turnbun),	24
<sup>1</sup> The Lord Mountenay,	Sir Tristrem) Coiseron),	
The Lord Camelhart,	Sir Charles DesneuaH),	
The Lorde Chageron),	Sir Robert de Layre,	
The Lord Mesilate,	Sir Charles de Bruyne,	28
The Lord Dauterme,	Sir Iohn) Poyngaunt,	
The Lord de la Frait,	Sir Peris de Bellay,	
The Lorde de Cathemagez),	Sir Peris BottereH	
The Lord de le Forge,	And his brother,	32
The Lord de Bellay,	Sir Fraunceis de Gryngoux),	
The Lord de le Champayn),	Sir Emery de la Grissih),	
The Lord Gamagez),	Sir Prunele Fraunceis,	
The Lord Dassail Raboule,	MarshaH de la Fait,	36
The Vicont of Nerborn),	Peris de Guyssay,	

<sup>1</sup> leaf 160, back.

	Peris de Trussellez,	Heton de Guesmez,
	Robynet de Cleremount,	Geffrey Paillam,
	Louis de Osternard,	Regnault <sup>n</sup> Grenault,
4	Colvile le Vicont, [col. 3]	Godffray de Soubres,
	Druet Desson,	Hewe de Beaussault,
	Geffray de la GressiH,	Le Camus de Frisendy,
	Andrewe Poyngaunt,	Guylliam Remon <sup>n</sup> de la Maiser,
8	Iohn de Tonevile,	Louis de Bagard,
	Moriard de la Mote,	Peron de Luppe,
	Iohn Frere,	Ion <sup>n</sup> de Puche.
	Iohn <sup>n</sup> de la Famruner,	

12 Thes were þe names of lordes, knyghtes, squiers, and gentilmen  
of name þat were slayn in þe said bataile, of Frensshmen, and  
many oþer moo þat ar not here namet. And the nombre of al þe  
16 Frensshemen and Scottes that were slayn in þat batail, be<sup>1</sup>  
herawdes accompted, xij M<sup>t</sup> v<sup>c</sup> xxx, with<sup>2</sup> hem þat were drounet  
in þe dikes of VernyH. ¶ And thes were the names of hem þat  
were taken prisoners: <sup>3</sup>The Duyke of Launson, Iohn<sup>n</sup> Boutevile,  
Sir Peris Henson, Vidain Lannoie. <sup>4</sup>¶ And when þis bataile was  
20 don<sup>5</sup> and þe Englissh men had þe victory, they lovid<sup>6</sup> and<sup>7</sup> thanket  
God gretely of his grace, And forthwith went to þe toun of  
VernyH, which was anon<sup>7</sup> deliuert vpe<sup>8</sup> to hem, <sup>9</sup>and had<sup>8</sup> all þe  
stuff that þe Frensshmen ther-in hade. <sup>9</sup>And þen went þe Duyke  
24 of Bedford and Regent of Fraunce peasably to Roon<sup>n</sup>, thankyng  
God of þat victoriose battaile.

¶ In the iij<sup>de</sup> yere of þe Regne of Kyng Henry þe vj<sup>te</sup>, the  
Prince of Portyngale come in-to Englon<sup>d</sup>; which was of þe Kyng  
28 and þe<sup>10</sup> lordes wurshyly receyuet. And aftirward, at Saynt  
George Fest att Wyndesore,<sup>11</sup> the said Prince was made<sup>12</sup> Knyght of  
þe Garture. ¶ In the iiij<sup>te</sup> yere of his regne þer fiH a gret discord<sup>12</sup>  
betwene Humfrey, Duyke of Gloucester, and Henry, Bisshope of  
32 Wynchester; wherfore the Comyns of London aros with þe said  
Duyke, which lay þat tyme at his oun<sup>n</sup> place <sup>9</sup>at Baynardes CasteH,  
ageynes þe saide bisshope, which lay þat tyme in his place<sup>9</sup> besides  
saynt Mary-ouerheis in Suthwerk. but the Prince of Portyngale,  
36 beyng that tyme<sup>13</sup> in Englon<sup>d</sup>, labourt so betwene hem, as God

<sup>1</sup> And in this taile were slayn be L.      <sup>2</sup> with out L.

<sup>3</sup> And there was taken L.      <sup>4</sup> Lannson and many moo gret lordes L.

<sup>5</sup> don Ha. was don L.      <sup>6</sup> lovid and om. L.      <sup>7</sup> anon up L.

<sup>8</sup> vpe om. L.      <sup>9-9</sup> om. L.      <sup>10</sup> of þe L.      <sup>11</sup> att Wyndesore om. L.

<sup>12</sup> made att Wyndesore L.      <sup>13</sup> same tyme L.

wold, to kepe þe pees; wherthurghe þere was non harme done,—thanket be God!—<sup>1</sup> And so were the comyns of London pesite.<sup>1</sup> And þat same yere come Iohn, Duyk of Bedford and Regent of Fraunce, in-to Englonð, with þe Duches his wif, <sup>1</sup>þat was the suster 4 of Philippe, Duyke of Burgoyñ; and was fuH rially receuet of þe Maire and of þe Citizins of London.<sup>1</sup>

¶ In the v<sup>te</sup> yere of his regne a parlement was holden att Leycestre; att which parlement the Duyke of Bedford made <sup>2</sup>yong 8 Kyng Henry the Sixt, knyghte; and xxiiij knyghtes were made with hym. And when þe Kyng wes made knyght, he made *with* his oune handes other xxiiij knyghtes. And att þat parlement were made many statutes and ordynaunces, and many newe officers. 12 <sup>1</sup>And in þat same yere there was one William Wawe, an Outlawe, taken out of þe sayntuary of the Abbey of Bewley, and broughte to London to the Kynges-benche, and after, to Westemynster, and was pere dampnet, and had into Southwert, and sette in a cart, and 16 was broughte so thurgh-out London, and so forth to Tyburn, and þer was hanget; And after, his hed smytten of and sette on London Brigge.<sup>1</sup>

¶ In the vj<sup>te</sup> yere of his regne, Herry, Bisshope of Winchester, 20 went ouer see to Caleys, and so forth to Rome, where-as þe Pope hym made CardynaH, and gave to hym þe cros, to be born before hym alway where he went; but it was afterward taken away and laide down by *commaundement* of þe Pope, for cause he shulde 24 hane comyn into Praage *with* a certeyñ number of men of werre, whiche cuntre was out of beleue of Christen faith. but he failet his promyse, and come not there, but changet his purpos for þe wele and þe worshipe of al the Reame of Englonð, and went into 28 Normaundy *with* a notable meyny of Archers, the best þat couth be geton in eury place of Englonð <sup>1</sup>for ix<sup>d</sup> on þe day, euery archer ij or iij bawes in a cace.<sup>1</sup> And so, by his comyng theder, was sauid aH that lande; and elles þat tyme it shuld haue ben lost. ¶ Then 32 afterward, he come ageyn into Englonð, and was there wurshipli receyvide <sup>1</sup>with the Meire, Aldermen, and craftes of London, and brought so forthe to Westemynster, and lay þer in the Abbottes place within the Abbay.<sup>1</sup> ¶ In the vij<sup>te</sup> yere of his regne þer was 36 a great derth of corne. for a bussheH of whete was at iij<sup>s</sup> sterling; and aH oper cornes were dere þat yere.

<sup>1</sup>—1 om. L.<sup>2</sup> leaf 161.



How Kyng Henry the VI<sup>te</sup> was crownet att Westemynster;  
And after, be counseil of his lordis of Engelond, was  
crownet Kyng of Fraunce att Paryse.<sup>1</sup> [*Undertined with red.*]

4 **I**N the viij<sup>te</sup> yere of the regn of the said<sup>2</sup> Kyng Henry the  
vj<sup>te</sup>, he was crownet at Westemynster in Nouembre, on Saynt  
Lethenardes day; and on pe nyghte before, he made xxiiij<sup>ti</sup>  
Knyghtes of the Bath in pe Toure of London, which rode before  
8 hym on the morowe, al in blewe, toward his coronacion, to his  
paleis att Westemynster. Att which coronacion was gret rialte  
seynd; for al pe condites in Chepe ranne both of rede wyn and  
white; and the condite Also in pe palice of Westemynster rann  
12 with rede wyn; take therof, who-so wolde. And pat same yere,  
sone after, he went ouer see into Fraunce with a faire felesshipe of  
dukes, erlis and barons, <sup>3</sup>in the monythe of May, and with the  
nombre of iiij M<sup>t</sup> men,<sup>3</sup> and landet att Caleis, and went so forth be  
16 londe thurgh Pikardy to Roane, where-as he was righte Rially  
recevid and welcomet. ¶ In the ix<sup>te</sup> yere of his regne, the Erle of  
Perch, the Erle of Morteyn, the Lorde Fitz-Hewe, and pe Lork of  
Audelay, shippit att Sandewiche with iiij M<sup>t</sup> men, and landet att  
20 Caleis, and went so forth thurgh Picardy<sup>4</sup> to Roane. And onon  
after, Henry, CardinaH, Bisshope of Wynchester, the Lord Clynton<sup>5</sup>  
and Sir Thomas Donstable, shippit then att Portesmouthe, and  
sailt so to Kittecaux, Harflewe, and to Roane. ¶ And in pe x  
24 yere of his regne he was crownet att Paris, Kyng of Fraunce,<sup>3</sup> on  
oure Lady day pe Conception, in Decembre; where-as was hold as  
riah a fest as euer was had of eny kyng.<sup>3</sup> And in pat same yere  
was Louers geton, & the<sup>6</sup> walles beton doun, and made an open  
28 village, for all maner of pepiH, both Englisshe and Frensshe.

And pat same yere the Kyng come to Caleys out of Fraunce,  
and shippit there, and londet att Dovor, and was wurshiply  
receyuet with the barons of the v portes. And<sup>7</sup> <sup>3</sup>so was he  
32 brought forth vnto London, and receyuet by pe Meire and Alder-  
men, the first day of Marche; and so broughte to Eltham: And  
ich crafte of Londen had his liuerey braudert, that euery crafte  
myght be knowen from othir.<sup>3</sup> ¶ In the xj yere of his regne, the  
36 Duches of Bedford, pat was that tyme clepit Madame Regent, and

<sup>1</sup> kyng of England and after in Parise kyng of Fraunce L.

<sup>2</sup> the said om. L. <sup>3-3</sup> om. L. <sup>4</sup> thurgh Picardy om. L.

<sup>5</sup> the Lord Clynton om. L. <sup>6</sup> leaf 161, back.

<sup>7</sup> And fro thens he com to London L.

suster to the Duyk of Burgoyne, dyet att Roan; whos deth turnett Englissh men) aftirward to much trouble; for al þe whiles þat she was on) lyue, hir brothir, Duyk of Burgoyne, was euer holdyng vpon) the Englissh party; but sone after þat she was ded, his 4 hert was cast clene away from) Englissh men, and turnet to þe Frensshe party, and become enemy to Engeland, as ye shaft here aftirward. ¶ In the xij<sup>te</sup> yere of his regne, the Duyk of Bedford and Regent of Fraunce weddit the doughter of the Erle of Saynt 8 Paule, a faire lady.<sup>1</sup> And þat same yere fiH a gret discord betwene Sir William OldhaH, Knyghte, Leotenaunt of Caleys vnder þe said Duyke, and sawdiers of Caleys, for askyng of þaire wages; where þe said sawdioures were to-gedirs sworn, and kept hym) out 12 of the toune, and wold not suffere hym) to come with-in, <sup>2</sup> notwithstanding his wiff beyng within the toune.<sup>2</sup> And so went he then to Roan, and compleynet hym) to þe Duyk of Bedford, and capteyn) of þe said toune,<sup>3</sup> Caleis, and made hym) hevy lord toward <sup>4</sup> þe said 16 sawdioures<sup>5</sup>; in so much þat he come doun) out of Normaundy, with his lady þe Duches, the Erle of Saint Pauls doughter, and þe Bisshope of Tirrewyn) her vncle, and Sir William OldhaH his leotenaunt, to þe CasteH<sup>6</sup> of Balyngham, a myle from þe toune of 20 Arde. And there he lay vnto<sup>7</sup> Richard Bukkeland, Tresourer of Caleis, and Capteyn) of the said CasteH of Balyngham, had entretid þe saudioures of Caleis, and aggreyt with hem), and gyven) hem) obligacions of customs. And when he had made agrement with 24 hem, the Duyke and Capteyn) come in Peasably to Caleis, with his lady the Duches, her vncle, and Sir William OldhaH his leotenaunt, and was<sup>8</sup> ri3t wurchiply recevid of þe burgeis, marchaundes, and sawdioures,<sup>2</sup> and brought to þe CasteH with al the Sawdioures of 28 þe toune.<sup>2</sup>

¶ On þe next morawe after, he sent for þe porters, and for þe keys of al þe gates of the toune, into þe CasteH. And after sent forth sergeauntes, and arestit dyuers Constables and vinteners, and 32 putte some in prison) in the CasteH, and some in the MarshaH prison); and made onon also to Arest all the obligacions of Custome that couth be founden in eny Saudioures handes, and toke hem fro hem. ¶ And after, made Richard Veere, þat tyme beyng Meire, to 36

<sup>1</sup> a faire lady *om.* L.      <sup>2-2</sup> *om.* L.      <sup>3</sup> toune of L.

<sup>4</sup> to L.      <sup>5</sup> sawdioures of Caleys L.

<sup>6</sup> Normandy with þe said Oldhall to þe CasteH L.

<sup>7</sup> vnto þe [? time that] Ha.      vnto L.

<sup>8</sup> with þe said leotenaunt and was L.

gyue Iugement on<sup>1</sup> iiij Soudeoures to be hedyt vnder þe pillery; for the which was made gret mone amonges the pepiſſ. And after, he come to the toune haſt hym ſelf, and ſate there with þe Maire, 4 and þe Kynges ſwerð beyng *per* present, and hade al the ſaudioures of þe toun before hym. And al þat were billet, ſtoode before hym vngird; at whiche tyme <sup>xx</sup>iiij were banſhit, and al their wages forfette. And they ſtoode on þe liſte ſyde; and al þat abode within 8 the toun ſtoode on þe right ſyde; but a gret part<sup>2</sup> of hem were putte out of wages,<sup>3</sup> and loſt al that hem was owyng.<sup>3</sup> And when al this was done, he went to Roan ageyn with his lady the Duches,<sup>4</sup> and had neuer after bodily hele till he dyet.

12 ¶ Of the trefy of Arras, and howe the Duyke of Burgoynd turnet to the Frenssh party; and howe he laide Seege to Caleis,<sup>3</sup> And howe he withdroughe hym in-to Flaundes or þat Ony rescous come, in the nyghte.<sup>3</sup>

16 **I**N the xiiij<sup>th</sup>e yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the vj<sup>te</sup>, was the gretteſt froſte that was in many a day before; for it began vppon Saynt Kateryn even, and laſtit to þe iiij<sup>te</sup> day of Marche, the ſpace of xvj wekes. And Temmes þat tyme was ſo ſore froſen, 20 that the vintage of Burdeux went ouer Shoters Hiſ: for þe ſhippis with wyne myght come no nerre then Sandewiche. <sup>3</sup>and þat froſte þat tyme diſtroyet oiſters, and muſkelles, and freſſhe-water fiſſh, through þe moost party of Englonð.<sup>3</sup> ¶ In þat ſame yere was þe 24 trefy of Arras betwene the Kyng of Englonð, Henry the vj<sup>te</sup>, And Philipe, Duyke of Burgoynd; and Charles de Valoice, Dolfin of Fraunce, that tyme beyng there in enbaſſhat for þe Kyng of Englonð, Henry, Cardynaſt of Englonð, Biſſhops of Wyncheteſter, Iohn 28 Kempe, Erchbiſſhops of York, Iohn, Erle of Huntynghton; Pole,<sup>5</sup> Erle of Suffolk, <sup>3</sup>Prevey Seale, Sir Waulter Hongerford, Sir Iohn Poppahm,<sup>3</sup> with a faire feleſhipe with hem, to þe number of viij<sup>c</sup> men. att which trefy, þai wolð the Kyng of Englonð ſhuld have 32 putte out þe floure de lice out of his Armes; and many oþer thynges was ſpoken of; but to ſay ſhortly, þei coult not accord; wherefore they departit thens, and come home ageyn into Englonde. but thay of þe toun of Popperyng in Flaundes demenet hem 36 vngentilly, and entretid hym vnmanerly as he<sup>6</sup> come rydyng

<sup>1</sup> to L. <sup>2</sup> leaf 162.

<sup>3-3</sup> om. L. *Heading in big letters, underlined with red.*

<sup>4</sup> with his lady the Duches om. L. <sup>5</sup> & Paule L. <sup>6</sup> þey L.

thrughe the toun) from the saide trefy of Arras<sup>1</sup>; wherefore he<sup>2</sup> was sore amovid and grevid with hem, for they made his men<sup>3</sup> to bere out of toune peyr horses dong, mawegre their tetter; neuerpeles he<sup>4</sup> suffrit it, and rode on his<sup>5</sup> way; but he<sup>2</sup> quytte hem that foule<sup>4</sup> and gret dispite, as ye shaH here afterwardes.

¶ Then, as sone as thenbassetoures were departet from Arras, and home,<sup>6</sup> the Dolfyn) and the Duyke of Burgoynd) were accordet, and made att one<sup>7</sup> for deth of the Duyk of Burgoyns fader, pat was<sup>8</sup> slaynd att Muttereux by pe same Dolfyn); and perwith endit aH that trefy.<sup>7</sup> And then onon) after, pe Duyk tok in-to his handes Abvyle and Amyas, and oper tonnes and Castelles; and after, by a kyng of heroudes, he sent the Kynges lyueray to Caleis, [and, by]<sup>8</sup> the<sup>12</sup> counsail of his lordes and hem) of Flaundes, he made<sup>9</sup> redy his ordynaunce and his pepiH,<sup>10</sup> to come and lay seege to Caleis. And pe Flemmynges were pen so proude and hawteyn) pat they sette by none Englysshe men, but hem) hade in gret despite, thrughe-out aH<sup>16</sup> Flaundes. And grete noice pere was of comyng of pe seege; neuerpeles Marchaundes yette went al this while into Flaundes to and fro, but thai hade eviH chere in al plases. And they of Brigges made payntet clothes, howe<sup>11</sup> pe Flemmynges were att seege att<sup>20</sup> Caleis, and howe pai wann) pe toune; and hanget out Englysshe men by the helis out at lopes: and weH was hym) pat myght by of pes clothes! And pai made entirledes and plaies in Brigges, of pe CardynaH of Wynchester And of the Dolfyn), of thaire purposyng<sup>24</sup> and Ansuaryng att the trefy of Arras, And aH in dispite and hoker<sup>12</sup> of Englyssh men); thei were so glad and faynd) pat they shuld) lay seege to Caleis, and wynne the wulles of pe staple of Caleis,<sup>13</sup> and to departe it amonges hem); And bostet and said) pat<sup>28</sup> pe steevan Caleis was but a<sup>14</sup> male tyde, pat is to say, A mele tyde; And mony othir scornefull wordes thai had that tyme Amonges hem). And that same yere, in pe heryng tyme, pere come iij C botes out of Normaundy to Caleis on fisshyng fare, as they were wont ich<sup>32</sup> yere; and every bote hade in xvj<sup>15</sup> men). and they come as ffisschers, and in ffisschers clothyng; but a gret part of hem were men) of werre, and had east to haue geton) pe toune. but att last, as God wolde, the[y] were aspriet by their fyne smale shirtes and by<sup>36</sup>

<sup>1</sup> of Arras *om. L.*      <sup>2</sup> peyr *L.*      <sup>3</sup> made an englyssh yemen *L.*

<sup>4</sup> they *L.*      <sup>5</sup> peir *L.*      <sup>6</sup> and hom) *om. L.*      <sup>7-7</sup> *om. L.*

<sup>8</sup> Sir so Ha.      <sup>9</sup> and made *L.*      <sup>10</sup> and his pepiH *om. L.*      <sup>11</sup> who *L.*

<sup>12</sup> and hoker *om. L.*      <sup>13</sup> of Caleis *om. L.*      <sup>14</sup> leaf 162, back.

<sup>15</sup> xv *L.*

their poyntes; wherefore Richard Woodvile, Squyer, leotenaunt of pe said toun of Caleis vnder the Duyke of Bedford,<sup>1</sup> charget euery souldioure to bere his staff in his hand, as wele in pe cherche and 4 att sacryng tyme as in pe market, and not to leue stonyng att pe chirch durre, as they were wont to do; and so thaie bare thaire stavis in peire handes in pe chirch, and ouer al. Then the Frensshe men vnderstood wele pat they were aspriet, and sawe wele pey<sup>2</sup> 8 couth not brynge their entent<sup>3</sup> nor purpos about; And wenth their way out of Caleis hauen in a tide, and went streight to pe toune of Deepe, and come in pere as fisshers, and so gate pe toun. And in pat same yere dyet the Duyke of Bedford in Roan,<sup>4</sup> on 12 Holy-Rode even in May, which had layn longe seeke;<sup>4</sup> for whos deth was made muche mone amonges Englysshe men that were pat tyme in Normaundy; for as long as he leuit, he was doutet and dreck amonges the Frenssh men.

16 ¶ In the xiiij yere of the<sup>5</sup> regn of pe said Henry the vj<sup>te</sup>, Humfrey, Duyke of Gloucester, Protectour and Deffendour of Englon, was made Capteyn of Caleis; and he was Capteyn of Guysnes before that tyme; <sup>4</sup>And so he was both Capteyn of Caleis and of Guysnes.<sup>4</sup> 20 And he made Sir Iohn Radcliffe his Leotenaunt of Caleis,<sup>6</sup> and sent hym thedir<sup>7</sup>; which was a wurshipfull knyzt, and was welbelouet amonges pe sawdiours <sup>4</sup>there: for he kept and helde A gud and open housok to who pat wolde come, and welcome.<sup>4</sup> ¶ Then 24 come tithynges ich day more and more of pe seege comyng to Caleis. Then Sir Iohn Radecliff, pe Leotenaunt of pe toune, Robert Clidrowe pe Meyre, and Thomas Thirland, Leotenaunt of pe staple of Caleis,<sup>6</sup> with pe sawdioures, marchaundes, and burgeses and 28 comyners, kest vp a faire brode dike on pe south side of the toune, and made iij stronge buhwerkes of erthe and cley, one att pe corner of pe CasteH with-out pe toun, anoper att Bulleyn gate, and anoper att pe postern be pe Princes Inne; And att Mylke gate was 32 a faire bulwerk made of breke, pat Richard Woodvile had do make or he was discharget of his leotenauntshippe. And pai fortifiet pe walles, toures, and dikes on ich a side of the toune, with-in and with-out, And dresset their lopes and their gunnes to shote both hye 36 and lawe. <sup>4</sup>And the vj CasteH in the Marche; pere pat Englysshe men were in hem, fortifiet as strongly as they couthe, that is to say,

<sup>1</sup> vnder the Duyke of Bedford *om. L.*      <sup>2</sup> pou Ha.      pat pey L.

<sup>3</sup> not brynge their entent *om. L.*      <sup>4-4</sup> *om. L.*      <sup>5</sup> of Ha.      of pe L.

<sup>6</sup> of Caleis *om. L.*      <sup>7</sup> to Caleis L.

the CasteH of Guysnes, the CasteH of Balyngham, the CasteH of Hammes, the CasteH of Sandgat, the CasteH of Marke, and the CasteH of Oye. And Sir Iohn Radcliff, Leotenaut, warnet and charget al þe cuntre þat was of þe Englysshe pale, [þat þey] shuld 4 come and bring a[1] thaire goodes, and breke downe their houses; and so, many of hem did, and many of hem stale away, some into Picardy and some into Flaundres. And þere<sup>1</sup> was a cry made in þe market-place<sup>2</sup> of Caleis, þat al maner of men beyng in Caleis, or 8 lyvyng vnder biH vnsword, þat they shuld come to þe toune-haH, and<sup>3</sup> there to be sworn the Kynges trewe leege men; And þai that wold not be sworn, to take þeire goodes and go their way where þay wold. And so þere come many, and were there sworn; and many 12 went their way into Flaundres, and wold not be sworn. ¶ And on Saynt George day, Sir Iohn Radcliff sent word prevely to þe Daywach of þe toune in þe nonetyme to ryng 4 out the laron beH, vnwetyng to the sawdioures of þe<sup>5</sup> toune. And so þer was a grete 16 Alaron, and saudioures were onow in thaire harneys, and comyners with hem, And wende þat enmys hade comen to haue fechet the bestys þat were pasteryng about the toun; but þere was non; for Sir Iohn Radclif did it for a sport, because it was Saint George 20 day; And for þat he wolde se howe saudioures wold bokkeH and dresse hem to þeire harneys.

¶ And sone afterward, Edmond, Erle of Morteyn, and the Lord Camys, Sir William of Asshton, knyghte,<sup>6</sup> And Sir Geffrey 24 Werburton, knyghte,<sup>6</sup> shuld haue shippit att Wynchilsey to haue gon into Fraunce with the nomber of iij M<sup>t</sup> men of speres and Archers; but because there was so gret a noys of þe seege comyng to Caleis, þei<sup>7</sup> were confirmaundit be þe Kyng<sup>6</sup> and þe Duyke of 28 Gloucestre<sup>6</sup> to go thider, and strenghe þe toun til rescous myght be had. And so went þe Erle with his Armee to Caleis. ¶ Then Humfrey, Duyke of Gloucestre, Protectoure and Deffendoure of Englon, and Capteyn<sup>6</sup> of Caleis and of Guysnes,<sup>6</sup> send for al þe 32 lordes of the Reame, both spiritueH and tempereH, and for al his feede men, and desired of hem an eyde for þe rescowe of þe saide toune of Caleis. And þe lordes temperaH hym graunted to go with hym hem-self in *propur* person, and fynde a certeyn meyny with 36 hem vpon þeire oune cost; And bisshoppis, Abottes and priours also graunted to fynde a certeyn meyny to go with hym; And al

<sup>1</sup> And sone aftir there L.    <sup>2</sup> place *om.* L.    <sup>3</sup> and *om.* L.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 163.    <sup>5</sup> of Ha. of þe L.    <sup>6-6</sup> *om.* L.    <sup>7</sup> that þei Ha. þei L.

his feede men) hym) graunted eke to go with hym) ; And he thonket  
 aH. And then was it criet in al pe port tounes and haven) tounes  
 in Englonde, pat al maner shippis pat were able to saile be pe see<sup>1</sup>  
 4 shuld) come into<sup>2</sup> Sandewich haven) be a certeyn) day ; and so thei  
 were pe number of ij<sup>c</sup><sup>3</sup> sailes and moo. ¶ Philipe, Duyke of  
 Burgoyne, made hym) redy, and the Flemmynges, al this while, and  
 toke dyuerse marchaundes prisoners, as they come homward) out of  
 8 Flaundres to Caleis, and specially they of Dunkirke.<sup>4</sup> And when  
 pe Erle of Morteyn) was comyn) with his Armee to Caleis, as before  
 -is saide, he made a iourney of Bulleyn), xx<sup>ti</sup> myle from) Caleis, and  
 brent the subbarbes of pe toune, and come to Caleis ageyn) on pe  
 12 next day after, vnfoghten) with, and broughte with hem) paire pray .  
 of bestes and their pillage. And onow) after, he made anothir  
 -iourney in-to West Flaundres, to a place clepit pe Lawe. And  
 whiles they ryfelt and spoilet that cuntre, and praiet in cateH, al  
 16 pat cuntre gedert, and come doune to Gravenyng, to mete with hym  
 there. And when) pe Erle and his meyny come dryvyn)g their  
 pray of bestes before hem), on pe sandes betwene pe toune of  
 Gravenyng and pe see, thay) issuet out of pe toune prudly, and  
 20 fought with hym) ; but pai were sone discomfit, & slayn) of hem) iiij<sup>c</sup>  
 and moo : then thai fledde in-to pe toun), and pe Englyshe men) hem)  
 foloet, and toke many prisoners. <sup>4</sup> And per was an Englysshe man),  
 a gentiH man), and a spere on) horsebake, folowet pe chase of hem)  
 24 right to pe hard) gates of pe toun), so nere that his hors bare hym)  
 into pe toun) of Gravenyng, wheder he wold) or no ; which after  
 ward was delyuert be raunson).<sup>4</sup> ¶ The Erle pen, with his pepiH,  
 drove ouer pe havon) of Gravenyng thaire pray of bestes, att lowe  
 28 water, in spite of al pe Flemmynges, and brought hem) with al  
 thaire prisoners to Caleis, and lost neuer a man ; thonket be God !  
 and <sup>4</sup> pai brought so gret plente of Cowes with hem), pat a man)  
 myght haue pe best melche cowe pat was, for xij<sup>d</sup> sterlyng.<sup>4</sup> ¶ And  
 32 when pe Kyng and pe lordes had) tithynges of pis iourney of  
 Gravenyng, the Kyng sent to pe saide Erle of Morteyn) to Caleis,  
 the Gartur. And onow) aftirward, the Lord Camys, Sire William  
 Asshton), And Sir Geffrey Weckton), with pe garnyson) of Caleis and  
 36 of Guysnes, made pe iiij<sup>de</sup> iourney, both of horsemen) and <sup>5</sup>footemen,  
 and rode before the toune of Arde, and ryfelt aH the cuntre about  
 pe said toun). And in the mene while, Sire Robert Savoys, Capteyn)

<sup>1</sup> be pe see *om.* L.<sup>2</sup> and in Ha. into L.<sup>3</sup> ij<sup>c</sup> L.<sup>4-4</sup> *om.* L.<sup>5</sup> leaf 163, back.

of Fynes, had gedirt of Pykardes to þe nombre of iiij M<sup>t</sup> speris on horsbake, And laide hem pryvely in Campe Grove besides the CasteH of Balyngham. And when þe Lord Camoys with his peple was comyng homward in the feldes be-syde the said grove, 4 the[i] stert iij hares, and þerwith þay gave a gret showte; And so both horsemen and footemen, *with* huntynge of hem, were stragelt abrode ouer aH þe feldys, and were al out of array, and wist nothyng of þe Pikardes þat lay in þe grove besides hem, but ever 8 stiH showtet and huntet after þe hares, which were att last slayn amonges hem. ¶ And as þay were so stragelt and out of Array, the Pikardes sodeynly brake out of þe Grove, and rode thurgh eoure meyny, in and out agayn, and smote doun many fotemen. 12 and þen, many of oure horsemen, scyng this, fledde to þe CasteH of Balyngham; but the Lord Camoys and þes ij knyghtes kept þe felde; And as God wold, the fote-mene relevid ageyn to þe standart, And, þe horse-men also, And sett frely on þe Pikardes, and hem 16 discomfyt, and slowe many of hem, and drof hem to the gates of Arde, <sup>1</sup>where-as one Lucas, a squyer, folowet hens *with*in theire barreers, and was slayn; for whome was made much mone.<sup>1</sup> And þus,—thonket be God!—þe Lord Camoys had þe victory of his 20 enmys, <sup>1</sup>þe Pikardes, in a felde callet þe Golden Dale, beside þe CasteH of Balyngham,<sup>1</sup> And come to Caleys, with þeir pray.

¶ Onon after, the Duke of Burgoyne, Phelipe, was redy, and come doune to Gravenyng with his ordynaunce, and Flemmynges, 24 þe nombre of an CL M<sup>t</sup>, and xij M<sup>t</sup> cartes; and <sup>1</sup>ich cart had his cokke to crawe amonges the host.<sup>1</sup> ¶ Then þai made a brigge ouer þe water of Gravenyng, <sup>1</sup>into a place callet þe Hoke, þat was partenyng to þe saide Duyke.<sup>1</sup> And so come þey ouer, and shewet 28 hem before þe CasteH of Oye, and sent to Nicolas Horton, squier, and Capteyn of þe same CasteH, an heraude, charging hym to delyuer vp þe CasteH. And he sent hym worde agayn, and said he toke hym non to kepe; nor non he wold delyuer: Neuerþeles, 32 afterward, by a fals trefy, þai had hym out of þe CasteH to come speke with þe Duyk. And in þe mene while þe CasteH was wonnen by a grate of Iron, þat was lafte open in þe buttery, where-as a gune lay whiles þe saudiers were in þe haH aboven, 36 trefyng of a poyntement with an heraud of þe said Duykes; And sodeynly þe Flemmynges come in, and toke hem in þe haH, and



hanget lvi on þe gallows vnder þe CasteH,<sup>1</sup> without eny pite, And slowe al þe remenaunt, except Nicolas Horton, Capiteyn of þe said CasteH, and one William Bullion,<sup>2</sup> Constable, And William  
4 Bullion, his cosyne<sup>2</sup>: thes iij<sup>3</sup> were prisoners, but<sup>2</sup> Nicolas Horton þe Capteyn was long afterward<sup>4</sup> raunsonet, and come home in-to Englonde; And þe Constable dyet in prison for sorowe; And his cosyne William<sup>2</sup> Bullyon<sup>5</sup> was so beknowe and welebelouet with þe  
8 Pikardes, þat thay gave hym his raunson, and lete hym go where he wolde, so þat he shulde go to Caleys, and espy when þe Duyk of Gloucester shulde come ouer with his Navey from Sandewich, And sende hem worde. ¶ When this William Bullyon come to Caleis,  
12 þe pepiH had gret mervaille þat he was letton go without paying of eny rownson; wherfore Edmond, Erle of Morteyn, made to arest hym, and put hym in prison, and bare hym on hond þat he was a spy. And þer<sup>6</sup> he knowlegit þat he promyset hem to give hem  
16 warnyng of þe comyng of þe Duyk of Gloucester, because of his deliuerance, but he sware he thoughte neuer to haue warnet hem; neuertheles, for þat he was broughte vnder þe pillery in þe market of Caleis, and there his heke was gird of: for whome muche mone  
20 was made, for he was a gud Archer.

¶ When þe Flemmynges had þus wonnen þe CasteH of Oye be a trayne, as before is said,<sup>2</sup> which was on Saynt Petirs even in Iuyne,<sup>2</sup> thai brake vp al þe lede of the halle and of þe toures, and  
24 brent vp euery stykke; And after, vndermynet þe walles and 7 þe toures, and sette shores vnderneth, And after, sette þe same shores on fyre, and brent hem, and so lete þe walles and toures<sup>8</sup> faH doune<sup>9</sup> into þe dikes. ¶ Then, þe second day of Iuyle, the  
28 Flemmynges laide seege to þe CasteH of Mark, þat was next þe CasteH of Oye; but þe Erle of Morteyn had sent thider before, Christofer of Barton, squyer, with a certeyn felesshipe with hym, to helpe<sup>10</sup> to strenghe þe CasteH. ¶ The Flemmynges laid peire  
32 gonnes to þe walles,<sup>2</sup> & beete down þe vawmures and þe walles,<sup>2</sup> and gave þe Englisshe men with-in many stronge assawtes; and they manfully hem diffendit, and beet hem of, and fortifiet þe walles ageyn with tymbre and donge, & with such thyng as they  
36 had within hem, And kept it be strenghe vj dais. And when þay sawe þai couth haue no rescowe, thay gave it ouer, and yolde hem-

<sup>1</sup> vnder þe CasteH om. L.    <sup>2-2</sup> om. L.    <sup>3</sup> ij L.

<sup>4</sup> afterward was Ha.    <sup>5</sup> þis Bullion L.    <sup>6</sup> þei Ha.    per L.

<sup>7</sup> leaf 164.    <sup>8</sup> toures & walles L.    <sup>9</sup> doune om. L.

<sup>10</sup> to helpe om. L.

self prisoners. ¶ Then þe Flemmynges spoilet þe CasteH, and brake of al þe lede, and brent it, and vndermynet þe walles and toures<sup>1</sup>, <sup>2</sup>and sette shores *per-vnder*; and after brent hem, and lete þe walles and toures faH into þe dike, as þai hade done þe CasteH 4 of Oye.<sup>2</sup> ¶ Then, þe ix<sup>te</sup> day of Iuyle, In þe yere of oure Lord-Ihesu Crist M<sup>t</sup> iiiij<sup>c</sup> xxxvj, Philippe, Duyk of Burgoyne, with þe Flemmynges, come to Caleis, and laid seege *perto* be lande, and pight his tentis<sup>3</sup> before þe toune, on þe playne of Saint Peters, a 8 myle nere out of þe toun). And þe Duyk hym-self lay a litiH from Newname brigge, And þai of Gaunt beside hym, And þey of Brugges, with þe comynte of Flaundres, lay besides Saynt Peters Chirche. but the Duyke lay not þere but ij days, but þat he 12 remevede from thens, and al þe Gaunteners with hym, to þe Est ende of þe toun, And þere he pichet his tentes; for he wolde ly no lenger att þe west ende of þe toun, for cause a gune shotte thugh his tent. And then þei of Gaunt onon made a strong bulwerk on an 16 high hiH of þe downe, of pipis & tymber, betweene þaire loggynges and þe toun, and shott gunnes in-to þe toun; and many tymes þai shot al ouer þe toun; but al þeire gunshot did neuer harm, thanket be God <sup>2</sup>and þe Holy Virgyn Saint Barbara!<sup>2</sup> ¶ In þe mene 20 whiles, whil þe Duyke lay att seege at Caleis, with þe Flemmynges,<sup>4</sup> Sir Robert Savoys, knyght,<sup>5</sup> with iiiij M<sup>t</sup> Picardes, come before þe CasteH of Balyngham. And one Richard Sellyng, beyng þerof leotenaunt vnder Richard Bokelond, Squier, and Capteyn of þe 24 same CasteH; which Richard Sellyng gave ouer þat<sup>6</sup> CasteH shamefully, without eny stroke, vppon apoyntement to go to þe Castell of Guysnes in thaire doublettes; and so thai did; and lafte al theire goodes, and þe stuff of þe CasteH behynde hem, which was 28 þe<sup>7</sup> best-stuffet place in al þoo marches.

— And when Richard Sellyng come þus to Guysnes with his feleshippe, William Picton, Leotenaunt of Guysnes <sup>2</sup>vnder Humfrey, Duyke of Gloucester,<sup>2</sup> putte hym in prison in þe said CasteH 32 of Guysnes. And when þe Picardes had þis CasteH, þe[i] spoilet it, and brake of þe lede, and brant al þe place, and vndermynet þe walles<sup>8</sup> and toures, and lete hem faH in þe dike, as the Flemmynges hade done with þe Castelles of Oye and Mark. ¶ Then þe Picardes 36 come before þe CasteH of Guysnes, and laide seege *perto*, and

<sup>1</sup> toures so þat al þe Castel fell to þe grounde L. <sup>2-2</sup> om. L.

<sup>3</sup> tentis L. om. Ha. <sup>4</sup> with þe Flemmynges om. L. <sup>5</sup> knyght om. L.

<sup>6</sup> þe same L. <sup>7</sup> þe be Ha. þe L. <sup>8</sup> places L.

broughte with hem a gret brasen gune of Dogeon,<sup>1</sup> with iij chambers, and ij othir grete gunnes of Iron callet bumbardes; and paye laide þe brasen gune in A seller of þe toune of Guysnes, on þe 4 dikeside of þe CasteH, and shotte att a warck next a toure callet þe Faanetoure, and brake it doune in-to þe dike. but William Picton, Leotenaunt of þe CasteH, with his felesshipe with-in, fuH manfully and discretely hym gidet, and it fortifiet ageyn with tymber and 8 dong. ¶ And in this while, anoþer meyny of Picardes come before þe CasteH of Sandgate, and bade hem deliuer vp þe CasteH; for pai said aH oþer Castelles were gyven ouer. Wherefore Sir Thomas Knevet, [that] was sent thidir with A crewe, and made þerof 12 leotenaunt be þe Kyng,<sup>2</sup> Wist not what for to do; And so,<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>by<sup>4</sup> þe counsaile of one Sir Thomas Heneley, Preest, A traitour, he gave vp þe CasteH of Sandgate, shamefully and cowardly, with-oute eny stroke, and hym-self and all þat were with-in þe CasteH, prisoners, 16 except þe fals preest, which was letten go where he wold; but<sup>5</sup> he went vp into Fraunce, and neuer man wist after where þat he become. ¶ And when pai had þe CasteH, pai brake doun þe lede, and sette fyre on al þe place, and vndermynet þe walles; but þe 20 Dongeon was so strong, þay couth not vndermyne it, but brake it a litiH abouen; and so þey lefte it, and lete it stande.

¶ Philipe, Duyk of Burgoyne, lay stiH all this while, with his host of Flemmynges, before Caleis; and þei of þe toune had letten 24 in þe see, and drownet al þe cuntre about hem. And ich day pai of þe toune and þe Flemmynges skarmysshet to-gedirs. And when pai had leynd þer xiiij daies, þe Duyke lete ordeyn .xx. shippis out of Flaundres, wherof vj old shippes were lade with hard ston, 28 chalke, and brekes masont in hem with mortar, to droune hem in þe haven of Caleis, þat no shippis shuld come þer-in. And when it was full see, about noone, þey bulgit hem, some in þe haven-mouthe, and some be-sides the haven, to no purpos; for þei durst 32 not tary, nor þei had no gret leysere to droun hem, for fere of gun-shotte; And so þei went þeire way ageyn; and on þe next day after, at lawe water, wel was hym of þe toun þat myght bring an Ax to breke þe shippis; and so pai did, al to peces, and broughte 36 hem in-to toune, and refresshid wele þe pouer pepil; and al þe brekstones were gyven to Saynt Mary Chirch; <sup>2</sup>and so were pai al cariet in-to toun.<sup>2</sup> And whilis þis was in doying .I. thowsand

<sup>1</sup> of Dogeon om. L.

<sup>2-2</sup> om. L.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 154, back.

<sup>4</sup> but be L.

<sup>5</sup> and L.



[I]

[*Lambeth MS. 6, col. 2.*]

[*The Siege of Calais abandoned. The Englishmen's Mocking Song against the Flemings.*]

<sup>1</sup>And þis Seturday at night, the Lord Welles wes sent ouer to  
Caleis by the Duyk of Gloucestre *with* a certeyn meyny, to  
strength the toun till he come *with* his nauy; And he landed  
4 behynd þe toure of Ryesbank. And his peple made so gret noice  
in þe londyng, that þe Duk of Burgoyne & they of Gaunt, which  
lay at þe Est ende of the town, wend the Duk of Gloucester had  
londid *with* his nauy þat sam nyght; wherfore þe Duk & they of  
8 Gaunt brake vp þeire tentes sodeynly & priuely, & went ouer  
Grauenyng watir þat same nyght, and lasfe behynd hem much of  
þeire vitaille & of þeir ordynaunce; and gunnes were founden  
beried vnder þe erthe. And thay of Brugges, þat lay at Saynt  
12 Petirs with þe comynte of Flaundes, knewe noþyng of their  
goyng til þe Sondag in the mornyng aftir; on which Sondag, at  
the releuyng, iiij. Englissh trumpettes blewe vp on hye vpon  
Milkgate toure, as <sup>2</sup>they were wont to do euery day at þe releuyng  
16 of the wach duryng the seege. And then they aspyed þat aH þe  
Gaunteners were gon; but þey at Saynt Petirs lay stiH. but as  
sone as they sawe þat the Duyk, þeire lord, & they of Gaunt, were  
gon, þey brake doune þeire tentes, & sette þeire loggynges on fyre,  
20 and fled þeir way in aH that euer þey myght, and laft behynd hem  
much of þeir vitailles for hast. And they of the towne wold haue  
folowed aftir; but þe Lord Welles had brought a priuey seal from  
þe King, charging, on payn of their lyues, the[y] shuld not passe  
24 gunneshotte without toun til þe Duyk of Gloucestre come *with* his  
power; And ne had þat ben, there had ben gret good geton þat  
tyme.

¶ AH þis while þe Pycardes lay at seege at Guysnes, and had  
28 smytte doune þe ward next þe Faane toure, *with* þe gret brasen  
gunne, as before is said. And when they of the CasteH sawe þe

<sup>1</sup> leaf 255, back.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 256.

Flemmynges sette þeire loggynges on fyre, thay made to ryng the larome beþ in al that þey myzt. Wherefore the Pycardes were sore abasshid, and wend the Duke of Gloucestre had ben landed *with* his power, & wes comyng to rescowe the Castel, And anon <sup>1</sup>brake 4 þe seege, and carted þeire ordynaunce, & fled in al that euer þey myzt. And they of þe Castel yssued out, both on horsebak & on foote, aftir hem, and ouertoke the gret brasen gunne carted, & two opir gret bombardes of yron; but the iij. chambres of þe brasen 8 gunne were scaped from hem with þe hoost. Then they of Guysnes hewed in sonder the cartwheles, and aftir, *with* strengþ of men & horses, they wer brought into þe said Castel of Guysnes; & aftir they were brought in-to the toun of Caleis. ¶ And on this wise, 12 Phelip, Duk of Burgoyne, & the Flemmynges, departid from Caleis, and þe Pycardes from þe Castel of Guysnes, *with* gret shame & gret diswurship, & *with* gret losse. Wherefore amonges Englishshmen were made many rymes of þe Flemmynges; among the which, one 16 -is here sette for a remembraunce, that saith on this wise:—

**W**Hen þe Flemmyng wer fressh, florisshid in your flouris,  
 And had we[l]th at your will, ye wolde be conquerouris  
 Of Caleis, þat litill toun: as it come in your mynde; 20  
 But ye, to conquere Caleis, it comeþ you not of kynde.

<sup>2</sup>Remembres on þat wurship ye wann the first day,  
 When the Erle of Mortein come passing with his pray  
 Before youre toun of Grauenyng, wher ye, as men bold, 24  
 Come rennyng on hym fersli, as lyons of Cotteswold,  
 With habirgeons & hounsculles, & rusti kettiþ hattes,  
 With long pykes, goden daghes for to stikke the rattes,  
 With messis & meskins, & eke *with* side Iakes, 28  
 Doune vnto mydde þe leg, of kanuas lyke to sakes;  
 Stoppid al *with* hempen tawe, and þat in straunge wise,  
 Stiched like a matrace, al of þe newe gyse,  
 Ye laid vpon þenglishmen so myghtily *with* your handes, 32  
 Til of you iij. hundrid lay strechid on the sandes.  
 Ye fled þen in-to Grauenyng, and wold no lenger bide,  
 And gaue þe Erle leue to passe ouer that same tyde  
 In saafte with his prisoners, & lost neuer a man: 36  
 This was þe first wurship, of Caleys that ye wan.

<sup>1</sup> col. 2, leaf 256, Lambeth MS. 64.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 256, back.

Remembres how ye laide seege, with gret pryde & bost,  
1 To Caleis, *pat* littil tounē : the noumbre of youre host  
Was a hundrid thousand & fifty, to reken by *þe* pollis,  
4 As it was *þat* same tyme founden by youre rollis ;  
And yette, for al youre gret host, erly nothir late,  
Caleis was so ferd of you, *þey* shitte neuer a gate.

Remembres how ye drowned att fuþ see for *þe* nones,  
8 With shippes, Caleis hauen, massoned *with* stones,  
And how that *þe* Calisers hem brake the next day,  
When it was lawe watir, and bare lxiii clene away,  
Euery stikke & stone, & lafte not ther one log.

12 Remembres eke on Goby, the watir-bailiffes dog,  
How he *scarmysshed* *with* you twyes vpon the day,  
And among you, on *þe* sandes, made many a fray.

16 Remembres ye of Brugges ; how ye ferst wan youre shone,  
How ye come forth to *scarmyssh* vpon an affirnone  
With pauyses & crossebowes, on Saynt Petirs playne,  
And how sone the Calisers made you to turne agayne,  
2 And ouerthrewe you sodeynly, or euer that ye wist,  
20 And brought you in-to Caleis, tyed fast by the fist.

Remembres ye of Gaunt eke : for al youre pride & bost,  
Wonneñ was youre bulwerk, beside your gret host,  
And slayne all that was therin : & ye, that same night,  
24 Fled ouer Grauenyng watir ; but go *þat* go myght,  
And youre lord *with* you, for dreed and for fere  
Of the Duyk of Gloucester ; & yette was he not *þer*.  
Wel was hym might go before *with* pisone & *with* pounce,  
28 And laft behind you, for hast, al youre ordynaunce.

Remembres, ye Picardes, at seege eke as ye lay  
Of Guysnes, that strong Castel, how ye fled away  
For ryngyng of the larume beþ, *shamfulli* in a morowe,  
32 As ferd as *þe* Flemmynges, *with* hertes full of sorowe.  
Ye lost there your ordynaunce, of gunnes that was cheff :  
To you & to al Pycardis, shame and gret repreff.

36 Remembres now, ye Flemmynges, vpon youre owne shame ;  
3 When ye laide seege to Caleis, ye wer right still to blame ;

<sup>1</sup> col. 2, leaf 256.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 257.

<sup>3</sup> col. 2, leaf 257.

For more of reputacioun, ben Engliſshmeñ þen ye,  
 And comen of more gentiſh blode, of olde antiquite ;  
 For Flemmynges come of Flemmed men) ye ſhal wel vnderſtand,  
 For flemmed men & banſhid men enhabit firſt youre land. 4

Thus proue I þat Flemmynges is but a flemmed man,  
 And Flaunders, of Flemmynges, the name firſt began.  
 And þerfore, ye Flemmynges, þat Flemmynges ben named,  
 To compare with Engliſshmen, ye aught to be aſhamed ! 8  
 Ye be nothing elles worth, but gret wordes to camp ;  
 Sette ye ſtiſh, & bith in pees : God gyue you quadenramp !

¶ Such & many opir rymes were made amonge Engliſshmeñ,  
 aftir the Flemmynges were thus ſhamfully fled frome Caleis, & þe 12  
 Picardis from Guisnes fledd, & gon þeire way, for drede & fere of  
 þe comyng of the Duyk of Glouceſtre, whiche by þat tyme was redy  
 at London with his power & armee to come to þe reſcows of Caleis,  
 & to ſhippe at Sandwiche, wher-as lay redy in þe hauen iij<sup>c</sup> ſailes 16  
 to abyde his comyng.

[*End of the MS.*]



[K]

[Extracts from the unique Lambeth MS. 84.]

I.

[How Havelok's son, Curan, became King of Denmark and England.]

**<sup>1</sup>How Kyng Edelf married Argentyl to a knave of his Kechyn.**

**A** Nd Kyng Edelf, þat was vnclē to þe damoyseſſ Argentil, bethought him how he myght *with* some tresoun have þe lande fro hire þat was his Nece, for euermore; and, false forsworne ayenst his othe, thought how he myght disceyue þe damoyseſſ; And so he married here to a knaue of his kechyn þat men callyd Curan. And this Curan becam þe worthiest man of body þat ony man wist in ony lande; for he was þe lengest man & highest of aſ þe Kynges householde, or in ony oþer place þat men knew þat tyme. And Kyng Edelfe supposed to haue maryed hire shamfully & vnworthily, for enchesoun þat he thought to haue alle here lande, as he had & heelde before þat tyme, but he was disceyued; ffor this Curan was Haulokes sone, þat was Kyng of Kirkeland in Denmark, as ye shul here. ¶ Haulok,<sup>2</sup> þat was Kyng of Kirkelonde in Denmark, spousyd þe Kyngis doughtir of þis londe, whiche was ryght eyre of þis lande, þat men callyd Gildeburghe, & he begat on hire this forseide Curan, whiche was his eyre. And whan Haulok vnderstode þat he shulde deye, he betoke his sone Curan to a lorde of his londe to kepe, þat he louyd & trustid moche vnto; and þat this lorde shulde mary his sone Curan to some worthi gentylwoman, whan he were come to age, & to make kym Kyng of his landis. This lorde grauntyd hym þat he wolde so do, & toke þe childe *with* hym, & kepte hym. ¶ But aftyrward, this lorde bethouhte hym how he myght put this childe Curan from his enerytaunce, and þat alle the lordis of Denmark dred hym, & many of them had hym in gret fauour; and therupon, he leete crowne hym-selfe Kyng of aſ Denmark, and toke homage &

<sup>1</sup> leaf 48.

<sup>2</sup> Marginal rubric: How Curan, þat was Haulokis sone, kyng<sup>t</sup> of Denmark, weddid þe Kyngis douhetir of Ingelond.

feaute of aȝ þe lordis & peple of Denmark. And anon he betoke  
 Curan, þat was riht eneritour to þe crowne of Denmark, vnto a  
 fissher, prevely, þat no man vndirstode, & gaue þe fissher gret good,  
 & also chargyd hym, on payne of deethe, þat he shulde take þe 4  
 childe Curan *with* hym, & priuely drowne hym in þe see, so þat  
 he may neuer se nor here more of hym. The fissher seyde it  
 shulde be doon, & toke þe childe *priueli with* hym. And whan he  
 was in þe brode see, & purposid to doon this deede, he had gret pite 8  
 & compassioun vpon this young childe, and thouht it were gret pite  
 to drowne so faire a childe; & so he *withdrew* his euil purpose, &  
 saued þe childis lyfe, & toke þe younge childe *with* hym, <sup>1</sup>and  
 forsoke þe lande, & dwellyd in another countre *with* þe childe, for 12  
 drede off þe Kyng þat vsurped þe lande. And this man kept tys<sup>2</sup>  
 childe tyl he was wox moche, and of a resonable age; and alwey  
 þe childe callyd hym 'fadyr,' wenyng to hym þat he had so be;  
 tyl vpon a tyme, tis<sup>2</sup> fissher callid þe childe vnto hym, and tolde 16  
 hym how he was nat his fadyr, but seide þat Hauelok, whiche was  
 Kyng of Denmark, was his fadyr; & whan he shulde dye, he  
 prayde a lorde of his londe to kepe his sone Curan; " & whan ye  
 were come to natural age, to make yow Kyng of þe lande, as 20  
 rightful enerytour. And he toke yow to me, & gaue me gret good,  
 & also charged me, vp payne of deede, þat I shulde drowne yow in  
 þe see. and I fulfillyd nad his *commaundment*, but sparid youre  
 lyf, & kept yow hidyr-to *with* tho goodis þat he gaue me; & *perfor* 24  
 I durste not abide in þat londe, but fledde *with* yow in-to this  
 countre; for he regneth nõw for kyng of Denmarke, & vsurpeth þe  
 crowne. And *perfor* I counseile yow to drawe to som pryncis  
 courte, þat ye may haue eyde & helpe to enerite youre londe ayen." 28  
 ¶ Than this young Ientylman thankid this fissher of his gret  
 charite, & toke his leue, & cam to þe Kyngis courte of Ingelond,  
 and was a sqwiler in þe kechyn: þe whiche kyng þat regnyd tho  
 in Ingelonde was Edelf, whiche vsurpyd þe lande wrongfully, from 32  
 his owne cosyng, whiche was kyng Adelbrightis doughtir, & riht  
 eneritur, þat men callyd ArgentyH. ¶ And þis Kyng Edelf  
 thouhte to mary her shamfully & vnworthely, for enchesoun to  
 haue her londe from her; & so he maryed her to Curan, þat was 36  
 sqwiler of his kechyn. ¶ And than Curan toke his wife ArgentiH,  
 & went in-to Denmarke, and as God wolde, whiche helpith aȝ  
 good men in ther right, conueyed Curan & his wife to þe howse of

<sup>1</sup> leaf 48, back. Lambeth MS. 84.

<sup>2</sup> sic MS.

a worthi knyghte of Denmarke, þe whiche lovyd wel þe fadyr of þe seide Curan. And whan this Curan was come thedyr, þe knyghte was glad to holde hym, because þis Curan was so hye a man of stature, 4 & wel made *with-alle*; & þe knyght comaundid his serwauntis to make hym & his wife goode chere; for they semyd onest foke. And aftyr, whan þe nyght was come, þei were asyngned where þei shulde lye. And in þe dede tyme of þe nyght, whan alle folkis 8 were a-bedde, & be lyklyode a-slepe, there was a gret lyght in þere chambre, whiche oon of þe knyghtis seruauntis aspied, & preuely went vnto þe chambre to wete what yt ment. & whan he come thedyr, he sye a wonder grete stre<sup>l</sup>me of lyhte com from þe mannys 12 side, & also a-noþer from þe womannys side, þei beyng fast aslepe, þat alle þe chambyr was lyght *þere-with*. And þis man yede softly vnto his maistyr þe knyht, & tolde hym what he sye. & þe knyht rose hym vp & yede thedyr, & fonde yt sothe as his man had seide. 16 & þe knyht maruelyd sore what it shulde mene, & yede a-yen to his bed, & musid sore ther-on. ¶ And on þe morw þe knyht arose, & sent for this man Curan; and anon þe knyht axyd hym what man he was; who was his fadyr; & where he was born. Than Curan seyde: 20 “syrre, I wot nevyr where I was born, nor who was my fadyr, but be þe seyng of a man þat was a fissher, whiche kept me vp of yowthe; & I knew none oper but þat he was my fadyr. & whan I was growen moche, & vndirstode resoun, he seide to me that he 24 was not my fadyr, but seyde þat þe Kyng of Denmark was my fadir, þat men callyd Hauelok, & Gildeburghe my modyr, whiche was þe Kyngis douhtir of Ingelond. & whan my fadyr shulde dye, he betoke me to kepe to a lorde of his, & prayde hym þat he shulde 28 make me kyng, whan I come to lawful age. & that lorde betoke me to a man þat was a fissher, & gaue hym gret good, & also chargyd hem, vp payne of dethe, þat he shulde drowne me in þe see; but þe man, of pite, cowde not fynde it in his herte.” Thanne seyde 32 þe knyht: “if it be thus, I shal knowe be sertayne fetures & tokenys þat is on youre body, þe whiche þat I & othyr knyhtis were comaundid to se & take hede of, when ye were ryht younge.” Than Curan stripte hym nakyd; & anon þe knyht sye þe markis 36 on his body þat he knew ful wel. And than þe knyht knelyd doun & did hym worship, & seide, ‘forsothe he was þe sone of his wurshipful lorde Hauelok, & rihtful ayre of Denmarke.’ And in alle þe hast, þe knyght wrote vnto dyuerse lordis of þat lande,

seyng, þat 'Curan, þe sone of Haueloke, & rihtful eyre, was founde, & was with hym, in his place.' ¶ And whan þe lordys herde this, & vndirstode þe trowthe, anon thei assemblyd a gret power, & cam thedyr, & did homage & fewte vnto hym. and aftyr 4 þat, thei yede & gaue batayle vnto þe Kyng þat vsurpyd, whom þe seyde Curan slew, his own hondis. And aftyr þat, thei crownyd hym Kyng of Denmarke, & so he enyoyed his enheritaunce. ¶ And in þe nexte yere folwyng, this seid Curan cam in-to 8 Ingelonde, & conquestyd his wives lande, and slowe Kyng Edelfe in þe xx. yere of his regne. In whois tyme deyde Seint Ethelburga, þe first abbes of Berkyng, In þe yere of oure Lorde v<sup>clxviiij</sup>. And this Edelf was þe last kyng of þe trew Brytouns. 12

**Anno domini v<sup>clxx</sup> :** Regned Curan, þat was <sup>1</sup>Hauelokis son, Kyng of Denmark, whiche reynyd be his wives titel, & not be his owne. *Capitulum lxxvij.*

**A**ftyr Kyng Edelf, þat was þe laste kyng of þe trewe Brytouns, 16 Regned Curan In þe yere of oure Lorde. v<sup>clxx</sup>. & þis Curan was Hauelokis sone, Kyng of Denmark, þat was a Dane; & he regned be his wivis title, & nat be his owne; & he was a good man, & wel rewlyd þe lande. And he ne regned but 20 iij. yeris, for þe Saxons & þe Danys slewe hym; & þat was gret hurte to alle Britayne; <sup>2</sup>& so he deyde *withoute* yssu; & þe Britouns bare his body to Stonehenge, & þere entered hym with moche solempnite. 24

## II.

[*The Quarrel between Richard II & his uncle, the Duke of Gloster.*]

<sup>3</sup>In þe xx<sup>ti</sup> yer Kyng Rychard hælde a grete feste at Westmenstre. At whiche feste arryued þe Sowdyours þat had kepte a tounne callyd Breste, & satte at dyner in þe halle, whiche tounne Kyng Rycharde had delyueryd by appoyntemente to þe Duke of 28 Brytayne, wherof bygan moche trouble & sorwe, whiche dured vnto Kyng Richardys dethe. And aftyr dyner þe Duke of Gloucetre, his vncl, *Sir* Thomas of Woodstoke, sayde to þe Kyng: "Syre! hauc ye not seen tho felawes þat sate at dyner in youre halle?" 32 and þe Kyng demaunded who they were: and he sayde, "they been

<sup>1</sup> leaf 49, back.    <sup>2</sup> Rubric in margin: This kyng deyde *withoute* yssu.

<sup>3</sup> Slip of vellum between leaf 181 and 182, written on one side only. At the top of leaf 182 is "John Stoughton is a littel wantton."

your folke þat haue seruyd yow, & ben come from Breste, & now wote not what to doo, & haue ben enyl payde." Thenne þe Kyng sayde þat they shal be payde. Then seyde þe Duke in a grete 4 furye: "Syre! ye oughte fyrste to put your body in deuore to gete a touzne or a Castel be feet of warre vpon your enemyes, er ye shulde selle or delyuer ony townes þat your predecessours, Kynges of Englonde, haue gotten & conqueryd." To þe whiche þe Kyng 8 answeyrd ryght angrely: "how saye ye that?" Thenne þe Duke sayd it ageyn. Then þe Kyng byganne to wex wrothe, & sayde: "wene ye þat I be a marchaunt or a foole, to selle my londe? by Saint Johan Baptist, nay! but trouthe it is, þat oure Cosyn of 12 Brytayne hathe rendryd & payde to vs þe somme þat my predeces- sours hadde lente vpon þe sayde touzne of Breste; and sith he haue payed, it is reasoun þat this touzne be delyueryd to hym ageyne." Thus beganne þe wrathe bytwene þe Kyng & his vncl. 16 And aftyrward, at Arondele, was a Counseylle of certeyne lordes, as þe Duke of Gloucetre, þe Archebisshop of Canterbury, þe Erles of Arondele, Warwyk & Marchalle, & oper, for to refourme þe rewle aboute þe Kyng; whyche lordes promysed eche to abyde by oper, 20 & so departed. And anone aftyr, þe Erle Marchal, whiche was Captayne of Calays, bewrayed, & lete þe King haue knowleche of all þere counselle.

### III.

[*The Deposition of Richard II & Election of Henry IV. The Prophecy that Richard II should be destroyed by a Toad.*]

<sup>1</sup> Than in the begynnyng of þe xxiiij<sup>th</sup> yer, the lordys of þe 24 reavme, with þe Comouns assent, chose this worthy lorde, Syr Herry Bolyngbrook, Erle of Derby, Duke of Herforde & Duke of Lancastre be ryht lyne & herytage, and for his myhtful manhood, þat þe peple fonde in hym before al othyr, they chose hym, & 28 made hym Kyng of Englonde amonges hem, And put asyde Richarde, Erle of Cambrygge, whiche was sone to Edmunde Langeley, Duke of York. And this sayde Richarde, Erle of Cambrygge, had weddyd Anne, þe douhetyr & Ayre of Roger 32 Mortymer, Erle of Marche & of Wulster, whiche was proclamyd, in þe ix. yer of þe regne of Kyng Richarde, heyre apparaunt to þe Crowne of Englonde aftyr Kyng Richarde. For þe sayde Roger was sone & Ayre to Edmunde Mortymer, and to Philyppe,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 185, one-third down. Lambeth MS. 84.

douhetyr & Ayre of *Sir Lyonel*, þe .iiij. sone of Kyng Edward þe .iiij.; And thus was þe Ayre Ieneral put asyde. <sup>1</sup>Also ther was, yn Kyng Richardys courte, a worshipful clerke þat was an Astronomier, whiche knewe & vndyrstode be his counnyng þat Kyng Richarde 4 shulde be slayne & destroyed be a Toode. And vpon a tyme, he warnyd þe Kyng therof, & bad hym 'be ware of Todys; for a Toode shulde destroye hym;' and than þe Kyng thouhte & mervayled in his mynde, how þat shulde be. And vpon a tyme he ordeyned 8 & made a ryal feest in Cristmasse, & comaundyd al his lordys to come thedyr. And they cam thedyr, euery lorde in þe gayest desgysyng þat they coude devyse. And among hem alle, *Sir Herry*, Erle of Derby, cam in a Gounne broydeyrd <sup>2</sup>al abowte with Toody's. 12 & whan Kyng Richard syhe yt, he remembryd þe propheci of Toody's þat his clerke tolde hym, þat he shulde be destroyed by. And euer aftyr he had this Herry, Erle of Derby, yn Ielwsy & mystruste, supposyng þat yt shulde be he þat shulde destroy hym; 16 & fayne þe Kyng wolde an had hym destroyed; but at þe last he exiled hym for x yer.

## IV.

[*The Murder and Burial of King Richard II. His Vision and his Treasure.*]

<sup>3</sup>¶ In þe same yere, Syr Barnarde Brokeis, Sir Iohn Selly, Syr Iohn Mawdelyn, & Syr William Ferby, were takyn & sette in 20 þe Toure, & aftyr, by iugement, were hanged & by-hedyd, & ther hedys sette on London Brigge. ¶ And whan Kyng Herry sawe þat these lordys thus had rysen, & assemblyd grete peple to haue put hym to dethe, & for to restore Kyng Richard ageyne to 24 his crowne & to his Reame, he thoughte teshue suche peryls.<sup>4</sup> ¶ And a-none he commaunded *Sir Pyers of Exton*, þat he shulde goo streyte to Pounfreyte, & delyuer þe worlde of Kyng Rychard. ¶ And so he departed fro þe Kyng, and wente to þe Castel of 28 Pountfrete, where-as Kyng Richard was in prisoune, þe whiche was sette at table for to dync. ¶ And anon aftyr, *Sir Pyers* cam in-to þe chambre where þe Kyng was; and he broughte viij. men with hym, & eche man an axe in his honde. ¶ And whan 32 þe Kyng sawe *Sir Pyers* with his felausshippe entre in-to þe chambre defensably arayed, he shoof þe table from hym, and

<sup>1</sup> Side rubric: A prophesi of Kyng Richards dethe. <sup>2</sup> leaf 185, back.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 186. <sup>4</sup> Side rubric: How kyng Richard deyde.

sprange in-to þe myddys of them, & raughte an axe out of one  
theyr hondes, and sette hymself valyauntly at defence. ¶ And  
hym-self defendyng, he slewe foure of þe eyghte. And whanne þe  
4 sayde Peers sawe þe Kyng so defende hym, he was soore abashed  
& gretly aferde, and sterte vpon þe place where-as Kyng Richard  
was wonte to sytte. & as Kyng Richard foughte & defendyd  
hym-self goynge bacwarde, the sayde Syr Peers smote hym on þe  
8 hede *with* his axe, þat he fylle to grounde. ¶ Than cryed Kyng  
Richard “God, mercy!” & thenne he gaue hym a-noþer stroke  
on þe hede, & soo he deyde. ¶ And thus was this noble Kyng  
slayne and murthred. And whan þe Kyng was deede, þe knyghte  
12 þat had thus slayne hym, sette hym down be þe deede bodye of  
Kyng Richard, & byganne to wepe, saynge: “Allas! what thyng  
haue we doone? we haue putte to dethe hym þat hath been oure  
Kyng & souerayne lorde, two & twenty yere! Now haue I lost  
16 myn honoure! I shal neuer come in place, but I shal be  
reproched, for I haue doone ayenst myn honour.” ¶ After this,  
moche peeple in Englonde, & other countrees also, wolde not  
beleue þat Kyng Richard was deede, but sayde þat he was alyue  
20 many yerys aftyr. ¶ Wherefor Kyng Herry, whan he wist verryly  
þat he was deede, he leete cere hym in þe best maner, & *with*  
dyuers spices and baumes, & in a fayre cheste, closyd alle in lynyn  
clothe, saaf his visage, whiche was lefte opyn, þat men myht see  
24 & know his persone from alle othir men. ¶ And thus he was  
broughte thurgh London to Powlus; & his body was leyd on a  
Charyotte coueryd *with* black, and iiij. baners, whereof ij. were of  
þe armes of Saint George, & ij. of þe armys of Seint Edward; &  
28 & þere were an C. men clothed in blak, eche beryng a torche;  
¶ And þe Cyte of London had thyrtty men in whyte, eche beryng  
also a torche; and þe visage of þe dede body was leyde opyn, þat  
euery man myght see and knowe þat it was his body, & þat he  
32 was soo deede; for many men beleued it not. ¶ And from  
Powlus he was had to Westmenster, & þere he hadde his hole  
masse, & diryge also. ¶ And fro thens he was caryed to þe  
Frerys of Langley, & þere he was buryed: on whois sowle God  
36 haue mercy! Amen! ¶ The comyn oppynyon of Englysshmen is,  
þat Kyng Richard deyde not <sup>1</sup> aftyr þe maner a-foresayde, but þat  
he deyde & was famynyed, & lakkyd bothe mete and drynke, & yet  
he was dayle seruyd þereof lyke a Kyng, but he myht not towche

<sup>1</sup> leaf 186, back.

yt, but only see hyt, & p̄efor his [hunger] was p̄e more. And on a tyme, as he lay on his bed of estaate, hym thouhte p̄ere come a fayre womman vnto hym, and brought a kercher ful of white Rosys, & bestruyd aH his bed therwith; & he fed hym of the Rosys, pat his 4 gret hungre was withdrawe; & whan he woke, hym thoughte his apyted was wel satysfyed, & p̄erby his lyf contynuyd a day or tweyne the lenger. And some sayeth thus, That whan he herde saye pat his lordys, p̄e Duke of Excetre, p̄e Duke of Surrey, p̄e 8 Erle of Salysbury, & p̄e ōper lordis were deede, he was so angry & so sorowful pat he swore pat he wolde neuer ete mete, & soo abode iiij. dayes withoute etyng, as they saye. And whan Kyng Herry vndirstode pat he wolde not ete, he sente to hym ij prelatys for to 12 comforte hym; And whan they w̄ere come, he confessyd hym to one of them, p̄e whiche gaue hym in penaunce, pat he shulde ete his mete. And whan he supposed to haue etyn, p̄e mete myght not goo dounne ne auale in-to his stomake, ffor p̄e conduytys of 16 his bodye were shronken to-geder. And than sayde p̄e noble Kyng Rychard, 'pat it was doon, & pat he must nedis deye.' But certys, wheper he deyde this way or pat other, certaynly dede he is, & was buried at Langley: God haue mercy on his soule! 20 Amen! And then was Kyng Herry peably King. Then he fonde in Kyng Richardes tresory nyne honderde thousande noblys, withoute Iewellys and vessellys whiche was as moche worthe, or more. And p̄ere was founden in p̄e Tresorers kepyng of Englonde, 24 an honderde and fyfty thousand noblys, & Iewels & vessell as moche or more: and thus Kyng Herry had alle his goodys. Aboute this same tyme, p̄e Duke of Orleauce sente an herode of armys with lettres vnto Kyng Herry, by which he chalengyd for 28 to fyght with hym withynne lystes at Burdeux, or in some ōper metely place, with an C gentylnen withoute reproche, ageynste as meny gentlemen withoute reproche. wherto p̄e <sup>1</sup> King answeyrd ageyne by lettres worshipfully, rehersyng pat at suche tyme as 32 it shulde p̄ese hym, he wolde come with suche nombre as it apperteyneth to a Kyng, and conquere his ryght; at whiche tyme he shulde be answeyrd atte fulle; & so p̄e mater fynysshed.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1-1</sup> This is in the margin.



V.

[*The Causes of the Battle of Shrewsbury, A.D. 1403.*]

1 ¶ And than Syr Thomas Percy was Iugged to be dede, pat is  
to sey, drawe & hangyd, and his hede smytyn of, at Shrewes-  
bury, & his hede to be set on London Brygge, for his fals tresone ;  
4 for he causyd þe gret devisioun betwene the Kyng and Syr Herry  
Percy ; for þe Kyng wolde an had pees, & so wolde Syr Herry  
Percy ful fayne ; But Syr Thomas Percy went betwene them, &  
& bare fals talys, othyrwyse than they sayde or ment, & causyd that  
8 batayle. Vnde *versus* : Praxedis taurius nomine campo Blewyk.

M. quetuor C. ter .I.<sup>2</sup> obit certamine Percy.

¶ Also anoper princypal cause was : what tyme pat Syr Herry  
Derby was exilyd be Kyng Richarde, he cam ayen out of Fraunce,  
12 & entryd vp in-to Engelond at Rauensport in Yorkshyre ; & þere  
cam ayenst hym, to put hym of, Syr Herry Percy, othyrwise callyd  
Syr Herry Hote-spour. but Syr Herry Derby was sworyn þere to  
hym & to othyr lordys, pat he shulde make no chalange vnto þe  
16 Crowne, but only vnto his enerytaunse, þe Dukedom of Lancastre ;  
& vppon pat othe they suffryd hym to go fourthe. And than  
aftyr pat, Syr Herry Derby toke vppon hym þe Crowne. and whan  
they vndyrstode pat, Syr Herry Hotspur cam to þe Kyng to  
20 Westmenstyr, and seyde : “Syr, this was not couienaunt nor  
promise.” “What seyest thow, horsson?” quod the Kyng ; &  
stert to hym, & gaue hym a gret buffet. “Wel,” quod Syr Herry  
Hotspur, “this shal be þe shrewdest bofet pat euer thow yovyst.”  
24 & streyte he toke his horse, and rode home into his countre ; &  
here-vpon began the batel of Srewesbury.

VI.

[*King Henry V: his Riot in his Youth: his Change when  
made King.*]

3 [A]ftyr the dethe of Kyng Herry the Fourthe, Regnyd his  
sone Herry of Monmothe, whiche was born at Monmothe in  
28 Walyes, whiche was Herry the Fyfte aftyr þe conquest. And he  
began to Regne on þe xxj<sup>ti</sup>. day of Marche, In þe yer of our lorde

<sup>1</sup> on leaf 187.

<sup>2</sup> ? for 1403, July 23. Battle fought on St. Praxed's day, near a manor house named Berwick.—J. H. Wylie, who suggests ‘ter I,’ thrice one, for the t .I. or † .I. of the MS.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 191. Lambeth MS. 84.

M. CCCC xij; And in þe same yer he was crownyd Kyng of Englon[d] at Westmenster on the nynthe day of Aprill; and he was a worthy kyng, & a gracious man, & a worthy conquerour. ¶ And before he was Kyng, what tyme he regnyd Prince of Walyes, he 4 fyller & yntendyd gretly to ryot, and drew to wylde company; & dyuers Ientylmen and Ientylwommen folwyd his wylle & his desire at his commaundment; & lykewyse aH his meyne of his housolde was attendyng & plesyd with his gouernaunce, out-sept 8 iij. men of his howsolde, whiche were ful hevye and sory of his gouernaunce; and they counseyld hym euer contrary, and fayne wolde an had hym to doon wele, & forsake ryot. and þerfor he hatyd them iij. most of al men in his house, vnto þe tyme þat his 12 fadyr was dede. And thanne he beganne to regne for Kyng, & he remembryd þe gret charge & wourship þat he shulde take vpon hym; And anon he comaundyd al his peple þat were attendaunt to his mys gouernaunce afore tyme, & al his housolde, to 16 come before hym. And whan they herde þat, they were ful glad, for they subposyd þat he wolde a promotyd them in-to gret offices, & þat they shulde a stonde in gret favyr & truste with hym, & nearest of counsel, as they were afore tyme. & trustyng here- 20 vpon, they were þe homlyer & bolder vnto hym, & nothyng dred hym; ynsomoche, þat whan they were come before hym, some of them wynkyd on hym, & some smyld, & thus they made nyse semblaunte vnto hym, meny one of them. But for al þat, þe 24 Prynce kept his countynaunce ful sadly vnto them, And sayde to them: "Syrys, ye are þe peple þat I haue cherysyd & mayntynyd in Ryot & wylde gouernaunce; and here I geue yow aH in commaundment, & charge yow, þat from this day forward þat 28 ye forsake al mys gouernaunce, & lyve aftyr þe lawys of Almyhety God, & aftyr þe lawys of oure londe. And who þat doyth contrarye, I make feythful promys to God, þat he shal be trewly ponisid accordyng to þe lawe, withoute eny favour or grace." And 32 chargyd them, [on] payn of deth, þat they shulde neuer geve hym comforte nor counsel to falle to ryot no more; for he had takyn a charge on hym, þat alle his wittis & power were to lytyl, withoute þe helpe of God & good gouernaunce. And so he rewardyd 36 them richely with gold & syluer, & othyr Iuelys, and chargyd them alle to voyde his housolde, & lyve as good men, & neuer more to come in his presence, be-cause he woold haue noon occasioun nor remembraunce wherby he shulde falle to ryot ayen. And thus he 40

voydyd al his housolde, savyng tho iij. per<sup>l</sup>sonys pat he hatyd most, whiche were ful sory of his gouernaunce; & them he lovyd aftyrward best, for pere good counsayle and good gouernaunce, & 4 made them aftyrward gret lordys; And thus was lefte in his housolde nomo but tho iij. men. And menyone of them pat were eydylng & consentyng to his wyldnes, fyl aftyrward to gret myschefe and sorw.

8 ¶ Than Kyng Herry sent to Dame Kateryn Swynfor, Countesse of Herforde, whiche was tho a wel-gouerned woman, & kept pe most worshipful housolde, & pe best rewlyd pat was within pe londe; and to her he sent for men pat were of good disposicyoun; 12 & she sent hym xij Ientylmen of sad gouernaunce. and so this gracious Kyng forsoke al wyldnes, and toke hym to good gouernaunce, and kept streytly his lawys with ryghtwisnes & Iustise. For, in pe first yere of his regne, ther were ij knyhtis at 16 gret debate: pe tone was of Lankestyr-shire, & pe tothyr of York-shire; & they made them as stronge of peple as they cowde, & scarmysshid togedyr; and men were slayne & hurte on bothe partyes. ¶ And whan pe Kyng herde therof, he sent for 20 them: & they cam to pe Kyng to Wyndelysore, as he was goyng to his dyneer. and whan the Kyng vndirstode that they were come, he commaundyd them to come before him; And than he axyd them, 'whois men they were.' and they seyde, his lege men. 24 "and whois men be tho pat ye haue a-reysyd up to fyhte for youre quarel?" and they seyde, 'his men.' "& what awtoryte or comaundement had ye, to reyse vp my men or my peple, to fyght & sle eche othyr for your quarel? yn this ye ar worthy to dye." 28 And they coude not askewse them, but besowhte pe Kyng of his grace. And than pe Kyng seyde, "be pe feith pat he owte to God & to Seint George, but yf they agreyd & accordyd, be pat tyme pat he had etyn his owystrys, they shulde be hangyd bothe two or 32 evyr he sopyt." And than they yede a-parte, & agreyd be themselves, and cam in ayen whan pe Kyng had etyn his owistris. And than pe Kyng sayde: "Syr, how stondyth yt with yow?" And than they knelyd downe, and seyde: "yf it plese your good 36 grace, we be agreyd & accordyd." And than the Kyng seyde, 'be the feythe pat he owte to God & to Seint George, pat & evyr they made eny more Insurreccioun or dethe of his lege peple, they, or ony othyr lordys withynne his reawme, withowte his

<sup>1</sup> leaf 191, back.

commaundment, whatsomeuer they were, they shulde dye, acordyng to þe lawe.' And so, aftyr þat, ther durst no lorde make no party nor stryf; and thus he beganne to kepe his lawis and Iustise, & therfor he was belouyd & bedred.

## VII.

[*The Battle of Agincourt.*]

<sup>1</sup> ¶ Than þe morwe roos, þe day gan sprynge, & þe Kyng be good avyce leet araye his batayle & his weengys; & chargyd euery man to keepe hem hole to-gedrys, & preyde hem alle to been of good cheer. And whanne they were redy, he askyd what tyme of 8 þe day it was, & they sayde prime. Than seyde oure Kyng: "now is it good tyme, for alle Engelond prayeth for vs. And in remembraunce þat God dyed on þe Crosse for vs, let euery man make a crosse on þe erthe, & kys hyt, & in tokenyng þat we wole 12 radyr dye on this erthe than flee." ¶ And whan þe King of Fraunce sawe oure Kyng & his peepel fal down to þe erthe, he axyd: "what meen they now?" & a Frenche knyght stode by, & seyde, "forsothe, Syre, they purpose hem this day to dey on þat 16 grounde, rathir than to flee." And than oure Kyng, with alle his peple, roos hym vp ayen; and than he seyde with an hye voyce, "In þe name of Almyhty God and of Seint George, Avaunt baner! & Seint George, this day thyn helpe!" And therwith þe 20 Trumppetys blew vp. ¶ And than þe Frenche men come prykyng down, as they wolde haue ovirryden alle oure meyne. But God & oure Archerys made hem sone to stomble. for oure archeris shot neuer oon arwe amys, but it persshid & brouht to grounde man or 24 hors; for they shottyn þat day for a waieur; And oure stakys made hem ouer-terve, eche on othyr, þat they lay on hepys. And oure Kyng, with his meyne & with men of armys, leyde on, for it behovyd hem to fyght þat day, his owne handys. & oure good 28 Archerys þat lakkyd <sup>2</sup> arwys, leyde on with stakys. And þat day þe Frenche men syhe Seint George in þe eyre ouer þe hoste of þe Englysshe men, fyghtyng ayenst þe Frenche men; and therfor they worship & holde of Seint George, in Engelond, more than in any 32 oper londe. ¶ And thus Almyhti God & Seint George brouht oure enemyes to grounde, & yaf us þe victory þat day. And þere were slayne of Frensshe men þat day in þe feeelde of Agyncourt xj. M<sup>t</sup>., withoute prysonerys þat were takyn. And ther were noumbryd 36

<sup>1</sup> leaf 194.<sup>2</sup> leaf 194, back.

pat day of Frensshe men yn pe feelde, mo than Sixti score Mt.,  
And of Englysshe men but vij. M<sup>t</sup>; but God & Seint George pat  
day favt for vs. But pe Frensshe men pat were in pe Cyte of  
4 Parys, had went pat oure Kyng had been ouer-throuhe a day  
before; for pe prekers of pe Frensshe men pat kept pe owte-wacche,  
met *with* some of oure Kyngis kartys, & ryfelyd them, & gat out  
oure Kyngis koronet, & bare it in-to Parys; & wenyng to them of  
8 pe Cite pat oure Kyng had been ouerthrouhe, & bare this coronet  
aboutt pe cyte in processioum for ioye. And aftyrward, when they  
syhe pe Frensshemen come home sore woundyd, they marvayled  
sore, & askyd them ‘what chere?’ & they seyde, “No som to  
12 mors”: we be dede & ouerthrouhe. And than an hewge peepke of  
women & oper folke yede thedyr to pe feelde pere pe batayle was,  
to beholde whiche party were ouerthrouhe; and they stode vpon  
an hylle besydys pe feelde pere pe batayle was. ¶ And whan pe  
16 Englysshe hoste syhe this, they had wende pat tho peepke had been  
a-*no*per host of Frensshe men. And anon com tydyngis to oure  
Kyng pat pere was a newe batayle of Frensshemen, al in aray,  
ordeyned redy to stele on hym. And anon oure Kyng leet krye  
20 pat euery man shulde sle his prysoner pat he had take: & pat was  
a myghty losse to Engeland, & a gret sorw to Fraunce. and whan  
pat was doon, oure Kyng arayed his batayle ayen, redy to fihte  
*with* pe Frensshe men. ¶ And whan pe Frensshemen sawe pat oure  
24 men kyllyd her prysonerys, than they *with*drewe hem, & brak her  
batayle & here aray. And thus oure Kyng, as a worthy conquerour,  
had pat day pe victorye in pe feelde of Agyncourt in Pykkardye,  
thankyd be God!

28 And than oure Kyng retournyd ayen there pe batayle was, to  
se what peple were dede of Frensshe men, and also of Englysshe  
men, or yf ony were hurte pat myht be holpe. And pere were  
dede of Frensshe men in pe feelde: pe Duke of Barry, pe Duke  
32 of Launson, pe Duke of Braban, pe Erle of Navern, pe Chief  
Counstable of Fraunce, & viij. othir Erlys; & pe Archebisshop of  
Saunce; & of good Barouns .C. & mo; & of worthy knyhtis of  
gret alliaunce of cote armures, a M & v<sup>c</sup>. ¶ And of Englysshe  
36 men was dede pat day: pe good Duke of Yorke,<sup>1</sup> Ser Edmunde, &  
deyde *with*oute yssu. And aftyr hym, was made Duke of Yorke  
his broderys sone, Richarde, pat <sup>2</sup> was sone to Richard, Erle of  
Caumbrygge, pat was behedyd at Southamptone, as aftyrward ye

<sup>1</sup> Rubric in margin: ‘there was slayne pe Duke of Yorke.’ <sup>2</sup> leaf 195.

shul here more opynly. And also there was dede, þe Erle of Suffolke; & of al oper of Englisshe men, were dede nat passyng xxvj. bodyes, thankyd be God! And this batayle was on a Friday, whiche was Crispines & Crispamanes day, in þe monthle of Octobre. 4

*versus*: an Mil C quatuor Synk Domini dato.

henrici terno Regis quin iure paterno.

harflet fest Maurik deuicta que prelia.

crispinum Agencourt nomen, vbi Cristus ei dedit omen. 8

### VIII.

[*The Siege of Rouen. Every eldest Son a King on St. Dennis' Eve.*]

¶ And yn þat tyme þere was a custom in þe Cite of Rone, & also in þe Subarbys þere-of, that on Seint Denys evyn to make a kyng in euery house. And so þe grete heerys of þe subarbys cam to þe seyde Kyng Herry, & besouht hym to take noon displeure 12 of þere customable vsage. and þe Kyng askyd them what it was. And they answeyrd & seyde 'yt was þe vsage of Roon to make, in euery hous therof, þe eldest sone a kyng on þat nyht.' And anon þe Kyng grauntyd them ther askyng, so þat it were nat doon in 16 despyte of hym. And at Nyhte ther cam woorde to þe Kyng, þat þere were neuer seen so many kyngis to-gedyr in oon place. And anon þe Kyng comaundyd them to be brouht afore hym. And than spake an olde Frenche knyht, and seyde: "I trowe now is þe 20 tyme come þat Rone shalbe won, aftyr þe profecye." And when þe Kyng herd þe knyht thus sey, he askyd hym, 'what was þe profecie.' And þe knyht seyde, 'yf he woold pardon hym, he woold tel hym þe profecie þerof.' And tho þe Kyng pardonid 24 hym. ¶ "Syr," quod þe knyht, "this toun of Roon shall neuer be wonne, tyl ther come a Kyng þat shulde be boryn of a woman, And in a Nonnys habyte, & .xxx. kynggis at his retynew, to ley seege ther-to." And there-with þe Kyng seyde: "In verbo tuo 28 relaxabo rethe." And anon he comaundyd everyche of þe kyngis to be set in dyuers garisons ayenst þe Toun. And on þe next day was þe Toun of Roon yolde vp vnto oure Kyng, as ye shul here.

### IX.

[*King Henry VI's youth, and the quarrel with the Flemings.*]

<sup>2</sup>a Nd yn þe yer of our Lorde, M<sup>t</sup> CCCC & xxiiij, On þe last 32 day of August, Herry of Wyndelysore, þe sone of Herry þe Fyfthe,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 198, back. Rubric in margin: 'how xxx<sup>ti</sup> kyngis leyde seege to Roon.' <sup>2</sup> leaf 201.

—began to Reyne, when he was but ix monthis of age. ¶ And as  
some men sey, on þat day of his byrthe, there sat a stronger with  
þe parsoun of Monmothe, þat prophesied at dyner, seyng on this  
4 wyse: “ In these xxiiij. ourys passyd, othyr with-yn xxiiij. ourys  
to come, is born, or shalbe born, a new Kyng of Engelond, þe  
whiche shal begynne his reyne withynne þe first yer of his byrthe.”  
¶ Than seyde þe tothyr: “ þat is þe Erle of Marche.” he seyde  
8 ayen: “ nay, nat so.” than seyde þe tothyr, “ what troyst thou þat  
þere shal fal here-aftyr?” he seyde: “ In þe fyrst vij yer of his  
Reyne, þere shalbe gret aboundaunce of al maner of ffrutys.”  
“ And what in þe next vij yerys?” he seyde: “ þere shalbe thre  
12 wyse men þat shulbe able to gouerne eny reme.” And in þe vj.  
yer aftyr, on þe vj day of A Nouembre, Herry þe vj<sup>te</sup> was  
crownyd at Westmenster, of Herry Chychile, Archebisshop of  
Cauntirbury, at whois Coronacioun þe sone of þe Duke of  
16 Hostryche, with many oper, were made knyhtis. ¶ And in þe  
x<sup>the</sup> yer of his reyne he was crownyd ayen at Parys in Fraunce, of  
his vncler þe CardinaH of Wynchestre. And in þe yer aftyr þat, on  
þe xx<sup>ti</sup> day of Maij, on a Weddenysday, fro þe oure of None to iij.  
20 on þe clok at aftyrnoon, ther aperyd a Blasyng sterre in þe firma-  
ment, toward þe est, fast be þe Mone.

And in þe yer folwyng, the Dewke of Burgoyne began to meve  
werre ayenst Engelond, & wolde an had Caleys. And thedyr was  
24 sent in bassetre, þe Duke of Exetyr, with oper lordys; & as he cam  
homward ayen, his hors doungyd in þe touzne of Poperyng; and  
þe Flemyggis rysyn vp, & wolde nat suffyr hym to passe tyl his  
men were fayne to bere away his hors dounge, & make elene þe  
28 stretys. ¶ And whan þe Duke was come ayen in-to Engelond, he  
enformyd þe Kyng & his lordys þerof; and they were sore ameyd  
therwith. And anon Sir Humfray, Duke of Gloucestre, & Sir  
—Thomas Bewfourde, Duke of Exetyr, his brothyr, with oper lordys,  
32 made a gret power, and yede ayen in-to Flaundrys, & destroyed  
moche peple, and brent meny tounmys, & dyd moche harme; & þe  
Duke of Burgoyne fled with his peple. And þe Duke of Exetyr  
yede & brent vp Popryng & meny mo tounmys þere abouhte, & dyd  
36 moche harme, ynsomoche þat they brent þe whete & corne þat  
grewe in þe feelde: & þat was an evyl deede, ffor, sen þat tyme  
hydrward, our whete & corn haue be brent in Engelond, yn on  
place or in othyr, as it growyth in þe feelde, be þe hande of God;  
40 whiche brennyng, men callyth ‘Ablastid or seynte.’ ¶ And at þe

last, þe Duke of Burgoyne was fayne to mede þe Duke of Gloucestre & oure lordis, & gave them a myty thyng of good to turne ayen & seese ther warre, & do no more harme. & than þey turny[d] ayen in-to Engelond. And in despyte of þe Flemynge, an Englysshe <sup>4</sup> man made this Englyshe, yn Baladdys :

## (1)

<sup>1</sup>o ff stryvys new, & fraudulent falsnesse,  
 Who-so lyst to seek out þe cheef occasioun,  
 Late hym resorte, & his wey dresse  
 In-to Flaundrys, streyght to the Blak Lyoun, 9  
 Whiche hathe compassed, be fals collusioun,—  
 Lyk in his standard as betyn is the signe,—  
 That meved his countre of presumpcioun,  
 Ageyn Ingelond frowardly to malygne. 13

## (2)

Fyrst to remembre, the deede beryth wytnesse,  
 Of his fadyr mowrdred be tresoun,  
 How Herry the Fyfthe, of knyghtly gentylnesse,  
 Had of his dethe manly compassioun, 17  
 Leete digge hym vp, stank for corrupcioun,  
 Of a prynee a mereyable sygne.  
 But thou ageynward, be fals decepcioun,  
 Madest Flaundrys ageyn Ingelond to malygne. 21

## (3)

Thou madist an oothe, be gret avisynesse,  
 Vppon the sacrament at Amyas, in that toun,  
 Ay to be trewe, voyde of dobylnesse.  
 But vndyr the courteyne of fals collusioun, 25  
 Thou gat at Araas an absolucioun,  
 Thy feyned feythe vp falsly to resygne,  
 Causyng Flaundrys, to ther confusioun,  
 Ageyn Ingelond prouwdly to malyngne. 29

## (4)

The pees purposyd at Araas in soothnesse,  
 Whan our<sup>1</sup> embassatourys, of hool affeccioun,  
 Cam goodly thedyr, dyd ther bysinesse,  
 To haue concluded a parfyt vnyoun 33

<sup>1</sup> leaf 201, back.



Twyxt to reavmus, for ful conclusioun,  
Thou, shewyng there a face ful benyg[n]e,  
Vndyr a veyle of fals decepcioun,  
Record of Flaundrys, whiche falsly dothe malygne. 4

(5)

What hast thou wonne *with* al thy bynesse  
And alle thy tentys to Caleys caryed down,  
Thyn ordynauncys, whiche cost gret rychesse,  
Bastyle, and cartys of fagot gret foyssoun, 8  
Of thy gounmys the dredful noyse and soun ?  
Peyse al to-gedyr, *with* many anothyр sygne,  
Thy cowardly flyghit, cokeney of a chaumpyoun,  
Whyche darst not fyght, and canst so wel malygne. 12

X.

[*The Battles of St. Alban's I and II, of Blore Heath, Ludlow, Northampton, Wakefield, and Wigmore.*]

<sup>1</sup> They dyd moche harme, & many a man was slayne; & they wolde neuer sese, tyl þe drawbrygge was set on fyre betwene hem. And aftyrward þere captayn was take in a gardyn in Kent, & pere 16 he was slayne; & aftyr þat, his body was quarteryd; & his hede smytyn of, & set on Londen Brygge. ¶ And in þe xxiiij. yer of his regne was þe first batel of Seint Albonyс; & þere Kyng Herry was shotte in þe nekke *with* an Arrwe. And ayenst hym cam 20 Rycherde Plantagynet, Duke of Yorke, & Richard Nevel, Erle of Salisbury, & his sone Richard Nevel, Erle of Warwyk. And þere was slayne of þe Kingis party, Sir Edmunde, Duke of Somyrset, þe Erle of Northombyrland, & Lord Clyfford; & Humfray, Duke 24 of Bokyngham, was sore hurte, whom they caryed *with* hem to Londen.

And in þe xxxvij yer was þe batel at Bloorhethе, & of Ludlowe; & þere was slayne be þe Erle of Salisbury, Lord Avdele, & xiiij. 28 knyghtes new made; & þe Baroun of Dudle was take & led *with* hem. ¶ And in þe .xxxviiij. yer was þe batayle of Northamptoun; where cam on þe ton party, Edward þe Erle of Marche, þe eldest sone of þe Duke of Yorke, & þe Duke of Northfolke, & Richard

<sup>1</sup> leaf 202. It follows the Ballad.

Nevyle, Erle of Warwyk. And þere was slayne of þe Kyngis party be them: *Sir* Humfray, Duke of Bokyngham, & *Sir* Iohā Talbot, Erle of S[h]rewisbury, & Vicount Bemounde; & þere was take Kyng Herry, & brouht *with* them to Londen. 4

And in þe same yer was þe batayle of Wakefeelde, whiche was on þe ton party, þe Duke of Somyrset, þe Erle of Northumbirlond, Lord Clifford, & *Sir* John Nevyl of Westmerland, which was þe Erles sone of Westmerland. And þere was slayne be them: 8  
 Richard, Duke of Yorke, Edmunde, Erle of Rutlond, his sone; & Richarde Nevyle, Erle of Salysbury, was take þere, & behedyd at Pounfret. ¶ And in þe same yer was þe ij<sup>de</sup> batayle of Seint Albonis: & þere com in on þe ton party: Kyng Herry, þe Duke of 12  
 Northfolke, þe Erle of Warwyk, Lord Facounbryge, & Vicound Bowser. And ayenst them cam Queen Margeryt, & Prince Edward her sone, [L]ord Wellis, Lord [C]lyfford, & ouerthrewe þe tothyr party, & toke away King Herry from þem; and, be the commaund- 16  
 ment of þe young Prince, þere was behedyd þere, Lord Bonvyld, & Thomas Kyrel, knyht of Kent; & they led *with* hem in-to þe Northe, Lord Mountegew, [a]nd toke hym to [p]e Mayre of [Y]orke to kepe. 20

And in þe same yer was þe bateyle of Wygmore, be Edward, Erle of Marche; wher fled, *Sir* Herry Bewforde, Duke of Exestyr, & Iamys Ormond, Erle of Wylshyre, & Iasper, Erle of Penbrook; & his fadyr, Owen Tedder, was takyn, & behedyd at Herforde; 24  
 and ther was takyn þe Baroun of Burforde; & pardounde of his lyfe. An[d] aftyr this, Edward, Erle of Marche, *with* þe lordys on his party, yede to Londen; and on þe iiij. day of Marche he toke vpon hym þe Regimen, *with* þe wyll of þe lordys & þe comouns 28  
 bothe.

## XI.

[*K. Edward IV* (1461); *the Battle of Barnet* (14 April, 1471);  
*and the Death of Henry VI* (20 June, 1471).]

<sup>1</sup>a Nd aftyr this, In þe yer of our Lord Mt. CCCC lx, And in þe regne of Kyng Herry .xxxix.; Edward, Erle of Marche, *with* þe lordys þat were on his party, yede to Londen; and on þe .iiij. 32  
 day of Marche he took vpon hym þe Regimen, *with* þe wyll of þe lordys & þe commouns also. ¶ And aftyr þat, Kyng Edward toke

<sup>1</sup> leaf 202, back.

his lordys, & yede Northward; and on Palmisoun evyn was Tauntoun feelde, callyd York feelde. And þere was on Kyng Edwardys party, þe Duke of Northfolke, þe Erle of Warwyk, Lord  
4 Acrys of þe southe, Lord Faucoumbrygge, & many oper lordys & knyhtis moo. And ayenst hym cam Prynce Edward, Kyng Herryes sone, þe Duke of Somyrset, þe Erle of Northumbyrlond, whiche was slayne þere, & many oper lordis & knyhtes also. And  
8 King Herry, with Queen Mergeret, lay in York; & pey toke þe Prince her sone, & be mydnyght they were fledde to Berewyk; & they yaf þat toun to þe Scottis, to haue socour & helpe of them, whiche toun was Englisshe befor. ¶ And thus Kyng Edward, þe  
12 sone of Richard Plantagenet, Duke of York, ouercam his enemyes, & put them to flyght, & returnyd ayen to Londen, & þere he was crownyd at Westmester, ryghtful Kyng of Engelond & of Fraunce, Castylle, & Legyoun. ¶ And sone aftyr, he weddyd Dame Elysa-  
16 beth, þe Erle Ryuers douhtyr, on whom he begat, ElysaBeth, Marie, Cicile, Edward Prince, Margarete, Richard, Duke of York & of Northfolke, Anne, George.

And aftyr this, Herry, þat was Kyng, was take in Yorkshire,  
20 in þe Abbey of Furnes; & put in þe Toure of Londen. ¶ And aftyr þat, þere aperyd in þe firmament a gret sterre, þat yaf out vij stremys, whiche synified gret sorw, & mysche[f] þat fylle aftyrward; & also ther wer sene in þe Temys at Londen, many whyrlepolys, &  
24 anoper tyme a whale, þat signyfyed not good. For aftyrward fylle gret devisyoun betwene þe Kyng & his lordys; & pey kept a gret batayle on Estyr day, whiche is callyd 'Barnet Feeld.' & þere was slayne Richard Nevyle, Erle of Warwick, & Markys Montegew, his  
28 brothir; & þe Erle of Oxynford fled. And from thens þe Kyng yede to Tewkysbery; & þere was slayn, Edward, þe sone of Kyng Herry; & Queen Margarete, his modyr, was take, whiche were come out of Fraunce. And thus Kyng Edward ouercam all his enemyes,  
32 thankyd be God! And in alle þese batayles, was þe sone ayenst þe fadyr, and brother aye[n]st brother. ¶ And anon aftyr, deyde Kyng Herry in þe Toure of Londen; & is beryed at Chercheshey. And he foundyd þe Coleges of Etoun & of Cambrygge, callyd þe  
36 'newe Colege': on whois soule, God haue mercy! Amen!

And aftyr this, Kyng Edward yed ouer beyon the se into Fraunce, & chalengyd Gascoyne & Gyen. And þe Kyng of Fraunce was fayne to desyre trewys with hym, & agreyd to pay yerly to  
40 oure Kyng, X Mt. li. for Gascoyne & Gyen: & he payd it long

after. And in þat Iorney our Kyng lost many a man þat fylle to þe lust of women, & wer brent be them; & þere membrys rottyd away, & þey dyed. ¶ And aftyr þat, ther fylle a gret dissesse in Engelond callyd þe 'stychē,' þat moche peeply deyde sodeynly 4 þerof. And also anoþer dissesse reyned aftyr þat, callyd þe 'fflyx,' þat neuer was seen in Engelond before; & peple deyde hogely therof iij yer togedyr, in on place or oþer. And aftyr þat, ther bred a Raven on Charyng Crosse at Londen; & neuer was seen 8 noone brede þere before. & aftyr þat, cam a gret dethe of Pestilence, þat lastyd iij. yer; & peple dyed myhtely in euery p[lace], man, woman & chylde: on whois soulys, God haue mercy! Amen! [end.]

APPENDIX TO H.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE BATTLE ABBEY ROLL OF 371  
NAMES OF NORMAN KNIGHTS. [See p. 535-537].

[*Harl. MS. 53, collated with Lambeth 6.*]

	Abvile	BaywaH (29) <sup>1</sup>	Bruce (58)	Colvile (86)
	Achard	Beauchamp	Budler	Comyn
	Akeny	Beaumeis	Buket	Corbet
4	Amondevile	Belcr	Burdet	Cornor
	Anney	Belet	Burle	Costentyn
	Arcy	Berard	BurneH	Cosyn
	Arvile	Berevile	BusseH	CoudreH
8	Ascher <sup>1</sup>	Bereward	Bussey	Courthouse
	Asprevile	Bernevile	Butevile	Crecy
	Aubeny	Berry	Butteler	CrieH
	Aubray	Beygnard <sup>3</sup>	Butvileyn (68)	Cunly
12	Audeny	Bigot		Curecy
	Audevile	Birset	Camois	Curly
	AueneH	Bleis	Candrey	Curteis
	Auerenges	BloundeH	Canneville	Curteneis <sup>4</sup>
16	Ayelard (16)	Bluet	Cardevile	Curthose
		Boner	Carevile	Curty (102)
	Bagot	Bontvile	Chalenges	
	Banaster	Boynet	Chalurs	Dalamare
20	Bardulf	Brachet	Chambreleyn	Danster <sup>v</sup> vile
	Baret	Bracy	ChameH	Darcy
	Barevile	Brassard	CharneH	DariH
	Barry	Bratet	Chastelleyn	Despenser
24	Bars	Bret	Chaucer *	Deynecourt
	Baskervile	Breuse	Chaundos	DrutaH
	Basset	Brian	Chene <sup>1</sup>	DucrcH
	Bastard	Bricourt	Cheyne	Duket
28	Baucan	Britoun	Clare	Dulapenne
	Baynard <sup>2</sup> (28)	Brok (57)	ClareH (85)	Duredent (113)

<sup>1</sup> om. L.

<sup>2</sup> Barnard L.

<sup>3</sup> Boigmard L.

<sup>4</sup> Carteneis L.

Escot (114)	Gorger (150)	Lescey (184)	Moreus <sup>6</sup> (220)
Eurons	Gorunvile <sup>3</sup>	Leverer	Morley
	Gower	Lincot	Morteyn
Ferebrace	Grace	Lonetot	Mortymmer 4
Ferrer	Grauntsoun <sup>2</sup>	Longchampe	Morvile
Ferrers	Graynvile	Longevile	Motoun <sup>2</sup>
Feschampe	Greis	LoveH	Moubray
Fetepace	Grenevile	Lucy	Mounfichet 8
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Brian	Gunter	Lunar	Mountanasy
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Garin	Gurnay (159)	Luncy	Mountegu
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Geffray		Lyard	Mounteny
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Herbert	Harecourt	Lynet	Mulet 12
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Hu	Hachet	Lysle (196)	Murdak
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Piers	Haket		Musard (233)
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Symond	Hamelyn	Maignard <sup>4</sup>	
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Vise	Hanet	Malemayn	Neomarch 16
Fitz <sup>1</sup> Water	Hansard	Malet	Nepount
Foleyn	Hanvile	Malynoler	Nevile
Foliambe <sup>2</sup>	Hasard	Mamelbarin <sup>2</sup>	Neyrout
Folvile	Hautevile	Mansey	Niuelent(238) 20
Formentyn	Hay	Manus ( <i>or</i>	Nunchampe .
Fossard	Heiroun	Manns)	
FreseH	Heroy	Manyn <sup>2</sup>	Ofvile
Fresvile	Heris	Marcimas	OreH <sup>7</sup> 24
Freynes	Hubert	Mareis	OrivaH
Frisoun	Hurfer	MarteH	Orrewar (243)
Frivile	Huscharles	Massy	
FurnyvaH		Matroners	Pachet 28
Fyneux (141)	Iardyn (176)	MaunceH	Palet
		Maundevile	PameH
Gamager	Keynes	Maureward	Panely
Gantlou	Kirlecot (178)	Meisy <sup>5</sup>	Pantulf 32
Gaugy		Meyne	Parles
Gaunt	Lacy	MeyniH	Passamere
Gauter	La Heuse	Miler	Passauant
Gerard	Lambert	Mire	Peisoun <sup>8</sup> 36
Giffard	Ledet	Mongomery	Penire ( <i>or</i>
Gorge (149)	Leoun (183)	MoreH (219)	Pemre)(253)

<sup>1</sup> Filz L.<sup>2</sup> *om.* L.<sup>3</sup> Gounrvile L.<sup>4</sup> Maynard L.<sup>5</sup> Mersy L.<sup>6</sup> Morens ? L.<sup>7</sup> Torell L.<sup>8</sup> Tyson L.

	Percy (254)	Rosynis <sup>2</sup> (284)	Soldeny (316)	Tuchet (347)
	Perly	Roter	Somerville	Tuny
	PevèreH	Rusak	Sonevile	Tupet <sup>7</sup>
4	Phanecourt	RusseH (287)	SouppiH ( <i>or</i> SoupeiH)	Turbevile [Tyson, <i>see</i> Pei- soun]
	Picard	SaintbreneH	SpigurneH	
	Pigot	Saintelus	Spynevile	
8	Pilet <sup>1</sup>	Sainteler	Sunely	Valeus <sup>8</sup> (351)
	PineH	Sainterois	SūrdevaH	Vauesour
	Pipard	Saintgorge <sup>2</sup>	Swyward <sup>6</sup> (324)	VeeH
	Piroun <sup>2</sup>	Sainthelyu		Veer
12	Pleisy	SaintIohn	Tabot	Veisyn
	Plevien	Saintleger	Tailepas	Venour
	Poer	Saintmore	Taillois	Verly
	Pouchet	Saintmoris	Tallebot	Vernoun
16	Pountfract	Saintnoyre	Tanet	Vesey
	Prers <sup>2</sup>	Saintomer	Taryn	Vilers
	Punegis	Saintquintyn	Tenere	Vmframvile
	PurceH	Sancey (301)	Tibot	
20	Pus	Sanctelou	Tiptot	WadeH (362)
	[Putnell] <sup>3</sup>	Sandervile	TireH (334)	Warrenne
	Putrell (274)	Santemareis <sup>4</sup>	TorchappeH	Wasteneis
		Saucer	ToreH	Welby
24	Quatremars	Saunzaner	Toret	Widvile
	Quincy (276)	Saunzire	Torevile	Wildbef
		Savage	Tracy	Wishard
	Raynes	Say	TrameH	Wivile
28	Renger	Saylard	Trauers <sup>2</sup>	
	Richemount	Scutevile	Trevet	Ynogre
	RideH	Sechevile	Truan	
	RocheH	Semery	Truret	Zoochh <sup>9</sup> (371)
32	Roos	Setvaus <sup>5</sup>	Trusbut	
	Rosyn (283)	Seygues (315)	TrusseH (346)	

<sup>1</sup> Pelet L.    <sup>2</sup> *om.* L.    <sup>3</sup> *only in* L.    <sup>4</sup> Saintrioris ? L.  
<sup>5</sup> Setvans ? L.    <sup>6</sup> Swyand L.    <sup>7</sup> Tapet L.    <sup>8</sup> Valens ? L.  
<sup>9</sup> [?] *om.* L.









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