vignus ejus, mox gener, postremo adoptione filius fuerat.

11. Tiberius ingenti focordia imperium gessit, gravi crudelitate, scelesta avaritia, turpi libidine: nam nufquam ipfe pugnavit; bella per legatos fuos geffit; quosdam reges ad se per blanditias evocatos nunquam remisit, in queis Archelaum Cappadocem, cujus etiam regnum in provinciæ formam redegit, & maximam civitatem appellari fuo nomine justit; quæ nunc Cæfarea dicitur, cum Mazaca antea vocaretur. Hic tertio & vigelimo imperii, anno ætatis lxxxiii. ingenti omnium gaudio mortuus est in Campania.

12. Successit ei Caius Cæsar, cognomento Caligula, Drusi privigni Augusti, & ipsius Tiberii nepos: sceleratissimus, ac funestissimus, & qui etiam Tiberii dedecora purgaverit. Bellum contra Germanos suscepit:

had been his step-son, and presently his \* son-in-law, finally his son by adoptiou.

11. Tiverius governed the Empire with great lazines, grievous cruelty, wicked avarice, and shameful lust; for he fought no where himself, but managed his wars by his lieutenants: some Kings invited to him by fair words he never fent back again, among st which was Archelaus the Cappadocian; whose kingdom likewise he reduced into the form of a province, and ordered the greatest city thereof to be called by his oren name, which is even now called Cæfarea, whereas it was called Mazacca before. He died to the great joy of all people in Campania, in the 23d year of his reign, and +83d of his age.

12. Caius Cæsar, by sirname Caligula, § the grandson of Drusus, the step son of Augustus, and grand nephew of liberius himself, succeeded him; a most wicked and most pernicious Prince, and who did by his greater abominations quite

deputed some gentlemen to him with a tender of the temple and divine tonours they had decreed for him. Upon which, he asked them if they could make Gods in their country. The deputies answering yes, he defired them to make themselves so in the first place, and then he should believe they might do as much for him.

\* He married his daughter Julia, a notorious strumpet.

+ He should have faid 78.

Here must be something wanting, as Madam Dacier justly takes notice, or the word Nepos used in a double sense, for a grandson and grandnephew. & ingressus Sueviam, nihil strenue fecit. Stupra fororibus intulit, ex una etiam natam filiam cognovit. Cum adversum cunctos ingenti avaritia, libidine, crudelitate sæviret, interfectus in palatio est, anno ætatis suæ xxxix. imperii iii. mense x. dieque viii.

13. Post hunc Claudius fuit patrous Caligulæ, Drufi, qui apud Moguntiacum monumentum habet, filius: cujus & Caligula nepos erat. Hic medie imperavit, multa gerens tranquille atque moderate, quædam crudeliter atque infulfe. Britanniæ intulit bellum, quam nullus Romanorum post Julium Cæsarem attigerat: eaque devicta per Cnæum Sentium & Aulum Plautium, illustres & nobiles viros, triumphum celebrem egit. Quafdam infulas etiam ultra Britanniam in Oceano politas, Romano imperio addidit; quæ appellantur Orcades: filioque suo Britannici nomen impoluit. Tam civilis

obliterate the scandalous crimes of Tiberius. He undertook a war against the Germans, and entering Suevia, performed nothing brave. He committed incest with his sisters, and owned a daughter born of one of them. Whilft he was exercising his fury upon all torts of people, with huge avarice, lust, and cruelty, he was slain in the palace, in the \*39th year of his age, and in the 3d year, 10th month, and eighth day of his reign.

13. After him was Claudius? uncle to Caligula, the fon of that Drusus, who has a monument at Moguntiacum, whose grandson too Caligula was. He reigned indifferently, + doing many things mildly and moderately, but some things cruelly and foolishly. He made war upon Britain, which no one of the Romans after fulius Cafar had meddled with; and conquering it by Cnæus Sentius and Aulus Plantius, illustrious and noble gentlemen, he had a famous triumph. He added likewise some islands lying in the ocean beyond Britain to the Roman empire, which are called Orcades; and gave the name of Britannicus to his fon. He was so very condescending too, to

<sup>.</sup> It should be the 29th, as appears from Suctonius.

<sup>+</sup> He properly did nothing himself, being led by the nose entirely by his wives and freed men.

autem circa quosdam amicos exstitit, ut etiam
Plautium nobilem virum,
qui in expeditione Britannica multa ac egregia fecerat,
triumphantem ipse prosequeretur, & conscendenti
Capitolium lævus incederet.
Is vixit annos lxiv. imperavit xiv. post mortem confecratus est, Divusque ap-

pellatus.

14. Successit huic Nero, Caligulæ avunculo fuo fiqui imperium millimus: Romanum & deformavit & diminuit: inufitatæ luxuriæ fumptuumque, ut qui exemplo Caii Caligulæ, calidis & frigidis se lavaret unguentis, retibus aureis piscaretur, quæ blatteis funibus extrahebat. Infinitam Senatus interficit, omnibus hostis fuit; ad postremum se tanto dedecore proftituit, ut faltaret & cantaret in scena citharædico habitu & tragico: parricidia multa commisst, fratre, uxore, matre interfectis: urbem Romam incendit, ut fome of his friends, that he himfelf attended upon Plautius a nobleman, who had performed many and excellent things in the British expedition, in his triumph, and walked upon his left hand, as he mounted the Capitol. He lived 64 years, and reigned 14, "was consecrated after his death, and called a God.

14. Nero succeeded him, very like his uncle Caligula, who both dishonoured and lessened the Roman empire; a man of unufual luxury and expence, as who, according to the example of Catus Caligula, bathed himself in hot and cold oil, fished with golden nets, which he drew with cords of scarlet filk. He killed a vast number of the Senate,+ was an enemy to all good men, and at last debased himself with so much scandal, that he danced and jung upon the stage in the habit of a harper and a tragedian: he committed many parricides, putting to death his brother, wife, and mother : he fired the city Rome; Sthat he

. Which confectation or canonizations was very comically turned in-

to ridicale by Seneca the philosopher.

† This was always the case in the reign of wicked Emperors. Men eminent for virtue and great abilities were seldom suffered to die in peace under them; of which we have many tragical instances in Tacitus, an author that ought to be read over and over by the admirers of absolute Monarchy.

§ What our author intended to fay here, feems not difficult to guess, the the words, it is visible, have no sense in them; which I wonder

Madam Dacier has passed over unobserved.

fpectaculi ejus imaginem cerneret, quali olim Troja capta arlerat. In re militari nihil omnino aufus, Britanniam pene amilit. Nam duo fub hoc nobiliffima oppida capta illic atque eversa funt; Armeniam Parthi fuffulerunt, legionesque Romanas fub jugum miserunt. Duæ tamen provinciæ fub eo factæ funt; Pontus Polemoniacus, concedente rege Polemone; & Alpes, Cottio rege defuncto.

15. Propter hoc Romanæ urbi execrabilis, ab omnibus fimul destitutus, & a Senasu hoftis judicatus, quum quæreretur ad pœnam (quæ pæna erat talis, ut nudus per publicum ductus, furca capiti ejus inferta, virgis usque ad mortem cæderetur, atque ita præcipitaretur, de faxo) e palatio fugit, & in fuburdano fe liberti sui, quod est inter Salariam & Numentanam viam ad quartum urbis millarium, interfecit. ædificavit Romæ thermas, quæ ante Neronianæ dictæ, n nc Alexandriæ appellantur. Obiit trigefimo & altero ætatis anno, imperii xiv. atque in eo omnis

might see a resemblance of that fight, when Troy of old was taken and burnt. He attempted nothing in the military way, and well nigh lost Britain : for under him two very famous towns were there taken and destroy'd. The Parthians took Armenia from him, and put the Roman legions under the yoke. Yet two provinces were made under him, Pontus Polemoniacus, King Polemon yielding it up; and the Alps, Cottius, the King thereof, dying.

15. l'eing odious to the city of Rome upon this account, at the same time for saken by all men, and declared an enemy by the Senate, when he was fought for to be punished, (which put nishment was such, that being dragged naked thro' the fireets, with a fork put under his head, he should be lashed with rods to death, and so thrown down the Tarpeian rock) he fled out of the palace, and killed himself. in a country feat nigh the city, belonging to a freed man of his, which is betwint the Salarian and Numentan way, at the 4th mile from the city. He built the warm baths at Rome, which before were called Nero's, but are now named the Alexandrian. He died in the \*31st year of his age, the 14th

<sup>\*</sup> Suctonius fays the 32d.

familia Augusti consumpta

16. Huic Sergius Galba fucceffit, antiquissimæ nobilitatis Senator, cum lxxiii. annum ageret ætatis, ab Hispanis & Gallis Imperator electus, mox ab universo exercitu libenter acceptus est. Nam privata ejus vita infignis fuerat militaribus & civilibus rebus: fæpe Conful, fæpe Proconful, frequenter dux in gravissimis bellis. Hujus breve imperium fuit, & quod bona haberet exordia, nifi ad feveritatem propenfior videretur. Infidiis tamen Othonis occitus eft, imperii mente feptimo, in Fore Romæ, sepultusque in hortis suis, qui funt Aurelia via non longe ab urbe Roma.

i7. Otho, occifo Galba, invafit imperium: materno genere nobilior quam paterno, neutro tamen obfeuro: in privata vita mollis, in imperio documentum fui non potuit oftendere. Nam cum iifdem tempo-

of his reign; and in him the family of Augustus was extinct.

16. Scrgius Galba succeeded him, a Senator of very ancient nobility, when he was going upon the 73d year of his age, and was chosen Emperor by the Spaniards and Gauls, and presently was willingly received by the whole army; for his \*private life had been remarkable for military and civil actions; he had been often + Conful, often Proconful, and frequently general in the most dangerous wars. His reign was short, and which had a good beginning, but that he seemed too inclinable to cruelty. However, he was taken off by a plot of Otho's, in the 7th month of his reign, in the \Forum of Rome, and was buried in his gardens, which are in the Aurelian way, not far from the city Rome.

17. Otho, after Galba was flain, seized the empire, more noble by the mother's side than the father's, yet by neither obscure: he was effeminate in his private life, but in his reign could give no specimen of himself. For Vitellius being made

That is, his life before he was Emperor. Eutropius uses the word privata a little if gularly here; for privata vita properly fignifies the life a private person, or one in no public office or flation.

<sup>+</sup> Twice only.

<sup>§</sup> There were in Eutropius's time several Forums in Rome, the most ancient of which was distinguished from the rest by the name of Forum Romanum or Roma.

ribus quibus Otho Galbam occiderat, etiam Vitellius factus effet a Germaniacis exercitibus Imperator, hello contra eum fuscepto, cum apud Bebriacum in Italia levi prælio victus effet, ingentes tamen copias haberet, sponte semetipsum occidit, petentibus militibus, ne tam cito de belli desperaret eventu, cum tanti non effe dixiffet, ut propter eum civile bellum commoveretur. · Voluntaria morte obiit trigelimo & octavo ætatis anno, nonagefimo & quinto imperii die.

18. Dein Vitellius imperio potitus est, familia honorata magis quam nobili: nam pater ejus non admodum clare natus, tres tamen ordinarios gefferat Confulatus. Hic cum multo dedecore imperavit, & fævitia notabilis, præcipue ingluvie & voracitate: quiqpe cum de die fæpe quarto vel quinto fertur epulatus. Notiffima certe coena memoriæ mandata est, quam ei Vitellius frater exhibuit: in qua fuper cæteros fumptus, duo millia piscium, septem avium millia appolita traEmperor by the German armies, at the same time when Otho flew Galba, undertaking a war against him, and being defeated in a flight battle at Bebriacum in Italy, tho' he had still great forces, he voluntarily killed himself, the soldiers requesting that he would not despair so soon of the issue of the war, + saying he was not so much worth, that a civil war should be raised upon his account. He died a voluntary death, in the 38th year of his age, and the 95th day of his reign.

18. Then Vitellius got the Empire, of an honourable, rather than a noble family: for his father, tho' not nobly descended, yet had borne three ordinary Confulfhips. He reigned with great scandal, and was remarkable for grievous cruelty, but especially gluttony and gormandizing; for he is faid to have eaten four or five times a day. However, a very remarkable Supper of his has been left upon record, which his brother Vitellius gave him: in which, besides other expences, there are faid to have been served up 2000 fish, and 7000

A town not very far from the Po, betwixt Cremona and Verona.

† He never faid perhaps a truer word in his life, for he had been the
Companion of Nero in his debaucheries, and, it is ikely enough, might
have proved fuch another worthless mischievous wretch as he was.

fimils effe vellet, atque id adeo præ le ferret, ut etiam exequias Neronis, quæ humiliter lepultæ fuerant, honoraret, a Vespasiani ducibus occifus est, interfecto prius Sabino Vefpafiani Imperatoris fratre, quem cum Capitolio incendit Interfectus autem, & cum magno dedecore tractus per urbem Roman publice, nudus, erecta coma & capite, fubjecto ad mentum gladio, ftercore in vultum & pectus ab omnibus obviis appetitus: postremo jugulatus, & in Tiberim dejectus, etiam communi caruit sepultura. Perit autem ætatis anno feprimo & quinquagelimo, imperii, mense viii. & die uno.

19. Vespasianus huic succeffit, factus apud Paleftinam Imperator: princeps obscure quidem natus, sed optimis comparandus, privata vita illustris; ut qui a Claudio in Germaniam, deinde in Britanniam milius, e. trices & bis cum hoste conduas validiffimas

duntur. Hic cum Neroni fowls. Being defirous to be like Nero, and making open shew of it to that degree, that he honoured\* the relicks of Nero, which had been meanly buried; he was flain by Vespasian's generals, Sabinus the brother of Vespasian the Emperor having been firli killed by him, whom he burnt with the Capitol. He was flain, and dragged with great ignominy publickly thro' the city Rome, naked, with his hair and head upright, with a fword put under his chin, bespattered with dung thrown in his face and breoft, by all that met him: finally he had his throat cut, and was thrown into the Tiber, and + wanted common burial. He was taken off in the 57th year of his age, in the Seighth month, and first day over of his reign.

19. Vefpafian succeeded him, being made Emperor in Palestine; a Prince obscurely descended indeed, but to be compared to the best, illustrious in his private life; as who having been fent by Claudius into Germany, and from thence into Britain, engaged two and thirty times with the enemy, and add-

+ Which was reckoned a terrible thing among the Heathens.

Exequize is, in all likelihood, a mistake made by the copiers of books for religu ?, as Tanaquil le Fevre conjectures.

Our author has expressed him felf asfurdly here, as he has done in other places upon the like occasion: his defign is to tell us that he reigned eight months and a day.

gentes, xx. oppida, infulam Vectam Britanniæ proximam Imperio Romano adjecerit. Romæ fe in imperio moderatissime gessit : pecuniæ tamen avidior fuit, ita ut eam nulli injuste auferret, quam cum omni diligentiæ provisione colligeret, tamen ftudiofiffime largiebatur, præcipue indigentibus; nec facile ante eum cujufquam principis vel major est liberalitas comperta, vel justior: placidiffimæ bonitatis, ut qui majestatis quoque contra se reos non facile puniret ultra exilii pœnam. Sub hoo Judæa Romano accessit Imperio, & Hierofolyma, quæ fuit urbs clariffima Paleftinæ. Achaiam, Lyciam, Rhodum, Byzantium, Samum, quæ liberæ ante hoc tempus fuerant, item Thra-ciam, Ciliciam, Tracheam, Comagenem, quæ fub regibus amicis in provinciarum formam redegit.

20. Offensarum & inimicitiarum immemor fuit, convicia a causidicis & philosophis in se dicta, lentter tulit; dil gens tamen coer-

ed two very potent nations, twenty towns, and the ifle of Wight near Britain, to the Roman Empire. He behaved himself very moderately in his government at Rome; yet he was too greedy of money, but so that he took it from no body unjuffly; which tho' he scraped together with all diligent forecast, yet he bestowed it about him, very liberally; especially to those that were in want; nor was the generofity of any Prince before him ever found to be either greater, or more reasonable: a man of the most charming goodness, as who did not easily punish any, tho' guilty of treafon too against him, beyond the pain of banishment. Under him Judaa was added to the Roman Empire; and Jerusalem, which was a very famous city of Pa-He reduced into the form of provinces Achaia, Lycia, Rhodes, Byzantium, Samos, which had been free from this time; likewife Thrace, Cilicia, Trachea, Comagene, sohich were under Kings, allies of the Romans.

20 He was apt not to remember offences or quarrels, and took petiently the ill language uttered against him by the lawyers and philosophers; yet

Judga had been added long before to the Roman Empire, as appears from the New Tellament it elf.

citor disciplinæ militaris. Hic cum Tito filio de Hierosolymis triumphavic. Per hæc cum Senatu & Populo, postremo cunctis amabilis ac jucundus effet, profluvio ventris extinctus est in villa propria, circa Sabinos, annum ætatis agens lxix. imperii nonum, & diem feptimum: atque inter Divos relatus est. Genituram filiorum ita cognitam habuit, ur cum multæ contra eum conjurationes fierent, quas patefactas ingenti diffimulatione contempfit, in Senatu dixerit, aut filios fibi fuccessuros, aut neminem.

21. Huic Titus filius fucceffit, qui & ipse Velpasianus est dictus: vir omnium
virtutum genere mirabilis:
adeo ut amor & deliciæ
humani generis diceretur:
facundissimus, bellicosissimus, moderatissimus: caufas Latine egit, poemata &
tragædias Græce composuit.
In oppugnatione Hierosolymorum sub patre militans,
xii. propugnatores xii. sa-

a diligent exactor of military discipline. He with his son Titus triumphed over Jerusalem. After he was become by thefe things dear and agreeable both to the Senate and people, and at last to all men; he died of a loofeness in his own countryfeat, in the country of the Sabines, going upon the "69th year of his age, the 9th year and 7th day of his reign, and was placed among the Gods. He had the nativity of his sons so well understood, that, after many conspiracies were formed against him, which when difcovered he flighted with the utmost difregard, + he faid in the Senate that either his fons would succeed him, or no body

21. His fon Titus succeeded him, who himself too was called Vespasian; a man admirable for Sall sorts of good qualities, so that he was called the darling and delight of mankind; very eloquent, very warlike, and very moderate: he pleaded caufes in Latin, composed poems and tragedies in Greek. When he served under his father in the siege of Jerusalem, he killed twelve defenders of the place

He lived, as others fay, 69 years, 7 months, and 7 days.

I should rather chuse to read in the original omni than omnium.

<sup>+</sup> This faying of his, it is likely, was not so much grounded upon his pretended skill in astrology, as a sense he had that his prudent and moderate administration had secured to his sons an interest in the Empire above all danger from any compessition.

gittarum ictibus confixit. Romæ tantæ civilitatis in Imperio fuit, ut nullum omnino puniret; convictos advertum fele conjurationis ita dimiferit, ut in eadem familiaritate, qua antea, habuerit. Facilitatis tantæ fuit & liberalitatis, ut nulli quidquam negaret: & cum ab amicis reprehenderetur, respondit: Nullum triftem debere ab Imperatore difcedere. · Propterea cum quadam die in cœna recordatus nihil fe illo die fuiffet. cuiquam præflitiffe, dixit: O amici, hodie diem perdidi. Hic Romæ amphitheatrum ædificavit, & guinque millia ferarum in dedicatione ejus occidit.

Per hæc inufitato favore dilectus morbo periit, in ea qua pater villa, post biennium menfes octo, dies quam Imperator erat factus, ætatis anno altero luctus eo Tantus mortuo publicus fuit, ut omnes tanquam in propria doluerint orbitate. Senatus obitu ipfius circa vefperam nuntiato, nocte irrupit in .Curiam : & tantas ei mortuo gratias laudeique congeffit, quantas nec vivo un-

with the stroke of 12 arrows. He was a man of fo much moderation in his government, that he punished no body at all, and released such as were convicted of conspiring against him, fo that he kept them in the Same familiarity as before. He was a Prince of so much easiness and generofity, that he denied no man any thing; and when he was blamed for it by his friends, he replied, that no man ought to go sorrowful from an Emperor. Wherefore when he had recolletted one day at supper that he had done nothing for any one that day, he faid, O friends, to-day I have lost a day. He bnilt an amphitheatre at Rome, and slew five thousand wild beafts in \*the dedication of it.

beloved with an unufual fandnefs, he died of a diftemper, in
that country-house in which his
father died, 2 years, 8 months,
and 20 days after he had been
made Emperor, in the 41st year
of his age. There was so great
a public mourning for him,
after he was dead, that all
people lamented as in their own
proper loss of relations. The
Senate, when the news of his
death was brought about evening, rush d in the night into the

The first folemn application of an Amphitheatre, or such like public building, to the use it was defigned for was called in Latin Dedicatio.

quam egerat, nec presenti. Inter Divos relatus est.

23. Domitianus mox accepit imperium, frater ipfius junior, Neroni aut Caligulæ aut Tiberio fimilior, quam patri vel fratri fuo, primis tamen annis moderatus in imperio fuit : mox ad ingentia vitia progreffus, libidinis, iracundiæ, crudelitatis, avaritiæ, tantum in se odium concitavit, ut merita patris & fratris aboleret. Interfecit nobiliffimos ex Senatu. Dominum fe & Deum primus appellari juffit : nullam fibi nifi auream & argenteam statuam in Capitolio poni passus est; consobrinos toos interfecit, fuperbia quoque in eo execrabilis fuit.

24. Expeditiones quatuor habuit, unam adversus Sarmatas, alteram adversus Cattos, duos adversum Dacos. De Dacis Cattisque duplicem quidem triumphum egit; de Sarmatis solam lauream usurpavit. Multas quidem calamitates iisdem bellis passus est :

Senate-house, and bestowed upon him, now dead, such thanks and encomiums as they had never given him alive nor present. He was enrolled amongst the Gods.

23. Immediately Domitian took the government upon him, his younger brother, more like to Nero, or Caligula, or Tiberius, than his father or brother; he was, however, in his first years moderate in his government; but soon after proceeding to great excelles of luft, rage, cruelty, and avarice, he raised lo great a hatred against himself, that he quite wiped off the merits of his father and brother. He put to death the noblest of the Senate. He first ordered himself to be called Lord and God; suffered no statue to be set for himself in the Capitol, but of gold and filver, and flew his coufins; his pride too was abominable in him.

24. He undertook \*four expeditions, one against the Sarmatians, another against the Catti, and two against the Dacians. He had a double triumph for the Daci and Catti, but took the laurel only for his conquest of the Sarmatians. He suffered several losses in the same wars; for in Sarmatia,

<sup>.</sup> O.hers fay fix.

<sup>+</sup> A people of Germany.

The Daci were a people on the North fide of the Danube, oppofite to Mafia on the South fide.

nam in Sarmatia legiones ejus cum duce interfectæ; & a Dacis Appius Sabinus Confularis, & Cornelius Fuscus Præfectus Prætorio, cum magnis exercitibus occifi funt. Romæ quoque multa opera fecit, in his Capitolium & Forum Tranfitorium, Odeum, Porticus, Isium ac Serapium, & Stadium. Verum cum ob fcelera universis exosus esse cœpisset, interfectus est suorum conjuratione in palatio, anno ætatis xlv. imperii xv. Funus ejus cum ingenti dedecore per vespillones exportatum, & ignobiliter est fepultum.

his legions with their general were cut off; and Appius Sabinus, a Consular gentleman, and Cornelius Fuscus, captain of the guards, were flain with great armies by the Dacians. He erested many publick buildings too at Rome; amongst these the Capitol, and the Forum Iransitorium, a Musick-house, Piazzas, the temples of Ifis and Serapis, and a Stadium. But after he begun to be odious to all people for his villanies, he was flain by a conspiracy of his own domesticks in the 45th year of his age, and 15th of his reign. His corpse was carried out with great ignominy by the common bearers, and meanly buried.





## UTROPI BREVIARIUM

HISTORIÆ ROMANÆ.

LIBER VIII.

Valente Confulibus, Refpublica ad prosperrimum statum rediit, bonis principibus ingenti felicitate commissa. Domitiano enim exitiali tyranno Nerva fucceffit; vir in privata vita moderatus & strenuus; nobilitatis mediæ, qui fenex admodum, operam dante Petronio fecundo, Præfecto Prætorio, item Parthenio interfectore Domitiani, Imperator factus, æquissimum ie & civilissimum præbuit.

NNO octingentesimo IN the year \*850 from the & quinquagesimo ab I building of the city, Vetus urbe condita, Vetere & and Valens being Confuls, the empire returned to a most flourishing condition, being committed to good Princes, with great good fortune to the publick. For Nerva succeeded that pernicious tyrant Domitian; a man moderate and active in his private life, of indifferent quality, who was made Emperor when very old, Petronius Secundus, commander of the guards, and Parthenius too the affaffinator of Domitian, giving him their affistance; and behaved himself very justly and

This was the year of Rome 804, of Christ 96.

Reipublicæ divina provifione confulit, Trajanum adoptando. Mortuus eft Romæ, post annum & quatuor menses imperii sui ac dies octo, ætatis lxx. & altero anno: atque inter Divos relatus eft.

Successit ei Ulpius Trajanus Crinitus, natus Italicæ in Hispania, familia antiqua magis quam clara; nam pater ejus primum Conful. fuit. Imperator autem' apud Agrippinam civitatem in Gallis factus est. Rempublicam ita administravit, ut omnibus principibus merito præferatur. Inufitatæ civilitatis & tortitudinis fuit. Romani Imperii, quod post Auguftum defenium magis fuerat quam nobiliter ampliatum, fines longe lateque diffudit : urbes trans Rhenum in Germania reparavit: Daciam Decibalo victo subegit, provincia trans Danubium facta, n his agris quos nunc Taiphali habent, & Victophali & Thervingi. Ea provincia decies centena millia in circuitu tenet.

3. Armeniam, quam occupaverant Parthi, recepit, Pharpace Syro occifo, qui eam tenebat. Albanis regem

moderately. He provided for the government by a divine foresight, in adopting Trajan. He died at Rome, after a reign of a year, 4 months, and 8 days, in the \* 71st year of his age; and was enrolled among ft the Divi, or Demi-Gods.

2. Ulpius Trajanus Crinitus succeeded him, born at Italica in Spain, of antient rather than an illustrious family: for his father was Conful the first of all the race. He was made Emperor at Agrippina, a city in Gaul. He so managed the government, that he is defervedly perferred before all the other Emperors. He was a person of unsual moderation and bravery. He extended far and wide the boundaries of the Roman Empire, which had been defended rather after Augustus than nobly enlarged. He recovered some cities beyond the Rhine in Germany. He subdued Dacia by conquering Decibalus, making a province beyond the Danube, in that territory which now the Taiphali have, and the Victophali, and the Thervingi That province has 1000 miles in circuit.

3. He recovered Armenia, which the Parthians had feized, killing Pharnaces the Swian, who had it in possession. He

dedit. Iberorum regem & Sauromatarum, & Bolporanorum & Arabum, & Oldroenorum, & Colchorum in fidem accepit. Adiabenos, & Marcomedes occupavit: & Anthemisium magnam Persidis regionem, Seleuciam & Cteliphontem, Babylonem & Edeflios vicit, ac tenuit usque ad Indiæ fines, & mare Rubrum accessit: atque ibi tres provincias fecit, Armeniam, Affyriam, Mesopotamiam, cum his gentibus quæ Macedenam attingunt. Arabiam postea in provinciæ formam redegit, in mari Rubro classem instituit, ut per eam Indiæ fines vaftaret.

4. Gloriam tamen militarem civilitate & moderatione superavit, Romæ & per provincias æqualem se omnibus exhibens: amicos salutandi gratia frequentans, vel ægrotantes, vel cum sesso dies habuissent, convivia cum issem indiscreta vicissim habens, sæpe in vet hiculis eorum sedens, nullum senatorum lædens, nihil in-

gave a King to the Albans. He received the King of the Iberians, and Sauromatians, and of the Bosphorans and Arabians, and of the Ofdroem, and of the Colchians to quarter. He reduced too the \* Adiabeni, and +Marcomedi. He conquered too Anthemisium, a great country of Persia, & Seleucia and ! Ctefiphon, Babylen, and the Edeffiani, and carried all before him as far as the coasts of India and the Red Sea; and there made three provinces, Armenia, Affyria, and Mesopotamia, with those nations that touch upon Macedena. afterwards reduced Arabia into the form of a province, fitted out a fleet upon the Red Sea, that he might by that lay waste the coasts of India.

4. Yet he outdid the military glory by his modesty and moderation, behaving himself as upon a level with all other people at Rome, and in the provinces, frequently attending upon his friends in the way of visiting them, either when sick, or when they had any festival days, celebrating feasts with them without distinction in his turn, oftentimes sitting in their

<sup>·</sup> A people of Affyria beyond the river Tigris.

<sup>†</sup> A people of Affyria, by fome called Mardomedi. § A city lying on the river Tigris, where it joins the Euphrates.

Il A city beyond the Tigris, over-rgainst Babylon.

justum ad augendum fiscum agens. Liberalis in cunctos, publice privatimque ditans omnes, & honoribus augens, quos vel mediocri familiaritate cognovisset: orbem terrarum ædificans, multas immunitates civitatibus tribuens, nihil non tranquillum & placidum agens: adeo ut omni ejus ætate unus tantum Senator damnatus fit; at is tamen per Senatum ignorante Trajano. Ob hoc per orbem terrarum Deo proximus, nihil non venerationis meruit & vivus & mortuus.

5. Inter alia dicta hoe illius fertur egregium, amicis enim culpantibus, quod nimis circa omnes comes effet, respondit: talem se Imperatorem esse privatis, quales effe fibi Imperatores privatus optaffet. Post ingentem igitur gloriam belli domiq; quæsitam, e Perside rediens, apud Seleuciam Ifauriæ profluvio ventris extinctus eft. Obiit autem ætatis anno lxii. mense nono, & die quarto: imperii anno xix. menfe vi. die xv. Divos relatus eft, folusque

chariots with them, hurting none of the Senators, and doing nothing unjust to fill his exchequer. Generous to every body, publickly and privately enriching all, and raising them by great places, whom he was acquainted with but a slight familiarity: building towns up and down the world; granting many immunities to feveral cities, and practifing every thing that was easy and gentle: so that in all his time but one Senator was condemned, and he too by the Senate, Trajan being ignorant of the matter. For this being accounted thro' out the world as next to a God, he deservedly had all manner of veneration both alive and dead.

5. Among it other sayings of his, this excellent one is related of him: for his friends blaming him, because he was over courteous to all people, he replied, that he was such an Emperor to his subjects as he had wished, when a fubject, the Emperors should be to him. Wherefore after the greatest glory got in the war and at home, as he was returning from Perfia, he died of a loofeness at Seleucia, a city of Isauria. He died in the \* 62d year, 9th month, and 4th day of his age, and in the 19th year, 6th month, and 15th omnium intra urbem fepul-Offa ejus collocati in urna aurea, in Foro quod ædificavit lub columna fita funt, cujus altitudo exliv. pedes habet Hujus tantum memoriæ delatum eft, ut usque ad nostram ætatem, non ali er in Senatu principibus acclametur, nifi felicior Augusto, melior Trajano. Adeo in eo gloria bonitatis obtinuit, ut vel affentantibus vel sere laudantibus, occasionem magnificentiffimi præftet exempli.

6. Defuncto I rajano, Ælius Adrianus creatus est princeps; fine aliqua quidem voluntate Trajani, fed operam dante Ptolina Traiant uxore: nam eum Trajanus, quamquam contobrinæ filium, vivens, nolu-Natus & erat adoptare. iple Italicæ in Hilpania, qui Trajani gloriæ invidens, statim provincias tres requas Trajanus adliquit,

day of his reign. He was enrolled among ft the Divi, and alone of all the Emperors was buried within the city. bones being put up in a golden urn, lie in the Forum which he built, under a pillar, whose height has 144 feet. So much respect was paid to his memory, that even to our age, +they cry out in the way of acclamation to the Emperors in the Senate, no otherwise than thus, more fortunate than Augustus, better, than Irajan. So much did the fame of his goodness prevail, that it yields the advantage of a most noble example either to those that flatter, or those that fincerely commend.

6. After Trajan was dead, Elius Adrianus was made Emperor, without any intention indeed of Trajan's, but thro' the means of Ptolina, Trajan's lady, giving her affiftance for it; for Trajan whilst living would not adopt him, tho' his cousin's son He too was born at Italica in Spain, who envying the glory of Trajan, immediately quitted three provinces, which Trajan had added to the Empire;

diderat ;

\* Others had been interred in the city as well as Trajan, tho' that was contrary to a law of the 12 tables; their burying places amongst the antients were generally without their cities; a decent, cleanly, wholfome custom, which 'tis pity Caristians cannot see to imitate them in.

+ It was now become a custom in the Senate to compliment their Evaperors oftentimes, in their absence too, with great variety of acclamations in a tumultuous manner; of which several instances occur in the writers of the Augustan History.

diderat: & de Affyria, Mesopotamia, & Armenia revocavit exercitus; ac fi nem imperii esse voluit Euphratem. Idem de Dacia facere conatum amici deterruerunt, ne multi cives Romani Barbaris traderentur: propterea quod Trajanus, victa Dacia, ex toto orbe Romano infinitas eo copias hominum transluad agros & u bes colendas. Dacia enim diuturno bello Decibali viris fuerat exhausta.

7. Pacem tamen omni tempore imperii fui habuit : femel tantum per præfidem dimecavit. Orbem Romanum circumivit, & multa ædificavit. Facundissimus Latino fermone, Graco eruditiffimus fuit. Non magnam clementiæ gloriam habuit: diligentiffimus tamen circa ærarium, militum diciplinam. Obiit in Campania, major fexagenario, imperii anno xxi. mense x. die xxix. Senatus ei tribuere noluit divinos honores; tamen cum succesfor ipfius Titus Aurelius Fulvius Anton us hoc vehementer exigerer, & universi, Senatores palam relisterent, tandem obtinuit.

and withdreso the armies from Affyria, Mesopotamia, and Armenia, and rejoived that Euphrates should be the boundary of the empire. His friends deterred him upon his attempting to do the same thing by Dacia. left many of the Roman Denifons should be delivered up to the Barbarians; because Trajan, after Dacia was conquered, had transplanted an infinite number of men thither, from all the Roman empire, to people the country and the cities. For Dacia had been exhaufted of men. by the long war of Decibalus.

7. Yet he had peace throughout the whole time of his reign; he only for once managed a war by a governor of a province. He went round the Roman empire, and raised many buildings. He was very eliquent in the Latin tongue, and very learned in the Greek: he had no great character for clemency : but was very diligent as to the treasury, and the discipline of the foldiers. He died in Campania, above 60 years old, in the 21st year, 10th month and 29th day over of his reign. The Senate was not willing to confer divine honours upon him; yet when his fuccesfor Titus Aurelius Fullius Antonius vehemently insisted upon it, and all the Senators openly opposed it, at last he carried it.

8. Ergo Adriano fuccessit T. Antonius Fulvius Boionus, idem etiam Pius nominatus; genere claro, fed non admodum vetere: vir infignis, & qui merito Numa Pompilio conferatur; ita ut Romulo Trajanus æquetur. Vixit ingenti honore privatus; majori in imperio; nulli acerbus, cunctis benignus: in re militari moderata gloria: defendere magis provincias quam amplificare studens; viros justissimos ad administrandam Rempublicam quærens; bonis honorem habens, improbos fine aliqua acerbitate deteftans: regibus amicis venerabilis non minus quam terribilis, adeo ut Barbarorum plurimæ nationes, depolitis armis ad eum controversias litefque deferrent, fententialque ejus parerent. Hic ante imperium ditiffimus, opes quidem fuas stipendiis militum & circa amicos liberalitatibus minuit, verum ærarium opulentum reliquit. Pius propten clementiam dictus est. Obiit apud Lorium villam fuam, milliaria ab urbe xii. vitæ anno lxxiii. imperii xxiii. atque inter Divos relatus

8. Wherefore Titus Antonius Fulvius Boionus succeeded Adrian, the same who was named Pius, of a famous family, but not very antient; a glorious man, and who defervedly may be compared with Numa Pompilius, so as Trajan may be equalled to Romulus. He lived before he came to be Emperor in great glory, but in greater in his reign; cruel to no body, but kind to ali; of an indifferent character for military matters; endeavouring to defend the provinces, rather than enlarge them; seeking out the most just men to manage the government; giving honour to the good, and detesting the wicked without any cruelty to them; eno less venerable than terrible to Kings, allies of the Romans, so that a great many nations of the Barbarians, laying down their arms, referred their controversies and disputes to him, and obeyed his determination. He, who was very rich before his reign, leffened his wealth by the pay of the soldiers, and his bounty to his friends; but left the treasury rich. He was surnamed Pius because of his clemency. He died at \*Lorium a country feat of his, at the 12th mile from the city, in the 73d year of his life, and

eft, & merito confecratus.

9. Post hunc imperavit M. Antoninus Verus; haud dubie nobilissimus: quippe cum ejus origo paterna a Numa Pompilio, materna a Salentino rege penderet; & cum eo L. Annius Antoninus Verus: tumque primum Romana Respublica duobus æquo jure imperium administrantibus paruit; cum usque ad eum singulos semper habuisset Augustos.

10. Hi & genere inter se conjuncti fuerunt, & affinitate: nam Verus Annius Antoninus Marci Antonini filiam in matrimonium habuit: M. Antoninus gener Antonini Pii fuit, per uxorem Galeriam Faultinam juniconfobrinam fuam. Hi bellum contra Parthos gefferunt, qui post victoriam Trajani tum primum rebellaverant. Verus Antoninus ad id profectus eft: Antiochiæ & circa Armeniam agens, multa per duces & ingentia patravit: Seleuciam Affyriæ urbem nobiliffimam cum D. millibus hominum cepit: Parthicum triumphum revexit, cum

23d of his reign, and was registered among st the Divi, and \*deservedly canonized.

9. After him reigned M. Antoninus Verus, very noble no doubt; since his extraction by the father was derived from Numa Pompilius, and by the mother from a King of the Salentines; and with him L. Annius Antoninus Verus; and then first did the Roman Empire obey two managing the government with equal right; whereas 'till him it had always but one Emperor at a "time."

10. These were united in relation and offinity too; for Verus Annius Antoninus had in marriage the daughter of M. Antoninus: M. Antoninus was fon in-law of Antoninus Pius, by his wife Galeria Faustina the younger, his coufin. Thefe carried on a war against the Parthians, who after the conquest of them by Trajan; had then first rebelled. Verus Antoninus went to that war; who continuing at Antioch, and about Armenia, performed many and great things by his generals. He took Seleucia, a most noble city of Affyria, with five hundred thousand men: he brought off proper furniture for a triumph over the Parthians, and

This fingle passage, if attended to, is a sufficient proof that Eutra-

fratre eodemque focero, triumphavit. Obiit tamen in Venetia, cum a Concordia civitate Altinum proficisceretur, & cum fratre in vehiculo federet, fubito fanguine ictus, cafu morbi quem Græci apoplexin vocant: vir ingenii parum reverentia tamen civilis. fratris nihil unquam atrox Cum obiiffet xi. imaulus. peril annos, inter Divos relatus eft.

11. Post eum Marcus Antoninus folus rempublicam tenuit, vir quem mirari facilius quis quam laudare A principio vitæ tranquiliffimus; adeo ut in infantia quoque vultum nec ex gaudio, nec ex mœ-Philosophiæ rore mutaret. deditus Stoicæ, ipse etiam non folum vitæ moribus, fed etiam eruditione philofophus, tantæ admirationis adhuc juvenis, ut eum fuccefforem paraverit Adrianus relinquere, adoptato tamen

triumphed with his brother, and the same his father-in-law. He died in \*Venetia, as he was going from the city Concordia to Altinum, and was fitting in the chariot with his brother, being struck suddenly with an eruption of blood, which distemper the Greeks call apoplexis: a man of no very moderate temper, however not daring at any time to do any thing very horrid, out of reverence to his brother. After he was dead, in the eleventh year of his reign, the was ranked among It the Gods.

11. After him Marcus Antoninus held the government alone; a man whom any one may more eafily admire than fufficiently commend. He was very composed from the begining of his life; so that in his infancy too, he neither changed his countenance for joy, nor for forrow. He was additted to the Stoick philosophy, himself a philosopher, not only in his manner of life, learning too, the object of fo much admiration, whilft yet'a youth, that Adrian defigned to

\* A country in the North part of Italy, whereabours Venice is.

It is amazing that a person of so much goodness and sense as this M. Antonius could prevail with himself to comply with a custom so abominably absurd and impious. This, and his not taking care at his death to prevent the same wicked senseless compliment being paid to his own memory, would almost tempt one to suspect that he was, with all his good qualities, no better than a downright Atheist.

Antonino Pio generum effe ei idcirco voluerit, ut hoc ordine ad imperium perveniret.

12. Institutus est ad philofophiam per Apollonium Chalcedonium, ad fcientiam Græcarum litterarum per Sextum Chæronensem Plutarchi nepotem. Latinas autem litteras eum Fronto orator nobiliffimus docuit. Hic cum omnibus Romæ æquo jure egit, ad nullam infolentiam elatus imperii fastu: liberalitatis promptissimæ; provincias ingenti benignitate & moderatione tractavit. Contra Germanos eo principe res feliciter gestæ funt. Bellum ipse unum; fed quantum nulla memoria fuit, adeo ut Punicis conferatur; nam eo gravius est factum, quod univerli exercitus perierant; fub hoc enim tantus cafus pestilentiæ fuit, ut post victoriam Perficam Romæ, ac per Italiam provinciasque maxima hominum pars, militum omnes fere copiæ languore defecerint.

leave him his succeffor; however, adopting Antoninus Pins, he had a mind he should be sonin-law to him, that he might come in that order to the Em-

pire.

12. He was trained up to philosophy by Apollonius Chalcedonian; to the knowledge of the Greek tongue by Sextus of Charonea, the grandson of Plutarch; but the most nable Orator Fronto taught him the Latin tongue. He behaved himself with all people at Rome as upon an equal footing: he was elevated by the pride of dominion to no infolence : a person of the most frank generosity: he treated the provinces with much kindness and modera-Matters were successtion. fully managed against the Germans under this prince. himself carried on one war against them, the Marcomannick; but so great a one, as was in no time before, so that it may be compared with the Carthaginian; for it was fo much the more dangerous because all the armies had been lost; for under him there was, fo great a calamity of a peftilence, that after the overthrow

of the Persians, the greatest part of men at Rome, throughout Italy and the provinces, and almost all the forces were taken off

by this fickness.

13. Ingenti ergo labore & moderatione, cum apud Carnuntum jugi triennio perseveraffet, bellum Marcomannicum confecit, quod cum his Quadi, Vandali, Sarmatæ, Suevi atque omnis Barbaria commoverat: multa hominum millia interfecit: ac Pannoniis servitio liberatis, Romæ rurlus cum Commodo Antonino filio fuo, quem jam Cæfarem fecerat, triumphavit. hujus belli fumptum ærario exhaufto, cum largiciones nullas haberet, neg; indicere provincialibus aut Senatui aliquid vellet, instrumentum regii cultus, facta in Foro Divi Trajani fectione, diftraxit: vafa aurea, pocula crystallina & murrina, uxoriam ac fuam fericam, ac auream veltem, multa ornamenta gemmarum: ac per duos continuos menfes venditio habita est, multumque auri redactum. Post victotamen emptoribus pretia reflituit, qui reddere comparata volucrunt: moleltus nulli fuit, qui maluit femel empta retinere.

13. After he had therefore continued three whole years with great toil and patience at Carnuntum, he made an end of the Marcomannick war, which together with them, the Quadians, Vandals, Sarmatians, Suevans, and all the Barbarians on that fide bad raifea: he flew many thousands of men; and having delivered the Pannonians from flavery, he triumphed again at Rome with his fon Commodus Antoninus, whom he had already made \* lesar. The treasury being exhausted for the support of this war, having no money to give his foldiers, and not being willing to lay any thing of tax upon the Provincials, or the Senate, he fold off his own Imperial furniture, by a retail made thereof in the Forum of Divus Trajanus, i. e. his gold plate, his cups of chrystal and porcelain, his lady's and his own filk cloaths, and embroidered with gold, besides many ornaments of jewels: and the fale was continued for two whole menths together, and much money made of them. Yet after the conquest of the Marcomanni, he restored the money to the pur-

14. Hic

chasers, who were willing to return what they had got; but he was troublesome to no body, who chose rather to keep what

they had once bought.

From Augustus's time the title of Cæsar and Augustus had been given to the Emperors only; but now that of Cæsar was appropriated to the person whom the Emperor designed and nominated for his successor.

14. Hic permifit viris clarioribus, ut convivia eodem cultu quo iple, & ministris fimilibus exhiberent. editione munerum post victoriam adeo magnificus fuit, ut centum fimul leones exhibuisse tradatur. igitur fortunatam rempublicam & virtute & manfuereddidifiet, xviii. imperii anno, vitæ lxi. & omnibus certatim adnitentibus, inter Divos relatus eft.

15. Hujus successor L. Antonius Commodus, nihil paternum habuit, nifi quod contra Germanos feliciter & iple pugnavit. Seprembrem mensem ad nomen foum transferre conatus eft, ut Commodus diceretur: fed luxuria & obscænitate depravatus, gladiatoris armis sapissime in ludo deinceps etiam in amphitheatro cum hujufmodi hominibus fæpe dimicavit. Obiit . morte fubita, adeo ut strangulatus, vel veneno interfectus putaretur: cum annis xii. post patrem,

14. He gave leave to the great men to make entertainments with the same furniture. and the like servants as himself. In the exhibiting of games after his victory over the Marcomanni, he was so magnificent that he is faid to have produced a hundred lions together. After therefore he had rendered the Empire happy by his good management and gentlenejs, he died in the \*18th year of his reign, and 61st of his oge, and all people eagerly contending for it. he was ranked among it the Gods.

15. His successor L. Antonius Commodus had nothing of his father, but that he likewife fought successfully against the He endeavoured to Germans. bring+ the month of September to his own name, that it might be called Commodus ; but being corrupted by luxury and leved+ ness, he oftentimes fought with gladiator's arms in the fencingschool, and at the last too in the amphitheatre with that fort of men. He died a sudden death, Southat She was thought either to be strangled, or difpatched by poison, after he had reigned twelve years and eight

<sup>·</sup> Others fay 17.

<sup>+</sup> The month of August he should have said.

<sup>6</sup> He was first poisoned; but for fear that should not take effect, he was smothered in his bed-cloathe. See Herodian.

& viii. menfibus imperaffet, tanta execratione omnium, ut hostis humani generis etiam mortuus judicaretur.

16. Huic fucceffit Pertinax grandævus jam; ut qui feptuagenariam attigiffet æratem, Præfecturam tum agens, ex Senatus confulto imperare justus. Octogefimo imperii die Prætorianorum militum feditione, & Juliani scelere occifus eft.

17. Post eum Salvius Iulianus rempublicam invafit: vir nobilis, & juris peritissimus; nepos Salvii Juliani, qui fub Divo Adriano perpetuum compoluit edictum. Victus est a Severo apud Mulvium pontem, interfectus in palatio: vixit menfibus feptem, poftquam cæperat imperare.

18. Hinc Imperii Romani administrationem Septimius · Severus accepit, oriundus ex Africa, provincia Tripolitana, oppido Lepti. Solus omni memoria & ante &

months from his father, with so much hatred of all people, that even after he was dead, he was declared an enemy of mankind.

16. Pertinax, now very elderly, succeeded him, as who had reached his 70th year, then\* bearing the office of governor of the city, being ordered by a decree of the Senate to reign. He was flain the 80th day of his reign, in a mutiny of the Prætorian foldiers, and by the villainy of Julian.

17. After him Salvius Tulianus seized the government; a noble man, and very well skilled in the law; grandfon to Salvius Julian, who under Divus Adrianus composed + the perpetual edict. He was defeated by Severus, near the Mulvian bridge, and flain in the palace. He lived but feven months after he began to reign.

18. Upon this Septimus Severus took upon him the admimistration of the Roman Empire; a native of Africa, the province of Tripolis, and the town of Leptis. He was the

\* Under the Emperors there was, besides the Consuls, an officer of

great power, named Præfecius urbis.

+ The Prætors, in entering upon their office, published a proclamation to notify to the people the method according to which they intended to proceed in the administration of justice for their year. These were often different from one another, 'till this perpetual edict, by which one unalterable form of proceeding was fixed.

postea ex Africa Imperator fuit. Hic primum fisci advocatus, mox militaris Tribunus, per multa deinde & varia officia atque honores ulque ad administrationem totius reipublicæ pervenit. Pertinacem se appellari voluit, in honorem ejus Pertinacis, qui a Juliano fuerat occifus. Parcus admodum fuit, natura fævus. Bella multa & feliciter gef-Pescennium Nigrum, qui in Ægypto & Syria rebellaverat, apud Cyzicum interfecit. Parthos vicit: Arabas eo ufque superavit, ut etiam provinciam ibi faceret; idcirco Parthicus & Arabicus dictus est. Multa toto Romano orbe reparavit. Sub eo etiam Clodius Albinus, qui in occidendo Pertinace focius fuerat Juliano, Cæfarem fe in Gallia fecit: victulque apud Lugdunum est & interfectus.

19. Severus autem præter bellicam gloriam, etiam civillbus ftudiis clarus fuit, & litteris doctus, philofophiæ fcientiam ad plenum adeptus. Novissimum bellum in Britannia habuit:

only one in Africa for all the time both before and after, that was Emperor. He was first an advocate of the exchequer, after that a military tribune, and then through several offices, and posts of honour, came to the government of the whole empire. He had a mind to be called Pertinax, in honour of that Pertinax, who had been Stain by Julian. He was very frugal, and by nature cruel. He managed many wars, and Successfully. He slew Pescennius Niger, who had rebelled in Egypt and Syria, at Gyzicus. He overthrew the Parthians, and fo Subdued the Arabians, that he made a province too there; for which he was called Parthicus and Arabicus. repaired a great many buildings throughout the whole Roman empire. Under him too Clodius Albinus, who had been an accomplice of Julian's in killing Pertinax, made himfelf \*Emperor in Gaul, and was defeated at Lyons, and flain.

19. But Severus, besides his warlike glory, was samous likewise for the arts of peace, and well instructed in literature, having made himself master of philosophy to perfection. The last war he had was in Bri-

Our author uses the word Coe far improperly here, for that was now appropriated to the defigned heir of the empire, as I have before taken notice.

utque receptas provincias omni securitate muniret, vallum per xxxii. millia paffuum a mari ad mare Decessit Eboraci admodum fenex, imperii anno xviii. menie iv. & Divus appellatus est: nam filios fuos fuccesfores reliquit, Baffianum & Getam: Bassiano Antonini nomen a Senatu voluit imponi; itaque dictus est M. Aurelius Antoninus Baffianus, patrique fucceffor. Nam Geta hostis publicus judicatus, confestim periit.

20. Marcus igitur Aure-Baffianus, lius Antoninus idemque Caracalla, morum fere paternorum fuit, paulo Opus asperior & minax. Romæ egregium fecit lavacri, quæ Antoninianæ appellantur, nihil præterea memorabile: impatiens libidinis, ut qui novercam fuam Iuliam uxorem duxerit. Defunctus in Oldroene apud Edeffam, moliens advertum Parthos expeditionem, anno imperii vi. mense ii. vix egressus ætatis xiii. annum, funere publico elatus.

tain, and that he might secure the provinces he acquired with all fafety, he drew a line for 32 miles from fea to fea. He died at York very old, in the \*eighteenth year and fourth month of his reign, and was called a God; for he left his sons Bassianus and Geta his successors: f but he had a mind that the name of Antoninus should be given by the Senate to Bassianus only; and accordingly he was called M. Aurelius Antoninus Bassianus, and was successor to his father. § For Geta being declared a public enemy, was quickly difpatched.

20. Wherefore M. Aurelius Antoninus Bassianus, and the same Caracalla too, was a man pretty much of his father's temper, but a little more rugged and threatening. He made an excellent work of a bath at Rome, which is called Antoninus's bath, but nothing elfe remarkable, unable to govern his luft, as who married his step-mother Julia. He died in Osaroene at Edessa, as he was attempting an expedition against the Parthians, in the 6th year and 2d month of his reign, being scarce out of the 43d year of his age, and was buried with a public funeral.

He reigned only 17 years, feven months, and three days.

<sup>†</sup> They both had the name of Antoninus.

§ Geta was not declared a public enemy 'till after he was murdered by his brother.

21. Opilius deinde Macrinus, qui Præfectus Prætorio erat, cum filio Diadumeno, facti Imperatores, nihil memorabile ex temporis brevitate gesserunt: nam imperium eorum duum mensium & unius anni fuit: seditione militari ambo pariter occisi sunt.

22. Creatus est post hos M. Aurelius Antoninus; Antonini Caracallæ filius putabatur; sacerdos autem Heliogabali templi erat. Is, cum Romam ingenti & militum & Senatus expectatione venisset, probis se omnibus contaminavit. Impudicissime & obscenissime vixit, biennioque post & viii. mensibus tumultu intersectus militari, & cum eo mater Semia Syra.

23. Successit huic Aurelius Alexander, ab exercitu Cæsar, a Senatu Augustus nominatus, juvenis admodum: susceptoque adversus Persas bello, Xerxem eorum regem gloriosissime vicit: militarem disciplinam severissime rexit, quasdam 21. Then Opilius Macrinus, who was Captain of the guards, with his Son Diadumenus, were made Emperors, but did nothing memorable, by reason of the shortness of their time; for their reign was but of two months and a year. They were both together slain in a mutiny of the Soldiers.

22. M. Aurelius Antoninus was made Emperor after these: he was thought to be the Son of Antoninus Caracalla: however, he was priest of the temple of \* Heliogabalus. After he had come to Rome, with mighty expectation, both of the foldiers and the Senate, he debased himself with all manner of abominations. He lived most levely and most filthily, and was slain in a tumult of the soldiers two years and eight Months after, and together with him his mother Semia Syra.

23. Aurelius Alexander succeeded him, being declared Cafar by the army, and Augustus
by the Senate, when very
young; and undertaking a war
against the Persians, defeated
mest gloriously their King §
Xerxes: He exacted military
discipline very strictly, and

A firange fort of a God worshipped by the Syrians.
 He reigned three years, nine months, and four days.

<sup>§</sup> He is called by others Artaxerxes; he put an end to the empire of the Parthians, by flaying Artabanus, the last of the race of the Arfacide.

tumultuantes legiones integras exauctoravit. Aflefforem habuit, vel scrinii magistrum, Ulpianum juris conditorem. Romæ quoque favorabilis suit. Periit in Gallia, militari tumultu, xiii. imperii anno & die viii. in matrem suam Mammæam unice pius.

disbanded some entire legions that mutinied. He had for his assessor, or secretary of state, Ulpian, the compiler of the law. He was likewise in great favour at Rome. He lost his life in Gaul, in a military tumult, in the 13th year and 8th day of his reign, having been extremely dutiful to his mother Mammaa.





## EUTROPII

## BREVIARIUM

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## LIBER IX.

POST hunc Maximinus ex corpore militari primus ad imperium accefit, fola militum voluntate, cum nulla Senatus interceffisset auctoritas, neque ipse Senator esset. Is bello adversus Germanos feliciter gesto, cum a militibus esset Imperator appellatus, a Pupieno Aquileiæ occisus est, deserentibus eum militibus suis, cum filio adhuc puero, cum quo imperaverat triennio, & paucis diebus.

2. Postea tres simul Augusti fuerunt: Pupienus, Balbinus, & Gordianus, duo superiores obscurissimo ge-

FIER him Maximinus . A came to the empire, the first that did so from the body of the common foldiery, by the election of the foldiers only, whilst no authority of the Senate interposed, nor was he a Senator. He having carried on the war fuccessfully against the Germans. and being therefore proclaimed Emperor by the foldiers, was flain at Aquileia by Pupienus, with his fon, as yet but a boy, his foldiers for faking him; with which fon he had reign'd three years and a few days.

2. Afterwards there were three Emperors together, Pupienus, Balbinus, and Gordian, the two former of very obscure

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nere, Gordianus nobilis: quippe cujus pater, fenior Gordianus, confenfu militum, cum Proconfulatum Africæ gereret, Maximino imperante, princeps fuiffet electus. Itaque cum Romam venissent Balbinus & Pupienus in palatio interfecti funt, foli Gordiano Imperium reversatum. Gordianus admodum puer, cum Tranquillinam Romæ dux-Janum geiffet uxorem, minum aperuit: & ad Orientem profectus, Parthis bellum intulit, qui jam moliebantur erumpere, quod quidem mox feliciter gessit, præliifque ingentibus Perfas afflixit. Rediens haud longe a Romanis finibus interfectus oft fraude Philippi, post eum imperavit. Miles ei rumultum xx. milliario a Circeffo, quod castrum nunc Romanorum elt, Euphrati imminens, ædificavit, exequias Romam revixit, ipfum Divum appellavit.

3. Philippi duo, filius & pater, Gordiano occifo, imperium invaferunt: atque exercitu incolumi reducto, ad Italiam e Syria profecti

birth, Gordian noble. For his \* father the old Gordian, when he had the Proconsulate of Africa, in the reign of Maximinus, had been chosen Emperor by the consent of the soldiers. Wherefore, when Balbinus and Pupienus came to Rome, they were flain in the palace, and the empire reserved for Gordian alone. Gordian being but a boy, after he had married Iranquilla at Rome, + he opened the temple of double-faced Janus, and marching to the East, made war upon the Parthians, who were now attempting to fally out; which foon after he managed successfully, and made havock of the Perfians in great battles. Upon his return he was flain not far from the Roman borders, by the treachery of Philip, who reigned after him. The soldiers built a monument for him, 20 miles from Circessum, which is now a castle of the Romans, close by the Euphrates, carried his relicks to Rome, and declared him a God.

3. The two Philips, father and fon, after Gordian was flain, seized the government, and having brought off the urmy safe, went from Syria for

\* Others fay he was his grandfather.

<sup>+</sup> The God Janus had two faces looking contrary ways, whence he is called Geminus: his temple was always open in time of war, but thut in time of peace.

funt. His imperantibus millefimus annus Romæ urbis ingenti ludorum apparatu spectaculorumq; celebratus est. Ambo inde ab exercitu interfecti sunt: senior Philippus Veronæ, Romæ junior. Annis v. imperaverunt, inter Divos tamen relati sunt.

- 4. Post hos Decius e Pannonia inferiore, Bubaliæ natus, imperium sumpsit. Bellum civile, quod in Gallia motum sum Cæsarem fecit. Romæ lavacrum ædiscavit. Cum biennio ipse & filius ejus imperassent, uterque in Barbarico interfecti sunt, & inter Divos relati.
- 5. Mox Imperatores creati funt, Gallus Hostilianus, & Galli filius Volusianus. Sub his Æmilianus in Mæsia res novas molitus est: ad quem opprimendum cum ambo profecti essent, Interamnæ interfecti sunt, non completo biennio; nihil omnino clarum gesterunt. Sola pestilentia & morbis atque ægritudinibus notus eorum principatus suit.

Italy. In their reign, the thoufandth year of the city Rome was celebrated, with a vaft apparatus of games and shows. After that both of them were slain by the army; the elder Philip at \*Verona, and the younger at Rome. They reigned five years, however they were placed among st the Gods.

4. After them Decius of lower + Pannonia, born at Bubalia, took upon him the government. He suppressed a civil war, which had been raised in Gaul, and made his son Casar. He built a bagnio at Rome. After he and his son had reigned two years, both of them were slain in the Barbarians country, and ranked amongst the Divi.

5. Immediately Gallus Hoftilianus, and Gallus's son Volusianus were made Emperors. Under them Æmilian in Mesia attempted a Revolution; to suppress whom, as they were both marching, they were slain at stateramna, two years being not quite up; they did nothing at all considerable. Their government was only noted for the plague, and diseases and sicknesses.

6 A city of Umbria, nigh the river Nar.

A town in the north parts of Italy, now subject to the Venetians.

† Pannonia was in a great measure the same country, that is now called Hungary.

6. Æmilianus obscurissime natus, obscurius imperavit; ac tertio mense extinctus est.

7- Hinc Licinius Valerianus in Rhætia & Norico agens, ab exercitu Imperator. & mox Augustus, est Gallienus quoque Romæ a Senatu Cæfar eft appellatus. Horum imperium Romano nomini perniciofum, & pene exitiabile fuit, vel infælicitate principum, vel ignavia, Germani Ravennam ulque venerunt. Valerianus in Mefopotamia bellum gerens, a Sapore Perfarum rege superatus est: mox etiam captus apud Parthos, ignobili fervicute confenuit.

8. Gallienus, cum adolefcens factus effet Augustus, imperium primum feliciter, mox commode, ad ultimum perniciose gessit. Nam juvenis in Gallia & Illyrico multa strenue fecit, occiso apud Mursiam Ingenuo, qui purpuram sumpierat, & Trebelliano. Diu placidus & quietus: mox in omnem lasciviam dissolutus, tenendae reipublicæ habenas probrosa ignavia & despe-

6. Æmilianus was very obfeurely descended, and reigned more obscurely, and was taken

off in the third month.

7. After him Licinius Valerianus, who was then in Rhatia and Noricum, was made their general by the army there, and soon after Emperor. Gallienus too was proclaimed Cafar by the Senate at Rome. Their reign was very mischievous, and almost ruinous to the Roman name, either through the ill fortune or inactivity of these princes. The Germans came as far as Ravenna. Valerianus, as he was carrying on a war in Mesopotamia; was overthrown by Sapores King of the Perfrans, and, foon after too, taken, lived to be old in ignominious flavery among ft the Parthians.

8. Gallienus being made Emperor very young, managed the government at first successfully, afterwards but indifferently, at last perniciously. For when but a young man, he performed many things gallantly in Gaul and Illyricum, killing Ingenuus at Mursia, \*who had taken upon him the scarles, and Trebeliianus too. He was for a good while gentle and moderate in his government. Soon after being given up to all manner of

<sup>\*</sup> That is, fet up for the Emperor, who was diffinguished by a fine fearlet robe.

ratione relaxavit. Alamanni vastaris Gallis in Italiam irruperunt. Dacia, quæ a Trajano ultra Danubium fuerat adjecta, amissa est. Græcia, Macedonia, Pontus, Afia vastatæ per Gothos. Pannonia a Sarmatis Quadifque populata est. Germani ufque ad Hifpanias penetraverunt, & civitatem nobilem Tarraconem expugnaverunt. Parthi, Metopotamia occupata, Syriam, fibi cœperunt vindicare.

9. Tum jam desperatis rebus, & deleto pene imperio Romano, Posthumus in Gallia, obscurissime natus, purpuram jumplit : & per annos decem na imperavit, ut coniumptas pene provincias ingenti virtute & moderatione reparaverit: qui seditione militum interfectus eft, quod Moguntiacum quæ adverfum eum rebellaverat, Lolliano res novas moliente, diripiendum emilitibus tradere noluisset. Post eum Marius, vilifimus opitex, purpuram accepit, & fecundo die interfectus est. Victorinus Galliarum accepit imperium, vir itrenuisimus: fed cum nimiæ libidinis effet, & matrimonia aliena

lasciviousness, he flackened the reins of government by a feandalous inactivity and want of Spirit. The Alamanni laying waste Gaul, broke into Italy. Dacia, which had been added to the empire by Trajan beyond the Damebe, was loft. Greece, Macedonia, Pontus, and Aha were laid waste by the Goths. Pannonia was ravaged by the Sarmatians und the Quadians. The Germans penetrated as far as Spain, and took the noble city of Tarracon. The Parthians seizing Mesopotamia, began to claim Syria to themselves.

9. Matters being now desperate, and the Roman empire well nigh wined, Posthumus in Gaul, very meanly descended; took upon him the |carlet, and reigned for ten years fo, that he recovered the provinces almost ruined, by his great conduct and moderation; who was flain in a mutiny of the soldiers, because he would not deliver up to the foldiers to be plundered Moguntiacum, which had rebelled against him, when Lollianus was endeavouring a change of government. After him Marius, a forded mechanick, took the fearler upon him, and was flain the second day after. Victorinus afterwards received the government of Gaul, a very attive man: but as he was a perion of excessive lust, and debauched

corrumperet, Agrippinæ occifus est, actuario quodam machinante dolum, imperii fui anno secundo.

10. Huic fuccessit Tetricus Senator, qui Aquitaniam honore præsidis administrans, absens a militibus imperator electus est, & apud Burdegalam purpuram sumpsit; seditiones multas militum pertulit. Sed dum hæc in Gallia geruntur, in Oriente per Odenatum Persæ victi sunt; defensa Syria, recepta Mesopotamia, usque ad Ctesiphontem Odenatus penetravit.

Ita Gallieno Rempublicam deserente, Romanum imperium in Occidente per Posthumum, per Odenatum in Oriente fervatum est. Gallienus interea Mediolani cum fratre Valeriano occifus est, imperii anno nono: Claudiusque ei successit, a militibus electus, a Senatu appellatus Augustus. Hic Gothos, Illyrieum, Macedoniamque vastantes, ingenti prælio vicit; parcus vir ac modestus, & justis tenax, atque reipublicæ gerendæ idoneus: qui taother people's wives, he was flain at Agrippina, a certain fecretary of his contriving the plot, in the 2d year of his reign.

10. Tetricus, a Senator, succeeded him, who governing Aquitain, in quality of president, was elected Emperor in his absence by the soldiers, and took upon him the scarlet at + Burdegala: he met with many seditions of the soldiers. But whist these things are doing in Gaul, the Persians were conquered in the East by Odenatus: Syriu being defended, and Mesopotamia being recovered, Odenatus penetrated as sar as Ctesiphon.

11. Thus Gallienus deferting the government, the Roman empire was preserved in the ·West by Posthumus, and in the East by Odenatus. Gallienus in the mean time was flain at Mediolanum with his brother Valerian, in the 9th year of his reign; and Claudius succeeded him, being chosen by the soldiers, and declared Emperor by the Senate. He overthrew in a great battle the Goths, wasting Illyricum and Macedonia: being a frugal and modest man, and tenacious of justice, and fit to govern the empire: who died

A .own upon the Rhine, now Cologne.

In Aquitania, now Bourdeaux.

§ The capital city of the Galli Insubres, on the north side of the river Po, in Italy.

men inter biennium imperii morbo interiit, & Divus appellatus est. Senatus ingenti eum honore decoravit, scilicet ut in curia elypeus ipsi aureus, item in capitolio statua aurea poneretur.

12. Quintilius post eum, Claudii frater, consensu militum Imperator electus est: vir unica moderationis & civilitaris laude æquandus fratri vel præponendus, consensu Senatus appellatus Augustus: septimo decimo die imperii occisus est.

13. Post eum Aurelianus suscepit imperium, Dacia. Ripenfi oriundus; vir in bello potens, animi tamen immodici, & ad crudelitatem propenfioris; quique Gothos ffrenuissime Romanam · ditionem fines priftinos varia bellofelicitate revocavit: superavit in Gallia Tetricum apud Catalaunos, ipio Tetrico prodente exercitum fuum; cujus affiduas feditiones ferre non poterat: quinetiam per litteras occultas Aurelianum ita fuerat

however of a distemper within two years of his reign, and was declared a Semi-god. The Senate graced him with a mighty honour, so that a\* golden shield was set up for him in the Senate-house, and a golden statue in the Capitol.

12. Quintilius the brother of Claudius was elected Emperor after him by the agreement of the foldiers; a man to be equalled to, or preferred before his brother, for the extraordinary character of his moderation and modesty, being declared too Emperor by the consent of the Senate; he was slain in the 17th day of his reign.

13. After him Aurelian undertook the government, born in Dacia Ripensis; a man powerful in war, yet of a violent temper, and too inclinable to cruelty; who likewife most valiantly beat the Goths, and extended the Roman Empire to its former limits by various good fortune in his wars. He defeated Tetricus in Gaul among ft the Catalaunians, Tetricus himself betraying his army, the continual mutinies of which he was not able to bear; he had too by private letters entreated Aurelian to come, so that

 Those that please may see the subject of these forts of shields fully discussed in the Memoirs of the Academie des Inscriptions & des Belles Lettres. deprecatus, ut inter alia verfu Virgiliano uteretur, Eripe me his, invite, malis .-Zenobiam quoque, occilo marito Odenato, qui Orientem tenebat, haud longe ab Antiochia, non fine gravi prælio, cepit: ingressusque Romam, nobilem triumphum quali receptor Orientis Occidentisque egit; currum præcedentibus Tetrico & Zenobia: qui quidem Tetricus etiam corrector Lucaniæ postea fuit, ac privatus diutiffime vixit. Zenobia autem posteros, qui adhuc manent Romæ, reliquit.

14. Hoc imperante etiam Monetarii in Urbe rebellaverunt, vitiatis pecuniis, & Felicissimo rationali interfecto: quos Aurelianus crudelitate ultima compelcuit. Plurimos nobiles capite damnavit: fævus & fangumarius, ac neceffarius magis in quibufdam, quam in ullo amabilis Imperator; trux omni tempore, etiam filii fororis interfector: disciplinæ tamen militaris & morum diffolutorum magna

corrector.

15. Urbem Romam mucis firmioribus cinxit, temamong other things he made use of a verse of Virgil's, Relieve me, mighty fir, in this diffress. He took Zenobia too, after he had flain her hufband, Odenatus, who had possession of the East, not far from Antioch\*, not without a terrible battle; and entering Rome, had a noble triumph, as the recoverer of the East and the West; Tetricus and Zenobia going before, his coach; which Tetricus too was afterwards governor of Lucania, and lived divested of the Empire a long time. And Zenobia left posterity, which continue still at Rome.

14. Inthisreign the gentlemen of the mint too rebslled in the city, having adulterated the soin, and killing Feliciffimus the auditor of the exchequer; whom Aurelian conquered and suppressed with the utmost cruel-He condemned several noblemen to death; a cruel and a bloody man, and a necessary, in some respects, rather than an amiable Emperor in any: severe in all his time, the murdever too of his fifter's fon; however in a great measure a reformer of military discipline and dissolute manners.

15. He surrounaed the city Rome with stronger walls; he

It was but a skirmish he had with her near Antioch; the battle that determined the sate of Zenobia was fought near Edessa, far from Antioch.

plum Soli ædificavit, in wo infinitum auri gemmaimque conflituit. vinciam Daciam, quam Trajanus ultra Danubium fecerat, intermifit, vaffato omni Illyrico & Mœlia, desperans eam posse retineri: abductofque Romanos ex úrbibus & agris Daciæ in media Mœfia collocavit: & est in dextera Danubio in mare fluenti, cum antea fuerit in læva. Occiditur fervi .fui fraude, qui ad quoidam militares viros, amicos iplius nomina pertulit annotata, falso manum ejus imitatus, tanquam Aurelianus iplos pararet occidere. Itaque ut præveniretur ab iifdem, interfectus eft in itineris medio, quod inter Constantinopolin & Heracleam est strace veteris, locus Cænophrurium appellatur: mors ejus multa non fuir. Meruit quoque inter Divos referri. Imperavit annos v. menies vi.

16. Tacitus post hunc fuscepit imperium, vir egregie moratus, & reipublicæ gerendæ idoneus; nihil tamen clarum potuit ostendere, intra vi. mensem imperii

built a temple to the Sun, in solich he deposited an infinise quantity of gold and jewels. He threw up the province of Dacia, which Trajan had made beyond the Danube; all Illyricum and Mafia having been ravaged by the Barbarians, despairing that it could be retained; and planted the Romans, whom he had drawn from the cities and lands of Dacia, in the middle of Mafia; and so Dacia is in effect on the right of the Danube as it runs to the sea, whereas before it was on the left. He was flain by the treachery of a flave of his, who carried their names to some military men his friends, put down in a pocket-book, having falfely imitated his hand, as though Aurelian was minded to kill them. Therefore that he might be prevented by them, he was flain in the middle of the road, which is betweent Constantinople and Heralic, being the old causey; the place is called Canophrurium. Yet his death was not unrevenged. He too deservedly was enrolled amongst the Divi. He reigned five years and fix months.

upon him the government; a man of excellent morals, and fit to govern the empire; yet he could not shew the world any thing remarkable, being T 2

morte præventus. Florianus, qui Tacito successerat, duobus mentibus, & diebus xx. in imperio fuit, neque quidquam dignum memoria

egit.

17. Post hunc Probus, vir illustris gloria militari, ad administrationem reipublicæ accessit. Gallias a Barbaris occupatas ingenti præliorum fælicitate reftituit. Quofdam imperium ulurpare conatos, fcilicet Saturninum in Oriente, Proculum & Bonofum Agrippina, multus certaminibus oppressit. Vineas Gallos & Pannonios habere permilit: opere militari Almain montem apud Sirmium, & Aureum apud, Mæsiam superiorem, vineis confuevit, & provincialibus colendos dedit. Hic cum bella innumera gessisset, pace parta, dixit, brevi milites necessarios non futuros; vir acer ac ftrenuus, justus, & qui Aurelianum æquaret gloria militari, morum tamen civilitate Interfectus eft fuperaret. tamen Sirmii, tumultu militari, in turre ferrata. Imperavit annos fex, menfes quatuor.

prevented by death, within the 6th month of his reign. Florianus, who succeeded Tacitus, was in the government but 2 months and 20 days, nor did he do any thing worth mentioning.

17. After him, Probus", a man illustrious for military glory, came to the government of the Empire. He recovered Gaul that had been feized by the Barbarians, with mighty success in his battles. He likewife quelled in many battles some that endeavoured to ulurp the Empire, to wit, Saturninus in the East, Proculus and Bonosus at Agrippina. He suffered the Gauls and Pannonians to have vineyards: he likewife planted with vines, by the means of his foldiers, mount Alma at Sirmi-Um, and mount Aureus in upper Maha, and gave them to the provincials to cultivate. He, after he had run through many wars, accomplishing at tast a peace, faid, that, in a short time, foldiers would not be necesfary; a vigorous and an active man, just, and one who equalled Aurelian in military glory, but exceeded him in the moderation of his conduct. Yet he was flain at +Sirmium in a mutiny of the foldiers in an iron turret. He reigned 6 years and 4 months.

<sup>&</sup>quot;He had been chofen Emperor in the East a little before Florianus's death.

<sup>+</sup> A town of Pannonia.

18. Post hunc Carus est factus Augustus, Narbonæ natus in Gallia, qui confeitim Carinum & Numerianum filios Cæfares fecit. cum quibus regnavit duobus annis: sed dum bellum adverfum Sarmatas gerit, nuntiato Perfarum tumultu, ad Orientem profectus, res contra Perías nobiles geffit: ipios prælio fudit: Seleuciam & Cteliphontem urbes nobiliffimas cepit: & cum castra supra Tigridem haberge, iclu divini fulminis periit. Numerianus quoque filius ejus, quem fecum ad Perfas duxerat, adolescens egregiæ indolis, cum, oculorum dolore correptus, lecticula veheretur, impulfore Apro, qui focer ejus eras per infidias occifus eft; & cum dolo occultaretur ipfius mors, quo ulque Aper invadere posset imperium, fœtore cadaveris prodita eft. Miktes enim, qui eum fequebantur, fœtore comdiductis lecticulæ palliis post aiiquot dies, mortem ejus notam habere potuerunt.

19. Interea Carinus, quem Cælarem in Parthos profi-

18. After him Carus was made Emperor, born at Narbona in Gaul, who immediately made his fons Carinus and Numerianus C.efars, with whom he reigned two years. But news being brought of the Persians being in arms, whilft he was carrying on the war against the Sarmatians, marching to the East, he performed noble exploits against the Persians; routed them in battle, took the most noble cities of Seleucia and Ctefiphon; and, whilft he had his camp upon the Tigris, perished of a stroke of the divine thunder. Numerianus too, his fon, whom he had carried along with him against the Persians, a young man of an extraordinary genius, being taken with a weakness in his eyes, and carried in a chair, was taken off by a plot. Aper, who was his father-inlaw, being the promoter of it; and as his death was concealed out of policy, 'till Aper could seize the government, it was betrayed by the stink of his carcase. For the soldiers who attended him, being surprized at the bad [mell, drawing the curtains of his chair after some days, discovered his death.

19. In the mean time Carinus, whom Carus upon his

Narbona was a town of Illyricum, not Gaul; Narbo was funning in our author's head, which is in France, now Narbon.

cifcens Carus, in Illyrico, Gallia, Italia, reliquerat, omnibus fe sceleribus coinquinavir: plurimos innoxios fictis criminibus occidit: matrimonia nobilia corrupit: condiscipulis quoque, qui eum in auditorio vel levi fatigatione taxaverant, perniciolus fuit. Ob quæ omnibus hominibus invitus, non multo post pænas dedit. Nam de Perfide victa exercitus rediens, cum Carum Augustum fulmine, Numerianum Cælarem infidiis perdidiffet, Diocletianum Imperatorem creavit, Dalmaria oriundum, virum obscuriffime natum, adeo ut a plerifque fcribæ filius, a nonnullis Anulini Senatoris libertinus fuiffe credatur.

20. Is prima militum concione juravit, Numerianom nullo suo dolo interfectum: & com juxta eum 
Aper, qui Numeriano insidias fecerar, constitusset, in 
conspectu exercitus manu 
Diocletiani gladio percussus 
est. Postea Carinum, omni 
odio & detestatione viventem apud Margum ingenti 
prælio vicit, proditum ab 
exercitu suo, quem fortiorem habebat, certe deser-

going against the Parthians, had left in Illyricum, Gaul, and Italy, debased himself by all manner of abominations; put to death a great many innocent persons upon forged accusations; debauched several noblemen's wives. He was likewife the ruin of feveral of his quondam schoolfellows. who at school had provoked him by any flight banter: for which being odious to all men. not long after he met with deferved punishment. For the army returning from the conquest of Persia, having lost their Emperor Carus by thunder, and Cefar Numerian by a plot, made Diocletian Emperor, a native of Dalmatia, obscurely descended, so that he is believed by most to have been the fon of a fecretary, and by some a freed man of Anulius the Senator.

20. In the first assembly of the army, he swore that Numerian was not slain by any contrivance of his; and as Aper who had formed the plot against. Numerian stoodby, he was killed with a sword by the hand of Diocletian, in the sight of the army. Afterwards he defeated in a great battle Carinus, living under the utmost hatred and detestation, at Margum, betrayed by his army, which he had stronger than that of his

tum inter Viminatim atque Aureum montem. Ita rerum Romanarum potitus, cum tumultum rufticani in Gallia concitaffent, & factioni fuæ Bagudarum imponerent, duces nomen haberent Amandum & Ælianum, ab subigendos eos Herculium Maximianum Cæfarem mifit, qui levibus præliis agreftes domuit, & partem Galliæ reformavit.

26. Post hæc tempora etiam Caraulius, qui viliffi. me natus, in strenue militiæ ordine famam egregiam fuerat confecutus, cum apuel Bononiam per tractum Belgiæ & Armoricæ pacandum mare accepilles, quod Franci & Saxones infestabant, multis Barbaris fæpe captis, nec præda integra aut provincialibus reddita, aut Imperatoribus miffa, cum fulpicio elle cœpiffet consulto ab co admitti Barbaros, ut transeuntes cum præda exciperet, atq; hac fe occasione diraret, a Maximiano justus occidi, purpuram fumpht, & Britannias occupavit.

enemy, however deferted by them between Viminatium and mount Aureus. Being thus mafter of the Roman empire, the pealants in Gaul having made an infurrection, and given the name of Bagude to their faction, and having for their leaders Amandus and Elian, he fent Maximianus Herculius Cafar to reduce them, who subdued the rusticks by some slight battles, and brought a part of Gaul into order again.

21. After these times Caraufius too, who tho' meanly born, had got a mighty name in a confiderable post in the army, having at \* Bononia received a commission to keep all quiet at. fea, along the coast of + Belgica and Armorica, which the &Franks and Saxons infefted, having often taken many of the Barbarians, but not returning the booty entire to the provincials, nor fending it to the Emperors, when there began to be a suspicion entertained of him that the Barbarians were purposely suffered to come there by him, that he might fnap them, as they passed with their booty. and might by that convenience enrich himself, being ordered by Maximian to be Jlain, he took the fearlet, and feized on Britain.

<sup>.</sup> A town of Gallia Cispadana, not far from the Po.

Belgica was that part of Gaul which lay betwise the Rhine, the Seine, and the ocean, and Armorica that part of Gaul which is now called Britany.

<sup>6</sup> The Franks and Saxons were both nations of Germany.

22. Ita cum per omnem orbem terrarum res turbatæ effent, & Caraufius in Brirannis rebellaret : Achilleus in Ægypto, Africam Quinquegentiani infestarent, Narteus Orienti bellum inferret; Diocletianus Maximianum Herculium ex Cæfare fecit Augustum, Constantium & Maximianum Cæfares, quorum Constantius per filiam nepos Claudii traditur; Maximianus Galerius in Dacia haud longe Sardica Atque ut eos etiam natus. affinitate conjungeret, Constantius privignam Herculii Theodoram accepit, ex qua postea sex liberos Constantini fratres habuit: Galerius filiam Diocletiani Valeriam: ambo uxores, quas habuerant, repudiare compulfi. Cum Caraufio tamen, cum bella frustra tentata effent contra virum rei militaris peritiffimum, ad proffremum pax convenit. Eum post septennium Alectus focius ejus occidit, atque iple post eum Britannias triennio tenuit : qui ductu Asclepiodati Prætecti Pratorii est oppressus

23. Thus whilft matters were in great disorder throughout the whole world, and Caraufius was raising a war in Britain; Achilleus in Egypt, the "Quinquegentians harraffed Africa, Narseus+ made war upon the East, Diocletian made Maximianus Herculius of Cafar Emperor, Constantius and Maximianus Cafars, of which Constantius is said to have been the grandfon of Claudius by a daughter; Maximianus Galerius to have been born in Dacia, not far from Sardica. And that he might join them by affinity too, Constantius took to wife Theodora the Step-daughter of Herculius, by whom he had afterwards fix children, the brothers of Constantine; Galerius took in marriage Valeria the daughter of Diocletian; they were both obliged to divorce the wives they had before. However at last, fince war was in vain attempted against a man perfectly skilled in the military art, a peace was agreed upon Alettus, a with Caraufius. companion of his, killed him seven years after, and himself kept possession of Britain three years after him, who was sup-

<sup>.</sup> These were the Inhabitants of Pentapolis on the West of Egypt.

<sup>†</sup> A King of Armenia.
§ He was the grandfon of the Emperor Claudius's brother Crifpus by a daughter.

Ita Britanniæ decimo anno receptæ.

23. Per idem tempus a Constantio Cæsare in Galli pugnatum est, circa Lingones: die una adversam & fecundam fortunam expertus est: nam cum, repente Barbaris ingruentibus, intra civitatem effet coactus tam præcipiti necessitate, ut claufis portis in murum funibus tolleretur; vix quinque horis mediis adventante exercitu, lx. fere millia Alamannorum cecidit. Maximianus quoque Augustus bellum in Africa profligavit, domitis Quinquegentianis, & ad pacem redactis-Diocletianus obiessum Alexandriæ Achilleum viii. fere mense superavit, eumque interfecit; victoria acerbe usus est, totum Ægyprum gravibus proferiptionibus cædibulq; fædavit. Ea tamen occasione ordinavit provide multa, & difpoluit, quæ ad nostram ætatem manent.

24. Galerius Maximianus primo advertum prælium exin fecundum habuit, inter Callinicum Carrafque congressus, cum inconsulte magis quam ignave dimicalfet; admodum enim parpreffed by the conduct of Afelepiodatus, captain of the guards. Thus after ten years Britain was recovered.

23. About the same time, a battle was fought in Goul, by Constantius Casar, in the country of the Lingones: he met both with good and ill fortune in one day; for when, upon the Barbarians coming upon him of a suaden, he was driven within the city by fuch. a hasty necessity, that the gates being shut, he was lift upon the wall by ropes; fearce five hours intervening, his army coming up, he cut off almost fixty thousand of the Almanni. The Emperor Maximianzs too made an end of the war in Africa, by conquering the Quinquegentians, and obliging them to be quiet. Diocletian reduced Achilleus behered at Alexandria in about eight months, and flow him: he used his victory cruelly, and harrassed all Expot with horrid proscriptions and maffacres. Yet upon that occasion he regulated and fettled many things prudently, which continue to our times.

Galerius Maximianus had first an unfortunate battle, afterwards a fuccefsful one; engaging the enemy betwist Callinicum and Care, having fought inconsiderately rather than with want of courage; for

va manu cum copiolifilmo hofte commific. Pulsus igitur, & ad Diocletianum profectus, cum ei in itinere occurriffet, tanta infolentia fertur a Diocletiano exceptus, ut per aliquot passuum millia purpuratus tradatur ad vehiculum cucurriffe.

25. Mox tamen per Illy-· ricum Mæliamo; contractis copiis, rurlus cum Narlea Ormildæ & Saporis avo, in Armenia Majore pugnavit fuccessu ingenti, nec minore confilio, fimulque fortitudine, quippe qui etiam ipeculatoris munus cum altero ac tertio equite fulceperit. Pulfo Narieo, caltra ejus diripuit; uxores, lorores, liberos fuscepit; infinitam extriniecus Perlarum nobilitatem, gazam Perficam copioliffimam, ipfum in ultimas regni folitudines coegit; quare a Diocletiano, ın Melopotamia cum prælidus tum morante, ovans regreffus, ingenti honore fusceptus est. Varia deinceps & fimul & viritim bella gesserunt: Carpis & Batternis Iubactis, Sarmatis victis; quarum nationum ingentes capti-

with a small army he engaged with a very numerous enemy. Wherefore being beat, going to Diocletian, having met him upon the road, he is faid to have been received by Diochtian with so much insolence, that he is recorded to have run by his chariot for several miles in his

Scarlet robes.

25. However foon after, having got together some troops in Illyricum and Mæsia, he fought again with Narfeus, the grandfather of Ormifans and Sapor, in the greater Armenia, with vast success, and no less conduct and courage too, as who with another horseman or two undertook the office of a fpy. After he had beat Narfeus, he plundered his camp, got his wives, fifters, and children, and an infinite number of the nability\* besides, great plenty of the Perfian treasure, and forced the King into the furthest desarts of his kingdom. Wherefore upon his returning in triumph, he was received with great honour by Diocletian Staying at that time in Mesopoiamia with some troops. After that they carried on several wars both together and apart; the + Carpians and the Basternians being subdued, and the Sarmatians conquered;

† These were all nations of Scythin,

<sup>&</sup>quot; Entropius here uses the word extrinscess barbarously, according to the custom of that age, in the sense I have rendered it.

vorum copias in Romanis of which nation they fettled finibus locaverunt.

26. Diocletianus moratus callide fuit, fagax præterea, & admodum lubtilis ingenio, & qui leveritatem fuam aliena invidia vellet explere : diligentiffimus tamen & folertiffimus princeps; & qui in Imperio Romano primus regiæ confuetudinis formam magis quam Romanæ libertatis invexit; odorarique le justit, cum ante eum cuncti falutarentur: ornamenta gemmarum veftibus calceamentifg; indidit, Nam prius imperii infigne in chlamyde purpurea tantum erat : reliqua communia.

27. Herculius autem, propalam ferus, & incivilis ingenii, afperitatem fuam et am vultus horrore fignificans: hic naturæ fuæ indulgens, Diocletiano in omnibus est severioribus confilis obsecutus. Cum tamen ingravelcente avo, parum le idoneum Diocletianus moderando imperio esse sentiret, auctor Herculion fuit, ut in privatam vitam concederent, & stationem tuendæ reipublicæ

great numbers of prijoners within the Roman confines.

26. Diocletian was a cumningly behaved man, fagacious too, and very fubtle witted, and who fought to gratify his own cruelty at the adium of another; however, he was a very induftrious and dextrous prince, and who first brought into the Roman Empire the manner of Regal custom, rather than Roman liberty; and ordered himself to be adored, whereas all the Emperors before him were saluted only: he put ornaments of jewels in his cloaths and shoes: for the badge of the Imperial dignity before was only in the scarlet robe; the other things were common.

27. But Herculius was openly cruel, and of an immoderate temper, discovering his roughness by the terror of his counter nance: he indulging his natural temper, complied with Diocletian in all his cruel counsels. However, when Diocletian, his age bearing heavily upon him, found himself but little fit for governing the Empire, he advised Herculius, that they should retire to a private life, and deliver up the post of defending the Empire to men more vigorous

<sup>\*</sup> Our author talks weakly here, as the' there was any Thing like liberty amongst the Romans under the Empeters: the whole tenour of the history fufficiently shews the contrary.

viridioribus junioribusque mandarent: cui ægre collega obtemperavit; tamen uterque una die privato habitu, imperit infigne mutavit; Nicomediæ Diocletianus, Herculius Mediolani; post triumphum inclytum quem Romæ ex numerosis gentibus egerunt pompa ferculorum illustri, qua Narsei conjuges sororesque & liberi ante currum ducti sunt. Concesserunt autem Salonas unus, alter in Lucaniam.

28. Diocletianus privatus in villa, que haud procul a Salonis est, præclaro otio senuit; inustrata virtute usus; ut solus omnium post conditum Romanum Imperium, ex tanto fastigio sponte ad privatæ vitæstatum civilitatemq; remearet. Contigit igitur ei quod nulli post natos homines, ut cum privatus obiisset, inter Divos tamen referretur.

and youthful; whom his colleague with much ado obeyed: both of them in one day changed the badge of the Imperial dignity for a private habit; Diocletian at Nicomedia, and Herculius at Mediclanum; after a noble triumph which both of them had at Rome over-numerous nations with a splendid pomp of + ferculums, in which Narfeus's wives, sisters, and children, were led before their chariot. They retired one to Salona, and the other into Lüçania.

28. Diocletian grew old a privale person, in glorious tranquility, in a country-house, which is not far from Salonæ; . having shewn an uncommon virtue, § that he alone of all men fince the founding of the Roman empire, returned from so great a dignity to the condition of a private life, and an equality with the other citizens. That happened therefore to him, which happened to no one fince men were first produced, that the he died a private man, yet he was placed amongst the Gods."

Nicomedia was a city of Affa Minor in Bithyma. .

† These were conveniencies made for carrying pictures, statues, &c. taken in war, in their triumphs, exposed to the view of the people.

6 This is a mistake: Sylla had done the fame before in laying down the Dictatorship, which had been given him for life.



### EUTROPII

## BREVARIUM

# ·HISTORIÆ ROMANÆ

#### LIBER X.

Galerius Augusti creati funt divisusque inter eos Romanus orbis, ut Galliam, Italiam, Africam Constantius: Illyricum, Afiam, Orientem Galerius obtineret: fumptis duobus Cæfaribus. Constantius tamen, contentus dignitate Augusti, Italiæ atq: Africæ administrandæ folicitudinem recufavit; vir egregius & præstantissimæ civilitatis: divinis provincialium ac privanorum studiis, fifci commoda non admodum affectans: ducensque melius, publicas opes a

III S igitur abeuntibus, Hese gentlemen therefore ad administrationem. retiring to a private life, respublicæ Conftantius & Conftantius and Galerius were made Emperor for the administration of the government, and the Roman empire was divided betwixt them, fothat Constantius had Gaul, Italy, and Africa; Galerius held Illyricum, Afia, and the East; two Cafars being taken in. But Constantius being content with the dignity of being Emperor, refused the trouble of governing Italy and Africa; an excellent man, and of extraordinary moderation, bleffed with the wonderful affection of the provincials and subjett not much regarding the improvement of his exchequer, and pri-

privatis haberi, quam intra unum claustrum reservari : adeo autem cultus modici, ur letiatis diebus, fi cum amicis numerofforibus effet epulandum, privatorum eis argento offiatim petito triclinia fternerentur. non modo amabilis, fed etiam Menerabilis Gallis fuit, prækipue quod Diocletiani fulpectam prudentiam, & Maximiani languinariam temeritatem imperio ejus evalerant. Obiit in Britanmia, Eboraci, principatus anno tertio decimo, atque inter Divos relatus eft.

2. Galerius, vir & probe moratus, & egregis in re militari, eum Italiam quoque, finente Conftantio, administrationi iuæ acceffisse fentiret, Cæsares duos creavit. Verum Constantio mortuo, Constantius, ex ebicuriore marrimonio ejus fillus, in Britannia creatus est Imperator, & in locum patris exopratissimus mode-

thinking it better that the publick wealth should be possessed by private persons, than reserved in one treajury : a man of fuch moderate accommodations, that upon holy days, if he was to feast with a good number of his friends, his dining-rooms were furnished with the plate of his Subjects, ferched from their houses. He was not only amiable but venerable to the Gauls. especially because they had escaped the suspicious prudence of Diocletian, and the bloody rashness of Maximian, under his government. He died in Britain, at York, in the 12th year of his reign, and was ranked amongst the Divi. ..

2. Galerius, both a well beliqued man, and excellent in
the military art, when he found
that Italy too, by Constantius's
permission, was added to his administration, made two Cæsars.
But Constantius being dead,
Constantiue, his son by a swife
of obscure birth, was made Emperor in Britain, and succeeded
as ‡a most defirable governor
in the room of his father, At

\* He reigned as Emperor but little above two years, but from the time of his being made C far were 15 years.

G Her name was Helena; the was only a concubine of Constantius's,

to that Constantine is to be ranked among the number of bastards.

p Our author might with more truth have faid but indifferent, as appers softiciently from his own account of him in the following chapters, as were as from other authors, particularly Zosimus. He was the first Christian Emperor, but his character did no great credit to the Christian cause, any more than that of our Harry the VIIIth, to the Reformation.

rator accessit. Romae interea Prætoriani, excitato tumultu. Maxentium Herculii filium, qui haud procul ab urbe in villa publica morabatur, Augustum nuncupaverunt; quo nuncio Maximianus Herculius ad spem erectus resumendi fastigii, quod invitus amiferat, Romam adolavit e Lucania quam fedem privatus elegerat, in agris amounissimis confenescens: Diocletianumque per litteras adhortatus eft, ut depositam refumeret potestatem quas ille irritas habuit : fed adverfum motum Prætorianorum atque Maxentii Severus Cæfar Romam milius a Galetio, cum exercitu venit; oblidenique urbem militum fuorum fcelere delerrus ett.

3. Auctæ Maxentio opes confirmatumque imperium. Severus fugiens, Ravennæ interfectus eft. Herculius tamen Maximianus, post hæc in concione exercitus filium Maxentium denudare conatus, feditionem & convicia militum tulit. Inde ad Gallias profectus eft, dolo composito tanquam a filio effet expulsus, ut Constanti-

Rome in the mean time, the guards, raising a sumuit, declared Maxentius the fon of Herculius, who lived then in the public Villa not far from the city, Emperor. Upon which news Maximianus Herculius being rouzed to the hopes of re-Suming the dignity, which he had unwillingly parted with, came immediately to Rome out of Lucania; which, when become a private person, he had chose for the place of his abade, growing old in a most pleasant country; and he advised Diocletian by letters to resume the authority he had laid down, which he flighted; but Severus Cafar being fent to Rome against this rising of the guards, and Maxentius by Gelerius, came thither with an army, and besieging the city, was deferted by the villainy of his oven foldiers.

3. Maxentius's power was now increased, and his government fixed. Severus slying for it, t was stain at Ravenna. Yet Herculius Maximianus, after this endeavouring to depose Maxentius his son in an assembly of the army, met with a mutiny and ill language from the soldiers. From thence he went to Gaul upon a seigned pretence, as if he had been forced away

1 Others fay he was flain at Rome. See Victor and Zofimus.

This was a house built in the Campus Martius, for the chiertainment of embassadors from foreign nations.

no genero jungeretur: moliens tamen Constantinum, reperta occasione interficere, qui in Gallis, & militum & provincialium ingenti jam favore regnabat, cæfis Francis atque Alamannis, captilque eorum regibus; quos etiam bestiis, cum magnificum fpectaculum muneris paraffet, objecit. Detectis igitur infidiis per Faultam filiam quæ dolum viro enunciaverat, profugit Herculius Massiliam, ibiq; oppressus: ex ea etenim navigare ad filium præparabat: pænas dedit justissimo exitu; vir ad omnem afperitatem fævitiamo; proclivus, infidus, incommodus, civilitatis pe- e nitus expers.

4. Per hoc tempus Licinius a Galerio Imperator ett factus, Dacia oriundus, notus ei antiqua confuetidine, & in bello, quod adversus Narseum gesserat, strenuis laboribus & officiis acceptus: mors Gallerii confestim secuta est. Respublica tum

by his fon, that he might join his fon-in-law. Yet endeavouring to take off Constantine, having found his opportunity as he thought, who reigned in Gaut with great favour both of the foldiers and provincials, having overthrown the Franks and Alumans; and taken their Kings, "whom he likewise exposed to wild beafts, upon his exhibiting a noble entertainment of public games. Wherefore the plot being discovered by his daughter Fausta, who made known the contrivance to her husband, Herculius fled to Massilia, and was there put to death: for he designed to sail from thence to his fon. He was punished with a most just death: a man inclinable to all manner or cruelty and severity, faithless, vexations and quite void of all moderation.

4. About this time Licinius was made Emperor by Galerius, a native of Dacia, known to him by an old friendship, and agreeable for his vigorous efforts and services in the war which he had carried on against Narfeus. The death of Galerius immediately followed. The

<sup>\*</sup> This, if true, (afficiently betrays the humanity of Constantine: he was not as yet indeed a christian: but the thing is so barbarous and hrutish, and contrary to the custom of the Romans, that I know not how to credit allutropius therein. They did indeed sometimes put their captives to death, even Princes; but I remember no instance of this savage nature, even in the reigns of the most cruel Emperors.

ab his quatuor Imperatoribus tenebatur, Constantino & Maxentio, filiis Augustorum, Licinio & Maximino novis hominibus. Quinto tamen Constantinus impern fui anno, bellum adverfum Maxentium civile commovit, copias ejus multis præliis fudit, ipfum postremo Romæ adverfus nobiles omnibus exitiis fevientem, apud pontemMilvium vicit, Italiaque est potitus. Non ulto post deinceps in riente quoque adverfus Licingum Maximinus res novus molitus, vicinum exitium fortuita apud Tarium morte prævenit.

5. Constantinus tamen, vir ingens, & omnia efficere' nitens quæ animo præparaffet, fimul principatum totius orbis affectans, Licinio bellum intulit; quamvis necessitudo illi & affinitas cum eo effet, nam foror ejus Constantia nupta Licinio erat; ac primo eum in Pannonia, lecundo ingenti apperatu bellum apud Cibalas instruentem, repentinus oppressit: omnique Dardania, Mœfia, Macedonia potitus, . numerolas provincias occupavit.

The Empire then possessed by. these four Emperors, Constantine and Maxentius, sons of Emperors, Licinius and Maximinus, upstart gentlemen. Constantine, in the fifth year of his reign, raifed a civil war against Maxentius, routed his forces in many battles, and defeated himself at last, raging against the nobles at Rome, in all the methods of destruction, at the Milvian bridge, and carried Italy. Then not long after, Maximinus attempted a war against Licinius in the East, but prevented his approaching destruction by an accidental death at " Tarfus.

5. However Constantine being a great man, and endeavouring to effect all things which he had proposed in his mind, at the same time aspiring to the Empire of the whole world, made war upon Licinius, altho he had an alliance and affinity with him, for his sister Constantia was married to Licinius; and he suddenly reduced him at first in Pannonia, a second time carrying on the war with wast preparations, at Cibale; and making himfelf mafter of all Dardania, Masia, and Macedonia, he ferzed likewise upon several other provinces.

The capital city of Cilicia, the birth-place of St. Paul.

6. Varia

6. Varia deinceps inter eos bella, & pax reconciliata ruptaque est: postremo Licinius navali & terrestri prælio victus apud Nicomediam, se siedidit, & contra religionem facramenti Theflalonicæ privatus occilus. Eo tempore res Romana fub uno Augusto & tribus Cæfaribus, quod nunquam alias fuit; cum liberi Conftantini Galliae, Orienti, Italiæque præessent. Verum insolentia rerum secundarum aliquantum Constantinum ex illa favorabili animi docilitate mutavit. Primum necessitudines perfecutus, egregium virum, & fororis filium commodæ indolis juvenem interficit, mox uxorem, post numeroios amicos.

7. Vir primo imperii tempore optimis principibus, ultimo mediis comparandus, Innumeræ in eo animi corporifque virtutes claruerunt; militaris gloriæ appetentissimus, fortuna in bellis prospera tuit; verum ita, ut non superaret industriam. Nam etiam Gothos post civile bellum varie prosligavit, pace eis ad postremum data; ingentemq;

6. After that there were various battles between them, and a peace made and broken again: at last Licinius being conquered in a battle both by fea and land, at Nicomedia, furrendered himself, and, contrary to the obligation of the oath, was slain, now stript of his imperial dignity, at Theffalonica. At that time the Roman state was under one Augustus und three Casars, which never had been before; whilft the fons of Constantine governed Gaul, the East, and Italy. But the insolence of profperity drew Contiantine a little from that amiable \* cafiness of mind. First falling upon his relations, he put to death that excellent person, and his fifter's Son, a youth of a civil disposition, foon after his wife, and many of his friends.

7. He was a man to be compared to the best of Princes, in the beginning of his reign, but to indifferent ones in the latter end of it. Innumerable excellencies of mind and body shone out in him; he was most greedy of military glory, and had good fortune in his wars; but so that it did not exceed his activity. For after the civil war he overthrew the Goths too several times, granting them a

<sup>\*</sup> Eutropius uses the word docilitas here in a sense it never has in any good author.

apud barbaros gentes memoriam gratiæ collocavit. Civilibus artibus & liberalibus studiis deditus; affectator justi amoris, quem omnino sibi & liberalitate & docilitate quæsivit; sicut in nonnullos amicos dubius, ita in reliquos egregius: nihil ogcasionum prætermittens, quo opulentiores eos clarioresque præstaret.

8, Multas leges rogavit; quasdam ex bono & æquo, plerasque superfluas, nonnullas feveras; primulque urbem nominis fui ad tantum fastigium evehere molithe eft, ut Romæ æmulam faceret. Bellum adverfum Parthos moliens, qui jam Melopotamiam fatigabant, uno & trigelimo anno imperii, a tatis fexto & fexagelimo, Nicomedia in Villa publica obiit. Denuntiata morte ejus etiam per crinitam stellam, que inufitatæ magnitudinis · aliquamdiu fulfit; eam Græci Cometen vocant; atque inter Divos meruit referri.

peace at last; and fixed in the barbarous nations a strong remembrance of his kindness. He was given to the arts of peace, and the liberal studies; an afsector of a just love, which he did indeed procure to himself, both by his bounty and gentleness; as he was somewhat unaccountable in his carriage to some of his friends, so was he exceedingly good towards the rest; letting slip no opportunities, whereby he might render them more rich and famous.

8. He enacted many laws; some agreeable to goodness and equity, but most of them superfluous, and fome fevere ones; and first attempted to raise the city of his own name to so great cheight, that he made it a rival to Rome. As he was attempting a war against the Parthians, who now harraffed Mesoposamia, he died in a public Villa of Nicomedia, in the 31st year of his reign, and the 66th year of his age. His death was foretold by a haired ftar, which being of an unufual bigness, Shone for some time. The Greeks call it Comercs and he deferved to be enrolled among ft the Gods.

It is plain by our author's way of using the word mernit upon other occasions, he here means to say, that Constantine was actually enrolled among the Divi or Demi-gods, which sure cannot be true, and therefore this plain by that, our Eutropius was no Christian, since he so little understood the religion, as to think it consistent therewith to deify dead men.

o, Succeffores filios tres Verum Dalmatius prosperrima indole, . Cælar patruo abfimilis. haud multo post oppressus est factione militari, & Conftantio patruele suo finente potius quam jubente. Constantinum porro, fratri hellum inferentem, & apud Aquileiam inconfultius præduces interemerunt; ita respublica ad duos Auguflos redacta. Constantis imperium ffrenuum aliquamdiu & justum fuit; mox cum & valetudine vioribus uteretur, ad gravia lerabilis provincialibus, militibus injucundus effet, factione Magnentii occifus eff. Obiit autem non longe ab Hispaniis, in castro cui Helenæ nomen eft, anno imperii xvii. ætatis trigelimo : rebus tamen plurimis ffrenue militia gestis, exercituique per omne vitæ tempus fine gravi crudeditate terribilis.

10. Diversa Constantii fortuna fuit; a Perfis enim multa & gravia perpeffus, urbibus, cælis exercitibus,

o. He left three fons his fuereliquit, atque unum fratris ceffors, and one his brother's fon. But Dalmatius Cafar, a man of a happy genius, and not unlike his uncle, was not long after taken off by a faction of the Soldiers, and Constantius his cousin suffering it, rather than commanding it. The generals of Constans slew Constantine too, making war upon his brother, and unadvisedly atlium aggressum, Constantis tempting a battle at Aquileia; thus the government was reduced to two Emperors. The government of Constans was active and just for some time; soon after as he had but indifferent health, and bad friends, improspera, & amicis pra- falling off to great vices, tohen he was now intolerable to the vitia conversus, cum into- provincials, and unacceptalie to the foldiers, he was flain by a faction of Magnentius. He died not far from Spain in a castle, the name of which was Helen, in the 17th year of his reign, and the 30th of his age; yet after he had performed very many things gallantly in the war, and had been terrible to his army, through the whole time of his life, without any great cruelty.

10. The fortune of Constantius was different, for he suffered many and greevous things from fase captis oppidis, obsessis the Persians, his towns being often taken, his cities besieged, his nullumque ei contra Sa- armies cut off, and he had not

porem prosperum prælium fuit; nifi quod apud Singaram haud dubiam victoriam ferocia militum amilit, qui pugnam feditiofe & ftolide contra rationem belli die jam præcipiti, popofcerunt. Post Constantis necem, Magnențio Italiam, Africam, Gallias obtinente; etiam Illyricum res novas habuit, Veteranione ad Imperium confensu' militum electo: quem grandævum jam. & cunctis amabilem diuturnitare & felicitate militiæ, ad tuendum Illyricum Principein creaverunt: virum probum, & morum veterum, ac jucundæ civilitatis, fed omnium liberalium artium menta quidem prima litterarum, nifi grandævus, & jam Imperator, acceperit.

11. Sed a Constantio, qui ad ultionem fraternæ necis · bellum civile commoverar, abrogerum est Veteranioni imperium, qui novo inufitatoque more; confensu mili- unusual manner, was obliged

one successful battle against Sas por, but that at " Singara Ke loft an unquestionable victory. by the unreasonable keenness of his men, who seditiously and fochfuly called for battle, when the day was now almost spent, contrary to the way of war. After the death of Constans, Magnentius holding Italy, Africa and Gaul, Illyricum too had some fir in it, Veteranio being chosen by the consent of the foldiers to the empire; whom they made Emperor when now old, and amiable to all people, by reason of the long continuance and success of his service in the war, to defend Illyricum; being an honest man, and + of ancient morals, and coxpertem, adeo ut ne ele- agreeable moderation; but ignorant of all the liberal arts, so that he did not indeed learn the first elements of letters, 'till he was old, and now emperor.

11. But Veteranio's authority was taken from him by Constantius, who had raised a civil war to revenge his brother's death; who after a new and

· A Town upon the Tigris,

+ Of ancient morals, that is, of great integrity and goodness. This manner of expression seems to have proceeded from a humour, that has all along prevailed in the world, even from the days of Homer, of preferring the former times before the prefent: the reason of which is, that people are more minutely and fully acquainted with the vices and follies of their own times, and therefore conclude them worfe shan the Bregoing; whereas the Scripture informs us, that the most ancient f times, i. e. those before the flood, were the most wicked.

sum deponere infigne compulfus eft. Romæ quoque rumultus fuit, Nepotiano Constantini fororis filio per gladiatorium manum imperium invadente: qui fævis exordiis dignum exitum nactus est; vigesimo enim atque octavo die a Magnentianis ducibus opprellus, pænas dedit: caputque ejus pilo per urbem circumlarum est: gravissimæ proferiptiones & nobilium cædes fuerunt.

\* 12. Non multo post Magnentius apud Mursiam profligarus acie eft, ac pene captus: ingentes Romani imperit vires ea dimicatione confumptæfunt, ad quælibet bella externa idonere, quæ multum triumphorum poffent fecuritatifque conferre. Orienti mox a Constantio Cælar est datus patrui filius Gallus: Magnentiusque diverfis præliis victus vim vitæ fure apud Lugdunum attulit imperii anno tertio, menfe septimo: frater quoque ejus Senonis, quem ad tuendas Gallias Cælarem miferat.

13. Per hac tempora

by the confent of the soldiers to lay down the badge of his power. There was too a tumult at Rome, Nepotianus the son of Constantine's fifter, seizing the goverment by a body of gladiators; who met with an end answerable to his cruel beginning; for being reduced in the 28th day of his reign, by the commanders of Magnentius, he was punished; and his head being fixed upon a frart-lance, was carried about the city. There were most terrible proscriptions and maffacres of the nobles.

12. Not long after Magnensiuswas overthrown in a battle at +Mursia, and well nigh taken: a great many forces of the Roman empire were cut off in that egyagement, sufficient for any foreign wars, and which might have procured many triumphs. and much fecurity. §Soon after Gallus, his uncle's son, was appointed Cafar in the East by Constantius; and Magnentius being defeated in several battles, put an end to his own life at Lyons. in the 3d year and 7th month of his reign: as did his brother 100 at Senoni whom he had fent as Cæfar to defend Gaul.

Gallus Cafar, after he had

<sup>\*</sup> Tanaquil le Fevre is of opinion, that the word imperii after infigne has been omitted by the transcribers of books, which is not unlikely.

<sup>+</sup> A town of Illyricum upon the river Drave.

Ile had been conflicuted Casar before the death of Nepotian.

incivilibus gestis Gallus Cæfar occisus est: vir natura
ferus, & ad tyrannidem
pronior, si fuo jure imperare licuisset. Sylvanus quoq;
in Gallia res novas molitus,
ante diem trigesimum extinctus est.

14. Solus in imperio Romand eo tempore Constantius Princeps & Augustus fuit. Mox Wianum Cæfarem ad Gallis milit, patruelem luum, Galli fratrem, tradita ei in matrimonium forore; cum multa oppida Barbari expugnafient, alia obliderent, ubique fceda vaficas effet, Romanumque imperium non dubia jam Calamitate mutaret: a que modicis copiis apud Argentoratum Galliæ urbem ingentes Alamannorum copix extinctæ funt, rex nobiliffimus captus, Galliæ restitutie: multa postea per eundem Julianum egregie adverium Barbaros gefta funt; fummotique ultra Rhenum Germani, & finibus fuis Romanum imperium reftitutum.

15. Neque multo post, cum Germanici jam exercitus a Galliarum præsidio tollerentur, consensu milicum Julianus factus Augustus est: interjectoq; anno,

done many tyrannical alls, was put to death by Constantius: a man by nature cruel, and prone to tyranny, if he could have reigned in his own right. Sylvanus too in Gaul attempting a change of government, was taken off before the 30th day after.

14. Constantius was at that time the only Prince and Emperor in the Roman empire. Presently after he sent Julian as Cafar into Gaul, his confin Gallus's brother, giving him his fifter in marriage; when the Barbarians had now taken many towns, and were befreging others; and there was every where a woeful ravage made, and the Roman empire was tottering in visible distress: by whom, with a small army, vast forces of the Alamanni were cut off, near Strasbourg in Gaul, their most noble King taken, and Gaul recovered. Many things were afterwards excellently performed by the same Julian against the Barbarians, and the Germans driven beyond the Rhine, and the Roman empire restored to its former limits.

15. And not long after, when the German armies were now removing from the defence of Gaul, Julian was made Emperor by the confent of the foldiers, and a year after went Parthicis bellis occupato: itinere obiit, inter Ciliciam Cappadociamque, anno imperii octavo & xxx. ætatis quinto & xl. meruitque inter divos referri : vir egregiæ tranquillitatis, placidus, nimis amicis & familiaribus credens, mox etiam uxoribus dedicior: qui tamen primis imperii annis ingenti fe modestia egerit : familiarium etiam locupletator: neque inhonoros finens, quorum laboriola expertus fuiffet officia: ad feveritatem tamen propensior, si suspicio imperii moveretur: mitis alias, & cujus in civilibus magis quam in externis bellis fit laudanda fortuna.

quoque interfui.

Illyricum obtinendum to \* feize Illyricum, Conftanprofectus est, Constantio tius being busy in the Parthian wars; wellich things being quibus rebus cognitis, ad heard, wheeling off to this civil bellum civile conversus, in war, he died in his return, betwixt Cilicia and Cappadocia, in the 38th year of his reign, and the 45th of his age, and was deferving enough to be ranked among It the Gods: a man of extraordinary meekness, good-natured, frusting too much to his friends and familiars, and at last too much subjected to his wives; who however behaved with great moderation, in the first years of his reign: an enricher too of his friends, and not suffering any to go unrewarded, whose laborious food fervices he had known by expe-Kence; yet inclinable a little to severity, if the suspicion of a defign upon the empire was once raised in him; otherwise easy enough, and whose fortune is more to be commended in his civil, than foreign wars.

16. Hinc Julianus rerum 16. +After this, Julian enpotitus est, ingentique ap- joyed the government, and made paratu Parthis intulit bel- war upon the Parthians, with lum; cui expeditioni ego vast preparations; in which ex-Aliquot pedition I was likewise present.

This was a most base return made Constantius for his kindness to him : he had all along professed himself a Christian, but now discovered his former hypocrify, by again restoring the Pagan religion, and persecuting the Christian; for which he commonly goes by the Name of Julian the Apostare. He was a man of considerable parts, as app ars by his writings ftill extant.

oppida & castella Persarum in deditionem accepit, vel vi oppugnavit. Affyriamq; populatus, castra apud Ctefiphontem stativa aliquamdiu habuit: remeansque victor, dum fe inconfultius præliis inferit, hostili manu interfectus est, sexto Kalendas Julias, imperii anno septimo, ætatis altero & trigefimo; atq? inter Divos relatus est: vir egregius, & Rempublicam infigniter moderaturus, si per fata licuillet: liberalibus disciplifis apprime eruditus, Græcis doctior, atque adeo ut Latina eruditione nequaquam cum Græca scientia convenirer: facundia ingenti, promptæ memoriæ, & tenacissime: in quibusdam philosopho propior: in amicos liberalis : fed minus diligens quam tantum principem decuit: fuerunt enim nonnulli, qui vulnera gloria ejus/interrent: in provinciales justiffimus, & tributorum, quatenus ferri poffer, oppreffor: civilis in cunctos: mediocrem habens ærarn curam: gloriæ avidus, ac per eam animi plerumque immodici: ni-

He took some towns and castilis of the Perfians upon surrender, or carried them by force; and wasting Assyria, had for some time a standing camp at Ctesiphon; and returning thence victorious, whilf he rashly thrusts himself into a battle, was flain by the hand of the enemy, upon the 6th of the Calends of July, in the 7th year of his reign, and the 31st of his age, and was \* placed among ft the Gods: an excellent man, and one that would have governed the empire excellently, if he might, but for the fates; extremely well instructed in the liberal sciences, but more learned in the Greek tongue, and fo that he did not in his skill in the Latin equal his knowledge in the Greek; of great eloquence, of a quick and most tenacious memory; in some things more like a philosopher than a prince; liberal to his friends, but less careful in that matter than became so great a prince; for there were some that brought a blemish on his glory: most just towards the provincials, and a Suppressor of the taxes, as much as could be bore; moderate towards all; taking indifferent care of the treasury; greedy of

As our author was upon the spot, one would think he should know the truth in this matter; and yet it is hard to believe that Jovian, who proessed himself a Christian, could be guilty of such a scandalous, as well as a senseles abomination, so contrary to the whole tenour of his religion.

A as religionis Christianæ insectator, perusele tamen ut cruore abstineret. Marco Antonino non absimilis: quen etiam æmulari studebat.

17. Post hunc Jovianus. qui tune domettieus militabat, ad obtinendum imperium consensu exercitus. electus eft, commendatione patris quam fua militibus notion; qui jam turbatis rebus exercitu quoque mopia laborante, uno a Perfis atque altero prælio victus, pacem cum Sapore necessariam quidem, fed ignobilem fecit, mulctatis finibus, ac nonnulla imperii Romani tradita; quod ante eum annis mille centum & duobus de viginti fere, ex quo Romanum imperium conditum erat, nunquam accidit. Quinctiam legiones noftræ ira & apud Caudium per Pontium Telefinum, ita & in Hilpania apud Numanriam, & in Numidia fub jugum miliæ funt, ut mhil tamen hnium traderetur, Ea pacis conditio non penius reprehendenda forer, fi

glory, and for that for the most part of an immoderate inclination; toogreat a perfecutor of the Christian religion, yet so that he abstained from blood: not unlike Marcus Antoninus, whom also he made it his business to imitate.

17. After him Jovian, who then attended on him in the expedition, as chamberlain of the houshold, was elected by the confent of the army to hold the enpire, more known to the foldiers by the recommendation of his father, thanhis own; who, matters being now in confusion; and the army distressed with want; being defeated in one battle or two by the Persians, made a peace with Sapor, necessary indeasond & ignominious, being deprively Some territory; and some parts of the Roman impire were delivered, which before him had never happened, fincethe Roman empire was founded; for a thoufand one hundred and eighteen years. Moreower, our legion were fo made to pass under the voke, both at Caustium by Pontius Telefinus, and fo in Spain et Numantia, and in Numi dia; that, however, no part of the Roman territory was fur. rendered up. . \* That article 6)

Our author talks here, as your great politicians usually act, withou the least regard to honour and judice, but only to interest. There we this remarkable difference between the case of Jovian and the rest he all the set, that the Consuls, by whom the peace at Caudium, are, was made, a no power to conclude a peace, but Jovian had as much as to make we

jæderis necessitatem, cum megrum fuit, mutare voluiffer: ficut a Romanis omnibus his bellis, quæ commemoravi, factom est. Nam & Samnitibus, & Numantinis, & Numidis confestim hella illata funt: neque pax hta fuit. Sed dum æmum imperii veretur, intra richem relidens, gloria arum confuluit. Itaq; tter ngreffus, arque Illyricum betens, in Galatiæ finibus epenting more obiit: vir hast Cque iners neque imdrudins.

18. Multi exanimatum quantur nimia cruditate: co conandum enim epulis ndulserat : alii odore cubiali, quod, ex recenti tectoo calcis, grave quiescentios erat: quidam nimietate runarum, quas gravi frigoadolera multas jufferat. eceffic imperin menfe fepolmo, quato-d cimo Kalenes Martias : aetatis, ut qui urianum ac minimum trabing fertio & trigeffimo fino: ac benignitate Prinpum, qui ei fuccesserunt, ter Divos reletos eft. am & civilitati proprior, natura admodum liberalis ith Is status erat Romarei, Joviano eodem &

the peace was not to be absolute y condemn'd, if he would have fet, afide the obligation of the treaty, when it was in his power, as was done by the Romans in all those wars I have med .. zed .: for immediately war was made both upon the Samnites, and Numantines, and Numidians, nor was the peace confirmed. But whilft he fears a rival for the Empire, whilf he relided in the East, he but little confulted his own glory. Wherefore putting himself upon his march, and going for Illyricum, he died a fudden death, in the country of Galatia: a man otherwise neither inactive, nor wanting sense.

18. Many think he was taken off by an excellive crudity, for he had indulged himself in eating at Supper: Some by the smell of his chamber, which was dangerous to the lodgers, by reason of a fresh plaistering of lime : some think by too great a quantity of charcoal, which he had ordered to be burnt in great plenty, in a severe cold. He died in the 7th month of his reign, upon the 14th of the Calends of March, and the 33d year of his age; and, by favour of the Princes that succeeded him, was enrolled among it the Gods; for he was both inclinable to moderation, and by nature very generous. That was the condition of the Roman empire, when the same Y 2 VarVarroniano Consulibus, anno urbis conditæ millesimo centesimo & nono decimo. Quia autem ad inclytos Principes venerandosq; perventum est, interim operi modum dabimus. Nam reliqua stylo majore dicenda funt: quæ nunc non tam prætermittimus, quam ad majorem scribendi diligentiam reservamus.

fovian and Varronian wer Consuls, in the year from the building of the city \* one thous sand one hundred and ninetee +But because we are now conto famous and venerable Prince we shall here put an end to out work. For what follows murble related in a lostier style which we do not now so muromit, as reserve to a freated diligence in writing.

. One thousand one hundred and fixteen.

† The reader is not from hence to imagine that these famous and venerable Princes, as Eutropius calls them, were better that a gremany of the foregoing, or near so good as some of them. This is only piece of gross flattery; a tribute more or less paid to all Princes without distinction, and which with men of sense or consideration always stand for nothing. In the language of flatterers, the present Prince always exceeds all the foregoing just as much as, with respect to other men, if the vulgar estimation, former times were better than the present.



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