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'Brutus' by Holinshed & Enderbie

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This article comprises material on Brutus the Trojan from *Holinshed's Chronicles*, from the 16th century, and Percy Enderbie's *Cambria Triumphans or Brittain in its Perfect Lustre*, from the 17th century. A comparison may be made with the account in the *Tysilio Chronicle* [see More 18, pages 8-16].

Section I

This section gives the account of Brutus the Trojan from *Holinshed's Chronicles*, the 1587 edition, as reprinted in 1807.

HOLINSHED'S

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OF

ENGLAND, SCOTLAND,

AND

IRELAND.

IN SIX VOLUMES.

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Of Brute and his descent, how he slue his father in hunting, his banishment, his letter to king Pandrasus, against whom he wageth battell, taketh him prisoner, and concludeth peace upon conditions.

THE FIRST CHAPTER.

[ITHERTO have we spoken of the inhabitants of this Ile before the comming of Brute, although some will needs haue it, that he was the first which inhabited the same with his people descended of the Troians, some few giants onelie excepted whom he vtterlie destroied, and left not one of them aliue through the whole Ile. But as we shall not doubt of Brutes comming hither, so may we assuredly thinke, that he found the IIe peopled either with the generation of those which Albion the giant had placed here, or some other kind of people whom he did subdue, and so reigned as well ouer them as ouer those which he brought with him.

This Brutus, or Brytus [for this letter (Y) hath of ancient time had the sounds both of Humfr. Lhoyd, V and I] (as the author of the booke which Geffrey of Monmouth translated dooth affirme) was the sonne of Siluius, the sonne of Ascanius, the sonne of Aeneas the Troian, begotten of his wife Creusa, & borne in Troie, before the citie was destroied. But as other doo take it, the author of that booke (whatsoeuer he was) and such other as follow him, are deceiued onelie in this point, mistaking the matter, in that Posthumus the sonne of Aeneas W.Har. (begotten of his wife Lauinia, and borne after his fathers deceasse in Italie) was called Ascanius, who had issue a sonne named Iulius, who (as these other doo coniecture) was the father of Brute, that noble chieftaine and adventurous leader of those people, which being descended (for the more part in the fourth generation) from those Troians that escaped with life, when that roiall citie was destroied by the Gréekes, got possession of this woorthie and most famous Ile.

To this opinion Giouan Villani a Florentine in his vniuersall historie, speaking of Aeneas and his ofspring kings in Italie, séemeth to agrée, where he saith: "Siluius (the sonne of Aeneas by his wife Lauinia) fell in loue with a néece of his mother Lauinia, and by hir had a sonne, of whom she died in trauell, and therefore was called Brutus, who after as he grew in some stature, and hunting in a forrest slue his father vnwares, and therevpon for feare of his grandfather Siluius Posthumus he fled the countrie, and with a retinue of such as followed him, passing through divers seas, at length he arrived in the Ile of Britaine.'

Concerning therefore our Brute, whether his father Iulius was sonne to Ascanius the sonne of Aeneas by his wife Creusa, or sonne to Posthumus called also Ascanius, and sonne to Aeneas by his wife Lauinia, we will not further stand. But this, we find, that when he came to the age of 15. yeeres, so that he was now able to ride abrode with his father into the forrests and chases, he fortuned (either by mishap, or by Gods prouidence) to strike his

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father with an arrow, in shooting at a déere, of which wound he also died. His grandfather (whether the same was Posthumus, or his older brother) hearing of this great misfortune that had chanced to his sonne Siluius, liued not long after, but died for verie greefe and sorow (as is supposed) which he conceived thereof. And the yoong gentleman, immediatlie after he had slaine his father (in maner before alledged) was banished his countrie, and therevpon got him into Grecia, where trauelling the countrie, he lighted by chance among some of the Troian ofspring, and associating himselfe with them, grew by meanes of the linage (whereof he was descended) in proces of time into great reputation among them: chieflie by reason there were yet divers of the Troian race, and that of great authoritie in that countrie. For Pyrrhus the sonne of Achilles, having no issue by his wife Hermione, maried Andromache, late wife vnto Hector: and by hir had three sonnes, Molossus, Pileus, and Pergamus, who in their time grew to be of great power in those places and countries, and their ofspring likewise: whereby Brutus or Brytus wanted no friendship. For euen at his first comming thither, divers of the Troians that remained in seruitude, being desirous of libertie, by flocks resorted vnto him. And amongst other, Assaracus was one, whom Brute intertained, receiuing at his hands the possession of sundrie forts and places of defense, before that the king of those parties could have vnderstanding or knowledge of any such thing. Herewith also such as were readie to make the aduenture with him, repaired to him on ech side, wherevpon he first placed garisons in those townes which had bene thus deliuered vnto him, and afterwards with Assaracus and the residue of the multitude he withdrew into the mountains néere adioining. And thus being made strong with such assistance, by consultation had with them that were of most authoritie about him, wrote vnto the king of that countrie called Pandrasus, in forme as followeth.

A letter of Brute to Pandrasus, as I find it set downe in Galfride Monumetensis.

"BRUTE leader of the remnant of the Troian people, to Pandrasus king of the Greekes, sendeth greeting. Bicause it hath beene thought a thing vnworthie, that the people descended of the noble linage of Dardanus should be otherwise dealt with than the honour of their nobilitie dooth require: they have withdrawne themselves within the close couert of the woods. For they have chosen rather (after the maner of wild beasts) to line on flesh and herbs in libertie, than furnished with all the riches in the world to continue vnder the yoke of seruile thraldome. But if this their dooing offend thy mightie highnesse, they are not to be blamed, but rather in this behalfe to be pardoned, sith euerie captiue prisoner is desirous to be restored vnto his former estate and dignitie. You therefore pitieng their case, vouchsafe to grant them their abridged libertie, and suffer them to remaine in quiet within these woods which they have got into their possession: if not so, yet give them licence to depart forth of this countrie into some other parts."

The sight of these letters, and request in them conteined, made Pandrasus at the first somewhat amazed, howbeit deliberating further of the matter, and considering their small number, he made no great account of them, but determined out of hand to suppresse them by force, before they should grow to a greater multitude. And to bring his intention the better to passe, he passed by a towne called Sparatinum, & marching toward the woods to suppresse the Troian of where he thought to have found his enimies, he was suddenlie assalted by Brute, who with three thousand men came foorth of the woods, and fiercelie setting vpon his enimies, made great slaughter of them, so that they were vtterlie discomfited, & sought by flight to saue themselues in passing a riuer néere hand called Akalon. Brute with his men following fast vpon the aduersaries, caused them to plunge into the water at aduenture, so that manie of them were drowned. Howbeit Antigonus the brother of Pandrasus did what he could to stay the Grecians from fléeing, and calling them backe againe did get some of them togither, placed them in order, and began a new field: but it nothing auailed, for the Troians, preas-

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ing vpon him, tooke him prisoner, slue and scattred his companie, and ceased not till they had rid the fields of all their adversaries.

This doone, Brute entering the towne, furnished it with six hundred able souldiours, Brute entereth and afterwards went backe to the residue of his people that were incamped in the woods, into Sparati where he was received with vnspeakeable joy for this prosperous atchived enterprise. But although this euill successe at the first beginning sore troubled Pandrasus, as well for the losse of the field, as for the taking of his brother, yet was he rather kindled in desire to seeke reuenge, than otherwise discouraged. And therefore assembling his people againe togither that were scattered here and there, he came the next day before the towne of Sparatinum, where he thought to have found Brute inclosed togither with the prisoners, and therfore he shewed his whole endeuour by hard siege and fierce assaults to force them within to yeeld.

To conclude, so long he continued the siege, till victuals began to waxe scant within, so that there was no way but to yeeld, if present succour came not to remoue the siege: wherevpon they signified their necessitie vnto Brute, who for that he had not power sufficient to fight with the enimies in open field, he ment to giue them a camisado in the night season, and so ordered his businesse, that inforsing a prisoner (named Anacletus whome he had taken in the last battell) to serue his turne, by constreining him to take an oth (which he durst not for conscience sake breake) he found means to encounter with his enimies vpon the aduantage, that he did not onelie ouerthrowe their whole power, but Pandrasu also tooke Pandrasus prisoner, whereby all the trouble was ended: and shortlie after a per- taken prisoner. fect peace concluded, vpon these conditions following

First, that Pandrasus should give his daughter Innogen vnto Brute in mariage, with a The conditions of the agréement summe of gold and silver for hir dowrie.

Secondlie, to furnish him and his people with a nauie of ships, and to store the same Brute & Pan-

with victuals and all other necessaries.

Thirdlie, that Brute with his people should have licence to depart the countrie, to séeke aduentures whither so euer it should please them to direct their course, without let, impeachment, or trouble to be offered anie waies by the Gréeks.

To all these conditions (bicause they touched not the prerogative of his kingdome) Pandrasus did willinglie agrée, and likewise performed.

Brute and his wife Innogen arrive in Leogitia, they aske counsell of an oracle where they shall inhabit, he meeteth with a remnant of Troians on the coasts neere the shooting downe of the Pyrenine hills into the sea.

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AL things being thus brought to passe according to Brutes desire, wind also and wether seruing the purpose, he with his wife Innogen and his people imbarked, and hoising vp sailes departed from the coasts of Grecia. Now after two daies and a nights sailing, they arrived at Leogitia (in some old written bookes of the British historie noted downe Lergetia) an Iland, where they consulted with an oracle. Brute himselfe knéeling before the idoll, and holding in his right hand a boll prepared for sacrifice full of wine, and the bloud of a white hinde, spake in this maner as here followeth:

> Diua potens nemorum, terror syluestribus apris, Cui licet anfractus ire per æthereos, Infernásq; domos, terrestria iura resolue, Et dic quas terras nos habitare velis: Dic certam sedem qua te venerabor in æuum, Qua tibi virgineis templa dicabo choris.

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These verses (as Ponticus Virumnius and others also doo gesse) were written by Gildas Cambrius in his booke intituled *Cambreidos*, and may thus be Englished:

Thou goddesse that doost rule
the woods and forrests greene,
And chasest forming boares
that flee thine awfull sight,
Thou that maist passe aloft
in airie skies so sheene,
And walke eke vnder earth
in places void of light,
Discouer earthlie states,
direct our course aright,
And shew where we shall dwell,
according to thy will,
In seates of sure abode,
where temples we may dight
For virgins that shall sound
thy laud with voices shrill.

After this praier and ceremonie done, according to the pagane rite and custome, Brute abiding his answer, fell asléepe: in which sléepe appeared to him the said goddesse vttering this answer in the verses following expressed.

Brute, sub ocçasum solis trans Gallica regna,

Insula in oceano est, vndiq; clausa mari, Insula in oceano est, habitata gigantibus olim, Nunc deserta quidèm, gentibus apta tuis: Hanc pete, námq; tibi sedes erit illa perennis, Hîc fiet natis altera Troia tuis: Hîc de prole tua reges nascentur, & ipsis Totius terræ subditus orbis erit. Brute, farre by-west beyond the Gallike land is found, An Ile which with the ocean seas inclosed is about, Where giants dwelt sometime, but now is desart ground, Most meet where thou maist plant thy selfe with all thy rout: Make thitherwards with speed, for there thou shalt find out An everduring seat, and Troie shall rise anew, Vnto thy race, of whom shall kings be borne no dout, That with their mightie power the world shall whole subdew.

After he awaked out of sléepe, and had called his dreame to remembrance, he first doubted whether it were a verie dreame, or a true vision, the goddes having spoken to him with liuelie voice. Wherevpon calling such of his companie vnto him as he thought requisite in such a case, he declared vnto them the whole matter with the circumstances, whereat they greatlie reioising, caused mightie bonfires to be made, in the which they cast wine, milke, and other liquors.

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liquors, with divers gums and spices of most sweet smell and sauour, as in the pagan religion was accustomed. Which observances and ceremonies performed and brought to end, they returned streightwaies to their ships, and as soone as the wind served, passed forward on their iquinie with great ioy and gladnesse, as men put in comfort to find out the wished seats for their firme and sure habitations. From hence therefore they cast about, and making westward, first arrived in Affrica, and after kéeping on their course, they passed the straits of companie land Gibralterra, and coasting alongst the shore on the right hand, they found another companie that were likewise descended of the Troian progenie, on the coasts nere where the Pyrenine The mistaking hils shoot downe to the sea, whereof the same sea by good reason (as some suppose) was have copied the named in those daies Mare Pyrenæum, although hitherto by fault of writers & copiers of British historie the British historie received, in this place Mare Tyrrhenum, was slightlie put downe in stead Tyrrhenum, for of Pyrenæum.

The ofspring of those Troians, with whom Brute and his companie thus did méet, were a remnant of them that came away with Antenor. Their capteine hight Corineus, a man of great modestie and approoued wisedome, and thereto of incomparable strength and boldnesse.

Brute and the said Troians with their capteine Corineus doo associat, they take landing within the dominion of king Goffarus, he raiseth an armie against Brute and his power, but is discomfitted: of the citie of Tours: Brutes arrivall in this Iland with his companie.

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AFTER that Brute and the said Troians, by conference interchangeablie had, vnderstood Brute and Coone anothers estates, and how they were descended from one countrie and progenie, they their companies vnited themselues togither, greatlie reioising that they were so fortunatlie met: and hoising together.

vp their sailes, directed their course forward still, till they arrived within the mouth of the They arrive on riuer of Loire, which divideth Aquitaine from Gall Celtike, where they tooke land within Gallia, now the dominion of a king called Goffarius, surnamed Pictus, by reason he was descended of called France. Goffarius surnamed Picts, bicause they vsed to paint their faces and named Pictus. bodies, insomuch that the richer a man was amongst them, the more cost he bestowed in Les annales painting himselfe; and commonlie the haire of their head was red, or (as probable writers Agathyrsi, say) of skie colour. Herodotus calleth them $\chi \rho \nu \sigma \sigma \phi \rho \rho \rho \nu s$, bicause they did weare much gold about them. They vsed their wiles in common, and bicause they are all supposed to painting their be brethren, there is no strife nor discord among them. Of these Agathyrsi, it is recorded by the said Herodotus, that they refused to succour the Scythians against Darius, Pin giuing this reason of their refusall; bicause they would not make warre against him who had Herodotus is. 4. doone them no wrong. And of this people dooth the poet make mention, saieng,

painting their bodies. Marcellus. Virg. Aeneid. 4.

Cretésq; Dryopésq; fremunt pictíq; Agathyrsi.

To paint their faces not for amiablenesse, but for terriblenesse, the Britons in old time Casar com. A.S. vsed, and that with a kind of herbe like vnto plantine. In which respect I sée no reason why they also should not be called Picts, as well as the Agathyrsi; séeing the denomination sprang of a vaine custome in them both. And here by the way, sithens we have touched P. Mert. com. part 2 sect. 60. among whom there is great plentie of pretious stones, wherewith they adorne themselues in this maner; namelie, in certein hollow places which they make in their flesh, they inclose and riuet in pretious stones, and that as well in their forheads as their chéekes, to none other purpose, than the Agathyrsi in the vse of their painting.

The countrie of Poictou (as some hold) where the said Goffarius reigned, tooke name of this people: & likewise a part of this our Ile of Britaine now conteined within Scotland, VOL. Ì.

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which in ancient time was called Pightland or Pictland, as elsewhere both in this historie of

England, and also of Scotland may further appeare. But to our purpose.

When Goffarius the king of Poictou was aduertised of the landing of these strangers within his countrie, he sent first certeine of his people to vnderstand what they ment by their comming a land within his dominion, without licence or leaue of him obteined. They that were thus sent, came by chance to a place where Corineus with two hundred of the companie were come from the ships into a forrest néere the sea side, to kill some veneson for their sustenance: and being rebuked with some disdainfull speach of those Poictouins, he shaped them a round answer: insomuch that one of them whose name was Imbert, let driue an arrow at Corineus; but he auoiding the danger thereof, shot againe at Imbert, in reuenge of that iniurie offered, and claue his head in sunder. The rest of the Poictouins fled therevpon, and brought word to Goffarius what had happened: who immediatlie with a mightie armie made forward to encounter with the Troians, and comming to ioine with them in battell, Goffarius is dis- after a sharpe and sore conflict, in the end Brute with his armie obteined a triumphant victorie, speciallie through the noble prowesse of Corineus.

Goffarius escaping from the field, fled into the inner parts of Gallia, making sute for Goffarius secaping from the field, and the fine did against assistance vnto such kings as in those daies reigned in divers provinces of that land, who promised to aid him with all their forces, and to expell out of the coasts of Aquitaine, such strangers as without his licence were thus entred the countrie. But Brute in the meane time passed forward, and with fire and sword made hauocke in places where he came: and gathering great spoiles, fraught his ships with plentie of riches. At length he came to the place,

where afterwards he built a citie named Turonium, that is, Tours.

Here Goffarius with such Galles as were assembled to his aid, gaue battell againe vnto the Troians that were incamped to abide his comming. Where after they had fought a long time with singular manhood on both parties: the Troians in fine oppressed with multitudes of aduersaries (euen thirtie times as manie mo as the Troians) were constreined to retire into their campe, within the which the Galles kept them as besieged, lodging round about them, and purposing by famine to compell them to yeeld themselues vnto their mercie. But Corineus taking counsell with Brute, deuised to depart in the darke of the night out of the campe, to lodge himselfe with three thousand chosen souldiers secretlie in a wood, and there to remaine in couert till the morning that Brute should come foorth and giue a charge vpon the enimies, wherewith Corineus should breake foorth and asseile the Galles on the backes.

This policie was put in practise, and tooke such effect as the deuisers themselnes wished: for the Galles being sharplie assailed on the front by Brute and his companie, were now with the sudden comming of Corineus (who set vpon them behind on their backes) brought into such a feare, that incontinentlie they tooke them to flight, whom the Troians egerlie pursued, making no small slaughter of them as they did ouertake them. In this battell Brute lost manie of his men, and amongst other one of his nephues named Turinus, after he had shewed maruellous proofe of his manhood. Of him (as some haue written) the foresaid citie of Tours tooke the name, and was called Turonium, bicause the said Turinus was

there buried.

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Andrew Theuet affirmeth the contrarie, and mainteineth that one Taurus the nephue of Haniball was the first that inclosed it about with a pale of wood (as the maner of those daies was of fensing their townes) in the yeare of the world 3374. and before the birth of our sauiour 197.

But to our matter concerning Brute, who after he had obteined so famous a victorie, albeit there was good cause for him to reioise, yet it sore troubled him to consider that his numbers dailie decaied, and his enimies still increased, and grew stronger: wherevon resting doubtfull what to doo, whether to proceed against the Galles, or returne to his ships to seeke the Ile that was appointed him by oracle, at length he chose the surest and best way, as he tooke it, and as it proued. For whilest the greater part of his armie was yet left aliue, and that the victorie remained on his side, he drew to his nauie, and lading his ships with excéeding

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great store of riches which his people had got abroad in the countrie, he tooke the seas againe. After a few daies sailing they landed at the hauen now called Totnesse, the yeare of the Brute with his world 2850, after the destruction of Troy 66, after the deliuerance of the Israelites from the captilitie of Babylon 397, almost ended; in the 18 years of the reigne of Tineas king of in this learning that the captilities of Melanthus births and the same manufacturers. Babylon, 13 of Melanthus king of Athens, before the building of Rome 368, which was 3850.

before the nativitie of our Sauior Christ 1116, almost ended, and before the reigne of 1116.

Alexander the great 782 Alexander the great 783.

Brute discouereth the commodities of this Iland, mightie giants withstand him, Gogmagog and Corineus wrestle together at a place beside Douer: he buildeth the citie of Trinouant now termed London, calleth this Iland by the name of Britaine, and divideth it into three parts among his three sonnes.

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WHEN Brute had entred this land, immediatlie after his arrivall (as writers doo record) he searched the countrie from side to side, and from end to end, finding it in most places verie fertile and plentious of wood and grasse, and full of pleasant springs and faire rivers. As he thus trauelled to discouer the state and commodities of the Iland, he was encountred Brute encountred by divers strong and mightie giants, whome he destroied and slue, or rather subdued, with giants, all such other people as he found in the Hand, which were more in number than he recent all such other people as he found in the Iland, which were more in number than by report of some authors it should appeare there were. Among these giants (as Geffrey of Monmouth writeth) there was one of passing strength and great estimation, named Gogmagog, Corineus wrest-with whome Brute caused Corineus to wrestle at a place beside Douer, where it chanced that leth with Gogthe giant brake a rib in the side of Corineus while they stroug to claspe, and the one to ouer-magog. throw the other: wherewith Corineus being sore chafed and stirred to wrath, did so double his force that he got the vpper hand of the giant, and cast him downe headlong from one of Gogmagog is the rocks there, not farre from Douer, and so dispatched him: by reason whereof the place slaine. was named long after, The fall or leape of Gogmagog, but afterward it was called The fall of Douer. For this valiant déed, and other the like seruices first and last atchiued, Brute gaue vnto Corineus the whole countrie of Cornwall. To be briefe, after that Brute had comwall given destroied such as stood against him, and brought such people vnder his subjection as he found to Corine in the Ile, and searched the land from the one end to the other: he was desirous to build a citie, that the same might be the seate roiall of his empire or kingdome. Wherevpon he chose a plot of ground lieng on the north side of the river of Thames, which by good consideration seemed to be most pleasant and convenient for any great multitude of inhabitants, aswell for holsomnesse of aire, goodnesse of soile, plentie of woods, and commoditie of the river, serving as well to bring in as to carrie out all kinds of merchandize and things necessarie for the gaine, store, and vse of them that there should inhabit.

Here therefore he began to build and lay the foundation of a citie, in the tenth or (as other thinke) in the second yeare after his arrivall, which he named (saith Gal. Mon.) Troinouant, or (as Hum. Llhoyd saith) Troinewith, that is, new Troy, in remembrance of that noble citie of Troy from whence he and his people were for the greater part descended.

When Brutus had builded this citie, and brought the Iland fullie vnder his subjection, he by the aduise of his nobles commanded this Ile (which before hight Albion) to be called Britaine, and the inhabitants Britons after his name, for a perpetuall memorie that he was the first bringer of them into the land. In this meane while also he had by his wife. iii. sonnes, the first named Locrinus or Locrine, the second Cambris or Camber, and the third Albanactus or Albanact. Now when the time of his death drew néere, to the first he betooke the gouernment of that part of the land nowe knowne by the name of England: so that the same was long after called Loegria, or Logiers, of the said Locrinus. To the second he

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appointed the countrie of Wales, which of him was first named Cambria, divided from Loegria by the river of Severne. To his third sonne Albanact he delivered all the north part of the Ile, afterward called Albania, after the name of the said Albanact: which portion of the said Ile lieth beyond the Humber northward. Thus when Brutus had divided the Wales and had severally been allowed to the Several the same but the the lie of Britaine (as before is mentioned) into 3. parts, and had gouerned the same by the In the daies of this our Brute Saule and Sa muell gouerned growne out of memorie.

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Of Locrine the eldest sonne of Brute, of Albanact his yoongest sonne, and his death: of Madan, Mempricius, Ebranke, Brute Greenesheeld, Leill, Ludhurdibras, Baldud, and Leir, the nine rulers of Britaine successivelie after Brute.

Section II

Percy Enderbie published a history of Britain in 1661. This was shortly after Charles II had taken the throne, following the Cromwellian republic. Enderbie's opus, *Cambria Triumphans or Brittain in its Perfect Lustre*, was dedicated to the new sovereign. In it is to be found a recounting of the Coming of Brute the Trojan to Albion and his renaming of the island after himself as 'Britain' and the founding of New Troy, later renamed 'London'.

This article comprises extracts from Enderbie's book. Note that 'f' is frequently to be read as 's'.

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Succession of their Kings and Princes, from the First, to

KING CHARLES

Of Happy Memory.

The Description of the Countrey: The History of the Antient and Moderne Estate.

The manner of the Investure of the Princes, with the Coats of Arms
Of the Nobility.

By PERCY ENDERBIE, Gent.

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There was a People in Italy, in rhose places which we now call Calabria and Naples, called Brutii from the name of Brutus; whose nomenclation and language differed very little from that of the Ancient Brittains: this people after the destruction of Troy was brought into Italy by Nestor, where the Pylians built a City called Metapontus; the Brutii built another, naming it Nova Troja, after by the Tarentines called Heraclea. So our Brittains in this our Island built Troy Novant now London, both taking their name from Brutus, and both having the like affection to the memory of old Troy. As concerning B utus his coming hither, (having more at large spoken of it, in the ensuing History) I will only here insert this out of our own records.

In the time of King Edward I. at Lincolne, where held a Parliament, after much diligent search of Antiquities and due examination, as the greatest matter of right of a Kingdom required: Apologitical letters were sent to the Pope of Rome, sealed with an hundred seals and wit-Rex Anglia ex deliberato concilio apud Lincolniam convonesses thus. cato pro jure suo declarando, literam bujus tenoris rescripsit centum sigillis signatam: wherein is declared and justified that in the time of Hely and Samuel the Prophet, Bintus a Trojan landed here, and by his own name called the Country Britannia, before named Albion: De nomine suo Britanniam sociosque suos Britones appellavit : and having three Sons, Locrinus Albanactus, and Camber, at his death devided the Island into three parts or provinces. Loegria now England, (though VVelsh keep the old name) was given to Locrinus the eldest Son; Albania Scotland, to AlbanaEt the second Son. Cambria, now miscalled Wales to Camber his third Son. Locrino primogenito dedit illam partem quæ quondam Loegria, nunc vero Anglia nominatur; Albanacio filio Secundo dedit Albaniam, qua nunc Scotia Vocitatur; Cambrio vero tertio filio dedit Cambriam, que wallia appellatur, reservata Locrino regia dignitate; this conjecture may suffice for this business, it being testified by so many Domesticall and forrain, private and publick witnesses, that this his tripartite division was here from the begining, and the first name of Brittain given by Brutus. Other re-

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Brute descended of that ancient, noble, warlike off-spring of the so much admired Trojans, red. had to his Fore-father Æneas, who had married Greusa a legitimate daughter of Priamus, who descended from Dardanus second son of Camboblascon, and his wife Electra daughter of Atlas. Italus King of Italy, the eldest brother of this Dardanus was called Jasius Janigena, who married Cibeles, and lived in such happy condition, that now there wanted not any terrene, or earthborn delight or felicity, which might make this happy-feeming Potentate more fortunate, of Noe into Eumighty or contentfull; but it is a common humour of Fortune, that amidft the thickest and by Rich. Lynch, most abundance of her graces and favour, she in some angry or fantastick imagination, suddenly snatcheth away her so liberally bestowed gifts, and leaveth the late possessors thereof involved and wrapt in a world of the miserablest unhappiness and foul vexations that may be invented as by the fatal Success and end of this Kings life most plainly appeareth. For when Dardanus his younger brother; a man indeed of a proud heart, great courage and inward ambition, saw his brother Jasus thus to float on the calmer Seas of prosperity, and to taste of the sweet cup of Nectar, he infinitely repined as living privately, and without command, as an inferior or some base born person or slave; whereupon he goes to his brother to demand leave and licence, that he might depart out of the Country to seek his better fortunes, which request Jasins refused to condescend unto, and would by no means allow of his purpoles. Whereupon I) ardanus began secretly to enter into deadly hostility, and to gather many Factions and Parties to his side, which by reason that he was exceeding well beloved grew to a great number (this hapned much about the time, saith my Author, that Sharan King of E- Rich. Lynch. gypt persecuted Moses and the children of Israel.) The fire of discontent between the two brothers being now wholly set on flame, and divers attempts passed between them: it hapned that Dardanus received the worst, and upon many encounters was still put to his shifts, so that in the end he awaited a time when the King his brother went privately to a fountain to bathe himself, where Dardanus most unnaturally slew him, which done, terrified with his own conscience, he presently ships himself at the next Haven, and with all his Jewels, and what else riches portable, he could carry with him away, with many of his Friends, Followers and Servitors, he secretly set sayl, and departed.

After long travel Dardanus comes to Altius the younger, who was of the same blood and descent and in respect thereof willingly entertains him, and in fine, desires of him (his Country being over peopled, and victuals scarce;) That fince he must needs send forth such people for the finding out of new places, that he would bestow the Charge, Conduct, and leading of them upon him, and that he would joyn with them for the provisions and necessaries needfull and convenient for the fetling of themselves in such their new places of abode.

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This thing King Altius very willingly entertained, especially for that Dardanus was of his own kindred and confanguinity.

By whom Troy was first built, and at what time.

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Dardania from King Tros is called Troia.

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This request of Dardanus thus obtained, he knew no other means to requite so great a favour, and to be occasion to draw on further kindness, but to offer unto Altius, and utterly to refign all his right, title, interest and claim in the Kingdom of Italy for one of his sons, unto which of them the Father was contented. This proffer of Dardanus being well considered, was thankfully accepted by Altins, in lieu and exchange whereof was alotted unto Dardanus, a certain quantity or piece of Land in Phrygia for him to erect and build a City upon: Thus Dardanus with his people and affectates began to build in Phrygia, and in short space fully sinished a City, which he called after his own name Dardania, which was before the Incarnation of the Son of God Christ Jesus 1487 and before the building of Rome by Romulus, Noe his travels, 427. years, and before the City of Paris 70. years, as Eusebius, and most writers do affirm: ut supra. In few years Dardanus began to grow unto great mightiness, riches and power, who had also a neighbour Prince of mighty puissance, wealthy and fortunate, whole name was Teucrus, whereupon many Authors call this place Teucria, and the Inhabitants Teucri, and this Teucrus was the son of Scamander, and Idea, and had also himself a beautifull and fair daughter, which he married shortly after unto Dardanus, which was called Batea, of whom Dardanus begot a son called Erichonius, who succeeded him in the Kingdom of Phrygia; this Erichowius in process of time arose up unto a wonderfull greatness and large possessions, who (as many writers do affirm) was accounted to be one of the tichest Kings in those days in that part of the World, who had at the least three thousand horses of his own continually feeding in his Pastures. This Ericthonius begat a Son whom he named Tros, whom he left to succeed his Pattures. I his Exectionius begat a son whom he hanted 1705, whom he left to intered him, and from whom the people were after called Trojans. This Tros very much enlarged and beautified the City of Dardania, now called Troja, which name long time after it retained. This King had three Sons Ilus, Affaricus, and Ganimedes, all which he brought up in the knowledge of Arms, and Martial Discipline, unto which kinde of study he himself was much addicted, and had many years together maintained Wars with the King of Crete, named Jupiter, the fourth of that name there. In which Wars his Son Ganimedes was taken prisoner, even by the hands of Jupiter himself, who for that in his Ensign and Colours he gave an Eagle (being his arms) it should seem that Poets for that cause, have seigned that Gagave an Eagle (being fisalms) it mound feels for that rocks for that came, have leighted that Ganimede as he was hunting was snatcht up to heaven by Jupiter, then transformed unto an Eagle, and that he is now taken for one of the 12. Signs of the Zodiack called Aquarius. Some other Authors also write, that one Tantalus King of High Phrygia and Paphlagonia, a most miserable, covetous, and avaricious Prince had laid certain snares and private means to entrap Ganimede, and to take him prisoner, as he used to sport himself in Hunting, thinking by that devise to get a mighty ransom from Tros, for redeeming of him; and that this Tantalus fent him to Jupiter, for to secure him, and to have half the ransom that should be payed for his delivery; and hence it may be that the Poets feign that Tantalus is plagued and tormented in Hell standing up to the chin in water, and apples hanging down to his lips, and yet can neither touch the one, nor taste the other. Tros thus having lost his son, studied upon revenge and in the mean time comforted himself with his two other sons llus and Assarcus, and this Ilus called Troy afterward Ilion, who begot a fon named Laomedon, the father of the renowned Priamus; and of Assaracus issued and came Anchises who was father to Eneas, who as we said before married Creusa, a legitimate daughter of King Priamus; so that we see both by the Male and Female line in this marriage, our Warlike Brute, derives his lineal descent from Dardanus, and fo from Noc.

Eneas after the fatal destruction of Trey, gathered together the remnant and parcel of the War-shaken and distressed Trojans, with whom he embarked and hoysing sail, committed himself with the lives and fortunes of all his followers and fellow Adventurers to Fate, and the protection of the Supream and highest Providence; three years was he tossed, not only with the merciles billows of the ever-unconstant Ocean, but also by such Destinies as seemed no ways to savour his designs: at last smiling fortune wasted his weather beaten Navy unto the Italian Continent, where no sooner arrived (having scarce refreshed his over-toyled Troops) but Mars puts him upon present action. Latinus king of the Country endeavours to impeach his setling, and denies him admittance; from words they come to blows, Bellona seems to take no small pleasure to hear the groans of souls departing from their bodies, ready to forsake their long enjoyed habitations; many are the affaults, approaches, conflicts and combats, which daily pass betwixt the two enraged parties; the one labouring to encroach, the other to keep his own. Venus not willing to have Mars too long kept from her charming and fost embraces, contrives to set a period to those bloody broyls; a match must be concluded between the unparalleld Trojan Heroe, and the fair Lavinia, Latinu's daughter, and sole inheritrix of that vast Kingdom. Lucina savours the design, and from this new married Couple of Matchless Progenitors, in due time is born a son, from whose loyns, the worlds greatest Emperours, and Brittains Warlike Kings deduce their Progenies: From this branch budded forth our Brutus: Some Writers will have him to descend from Silvius Posthumus Policronica, Guido de Columna, with others affirm, that Ascanius the first son of Eneas by his first wife had a son

named Sylvius Eneas, who was Father to Brutus.

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It is commonly held that the mother of Brutus died in Child-bed of this son, and that at his coming to the age of fifteen years casually (many and secret are the designs of the Celestial Star-chamber) shooting at a wild and savage beast unfortunately, though not ungraciously, as being an act contrary to his will or intention, slew his own Father; for which Act (divine Providence having designed him for this our Iland) by the common consent and decree of the Magistrates of Latium, he was adjudged to exile, and for ever to be banished from his Country: Necessity compels him to shift for himself; neither yet so distressed or ill beloved, but that he is followed by Troops of the noblest and most Heroick Spirits of his time, who partly attracted by that worth which they finde innate in him, and partly pusht forward with an ardent desire to purchase honour to their never dying sames, engage both lives and fortunes with him; being now sufficiently stored with all manner of Provisions, they put to Sea, shaking hands for ever with their beloved Country, Friends, and Parents, as having Spirits not consind to any one place. Their propitious stars bring them to a province of Greece, where they find encouragement, as finding there many scattered Trojans, so that of this unexpected aid, I may say with the Prince of Poets,

Quid minime veris Graia pandetur ab urbe.

The Prince or King of this place, according to some was called Vandrasus; other Writers call him Vandarus: Gessery of Monmonth proceedeth surther, and tells us, that he was lineally descended from Achilles, that mortal enemy of the Trojan glory, and Hectors valour; but Brute gathering these dispersed, or it may be captived and enthralled Trojans which he found there, and old Innicie received from Visses, Reamemon, and other Chiestains of Greece, slicking in their stomacks of the siring of old Ilium, and the Dardanian Towers, galls the almost closed fore; wheth his memory to call to mind things past, and those once raked out of the embers of oblivion, gather new slames, and set all on sire with an unquenchable desire of Revenge, which is so sweet and tickles the souls of those male-contents, that nothing but sire and sword will serve their turn. Pandrasus is assaulted in his own Court, and so hardly put to't, that he is enforced to purchase his own peace by bestowing his daughter Ignogen upon Brutus, and such other conditions as the almost conquering strangers please to demand; the Soleminise of these constrained Nuprials orderly sinished, the Trojans mutually consent to leave that place, and put themselves upon new Adventures: Ships are provided, and questionless Vandrasus in ot backward in the business, willing to be rid of such unruly Guests, who will take all things upon score, at their own price and rates; once more to Sea goes this gallant Chiestain, with his new esponsed Consore; and Post varios casus, & tot descrimina regessal or Leogetia, in which the Superstitious and mis-believing Pagans many Ages past (but now ruinous) had erected a sumptuous Temple to Dina Diana. This when Brute understood, his zeal moving, and his particular devotion to that Goddess seconding it, thither attended with his whole Train, as an humble Supplicant and Votary he bends his course, and Religiously, according to the manner of those profane Rights and Ceremonies (if that may be religious, which is profane in the highest super

Dina potens Nemorum, Terror silvestribus Apris
Cui licet Amfracius ne per ethereos
Inferuasque Domos, terrestria jura resolve
Et dic quas terras, nos habitare velis
Dic certam sedem qua te venerabor in avum
Qua tibi virgineis Templa dicabo choris.

These verses are translated in Fabian, and because they smell of Antiquity, I judge it better to leave them as they are, then to dress them in the garb, mode, and stile now in use in England, and therefore courteous Reader, be pleased to accept of them; as also the others which follow in answer, in the Language in which they were writ:

Ce'estial Goddess, the weldest Frith and Wood,
The wilde Bore and Beasts, thou fearest by thy might;
Guider of Shipmen, passing the Rageous slood,
The Infernal Houses for, and the Earth of right,
Behold and search, and shew where I shall light;
Tell the certain place where everlastingly
A Temple of Virgins I shall to thee ediss.

These Ceremonies, Rights and Occasions ended, the Goddesse pleased with the Sacrisice of his Devotions, sends Morpheus in a thick and drows miss, who with his somniferous Rod Iulis this humble Votary, locking up all his sences within the sable curtains of a most profound

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found fleep, whilst the courteous Diety in a Vision or rather imaginary Fancy, distills and infuseth into his follicitous Soul this Oracle:

The Gyants lay destroyed, before Brutes coming. The Language which he brought must needs be that which we now call Welfh.

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Brute sub occasum solis, trans Gallica regna, Insula in O ceano est, undiq; clausa mari. Infule in Oceano est, habitata Gyantibus olim, Nunc deserti quidem Gentibus apta tuis : Hic de sobole tua Reges nascentur & ipsis, Totius terræ subditus Orbis erit: Hanc pete namq; tibi fedes erit illec perennis, His fiet natis altera Troja tuis.

In ENGLISH thus .-

Brute for the West over the Land of France, An Ile in Ocean, there is all closed with the Sea. This Ile with Gyants whilene inhabit by chances Now being defert as apt for the cople and thee. In this of thy body Kings born shall be And of this Isle thou shalt be Lord and King, Search this for here a perpetuall Sea to thee And here to thy Children a new Troy shall be.

When our Pilgrime awaked, the Vision had so fully possess him, that deliberating with him-self what was best to be done, he pitche upon this Resolution, to call together and Assemble the Noblest and best able for Judgement, Wit, and Experience of all his Colonie; which done, he imparted the secret unto them which begat a general rejoycing in them all; and all Unanimoully decree a Thanksgiving to be due unto the Goddesse, and therefore out of hand, the Flamen takes Milk, calls for divers Aromatick spices; and several Liquors, of which he composeth an offering of most sweet and precious Persumes, to offer to the Diety; great Fires are made, and Wine cast into them according to the Pagan rights, and when things were performed in thankfulnesse to the Numen, in a joyful procession they hast towards the Ships not willing to admit of any delay. In an inflant as it were: (so desirous was every one to see the evenr of this specious Oracle; and enjoy quiet (the object and end of all travel and labour) the Sayls are holfs, and the Canvas filled with such prosperous gales, that in a trice, the Navy is without ken of Land, bending their full endeavours for the West, Thus they sayled for the special of thirty days a great state of thirty days and the sayle and dependent of the last of the sayle and dependent of the last of the sayle and dependent of the sayle and sayle and the sayle space of thirty dayes, passing by many adventures and dangers; as of Philenes, The Lake called Lacus-Salinarium, the place where Salt is made, as also the River Melea and Hercules Pillars; at length they enter the Turon or Tyrrhen Sea, where they met with a small Fleet, and those also Trojans, whereof Corineus Nephew to Brute was Admirall; great were the acclamations and expressions of joy for this so fortunate though accidental meeting, an happy omen of suture successe; and being thus joyned together to say to a Province of Gallia called Guyan whose Prince was Groffarius, to whom was brought tiding of the approach of this unexpected Fleet, He wisely to prevent ensuing danger, musters his Souldiers and in a full body marcheth towards the Sea coast, there intending to fight his (as yet unknown) Enemy, before he should get any firm footing within his Territories; but the Trojans whose resolution was either to win or die, so behaved themselves that Groffarius with all his Knights had the worst and were put to slight, whilst the Trojan bravely maintain'd & kept the Field. No joy on earth so absolute and compleat, but it is intermingled with some sorrow or disaster; great questionlesse was the folace and mirth of the Trojan for this so fortunate a Victory; but when the dead bodies were viewed, amongst those who had ended their lives in the bed of honour, was found Turonus a Nephew to Valiant Brute, which caused a petty Ecclipse to their Victory; but to eternize the Name and perpetuate the never dying honour of his deceased Nephew and couragious fellow-fouldiers: Brute built that well known City in France, which to this very day is called

After the atchievment of this Victory, and of the City Brute, which Corineus and the rest of the Trojans betook themselves again to the Seas, as yet not having attained to the Iland appointed by the propitious Goddess, which hapned about iiii M. lxx. before the building of Rome III c. lxxxii. (saith Mr. Fabian) following the foresaid account iiii C lxx, before the Incarnation of Christ D C C CI. xi. C. xxxvi. and before Alexander the Great conquered the world viii C, xi. also before any King reigned over the Frenchmen Monarchally, or that they were free from Tribute to

The Arrivall of Brute in Albion.

Brate having now past the pikes of many hazardous passages and exanclated dangers, arrives at last at the long hop'd for Haven of his fore promised happinesse: the first thing he did, was to progresse the whole Iland to view and consider the comodiousnesse thereof which he sound

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no way to fruitrate his hopes and longing expectation, he finds it fertile and well stored with Woods, garnished with pleasant and enamel'd Meadows, and embroidered with many goodly Rivers and purling Brooks and Rivulets (replenished with abundance of Fish) like so many veins and arteries running through the whole body of the Iland; these things could not but please, but yet they are not solely to be enjoyed without some danger; for as the Trojans passe from place to place to view the scituation and opportune places to inhabit, they are oft encountered with grisly creatures exceeding humane proportion, who give them but rude and savage welcome; and these were they whom the Goddesse meant, when she said, habitata Gygantibus olim; amongst these prodigious Cairists one exceeded all the rest in bulk and robustionsnesses, who was called Gogmagog, with whom Corineus Nephew to Brute wrestled; who although he had a rib broken by this Monster, yet so foiled him that he cast him down from the Cliss; for which cause the place afterwards was called. The Fall of Gogmagog, (I have heard some say that in Glamorganshire there is a place which the Inhabitants in their own Mother tongue, call Cmymp y Camr, which is as much as to say. The Gyants fall or overthrow,) but that Name being changed, it was afterwards called. The Fall of Dover. For this most valiant Act and special good Services Brute gave and allotted unto corineus, the Province or Country now called Cornwall.

Brute having destroyed that race of Gyents somerly mentioned, after a perfect discovery

Brute having destroyed that race of Gyants formerly mentioned, after a perfect discovery of the whole Island, passing by the River of Thames for his Recreation, and finding a place in all respects sit to build a City to make the Capital and prime habitation of his new atchieved Kingdome; set Workmen, of all Arts and Callings to accomplish and finish this his Design; which being brought to perfection, to renew like a Phenix out of Ashes Old Troy, he caused it to be called Troynovant (i.) new Troy which name continued till K. Lud enjoyed the Scepter and rule in Great Brittaine, upon that time (saith my Author) of M. Ixviii. who Fabian, sol. 10. then caused it to be called Luds Town, and now London.

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Thus much concerning this famous and renowned City of London not without cause called Augusta. Brute having finished this structure and given name to it to perpetuate the memory

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memory of that City of which the Poet faith, Nunc seges est ubi Troja fuit, ga a name to the whole lland, calling it Britania, à Bruto; so did Romulus by Rome, Alexander by Alexandria, and Cafar by Cafarea; and so diversother great and eminent Commanders and Potentates, named both whole Kingdoms, Ilands and great Cities after their own names, that in them their Memories might live for ever. Brute having accomplished the thred of life allocted by the fatal Sisters, and having lest Rules for his Britons to live in civil Amity and orderly Government; after a prosperous Reigne, and happy in a hopeful posterity, he bethinks himself of setling his Estate whereby to avoid all Contention and Discord betwirt his Sons, which were three, Locrine, Camber and Albanaci, betwixt these three he divides his new acquired Kingdom; to the eldest he gives Troynovant, with all the Countries adjacent which are now called England, containing East, West and South; but (as his Father had called the whole Iland Britannia and his Subjects Britannos or Britones,) so Locrinus after his name called his Share Loegria, and at this very day the Welsh call England Lloegre; to his second Son Camber, he bequeathed that part which after the Samons call Wales, which Nomen-clation it yet keeps; and Camber imitating his Father and Brother, named his Moiety from Camber Cambria: This partition or Cambers portion was formerly divided from that of Loegria by the River Severne in the East, and on the North side by the River Dee, and on the South by Fabian, fol. 11. the River Vaga now called the River Wye at the Castle of Stringlinge, (a name which I find not elsewhere) or rather Chepston Castle, but of this place what Mr. Cumbden speaks, take these

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come anning being mied Lord Herbert of Chepston. To Albanaci the third Son of Brutus was given the third part of great Britain, now called Scotland, which as it is now is called the second Kingdom of Great Britain, and the North part of this Iland hath on the East the German Ocean, on the North the Orkneys and Deucalidon Sea, the West affronted by Ireland, on the South it hath the River Tweed, the Cheviot Hills and the adjacent Tract, reaching to the Sulmay Sands whereby it is separated from

This Kingdome is spacious and from the South borders spreadeth it self wide into the East and West, till again it contracts it self narrower into the Northern Promontories, furnished with all things befitting a famous Kingdom, both for Air, Soil, Rivers, Wood, Mountains, Fith,

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Fowl, Cattle and Corn, so plenteous that it supplieth these with other Countries in their want; Their Nobility and Gentry are very studious of learning and all civil knowledge, for which end they not only frequent the three Universities of their own Kingdom (St. Andrews, Glasco, and Edenborough, the Nurseries of their Muses, but also much addict themselves to travel into Forraign Countries, especially France; whose King hath a Guard of Scots, the double Tresbure florie in the Arms of the Kingdome, makes manifelt the French Interest in former time in that Nation. If it is defired to know more of Scotland, read their own Authors; it is enough for me to say that Albanack from his own name called it Albania. This Country is divided from Loegria or England, as faith Venreable Bede, by two arms of the Sea, but they meet not: The East arm of which beginneth about two Miles from the Minster of Eburcaring in the West fide of Penulton, The West arm had some time a strong City named Alclino, which in the Brittish Tongue was called Clineston and stood upon the River Clint.

Thus Brute having divided Britain into three Parts, after he had ruled twenty two or four years after most Concordance of Writers, he died and was interred in Troynovant commonly

called London or Luds Town.

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