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THE  
MEDALLIC HISTORY  
OF

IMPERIAL ROME;

From the FIRST TRIUMVIRATE,  
UNDER POMPEY, CRASSUS, AND CÆSAR,

To the Removal of the IMPERIAL SEAT,  
BY CONSTANTINE THE GREAT.

WITH THE  
SEVERAL MEDALS AND COINS,  
ACCURATELY COPIED AND CURIOUSLY ENGRAVEN.

To which is prefixed, an INTRODUCTION, containing  
A GENERAL HISTORY OF ROMAN MEDALS.

IN TWO VOLUMES. — VOL. I.

By WILLIAM COOKE, M.A.

Vicar of Enford in Wiltshire, and Rector of Oldbury and Didmarton, in Gloucestershire.



Royal  
Astronomical  
Society.

The Medal, faithful to its Charge of Fame,  
Through Climes and Ages bears each Form and Name;  
In one short View subjected to our Eye  
Gods, Emperors, Heroes, Sages, Beauties lie.  
Again ROME's Glories shine,  
Her Gods and godlike Heroes rise to View,  
And all her faded Garlands bloom anew.  
Nor blush these Studies thy Regard engage,  
These pleas'd the Fathers of Poetic Rage:  
The Verse and Sculpture bore an equal Part,  
And Art reflected Images to Art.

POPE.

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A GENERAL HISTORY OF ROMAN MEDALS

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HENRY DUKE OF BEAUFORT.



MY LORD,

COINS and Medals, considered only  
as Pieces of Antiquity, are the pleas-  
ing Amusements of the Curious; but when  
properly and in due Course applied, and  
made the constituent Parts of History, they  
become valuable Acquisitions to the Learned  
and Ingenious. For such Persons look for  
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who search for Gems, dig deep, and spend but little Time upon the Surface. These are the necessary and infallible Evidences of Historic Truth, explaining and clearing the several Parts of it with equal Delight and Profit; and which, neither the Rage of Gothic Barbarity, nor the Ignorance of the dark Ages that succeeded, have been able to deprive us of. But of all Antiquities of this Sort, those of ROME, and of the higher Empire especially, are most interesting. Our Affection or Veneration for these precious Remains, therefore, does not arise so much from their Antiquity, and the great Names which they preserve (many of which had else been buried in Oblivion) as from the extraordinary Symbols impressed, and the illustrious Actions recorded on them. Thus on some, which were struck in Honour of the first Imperial CÆSAR, we see the PERPETUAL DICTATURE, which proved so fatal to him; and, on those of MARCUS BRUTUS, the



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the *two Daggers* of himself and CASSIUS, with the *Cap* of Liberty, vainly supposed to be then restored, and the *Ides of March* which the same CÆSAR had been cautioned to beware of: on others, again, the vindictive spirit of the second TRIUMVIRATE, in their *Reverses* of the MARS ULTOR; and their subsequent Partition of the *Roman Empire*, elegantly represented by Emblems on their respective Coins: on others, the strong Passion of the devoted ANTONY, for his enchanting CLEOPATRA: on others, the heroic Bravery of TRAJAN, lifting from the Shallows the stranded Ship of State: and on others, the unwearied HADRIAN, honouring with his Presence and Munificence the several Provinces of his wide Dominion. He, who is not taken with these Delicacies, with which History, Antiquity, and true Literature, are so intimately connected, is lost to every genteel Study, and all Sensibility of Taste.

Who is there then so unreflecting as  
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not to admire the Felicity of that City, which, with her Arms, made a Passage throughout the Nations (for the most Part barbarous and uncivil) for the Introduction of Arts and Commerce, of Learning, Elegance, and Politeness, and, by Divine Providence, of Christianity itself; by the Currency of her Coins and Language uniting the most distant Parts of her extensive Empire? For both these were rendered common, by the Settlement of Colonies in all the conquered Countries, and their Inter-marriage with the Natives. For there is but this one Point which can keep any People long distinct, and divided from the Inhabitants with whom they sojourn, namely, the Prohibition of all conjugal Intercourse with them; which is the Case of the *Jews* at present.

The Progress of these Arms and Arts, during this interesting Period, is represented, in the following Sheets, in a Manner which can hardly fail of making very permanent



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manent Impressions, and thence of being particularly useful. For the Nature of Men and Things is so much the same in every Age, that the Experience of the past may well direct the Counsels of the present. Such at least was the Aim and Intent of the arduous Undertaking now with all Humility offered to your Grace; in whom Learning, and the liberal Arts, rejoice to have found a distinguishing Judge and ready Patron; true Religion, a strenuous Assertor; and your Country, a steady Friend. When to these Considerations are added the Author's personal Obligations to your Grace, and your illustrious House, (which no Time can efface, nor Terms of Language sufficiently acknowledge) the Propriety of this Address will appear unquestionable. If then the Offering be not altogether worthy of your Grace, your Goodness will look benignly on that Zeal of Devotion with which it is made. It is yours to cherish these genteel and amiable Studies,

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amidst the general Call to Arms, equally zealous to adorn and to defend your Country. Yours, by assisting the Influence of a Great Example, to shew to a degenerate Age the real Worth of Continnence, Probity, and the social Duties, and that there is no Way to the Temple of HONOUR, but through that of VIRTUE.

For such Reasons these Volumes are, as the Author himself has long been, dedicated to your Grace. Happy! if he shall but entertain, where he cannot hope to inform, your Grace; and always happy in the Exercise of that grateful Duty, with which he is, and will be ever,

MY LORD,

Your Grace's most obliged,

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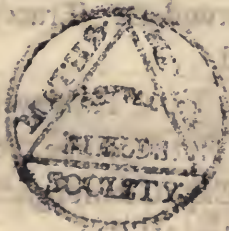
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## P R E F A C E.

*A Grievous Charge is brought against the Roman Historians, by one of their own Number \*, that the Veracity of not one of them is entirely to be depended upon. He instances in Livy, Sallust, Cornelius Tacitus, and Trogus, who are (says he) the admired Examples of Historic Eloquence. If this be well founded, what is to be done? Certainly the Concurrence of Testimonies, where it is to be had, and*

\* *Me contradicente, neminem Scriptorum, quantum ad Historiam pertinet; non aliquid esse mentitum; prodente quinetiam in quo Livius, in quo Sallustius, in quo Cornelius Tacitus, in quo denique Trogus, manifestis testibus convincerentur. Scribe ut libet, securus quod velis, dicas, habiturus Mendaciorum comites, quos historica Eloquentiæ miramur Auctores.*

*Vopiscus in Aureliano.*

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*the further Assistance of ancient Monuments, are absolutely necessary for the Confirmation and Establishment of the Facts of Roman History. This, therefore, which is now presented to the Public, is formed from a Review of all that the Ancients have transmitted to us upon the Subject: For which Reason, a particular Authority is rarely quoted, except where the Passage seemed to require it. And with respect to ancient Monuments, it was judged that Coins and Medals, consisting of the most durable Materials, were of all other the least liable to be corrupted by Time, as well as the most numerous and useful for the Purpose. He who has a Taste for polite Literature, and shall study the Roman History and Customs with this Advantage, will not only do it with infinite Pleasure, but will have it impressed upon the Memory in Characters never to be obliterated. In this Arrangement of Coins and Medals, it has been a principal Concern of the Author to guard against all Objections. Some of them, at the Time of their being stamped, under Emperors of the most infamous Characters, were made to serve the Purpose of gross Adulation, and are strong Arguments of the degenerate and servile Spirit of the Roman*

*Roman People. These were commonly called in and melted down on the Decease or Murder of the Tyrant, and the few that remain of this Kind are properly censured. At the same Time it cannot be denied, that many Frauds and Forgeries (of which more in the Introduction) have been discovered in this Branch of Antiquity. Wherever therefore the Mention of a Medal suspected, or which is judged liable to Suspicion, has occurred, the Reader is constantly apprized of it.*

*Through much Labour, and many Interruptions, by Sickness and Inquietude, this Work was nearly brought to the Form which it now wears, when a Complication of bodily Infirmities delayed its Introduction to the public Eye by the Death of its Author. The present Editor, to whom the Correction and Improvement of the Whole devolved, together with the Completion of the introductory Matter, left unfinished, esteems himself under the most pressing Call of offering, in a public Manner, his fullest Thanks for the generous Continuance and Increase of that Protection, which enabled his Father to encounter so expensive a Publication, and which will ever oblige him to cherish, with the warmest Gratitude, the dear Remembrance of so high an*



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*Honour and Confidence placed in him. At the same Time, he is too conscious of his own Inability, not to suppose that many Errors will be found in the Work, and throws himself on the Humanity of the candid Reader; who must be sensible, in a Publication of this Nature, that Misapplications are inevitable: such, he trusts, will not be imputed; but that a strenuous Endeavour to fulfil the Will of a departed Parent may and will be accepted as a reasonable Excuse for many, but involuntary, Failings, from him, who in every Circumstance of Life continues to lament*

——— Hic me, Pater Optime, fessum  
Deferis ———

Thame School,  
Oxfordshire,  
July 1781.

of about 1000 years ago, which is a very long time.

from a great many different sources, and is a very

(the whole of the collection is now in the hands of the

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opportunities of observing, and from the Medals and

Coins on which they were occasionally recorded.

**S**HOULD any of my Readers expect to see a new Collection of Coins in the following Work, they will find themselves disappointed. It is not an History of *Roman* Medals, but a Medallie History of *Rome* under the Emperors, during a Space of almost four hundred Years. No regular History of this most important Interval, on this Plan, has hitherto appeared; the short Account prefixed to the Coins of each Reign by *Patin*, and other Antiquarians, aiming at no such Denomination: nor is the greater Part of the Coins themselves, being *Greek*, adapted to this Purpose. With these Assistances only, this Undertaking had not been attempted. But it was the frequent Examination of that most princely and superb Collection, made by *THOMAS* Earl of *PEMBROKE* and *MONTGOMERY*, and published



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published about thirty Years ago (much to the Honour of that illustrious Family, being a most noble Instance of Beneficence to the learned World) which convinced the Author of the Practicableness of it.

The Particulars of the History were selected from the several *Greek* and *Roman* Authors, who have treated of the Affairs of the Commonwealth, carefully compared, as the Reader will have large Opportunities of observing, and from the Medals and Coins on which they were occasionally recorded: so that, generally speaking, they mutually confirm and illustrate each other. Yet in numerous Instances these last will be found to supply the Defects, as well as to correct the Mistakes, of the former, to clear their Obscurities, and ascertain the Reading of disputed Passages. And these are Authorities which will admit of little Controversy; the Authenticity of them being as well established as any Thing of the Kind can be. For the Collectors of them were Persons of such approved Name in Matters of Antiquity, of such large Experience, deep Observation, and accurate Judgment, as were little liable to Imposition.

But as the Author has made Use of some few of those Coins which are inserted in the *Fasti Consulares* of *Goltzius*, it behoves him to take Notice of

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an Objection made by *Patin*. That Antiquarian, in his Preface to the Coins of the *Roman Emperors*, declares, that he had been solicitous to decline the Assistance of others, who had offered him Copies of the Coins in their Possession, being determined to admit of none but what he had seen with his own Eyes, lest he should fall into the same Error with the celebrated *Goltzius*, who has filled up (says he) a third Part of his *Consular Fasti* with Copies of Coins, of which no Man ever saw the genuine Originals, or peradventure will see. His Reason for this Assertion appears in the Preface to his *Roman Families*, “*Nulla cujusquam unquam diligentia fieri potuit, ut vel dimidia pars tantæ congeriei emergeret;*” “that it was impossible for any Person’s Diligence to bring to light even the Moiety of so great a Collection.” This was very unadvisedly, however confidently, affirmed. There are (says our judicious Countryman Mr. *Obadiab Walker*) very many *Roman* Coins, generally supposed to be before *JULIUS CÆSAR*, at first collected by *Fulvius Ursinus*, in his excellent Work; who found no other Advantage, but by them to discover the *Roman Families*; and according to those Families he ranks them alphabetically, which is the Reason that they are called *Coins of the Families*. But *Goltzius* coming after, and thinking



this an inferior and Bye Intention, was ordered by his Patron, *Marc Laurinus*, to reduce them to Consuls, and so they come to be called *Consular Coins*. The Consular Coins of *Goltzius* therefore appear to have been chiefly copied from that very Collection of *Fulvius Ursinus*, which *Patin* was then republishing; to which, it may be, were added some others, which this Antiquarian, with all his own Diligence, which was very great, had never met with. And this indeed seems to have been the real Ground of the Objection. For if it regard the Number only, as he intimates, himself has published more; but if it have an Eye to the very distant Antiquity of them, we have little to do with it, as our Work commences where the Objection ends. But how effectually would this Objection to the *tanta congeries* of *Goltzius* have been silenced, had the Author of it been now living to behold the Copies of those in the Earl of PEMBROKE'S Collection, a considerable Part of which, it is evident from his Writings, that he had never seen? Thus it is too common, ungenerous as it is, for learned Men to depreciate, with little Reason, the Labours of those who have gone before them in the same Track. However, on this Account, we have had Recourse to the *Fasti* but very sparingly, having taken off only about seventy in the Whole,

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most of which are to be met with either in *Patin* himself or the *Pembrokian* Collection, and all of them very commonly appealed to by the most esteemed Authors, as Testimonies of undoubted Authority. At the same Time that we say this, we must acknowledge, that to the indefatigable Researches of this very eminent Physician, and of his learned Countrymen in general, the studious in Antiquity are most highly indebted.

Yet, though the Author professes not to treat of Medals, in the Body of the ensuing Work, any further than as they are severally connected with the Subject-Matter of the History, it may not be improper in this Place to premise a general Account of them, for the Use of those whom natural Curiosity, and the Perusal of these Sheets, may invite to so genteel and agreeable a Study. Medallie Literature is ridiculous only to those who do not understand it. The Meanness of the Materials is commonly the Foundation of the Sarcasms which are cast upon it. But all our Learning is but the Recovery of ancient Knowledge. And if Coins contain a Part of it, certainly they are not the less valuable for being *rusty*, nor the Study trifling which tends to the Ascertainment of those that are genuine. Men are too much disposed to condemn such Parts of Learning as they are unacquainted

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with. But no one ever yet found Fault with the Science of Medals, who had judged it worth his while to enquire into the real Utility of it. And one would think that the Examples of so many Princes and illustrious Names as have made Collections of them, and of so many Persons in all Ages and Countries, eminent for their extensive Learning and sound Judgment, who have occasionally had Recourse to them, should incline others, if not to think favourably of it, at least to suspend their Censure, till the Unprofitableness of it shall haply be discovered. To survey the Lineaments of the great Men who have figured so long before us, and to consider how far they correspond in our Imagination with the mighty Actions ascribed to them, and the many Things which we have read of them, is without Doubt a very pleasing Amusement. To examine the Look, the Air, the Dress and Fashion of those Beauties who have taken in their Toils those Rulers of the World, is a Fund of Reflection to the Curious. From several of these, the *British* Fair might learn Fashion much more sweetly corresponding with their native Charms, than the towering Head-dress of the present Mode. A modern Voyager of Discernment, speaking of some of the *Indian* Ladies at *Batavia*, says, “ that  
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“ their Hair is universally black, and formed into  
 “ a Kind of circular Wreath, upon the Top of  
 “ the Head, where it is fastened with a Bodkin,  
 “ in a Taste which we thought inexpressibly ele-  
 “ gant.” And this is the very Fashion which dis-  
 tinguishes the elder FAUSTINA. But they will find  
 much more to admire and imitate, while they re-  
 flect upon the Tendernefs of CORNELIA, the Dis-  
 cretion of LIVIA, the Sanctity of PLOTINA, the  
 Magnanimity of ZENOBIA ; Examples, which have  
 raised the Sex to that Height of Glory, which may  
 justly vie with the Reputation of the most exalted  
 Heroes of Antiquity.

To view the long List of Deities to be collected  
 from them, with their respective Attributes, and  
 to compare them with the Descriptions given of  
 them by the Poets, is an Employment very suitable  
 to the Taste of a Gentleman and a Scholar, of sin-  
 gular Advantage to those who study the fine Arts,  
 and not without its Uses in the Investigation of true  
 Religion also. To observe the Figure of the fe-  
 veral ancient Instruments, musical, mechanical,  
 military, and sacrificial, which occur to us in our  
 Reading every Day ; the Wonders of their Archi-  
 tecture, in their superb Structures, their Ships, Ha-  
 vens, Forums, Temples, Theatres, Bridges, Aquæ-  
 ducts, Columns, and Arches ; the Rewards of their



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Heroes, Admirals, and Generals, in mural, civic, rostral, and triumphal Wreaths, cheap to the State, but to Individuals inestimable; the popular Arts of Government, in Allocutions, Congiaries, Games, and the continual Entertainments of the Circus and Amphitheatre, represented on them; must not only give great Satisfaction to the Curious, but minister largely to Improvement. In a Word, when we consider how much Criticism, Poetry, Painting, Architecture, Statuary, Orthography, Geography, Chronology, and History, are indebted to the Science of Medals, it will excite our Wonder that it has not much more generally engaged the Attention of Mankind. These Uses of it will appear so evidently in the Course of the following Work; and Mr. *Addison*, in his Dialogues upon the *Usefulness of ancient Medals*, has been so particular on this Subject; that it would be altogether superfluous to expatiate upon them more largely here.

Rude Brass is said to have been current anciently in *Rome*, even to the Time of *SERVIVS TULLVS*. Some will have *Janus*, others *Numa*, to have first stamped it. Then it bore the Figures of Cattle (*Pecus*) impressed, whence it was called *Pecunia*.

Afterwards it had the double *Janus* on one Side, and the Ship of *Saturn* on the other, being so stamped,

stamped, according to Tradition, by *Janus* himself.  
For which Reason *Ovid* introduces him saying,

*Noscere me duplici posses in imagine, dixit,  
Ni vetus ipsa dies extenuaret opus ;  
Causa ratis superest : Thuscum rate venit in amnem  
Ante pererrato falcifer orbe deus.  
Hac ego Saturnum memini tellure receptum ;  
Cælitibus regnis ab Jove pulsus erat.  
Inde diu genti mansit Saturnia nomen  
Diæta quoque est Latium terra, latente deo :  
At bona posteritas puppim servavit in ære,  
Hospitis adventum testificata dei.* Fasti. l. i.

I in the double Figure might be trac'd,  
But that my Image is by Time defac'd :  
And for the Ship ; 'tis that in which the God,  
Who bears the Scythe, into the *Tiber* rode.  
There his Reception I with Joy beheld,  
When from his Realms above by *Jove* expell'd :  
From him *Saturnia* nam'd this Region fair,  
And after *Latium*, because latent there.—  
Hence on your current Coins the Ship impress'd  
Records th' Arrival of th' illustrious Guest.

Some of the ancient Plates were of two Pounds Weight ; this was the *Dupondium* : others of one ; and this was the *As*, containing twelve Ounces. The Divisions of the *As*, were the *Semis* or *Selibra*, being the Half, or six Ounces ; the *Triens* or third Part, four Ounces ; the *Quadrans*, or fourth Part, three Ounces ; and the *Sextans*, or sixth Part, two Ounces.

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But in the first *Carthaginian* War, when it was found necessary to raise the Value of their Money, the *As* was made to contain only a sixth Part of its former Weight, that is two Ounces; and afterwards, when they were hard pressed by *Hannibal*, but one Ounce, by the Authority of *FABIUS* the Dictator; and last of all, no more than half an Ounce. These again were divided into the *Dodrans* or three Quarters, and the *Quadrans* or one Quarter. The *Aes* was either red Copper or Brass, or Pot-Metal, that is, Copper mixed with Tin or Lead. The two first Sorts were generally made use of before the Time of *ALEXANDER SEVERUS*, and the last afterwards. The Brass was either the common Sort, or occasioned by the Burning of *Corinth* by *MUMMIUS*, when the Gold, Silver, Brass, and other Metals ran together. So says the Elder *Pliny*. But, on Trial, no Gold has been found in it.

In the Year of the City CDXXCIV, when *Q. OGULNIUS GALLUS* and *C. FULVIUS PICTOR* were Consuls, the *Romans* began to coin Silver. This was five Years before the first *Punic* War. Their Pattern they took from the *Sicilians*. Originally the *Denarius*, which was barely the eighty-fourth Part of a Pound of Silver, was estimated at ten Pounds of Brass, and the *Quinarius* at five. It was

was called also *Quiniffis*, for that Reason. But the *Sestertius*, which was the fourth Part of a *Denarius*, passed current for two Pounds and a half of the same Metal. This is evident from the Coins themselves: since on the *Denarius* the Decimal Figure X, or X, is frequent; as on the *Quinarius* the V or Q for *Quinque*; and on the *Sestertius* IIS or HS, that is, *Duo et Semis*. This great Disproportion might be one Reason for their lessening the Brass Coin soon after. And when the *As* was reduced to one Ounce, as abovesaid, then the *Denarius* was valued at sixteen *As*'s, as PLINY observes, agreeable to the Mark impressed upon it. The *Denarii* were of pure Silver, till the Year of the City DCLXII, when M. LIVIUS DRUSUS the Tribune preferred a Law for having an eighth Part of Brass mixed with Silver, for the Coinage of them. This Sort of Coin varied according to the Exigencies of the State, but seldom exceeded the seventh Part of a *Roman* Ounce, nor was less than an eighth, making sometimes eighty-six, eighty-eight, and so on to ninety-six, rarely an hundred in a Pound of Silver, and that only after NERO's Time. The *Roman Denarius*, and the Attic *Drachma*, were reckoned of equal Value in common Currency, though the latter was somewhat heavier. The *Roman* Pound, according to *Greaves*, weighed 5246 Grains, which

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is 514 Grains lighter than our Pound *Troy*. But in the Reign of *Tiberius*, all that were not of pure Silver, were melted down by order of that Emperor, as we learn by *Xiphilin* from *Dio Cassius*. But under succeeding Reigns they were again adulterated, and the Evil so encreased, that the Silver thus adulterated sunk, about the Time of the younger *GORDIAN*, to less than one third of the original Value. Yet under *Diocletian*, and his Successors, it regained its Purity; but the Coin was then lessened both in Weight and Size, for through the Scarcity of it, occasioned by their continual Wars, they melted down much of that which was ancient, and struck it anew with their own Figures; whence we have now more of theirs, and fewer of the more ancient Coins of this Metal.

The Figures at first impressed upon the Silver Coins were those of the Gods, principally of their own *Roma*, which they deified, and of Heroes or famous Cities, on one Side; and on the other, of bigated or quadrigated Cars, of *Castor* and *Pollux*, and of *Victory*, expressed in different Forms. Hence the Coins themselves were called bigated, quadrigated, victoriated. In Process of Time they further varied the Figures, according to the Fancy of the Chief Magistrates, or of those to whose Charge the Coinage was committed. These last were of the

*Magistratus*

*Magistratus minores*, of whom the Law said, AES, ARGENTVM, AVRVMVE PVBLICE SIGNANTO. They were denominated V VIRI *Quinque viri*, IIII VIRI *Quatuor viri* or *Quartum viri*, III VIRI *Triumviri*, as the Number of them happened at different Times to be. They expressed upon the Coins their Names, Titles, and Offices, by singular Marks, and with so much Ingenuity as to equal, if not exceed, the Hieroglyphics of the *Egyptians*. For not only the Occasion of their being struck was intimated by the Figures stamped thereon, but the Origin of Provinces, Nations, and Families, their Pedigrees and illustrious Descent, with very much more conducive to the right Understanding of the *Roman* History, and the Knowledge of ancient Literature. From the *Denarii* particularly we gather, that four Persons were at first chosen from amongst the Senators, to oversee the Coinage of Silver: For we have several of them still existing, with a bigated Car, driven by a Victor, bearing a Palm-Branch, and on the other Side the JUNO MONETA, whom by the Frontal Diadem we know to be the same with the JUNO REGINA. For the *Roman* Writers inform us, that when *Veii* was taken, the *Juno* brought thence was worshipped in different Temples by a different Name, being called Regina on *Mount Aventine*, and Moneta in the



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Capitol, so named from the Admonition which she gave. For in the War with *Tarentum* and King *Pyrrhus*, when the *Romans* wanted Money, and applied to her with Vows and Sacrifices, she became their Monitor, assuring them, that if they would use their Arms with Justice, the Sinews of War should not be wanting to them. Being afterwards crowned with Success, they paid their Devotions to her as the JUNO MONETA, or *well-admonishing JUNO*, and decreed in Honour of her that their Money should be coined at her Temple in the Capitol. For the same Reason they gave the Name of Moneta to their Money also, because by the Marks impressed upon it, they were admonished or told of its Authority and Value. Hence this too was ranked amongst the Goddesses, as *St. Augustine* observes from *Varro*, and is therefore stiled the *Regina Pecunia*, by *Horace* :

*Scilicet uxorem cum dote fidemque et Amicos  
Et genus et formam Regina Pecunia donat,  
Ac bene nummatum decorat Suadela Venusque.*

For Gold, the Sovereign Queen of all below,  
Friends, Honour, Birth, and Beauty can bestow.  
The Goddess of Persuasion forms her Train,  
And *Venus* decks the well-bemoney'd Swain.

FRANCIS.

Yet *Juvenal* seems to intimate, that the *Roman*  
Superstition

Superstition had not even in *his* Time sunk quite so low :

*Quandoquidem inter nos sanctissima divitiarum  
Majestas, etsi funesta Pecunia templo  
Nondum habitas, nullas nummorum ereximus aras  
Ut colitur Pax, atque Fides, Victoria, Virtus.*

Gold is the greatest God, tho' yet we see  
No Temples rais'd to *Money's* Majesty,  
No Altars fuming to her Power divine,  
Such as to *Valour, Peace, and Virtue* shine. DRYDEN.

But the Satyrist was certainly mistaken. And *Varro* tells us, that there were several Gods, and Rites, and Ceremonies, with which even many of the Learned were unacquainted. Thus, as *Aesculanus* was the God of Brass Money, according to St. *Augustine*, and his Son *Argentinus* of Silver Coin (and 'tis wonderful, says he, that *Argentinus* should not beget *Aurinus*, or a God of Gold Coin too) so was *Pecunia* the Goddess of *Money* in general. Whence *Arnobius* cries out, in Lib. 4. Who would believe at last that Money was a Goddess, and celebrated by your Writers as a most powerful Deity, conferring Rank and Precedence, and Honours?

But to return: The *Romans* judged that they had sufficient Reason for promoting the Worship of JUNO MONETA, and striking her Figure upon the *Denarii*, as well as the Figures of their other



Pl. I. 1. Deities, in the Manner that we see it on such as are bigated; on which also we read the Name of one of the first *Quatuorviri* appointed to this Service, *Lucius FLAMINIUS CHILO IIIvir PRIMUS FLandi*; which seems to intimate, that he was the chief or first-elected of the first Four. Others there are of him with only *L. FLAMIN. CILO*, with a VICTORY driving a bigated Car, on one Side; and on the other, the Head of the Goddess *ROMA*, finely galeated, and winged above the Ears: of which the Reader will see many Instances in the Course of this Work, with her Name inscribed, and the Numerical Mark of the *Denarius*. By the Wings added to the Helmet, they would insinuate the Readiness of Counsel, and the Celerity of Execution, required in warlike Enterprizes. The other three were probably *C. FABIUS* and *OGULNIUS* the Consuls, *N. FABIUS PICTOR*, the Brother of the former, at that Time of Edilitian Quality, and Consul three Years after; for there are Coins with the following Inscription, *C. FABI. C. F. EX. A. PV. i. e. ex argento publico*. And these have other Marks, intimating from what public Silver they were coined, namely, from that which *Ptolemy* King of *Egypt* had presented to the *Roman* Ambassadors three Years before: which Charge these three (together with *Q. Fabius Gurges*) had sustained; for

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they bear the Figure of a Matron, veiled and turrit, representing *Alexandria*, the Capital of *Egypt*, as is evident from the *Denarius* of M. AIMILIUS LEBIDUS, whom the Senate appointed to be the Restorer and Tutor of *Ptolemy Philometor*, when he fled to *Rome*, in the Year of the City DXC; which we have therefore inserted. There are also, on the other Side, beneath the bigated Car of VICTORY, some sacred Symbols of *Egypt*, as the *Ibis* particularly, and the double Circle or Ring between two Points, as depending from one to the other. The *Ibis*, in the *Egyptian* Hieroglyphics, sometimes denotes the King, and sometimes the Kingdom itself, as being peculiar to that Region; for there it is bred, and lives, and dies presently if exported to any other. For its Country too it fights, destroying the Serpents that infest it. And such is the Charge of the Regal Office, to love, to abide in and protect his Realm, and to purge it of Evil. The double Ring is the Bond of that Amity and Society with which the two States of *Egypt* and *Rome* were now mutually connected.

The *Denarius* of *Ogulnius* has the Head of *Rome* galeated, with the Name ROMA, and the Numerical Figure; and on the other Side, the Twin-Brothers, *Castor* and *Pollux*, on Horseback, with their respective Stars over them, inscribed Q. OGVLNI.

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OGVLNI: L. F. CAL; by which the same brotherly Connection was intended. But there are others inscribed *Quintus OGVLNIus CALlus*, which have on one Side a youthful Head laureated, with the three-forked Lightning underneath it. This is the *Dius Fidius* (the *Greeks* also had their *Zeus Πιστιος*) the God of Good Faith, and the Avenger of Treaties infringed, the Son of *Jupiter*, one of the *Dii Novensiles* of the *Sabines*, introduced by *Tatius*, or of the Nine, to whom *Jupiter* was supposed to have committed the Disposal of his Thunder, and whose Temple was on the *Quirinal Mount*. On the other Side is his Father *Jupiter* driving his quadrigated Car, and darting his Thunder: In the Exergue are the Letters *VER. CAR.*; for the Understanding which it is necessary to remark, that, after the Death of *Pyrrhus*, the *Carthaginians* had assisted the *Tarentines* against the *Romans*; but being defeated, the latter had, out of the Spoils taken from them, coined this Money. My Author (*Pig-bius*) therefore reads, *et VERsutorum CARthaginensium*, i: e. the Silver of the double or deceitful *Carthaginians*; though I should rather chuse to read it, *VERsus CARthaginem*, as applied to the Signature above, and meaning that the Car of the Thunderer, and his Vengeance, were directed towards *Carthage*; for this occasioned that Enmity between  
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the two Republics, which ended in the Destruction of that City. A *Denarius* of the last has a VICTORY driving a quadrigated Car, with N. FABI. C. F. PICTOR ; and on the other Side, the *Diana Venatrix*, with a Crescent on her Forehead, and the Word ROMA. But this must have been struck two or three Years after, either when he triumphed over the *Sassimates*, or over the *Sallentini* and *Messapii*. But another, which is more to our Purpose, has on one Side the galeated ROMA, with the X ; and on the other, *Quirinus* or *Romulus*, seated, with a Spear in one Hand, and the Pontifical Apex in the other : In the Area, *Numerianus* FABIUS PICTOR ; and in the Exergue, ROMA. On one Side also we see the Letter E, and on the other N, which may be *E Nostro*, i. e. *Argento*. Such are the Reasons for supposing these to have been the first *Quartumviri* for the Coinage of *Denarii*. But in the inestimable Collection of the Earl of Pembroke, as in *Patin's Roman Families* also, I find either a new Office, or the old very particularly expressed, where the Genius of Rome appears on the Face of the Medal, wearing the Diadem, and having the Scepter behind him, with G. P. R. for *Genius Populi Romani* ; and for the Reverse, a Scepter, Wreath, Helm, and Globe, as Attributes of this Sovereign of the World : In the Area, EX. S. C.

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and underneath, LEN. CVR. X. FL. for *Lentulus Curator Denariorum Flandorum*. This was probably the *Cn. Cornelius Lentulus*, who was Consul with *P. Licinus Crassus* in the Year of the City DCLVI; for we have another, which was struck by him when he was *Questor*, with exactly the same Face and Reverse, except that he is there called EN. LEN. Q.

Thirteen Years, or sixty-two Years, for so differently is the Time computed, after the Coining of Silver, they began to stamp Gold in much the same Manner. But one *Denarius* of Gold was double the Weight of the Silver *Denarius*; and was usually worth twenty-four of them, but being stamped, passed for twenty-five. And this Proportion is still kept. For when there were ninety-six *Denarii* in a Pound of Silver, there were forty-eight *Aurei*. There were also the *Semissis* and *Tremissis* of Gold; though it is said, that the two last were not struck till the Time of *Alexander Severus*, in whose Reign the Reader will find more on this Subject. I shall only remark here, that pure Gold was in Use to the Days of this Emperor, who permitted a fifth Part of Silver to be mixed with four Parts of Gold. This they called *Electrum*; and, in Consequence of his Regulations, Medals were consecrated to him as the Restorer of the Coin: a  
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Compliment due with equal Justice to the Providence of the present most august Sovereign of *Great Britain*; who in this, and many other Respects, may be compared to that most excellent and virtuous Emperor. It is very certain, that the Laws respecting the Coinage were held sacred both by his Predecessors and Successors; insomuch, that there is no genuine *Roman* Coin found less pure than the above Proportion.

No Person was permitted to coin without the Authority of the State. But this Privilege was allowed to Commanders, and executed by their Quæstors, for the Payment of the Troops. Yet Colony Coins are very common; *Argentaria*, or Mints, having been fixed in different Places. And usually there was a Mint in the Capital of every Province, as at *Lyons, Treves, London, &c*: So that the *Monetarii*, the Mint-men or Coiners, were very numerous, insomuch that in the Reign of AURELIAN they raised a Rebellion, in which forty thousand of them and their Adherents perished.

The Size of ancient Medals is, from three Inches to a Quarter of an Inch. Those of the larger Volume are called Medallions; some of which weigh two Ounces and a Half. There are hardly any of these in Gold, few in Silver, but many in Copper. These were intended either for *Missilia*, to be scattered amongst the People on extraordinary Occasions,



casions, or for Presents, or were Assays of Workmanship, delivered out for the Approbation of the Emperor, or other Persons of elevated Rank, and are most admirably wrought: Whence we may easily account for the apparent Scarcity of them. It is not to be supposed, that Stamps of such Accuracy, and exquisite Finishing, could be intended for the current Uses. *Materiem superabat opus.*

The Workmanship was too precious for the Value of so much Brass or Copper. And it is made a Question, whether any of those Coins of the former Emperors, which are so highly wrought, were current in the Time of the latter. Yet we find many of them restored by the latter Emperors, by *Titus, Domitian, and Trajan* particularly; and the Figures of all the consecrated Emperors are said to have been recoined after the Time of *Alexander Severus*, probably by the Emperor *Galienus*, but not altogether with that Life and Expression as before. What is said above concerning the Medallion, will hold good of the *Nummi Contorniati*, which are all of Brass or Copper, and finely edged round with a Rim of different Metal, of which there are several in the *Pembrokian* Collection.

It appears from the *Digests*, that the Use of the ancient Gold and Silver Coins, such as were worn for Jewels (*quibus pro Gemmis uti solent*) might be disposed of by Legacy; and such Use is there interpreted



preted to be "the Pleasure, Delight, and Recreation taken in them." These, therefore, were hanged about the Neck by Way of Ornament, as I doubt not but the Medallions of Brass and Copper also were, which were frequently gilded for that Purpose. And if any of these were really of *Corinthian* Brass, they wanted no such Illustration. *Suetonius* says of *AUGUSTUS*, that at the Time of the *Saturnalia*, and at other Times when the Fancy took him, he gave away Raiment, and Gold and Silver, and sometimes ancient Coins of every Stamp, even such as were regal and foreign. Hence it is evident, that Medals were then in high Repute with the Curious. And of such ornamental Coins, I suppose, the Edict of his Successor *TIBERIUS* is to be understood, when he made it capital for any Person to enter a Jakes or Brothel with a Coin or Ring impressed with the Image of *AUGUSTUS*. For this he considered as a great Indignity offered to the Memory of the deified Emperor. And we read in *Philostratus's* Life of *Apollonius*, of a certain great Man under a capital Prosecution for having struck his own Slave, who at the Time held one of these Coins in his Hand. But the principal Motive for striking them was, that it was reasonably judged to be the most effectual Method of preserving the Portraits of great Persons, and the Memory of their illustrious Actions.



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The Value of these consists in the Elegance, the History, the Bulk, and the Scarcity of the Piece. The Elegance appears in the Delineation and Entireness of it; and the Beauty of the Delineation, in the natural Representation and Expression of the Figures. The very admirable Sculpture of them seems from the first to have promised Immortality. They have also the Advantage of the circular Figure; which is, the more exactly round, the more graceful. The Evenness of the Characters, and the Proportion of the Lineaments, form other Parts of Elegance; and if they have contracted the *Aerugo*, or Rust, whether red or green, they are so far from being faulty on this Account, that they are much defended against the Injuries of Time, and their Entireness the more effectually secured. But the History is their best Encomium, which in them is most clearly and engagingly transmitted to Posterity. Their Bulk is considered by a Comparison of them with others, and is evident in Weight, in Magnitude, and chiefly in the *Relief* of the Figures. On this Occasion, *Charles Patin* gives an Instance of one of M. AURELIUS and L. *Verus*, so large as to exceed in Size and Weight any eight of the common Medals of great Brass. In the next Place, what is rare, is dear; being held on this Account most valuable; whereas Things trite and common are but little esteemed. Hence the Worth of the Medallion;



dallica; which, for the same Reason, is most likely to improve, being shut up in the Cabinet of the Curious as soon as discovered, and seldom exposed to Sale.

Other Medals are usually ranked in three Classes, Great, Middle, and Small. The Class is determined not so much by the Breadth and Thickness, as by the Size of the Head stamped upon it. The middle Class is commonly distinguished as Bronze. The Shape is seldom perfectly round, and the Edges are frequently cracked. This was owing to the Force of the Instrument in Coining. For the Ancients are thought to have melted the Metal, and cast it into Moulds; and then, while it was hot, to have stamped it with a large and heavy Hammer. The Sides or Tables of a Medal are, the Face, or Obverse, and the Reverse.

Imperial Medals are said to be of the *Higher* and of the *Lower* Empire. The *Higher Empire* is comprehended in this MEDALLIC HISTORY; at the Conclusion of which, the *Lower* commences, and reaches to the End of the ninth Century of the *Christian Æra*.

As to the Number; *Patin* will have it, the entire Series of *Roman* Coins will not amount to more than six or seven hundred; and of this he is pretty positive from his own Observation, as having frequent Admission to the Cabinets of his Most Christian Majesty and the Elector Palatine. The Con-  
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sular Coins, in particular, he computes at one thousand and thirty-seven, reduced by him to seventy-eight *Roman Families*; to which more may be added by new Discoveries. Of these he professes to have seen forty-two of Gold, seven hundred and forty-one of Silver, and two hundred and fifty-four of Brass; unless perchance (says he) I may have repeated the same Coin as belonging to different Families; as for Instance, that of *Sepullius Macer*, struck in Honour of *Julius Cæsar*, which may be referred to the *Julian* as well as *Sepullian* Family. And indeed he might have produced many more Instances of this Sort from his own ROMAN FAMILIES. These, however, are not all, strictly speaking, Consular Coins; many of them having been struck by the Order of Prætors, Tribunes, Ediles, and Generals. Dr. *Jennings* remarks, that the Consular Medals are reckoned to be the most ancient of the *Roman* Coins now extant; and yet those of Copper and Silver are not supposed to be more ancient than the 484th Year of *Rome*, nor those of Gold than the Year 546. Whatever Medals therefore are produced of an older Date, are looked upon as spurious. This is questionable with respect to those of Copper, though undoubtedly true of the Silver, and nearly, that is within 49 Years, if not altogether so of the Gold. Yet there are several which refer to Transactions and Persons much more ancient



ancient than these Dates, which were struck by the Descendants of those that are represented on them.

It is impossible to ascertain the whole Number of different Imperial Medals now extant, new Discoveries being made of them every Day in various Countries. We can therefore only say, with the last-quoted Author, that they are reckoned by *F. Joubert* to be about one thousand, or one thousand two hundred, of Gold, which almost doubles *Patin's* Number; about three thousand of Silver; and six or seven thousand of Copper and Brass. But in general those struck at *Rome*, or in some other Part of *Italy*, are the most esteemed, both for Device, Importance, and masterly Execution. But the Coins of Brass and Copper serve more for the Illustration of History than those of Gold and Silver, having, from the Meanness of the Metal, escaped the Rapaciousness of Avarice; and being also more valuable than either, from the general Elegance of their Inscriptions, which are clearly, simply, and magnificently expressed. There is not any Thing in those of Gold and Silver, more than the intrinsic Value of the Metal, which is not to be met with in those of Brass and Copper. But you may see a thousand of the last, whose Reverses differ from the former. The Smallness of the Size, in those of the more precious Materials, would not admit of any great Variety of Figures; whereas the other, of the larger



larger Volume, were capacious enough for longer Inscriptions and more ingenious Devices. In those of great Brass, particularly, there was room for the Artist to exert his Genius and Skill ; while the S C proclaims the Value and Genuineness of the Coins, and gives Authority to the Legend, and to the Figures impressed. At the same Time, the Features and Air of the Emperors are represented fully, and in the most lively Manner. It is also peculiar to this Volume, that a continued Series of the Emperors, and of most of the Empreſſes, may be found of it in the Cabinets of the Curious.

But the continual Use of the smaller Coins, as current Money, has greatly injured, and in many Instances totally ruined them, both in Character and Figure ; while the Glory of the Medallion remains, for the most Part, unimpaired.

Medals in general become valuable principally from their Rarity, for the Metal is of small Consideration. Hence arises the Estimation of an OTHO, a NERVA, a PERTINAX, a NIGER, a DIDIVS JULIANUS, the TWO GORDIANS of *Africa*, &c: For their Reigns were short, and consequently few Coins of them were struck. Yet there are other Circumstances which greatly enhance the Value of a Medal: as the Antiquity of it ; the having two or more Heads stamped upon it ; the Goodness of the Master (and the best Masters were from NERO to PERTINAX) ;



PERTINAX); the high Preservation of it; the Size; and the Erudition or the Singularity of the Reverse.

The Debasement of the Coin was a capital Crime; yet there were many Instances of it: For it is not uncommon to find them of Iron or Brass within, and covered with a thin Plate of Silver. *Marc Antony*, in his Triumvirate, is said to have been guilty of this mean Fraud. This gave Occasion to the Notching of the Edges of them with a File, by Way of Trial. And hence we have the *Nummi Serrati*.

*Pliny* the Elder (lib. xxxiii. cap. 9. *ad finem*) tells of Statues raised to the Honour of *Marius Gratidianus*, for having found out a Method of distinguishing between genuine and false Coins; a Discovery extremely agreeable to the People. So very ancient were Frauds of this Kind. Indeed some Persons laid up these Counterfeits as Curiosities; and it is by the same Author remarked as somewhat extraordinary, that a false *Denarius* should be purchased at the Expence of many that were genuine. But Impositions of this Sort were not confined to the Ancients; for when Learning revived, at the Reformation, and many Persons were forming Collections of ancient Medals; others, instigated by the Hope of Gain, began to invent and counterfeit



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them ; but the Inventors were the more pernicious Set of Men, because they imposed false Testimonies upon the World, while the latter were but the Copiers of those that were true. Such was *William du Choul*, who lived about two hundred and forty Years ago, and was one of the first Virtuofos that wrote upon the Monuments of *Greece* and *Rome*. In his Book of the Religion of the old Romans, he printed the Stamps of two Medals of *AGRIPPA*, which were undoubtedly false. The first was of Great Brass, with the *Pantheon* for the Reverse ; the other of Silver, with a *Neptune* for the Reverse, drawn by two Sea-Horses, with the Legend *AEQUORIS HIC OMNIPOTENS*. His Contemporary, *Antony Lepois*, who wrote in *French* very amply on the Subject of Medals, has cited several others of the same Kind, as a *SCIPIO AFRICANUS* of Brass, the *Pons Aelius* on a Reverse of *HADRIAN*, and a *PESCENNIUS NIGER* of Gold, which have not been met with since. *T. Annius* of *Viterbo*, besides Medals, framed Inscriptions of his own Imagination, and buried them in convenient Places, that, when they should have contracted the Appearance of Antiquity, he might produce and dispose of them, as he did of his *Berosus*, &c. The same Abuse of describing false Coins for true, is also said to be in *Guevara's* Epistles, in *Jovius Pontanus's Venditionis Formula*,

in *Pomponius Lætus's Will*, in *Job. Camers*, in *Cyr. Anconitanus*, called the *Antiquary*, and the *Promptuarum Iconum*, by which two last, many Authors, particularly the *Spanish*, have been deceived. In the *Pembrokian Collection*, there are Copies of several of these fictitious Coins; as King *Priam*, with the *Grecian Fleet* before *Troy* for the Reverse; *Artemisia* with the *Mausoleum*; *Marcellus* with the *Amphitheatre*; two of *OTHO* in Great Brass, the one with an *Adlocution*, the other with an *Italia*; a *Scipio Africanus* triumphant; a *Cicero* with *Minerva*, as we see it in the *Variorum* Edition of the *Epistolæ ad Familiares* by *Grævius*; a *Virgil* with *Mæcenæ*; a *Cataline*; an *Æsop*; a *Julius Cæsar* with *Britannia*; and many more. Of the same Sort are all those which bear the Heads of great Republican Leaders and Philosophers, and all that have moral Sentences.

The Counterfeiters were *Carteron* the Dutchman, *Victor Gambello*, *Giovanni del Cavino*, and his Son, called the *Paduans*, *Benevento Celleni*, *Alexander* and *Giovan Jacapo*, his Brother, *Sebastian Plumbo*, *Valerius de Vicenza*, *Gorlæus*, &c. These were the most eminent Workmen, who, with exquisite Art and Taste, endeavoured to imitate the Antique while they copied from true Medals, and their Copies in many Instances excel the Originals. There are



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great Numbers of their Medals, which pass under the common Denomination of the *Paduan*. To distinguish them, the following Observations should be attended to.

The Genuineness of Medals will appear, I. From the Field, which should be smooth, for a Roughness, and Marks of the Sand in which they were cast, are commonly to be remarked in Counterfeits. II. There is also a manifest Difference in the Formation of the Letters, for the Antique are never so uniform, nor so sharp and forked. The Letter M particularly, as Mr. *Walker* observes, is made straight down, whereas the Strokes of the Genuine are always thus, oblique M, and the Sculpture is perceptibly modern. III. From the Edges, where, in Counterfeits, the Marks of the File may generally be discovered, and more especially where the Metal entered the Mould. IV. But chiefly from the Colour, and the Varnish, which is either blue, or green, or of a reddish brown. This Colour, contracted by Age, is inimitable. The green Varnish, made use of by Falsifiers, is bright and glaring, that a little Experience will easily distinguish it.

To these Marks, the *French* Author of *A Treatise of the Revenue and false Money of the Romans*, adds, that the counterfeit Medals of Great Brass, called *The Paduans*, are generally of a Flank less thick than

than are the Antique, nor so worn and corroded as the others: the Letters look modern: the Varnish is black, greasy, shining, and soft upon pricking it: whereas the Antique is clearly bright, and hard as the Metal. They are always circular; but the Antique are scarce ever so regularly round, especially since the Reign of TRAJAN. All the Medallions, from JULIUS CÆSAR to HADRIAN, are much suspected. There is but a small Number of them genuine, and only to be met with in the choicest Cabinets.

The first Point of Knowledge to be acquired, says he, is that of the Character or Form of the Letters. For howsoever a Medal be counterfeited, whether it be of modern Coining, cast upon an Antique or Modern, touched over again, or struck with the Hammer, the Letters are always false; and whereas most antique Medals, except those of Gold, are very much worn, the *Paduan* appear in all their Beauty. An Imposition is not so easy in Gold or Silver, as in Brass, where the Mastich and false Varnish will conceal and cover its Defects. The Cracks on the Edges of genuine Medals have been sometimes counterfeited on false Coins. These should be nicely examined on both Sides, whether the Crack be equal and uniform in its Shape, whether it be naturally winding, and gradually lessening till it



it end in certain scarce-perceptible Filaments. But if the Crack be broad and straight, it is certainly false. Another Method of trying Medals is, to compare them with the Bustos; when, if both be really antique, they will not fail mutually to confirm and justify each other.

Some Medals, which have been almost consumed by Time, have been restored by working them over again, and re-ingraving the worn Figures; but this is discovered by the Middle being more hollow than the Edges. Others have been re-stamped, when worn on one or both Sides. If on one Side only, they lay a Felt under the other to save it from the Violence of the Stroke; notwithstanding which, that Side will be flat and battered, while the other is fresh and rough. And if both Sides be new stamped, the Traits will be crude and apparent. On others, new Medals have been stamped, by which Means most of the Modern have been made.

There remains only one Fraud more to be taken Notice of, which is practised by separating the two Sides or Tables of a Medal, by sawing it down the Middle with a very thin File, and then soldering to one of them a different Head or Reverse, which perhaps was struck in another Reign, and by a different Master. But if this cannot be otherwise distinguished, it certainly will by a nice Observation of

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the Edge; for the Soder being Silver, it will manifest itself by a fine Silver Thread continued round. Amongst the Coins whose different Sides have been thus sodered together, those of the Emperor PHILIP, and *Otacilia Severa*, are particularly taken Notice of. Thus much for *Roman Medals*. As for the *Greek* Coins of the *Roman* Emperors, they are all in a Manner of bad Masters, and of Brads; very few of them being of Silver, and scarce any of Gold. There are some, but they are rare, which have *Greek* on one Side, and *Latin* on the other; and some, though *Greek*, have entire *Latin* Inscriptions. In general, they are local, containing the Name of the City or People where they were struck, and recording only what relates to their own Origin, their Rights and Privileges, their Games and religious Worship, or some Singularity respecting themselves; for which Reason the less Use is made of them in the subsequent History. In which, however, (under the Reign of TIBERIUS) so much is said towards the Explanation of them, that to detain the Reader with any further Discourse upon the Subject here, would be altogether unnecessary.



the High; for the gods being <sup>T H E</sup> found. All still by a fine silver thread continued round.

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OF  
IMPERIAL ROME.



**C**NEIUS POMPEY, afterwards furnamed MAG-  
NUS or THE GREAT, was the Son of CNEIUS  
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cess in the *Italic* War, and against the *Marian* Faction, perished at Length by the Stroke of Lightning. He was born in the Year of the City DCXLVII, in the Consulship of CAIUS ATILIUS SERRANUS and QUINTUS SERVILIUS CÆPIO, the same Year which gave Birth to CICERO. Being bred up in, he became the Darling of, the Army. At the Age of three-and-twenty he shone the distinguished Partisan of L. CORNELIUS SULLA on his Return from *Asia*: for whose Service he then drew together a Body of Forces, no fewer than three entire Legions, from the Territory of *Picenum*, composed of his Father's old Clients and Soldiers, with which he joined him. On this Account it was that SULLA, even when Dictator, was wont to dismount from his Horse to do Reverence to young POMPEY, tho' a private Person; to rise from his Seat and to uncover his Head to him alone.

In this War he defeated CARRINAS, CARBO's Lieutenant in *Italy*, and pursued the Consul CARBO himself into *Sicily*, where he put him to Death, though he poured out the most piteous Intreaties for Mercy, and a Flood of Tears. The Consul wore indeed a Character extremely black; yet was this an Usage which he deserved not at *those* Hands; since to his Protection POMPEY had been indebted, even for the Enjoyment of his own Fortunes. So wretched and

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accursed an Estate is that of Civil War; in which the most binding Obligations are dissolved before the mad and undiscerning Heat of Party-zeal.

Having put CARBO to Death in *Sicily*, he quickly expelled his Companion PERPERNA, and secured that Province, less by the Terror of his Arms, than by Dispatch and the Readiness of his Counsels. He was ordered thence into *Africa*; where CNEIUS DOMITIUS, who had been proscribed by SULLA, and HIARBAS King of *Numidia*, had joined their Forces. With them were all the Fugitives from *Sicily*, who had attended CARBO. They were both defeated in one great Battle; in which the former lost his Life, the latter his Crown and Liberty. POMPEY was immediately saluted IMPERATOR by the Army, and deserved that Appellation, having transacted the whole Business within the Term of forty Days. He was now but lately turned of four-and-twenty; gathering Laurels at an Age, when most others were beginning to learn the Rudiments of War. At his Return he was met by the Dictator with much Pomp, and saluted by him with the Title of THE GREAT. He demanded a Triumph, and it was granted with some Difficulty, on Account of his Age and the Inferiority of his Order. His triumphal Car was drawn by Elephants, a Spectacle not seen at *Rome* before. He was the first *Equestrian* whom



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the City had thus honoured. His Advancement to the Senate at those Years was very possible. But he took a Pride in being rather the first Person of the second Order, whom the Eyes of his Countrymen had ever beheld triumphant.—No Coin of this Triumph is now extant that we know of.

After this he defeated *Lepidus*, who endeavoured to raise new Troubles, and extinguished that Commotion by the Taking of *Modena*, and the Surrender of *Marcus Brutus* upon Articles. But these were eluded by the Conqueror in a very dishonest Manner. He dismissed him agreeably to the Terms indeed; and immediately after his Dismission ordered him to be put to Death: which Command was accordingly executed by *Geminus*.

He was next engaged jointly with *Metellus* in the Spanish Expedition against *Sertorius*. He was invested upon this Occasion with Proconsular Authority, though still a private Person. This was done at the Motion of *L. Philippus*; but not without some Opposition. It was objected, that it was not customary and regular to send a private Equestrian into the Field as Proconsul. But *Philippus* answered, That, might his Judgment prevail, he should be commissioned not PRO CONSULE but PRO CONSULIBUS; intimating hereby that he was preferable to the two Consuls put together. Nor was this spoken  
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by Way of Reflexion upon the Chief Magistrates of that Year; for they were Men of Character and Bravery: but to express the singular Esteem which he entertained of his good Conduct. So well established already was the military Reputation of POMPEY. This extraordinary Authority is preserved on Medals, both of Gold and Silver, struck by his Questor *Cneius Piso* in *Spain*; on one Side of which is the Head of NUMA, with this Inscription, CN. PISO PRO Questore; and on the other, the Beak of a Ship, with the Legend MAGNUS PRO COS for Consul.

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The bare Credit of the General got together an Army for the Service in forty Days, with which he marched immediately to join *Metellus*. For he was fond of the Affair, and set about the Management of it with great Eagerness. He struck out his Road across the *Alpes*, between the Sources of the *Po* and the *Rhofne*. His March was opposed by the *Gauls*, whom he encountered with Success, and opened a Passage with his Sword. This is called the *Transalpine* War. He pushed on, and gained the *Pyrenean* Mountains. But entering *Spain*, and joining *Metellus* about *Laurona*, the good Countenance of the Enemy inclined him to sit still awhile, and look about him.

For he had now another Sort of Enemy to deal with,



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with, than he had found in *Hiarbas*, or *Domitius*, or *Lepidus*. *Sertorius* was, without Question, the most prudent and the bravest of all the *Marian* Chiefs, and equal in all Respects to any the most celebrated Heroes of Antiquity. It was therefore Praise enough for POMPEY, that he preserved his Footing in *Spain* till the Death of that Commander, who was assassinated basely four Years afterwards, by the Contrivance of PERPERNA; who, by that execrable Fact, insured to POMPEY a Victory almost unhopd for, to his own Party inevitable Destruction, and to himself dishonourable Death.

While these Things were going forward, a new and unexpected Commotion in *Italy*, which, from small and contemptible Beginnings, grew quickly to be formidable and alarming, perplexed the Senate. This is called the *Spartacian War*, or the *Servile Tumult*.—A few Gladiators, deserting their School at *Capua*, opening the Workhouses, and calling the Slaves to their Assistance, grew quickly to be upwards of ten thousand strong. They defeated *Clodius Glaber*, who was sent against them; and by this Success their Confidence and Numbers were inconceivably augmented. They received a Check near Mount *Garganus*, in *Apulia*, where one of their Leaders, named CRIXUS, was cut off, with twenty thousand of his Followers. After this

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Lofs, *Spartacus* marched with the rest towards the *Alpes*, as intending to enter *Gaul*, and by the Way defeated *Lentulus* the Consul. But his Passage was still barred by *Cassius Varus*, the Proconsul, who shared however the Fate of *Lentulus*, being vanquished near *Modena*, his Camp taken, and himself hardly escaping. The Gladiator now no longer thought of a Retreat, but made himself Master of many Places, and deliberated concerning an Attempt to be made upon *Rome* itself.

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It was therefore judged necessary to commission *Marcus Licinius Crassus* to this Service, at the Head of all the *Roman* Strength in *Italy*: for the Case was become desperate. He first engaged an Army of the Slaves, led by *Granicus*, whom he slew, with five-and-thirty thousand of his Associates. He next advanced upon *Spartacus*, who retreated before him into the *Bruttian* Territory, the very extreme Point of *Italy*. Shut up in this Corner, they endeavoured to escape into *Sicily* by Means of Floats of Tubs and Hurdles, and what else they could find, fastened together with Twigs and Rushes. But these were rendered useless, by the Rapidity of the Stream in that narrow Strait. At last therefore, resolving to make a Virtue of their extreme Necessity, they desperately, to the Number of forty thousand, broke out upon their Enemies, and died like Men, with



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with their Swords in their Hands; *Spartacus* himself being slain, bravely fighting at the Head of them. For this Success *Crassus* was honoured with the *Ovation* only, because it was a Victory gained over *Slaves*. But to add a brighter Lustre to it, he obtained a special Decree of the Senate, to exchange the *Myrtle* for the *Laurel* Crown, which is therefore conspicuous on the Reverse of his *Denarius*.

Five thousand, however, of the Followers of *Spartacus*, had the Fortune to escape; but, after having marched the Length of *Italy*, were met with, and cut off, by POMPEY, who was now returning from *Spain* with his victorious Troops.

This great Commander was now allowed a Triumph for his Success in *Spain*. On the last Day of *December*, therefore, he entered *Rome* a second Time in his triumphal Car, being yet of the Equestrian Order. But he had before, and CRASSUS with him, by his Interest, been elected Consul, though absent, and in all Respects unqualified, the Laws being dispensed with in his Favour. The Day after he had triumphed with the highest Splendor, he entered the Senate with the Fasces borne before him; presiding in that honourable Court the first Day of his Admission into it. Who then would not wonder that he, who through so many extraordinary Commands had been raised to the supreme Dignity,

Dignity, being neither of legal Years, nor having before discharged any Magistracy, should afterwards rather confound all Things, and involve his Country in a Civil War, than permit CÆSAR, at the Head of his victorious Forces, to petition for a second Consulate in Absence. So easy it is for some Men, directed by Pique, or Prejudice, or Ambition, while they allow nothing to others, to pardon all Things to themselves. The Medal, given by *Goltzius* on this Occasion, has the Head of ROMA, armed with an Helmet, and appears by the Title to have been struck by his Lieutenant *POBLICIUS*, invested with Prætorian Authority, *Marcus POBLICIUS LEGATUS PRO PRætore*. On the Reverse is represented the Hero, with his right Foot on the Beak of a Ship, extending a Palm Branch to the Figure of *Hispania*, armed with Spear and Shield, as that Country is usually represented upon ancient Coins. The Legend is *CNEIUS MAGNVS IMPERATOR*.

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The Election of *CRASSUS* was a Thing extraordinary too; it not having been usual to exchange the Præture immediately for the Consulate. But there were some special Considerations which made it necessary for *POMPEY*, who governed all, to receive him, who neither loved his Person, nor his Greatness, for his Colleague. He had undergone a severe Persecution in the same Cause, himself being obliged

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to fly for Safety, when his Brother was slain, and his Father put an End to his own Life, under the cruel Administration of MARIUS and CINNA. So that the extraordinary Sufferings of his Family might admit of an unusual Claim. He was besides so rich as to command Respect, being thence commonly surnamed DIVES, or THE WEALTHY; using himself to say, that, "No Man was rich, but who " could maintain an Army at his own Expence:" abounding in Slaves skilled in every Art and Occupation, whose Labours brought him an immense Revenue, and whose vast Numbers made him formidable. Avaricious he was (which led him to that Expedition against the *Parthian*, which in the End proved fatal to him) yet extremely popular, being of easy Friendship, eloquent, and ready to assist with his Patronage all Persons in Distress, without being nicely inquisitive on what Account they were so: and had but now gained great Glory by having extinguished the *Spartacian* War even at their Doors.

To these Consuls were the People indebted for the Restoration of the Tribunitial Power, which had been much abridged by *Sulla*. *Palicanus* of *Picenum*, who had been chosen Tribune, a Man rather loquacious than eloquent, but of Talents very taking with the Multitude, had with much

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Vehemence contributed to this Design. His Success gave Occasion to the Striking of some Silver Coins with the Rostra expressed, and the Title *PALIKANVS*. This brought much Censure on POMPEY, and many Suspensions arose, that it was intended to pave the Way for him, by the Favour of the People (when his Year should expire, and he should find himself at the Head of a Province with an Army) to absolute Power. But to wipe off all Imputations, he swore solemnly and publicly, that, “when his Magistracy was ended, he would take the Command of no Province whatsoever.”

This Oath POMPEY kept laudably, continuing at *Rome* for three Years as a private Person, when he was honoured with an extraordinary Commission. For at this Time the Insolence and Power of the Pirates, who infested every Part of the *Mediterranean*, was grown to such Height that it was absolutely necessary for the *Romans*, who alone were able to do it, to contrive some Means of restoring the Intercourse, and relieving the Commerce, of Mankind by Sea. A farther Inducement for them was, that these public Enemies are now said to have acted by Commission from *Mithridates* King of *Pontus*. These Plunderers had made themselves Masters of many Places on the Continent, not even abstaining from the Coasts of *Italy*, having burned the



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the *Roman* Fleet in the very Port of *Ostia*, and intercepted all Supplies of Provision bound for *Rome*. Their several Fleets were ranged under proper Leaders, and they seemed to act in Consequence of a general Confederacy. Their Numbers were become formidable by an Accession of all the desperate and abandoned from the maritime Regions of *Europe*, *Asia*, and *Africa*. From the single Harbour of *Seleucia*, now called *Agliman*, in *Cilicia*, hath come forth a powerful Army of Pirates with a thousand Ships, so proudly rigged, as that many of them had their Sails of Purple, the Tackling of Gold Thread, and the Oars garnished with Silver, Marks of the Spoils of above four hundred Cities.

Therefore *Aulus Gabinius*, one of the new Tribunes, preferred a Law for the Appointment of some one Commander for the Management of the *Piratic War*. By this Law the Person to be appointed was to “have under him fifteen Lieutenants; the Command of the Seas, Islands, Coasts, Armies, and Fleets of the *Roman* People, wheresoever stationed or dispersed; the Liberty of taking what Sums, and raising what further Forces he pleased for this Service; with *PRO-CONSULAR* Power throughout all the Provinces fifty Miles inland, for three Years.” This was giving little less than the absolute Sovereignty of the known

known World into the Hands of one Man! POMPEY POMPEIUS M. indeed was not at first proposed by Name: yet it was manifest on the first Mention of the Thing that he would be made choice of. For since the Restoration of the Tribunitial Authority, he was become the Idol of the People, and deemed the Patron of their Liberties. The Point was therefore hotly pursued, and at Length carried with the Nomination of POMPEY, notwithstanding a strenuous Opposition from two other Tribunes, and the Senate in general. The Success of this Scheme made the Fortune of *Gabinus* the Proposer, who, but for this, induced by his own Wants and Wickedness, must have turned Pirate himself.

Never was the Prudence of this illustrious Commander more eminent than in the Conclusion of this Naval Expedition. To the numerous Fleets of his own providing, he added those of the confederate and experienced *Rhodians*. He first of all cut off the Retreat of the Pirates into the Ocean or Black Sea; *Tiberius Nero* guarding the Straights-Mouth with a strong Squadron; *Porcius Cato* that of the *Propontis* with another. His other Lieutenants were ordered, with their several Navies, to secure all the Bays and Gulphs, both North and South, from the Coasts of *Syria* and *Egypt* to those of *Spain* and *Barbary*. Himself took upon him the  
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Care of the Sea of *Cyprus* and *Cilicia*, the Fountain of the War and general Receptacle of the hostile Fleets. And the whole Disposition was such as promised the utter Extirpation of this Grievance for the future.

The Enemies, seeing that inevitable Ruin impended over their Heads, drew their Forces together; hoping to obtain Mercy, by complimenting POMPEY with an easy Victory, and then surrendering at Discretion. After having, therefore, endured one Shock from the *Roman* Vessels, they instantly threw away their Weapons, and Oars, and, lifting up at once their Voices, with the Gesture, and in the usual Tone of Suppliants, begged for Quarter. This was granted; the Conqueror removed them to Settlements (a wise Provision) in which they and their Families might live without Fear of starving; and at a Distance from the Sea, lest the Prospect of that Element should tempt them to fresh Rapines.

What shall we most admire in this Transaction? The speedy Execution of it? for which Preparations were made at the End of Winter; the Expedition undertaken in the Spring; the Whole concluded, and all *Cilicia* annexed to the *Roman* Empire in the Summer, within the nine-and-fortieth Day after POMPEY'S Embarkation at *Brundisium*.

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Or its Felicity? for not a Ship was lost. Or the Perpetuity of its good Effect? for the Seas were afterwards free from Pirates. POMPEIUS M.

The Memory of this extraordinary Commission granted by the People to POMPEY (which the Senate were obliged to ratify) and of the consequent Victory, is preserved by several Coins, struck on the Occasion, which are offered to the Inspection of the curious Reader. These are such only as were struck by the Officers employed under him. So that the Reader must not expect to find here more than we can properly give him. For those which are referred to on this Occasion by the Commentators on *Velleius* (See the Variorum Edition by *Burman*, Lug. Bat. 1744, page 264) are applicable only to *Sextus Pompey*. Our Reasons for this Assertion will appear in the Reign of AUGUSTUS. The first was struck by *Cn. Piso*, one of POMPEY's Proquæstors, and bears the Head of NUMA on the Face of it; the Reverse being the Beak of a Ship, with MAGNUS PRO. CÖSuli: the Second by *Varro*, another of his Proquæstors, and at the same Time one of his Lieutenants. It has the Head of the God TERMINUS, and for the Reverse, a Sceptre, Eagle, and Dolphin, to intimate the Dominion of the Sea, with the same Title in the Exergue.

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Pl. I. 11.

In the next Year, which was the Year of the  
City



POMPEIUS M. City DCLXXXVII, *Caius Manilius*, one of the Tribunes, published a Law to enable all *Freedmen* to vote in the Tribes promiscuously with their Patrons. This would have raised such as had been lately Slaves, not barely to a Level with their Masters, but would have given them, in a great Measure, the Command of those who made them free. He was therefore vehemently opposed, not only by the Senate but the Commons themselves, who were grievously incensed against him for his Endeavour. Struck with Terror at the violent Indignation of the People, he then strove to turn the Odium of the Scheme upon CRASSUS, and others in Power. But when this Pretence failed, for none believed him, he resolved, by a new and bold Attempt; at once to recover the Favour of his Constituents, and consult his own Interest. He considered how much above the World *Gabinus* was, by the great Regard which POMPEY paid to him; and how transcendently powerful, amongst the People, the Influence of this latter. Always venal, therefore, and the Assistant of another's Power, he preferred a Law, which from him was afterwards called the *Manilian* Law, by which the War in *Asia* with *Mitbridates* and *Tigranes*, with the Command of all the Provinces and Forces there, was added to the Commission of POMPEY, then in *Cilicia*.

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But if the Power delegated to *Pompey* was before too great, this made it exorbitantly so: for now it wanted nothing of absolute Dominion. Great and worthy Magistrates were hereby stript of their Governments before the Expiration of their Term, to aggrandize one who was too great already. This was duly represented. But the Prejudice of the People, encouraged by the Persuasions of *CAIUS CÆSAR*, afterwards Dictator, and of *Cicero*, then Prætor of the City, rendered all Opposition vain. *CÆSAR* desired, by promoting the popular Measure, to endear himself to the People, whom he perceived to gain Ground upon the Fathers; and looked upon every extraordinary Grant as a Precedent for, and Inlet to, his own future Advancement. *Cicero*, by the Power of his Eloquence, which was indeed wonderful, affected to govern the Republic, and, on this particular Occasion, to manifest his own Weight and Importance to whatever Party in the State he should think proper to espouse. And, as the Measure was exceedingly grateful to the People, he had Reason to hope that his Encouragement of it might forward his Petition for the Consulate. But the Plea in public was, that “the *Mithridatic* War, in its Kind necessary, and for its Greatness hazardous, could not so well be entrusted to any Person as to *POMPEY*, whose Military Skill, Val-

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“our, Authority, and Felicity, they had so large  
“Experience of already.” But the Orator, who  
had hitherto taken Part with and defended the  
Nobility, could not now escape the Imputation of  
Lightness and Inconstancy, being deemed a Defserter  
by the *Patricians*.

However, the Law passing, POMPEY lost no Time,  
nor neglected any Means, that might enable him to  
answer the Expectations and Wishes of his Citizens.  
He contracted an Alliance with *Pbraates* the *Par-*  
*thian*, who invaded the Dominions of *Tigranes*,  
while himself entered *Galatia* with a great Army.  
Here *Lucullus* met him, and endeavoured to per-  
suade him, that “there was no further Need of  
“the Sword; that himself had sufficiently humbled  
“the Enemy; and that the Commissioners (for  
“such had been ordered from *Rome*) might easily  
“transact the rest.”

But POMPEY, after publishing an Edict which  
forbad Obedience to *Lucullus*, marched into  
*Armenia*, where he twice defeated the King, and  
received the Submission of *Tigranes*. While he  
was thus adding Glory to himself, and enlarging  
the *Roman* Conquests, his Friend *Manilius*, at  
Home, the Minister of his Ambition, was, on the  
Expiration of his Tribune, accused of Felony  
before *Cicero* the Prætor. The Accusation was sup-  
posed

posed to be set on Foot by the Nobility, for the Service which he had done to POMPEY. The Plebeians were therefore greatly displeased, and much more so, when the Prætor gave him but the following Day to provide for his Defence. For this *Cicero* excused himself to the People, as intending to be serviceable to the Accused in his Capacity of Prætor, before his Office should expire (as it would within two or three Days) and engaged himself, to their great Satisfaction, to become his Advocate. But the Trial was prevented by the Hurry and Confusion occasioned by domestic Troubles.

For at this Time the Citizens were alarmed with the Apprehensions of a Conspiracy against the State. *P. Autronius Pætus* and *P. Cornelius Sulla*, Consuls elect, being found guilty of Corruption, were now superseded in that high Office by their Accusers, *L. Aurelius Cotta* and *L. Manlius Torquatus*. It happened also that *Catiline*, just returned from his Prætorian Province in *Africa*, was now forbidden to stand Candidate for that Honour. All these, therefore, together with *Cneius Piso*, a noble Youth of consummate Boldness, great Necessities, and a factious Spirit, joined in the horrid Design of assassinating the new Consuls on the first of *January*, even in the *Capitol*, of seizing the Fasces in Consequence, and then of sending *Piso* with an Army to



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The following Year *L. Julius Cæsar* and *C. Marius Figulus Thermus* were Consuls. We have the Denarius of the former of these Consuls, which we have inserted; tho' I should rather imagine it to have been struck for the Father, who was Consul and one of the Generals of the Commonwealth in the *Marsic* or *Social* War. On one Side is the galeated Head of *ROMA*, with the Title *CAESAR*: on the other, the Consul is represented in a bigated Car drawn by two *Cupids*, with a Lyre in the Area, intimating the Harmony of Love: the Exergue *Lucius IVLIUS Lucii Filius*. He was the near Kinsman of him who was afterwards Dictator, and now *Ædile*; in the Discharge of which Office he conciliated to himself, more than ever, the Favour of  
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Pl. I. 12.

the People. In the Course of the Year he became *a Judge of Enquiry* for the Prosecution of Bravo's or Assassins. In this Number he included those who had been concerned in the Execution of the Persons proscribed by *Sulla*. And amongst these was *Catiline*, who had been very cruelly active in those unhappy Times. He was however befriended by *Catulus*, and the rest of the Nobility, and by their Interest acquitted. Yet the Accusation itself made him much worse, and was a further Incitement to the desperate Enterprize in which he was engaged; for, notwithstanding these Rebuffs, he had the Confidence to stand Candidate for the Consulship at the Close of the Year, tho' his Conspiracy began then to be publicly talked of.

This was the Beginning of the second Year since *Cicero's Præture*, and the forty-third of his Age; the Year in which he was qualified by the *Roman* Laws for the highest Magistracy. And of him it is worthy to be remarked, that he obtained all his Honours in the proper Year of suing for them. And at present the general Dependence of the Citizens for Safety and Protection against the Wiles and Audacity of the Conspirators was so entirely fixt upon his Diligence and Capacity, that he was proclaimed *first Consul* (*C. Antonius* being his Colleague) not so much by the single Declaration of the  
Heralds.



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Heralds employed on such Occasions, as by the consenting Voice of the whole *Roman* People. Their Denarii are yet extant. That of CICERO has the galeated Head of ROMA, so inscribed; and on the Reverse, the quadrigated triumphal Car, for his Victory afterwards in *Cilicia*, the Legend being *Marcus*

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TVLLIUS. That of ANTONY has the Head of *Mercury*, with C. ANTONIVS M. F. PRO COS.; and on the Reverse, Sacrificial Instruments, with PONTIFEX.

They were not deceived. His Address and Diligence answered all their Expectations. By his artful Behaviour he sifted out every Circumstance of the Conspiracy, and kept his wavering Colleague within Bounds. By his Eloquence and Firmness he forced the Head of it from the Senate and the City: obtained a Decree for the Condemnation of his principal Accomplices, whom he executed in Prison; an Act, however, which was unconstitutional, and which nothing but the last Necessity could justify: by his Management secured the Defeat and Death of *Catiline*, and deserved the glorious Title of FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY.

*Lucullus* now triumphed, tho' three Years later than he should have done (through the Opposition of his Enemies) for his Successes against *Mithridates*, exposing in the Procession a Golden Statue of that

Monarch six Foot high, his Shield of inestimable Value, adorned with precious Stones, and an amazing Profusion of Wealth. He gave after it a most magnificent Entertainment to the whole *Roman* People, and the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Towns. This Triumph is perpetuated on a Silver Coin struck on this Occasion, with the Head of *ROMA* covered with an Helmet; and on the Reverse, the Figure of the Conqueror in a triumphal quadrigated Car, holding a Sceptre, with the Inscription. *L. LICINIUS. LVCVLLVS. PR. COS.*

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The next Year *C. JULIUS CÆSAR* was Prætor of the City, but degraded for supporting *Metellus*, one of the Tribunes, in Opposition to the Senate. This vehemently inflamed the People, who were eager to restore him by Violence, and were with Difficulty restrained by *CÆSAR* himself. This unexpected Moderation so charmed the Senate, that they cancelled their own Decree, and reinstated him with much Honour and Applause.

A Decree of the Senate also passed for the Prosecution of all Persons concerned in the Conspiracy of *Catiline*. *C. JULIUS CÆSAR* was accused as one of these, by *L. Vellius* the Informer, before *Novius Niger*, who had been appointed one of the Inquisitors on this Occasion. But he was acquitted by the Testimony of *Cicero*; and the Informer, after  
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being roughly handled by the People, was cast into Prison. Nor did the Inquisitor escape the same Punishment, for having suffered a superior Magistrate to be summoned before him.

The same CÆSAR was at this Time PONTIFEX MAXIMUS, having carried that high Dignity from his Competitors *Q. Catulus* and *P. Isauricus*, two of the greatest Men in the Republic. And in the House of the Chief Pontiff, or of one of the superior Magistrates, were performed the religious Ceremonies of the GOOD GODDESS, as the Women's peculiar Deity was called. To these no Man was ever admitted, and even the Pictures of all male Animals were kept covered during the Solemnity. This Year the House of *Cæsar* was made Use of, into which his Wife found Means of introducing a young debauched Patrician, named *P. Clodius*, who was become her Favourite, in Woman's Apparel, during the Celebration of the Mysteries, in order to an Intrigue. This was *Pompeia*, the Daughter of *Pompeius Rufus*, who appears by his Coins to have been Consul at the same Time with *Sulla* the Dictator. But the rash Intruder was discovered and prosecuted, and a Divorce ensued. In the Course of the Prosecution, when *Cæsar*, who admitted that she had not *in Fact* been guilty, was asked, Why then he had divorced her? his Answer was, that,

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“ the Wife of CÆSAR should not even be suspected.” POMPEIUS M.

In the mean Time POMPEY had been very successful in *Asia*. *Mithridates*, whose Spirit was greatly superior to his Fortune, even in the broken State of his Affairs, had entertained the grand Design of crossing the *Boristhenes*, and breaking into *Italy* by the Countries along the *Danube* and the *Save*. But his putting to Death some of his Children and Kinsmen, whose Fidelity he suspected, was the Occasion of his own Ruin in the Midst of all his mighty Preparations ; for his Son *Pharnaces*, terrified with these Executions, and judging himself not safe so long as his Father lived, engaged in a Conspiracy against him. But the Discovery of the Design produced an Order from the King for his Apprehension. *Pharnaces* however had the Address to gain over those who were sent to seize him, and, drawing together the Soldiers in his Interest, he marched immediately at the Head of them, and secured the Royal Palace. The King, finding no Way to escape, endeavoured to dispatch himself with Poison, with which he was always provided against such an Accident. But his continual Use of Antidotes made the Potion harmless : so that he fell by the Sword of *Bitætus*, a *Gallic* Soldier in his Service, whom he entreated to put an End to his



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Affliction. Thus fell *Mithridates*, surnamed *Eupator*, a Prince of fine Parts of Understanding, vigilant, active; of great Conduct and Bravery, to which his Fortune was for some Time equal; of such Industry, and so happy Strength of Memory, as to make himself Master of the two-and-twenty different Languages in use amongst the Nations which he governed. He joined to these Endowments great Skill in the Sciences, particularly that of Botany: his Writings on which Subject were preserved as an invaluable Treasure. One of his medical Compositions, bearing his Name, is in Use at this Day. Some of his Coins have reached our Times, as well as those of his Son *Pharnaces*; who, on the Death of his Father, made his Submission to POMPEY, and was rewarded with the Realm of *Bosphorus*.

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That fortunate Commander was now victorious over *Aretas* the *Arabian* King (who afterwards surrendered himself) and carried his Ensigns into *Judea*. He besieged the Temple at *Jerusalem*, which he took, and entered into the *Holy of Holies*. He carried *Aristobulus* in Chains, and bade *Hircanus* reign. In this War *Bithynia*, *Cappadocia*, and the Part of *Cilicia* not before subject to the *Romans*, *Syria*, *Phœnicia*, *Palestine* as far as the *Euphrates*, *Paphlagonia*, *Galatia*, *Phrygia*, *Mysia*, *Lydia*, *Caria*,  
*Ionia*;

*Ionia*; all *Asia* between the *Palus Mæotis*, the *Caspian*, the *Red Sea*, and the *Ocean*, was either recovered or now first conquered, and submitted to the Greatness of POMPEY: and in the several Regions (not reduced into the Form of *Roman Provinces*) Kings and Tetrarchs governed by his sovereign Appointment. These Victories were perpetuated by several Coins, some of which are still to be met with in the Cabinets of the Curious, with the Head of POMPEY, and the Inscription IMP. CN. MAGN.; and on the Reverse, the Name of M. MINATIUS SABINUS, one of his Lieutenants *Proquæstore* in *Asia*.

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He returned triumphant to *Rome* in the Beginning of the Year of the City DCLXXXII. Out of the rich Spoils which he brought, he erected a stately Temple to *Minerva*, with a most magnificent Inscription, purporting that in this Expedition “he had routed, slain, and taken of Men, two millions one hundred and eighty-three thousand; had sunk or taken of Ships eight hundred and forty-six; had subjected of Towns and Castles one thousand five hundred and thirty-eight, and conquered all the Countries from the Lake *Mæotis* to the *Red Sea*.”

While POMPEY was returning to *Rome*, CÆSAR was preparing to quit it for a Time. But of this great

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POMPEIUS M. Man, whose Importance began now to be taken good Notice of, it is necessary for us to say something further. He was the Son of *Caius Julius Cæsar*, who had discharged the Office of Prætor, and died suddenly one Morning in the Act of putting on his Shoes. He was of the Age of Sixteen when this happened, and the following Year was created *Flamen Dialis*, by *Marius* and *Cinna*. The former had married his Aunt, as himself did the Daughter of the latter, by whom he had his Daughter *JULIA*; nor could all the Authority of the victorious *Sulla* induce him to part with her. He was therefore stript of his Priesthood, his Wife's Fortune, and his own hereditary Estate, and obliged to conceal himself till his Peace was made (not without Difficulty) at the Entreaty of the Vestal Virgins, and of *Mamercus Æmilius* and *Aurelius Cotta*, his Friends and Kinsmen. He made his first Campaign in *Asia*, under *M. Thermus*; and at the Siege of *Mitylene* merited a Civic Crown. That Commander's Son is thought to have stamped this Transaction afterwards on the Reverse of his Coins, in Honour of *CÆSAR*. It was rumoured that he had subjected himself, during his stay in *Asia*, to the unnatural Lust of *Nicomedes*, King of *Bithynia*: But to this, and other Calumnies, plentifully heaped upon him by the Emissaries of *Catulus*, *Cicero*, *Cato*, and others, at that Time his

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his Enemies, *Cæsar*, in his Consulship, gave this general Answer, “ that many People made it their Fashion to calumniate their Betters, that they might excite Contention, and shew themselves such as they truly were; but that, for his Part, he disdained a Contest with such Persons.” He served also for a short Time under *Servilius Isauricus*, in *Cilicia*, returning to *Rome* upon the Death of *Sulla*. After the Defeat of *Lepidus*, finding all Things quiet, he retired to *Rhodes*, in order to attend the Lectures of *Apollonius Molo*, a famous Master of Oratory, whose Instructions were likewise imbibed by *Cicero*, *Torquatus*, *Favonius*, and others. In his Passage he was taken by the Pirates, in whose Power he continued near forty Days, with only his Physician and two Servants, having dispatched away the rest of his Attendants, to procure Money for his Redemption. Being set on Shore, upon the Payment of 50 Talents, he got together some Vessels, and instantly pursued his Captors, whom he took and punished with Death, exposing their Bodies upon the Cross, as he had often jestingly threatened them. After some Time, as *Mithridates* was laying waste the neighbouring Continent, he assembled some Troops in *Asia*, and drove the King’s Governor from that Province. On his Return to *Rome*, he was chosen a Military Tribune, and connected himself with



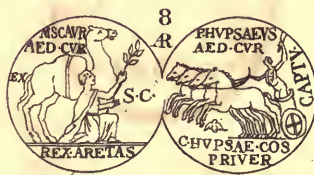
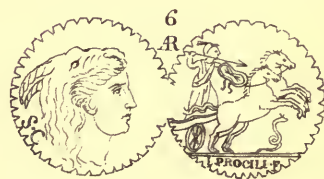
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with the Party who were for restoring their full Power to the Tribunes of the People. In his Quæstorship he lost his Aunt *Julia*, the Widow of old *Marius*, and his Wife *Cornelia*, whose Funeral Orations he made in Public, as was then customary. In his Eulogy of the former, he spoke thus pompously of his Family: "The Descent of my Aunt  
 " *JULIA* is, by the Mother's Side, from Kings, by  
 " the Father's, from the immortal Gods: for from  
 " *ANCUS MARCIUS* are the *MARCII REGES*, which  
 " (*MARCIA*) was her Mother's Name; and from  
 " *VENUS* are the *JULII*, which Family we are. There  
 " is therefore, in our Descent, both the Sanctity  
 " of Kings, who are most powerful amongst Men,  
 " and the Augustness of the Gods, in whose Power  
 " are Kings themselves." Hence we observe upon  
 the *Marcian* Coins the Heads of *ANCUS MARCIUS*,  
 and of *NUMA*, whose Grandson he was; and on the  
*Julian*, the *VENUS GENETRIX*, having on the Re-  
 verse *Æneas*, the Father of *Julius*, bearing on his  
 Shoulders *Anchises*, and the *Palladium* in his Right  
 Hand. His next Wife was *Pompeia*, already spoken  
 of. As Quæstor, the *Farther Spain* fell to him.  
 When at *Gades*, on seeing the Statue of *Alexander*  
*the Great*, he is said to have lamented his Unhappi-  
 ness in having yet atchieved nothing great, at an Age  
 when *Alexander* had conquered the World. Having  
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obtained his Discharge, he endeavoured to inflame the *Latin* Colonies to Sedition ; and, that failing, is said to have had some Concern in the several Conspiracies of *Sulla* and *Autronius*, of *Piso* and *Catiline* ; though much more seems to have been laid to his Charge than he was really guilty of. In his *Ædileship*, he secured to himself the Favour of the People, through which he endeavoured to obtain for himself the rich Province of *Egypt*, as the *Alexandrians* had given great Offence by expelling their King *Ptolemy*, the Father of *Cleopatra*, a Friend and Ally. But in this Attempt he was opposed by the whole Body of the Nobility ; whose Authority, in Return, he made it his Business to lessen and impugn by all possible Means. To convince them of his Resolution, he restored the Trophies of his Uncle *MARIUS* over *Jugurtha* and the *Cimbrians*. His Works, and the Entertainments which he gave, during his Discharge of that Office, were excessively magnificent. By these, and other Arts of Corruption, (which of every Sort abounded at that Time, in Defiance of all Law) added to an unbounded Generosity on all Occasions, he had contracted an immense Debt : insomuch that, having now passed through his *Præture*, and preparing to set out for his Province of the *Farther Spain* (comprehending *Portugal* and *Andalusia*) he was prevented



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prevented by his Creditors. On this Occasion CRASSUS was his Bail for more than one hundred and sixty thousand Pounds Sterling. This done, he left *Rome* with Precipitation.

It was not to be expected that one of CÆSAR'S Ambition should be inactive in his Province, when an Opportunity offered, or could be found, of signaling himself. The Country was overrun with Freebooters and Banditti from the neighbouring Parts. For the more effectual Extirpation of these, he commanded the Mountaineers to descend from their Fortresses, and fix their Habitations in the Plain. This, as he expected, threw them into Arms. But they were soon defeated; as were the several Nations successively subdued by him as far as to the Ocean. For these Exploits he was saluted IMPERATOR by the Army. Nor was he less distinguished by the Arts of Peace than those of War, if we may credit *Cicero*, who says, that he most highly favoured and obliged the City and People of *Gades*, deciding their Disputes and Controversies, making Laws for their better Government, and, in the Place of their innate Barbarism, introducing sound Discipline, and polite Manners. From *Spain* he brought with him Wealth enough for the Discharge of all his Debts, which amounted to more than a Million and a Half of our Money. He now intended.

tended to petition for a Triumph, and made great Preparations accordingly, but, finding that incompatible with his other Design of standing for the Consulate, he dropped his former Intention, and applied himself with unwearied Diligence to the latter: preferring the Possession of substantial Power and Authority to the Glare of Pomp and Honour.

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At this Time *Faustus Sulla*, the Son of the Dictator, gave Gladiatorial Shews, and a sumptuous Entertainment to the People, in Consequence of his Father's Will. Some Coins were struck by him in Honour of his Father upon this Occasion, with the Inscription FAUSTUS FELIX, having the Head of *Luna* or *Diana*, with the *Lituus* behind her; and on the Reverse, the Figures of *Jugurtha* bound, *Bocchus* enthroned, and *Sulla* holding out to him the Palm of Peace. The Head of LUNA upon this Denarius seems to allude to what *Plutarch* writes, that this Goddess appeared to him in a Dream, and delivered into his Hands the Thunder and Lightning, with which it seemed to him that he then struck and destroyed his Enemies. The *Lituus* is the Insigne of the Augurate: and the Figures of the Reverse were engraven on the Ring which he always wore and sealed with. Thus *Plutarch* and *Pliny*. But the former, in his Life of *Marius*, says parti-

Pl. II. 4.



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POMPEY had been endeavouring, ever since his Return from *Asia*, to have his Acts there ratified and confirmed at home. In which Endeavour he had been strenuously opposed by *Lucullus*, and most of the Nobility; some resenting his overweening Ambition, and fastidious Treatment of themselves, while others considered his Authority and Popularity as much too great already for a free Republic. He therefore came readily into the Measures proposed to him by CÆSAR. These were, that a Reconciliation should commence immediately between POMPEY and CRASSUS; that both should assist CÆSAR in his Canvass for the Consulship; that afterwards CÆSAR should have POMPEY's Acts confirmed; and all the Affairs of the Commonwealth should be secretly directed by the joint Interest and Influence of all three. This was the Formation of the first TRIUMVIRATE, and their Fidelity to each other was cemented

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cemented with an Oath ; as it was still more closely, in a short Time after, by the Marriage of POMPEY with *Julia*, the Daughter of CÆSAR. Their Motives to this League of Union were powerful enough. CÆSAR was as willing to procure, and CRASSUS to augment, as POMPEY to retain *his* Dignity. CÆSAR, by yielding to POMPEY's Glory, improved his own ; while the Envy of their common Power was sure to revert upon the other : and CRASSUS was willing to hold that Power, which alone he could not have obtained, by the Authority of POMPEY, and the Strength of CÆSAR. This gave the fatal Blow to *Roman* Freedom ; nor was less destructive, at different Times, to each of those who formed it. Their several Parties presently united, and carried all before them : and even those who pretended to oppose them, had their several private Views. *Cato* was the only Person who acted from a disinterested Principle for the public Good.

CÆSAR, now Consul, determined to lay hold of every Opportunity that offered for the Augmentation of his Popularity, at the same Time that he professed great Deference for the Senate. To have the Commons at his Devotion, he had Recourse to the old Expedient of an Agrarian Law, and to convince the Fathers of his Sincerity, declared that nothing should



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be done in it without their Approbation and Concurrence. By this Law the Lands in *Campania* were to be purchased by the Public, and divided amongst such of the poor Citizens as were the Fathers of three or more Children. But the Law was so qualified, with respect to those who were to be concerned in the Purchase and Division, that no reasonable Objection could be made to it. The Utility of it was generally confessed; and even *Cato*, at the Head of the Opposition, could find nothing to reprehend in it. For, however faultless, it was opposed, and with much Obstinacy, as an Innovation, merely on the Account of him who formed it, and whose increasing Popularity was judged extremely dangerous. He had therefore Recourse to the People, before whom *POMPEY* and *CRASSUS* approved the Law; and the Tribes readily passed it, notwithstanding the Resistance of his Colleague *Bibulus*. This Magistrate was at last insulted, driven from the Assembly with his Fasces broken, and forced to remain at Home inactive for the rest of the Year. All the Patricians were obliged to give their Consent to it, and *Cicero*, by his Refusal to become one of the twenty nominated for the Division of the Lands, incurred the high Displeasure of the Triumvirate, and laid the Foundation of his own Prosecution and Banishment.

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The following Denarius having the Head of CÆSAR, with the S C for *Senatus Consulto*, bears Reference to the Town of *Casilinum* in *Campania*, whither a Colony was drawn out in Consequence of this Law ; in Remembrance of which Event it was afterwards struck by *Tiberius SEMPRONIUS GRACCVS*, one of the Quæstors Elect. The Figures on the Reverse are, 1. The Ensign of a Cohort. 2. The Eagle of a Legion. 3. A Plough and Scepter : the usual emblematical Descriptions of such Deduction.

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To CÆSAR's Consulship and Person must also be referred the Settlement of a Colony at *Lanuvium*, commemorated in the following Coins, struck some time afterwards. The Head is that of *Juno Sospita* or *Sispita*, the Patroness of the Place, who is described by *Cicero* as bearing a Shield and Spear, with open Sandals, and covered with a Goat-Skin ; because Goats, we presume, were the usual Sacrifices offered to her. Underneath are the Names of L. PROCILIVS, who was one of the popular Tribunes three Years after, and of *Roscius Fabatus*, afterwards one of CÆSAR's Lieutenants in *Gaul* ; both Natives of the Place. The Reverse of the first, is the same Goddess in a bigated Car ; of the second, the Virgin feeding the Serpent sacred to that Goddess. This Serpent is said to have left its

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its Retreat yearly, in order to be fed; and the feeding of it by one of the female Inhabitants of the Place, was looked upon as a Sort of Trial of Virginity, and an Omen of Plenty. *Propertius*, in Lib. IV. Eleg. 8. thus describes it:

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Whoe'er  
Hits the short Moment of a Sight so rare,  
With wild Amazement frozen, may behold  
*Lanuvium's* Guard his slimy Spires unfold,  
And the dark Cavern of his yawning Jaw,  
That marks the Passage to his hungry Maw  
For annual Food when rising: (Let the Fair,  
How such-like Passage she disclose, beware!)  
Strange sacred Rite! The Snake, with eager Haste,  
Catches the Morsel offer'd to his Taste,  
While pale with Fear the tender Female stands,  
And the light Basket trembles in her Hands.  
If chaste, once more she hails her Parents dear,  
And the Swains cry, " 'Twill be a fruitful Year."

From this Time *CÆSAR* referred himself to the Senate no more during his Magistracy, but seemed to govern all Things, by the Favour of the People, with an absolute Sway. He next remitted to the Equestrians a third Part of the Tributes which they were to pay, and so detached that powerful Body from the Senatorian Order. After this, it were almost superfluous to say that the Acts of *POMPEY* were ratified, and all Opposition silenced for the present: insomuch that the Wits of that Time stiled

filed it the Consulship (not of *Cæsar* and *Bibulus*, but) of *CAIUS* and *JULIUS CÆSAR*, nor of *JULIUS* and *CÆSAR*. He now took to Wife *Calpurnia*, the Daughter of *Calpurnius Piso*, who succeeded him in the Consulship; and, through *Vatinius*, a Tribune of his Party, obtained of the People the Government of *Cisalpine Gaul*, and *Illyricum*, with three Legions. But, as he intimated a Desire of having the *Transalpine Gaul* added to his Province, the Senate, not caring that the People should do every Thing for him, prevented them, by conferring this Grant themselves, with the Command of another Legion.

*P. Lentulus Spinther*, now going out of his Prætorship, obtained the Province of the *Hither Spain*, through the Interest of *CÆSAR*.

The Triumvirs, having taken Umbrage at the Behaviour of *Cicero*, encouraged his professed Enemy *Clodius*, who was now one of the popular Tribunes, to proceed against him for the Execution of *Lentulus*, *Cethegus*, and others, in his Consulship. He preferred a Law therefore for the Punishment of those who had put to Death any Citizens uncondemned by the People. In Consequence of this, the Orator was forced into Banishment; but recalled, both by the Senate and People, in the Beginning of the



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the following Year, and received with the highest Honour and universal Applause. *See* *QUIA* *to* *the* *end*  
 on The same Incendiary, amongst other Laws, passed one for seizing the Effects of *Ptolemy*, King of *Cyprus*, a Friend and Ally of *Rome*; for reducing his Kingdom to a *Roman* Province, and charging *Cato* with the Execution of it. An Act of the most oppressive Avarice and tyrannical Usurpation, condemned by all the Historians; a most bitter Reflection upon *Roman* Integrity; and a Commission which the Stoicism of *Cato* should at all Adventure have refused. But *Cato* was so far from doing this, that he afterwards opposed *Cicero*'s Endeavour to have the Laws of *Clodius* rescinded, purely from the Concern which he thereby had in the Province of *Cyprus*. Indeed some Coins have been struck to perpetuate this Commission, on which is the Head of *ROMA*, with the Inscription *M. CATO PRO PRætore*. “*P. CLODIUS*,” says *Velleius*, in the Senate, “removed *M. CATO* out of the Way  
 “by a most honourable Title; for he made a Law  
 “for sending him as Quæstor with Prætorian  
 “Power, a Quæstor also being allowed him, to  
 “the Island of *Cyprus*, to strip *Ptolemy* of his  
 “Kingdom, who had deserved this Usage by all  
 “Manner of Vices,” &c. For the being Quæstor  
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with Prætorian Power, is the very same Thing as being *Quæstor proprætoræ*, and must relate to this Transaction. The Truth is, that these admired Advocates for public Liberty, had no Mercy upon the rest of Mankind, but acted upon all Occasions as if they had a Right to make Slaves of all besides themselves.

This Year, being that of the City DCXCV, *M. Æmilius Scaurus*, and *P. Plautius Hypsæus*, were Curule Ædiles, the Grandeur and Magnificence of whose public Exhibitions had not been equalled in that Age of Luxury. The Scenery of the temporary Theatre (for it was not to stand a Month) raised for this Purpose, is particularly spoken of, as consisting of three Stories, the lowermost of which was lined with Marble, the middle was composed of Glass, and the uppermost of gilded Wainscot. In Front were three hundred and sixty Marble Columns, of the Height of eight-and-thirty Feet, and between them were placed three thousand Statues of exquisite Workmanship, besides a Profusion of the most valuable Pictures, and other Ornaments; the Round of the Theatre itself containing eighty thousand Spectators. The Denarii struck by them on this Occasion, represent on the one Side the Surrender of *Aretas*, one of the Kings of *Arabia*, to which *Scaurus* had compelled that



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Monarch two Years before, when he was *Pompey's* Lieutenant in *Syria*. The suppliant King is on his Knees before him, and presenting a Laurel. The Inscription is M. SCAVRVS. ÆD. CVR. EX. S. C. His Name and Quality are in the Exergue; and the Camel, which is near him, properly represents the Country which he governed. On the Reverse, *HYPSEUS* renews the Memory of his great Ancestor, who took *Privernum*, by a quadrigated triumphal Car, and *Victory* with the Legend, C. HYPSEAE COS PRIVER CAPTV: and above, P. HYPSEVS AED CVR.

Certain Advices being received, that the *Helvetians* were preparing to leave their own Country, and intended to march through the *Roman* Province into the farther Part of *Transalpine Gaul*, *CÆSAR*, who was never exceeded by any Man in the soldierly Qualities of Vigilance and Celerity, hastened to his Province in the Beginning of *April*, and before the thirteenth of the same Month, with one Legion which he found there, and the Assistance of the Inhabitants, had drawn a deep Fosse, and raised a Rampart sixteen Feet high, strengthened with Castles at proper Intervals, nineteen Miles in Length, from the *Leman* Lake to Mount *Jura*; by which he effectually barred this Passage to the *Helvetians*. Leaving the Guard of this to his Lieutenant *Labie-*

us, he hastened back into *Italy*, where, with incredible Dispatch, he raised two new Legions. With these, and three more, which had wintered in the Neighbourhood of *Aquileia*, he crossed the *Alps* by the nearest Route, dispersed in several Engagements the Nations that from the Eminences opposed his March, and entered the farther Province on the seventh Day. Instantly he moved against the *Helvetians* and their Allies, whose Multitudes he defeated with great Slaughter; and with the same Success attacked *Ariovistus*, at the Head of a numerous Army of *Germans*, the greater Part of whom he cut in Pieces, and drove the rest across the *Rhine*. In the Pursuit, he had the good Fortune to deliver his Friends, *C. Valerius Proculus*, and *M. Mettius*, whom the *Germans* were dragging off in Chains.

This was the Work of a single Campaign, and clouded the Glory of POMPEY'S *Asiatic* Victories. P. CRASSUS, the Son of the Triumvir, was one of CÆSAR'S Lieutenants in *Gaul*, and the Commander of his Horse, and did him very eminent Service. He was Prætor in the Year of the City DCXCVI. One of his Coins is still extant, bearing the laurelled Head of the *Julian Venus*, with the Letters S C, for *Senatus Consulto*, behind it; and on the Reverse, a *Roman* Commander standing by the Side of his Horse, with the Legend P. CRASSVS. M. F. He

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was slain with his Father in the *Parthian Expedition*.

Corn being sold in *Rome* at an extravagant Rate, the Care of supplying the City with that Article was, at the Motion of *Cicero*, now returned from Exile, committed to POMPEY for five Years, with the same Proconsular Power which he had held in the Piratic War. An additional Law was made by *Messius* the Tribune, by which was annexed the Command of the public Money, a Fleet and Army, and an Authority superior to that of any Provincial Magistrate. He had now also fifteen Lieutenants and two Quæstors, as before. This

Pl. II. 9. Commission is implied in the Coin before us, which was struck by *C. Piso*, and *Cæpio*, two of his Quæstors, employed in the Purchase of that Commodity. This Medal bears the laurel'd Head of POMPEY the Great. The Inscription is C. PISO CAEPIO, Quæstores. *M. Patin*, *Rom. Fam.* p. 59, was in the Wrong to refer this to the Time of *Augustus*; for the *Curatores Cereales* were not appointed in Consequence of any Senatorial Decree (which is the Case here) but by the absolute Authority of the Emperor; nor were they ever styled Quæstors, but *Ædiles*. On the Reverse are the two Quæstors, seated between two standing Ears of Corn; and underneath, AD FRV. EM. EX. S. C. *Ad Fruges emendas. Ex Senatûs Consulto.*

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In the Campaign of this Year, A. V. DCXCVI. CÆSAR gained a compleat Victory over the Insurgents of *Belgic Gaul*, who took the Field, to the Number of one hundred and fifty thousand fighting Men. The *Nervii*, and their Confederates, who attacked him afterwards by Surprize, and continued the Contest with amazing Obstinacy, were in the End so cut off, that very few remained, except their old Men, Women, and Children; infomuch, that of six hundred Senators, only three were left alive; and of sixty thousand Combatants, scarce five hundred survived the general Slaughter. The *Atuatici* were next subdued, and all the Maritime Nations reduced in the mean Time by his Lieutenants. The Reputation of his Arms brought several Ambassadors from beyond the *Rhine*, who, in the Name of their respective Masters, tendered their Submission, and were ordered to attend the Conqueror early in the Spring. At *Rome*, these Exploits were judged so important, that a public Supplication of fifteen Days was decreed; an Honour which no Magistrate had before obtained.

The next Year the *Veneti*, who had taken Arms again, the *Unelli*, the *Sontiates*, and all the People of *Aquitain*, were reduced by CÆSAR, or his Lieutenants. But the *Morini* and *Menapii*, who were still in Arms, were driven to their Woods and Fastnesses.



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nesses. After which, he quartered his Troops in the Country of the *Aulerei* and *Lexobii*, and passing the *Alps* himself, spent the Winter at *Lucca*. Hither his Partisans resorted, to pay their Court to him, in such Numbers, that two hundred Senators, and an hundred and twenty Fasces of Proconsuls and Proprætors, have been seen attending his Levee at a Time. Here POMPEY and CRASSUS paid him a Visit likewise. *Domitius Ahenobarbus*, a strong Republican, the fast Friend of *Cato*, and consequently no Friend to the Proceedings of the Triumvirs, had declared himself a Candidate for the Consulship of the ensuing Year, and publicly boasted that he would abrogate the Command of CÆSAR. It was therefore agreed among them, that POMPEY and CRASSUS should themselves jointly petition for that Office, and set *Domitius* aside; that CÆSAR's Provinces should be continued to him for five Years longer; that CRASSUS should have *Syria* and the *Parthian* War, and POMPEY the Government of the two *Spains* for the same Term.

POMPEY and CRASSUS therefore forcibly succeeded to the Consulate; after which, their several quinquennial Governments, as they had projected, were confirmed to them. The latter of these presently collected a powerful Army, and set out, before his Consular Year expired, upon his *Parthian* Expedition;

dition; the dire Event of which lopped off one Branch of the Triumvirate.

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In the mean Time, CÆSAR in *Gaul* defeated an Army of *Germans*, who, with their Families, had passed the *Rhine*, to the Amount of four hundred and thirty thousand Souls. Not content to have destroyed the Invaders, he built a wonderful Bridge in ten Days acroſs that River, and, the firſt of all the *Romans*, entered *Germany* at the Head of his Forces. Having burned and plundered the Country for eighteen Days together, he returned into *Gaul*. Late as it was in the Summer, he now got together a Fleet, and paſſed over into *Britain*; where having landed with Difficulty, and, after a vigorous Reſiſtance from the Natives, accepted their Submiſſion and Hoſtages, he refitted his ſhattered Veſſels, and returned to the Continent. He now marched againſt the *Morini*, whom he ſubdued, and received the Surrender of the *Menapii*. For theſe extraordinary Succelles a Supplication of twenty Days was decreed by the Senate.

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Having given Orders for the Building of a Fleet in the Winter, he paſſed into *Illyricum*, where he reſtrained the Incurſions of the *Piruiſtæ*, and, returning ſpeedily to *Gaul*, left there *Labienuſ* with three Legions and two thouſand Horſe; while himſelf ſet ſail for *Britain* with the ſame Number of Horſe and five



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five Legions, on board a Fleet of eight hundred Vessels of every Kind. Having landed, and marched into the Country, he had several smart Engagements with the Inhabitants, who fought gallantly under the Conduct of *Cassivelaun*; who, moved at length by his ill Success, and the Defection of several Nations, gave Hostages, and submitted.

On his Return to the Continent, CÆSAR found it necessary, on Account of the Scarcity of Provisions, to distribute his Troops in Winter Quarters more extended and distant from each other than usual. This gave Encouragement to the *Gauls* to attempt upon them both by Force and Fraud: so that two of his Lieutenants, with a Legion and five Cohorts under their Command, were circumvented and slain by the *Eburones*. Another, commanded by *Q. Cicero*, was closely besieged, and at length relieved by CÆSAR in Person, who, with seven thousand Men, defeated an Army of sixty thousand. The Fame of this Victory preserved the rest. Yet the *Senones*, *Nervii*, and others instigated by them, had the Boldness to insult the Camp of *Labienus*, but disappeared on the Death of their Commander.

This Year *Julia*, the Daughter of CÆSAR, and the Wife of *Pompey*, died, and soon after, the Child of which she had miscarried. This loosened the  
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Bands of their Society. All this while POMPEY continued in a Manner absolute at *Rome*, with an Army at the Gates, governing the two *Spains* by his Lieutenants *Afranius* and *Petreius*.

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CÆSAR, now apprehending a more general Disturbance in *Gaul*, encreased his Forces, by new Levies, with three Legions and ten Cohorts, POMPEY having assisted him with one Legion on this Occasion; and, before the Winter was over, reduced the *Nervii* once more, as he did, quickly after, the *Senones* and *Carnutes*. He next attacked the *Menapii*, who, seeing their Country laid waste, submitted. While this was doing, the *Treviri*, who had armed great Numbers of Horse and Foot, were by a Feint defeated and subdued by *Labienus*. CÆSAR, seeing that they were assisted by the *German*s, built a second Bridge over the *Rhine*, and entered *Germany*. But finding the Country deserted, he returned, and gave up the *Eburones* to military Execution, inviting all the neighbouring People to share the Plunder of that unhappy Nation. With this View, a large Body of Horse of the *Sicambri*, passed the *Rhine*, but were casually diverted from their first Design, to an Attempt upon the Camp of Q. *Cicero*, which they were hardly prevented from making themselves Masters of, owing

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to the Inattention of the Lieutenant ; but finding themselves disappointed, they as suddenly retired.

In the mean Time *Rome* itself was in a very unquiet State, where the Election of Consuls had been put off for seven Months together, through the Intercession of the Tribunes. These Troubles are said to have been privately encouraged by POMPEY himself. One of the Tribunes went so far as to nominate him Dictator. But this Scheme fell to the Ground, chiefly through the Opposition of *Cato*; so that *Domitius Calvinus*, and *Valerius Messala*, were chosen Consuls for the rest of the Year. But as the Tumults in the City still continued, and were yet further encreased by the Death of *Clodius*, the great Favourite of the People, who was killed by MILO in the *Appian Way*; and the Necessity of creating POMPEY Dictator was again insisted upon; the Senate judged it more advisable to try a new Expedient, which was, to have him chosen sole Consul. This was done accordingly, in the Year of the City DCCI.

Information of these Commotions came to CÆSAR in *Cisalpine Gaul*, where he spent the Winter. But when the same Advices passed the *Alps*, they were presently improved by the Humour of that volatile People, and became the Foundation of a general

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 “ CÆSAR would necessarily be detained in *Italy* ; CÆSAR.  
 “ that the Legions would not dare to move from  
 “ their Quarters while he was absent ; that should  
 “ he return, which was by no Means probable, it  
 “ were the easiest Matter in the World to prevent  
 “ his joining them ; that at worst a present Death  
 “ were better than perpetual Slavery.” The *Car-*  
*nutes* were the first that moved. They flew to  
*Gennabum*, and massacred every *Roman* in the Town.  
 The News of this no sooner reached the *Arverni*,  
 than *Vercingetorix*, a young Nobleman of the first  
 Quality, endeavoured to inflame the People, and,  
 notwithstanding the Opposition that he met with  
 from his Uncle, and the more sober Part of them,  
 soon got together a Band of desperate Men. He  
 was presently joined by the *Senones*, *Parisians*, *Pic-*  
*tones*, *Cadurci*, *Turones*, *Aulerei*, *Lemovices*, *Andes*,  
 and the maritime Nations in general, who conferred  
 upon him the chief Command. In a short Time  
 he was further reinforced by the Accession of the  
*Bituriges*, the *Rutheni*, the *Nitiobriges*, and the *Ga-*  
*bali*, and was preparing for an Irruption into *Nar-*  
*bonne*.

When CÆSAR was advised of this, and that Mat-  
 ters were a little settled in the City by the Au-  
 thority of POMPEY, he judged it high Time to pass



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the *Alps*; but when he had done this, was as much at a Loss as before. Should he send for the Legions to come to him, he was sensible that they must fight their Way without their Commander, in whom was all their Confidence. Should he move towards them, his Person was in Danger. But his Presence was absolutely necessary at *Narbonne*. Thither therefore he went, confirmed the fearful, and fixed Garrisons in all the Places that were nearest to the Enemy. A Part of the Provincial Forces, and a Supply, which he brought from *Italy*, he ordered to march to the *Helvii*, who lay upon the Borders of the *Arverni*. The Enemy, fearing to come within the Circle of the garrisoned Towns, had now retired, so that he marched thither himself, and thence over the Mountain *Cebenna*, covered with Snow six Feet deep, through which the Soldiers were forced to clear their Way, to the Limits of the *Arverni*, whom he surprized; for they had judged themselves effectually secured by the Interposition of the Mountain, which at that Time was thought impassable even by a single Person. Here he left his Forces under the Command of *Brutus*, promising to return to him in three Days, with Orders that the Horse in the mean Time should scour the Country, and fill it far and wide with Terror. He then set out privately, and with all possible Expedition,

pedition, for *Vienne*. Having there collected a Body of Horſe, he travelled Night and Day to the *Lingones*, where two Legions wintered. Thence he ſent to the reſt of his Forces; and had aſſembled them all, before the *Arverni* could hear of his Arrival. On Advice of this, *Vercingetorix* marched to the Attack of *Gergovia*, a Town of the *Boii*, and in which they had been ſettled by CÆSAR, under the Government of the *Ædui*, after his Victory over them in the *Helvetic* War. The Roman General, therefore, leaving two Legions and the Baggage of the whole Army at *Agendicum*, moved towards the *Boii*. In his Way, he took *Vellaunodunum* of the *Senones*, and ſacked and burned *Gennabum* of the *Carnutes*. When *Vercingetorix* received Intelligence of his Approach, he raiſed the Siege of *Gergovia*, and marched to meet him. Meanwhile CÆSAR made himſelf Maſter of *Noviodunum*, and was now buſied at *Avaricum*, by the Taking of which he hoped to be in Poſſeſſion of the whole Country of the *Bituriges*.

It was now determined in a general Council, by the Perſuaſion of *Vercingetorix*, to carry on the War againſt the *Romans* in a very different Manner, by preventing their Foraging, intercepting their Proviſions, and depriving them of all Means of Subſiſtence. They judged this eaſy to be done, by their ſuperior



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superior Strength in Horse, and burning all the Country round about, such Places only excepted as were most capable of Defence. Accordingly, more than twenty Cities of the *Bituriges* were in Flames at once. But it was thought proper to defend *Avaricum*.

By these Resolutions the *Romans* were greatly distressed, wanting Bread for many Days together, and sparingly sustaining themselves with such Cattle as they could procure from very distant Towns. Yet not a Word was heard, unbecoming the Majesty of the *Roman* People and their former Victories. Nay, when their Commander offered to raise the Siege on that Account, they intreated him not to do it; that under his Conduct for many Years they had received no Dishonour, nor left any Enterprize unfinished; that they would endure any Hardships, sooner than suffer the Blood of their Fellow-Citizens, massacred at *Gennabum*, to be unavenged. At length the Place was taken by Assault, and, of forty thousand Persons within, scarce eight hundred escaped alive to *Vercingetorix*, who was encamped in the Neighbourhood. Here CÆSAR found great Plenty of Provisions, and stayed many Days for the Refreshment of his Army. On the other Side, *Theutomatus*, King of the *Nitiobriges*, came to the Assistance of *Vercingetorix* with a great Body  
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of Forces; and the *Ædui* some Time after fell off from their Alliance with the *Romans*, and joined him.

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After several great Feats of Generalship on both Sides, at *Gergovia*, upon the *Elæver*, and elsewhere, the *Gallic* General dismissed all his Horse to their several Countries, charging them to collect the whole Strength of their respective States, and return to his Relief as soon as possible; that he had Subsistence for about thirty Days, or perhaps somewhat longer, using great Frugality. He then, with all the Foot, amounting to eighty thousand Men, shut himself up in *Alesia*, where he was closely besieged by CÆSAR.

At last the expected Succours arrived, consisting of eight thousand Horse, and two hundred and forty thousand Foot. The Action that ensued was very hot, the Besiegers being attacked both from within and from without, and lasted the whole Day. The *Gauls* were intirely defeated, and, had not the *Roman* Soldiers been wearied to the last Degree with the Continuance of the Battle, very few of so great a Multitude could have escaped. The next Day the City surrendered, and their General *Vercingetorix* was delivered up to the Will of the Conqueror. For these Successes a Supplication of twenty Days was decreed at *Rome*.

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The Popularity of CÆSAR seems now to have been at the Height in *Rome*. POMPEY therefore judged it absolutely necessary for himself, by all possible Means to establish a Counter-Interest with the Senate. Knowing, therefore, their Aversion to the Power of a single Person, he resolved to assume a Colleague in the Consulship, and for this Purpose pitched upon Q. *Cæcilius Metellus Pius Scipio*, the adopted Son of *Metellus Pius*, who had formerly commanded with him in *Spain*. *Scipio* was at that Time accused of Corruption; but was at once delivered from Prosecution, raised to the supreme Magistracy, and made the Father-in-law of *Pompey*, who married his Daughter *Cornelia*, a Lady of great Beauty. Medals were struck on this Occasion; one of which we have given in the Frontispiece, as copied from the *Pembrokian* Collection, of the second Magnitude. On the Reverse, is the Figure of the Lady, with her Name for the Legend; and in the *Area*, CNC C for *Cnæi Carissima Conjux*. Tho' this Moderation of POMPEY, in admitting a Partner of his Power, was very pleasing to the Senate, in which *Scipio* had much Interest, yet the Partiality and Injustice which attended it, were generally condemned.

POMPEY now preferred a Law, that no Man should obtain a Consular or Prætorian Province, who had

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not been of Consular or Prætorian Dignity for five Years : but first of all took Care to have his own Province of *Spain* continued to him for five Years longer. And, that CÆSAR might not be offended at these Proceedings, the ten Tribunes of the People were induced by his Influence to get a Law passed, empowering CÆSAR to stand for the Consulship in his Absence.

At the next Election *Cato*, who threatened to abrogate the Command of CÆSAR, was by his Interest set aside, and *Servius Sulpicius Rufus*, and *Marcus Claudius Marcellus*, were chosen Consuls. After which were great Debates in the Senate, *Marcellus* moving that a Successor should be sent to him before the Time allowed. In this he was opposed by *Sulpicius*, and at last by POMPEY himself. However a Decree passed at length, that CÆSAR should quit his Province after the Calends of *March* of the following Year.

In the Course of this Summer, CÆSAR once more subdued the *Carnutes*, and the *Bellovaci*, whose General was slain ; made himself Master of *Uxellodunum*, which was obstinately defended ; received the Submission of the *Aquitani*ans ; and finally compleated the Conquest of all *Gaul*, reducing it into the Form of a *Roman* Province.

By the late Law of POMPEY, *Cicero* was obliged

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to leave *Rome*, the Province of *Cilicia* and *Cyprus* being allotted to him. Here we find him at the Head of two Legions, assisted by his Brother *Quintus*, who had been *Cæsar's* Lieutenant in *Gaul*, and joining the *martial* to the *mercurial* Talent. For he was no sooner arrived, than he was informed that the *Parthians* had passed the *Euphrates*; whom he surprized and defeated on Mount *Amanus*. He afterwards took several Castles, and the strong Town of *Pindenissum*, after a tedious Siege, and was saluted IMPERATOR by the Army. This entitled him to a Triumph, for which he petitioned on his Return to *Rome*. But the Civil War, which then broke out, put an End to all Thoughts of this Kind. His Denarius, however, bears the galeated Head of ROMA; and on the Reverse a VICTORY, with a Palm Branch and Wreath, in a quadrigated or triumphal Car; the Exergue, M. TVLLIUS, as has been already observed.

CÆSAR spent the Winter of this Year in *Belgic Gaul*, governing in Peace the Nations, whom his Valour had subdued, with admirable Prudence; listening favourably to their Grievances, and conciliating their Affections; insomuch, that from this Time they paid him chearful Obedience. Certainly, if we consider the Bravery of the People whom he had to do with, his military Exploits in these  
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Countries, for nine Years together, must be allowed to have exceeded those of the most celebrated Heroes of Antiquity.

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At the next Election *L. Æmilius Paullus*, and *Caius Claudius Marcellus*, a near Relation of the last Year's Magistrate, succeeded to the Fasces. CÆSAR, being advised that these Consuls were little inclined to his Interest; that one of the Censors was utterly averse to him; that POMPEY had secured the popular Tribunes in general; and that his Enemies made no Secret of their Design to strip him of his Government and Command, and reduce him to the Condition of a private Person, judged it high Time to consult his own Safety. He therefore passed the *Alps* early in the Spring, and from his Residence in *Cisalpine Gaul* intended his City Affairs. Here he had the Address to bring over the Consul *Æmilius Paullus*, at the Expence, it is said, of fifteen hundred Talents. Of the two Censors, *Appius Claudius Pulcher*, and *Lucius Calpurnius Piso*, the latter was his Father-in-law. But the most active and stirring of the Tribunes, *CAIUS SCRIBONIUS CURIO* was his declared Adversary. This young Gentleman was in Family and Fortune eminently conspicuous; of distinguished Parts, and the most popular Eloquence; and one of whom the better Sort had great Expectations. This appears



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from *Cicero's* Epistles to him. But then his Liberality and Expences were without all Limits; so that his Debts were immense. This laid him open to the Temptation of CÆSAR, whom he now engaged to serve, and by whom he was gratified to the Amount of all his Wishes. When therefore it was proposed in the Senate that CÆSAR's Legions should be discharged, *Curio* absolutely refused his Assent, unless others also, and POMPEY in particular, dismissed the Forces under their Command: so that the whole Debate was closed with this single Resolution, That POMPEY and CÆSAR should each of them furnish a Legion for the *Parthian* War. The former had heretofore assisted the latter with one of his Legions. When therefore the proper Officer applied to POMPEY for his Share, he referred him to CÆSAR, who, in Fact, furnished both; which he chose rather to do than disobey the Order of the Senate.

In the Course of the Summer, *Appius* the Cenfor was extremely busy in the Execution of his Office, whereby he became, contrary to his own Intentions, very serviceable to CÆSAR. For when he noted many of the Equestrian and Senatorian Orders, without the Concurrence of his Collegue, he brought to pass, that all of them joined publicly afterwards the Party of CÆSAR. His Indignation

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was levelled at *Curio* in particular, who on this Occasion was protected by *Piso*, and the Consul *Paullus*. But, notwithstanding their Opposition, he persisted obstinately in his Judgment concerning the Tribune, which he rehearsed in full Senate. *Paullus*, moved with the Indignity of the Fact, rent his Robe. But *Marcellus*, the other Consul, seizing *Curio*, with Hopes that for every Enmity to CÆSAR, the Fathers would load him with some heavy Decree, demanded their Opinions of him. *Curio* at first insisted, with some Vehemence, that “ it was not the proper Business of the Senate to “ engage in any Determinations affecting him, with “ whom the Liberties and Privileges of the *Roman* “ People were intrusted.” But, observing that a Multitude of the Senators were partly well-disposed to the Interest of CÆSAR, and partly much afraid of him, he at last permitted the House to take Cognizance of the Affair; only remarking, that “ he was conscious to himself of having acted up- “ rightly, and for the Service of his Country; “ I therefore give up to you,” said he, “ my Body “ and my Life : dispose of them as you shall judge “ meet.” *Marcellus*, when he had accused him in such a Manner that he made no Question of his being condemned, and yet in a short Time saw him acquitted by very many Voices, rushed out of the Senate-



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Senate-House in a Rage, and ran into the Suburbs to POMPEY; where, by his own Authority, he committed to him the Custody of the City, and the Command of the two Legions above-mentioned. This was Evidence enough of their Design to reduce CÆSAR by Force, if better Authority should be wanting. They gave a Loose to their Joy therefore, and gloried exceedingly, when at the next Election *Caius Claudius Marcellus*, and *Lucius Cornelius Lentulus Crus*, were created Consuls; who, with much Acrimony, had professed their Resolution of despoiling CÆSAR of all his Honour and Dignity. The following Coins represent the joint Consulship of these two distinguished Enemies of CÆSAR. The JUPITER PROPUGNATOR is in both, with the Eagle and Ensigns of the Legions, and their respective Names. They appear to have been struck by C<sup>N</sup>ei<sup>us</sup> NERius, one of the City Quæstors of that Year, and a Favourer of their Party. The Reverse of the last has the same *Jupiter*, with an Altar before him, the Eagle in one Hand, and his Thunder in the other, with the Planetary Figure and the Quæstorian Mark underneath. The Names of the Consuls are on the Face of the one, and the Reverse of the other, L. LEN. C. MARC. COS.

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In Conformity to this Declaration, they no sooner entered upon their Office, than they made their  
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Report to the Senate concerning the Provinces ; and then a Decree passed, at the Motion of *Metellus Scipio*, the Father-in-law of POMPEY, that “ *Cæsar* “ should disband his Army by a stated Day ” (fix Months before the legal Time) “ or be declared an “ Enemy to the Commonwealth.” It was determined, that he should not be permitted to stand for the Consulship in Absence, though a Law had passed expressly for that Purpose. Every possible Method was made use of to encrease and encourage the Partizans of POMPEY, and intimidate the Friends of CÆSAR. And when to these extraordinary Proceedings, which bespoke the most inveterate Rancour, *Q. Cassius*, and *M. Antonius*, two of the popular Tribunes, opposed their Intercession, they were driven from the Senate and the City. *Scipio* declared to the *Fathers*, that POMPEY would not be wanting to them, if they would but pursue vigorous Measures : and it was industriously given out, that CÆSAR’S Legionaries were weary of his Command, and would not follow him, in Case of a Rupture. So that immediately on the Flight of the Tribunes, a Decree passed, as in Times of the most imminent Danger, “ that the Consuls, and POMPEY the Pro- “ consul, the Prætors, Tribunes of the People, “ and all Consulars at or near the City, take Care “ that the Commonwealth receive no Damage.”

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This was a public Declaration of War, and the Provinces were partitioned out accordingly amongst the Friends of POMPEY. *Scipio* had *Syria*, and *L. Domitius* was appointed to succeed CÆSAR in *Gaul*, without the usual Form of consulting the People. But *Philippus* and *Marcellinus*, though likewise of Consular Dignity, were passed by, without any Allotment, as the Friends of CÆSAR. POMPEY governed the two *Spains* by his Lieutenants. *Cato* had *Sicily*, and *Aurelius Cotta* *Sardinia*. *Africa* was to be under the Government of *Ælius Tubero*, and *Cisalpine Gaul* of *Confidius Nonianus*. To *Calvisius Sabinus* was allotted *Bithynia* and *Pontus*; and to *Publius Sestius*, *Cilicia* and *Cyprus*. *Achaia*, *Macedonia*, *Asia*, *Illyricum*, *Crete*, and *Cyrene*, were divided amongst Persons of the same Stamp. *Calpurnius Bibulus* was to command in Chief the Fleets and the whole Sea-coast, having under him several Lieutenants. But *Capua*, and the Coast of *Campania*, were committed to the Charge of *Cicero*; the Government of *Asculum*, to *Lentulus Spinther*; of *Etruria*, to *Scribonius Libo*; of *Iguvium*, to *Minutius Thermus*; and of *Auximum*, to *Atius Varus*. Musters were made in every Part of *Italy*, and Money and Arms ordered in from all Quarters. So that, amidst all this Hurry and Preparation, CÆSAR seemed to stand single.

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In the mean Time this great Man, seemingly unwilling to enter the Lifts with them, by his Friends in the Senate, by Letters to the Consuls, and by Messages to POMPEY, expressed his Readiness to comply with almost any Terms. But his Friends were brow-beaten, and the Consuls refused to report their Opinions, or to move the Senate (which they only were authorized to do) upon the Subject of his Letters. POMPEY could not bear the Man who had so fatally eclipsed his Glory, and rivalled his Authority: and *Cato* had sworn, at all Events, to bring him to Judgment for his Corruptions. So that, in fact, CÆSAR had no Alternative, but either to protect himself by Arms, or tamely to give up his Life a Sacrifice to the Rage of his Enemies, and the Ambition of POMPEY. Being informed therefore, by the Tribunes who fled to his Camp, in the Disguise of Slaves, of the Impracticability of any other Measures, and the Violation of their own Characters, he drew together the thirteenth Legion (for the rest were not yet come up) and harangued them. “ He reminded them of the  
 “ continual Injuries that he had received from his  
 “ Enemies, by whom he complained that POMPEY  
 “ was drawn aside, and utterly estranged to him,  
 “ through Envy, and a malevolent Opposition to  
 “ his Glory; that the Tribunitial Intercession,  
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“ some Time since restored, should be oppressed by Violence and Arms, was a strange unheard-of Thing; that *Sylla*, when he had stripped that Authority of all other Privileges, had yet left its Intercession free; that POMPEY, who might seem to have restored it, had now cancelled his own Gift; that, as oft as it had been decreed, *That the Magistrates be careful that the Commonwealth receive no Damage*, it had been either on Account of some destructive Laws, or some Violence offered to the Tribunes, or a Secession of the People; but that none of all this was the Case at present. He therefore exhorted them to defend the Honour and Dignity of their General, under whose Conduct they had been victorious for nine Years together.” This was received with Applause by the Legionaries, who declared themselves ready to vindicate the Honour of their Commander. He then marched from *Ravenna* to *Ariminum*, sending Orders for the rest of the Legions to follow him. Here he met with *L. Cæsar*, whose Father was his Lieutenant. This young Gentleman brought him a trifling Message from POMPEY, which occasioned an Answer and Reply, whereby this latter insisted upon every Thing from CÆSAR, and would himself submit to nothing. CÆSAR therefore dispatched

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*Antony* to *Arretium* with five Cohorts, and lodged a single one in each of the Towns of *Pisaurum*, *Fanum*, and *Ancona*.

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Having Intelligence in the mean Time, that the Prætor *Thermus*, at the Head of five Cohorts, was fortifying *Iguvium*, he sent *Curio* with three Cohorts against him. On whose Arrival *Thermus* quitted the Place, whose Troops left him on the March, and returned home. He then moved forwards towards *Auximum*. But on his Approach *Attius Varus* also fled, and, being closely pursued and attacked, was deserted by his Troops in the Engagement, Part of whom went home, and the rest joined CÆSAR.

When the News of his Progress reached *Rome*, a Report prevailing at the same Time, that CÆSAR'S Horse were near at hand, a general Consternation took Place. The two Consuls, and most of the Magistrates, hurried from the City. POMPEY was gone the Day before to the two Legions already spoken of, which wintered in *Apulia*. Their Musters ceased, and nothing was looked upon as safe on this Side *Capua*.

From *Auximum* CÆSAR over-ran all *Picenum*, the several Governments of these Countries receiving him with open Arms, and assisting him with all Necessaries. Even from *Cingulum*, a Town which



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*Labienus* (who was gone over to the Enemy) had builded at his own Charge, came Deputies, tendering their most ready Submission. The twelfth Legion now came up. With these two he marched to *Asculum*. This Place was held by *Lentulus Spinther*, who fled with the Garrison, but was deserted by a great Part of it. Thence he moved on to *Corfinium*, where *Domitius* commanded, who ordered out five Cohorts to break down the Bridge three Miles from the Town. But the Vanguard of CÆSAR coming up, engaged, and drove them back; so that he passed over his Forces, and encamped under the Walls. *Domitius* immediately dispatched Messengers, well acquainted with the Country, to POMPEY for Relief: "That CÆSAR might be easily  
" inclosed by their two Armies, and his Provisions  
" cut off: but that, if he neglected the Opportu-  
" nity, more than thirty Cohorts, with a great  
" Number of *Roman* Senators and Equestrians, ran  
" the Hazard of being lost." He then made Preparations for Defence.

Meantime the Inhabitants of *Sulmo*, but eight Miles distant, would have surrendered, but were prevented by Q. *Lucretius* the Senator, and *Attius* the *Pelignian*, who bridled them with a Garrison of seven Cohorts. Thither came *Antony* with five, to whom both Townsmen and Soldiers opened the  
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Gates. *Lucretius* and *Attius* threw themselves from the Wall. The latter desired to be conveyed to *CÆSAR*. *Antony* therefore returned with him the same Day. The Garrison *CÆSAR* incorporated with his own Troops, and dismissed their Commander. The first three Days he spent in strengthening his Camp with great Works, and bringing in Provisions from the neighbouring Towns, intending to wait there for the rest of his Forces. Within that Time the eighth Legion came up, and with it two-and-twenty Cohorts of the new Musters in *Gaul*, and about three hundred Horse. These formed a separate Camp, on the other Side the Town, under the Command of *Curio*. He then drew a Line of Circumvallation round the Place, and when the Work was near finished, the Messengers sent to *POMPEY* returned with Letters.

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On the Perusal of these, *Domitius* gave out that they would soon be relieved by *POMPEY*, and encouraged them to a vigorous Defence; but with a few private Friends consulted how to get off. When the Difference between his Words and Looks was observed, with his unusual Care and Repudiation, and his conversing much in private, the Truth could no longer be concealed. For *POMPEY* had written back, "That he would not put all to the Hazard; that it was neither by his Advice nor with his  
"Consent.



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“Consent that he had shut himself up in *Cor-*  
“*finium*; and that, if possible, he should come to  
“him with all his Forces.” But this was pre-  
vented by the Siege and Circumvallation.

Mean Time the Design of *Domitius* having got  
Air, the Soldiers began to divide and cabal:  
“They were besieged by CÆSAR, whose Works  
“were nearly completed; their Leader, on whom  
“they depended, was going to provide for himself;  
“that they too ought to have some Regard for  
“their own Safety.” But the *Marrians* were at  
first of different Sentiments, and seized upon that  
Part of the Town which was strongest, and so great  
was the Diffension that they were very near coming  
to Blows. At length the Intent of *Domitius* was fully  
known to all of them, whom then they seized and  
surrounded, sending instantly to CÆSAR, that they  
were ready to submit, and deliver *Domitius* alive  
into his Hands. It was now Night. CÆSAR there-  
fore answered the Deputies, that he would receive  
their Surrender in the Morning. Very early *Len-*  
*tulus Spinther* was, at his own Request, introduced  
to him. “He first entreated for his own Safety,  
“and afterwards recounted their ancient Friend-  
“ship, and the many Services which he had re-  
“ceived from CÆSAR; that through him he had  
“been admitted into the College of the Pontiffs,  
“had

“ had obtained the Province of *Spain* after his  
 “ Prætorship, and had been assisted by him in his  
 “ Petition for the Consulate.” Whom CÆSAR interrupted, saying, that “ he had not left his Province with Design to injure any Man, but for the Vindication of his own Honour; to restore to their Dignity the Tribunes of the People, who had been driven from the City on his Account; and to defend the Liberty both of himself and the *Roman* People, oppressed by the Faction of a few.”—Confirmed by this Speech, *Lentulus* begged Leave to return, observing, that the Grant of his own Safety would minister Consolation to the rest; for that some of them were in so despairing a Condition as to think of putting an End to their own Lives. This granted, he retired.

When it was Day, CÆSAR ordered all the Senators, and their Sons, the Military Tribunes, and Equestrians, to be brought before him. Here were, of the Senatorian Order, *L. Domitius* and *P. Lentulus Spintber*, *L. Vibullius Rufus*, *Sex. Quinctilius Varus*, besides the Son of *Domitius*, and many other young Gentlemen, with a great Number of Equestrians and Magistrates of the free Towns. These were all saved from the Revilings of the Soldiers, and dismissed in Safety by CÆSAR, after he



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he had put them in Mind of the ungrateful Return which they had made for the many Benefits which he had conferred upon them. The Money brought to him he restored to *Domitius*, that he might not seem more continent in the Lives of Men, than in the Matter of Money; though he was sensible that it belonged to the Public, and had been remitted by POMPEY for the Pay of the Troops. Having stayed only seven Days at *Corfinium*, he marched straight into *Apulia*.

POMPEY, on Advice of what had passed at *Corfinium*, marched from *Luceria* to *Canusium*, and thence to *Brundisium*, ordering the Levies from all Parts to attend him there, arming the very Slaves and Shepherds, and furnishing them with Horses. Of these he formed a Body of Cavalry, about three hundred. *L. Manlius*, the Prætor, fled from *Alba* with six Cohorts; as did *Rutilus Ruper*, another of the Prætors, from *Tarracina*, with three. All these seeing at a Distance the Cavalry of CÆSAR, under the Command of *Bivius Curius*, turned their Ensigns, and came over to him. In other Marches likewise, several Cohorts fell in with the Line of CÆSAR, as did some others among the Horse.

CÆSAR arrived at *Brundisium* with six Legions, three of them consisting of Veterans; the rest being made up of new Levies, and completed on the March.

March. For the Cohorts of *Domitius*, he sent immediately into *Sicily*. Here he found that the Consuls, with a great Part of the Army, had passed over to *Dyrrachium*, and that POMPEY was left behind at *Brundisium*, with twenty Cohorts: but whether with Design to keep the Place, in order to make himself Master of the *Hadriatic* on both Sides, or for Want of Shipping, was uncertain. Here he made another fruitless Attempt to engage POMPEY in a Treaty; who answered, that he could do nothing without the Consuls, who were absent.

One half of the Harbour of *Brundisium* was shut up by the Works of CÆSAR, when the Vessels returned, which had conveyed the Forces across the Gulph. Then POMPEY, either fearing to be inclosed by his industrious Enemy, or having so determined before, made Preparations for leaving *Italy*. The better to retard the Impetuosity of CÆSAR, and that he might not be surprized in the very Act of Embarkation, he walled up the Gates, raised Buildings across the Streets and Lanes, into which he drove Piles and sharp-headed Stakes, covering them over with Hurdles, and Earth o'top. The two Ways which led from the Wall to the Port, he barricaded with very large Beams, sharply pointed. Having taken these Precautions, he ordered the Troops to embark in Silence, and disposed



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a few light-armed Troops upon the Walls, and in the Castles, more for Shew than Service. These, at a certain Signal, were to descend, and make the best of their Way to the Haven, where some light Vessels were to be left for their Reception. While this was doing, the Townsmen, instigated by the Injuries which they had suffered from the Soldiers, and the contumelious Usage of POMPEY himself, gave Signification of it from the Walls, which the *Cæsareans*, clapping their Ladders, instantly mounted. But, being warned of the Stakes and Ditches, it was some Time before they could be led round to the Harbour, where they seized two Vessels with Soldiers, which had struck against the Moles of CÆSAR.

That General well knew the Importance of following his Adversary without Loss of Time. But POMPEY, by having carried off the Shipping from all Parts of the Coast, had rendered that impossible. He therefore directed his View towards *Spain*, where were two Provinces and a veteran Army entirely devoted to his Enemy.

He now sent his Lieutenant *Valerius* to *Sardinia* with one Legion, and *Curio* as Proprætor into *Sicily* with three; instructing the latter, as soon as he should have recovered that Island, to pass his Army over into *Africa*. The *Caralitans*, even as soon

soon as they heard of the Commission of the former, and before he left *Italy*, drove *Cotta* out of their City; who, sore affrighted, and seeing all the *Sardinians* of the same Mind, fled into *Africa*. *Cato*, in *Sicily*, was busied in fitting out a Fleet; was at the same Time making new Levies of *Roman* Citizens, by his Lieutenants, amongst the *Brutians* and *Lucanians*; and was exacting a stated Number of Horse and Foot from the several Cities of the Island. These Affairs were almost brought to Perfection, when being informed of the Arrival of *Curio*, he complained in Council, that “he had  
“been betrayed by POMPEY, who, totally unpre-  
“pared, had undertaken an unnecessary War; and  
“who, when he was asked in Senate, by himself,  
“and others, had assured them that he had all  
“Things in Readiness.” Having thus vented his Complaints, he retired, and quitted the Province.

*Tubero's* Allotment was *Africa*, where, on his coming, he found *Attius Varus*, who had fled thither on the Loss of his Cohorts at *Auximum*, and there raised two Legions. His Knowledge of the People and Country, as having been Proprætor there but a few Years before, had opened the Way to this Attempt. This Man opposed the Landing of *Tubero*; nor would he so much as permit him to set



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his Son on Shore, tho' in an ill State of Health, but compelled him to weigh his Anchors and be gone.

Things thus ordered, CÆSAR, to give some Ease to his Troops, quartered them in the neighbouring privileged Towns, and set out himself for *Rome*. Assembling the Senate, he laid before them “ the  
“ ill Offices of his Enemies; that he had aimed at  
“ no extraordinary Honour, but, having waited the  
“ legal Time, was content with that which was  
“ open to every Citizen; that a Law had passed by  
“ the ten Tribunes of the People, notwithstanding  
“ the Contradiction of his Enemies, and the stren-  
“ uous Opposition of *Cato* (who, according to his  
“ Custom, had endeavoured to wear out the Day  
“ with his long Speeches) even in the Consulship  
“ of POMPEY, who approved, or might have hin-  
“ dered it, whereby he was permitted to stand for  
“ that Dignity in Absence. And if he did approve  
“ it, why did he prevent him from enjoying the  
“ Favour of the People? Wished them to consider  
“ his Forbearance, when of his own Accord he  
“ made Proposals for disbanding the Armies; by  
“ which he should have made Shipwreck of his  
“ own Dignity and Honour; to consider the Bitter-  
“ ness of his Enemies, who refused themselves what  
“ they required of him, and chose rather to bring  
“ all Things to Confusion, than to part with their  
“ Authority

“ Authority and Armies : he exposed their In-  
 “ justice in the Seizure of his Legions ; their  
 “ Cruelty and Insolence in the Deposition of the  
 “ popular Tribunes ; the Conditions by him of-  
 “ fered, and the Conferences requested and re-  
 “ fused : on all which Accounts he desired and  
 “ intreated that they would undertake with him  
 “ the Management of the Commonwealth. But,  
 “ if through Fear they should decline it, he would  
 “ not burthen them, but undergo the Task him-  
 “ self. It was necessary (he said) to send Commis-  
 “ sioners to POMPEY to treat of an Accommoda-  
 “ tion. Nor did he concern himself about what  
 “ POMPEY had averred in Senate a little while ago,  
 “ that *the Authority was with them to whom Commis-*  
 “ *sioners were deputed, and was an Argument of*  
 “ *Fear in those who sent them ;* this was mean and  
 “ weak ; but that, for his Part, as he had endea-  
 “ voured to excel in Action, so was he studious to  
 “ exceed in Justice and Equity.”

The Proposal for sending Commissioners was ap-  
 proved ; but they could find none willing to be  
 concerned. For POMPEY, at his Departure, had  
 declared that he should look upon those who stayed  
 behind in the same Light as if they had been in the  
 Camp of CÆSAR. Thus three Days were lost in  
 Debates and Excuses ; *Lucius Metellus*, one of the  
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Tribunes of the People, being set on to distract this and every other Measure. A Law was proposed to the People for supplying him with such Monies as he should want from the public Treasury. This was opposed by the same Tribune; who, when he found his Opposition vain, kept a Guard at the Door of it to as little Purpose; for it was burst open by the Command of CÆSAR, who took thence an immense Sum. Several other Laws passed, chiefly of *Antony's* proposing, for the Support of the Cause. Thus both Sides branded their Opponents, as usual in Civil Wars, with the Stigma of being Enemies to their Country: both the Leaders were called the Generals of the State; while both consulted principally their own Interest, and used the Commonwealth, as a Mistress, for their own Convenience.

CÆSAR, before he left *Rome*, appointed *Antony* to command the Forces in *Italy*, and *M. Æmilius Lepidus* to be Governor of the City. This last was also one of the Prætors. He then set out for the farther *Gaul*, where he heard that *Vibullius Rufus*, whom he had taken and dismissed at *Corfinium*, was sent by POMPEY into *Spain*, and that the *Massilians* had given *Domitius* Possession of their City. He determined therefore to besiege the Place by Sea and Land. To this End he led thither three  
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Legions,



Legions, which he put under the Command of *C. Trebonius*, his Lieutenant, and having in thirty Days built a Fleet of twelve long Ships, he committed them to the Care of *Decimus Brutus*, who was afterwards one of his Assassins.

While these Things were carrying on, he sent forward into Spain *C. Fabius*, his Lieutenant, with three Legions, which had wintered in the Neighbourhood of *Narbonne*, with Orders to seize upon the Passes of the *Pyrenees*, of which *Afranius* had possessed himself. The rest of the Legions, whose Quarters were farther distant, were ordered to follow. *Fabius*, using great Expedition, pursuant to his Instructions, dislodged the Troops which guarded the Passes; and, with long Marches, moved on towards the Army of *Afranius*.

This *Afranius*, with *Petreius* and *Varro*, governed all Spain; as the Lieutenants of POMPEY; one of them commanding the hither Spain, with three Legions; another the whole Country, from *Castulo* to the River *Anas*, with two Legions; the third, the Country of the *Vettones*, from the *Anas* and *Lusitania*, with an equal Number. But on the Arrival of *Vibullius Rufus*, it was determined that *Petreius* should march from *Lusitania* with all his Forces, and join *Afranius*; and that *Varro*, with his own Legions, should protect all the farther  
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*Spain.* In the mean Time Auxiliaries of Horse and Foot are raised all over *Lusitania* by *Petreius*, and by *Afranius* throughout *Celtiberia*, *Cantabria*, and the barbarous Nations bordering on the Ocean. This done, *Petreius* marched to *Afranius* with all Speed, and they agreed to carry on the War jointly in the Neighbourhood of *Ilerda*; the Place being altogether convenient for their Purpose. Besides their five Legions, they had twenty *Spanish* Cohorts, and about five thousand Horse.

To oppose these, CÆSAR had forwarded into *Spain* three Legions, about six thousand auxiliary Foot, and three thousand Horse; and had provided a like Number of new-raised Troops among the *Gauls*, consisting of the best Families, and the bravest Men. At the same Time he borrowed what Money he could of his own Officers, which he distributed amongst the Soldiers; by which he secured the Fidelity of the former and the Affections of the latter.

*Fabius*, by his Letters and Messengers, tried the Disposition of the Cities as he passed. He builded two Bridges over the *Sicoris*, four Miles apart, for the Convenience of foraging, having already cleared the Country on this Side the River. The *Pompeian* Generals did the same: and there were frequent Skirmishes between the Horse of both Parties. It happened

happened that two of *Fabius's* Legions, which went over daily as a Guard to the Foragers, with their Horse and Baggage, were on the other Side, when by a violent Wind and Flood the Bridge was broken down, and the Communication cut off. On the News of this, *Petreius* and *Afranius*, by their own Bridge adjoining to the Town and Camp, marched to attack them, with four Legions, and all their Horse. *L. Plancus*, who commanded the two Legions, being advised of their Approach, necessarily made Choice of the higher Ground, and divided his Forces into two Bodies, that they might not be surrounded by the Enemy's Horse. Thus he sustained the Attack, which was very fierce. But as soon as the Horse began the Engagement, the Ensigns of two Legions were perceived at a Distance on the March. These had providently been sent by *Fabius* over the lower Bridge, for he suspected what would happen; and on their Advance the Battle ceased, each Party retiring to their respective Camps.

Two Days after this CÆSAR arrived in the Camp, with nine hundred Horse, which he had reserved as a Guard for his own Person; and, leaving all the Carriages and Baggage at the Bridge, under a Guard of six Cohorts, marched towards *Ilerda*, and offered Battle to the Enemy, which they refused. He then



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pitched his Camp, and fortified it, at a small Distance from them: but attempting to seize an Eminence, which lay between the Town and the Enemy's Camp, the Detachment sent out was repulsed, and the *Pompeians* took Possession of it. Two Days after, a dreadful Storm raised the Waters higher than the Memory of Man had known them, and broke down both his Bridges in one Day. This plunged him in great Difficulties: for his Forces, being encamped between the *Sicoris* and *Cinga*, which were neither of them fordable, were necessarily confined within this Space of thirty Miles; and neither could the Foragers return to the Camp, nor could they receive Provisions from the Cities in Amity with them, nor the large Convoys expected both from *Italy* and *Gaul*. It was also the most distressful Time of the Year; for the Corn was neither green, nor far from Maturity; and the Cities were in a Manner exhausted, *Afranius* having conveyed almost all the Grain to *Ilerda*, before the Arrival of CÆSAR; and all the Cattle, which might have been some Relief, had been driven off on Account of the War. While the Army of *Afranius*, by Means of the Bridge at *Ilerda*, and their Stores in the Place, abounded with Plenty of all Things.

The Floods continued many Days. CÆSAR endeavoured

deavoured to repair his Bridges, but was prevented by the Greatness of the Stream, and the Cohorts posted on the opposite Bank. A great Convoy, going to CÆSAR, was now stopped by the Floods. It consisted of Archers from the *Rutheni*, and Cavalry from *Gaul*, amounting to about six thousand Men, with their Slaves and Children, many Carriages, and much Baggage. These used no Order, were under no Command, but marched without Care or Fear, according to the Licence of former Times. Amongst them were many young Gentlemen of Family, the Sons of Senators, of the Equestrian Order, Embassies from the Cities, and the Deputies of CÆSAR. When *Afranius* was informed of this, he presently marched against them, with all his Cavalry, and three Legions, by Night. The Attack was sudden and unexpected; but the *Gauls* quickly got themselves ready, and engaged: and, though few, compared to the Assailants, sustained the Charge with great Spirit. But, when they saw the Ensigns of the Legions advance against them, they betook themselves to the Hills, with little Loss. The Time thus employed proved of great Consequence to the rest, as it gave them an Opportunity of retiring to the Eminences. About two hundred Archers, a few Horsemen, and some Ser-



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vants, were missing, with no great Matter of Baggage.

But still this added to the common Distress. Wheat was fifty Denarii *per* Bushel, and the Soldiers grew weak for Want of Bread. So wonderful was the Change of Circumstances in so short a Time! *Afranius*, *Petreibus*, and their Friends, did not fail to make the most of this in all their Letters to *Rome*: and it was confidently given out, that CÆSAR was absolutely undone. So that most of the People of Consequence in *Italy*, and *Cicero* amongst the rest, hurried away to POMPEY.

Things were in this Extremity, when CÆSAR ordered the Soldiers to set about making the Sort of Boats which they had seen used in *Britain*. These were composed of Osier Twigs, and covered with Hides. When finished, they were conveyed by Night two-and-twenty Miles from the Camp. In these he transported a Body of Soldiers across the River; who immediately occupying an Eminence adjoining to the Bank, strongly fortified it, before the Enemy had Notice. He then passed over a Legion, and finished a Bridge in two Days. Thus the Convoy and Foragers returned to him in Safety, and a Way was open for Provisions.

The same Day he sent over a great Part of his  
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Cavalry, who unexpectedly setting upon the Foragers of the Enemy, as they were scattered abroad without Fear, intercepted a vast Number of Men and Cattle. These, with the Assistance of some Companies of Targetiers, secured the Plunder, repulsed the Troops that were sent against them, and cut off one whole Cohort; themselves returning safe to the Camp with an immense Booty.

Things began now to wear a new Face. The *Afranians* were afraid to make Excursions, and entered upon a new Fashion of foraging chiefly by Night. The People of *Osca* and *Calagurium* sent Deputies to CÆSAR, to tender their Submission. These were followed by the *Jacetanians*, the *Aufetanians*, and a few Days after by the *Illergetanians*, who, according to Order, supplied him with Corn. A Cohort of the last People, conforming to the Disposition of their City, left their Station, and went over to him; as did many other Cities at a considerable Distance.

It was not enough for CÆSAR to have extricated himself from these unheard-of Difficulties. He determined that his Enemies should feel the same Distresses. He therefore dug Trenches thirty Foot deep, to carry off the Waters of the *Sicoris*, and make it easily fordable. This alarmed *Afranius* and *Petreius*, who were apprehensive of having their  
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Supplies of Forage and Provision entirely cut off, as CÆSAR was so much superior in Horse. They resolved therefore to transfer the War to *Celtiberia*, the People in those Parts being generally well affected to POMPEY; and there they looked for great Recruits of Horse and Foot. They decamped accordingly, when CÆSAR had so far carried on his Works, that the Cavalry could pass the River, as could the Infantry, with the Head and Shoulders only above Water. There was therefore nothing left for him to do, but to dispatch his Cavalry after them, to press upon their Rear, which they did with good Effect.

Meanwhile the Legionaries in the Camp were in the utmost Concern, that their Enemies should thus escape. They deputed to CÆSAR their Officers, entreating him to march after them. "They were ready and able," they said, "to pass the River where the Horse had forded it." He was fearful of exposing his Army to the Rapidity of so large a River; but was excited to the Trial by their Alacrity. From all the Centuries, he picked out the weaker Soldiers, and left them, with one Legion, to guard the Camp. He then placed a great Number of Cattle both above and below the Place of Passage, to break the Current, and so entered the River, which he passed without the Loss of a Man.

He then pursued the Enemy with such Expedition, as obliged them to encamp sooner than they intended. The next Day they entered the Mountains, placing Detachments in the narrow Passes to keep back the Horse that pursued them, designing to march on to the *Iberus*. But being employed the whole Day with continual Skirmishes, and wearied with Action, they were forced again to encamp; as did CÆSAR upon the nearest Eminence to them.

About Midnight, some of them, who went farthest from their Camp for Water, being seized by CÆSAR's Horse, he was informed by them, that their Generals were drawing off their Forces from the Camp in Silence. On this CÆSAR gave the Signal, with Orders to proclaim the March. The Enemy, hearing the Noise, and fearing to engage by Night while loaded with Baggage, or to be attacked in the Straits by CÆSAR's Horse, suppressed their intended March, and entered the Camp again. The Day after, *Petreius* with a few Horse went out privately to view the Country. The same did *Decidius Saxa* from the Camp of CÆSAR. Both report that it was champaign for the next five Miles, but afterwards craggy and mountainous; that he who should first be Master of the Straits there, might easily keep back the other.

The Enemy had secured the Roads to the *Iberus*  
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and *Octogesa*. CÆSAR therefore decamped by Break of Day, taking a large Compass round. At first the Soldiers of *Afranius* ran after them, and tauntingly told them, that they were flying back to *Ilerda* for Fear of starving; for their Motion seemed to look that Way. But when afterwards they observed them wheeling gradually to the Right, and getting beyond their Level, they were all eager to be gone, and, leaving a few Cohorts where they were, marched off straight for the *Iberus*. Celerity was now the Point: which of the two should first occupy the Straits of the Mountains. CÆSAR'S March was retarded by the Difficulty of the Ways over steep Hills and deep Vallies, owing to the Compass which he had taken: and CÆSAR'S Cavalry were a strong Impediment in the Way of the *Afranians*. In short, the Affair was brought to this Issue: If the *Afranians* should gain the Mountains first, they were safe themselves: but the Cohorts, Carriages, and all the Baggage left behind, must be lost of Course. But CÆSAR carried his Point, and, having ascended the craggy Mountains, drew up his Army upon the Plain. *Afranius*, hard pressed by the Cavalry behind, and seeing the Army before him, halted upon an Eminence, and ordered thence four Cohorts of Targetiers to run with all possible Speed, and take Possession of the highest Mountain that

that was in View, intending to follow them with all his Forces, and march to *Oëtogesa* along the Ridge of the Mountains. But when CÆSAR's Cavalry saw the Cohorts run, they fell upon them with great Impetuosity, surrounded them, and cut them all in Pieces in the Sight of both Armies.

The *African* Army was now in much the same Condition that CÆSAR was when confined by the Floods; if not in worse. For they could come at no Water but with great Difficulty. Some Corn the Legionaries had indeed: for they had been ordered to take with them two-and-twenty Days Provision. But the Targetiers and Auxiliaries had none: and they were prevented from foraging. So that a great Number deserted daily. On these Accounts, the two Generals began their March back towards *Ilerda*. CÆSAR instantly followed, and his Cavalry kept the Rear in continual Action. For, as for their own Cavalry, they had been so harrassed and dispirited with former Engagements, that they had been forced to receive them into the Center of their own Army: nor could one of them stir from the main Body without being presently laid hold of by the *Cæsareans*.

Thus their March was necessarily tedious and slow. For having passed only four Miles, they were so hardly pressed, that, taking Possession of a lofty  
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Mountain, they made one large Front against the Enemy, and began to fortify their Camp, without unloading the Beasts of Burthen. And when CÆSAR had pitched his Camp, reared his Tents, and sent his Horse out to forage, with all Haste they set forward and began to march again about Noon. Immediately CÆSAR was after them with his Legionaries, leaving a few Cohorts behind him to guard the Baggage, with Orders for the Horse to follow him. This they did with Alacrity, and attacked the Rear so sharply, as made them in a Manner turn their Backs. In this Action very many Soldiers and some Centurions were slain.

Being now neither able to march forward, nor to look out for a proper Place to encamp in, they were necessarily constrained to pitch upon a Spot altogether incommodious, and far from Water. CÆSAR also halted, but suffered not a Tent to be raised, that they might be all in Readiness to march at a Moment's Warning, whether by Night or Day. Thus were they in a Manner besieged; and thus they continued to the fourth Day, their Cattle without Fodder, and themselves almost destitute of Water, Wood, and Corn. The Generals therefore demanded a Parley, which was granted by CÆSAR, who gave them their Lives and Liberty, on Condition that they disbanded their Troops, and quitted the

the Province immediately. On the News of this Surrender, all the farther *Spain*, with *Varro*, the Lieutenant of POMPEY, and the two Legions under his Command, submitted to the Conqueror.

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While the War was carrying on in *Spain*, the *Massilians*, twice defeated in a Naval Engagement, and sorely afflicted with a Siege *without*, and Famine *within*, only reserved their Surrender to the Appearance of CÆSAR; who, more for their Name and Antiquity, than any Merits of their own, granted them a Pardon: but *Domitius* had before made his Escape by Sea. Here he had Advice of his being nominated Dictator by *M. Lepidus*, the Prætor. Leaving therefore two Legions here in Garrison, he ordered the rest for *Italy*, and set out himself for *Rome*.

In the mean Time *Curio* had transported from *Sicily* into *Africa* two of the four Legions which he had received from CÆSAR, and five hundred Horse. At first he was very successful; but, holding his Enemy in too great Contempt, and being deceived by false Intelligence, was at last cut off, with all his Forces, by *Sabura*, the General of King *Juba*.

At *Rome*, CÆSAR, who was now Dictator, appointed *Antony* his MASTER OF THE HORSE. Hence he forms the Reverse of the Medal before us, struck



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on this particular Occasion, and is distinguished as Augur by the *Lituus*, as is the Dictator by the *Guttus*, as the Sovereign Pontiff. During the short Time of his Dictature, he filled up the Pontifical Colleges, recalled all the Exiles, *Milo* only excepted, granted the Privilege of *Roman* Citizens to the *Cisalpine Gauls*, reduced the Interest of Debts, and presided at the annual Election, wherein himself, and *P. Servilius Vatia Isauricus*, were created Consuls; it being the Year wherein he might be Consul according to Law. This second Consulate of CÆSAR is recorded on some Medals, having the Head of the *Julian Venus*, with the Title or Inscription C. CAESAR. IMP. COS. ITER. On the Reverse is the Figure of *Neptune*, resting his right Foot on the Beak of a Ship, and holding three Legs joined, being the Symbol of *Sicily*, with the Legend A. ALLIENVVS PRO. COS. Which Island *Allienus* governed first as Prætor, and afterwards with Proconsular Authority.

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At the End of eleven Days CÆSAR resigned the Dictature, and set out for *Brundisium*. Thither he had ordered twelve Legions, and all his Cavalry; but found Shipping only, and barely sufficient, for the Transportation of twenty thousand Legionaries and six hundred Horse. POMPEY had enjoyed a whole Year's Space, without Interruption, to collect his

his Forces in. He had accordingly got together a prodigious Fleet from *Asia*, the *Cyclades*, *Corcyra*, *Athens*, *Pontus*, *Bithynia*, *Syria*, *Cilicia*, *Phœnice*, and *Egypt*, and had besides taken Care to have many more built in all Places; had exacted immense Sums from all Kings, Podesadts, Tetrarchs, and the free People of *Achaia*, as well as from the Societies of those Provinces which himself obtained. He had made up nine Legions of *Roman* Citizens, amongst which he had distributed a great Number of Men from the several Parts of *Greece*, under the Name of a Supplement. He moreover looked for two Legions from *Syria*, with *Scipio*. Archers he had already from *Crete*, *Lacedemon*, *Pontus*, *Syria*, and other Places, to the Number of three thousand; of Slingers, six Cohorts; of Mercenaries, two; of Horse, seven thousand. From all Parts he had collected a vast Quantity of Corn, designing to winter at *Dyrrachium*, *Apollonia*, and the rest of the Maritime Towns, in order to have the entire Command of the Sea. With this View he had disposed his Fleet along the whole Coast. The *Ægyptian* Ships were committed to the Charge of his Son; the *Asiatic*, to *Lælius* and *Triarius*; the *Syrian*, to *C. Cassius*; the *Rhodian*, to *C. Marcellus* and *C. Coponius*; the *Liburnian* and *Achaian*, to *Scribonius Libo* and *M. Octavius*. But *Bibulus* was the High Admiral,



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Admiral, and had the Direction of all Maritime Affairs.

With the Forces already mentioned, CÆSAR crossed the *Adriatic* from *Brundisium*, and landed them at a Place called *Pharsalus*, before his Enemies were apprized of his Motions, having gained a secure Station amidst Rocks, and other dangerous Places: for all the Harbours were filled with POMPEY'S Fleets. But as soon as they heard of his being at Sea, *Bibulus* set sail from *Corcyra*, and meeting with the empty Vessels on the Return, took thirty of them, which he burned, with all the Masters and Mariners that were in them. Immediately on his Landing, CÆSAR marched to *Oricum*, where *L. Torquatus* commanded, who, finding the Disposition of the Inhabitants fixt that Way, was forced to deliver up the Place and himself to CÆSAR. *Apollonia* followed the Example of *Oricum*, as did all the neighbouring Cities, and the whole Country of *Epirus*.

CÆSAR had already sent VIBULLIUS RUFUS, whom he had twice taken Prisoner, to POMPEY, with the Offer of an amicable Treaty: he proposed, that  
 “ each of them should bind himself by Oath to  
 “ disband all his Forces in three Days Time; that  
 “ they should return to *Rome* together, and there  
 “ submit themselves to the Judgment of the Senate  
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“and People.” *Vibullius* made all the Haste he could, travelling Night and Day, to inform POMPEY, who was marching thitherward from *Macedonia*, of CÆSAR’S Arrival. POMPEY, on this Intelligence, marched on without Intermiſſion, being under Apprehenſion for *Dyrrachium*, which he had made his Place of Arms. The Advance of CÆSAR had infused ſtrange Terror into his Army; inſomuch that when they came near the Place, it was judged neceſſary to exact an Oath from both Officers and common Soldiers, that they would not deſert their General. This had a very indifferent Aſpect, and was indeed an open Confeſſion of their Fears.

*Bibulus* was now with his Fleet in the Harbour of *Oricum*, and as he kept the Havens and the Sea from CÆSAR, ſo was he ſecluded by CÆSAR from the Land; by whoſe Troops the whole Coaſt was guarded. This brought upon him great Inconveniencies. For he was forced to fetch all his Wood and Water in Ships of Burthen from *Corcyra*; and to continue on Board, taking the nocturnal Dew; the Weather alſo was tempeſtuous. Hence he contracted a Diſorder which carried him off. After which, the Naval Commanders acted ſeparately, each according to his own Diſcretion.

*Vibullius Rufus*, having gained an Opportunity,



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in the Presence of *Libo*, *Lucceius*, and *Theophanes*, to whom POMPEY was used to communicate his most weighty Affairs, now laid before him the Proposal of CÆSAR; but in the Midst of his Discourse, was sharply interrupted: “What is Life or Country either to me,” said POMPEY, “which I shall seem to enjoy merely by the Courtesy of CÆSAR? And to be dragged back, like a Runaway, to the Place from whence I came.” Notwithstanding this, CÆSAR was determined to let slip no Occasion of Treaty which might offer. Accordingly, as there was only the *Apfus* between the two Armies, he sent *P. Vatinius*, one of his Lieutenants, to the Bank of the River, who called aloud and demanded to know, “Whether Citizens were permitted to treat with each other of Peace, or not?” After some Time, it was answered, that “*A. Varro* would treat with him on the Morrow, and that Deputies on both Sides might be present, and propose what they pleased.” For this an Hour was fixed. The next Day a Multitude assembled on both Sides at the Time, and great was the Expectation, when *Labienus* stepped forth, and in a low Voice began to speak of Peace, and then to bicker with *Vatinius*. But on a sudden their Conversation was interrupted by a Shower of Weapons. *Vatinius*, covered by the Shields of the Soldiers, escaped the Danger,

Danger, but many were wounded ; amongst them, the Centurions *Cornelius Balbus*, *M. Plotius*, and *L. Tiburtius*. “ Have done then,” said *Labienus*, “ with your Proposals of Peace, for, without the Head of CÆSAR, there can be none.”

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At this Time *Libo*, sailing from *Oricum* with a Fleet of fifty Vessels, blocked up the Harbour of *Brundisium*, and burned some of CÆSAR'S Ships there, sending Word to POMPEY, that “ he might discharge the rest of his Fleets, if he thought proper ; for that himself would engage to prevent any Supplies from going to CÆSAR.” *Antony* was then at *Brundisium*, who got together some Boats, covered with Twigs and Hurdles, which he filled with Soldiers, and disposed around the Harbour, at a Distance from each other. In the next Place, having two Galleys, built on Purpose to exercise the Rowers, he ordered them to proceed to the Mouth of the Harbour. *Libo* observing this, sent five of his own to intercept them ; when the two Galleys rowed in again with all their Might ; which the others unwarily pursued. In an Instant *Antony*'s Boats attacked them on every Side, took one, and forced the rest to a shameful Flight. He also disposed his Horse along the Coast, so that they could not water : and *Libo* was constrained to quit the Place.

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Many Months had passed, Winter was advancing with hasty Strides, yet CÆSAR had received no Supplies from *Italy*. Some Opportunities he judged to have been lost, as the Winds had frequently been favourable. He therefore sent peremptory Orders to *Brundisium*, that they should sail with the first fair Wind for the Coast of *Apollonia*; which they did, and landed at *Nymphæum*; having narrowly missed the *Rhodian* Fleet, commanded by *C. Coponius*.

*Antony* brought with him three Legions of Veterans, and one of new-raised Men, with about eight hundred Horse, and sent most of the Vessels back for the rest. Advice of this was brought to CÆSAR and POMPEY much about the same Time. Both, in Consequence, broke up their Camps upon the *Apfus*; the former by Day, in order to join him; the latter by Night, to prevent the Junction. The former had a large Circuit to make, being obliged to cross the River. The latter had therefore the Advantage, and with hasty Marches moved towards him; and having found a convenient Spot for his Purpose, when he came near him, there he halted, suffering none to go out of the Camp, nor any Fires to be kindled. His Situation, however, was discovered by the *Greeks* to *Antony*, who sent Messengers to CÆSAR, and confined himself meanwhile within his Camp for one whole Day. On the next,

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CÆSAR came up to him; and POMPEY, fearing to be inclosed, marched off with all his Forces to POMPEY AND CÆSAR.  
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At this Time Deputies arrived from *Theffaly* and *Ætolia*, with an Offer of their Submission to CÆSAR. He therefore sent *L. Cassius Longinus*, at the Head of the new-raised Legion, which was called the twenty-seventh, and two hundred Horse, into *Theffaly*; and *C. Calvisius Sabinus*, with five Cohorts, and a few Horse, into *Ætolia*. *Cn. Domitius Calvinus*, with two Legions, the eleventh and twelfth, and five hundred Horse, he ordered into *Macedonia*.

As soon as CÆSAR knew that POMPEY was at *Asparagium*, he marched after him; and having taken the Town of the *Parthini* by the Way, in which POMPEY had left a Garrison, pitched his Camp near him; and on the following Day drew out his Forces, and offered him Battle. But finding this to no Purpose, he rose on the Day after, and by a large Compass, and a difficult and narrow Road, marched straight to *Dyrrachium*; hoping either to force POMPEY thither, or to cut off his Communication; which happened accordingly: for POMPEY, who thought him to be gone a different Route, for Want of Provisions, being informed of his real Design, moved after him the next Day, hoping to overtake



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him by the nearer Way. But the other, encouraging his Troops, and resting only a small Part of the Night, came there before him, and encamped, when the Van Guard of POMPEY was discerned afar off.

POMPEY, thus cut off from *Dyrrachium*, fortified his Camp upon an Eminence called *Petra*, which commanded a tolerable Harbour. And to this Place he ordered all his Provisions and Supplies from *Asia*, and the other Countries in his Interest. CÆSAR, therefore, judging the War to be drawn out into Length, and despairing of any further Supplies from *Italy*, as the Seas were so effectually guarded, dispatched his Lieutenant, *L. Canuleius*, into *Epirus*, to secure a Subsistence for the Troops; and, on Account of the Distance, formed Magazines in convenient Places. He was, however, very sparingly supplied, the Country being mountainous, and importing most of their Grain; and having been in a great Measure exhausted by POMPEY already.

There were, around the Camp of POMPEY, pretty many sharp Hills. On some of these CÆSAR planted Bodies of Men, and raised Castles; then, as the Situation allowed, drew Ramparts from Castle to Castle, and so by Degrees began to hem in the Enemy; looking by these Means, as himself was  
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stinted in Provisions, and POMPEY was vastly superior in Cavalry, to have his own Necessaries brought in the more freely, and to prevent the numerous Cavalry of POMPEY from foraging, and so to render it in a Manner useless. He had a further View, which was to lessen the Reputation of his Adversary with foreign Kings and Nations, when they should hear that he was besieged by CÆSAR, nor durst engage him.

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POMPEY was very unwilling to leave *Dyrrachium* and the Sea, because, in the first he had lodged his whole Apparatus for the War, and received all his Provisions by the last: nor could he put a Stop to CÆSAR's Works without fighting, which, for the present, he was determined not to do. All that was left for him, therefore, was to occupy as many of the Hills as he could, and take in as large a Tract as possible. When therefore four-and-twenty Castles were now raised, and a Space of fifteen Miles inclosed, within this Compass he foraged, and raised a Quantity of Fodder from Seed. And as the *Cæsareans*, who had a continued Line to defend, were very circumspect without, that the Enemy might no where break through, so were the *Pompeians* equally intent on raising Fortifications within, to prevent the Entrance of the others; and were indeed superior in their Works, having the greater



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greater Number of Hands, and the smaller Compass of Ground. They had likewise a vast Number of Archers and Slingers, who were very troublesome when any fresh Spot was to be taken Possession of; so that CÆSAR'S Soldiers were obliged to make themselves Coverings of Hair-cloth, Hides, and such-like, for Defence.

Sharp was the Contest, and continual, the one endeavouring to contract, and the other to enlarge. When the ninth Legion of CÆSAR had begun to fortify a certain Spot, POMPEY seized upon an Hill which was opposite and near, and thence endeavoured to interrupt the Work. There was one Passage to it which was almost level. First by his Archers and Slingers, and then by pouring in a Multitude of light-armed Troops, and bringing forward his Engines this Way, he proposed to hinder their Progress. Nor was it easy for them to defend themselves, and proceed at the same Time. CÆSAR, seeing his Soldiers wounded on all Sides, resolved to quit the Place. But the Retreat must be along a Declivity: and for this the Enemy pressed on the more eagerly, because they seemed to retire through Fear, POMPEY himself glorying, that “ he would give them Leave to  
“ call him a pitiful Commander, if CÆSAR'S Le-  
“ gions, without the greatest Damage, escaped  
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“ from the Place which they had rashly taken Possession of.”

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On the other Hand, CÆSAR, apprehensive for his Men, ordered Hurdles to be conveyed to the Edge of the Hill, and there planted against the Enemy. Within these he drew a Fosse of moderate Width, and embarrassed the Spot as much as might be. He then placed his Slingers in proper Situations, for the Protection of the Troops in their Retreat, and ordered them off. On this the Insolence and Audacity of the *Pompeians* increased. They pressed forward, and threw down the Hurdles, to pass the Trench: which CÆSAR observing, and fearing lest his Men should seem rather to be driven than drawn off, he commanded the Trumpet to sound, and to charge the Enemy. This was done with such Vigour, that they drove the *Pompeians* up the Steep before them, and compelled them to turn their Backs. The Ditches, Hurdles, and Poles, laid in the Way, helped not a little to encrease the Slaughter and Confusion. Thus, after wounding many of the Enemy, and losing only five of his own Men, they retreated quietly, and went on with their Works a little on this Side the Place.

This was a new Way of carrying on War: for it is usual for the stronger to besiege the weaker, and for



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for those who abound to starve their Enemies. But in the present Case the Method was inverted; for here inferior Forces invested the more numerous, and the weak and indigent those who had Plenty of all Things. For CÆSAR was in the greatest Straits, having consumed all the Bread-Corn far and wide. Yet the Soldiers bore it with singular Patience; for they remembered with what Success their Toils and Sufferings had been crowned in *Spain*; what Hardships they had endured at *Alesia*, and at *Avaricum* much more, when they were victorious over mighty Nations. They found out a Sort of Root, called *Chara*, which, mingled with Milk, relieved them greatly. And of this they made Bread, having great Plenty of it. So that when the *Pompeians* upbraided them with their starving Condition, they would frequently throw their Loaves at them. But the Wheat began now to ripen in the Fields; and Hope itself in some Measure sustained them. And frequently upon the Watch, and in Conversation, were they heard to say, that “they would sooner live  
“ upon the Bark of Trees, than suffer POMPEY to  
“ escape them.” They had the further Satisfaction of hearing that the Horses and Cattle of the Enemy were almost spoiled for Want of Necessaries; and the Men, from their continual Labours, to which they had not been accustomed, the Stench of the  
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dead Carcasses, and the Want of Water, in a very indifferent State: while themselves enjoyed an extraordinary Share of Health, and had Plenty of fresh Water.

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POMPEY therefore attempted an Eruption many Times to no Purpose. In one Day he had no fewer than six Engagements in different Places, in which he lost two thousand Men; amongst them many Officers, and some Persons of Note. Whereas CÆSAR's Loss amounted to no more than twenty Men in all Places. But in one of the Castles that was attacked, every Soldier was wounded. Four Centurions out of one Cohort lost their Eyes. And when they would bring a Testimonial of their Toil and Danger, they counted out before their General about thirty thousand Arrows which had been shot against them, and the Shield of *Scæva*, one of the Centurions, was found pierced with two hundred and thirty Openings. Him CÆSAR most liberally rewarded, and nobly preferred; and honoured the Cohort with double Pay, and a double Allowance of every thing from that Time.

There were amongst CÆSAR's Cavalry two Brethren of the *Allobroges*, named *Roscillus* and *Ægus*, Men of singular Valour, whose Services had been very useful, and whom therefore he had much honoured and enriched. These had defrauded the

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Horse under them, and used them so ill, that in a Body they petitioned CÆSAR for Redress. He, knowing this to be no Season for Animadversion, and making great Allowances for the Bravery of the Persons accused, put off the Affair; yet did not fail to reprove them in private. This gave great Offence; infomuch that, with a few of their Clients, they deserted to POMPEY, and were received by him with open Arms, and much Ostentation; for before this no Soldier had deserted from CÆSAR; whereas almost daily they went over to him from POMPEY. These two then, being acquainted with every thing relating to the Army and the Works, gave Intelligence of all.

In Consequence of this, POMPEY ordered his Men to make Osier Baskets to collect Rubble with; which, with a great Number of light-armed Troops and Archers, he put into his Boats and Pinnaces, and at Midnight began his March with fixty Cohorts, for the Part of CÆSAR'S Works adjoining to the Sea, and which was farthest from his great Camp. Thither he ordered his Boats, and what long Ships he had at *Dyrrachium*, with the Rubble and the light Infantry. *Lentulus Marcellinus* commanded there with the ninth Legion; and, being sickly, was assisted by *Fulvius Postumus*.

In this Place was a Fosse fifteen Feet deep, and  
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a Rampart ten Feet high, and as many broad ; and opposite to it, at the Distance of six hundred Feet, another Rampart, not quite so high. POMPEY AND CÆSAR. CÆSAR had made this double Wall some Days before, that they might not be furrounded from the Shipping. But the Cross-Wall at the End, which was to join the two Ramparts, was not finished. This POMPEY learned from the Deserters ; and it brought no small Inconvenience upon the *Cæsareans*. For, as the Cohorts of the ninth Legion had their Lodgment by the Sea, the Enemy came upon them unexpectedly by Break of Day ; at the same Time, the Soldiers carried round by Sea threw their Weapons within the outer Rampart, and filled up the Ditches ; then landing, entered where the Work was deficient, charged them, and obliged them to turn their Backs.

*Marcellinus*, hearing of this Confusion, sent some Cohorts to their Assistance. But these were neither able to confirm the others, nor to stand themselves against the Impetuosity of the Enemy. Thus, instead of carrying Relief, they served only to augment the general Terror and Confusion: so that all the Centurions of the first Cohort were slain, except one.

The *Pompeians* were now advancing to the Camp of *Marcellinus*, when *Antony*, who commanded in the next Station, was seen descending from the



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higher Ground, at the Head of twelve Cohorts. This repressed the Assailants, encouraged the others, and gave them Time for Recollection. Not long after, CÆSAR, observing the usual Signal of a Smoke along the Castles, drew out some Cohorts, and marched thither himself: where, finding that POMPEY was now got without the Entrenchments, and could have free Foraging, he determined to alter his Method of Proceeding.

CÆSAR had some Days before formed a Camp four hundred Paces from the Sea; but afterwards changing his Mind, had removed himself a little farther on. A while after CÆSAR had left it, POMPEY took Possession of it; and, intending to place there a greater Number of Forces, had enlarged the Compass of it, by raising a new Rampart without. So that in fact here were two Camps, the one inclosing the other; and all the Works were perfect. Also from the left Angle of the Camp he had drawn a Line to the River, for the greater Freedom of Watering: but for some Reasons he too had changed his Mind, and quitted the Place. CÆSAR'S Spies brought Word to him, that several Cohorts, appearing to be a Legion, were marching into this Camp; and the same Thing was confirmed from the Castles above. The Place was about five hundred Paces, or half a Mile, from the new Camp of POMPEY.

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PEY. CÆSAR therefore, desirous of healing the Misfortunes of the Day, determined, if he could, to cut off this Legion. To this End he took with him three-and-thirty Cohorts, including the ninth Legion, which was much thinned by the Loss of many Centurions and Soldiers, and marched privately to the Place, whither he came before POMPEY perceived him, and began the Attack at the Left-hand Corner. Before the Gate was a wooden Engine armed with Spikes. Here some Resistance was made. The Camp was gallantly defended by *T. Pulcio*. But CÆSAR'S Forces got the better; and, cutting away the Engine, broke first into the greater and afterwards into the smaller Camp, whither the Legion had retired. But here he experienced a Change of Fortune. For the Cohorts of CÆSAR'S right Wing mistook the Line which led to the River for the Fortification of the Camp, passed over it (for there were no Defenders) and were followed by all the Horse.

Meantime POMPEY, being informed how Matters went, brought the fifth Legion to the Relief of his Men. At the same Time his Horse advanced against CÆSAR'S, and a sudden Change ensued. For the *Pompeian* Legion, encouraged by the Hope of speedy Relief, defended themselves manfully at the *Decuman* Gate, and charged their Opponents.

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It was well for them that POMPEY, who feared an Ambush, and had seen his own Men flying from their Camp a little while before, was backward to advance; and his Cavalry was retarded by the narrow Passes and the Gates, which were crowded with CÆSAR's Soldiers. Thus little Matters proved of great Moment. And the Line drawn from the Camp to the River, both marred the Victory of CÆSAR and the Speed of the Pursuers. In the two Engagements of this Day, CÆSAR lost nine hundred and sixty Soldiers, besides thirty military Tribunes

and Centurions, and several Persons of Distinction. On this Occasion, POMPEY was saluted IMPERATOR by his Army. He afterwards delivered up the Captives to *Labienus*, at his Request; who had them drawn out by Way of Ostentation, and, calling them Fellow-Soldiers, and asking them, with a contumelious Sneer, "If Veterans were used to fly," put them all to the Sword in public View.

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This Success gave so much Confidence and Spirit to the Party of POMPEY, that they judged themselves already victorious, and thought no longer of the Means of conquering. CÆSAR, thus driven from all his former Designs, withdrew his Garrisons, and assembling the whole Army, punished and degraded some of the Ensign-bearers, and by kind and soothing Speeches infused new Spirit into the rest. Having taken Care of the Sick and Wounded, he sent forward all the Carriages and Baggage to *Apollonia* in the Evening, under the Guard of one Legion. Two he retained in the Camp, and ordered the rest to march for the same Place very early in the Morning. A little while after, he ordered the March to be proclaimed, and followed them. Nor did POMPEY stay long behind, as hoping (for he supposed them to be incumbered with Baggage, and full of Apprehensions) to gain some Advantage of them upon the March. He therefore dispatched



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dispatched his Cavalry to stay the Rear; but could not come up with them till they had gained the River *Genusus*. There CÆSAR ordered his own Horse against them, with whom he mixed four hundred of his Vanguard, who repulsed them with considerable Loss.

CÆSAR, having marched as far as he proposed, and passed the River, entered his old Camp over against *Asparagium*, and, keeping all the Soldiers within the Rampart, sent out his Horse, as with Design to forage, but with Orders to return presently to the Camp by the *Decuman* Gate. POMPEY likewise took Possession of the Camp which he had before near the same Place. But his Soldiers, having no Work to do, the Fortifications being entire, dispersed themselves different Ways, some for Wood and Water, some for Forage, and others, on Account of their having set out in a Hurry, and left their Baggage behind them, hastened back to their former Camp. While they were thus employed, as CÆSAR had foreseen, he rose suddenly, and marched eight Miles further; which POMPEY, by the Departure of his Soldiers, was disabled from doing.

The next Day CÆSAR, sending forward his Carriages and Baggage as before, followed early himself. And this he continued to do for some Time. By which Means he had Leisure to pass the deepest  
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Rivers and most difficult Roads without Damage. For POMPEY, finding his Endeavours vain, had discontinued the Pursuit on the fourth Day, with Design to enter upon other Measures.

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*Scipio*, the Father-in-law of POMPEY, having left his Province and the *Parthians* behind him, was at this Time in *Macedonia*, on his Way to join him. In the same Parts was *Domitius Calvinus*, the Lieutenant of CÆSAR, whom he was now intent upon joining, with this View; that if POMPEY should follow, and be thereby drawn from his maritime Supplies, the War might be carried on upon more equal Terms: but if he should pass into *Italy*, then, in Conjunction with *Domitius*, he could march to the Relief of it through *Illyricum*: and, if he should attack *Apollonia* and *Oricum*, with Design to exclude him from the Sea-coast, himself could besiege *Scipio*, and oblige the other to march to his Assistance.

Leaving therefore four Cohorts at *Apollonia*, one at *Lissus*, and three at *Oricum*, CÆSAR began his March through *Epirus* and *Acarmania*. POMPEY then judged it necessary to move towards *Scipio*, that he might be ready to assist him on Occasion; or that, if his Adversary, in Expectation of his Supplies from *Italy*, should not chuse to leave the Coast, he might fall upon *Domitius* with all his

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Forces. Celerity was therefore the Point with respect to both. But CÆSAR, by calling at *Apollonia*, was too much upon the Left; whereas POMPEY was in the direct Road through *Candavia* to *Macedonia*. It happened too that *Domitius* was then gone to *Heraclea Senticæ*, for Want of Provisions; so that Fortune seemed to have thrown him in POMPEY's Way. It was industriously given out at the same Time, that "CÆSAR was flying, after having lost almost all his Forces at *Dyrrachium*." These Reports had made some Cities averse to him, and rendered the Ways unsafe for his Messengers, so that many of them, sent by him to *Domitius*, and by *Domitius* to him, could by no Means perform the Journey. But it fell out luckily enough, that the two Deserters, *Roscillus* and *Ægus*, meeting with the Scouts of *Domitius*, with whom they were well acquainted, as having served together in *Gaul*, informed them in a Bravado of all that passed, and of CÆSAR's March and POMPEY's Approach. By which Intelligence, *Domitius* got the Start of the Enemy by four Hours only, and made so good Use of his Time that he came up with CÆSAR at *Æginium*, on the Confines of *Thessaly*.

After this Junction, CÆSAR marched to *Gomphi*, which is the first Town of *Thessaly*, as you come from *Epirus*. This People, a few Months before, had

had sent Deputies to CÆSAR, and desired him to send them a Garrison ; but on the News of the Engagement at *Dyrrachium*, they now prepared for their Defence, and sent to POMPEY for Relief. But as soon as CÆSAR had fortified his Camp, he ordered Ladders and Sheds to be made, and Flakes to be provided, and the same Day made himself Master of the Place by Assault before Sun-set, and gave the Plunder of it to the Army. Thence he marched to *Metropolis*, before the News arrived of his having stormed *Gomphi*.

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The *Metropolitæ* were at first of the same Disposition, but, being made acquainted with the Fate of *Gomphi*, submitted ; and their Example was followed by all the Towns of *Thessaly*, *Larissa* only excepted, which had been strongly garrisoned by *Scipio*. And now CÆSAR, having possessed himself of a convenient Situation in the Country, where the Corn was almost ripe, determined there to wait for POMPEY.

A few Days after this, POMPEY arrived in *Thessaly*, having joined *Scipio* by the Way. There were now two great Armies together, by which the Hopes of the Party were raised to the highest Pitch. They differed openly for the Rewards of Conquest ; disposed of the Consulate for Years ; and made Interest for the Houses and Effects of the *Cæsareans*.



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*Domitius Abænobarbus*, *Scipio*, and *Lentulus Spintber*, quarrelled bitterly for the High Priesthood of CÆSAR; when *Lentulus* pleaded the Honour of his Age; *Abænobarbus*, his Interest in the City; and *Scipio*, his Affinity to POMPEY. All of them, in short, were busied about Honours for themselves, or pecuniary Rewards, or the Destruction of their Enemies; and considered only how to use their Victory, not how to gain it.

Now that his Provision of Corn was gathered in, the Spirits of his Men confirmed, and a sufficient Interval had passed since the Engagements at *Dyrrachium*, CÆSAR thought proper to try the Courage of the Enemy, drew out his Forces, and offered him Battle, which the other declined. This he continued to do daily, and it much increased the Courage of the Soldiers. But being vastly inferior in Cavalry, he was solicitous to remedy that Defect. He therefore selected a considerable Number of the fleetest and most active young Men in his Army, whom he exercised every Day amongst his Horse. And they were at last become so expert, that a thousand of his Horsemen, assisted by these, would sustain the Charge of seven Thousand, and be but little terrified with their Multitude. Of this he had made some Sort of Trial, having successfully

cessfully engaged the Enemy's Cavalry, and slain one of the *Allobroges*, with several others. POMPEY AND  
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CÆSAR, seeing that he could not bring POMPEY to a decisive Action, had resolved upon a new Method, which was, by moving from Place to Place, and being always upon the March, to try if he could not so find an Opportunity of fighting. His Tents were accordingly taken down, and the Signal already given for the March, when it was observed, that POMPEY's Army, contrary to their Custom, was come forward upon the Plain, and farther from their Camp than usual, so that a Battle might be fought upon no disadvantageous Ground. Turning, therefore, to the Ranks, who were then passing the Gates, "We must defer our March," says he, "for the present, and think of engaging the Enemy, as we have always wished to do: let us call forth our Courage for Action: we shall not easily find another Opportunity." This said, he presently led out his Forces.

POMPEY too had, as was afterwards known, at the earnest Persuasion of his People, determined to come to a Battle. For he had been heard to say in Council some Days past, that "CÆSAR's Army should be repulsed, before the Fronts could engage." This was spoken in Confidence of his very numerous Cavalry, with which he hoped to flank.



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flank and surround his Enemy. He had in his left Wing the two Legions delivered up to him by CÆSAR at the Beginning of the Diffension, one of which was called the First; the other, the Third. In this Place was POMPEY. The Center was commanded by *Scipio*, at the Head of the *Syrian* Legions. The *Cilician* Legion, joined to the *Spanish* Cohorts, which had been brought over by *Afranius*, composed the right Wing. These POMPEY looked upon to be very firm. The rest of the Cohorts were posted between the main Body and the Wings. The Whole amounted to forty-five thousand effective Men, exclusive of Auxiliaries. Seven Cohorts he had left behind, as a Guard to the Camp and the adjoining Castles. His right Wing was closed by a River with steep Banks. For which Reason all his Cavalry, and all the Archers and Slingers, were posted on the Left.

The tenth Legion composed the right Wing of CÆSAR, and in his left was the ninth, though sadly diminished by the Engagements at *Dyrrachium*. He therefore joined to it the eighth, so as in a Manner to make one of the two; with Orders to assist each other. His whole Force amounted to two-and-twenty thousand Men. *Antony* commanded the left Wing, *P. Sulla* the right, and *Domitius Calvinus* the main Body. Himself took Post over  
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against POMPEY ; where, fearing to be furrounded by the Multitude of his Cavalry, he selected six Cohorts out of his third Line to oppose to them ; putting them in Mind, at the same Time, that the Fortune of the Day depended upon their Bravery. He then harangued the Army, according to military Custom ; “ reminded them of the many Offers of Peace which he had made in vain ; that he was far from desiring wantonly to shed the Blood of his Soldiers, or from wishing to deprive the Commonwealth of either of its Armies.” This said, and finding them eager for the Battle, he gave the Signal by Sound of Trumpet.

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There was in the Army of CÆSAR a veteran Captain, named CRASTINUS, a Man of singular Bravery. This Man, when the Signal was given, cried out, “ Follow me, my Comrades of old, and pay that Duty to your Commander which you have still professed. This Battle only remains ; which over, both he shall recover his Dignity, and we our Liberty.” Then, turning back upon CÆSAR, “ This Day, General,” said he, “ you shall thank me, living or dead.” He then ran forward, and was followed by about a hundred and twenty choice Volunteers.

There was a due Space for engaging between the two Armies ; but POMPEY had ordered his Front to receive



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receive the Charge without stirring, supposing that the Enemy would by these Means be out of Breath and disordered. But they, when they ran forward, observing this, being taught by Experience, and versed in Action, stopped short in the Midst of their Course, and in a little while ran forward again, threw their Javelins, and presently, as they had been ordered, drew their Swords. Nor were the *Pompeians* backward on their Part; for they stood the Shock, discharged their Weapons, and drew their Swords in like Manner. At the same Instant the Cavalry from POMPEY's left Wing advanced, and the whole Multitude of Archers spread themselves abroad. CÆSAR's Horse could not stand the Charge, but gave Ground a little: on which those of the Enemy pressed them hard, and began by and by to open in Squadrons, and fall upon the Flank. CÆSAR observing this, gave the Signal to the separate Body, consisting of the six choice Cohorts already mentioned, who immediately charged that numerous Body of Horse with such Impetuosity, that not one of them stood his Ground; but all, wheeling round, fled to the Mountains on full Speed. Then the Archers and Slingers, unarmed and unprotected, were cut in Pieces. With the like Impetuosity the same Cohorts fell upon the Rear of POMPEY's Army.

At the same Time CÆSAR ordered his third Line, which had hitherto stood still, to advance. Thus fresh Men relieving those that were tired in the Front, and others attacking them in the Rear, the *Pompeians* could no longer sustain the Onset, but all turned their Backs and fled. As soon as POMPEY saw his Horse driven off the Field, and that Part of his Army, in which he most confided, struck with Terror, he left the Army, and, riding to the Camp, entered his Pavilion, despairing of Success, yet anxious for the Event.

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The *Pompeians* being now driven within their Intrenchments, CÆSAR gave them no Time for Recollection, but encouraged his Troops by all Means to assault the Camp while they were in this Consternation. Though almost overcome with Heat (for the Action had lasted till Noon) they yet obeyed his Orders. The Camp was industriously defended by the Cohorts left for that Purpose, and much more by the *Thracian* and other Barbarian Auxiliaries. As for those who had fled from the Battle, they were wearied and terrified to the last Degree; and most of them, throwing away their Arms and military Ensigns, thought of nothing but how to save themselves. Nor did they, who stood upon the Rampart, hold it any considerable Time; but, being most of them wounded, made for the very high



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Mountains which were near, under the Command of their Centurions and Tribunes.

In the Camp of POMPEY, when taken, you might have seen the Tables spread in Order, a vast Quantity of Plate exposed, the Tents laid with fresh Turves, those of LENTULUS and others covered with Ivy, and many other Things which bespoke an immoderate Luxury, and too great a Confidence of Victory: so that you might easily judge those to have been under no Apprehensions of the Event of that Day, who could look out unnecessary Pleasures for themselves. POMPEY now mounted his Horse, and fled in Disguise towards *Larissa*; nor stopped there, but having in his Flight picked up a few of his Followers, travelled all Night, and came at last to the Sea-coast, attended by thirty Horse. Here he found a Vessel, and went on board it, often complaining, “that he should have been so mistaken, as  
“to hope for Victory from that very Set of Men,  
“who had been the first to run away, and the  
“readiest to betray him!”

CÆSAR, though possessed of the Enemy's Camp, entreated his Soldiers not to busy themselves with Plunder, but to complete their Success; and, having obtained this, he began to draw a Line round the Mountain to which the Cohorts had retreated. But when they perceived this, they left the Place, and  
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went on for *Lariffa*. He therefore divided his Forces, and sent Part of them into POMPEY's Camp, and Part into his own; and with four Legions marched after them six Miles, and then drew up his Men. The *Pompeians*, observing this, halted upon another Mountain, the Foot of which was washed by a River. Then CÆSAR, though his Soldiers were quite worn out with the continual Fatigue of the whole Day, yet prevailed upon them to draw a Line before the River, to prevent them from coming at the Water by Night. When this was done, they surrendered upon Articles. But a few of the Senatorian Order, while the Negotiation was carrying on, made their Escape by Night.

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At Break of Day CÆSAR commanded all those who were upon the Mountain to descend, and lay down their Arms. This done, he dismissed them, with their Effects, in Safety. He then ordered other Forces from the Camp to attend him; and, remanding those already with him back to rest, came to *Lariffa* the same Day.

In this Battle CÆSAR lost no more than two hundred Soldiers, and about thirty Centurions. *Craſtinus* also fell, most valiantly fighting, being struck with a Sword in at the Mouth. On POMPEY's Part, about fifteen thousand were slain, and four-and-twenty thousand surrendered to the Conqueror.



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One hundred and eight military Ensigns were taken, and nine Eagles. *L. Domitius*, as he fled from the Camp towards the Mountains, being unable to proceed through Fatigue, was slain by the Horse in the Pursuit. It was of the Father of this Gentleman, that *Crassus* humorously said, “No wonder that he should have a Beard of Brass, who has a Face of Iron and a Heart of Lead.”

CÆSAR was now bent upon following POMPEY whithersoever he should go, to prevent him from collecting fresh Forces, and renewing the War. He therefore marched every Day as far as he could with his Horse, ordering one Legion to come after. The latter had failed to *Amphipolis*; and, having stayed there only one Night, and taken what Money he thought proper, went on to *Lesbos*, where he took on Board his Son *Sextus*, and his Wife *Cornelia*, with whom his Interview was very affecting. Thence he came to *Cilicia*, having by the Way collected some Ships and Men, and so to *Cyprus*. There he heard that the City of *Antioch* had declared for CÆSAR, who was reported to be not far off. He then made Sail for *Egypt*, and arrived at *Pelusium*, having with him some military Stores, and two thousand armed Men, whom he had picked up in his Voyage. There it happened that young *Ptolemy*, with great Forces, was waging War with his Sister  
*Cleopatra*,

*Cleopatra*, whom he had lately expelled; and the two Camps were not far distant. To him POMPEY sent, imploring Protection and Assistance, for his good Offices to his Father, whom he had restored to his Kingdom. But the Messengers, afterwards, talking too freely with the Soldiers, and exhorting them to take Part with POMPEY, excited some Jealousy; for many of them were POMPEY's old Soldiers, whom *Gabinus* had led thither from *Syria*, and left with *Ptolemy's* Father. On this the King's Friends, who, on Account of his Minority, were Regents, whether induced, as they afterwards gave out, by their Fears that POMPEY would gain the Good-will of the Army, and seize upon *Alexandria* and *Egypt*; or looking with Contempt upon his Fortune, as it usually happens to the afflicted, commanded that he should attend the King; and presently after sent *Achillas* their General, and *Septimius*, one of their Military Tribunes, to dispatch him. By these he was received into a little Boat, in order, as they pretended, to be conveyed on Shore, and there murdered.

Thus fell POMPEY THE GREAT, after three Consulships, and as many Triumphs, in the sixty-second Year of his Age; and to him, for whose Victories the World was too little, Earth was wanting for his Burial. He had many Excellencies, and  
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some Faults. Amongst the last, was a natural Bias to Severity; infomuch, that those of his own Party dreaded his Success. And it must appear evident enough, to those who consider attentively this Part of the *Roman* History, that the Change of Government which ensued, was originally owing to his Ambition: for, could he have admitted of an Equal in the State, the Civil War, which brought it on, and which proceeded thus unhappily for himself, might have been easily avoided.

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CÆSAR, arriving at the *Hellespont*, crossed it, C. IVL. CÆSAR. and in his Passage received the Submission of *G. Cassius*, one of POMPEY's Admirals, who joined him on the first Summons. In *Asia* he shewed himself most humane and obliging to all Ranks of People. Their Customs he changed into an easy Tribute, remitting one-third of the Whole, and delivering them from the Extortion of the Publicans. And here he left *G. Vibius Pansa* to superintend for a Time his Affairs in this Quarter. This, I suppose, gave Occasion to the striking of some Medals by the *Pergamenians*, one of which, described by *Vaillant* in his *Nummi Græci Imperatorum*, is in the Cabinet of the *French King*. It has the Title ΠΕΡΓΑΜΗΝΩΝ, and



C. IVL. CÆSAR. and the Head of CÆSAR without the Laurel, and the Words ΕΠΙ ΓΑΙΟΥ ΟΥΙΒΙΟΥ ΠΑΝΣΑ under *Caius Vibius Pansa*. On the Reverse, is a *Victory* moving towards the Left ; in her right Hand a Wreath, and in her left a Palm-branch.

Hearing now that POMPEY had been seen at *Cyprus*, and conjecturing that he was gone for *Egypt*, he embarked with what Forces he had, being one Legion from *Thessaly* and another from *Achaia*, with eight hundred Horse, on board ten long *Rhodian* Ships and some *Asiatic* Vessels, and arrived at *Alexandria*. In these Legions were only three thousand two hundred Men, the rest, from their Wounds and Fatigues, not being able to follow. But he depended upon the Fame of his Success, and looked upon every Place as safe. Here he was informed of the Death of POMPEY, whose Head was brought to him, which he viewed with Tears, and caused to be honourably interred. At his Landing there was a great Concourse of People, who took Offence at his having the Fasces borne before him. Observing the mutinous Disposition of the *Alexandrians*, he gave Orders for other Legions to be conveyed to him from *Asia*, which he had formed of the *Pompeian* Soldiers. In the mean Time he was necessarily confined by the Winds, that blow constantly from the Sea at this Season of the Year. Judging therefore

therefore that the Decision of the Controversy between the King and his Sister belonged to him as Consul, because in his former Consulship the Alliance had been made between *Ptolemy* and the *Roman* People, he let the King know that it was his Pleasure that the Armies should be disbanded on both Sides, and the Cause brought before him.

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While Matters were thus carrying on in *Egypt*, at *Rome* various and unusual Honours were conferred on CÆSAR; among others, the Consulship for five Years, the Tribunitial Power for ever, the Præsidence at Elections, and the Dictature for an entire Year. This Office he entered upon immediately, declaring *Marc Anthony* his Master of the Horse.

An Eunuch, named *Pothinus*, was at this Time one of the Guardians of the young King. This Man first of all began to utter Complaints, and to express his Indignation, “that the Sovereign of *Egypt* should be called to a Trial:” and afterwards, having gotten some of the King’s Friends to be his Coadjutors and Accomplices, he sent private Orders for the Army to march from *Pelusium* to *Alexandria*, and appointed *Achillas* to be Commander in Chief of all the Forces.

*Ptolemy Auletes* had two Sons and two Daughters, and appointed by his last Will the eldest Son and



C. IVL. CÆSAR. the eldest Daughter to be King and Queen of *Egypt*; it having been usual for the Kings of *Egypt*, as well as of *Persia*, to marry their Sisters. At the same Time he adjured the *Roman* People, by the Alliance which he made with them, to be Guarantees thereof. One Copy of it was sent to *Rome* by his Ambassadors, to be deposited in the Treasury, and another was kept at *Alexandria*. On these Grounds CÆSAR undertook the Arbitration of this Affair; in which he was proceeding, when News were brought him that the Royal Army, with all the Cavalry, were on the March for *Alexandria*. His own Forces were by no Means such as he could venture an Engagement with in open Field. He was therefore constrained to secure that Part of the Town in which he was. Yet he ordered all his Soldiers under Arms, and persuaded the young King (whom he had in his Power) to send some of his Friends of greatest Authority to *Achillas*, to intimate his Pleasure. *Dioscorides* and *Serapion*, who had been Ambassadors at *Rome*, were dispatched away to him accordingly; but, as soon as they came before him, or ere they could deliver their Message, were ordered to be slain. This was fully executed upon one of them, and the other was left for dead.

The Forces of *Achillas* were neither despicable  
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for Number, Kind, nor military Experience. He had twenty thousand of the Soldiers which *Gabinus* had brought into *Egypt*. These were now become perfect *Alexandrians*, and had quite unlearned the Name and Discipline of *Romans*, had taken *Egyptian* Wives, and had, most of them, Families. To these were added a great Number of Outlaws and Banditti from *Syria*, *Cilicia*, and the neighbouring Countries: many more condemned and banished Persons, and Deferters from the *Roman* Armies. For all such there was a sure Refuge in the *Egyptian* Army. Besides these, there was a Body of two thousand Cavalry, which had seen much Action. With these Forces did *Achillas*, looking with Contempt upon the Weakness of *CÆSAR*, enter *Alexandria*, and attack the Quarters which he had taken Possession of. And thus was *CÆSAR* entangled in a War against far superior Forces, and in the Heart of the Enemy's Country.

This unseasonable and unnecessary War is a great Reflection upon the Prudence of *CÆSAR*, both as a General and a Statesman, and can only be accounted for from the bewitching Charms of *Gleopatra*. She had found Means to be conveyed to him one Evening, bound up in a Mattress, and carried upon the Shoulders of one of her own Servants. She complained of being betrayed by her Agents, and



C. IVL. CÆSAR. was desirous of pleading her own Cause ; which she did so effectually before the next Morning, that the Partiality of her Judge was from thenceforth very evident. This War was variously carried on by Sea and Land. By Sea he gained three Victories over the *Egyptian* Fleet, but the second of them with great Hazard to himself ; being obliged to swim for his Life from one Ship to another, which he did, holding up his Writings in his left Hand to preserve them from the Water. In the Course of it he received one Legion, sent by *Calvinus* from *Asia*, and withstood many Assaults upon his Quarters by the *Egyptian* Army.

At length his Friend *Mithridates* of *Pergamus*, whom he had sent, soon after his Landing, into *Syria* and *Cilicia*, to collect what Troops he could, came with a great Army to his Assistance, and took *Pelusum* by Storm. *Ptôlemy* sent out a great Detachment against him, but it was defeated. After which, CÆSAR and *Mithridates* joined their Forces, and gained a complete Victory over the young King. He endeavoured to make his Escape, but was drowned in crossing the *Nile*. Some of his Medals have reached our Times ; one of which we give to the Curious from the *Pembrokian* Collection.

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CÆSAR now established his Favourite *Cleopatra* upon the Throne of *Egypt*. He was naturally of  
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an amorous Complexion, and became excessively fond of the young Queen, by whom he had a Son, named *Cæsarion*. Two of her Medals we have here inserted, and one of CÆSAR, which we suppose to have been struck in *Egypt*, as a Memorial of his Connexion with this extraordinary Lady.

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He was so taken with her Charms, that he wasted with her three Months beyond the necessary Time, in sailing up the *Nile*, and visiting the Curiosities of *Egypt*.

Tempora Niliaco turpis dependit amori,  
Dum donare Pharon, dum non sibi vincere mavult. LUCAN.

The precious Hours he spent in wanton Play,  
And, for another, won the dang'rous Day.

At length he was awakened from this Slumber of Love, by the Reports that *Pharnaces* had entirely defeated his Lieutenant *Domitius Calvinus*, and taken Possession of *Pontus*, where he had exercised unheard-of Cruelties. He therefore left *Egypt*, and came into *Syria*, where he appointed *Sextus Cæsar*, his Friend and Relation, to govern the Province. Thence he went to *Tarsus*, and settled the Affairs of *Cilicia*, as he did those of *Cappadocia* presently after. When he came near *Pontus*, and the Confines of *Gallogræcia*, *Deiotarus* met him in the Habit and with the Gesture of a Suppliant, intreating his Pardon for having joined POMPEY.

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This he obtained, and was ordered to furnish a Legion of his People, whom he had armed and disciplined after the *Roman* Manner, and all his Cavalry, for the *Pontic* War.

Arriving in *Pontus*, he assembled his Forces, which he found but moderate, both for Number and Use. One veteran Legion he had brought with him from *Egypt*, but so diminished that not quite a thousand Men were left of it. He had three Legions besides, two of which had been defeated before under *Domitius*, and one just mentioned from *Deiotarus*. Here Ambassadors waited upon him from *Pharnaces*, promising all Obedience. He therefore insisted upon his quitting *Pontus* immediately, and making Restitution to the Allies and Citizens of *Rome*. But observing the King to spin out the Time idly, he determined to come to an Action with him as soon as possible. But this was brought on by *Pharnaces* himself, who attacked him as he was fortifying his Camp, at great Disadvantage, and was totally defeated. This Victory was obtained, and the War concluded with such Celerity, that his Advice of it to *Rome* was comprized in three Words, VENI, VIDI, VICI : I CAME ; I SAW ; I CONQUERED. Through *Gallogræcia* and *Bithynia* he passed into the proper *Asia*, deciding all Controversies throughout the Provinces. To *Mitbridates* of *Pergamus* he gave

the Kingdom of *Bosphorus*, which had been subject to *Pharnaces*, and the Tetrarchy of *Gallœgræcia*, which *Deiotarus* had seized upon; and, staying no where longer than was absolutely necessary, went on and set sail for *Italy*, where he arrived much sooner than could have been expected.

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One of his first Cares after his Landing was, to quiet the Apprehensions of those who had acted against him. He received the Submission of those who waited upon him with the most obliging Condescension. This endeared him to the Public, and drew many illustrious Persons to his Party. By his Arrival at *Rome* all Disturbances were appeased. He encreased the Number of the Senators by the Addition of many of his Officers and Friends, and, late as it was, thought of creating new Consuls.

A few Days therefore before his Dictatorship was to expire, he appointed to that high Office two of his Lieutenants, *Q. Fufius Calenus* and *P. Vatinius*. The first was a Man of Family and Figure, and well became his Dignity. There is a curious Coin of his, bearing the Heads of HONOR and VIRTUE; having in the Area the initial Syllables of each Name, and underneath KALENI: on the Reverse are the Figures of *ITALIA*, holding a Cornucopiæ, expressed by the Letters *IA*, and of *Rome* resting the Foot upon a Globe, expressed by *RO*. The Concord, or Union of *Italy* and *Rome* at this Time,

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. is signified by the latter extending the Right Hand to the former, and the Caduceus is the medallic Emblem of the consequent Felicity. From this Coin it appears, that CALENUS was honoured with the Charge of the Temple, which had been erected to HONOR AND VIRTUE, and which, under his Direction, was elegantly repaired by MUCIUS CORDUS, (whose Name CORDI fills the Exergue) a most excellent Architect, and at the same Time one of the *Triumviri Monetales*.

But this Honour was generally thought to have been vilely prostituted in the Person of *Vatinius*, a fordid and mean Character; upon whom the Poet *Catullus* is very humorously witty on this Occasion.

*Quid est, Catulle, quòd moraris emori?*

*Sellâ in curuli Struma Nonius sedet,*

*Per Consulatum pejerat Vatinius.*

*Quid est, Catulle, quòd moraris emori?*

Why dost thou hesitate to die,

Tell me, *Catullus*, tell me why?

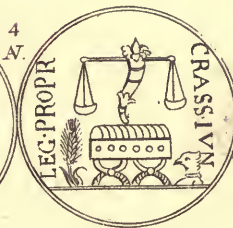
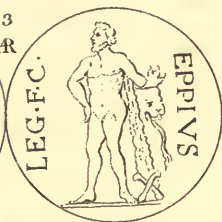
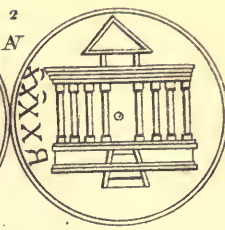
By 's Fasces hear *Vatinius* forswear,

While *Nonius* fills the Curule Chair;

And canst thou then not wish to die?

Tell me, *Catullus*, tell me why?

At the next Election CÆSAR became Consul, notwithstanding the Continuation of his Dictature; and had for his Colleague, *M. Æmilius Lepidus*. This third Consulate of CÆSAR is recorded on a Medal







of Gold, on which is his Head, with the Pontifical Attire, and the Title C. CAESAR COS. TER<sup>ti</sup>o. On the Reverse are the Vase, the Sacrificial Ax, and the Lituus, or Augural Staff, being the Insignia of his High Pontificate and Augurate: the Legend A. HIRTIVS PR<sup>æ</sup>tor.

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They of the *Pompeian* Party, who had resolved not to submit to the Clemency of the Conqueror, had collected their whole Strength in *Africa*, under the Command of *Metellus Scipio*, the Father-in-law of POMPEY; and were supported by King *Juba*, with all his Forces. Their Cavalry was in a Manner infinite. The King had four Legions of his own, besides an immense Number of light-armed Troops, and a hundred and twenty Elephants. *Scipio* had no fewer than ten Legions, and was assisted by *Cato*, *Labienus*, *Afranius*, *Petreibius*, and other consummate Generals; and the Coast was guarded by several of their Fleets. While CÆSAR was preparing to set out against these, a Mutiny happened in that Part of the Army which was quartered in *Campania*. The Soldiers had been most liberally rewarded for their past Services, yet not altogether answerably to their Expectations. Hence arose Complaints, which, by the Art of some busy and unquiet Spirits, flamed out into Sedition and a Tumult, threatening and dangerous

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. enough at so critical a Juncture. They marched for *Rome*, and slew all that had the Misfortune to fall in their Way, and, amongst the rest, two of the Senatorian Order. But CÆSAR, possessed of the most happy Talent that any Commander could ever boast, that of governing the Minds as well as Persons of his Soldiers, soon composed this ugly Difference, and set out for *Africa* in the Depth of Winter. Here he had several Engagements with Parties of the Enemy, both by Sea and Land, and with various Success; but the Advantage was generally with him.

At length, after having tried many other Ways to bring the Enemy to a decisive Battle, CÆSAR laid close Siege to *Thapsus*, a Place of great Importance, which was held by *Vergilius* with a numerous Garri-son. This necessarily brought *Scipio* to its Relief, who pitched upon the Sea-coast, little more than a Mile from him, and began to fortify his Camp; *Labienus* and *Juba* encamping separately. Then CÆSAR, leaving two Legions to guard his Works, and sending a Part of his Fleet further on, with Orders to shout and alarm the Enemy behind, when the Signal should be given, marched out to attack *Scipio*. As he came near them, he observed a large Front drawn up, and the Elephants posted in the right and left Wing, while a considerable Body was hard

hard at work upon the Intrenchments. He had C. IVL. CÆSAR. nine Legions, two in each Wing, and five in the Centre. Before each Wing he posted five Cohorts against the Elephants, assisted by all the Archers and Slingers. His light-armed Foot he mingled amongst his Cavalry. Himself traversed the Ranks on Foot, reminding the Veterans of their Bravery and past Achievements, and with bland Salutations raising their Spirits. The new-raised Men he entreated to “emulate the Virtue of the Veterans, “and, by contributing to the Victory, to succeed “immediately to their Reputation, Name, and “Rank.”

While he was going round the Army, a considerable Hurry and Trepidation was observed among the Enemy; on which his Officers besought him to give the Signal. But while he still hesitated, a Trumpet (constrained so to do by the Soldiers) on a Sudden began to sound in the right Wing, and all the Cohorts of their own Accord moved forward, although the Centurions did all in their Power to prevent it. CÆSAR, seeing this, gave the Word FELICITY. In the mean Time the Slingers and Archers poured their Weapons like Hail upon the Elephants; and the Beasts, terrified with the Whizzing of the Slings and Stones, turned round, and treading down the Ranks behind them, rushed

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. into the half-finished Entrances of the Camp. They were presently followed by the Moorish Cavalry in the same Wing, and the Legions were quickly in Possession of the Enemy's Intrenchments.

We must not omit in this Place the Bravery of a veteran Soldier of the fifth Legion. A wounded Elephant in the left Wing, enraged with Pain, had laid hold of an unarmed Sutler, and with horrid Braying, and his Trunk erected, was stamping him under his Feet, and killing him. This Sight the Soldier could not bear, but with his Arms advanced towards the Beast, who, observing him, quitted the Carcase, and threw his Trunk around the Soldier, lifting him up on high. In this imminent Danger the Man lost not his Presence of Mind, but with all his Might kept hacking with his Sword the Proboscis that surrounded him, till the Elephant, in great Pain, throwing him down, ran off with hideous Noise to his Companions.

With the same Vigour the *Cæsareans* attacked the Camp of *Labiens*, and afterwards that of *Juba*, making themselves Masters of all three, and putting to the Sword ten thousand of them (*Plutarch* has enlarged the Number to fifty thousand) with the Loss of only fifty of their own Men.

After this compleat Victory, CÆSAR marched for *Utica*, where *Cato* had shut himself up, and who

stabbed himself before his Arrival. He was honourably interred by the *Uticensians*, who afterwards opened their Gates to the Conqueror. *Juba*, with *Petreius*, fled to *Zama*, the Capital of his Kingdom. Here he had left his Wives, his Children, his Treasure, and all that was dear to him; and in the Midst of the Town had raised an immense Pile of Wood, with a declared Intent (in case he should fail of Success at last) of killing all the Inhabitants, and burning them, himself, and all that was valuable in the Place together. When therefore he came before it, they refused him Admittance. When he found that Menaces and Entreaties were alike ineffectual, he retired, with *Petreius* and a few Horsemen, to a Villa of his own; where, that they might seem to die with some Sort of Bravery, they fought together. *Petreius* fell, and the King was slain, at his own Entreaty, by one of his own Slaves. Three of his Coins are in the *Pembrokian* Collection; the largest of which we present to the Reader. C. IVL. CÆSAR.  
Pl. III. 2.

*Faustus Sylla* and *Afranius* were taken Prisoners by a Party of the Enemy, and were afterwards slain, in Consequence of a Diffension amongst the Soldiers who took them. *Scipio*, with some others, was endeavouring to make his Escape by Sea; but after being long tossed by contrary Winds, was at length



- C. IVL. CÆSAR. length driven into the Harbour of *Hippo*, where, falling into the Hands of the Enemy, he put an End to his Life with his own Sword. Some of his Coins are very curious, which we therefore lay before the Reader. The first has the Head of *Africa*, covered with the Skin, Teeth, and Proboscis of the Elephant. The Plough and Ear of Corn express the Fertility of the Country. The Title is Q. METEL. SCIPIO IMP. He took the Name of *Metellus*, being by Adoption the Son of METELLUS PIUS, who commanded with POMPEY in *Spain*; and the Title of IMPERATOR, when he commanded in *Syria*. "At this Time," says *Cæsar*, "*Scipio*, having received some Rubbs about Mount *Amanus*, caused himself to be saluted IMPERATOR." The Reverse has the Figure of *Hercules*, who was worshipped in *Africa*, with the Legend EPPIVS LEGatus Fieri Curavit, *Eppius* being one of his Lieutenants. One of them has the IVPITER TERMINALIS, with the Head of the Eagle underneath, and the Inscription METEL. PIVS. SCIP. IMP. On the Reverse are seen an Ear of Corn, and a Cornucopiæ, to express, as before, the Fertility and Plenty of *Africa*, where the Coin was struck; and a Curule Chair and Scales, with the Head of the Eagle likewise, to point out the Authority and Equity of the General. And the Legend tells by whom
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whom it was struck ; namely, his Lieutenant *Craſſus Junianus*, with Prætorian Authority. This is of Gold. His Denarius has the ſame Face, but an Elephant for the Reverse, as the Type of *Africa*.

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Pl. III. 5.

CÆSAR now reduced the Kingdom of *Juba* to the Condition of a *Roman* Province; and, leaving *SALLUST* the Historian to govern it with Proconſular Authority, took Shipping at *Utica*, and ſet Sail for *Italy*. He was received with great Honour at *Rome*, and a Supplication of forty Days was decreed for the Succeſs of his Arms, and a Triumph with white Horſes. He was to be ſeated in a Curule Chair next to the Conſuls, and to give his Opinion firſt. The Appointment of Magiſtrates, and the Grant of Honours, was referred to him. A Chariot was conſecrated, and a Statue erected to him in the Capitol. He was made PRÆFECT OF MANNERS (the Title of CENSOR being judged too mean) for three Years, and Dictator for Ten. In this ſupreme Office he made his Colleague *Lepidus* his Maſter of Horſe; whoſe Head we therefore ſee on the Reverse of ſome of the Coins which were ſtruck on this Occaſion.

The Triumphs of CÆSAR were moſt ſplendid, and continued for four Days together. His firſt was moſt pompous, over the *Gauls* and *Germans*;

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. Figures representing the *Rhine*, the *Rhofne*, and the *Ocean*, being exposed in the Proceſſion, and *Vercingetorix* led Captive. But the Axle of his Car broke in the Proceſſion, which was held ominous. This retarded, yet added to the Pomp. For when it went forward in the Evening, forty Elephants, bearing Flambeaux, were diſpoſed on each Side, and made the Night as bright as Day. The ſecond was over *Ptolemy* and *Egypt*, wherein *Arſinoe*, the Siſter of *Cleopatra*, adorned the Shew. In this the *Nile*, and the Watch-Tower of *Pharos*, were repreſented, and the Figures of *Photinus* and *Achillas*, the Murderers of POMPEY, were obſerved with Pleaſure. The third was over *Pharnaces*, King of *Pontus*, in which the Words VENI, VIDI, VICI, were diſplayed. And the fourth was over *Africa* and *Juba*, wherein the Statues of *Scipio*, *Cato*, and others who perished in this Expedition, were diſagreeable Objects. Young *Juba*, the King's Son, was now led in Triumph, but afterwards moſt carefully educated, and married to *Cleopatra Selene*, the Daughter of *Marc Antony* and Queen *Cleopatra*, with whom he reigned over the *Getulians*, in *Africa*, by the Bounty of AUGUSTUS. Some of his Medals are ſtill extant in the Cabinets of the Curious.

Pl. III. 6. In his triumphal Medal, ſtruck on this Occaſion  
 Goltz. p. 180. by EMILIUS BUCA, one of the *Quartumviri Monetales*,  
 f. 3. CÆSAR

CÆSAR is said to be IMPERATOR for the *fourth* C. IVL. CÆSAR.  
 Time; whose Statue stands on the Reverse, between  
 the Fasces and the legionary Eagle, denoting his  
 Civil and Military Power. (The Masters of the  
 Mint had hitherto been three, but CÆSAR had now  
 added a fourth to the Number, as appears from  
 another Reverse, struck by the same Officer, with  
 his Name and Title.) This is repeated in another  
 Medal of Gold of the next Year, wherein the au-  
 gural Staff is before him, and all his Titles are re-  
 corded, the Inscription being IMPerator QVARTum;  
 and the Area of the Reverse filled up with  
 AGVR PONtifex MAXimus. COS. QVAR. DICtator  
 QVARtum. One Coin, denoting his Success, has  
 a Trophy with two Captives at the Foot of it, and  
 in the Exergue CÆSAR, with a *Venus* on the other  
 Side, and a *Cupid* behind her. Another Denarius  
 has the *Venus* wearing a civic Wreath, and a Trophy  
 for the Reverse, without Captives, and CÆSAR in  
 the Area. A third Medal, in Silver, with his lau-  
 reate Head, and the *Lituus* behind it, with CAESAR  
 DICTAtor QVARTum, has for the Reverse *Bellona*  
 armed with Spear and Shield, and furiously driving  
 her bigated Car.

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Pl. III. 10.

But for a good Part of this Year, which was that  
 of the City DCCVIII, CÆSAR was sole Consul.

The two Sons of POMPEY, with their Adherents,

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. who had escaped from *Pharsalia* and *Africa*, had now collected very considerable Forces in the *Spanish* Provinces, intending there to make a last Effort. CÆSAR therefore, being Dictator elect the fourth Time, and also Consul elect the fourth Time, set out for *Spain*, leaving *M. Lepidus*, his Master of the Horse, and six more Persons of Rank, some say eight, to superintend the Affairs of the City in the Place of Prætors. The *Spaniards* were in general well affected to the Family of *Pompey*; and both themselves and their Leaders were now rendered altogether desperate, as expecting no Mercy; most of them having been before pardoned by the Dictator. Yet he made himself Master of *Ategua*, their Place of Arms, and of *Bursavolis*, soon after his Arrival, and then marched towards the Enemy, who were encamped in the Plain of *Munda*. The Action that ensued was very terrible, and continued the whole Day, the Auxiliaries on both Sides standing aloof and at Gaze. The *Pompeians* were vastly superior in Number, and appeared to be equal in Courage. CÆSAR himself acknowledged, that here he fought for his Life. Provoked at so obstinate a Resistance, he alighted from his Horse, and threw himself amongst the Enemy, yet, though well seconded by the tenth Legion, could not make them give Ground. His own Men were barely restrained

strained by Shame from turning their Backs, and flying. At length *Bogud*, the *Mauritanian* King, who at the Head of his auxiliary *African* Horse had stood idle all the Day, fell upon the Camp of *Pompey*. This *Labienus* perceived, and drawing off five Cohorts, went with them to the Relief of the Camp. Whether this Motion was attended with more Hurry and Confusion than usual, which is probable, or *CÆSAR* really imagined that they fled; it occasioned a Panic in the *Pompeian* Army, and the Dictator took Advantage of it, by crying out to his Soldiers, that *Labienus* fled. This infused new Spirit into the Legionaries, and the Enemy began to give Ground in every Part. This Success was pushed by *CÆSAR* with his usual Vigour, who stormed their Camp, and invested the City of *Munda*, making a Rampart round it with the Bodies of the Slain. He lost in this Action no more than a thousand Men, and had five hundred wounded. But of the Enemy fell thirty thousand. Thirteen Eagles were taken, besides Ensigns and Fálces, and seventeen of the principal Commanders. *Labienus* and *Attius Varus* were slain in the Battle. The elder *Pompey* fled to *Carteia*, and thence endeavoured to make his Escape by Sea, but was pursued by one of *CÆSAR*'s Lieutenants, and slain.

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. His younger Brother retired to *Celtiberia*, and lay concealed for some Time amongst the Banditti of that Country. Soon after all the Cities in the two Provinces submitted, and the Dictator, returning to *Italy* by the End of the Summer, entered *Rome* in Triumph. The Denarius on this Occasion has on one Side the Figure of *HISPANIA*, with the Haustorium or Sympulum behind it for the Pontificate of the Conqueror, with II T for *secundo triumphata*; on the other, a Trophy with a Wreath and sacred Shield, and underneath, *CAESAR*.

Pl. III. 11.

Pl. III. 12.

His Lieutenants, *Q. Fabius Maximus* and *Q. Pedius*, also were allowed to triumph. The Denarius of the former has the galeated Head of *ROMA*, and on the Reverse a quadrigated Car, with the Triumpher in it, holding an Ivory Sceptre, crowned with an Eagle: the Exergue, *Quintus MXimus Quinti Filius Quinti Nepos*. That of the latter has also the galeated Head of *ROMA*, with the Title *PR. COS.*; but the Reverse has only a bigated Car, with a Victory holding a Palm-branch, and underneath *Q. PEDius Marci Filius*: the Exergue *ROMA*.

Pl. III. 13.

Pl. III. 14.

For the last three Months of the Year the former of these was made Consul, together with *C. Trebonius Asper*, whose Denarius bears the Head of

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*Jupiter*, with ASPER, and has on the Reverse a C. IVL. CÆSAR.  
 Sheep standing before the Altar, with a sacrificial  
 Knife: the Exergue C. TREBONIUS C. F.

A Supplication of fifty Days was now decreed by the Senate to the Conqueror, and that he should be honoured with the *perpetual Dictature*, his Person held sacred and inviolable, and his Power extend even to the Tribunes of the People; that the Assemblies of the People, the Armies, and the public Money, should be entirely at his Command; that all Magistrates should swear Obedience to his Acts; and that both himself, and his Posterity, should bear the Title of IMPERATOR, as expressive of supreme Authority and Dominion. Therefore on one of his Denarii we see the Globe and Fasces in the Reverse, intimating his Dominion and Authority; the Ax, expressive of his pontifical Dignity; and the joined Hands and Caduceus, the Symbols of Concord and Felicity. In Consequence of this Decree, we have his Head laureated with the Pontifical Veil, and the Title CAESAR DICTATOR PERPETVO: a *Venus Victrix*, which was the Word at *Pharsalia*, forms the Reverse, with the Name of P. SEPVLLIVS MACER, one of the *Quartumviri Monetales*. Pl. III. 15.

Pl. III. 16,

*Fabius* dying while he exercised the Office of  
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C. IVL. CAESAR. Consul, *C. Caninius Rebilus*, by the Will of the Dictator, succeeded to that Honour for a single Day. His Denarius bears the Head of *Roma*, and for its Reverse a *Tripod*, with the Legend *C. CANINIUS REBILVS*, and underneath *III. VIR*; by which it appears that he was also one of the *Quartumviri Monetales*, or Masters of the Mint, as we may properly call them. Of these there had, as we have said, been usually three, but were now four, by the Dictator's Appointment, and so continued till *AUGUSTUS* again reduced the Number.

The Dictator now made it his chief Business to endear himself to all Ranks of People, by the Distribution of Honours, Largeesses, and Entertainments of every Kind, with an unsparing Hand. His merciful Disposition was applauded throughout all the Provinces; and the Senate and People entertained so grateful a Sense of it, that they decreed for him a Temple to *CLEMENCY*, and the Title of *FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY*: So says one of the Golden  
 Pl. III. 18. Medals struck on this Occasion, whereon is the Figure of *CLEMENTIA*, holding a Palm-Branch, and the Name of *L. BVCA*: on the Reverse is the Delineation of a Temple, with the Legend *C. CAESAR PARENS PATRIAE*: at the Bottom, *EX S. C.* But the Denarius struck on the  
 Pl. III. 17. same

same Occasion, by P. SEPULLIUS MACER, another of C. IVL. CÆSAR. the *Quartumviri*, has the Legend of the Reverse, CLEMENTIAE CAESARIS.

It was at the same Time decreed, that the Dictator should have the Power of striking all Money with his own Effigies, which had not been permitted to any *Roman* before; nor is there the Head of any Magistrate or Commander in Bronze, from the Reign of the Kings to this Time, that we know of, that of POMPEY THE GREAT excepted, which appears at the Beginning of this Work. Hence it is evident, that all those which have the Head of CÆSAR, however they may allude to former Transactions, were struck after this Time. Perhaps the following was the first that was struck in Consequence of this Decree. It bears the Dictator's Head, veiled and laureated, with the Title above taken Notice of, CAESAR PARENS PATRIAE, with the *Augural Staff* before, and the *Apex*, or Mitre of the *Flamen Dialis*, behind, and the Pontifical Attire upon the laureate Head. The Reverse gives the Name and Office of him who struck it, C. COSSVTIVS MARIDIANVS, with the initial Letters of the Words *Auro Argento Aere Flando Feriendo*.

Pl. III. 19.

But of all the Privileges which had hitherto been decreed by the Senate, none pleased him more than



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that of wearing continually a Laurel Wreath, though that of the triumphal Robe was added to it. This Privilege is expressed in a Medal of Gold, having the Head of the *Julian Venus*, with the Inscription CAES. DIC. QVAR. The Reverse has the Laurel Wreath, and in the Centre of it COS. QVINC. for *Consul Quintum*.

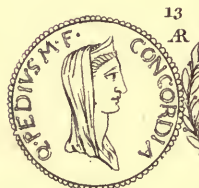
Pl. IV. 1.

The following, also of Gold, seems to have been struck on the same Occasion, bearing the Dictator's laureate Head, with the Inscription C. CAESAR. DICT. PERPETVO. On the Reverse he is seated in a Curule Chair, with his triumphal Robe, holding in his Right Hand a Branch of Laurel. Before him is a Sceptre, with the Eagle on the Top, and above that the Mitre of the *Flamen Dialis*. Behind stands a VICTORY, placing a Wreath of Laurel upon his Head.

Pl. IV. 2.

This was the Year of the City DCCIX, when the Dictator had destined *Antony* first, and *Lepidus* for the latter Half of the Year, to serve him in the Capacity of the MASTER OF THE HORSE. But he afterwards thought fit to change this Destination, by taking the former for his Colleague in the Consulate; and, as the other should retire to his Province of *Narbonne Gaul*, and the *Hither Spain*, to substitute in his Place *Octavius*, his great Nephew, young as he was. After him, *Cn. Domitius Calvinus*

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was to succeed to that Dignity ; and *Dolabella* to be the next Consul, though not yet of Prætorian Rank. He was now, with the entire Consent of the *Roman* People, preparing for an Expedition against the *Parthians* ; and as such a War was likely to detain him some considerable Time, he had been empowered to hold the *Comitia*, and appoint Magistrates for the two or three next Years ; or, as *Appian* says, for five, which in a great Measure was done accordingly.

At this Time the celebrated Cities of *Corinth* and *Carthage*, which had been destroyed one hundred and two Years before by the *Romans*, were restored by Order of the Dictator, and Colonies drawn out to them ; by which Means they speedily recovered a considerable Degree of their ancient Splendor. The Colonization of the former of these is recorded on some Coins to the Praise of CÆSAR, wherein it is called the LAUS JULIA. On one is the *Julian Venus*, and on the Reverse *Bellerophon*, the *Corinthian*, with the Wing of *Pegasus*, and a Serpent underneath him : the Legend is COLONIA IVLIA CORINTHUS. In the second is the laureate Head of CÆSAR, with the Inscription behind it, LAVS IVLI. CORINT : and on the Reverse, *Bellerophon*, as on the other, with the *Chimæra* ; underneath, L. ATO. IVLIO. II. VIR. It is almost superflu-

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. ous to say, that this new City of *Corinth* is that to which *St. Paul* and *St. Clement* addressed their Epistles.

Pl. IV. 5. But amongst other Honours profusely bestowed on the Dictator, a Golden Chair was decreed to be placed for him at all the public Entertainments, and a Crown of Gold enriched with Gems. This appears in the Denarius now before us, if what we call a Crown be not rather the Laurel-Wreath, which had also been decreed. On each Side of it are the Fasces; and the Coin contains the several Titles of the Dictator, CAESAR AVGVR IMP. SEXT. COS. QVIN. PONT. MAX. DIC. PERP. It was also decreed, that yearly, after the Observation of the *Latin Festival*, called *Feriæ Latinae*, he should proceed to the City from the *Alban Mount*, with an Ovation, and his Lictors crowned with Laurel; which Ceremony was now performed on the seventh of the Kalends of *February*. On this Occasion he was addressed by many with the Style of King; but remarking that the People took great Offence at this, he answered, that "he was CÆSAR, and not King;" yet seemed much displeased with the Multitude for their Aversion to that Title: and *Suetonius* observes, that some one had also placed a Diadem on his Statue. This, and the immoderate Honours with which he had been

loaded; the Haughtiness with which he had received the Senate before the Temple of VENUS GENETRIX, when they waited upon him in a Body, and he disdained to rise to them; his resting, with Sign of Approbation, the Crown upon his Seat, after *Antony* had placed it on his Head, when he ran amongst the *Luperci*; and his degrading two of the Tribunes, for making the People believe that he affected Regality; these are the Causes assigned for that Conspiracy against his Person which now took Place.

At the Head of this Conspiracy were *Marcus Junius Brutus Cæpio*, *Caius Cassius Longinus*, and *Decimus Junius Brutus Albinus*. The first of these was the Nephew of *Cato*, and had married his Daughter, and was himself a Person of much Openness and Candour. He was in *Pompey's* Army at the Battle of *Pharsalia*; and CÆSAR, before the Action began, had given a special Charge to his Army respecting his Safety. He afterwards pardoned him, and received him into his most intimate Friendship. He had made him this Year the first and most honourable Prætor; and there are good Grounds for believing that CÆSAR intended that he should succeed him in his Honours, and the Government of the Commonwealth. It was indeed supposed by some, that the Dictator was

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C. IVL. CÆSAR. really his Father, as he was well known to have been too intimate with *Servilia*, the Mother of *Brutus*, at the Time corresponding with his Birth. *Cassius* was of a dark, fullen, and vindictive Disposition, and had much Rancour at Heart against CÆSAR; who, though he had made *him* too Prætor, had yet conferred the Office of most Note and Eminence upon *Brutus*, which he judged to have been due to himself. He was a Man of Courage, and a good Officer, having saved the poor Remains of the Army when *Crassus* perished, and afterwards repulsed the *Parthians* from *Syria*. Being of the opposite Party, he commanded a Fleet in the *Hellepont*, when CÆSAR passed that Way in Pursuit of *Pompey*; and upon Summons delivered it up to him. Soon after we find him with *Cato*, and going off from him to CÆSAR, from whom he received both Pardon and Preferment, but such as was not equal to his fancied Merit. Being therefore determined on Revenge, and having drawn in a few Accomplices, under the specious Pretext of asserting the public Liberty, he plied all his Art to bring *Marcus Brutus* into his Plot, whose Character would give a Sanction to it. And this at length he effected, by scattering written Papers in Places where the other was sure to meet with them; and by distant Insinuations, disposing him to an

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Emulation of his supposed Ancestor, who expelled C. IVL. CÆSAR. the Kings. But chiefly by the Management of his own Sister, who was the Wife of *Cassius*, he was at length wrought up to such a Pitch of political Enthusiasm, that when *Cassius* laid the Scheme before him, he resolved to patronize it. *Decimus Brutus* joined them readily, though infinitely obliged to the Dictator, having been his Lieutenant in *Gaul*; being at this Time Governor of the *Cisalpine* Province, with the Command of three Legions; and being, as appeared afterwards, appointed his second Heir by Will. These engaged the two *Cassas*, *Trebonius*, and many more, in the same Conspiracy, to the Number of about sixty, by whom CÆSAR was slain in the Senate-House, on the Ides of *March*: on whose Death *Dolabella* immediately seized the Fasces, in Consequence of CÆSAR's Appointment, without having Recourse either to Senate or People. His Denarius bears on one Side his own Head, with the Inscription P. DOLABELLA: on the other a Tripod, crowned with a Wreath; on the Left of which is C. TREBON. on the Right L. SEST. P. F. *Trebonius* at this Time obtained *Asia*, with Proconsular Authority; and we find this *Sestius* the next Year acting PROQUÆSTORE for *M. Brutus*, in *Macedonia*.

Thus fell CÆSAR; how justly we will not say:  
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C. IVL. CÆSAR. only in this we are positive, that he ought not to have fallen by those Hands. And indeed the Conspirators in general seem only, by his Death, to have been aiming at the Power of acting for themselves without Controul. For we find not one of them, *L. Cornelius Cinna* only excepted, willing to resign the Authority or Power with which they had been invested by CÆSAR. The Corruption of the Senate and People was such, that a Restitution of the ancient State was become utterly impracticable. And it is evident, from the Manner in which *Brutus* founded the Dispositions of *Favonius* and *Statilius*, by asking them, “Whether they judged a quiet  
“Submission or a Civil War to be the more  
“eligible,” that himself looked upon the latter to be inevitable. It is observed of those who embrued their Hands in his Blood, that not one of them outlived the Term of three Years after; that all of them perished by Violence; and several of them by the same Weapon with which they had slain CÆSAR.

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THE Confusion which the Death of CÆSAR occasioned in *Rome* was universal. The Senate broke up with so much Tumult and Hurry, that some were stifled in attempting to get out of the House, and others wounded by the Daggers of the Conspirators. In the City the Shops and Houses were suddenly shut up, while Multitudes of the Inhabitants ran different Ways, like Men distracted. *Brutus*, *Cassius*, and their Accomplices, walked the Streets with their bloody Daggers in their Hands, and were joined by several more Persons, who affected to be thought Well-wishers to their Cause; and afterwards atoned for their Folly with their Lives. The Cap of Liberty was borne as a Standard before them. In this Manner they marched to the Capitol for their Security, and continued there all Night. The next Day they were surprized to find themselves joined by the Consul *Dolabella*. Whether this was done by the Advice of *Cicero*, whose Daughter he had married, or to strengthen himself in his Usurpation of the Fasces, the Action was detested; for he had been the most intimate and familiar Friend of CÆSAR. When therefore he presently after inveighed against him in the Assembly of



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of the People, it was with Difficulty that he escaped being torn in Pieces by them.

*Antony* now convened the Senate, which he found divided on this extraordinary Occasion. Some were for condemning, others for rewarding, the Conspirators; but a third Party, more moderate, judged it sufficient to pass an Act of Indemnity, into which the Majority came easily, at the Motion of *Cicero*. It was at the same Time decreed, that “no Alteration should be made in the Acts and “Appointments of CÆSAR.”

*Lepidus* had an Army at the Gates of *Rome*, and was now encamped with a Legion in the Field of *Mars*. On the other Side, *Decimus Brutus* had left the City, and was gone for *Cisalpine Gaul*, to have his Forces in Readiness for the Defence of the Party. The Act of Indemnity was published; and the Conspirators, having received Hostages for their Safety, descended from the Capitol.

*Antony's* View, and it may be that of *Lepidus* too, was to take Advantage of the present Disturbances, in order to establish an absolute Authority in themselves. The Ferment therefore beginning to subside, *Antony*, and, at his Instigation, *Calpurnius Piso*, the Father-in-law of CÆSAR, began again to blow the Coals of Contention, by proposing  
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to read his Will before the People. This, though at first most violently opposed, was at length carried in the Senate; which also decreed a public Funeral and Consecration for the Deceased. Hence, in the Coins and Medals struck of him from this Time, he commonly bears the Prænomen of DIVVS. There is one of Gold, restored by TRAJAN, having a very elegant laureate Head of him, with the Title DIVVS IVLIVS : on the Reverse is a *Victory*, holding the Fore-finger of the Right Hand to her Mouth, and in her Left the Caduceus ; before her is a Serpent, with his Head raised, the Symbol of Divinity : the Legend IMPERATOR CAESAR TRAIANUS AVGVSTVS GERMANICVS DACICVS PATER PATRIÆ RESTITUIT.

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In a full Assembly of the People, the Will was therefore read. But when in Consequence it appeared, “ that *Octavius* was adopted by CÆSAR ; “ that *Decimus Brutus*, and others of his Murderers, were appointed his second Heirs, and other “ Legacies for others ; to the People in general his “ Gardens upon the *Tiber*, and to every particular “ Man three hundred Sesterces,” they were most exceedingly moved. But *Antony* raised their Passion still higher, by exposing the Body to public View, all covered as it was with Blood and Wounds, and inflaming them at the same Time with an elegant and pathetic Oration in Praise of the deceased.



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ceased. He dwelt largely on his Clemency and Bounty to all, and particularly on the Mercies and Benefits which he had dispensed to those who slew him. This so enraged the People, that they ran in Search of the Conspirators, pouring out Curses upon the rest of the Senators, who had been tame Spectators of his Murder. Meeting with *Helvius Cinna* in their Way, tho' innocent, and a popular Tribune, yet, mistaking him for the other *Cinna*, who was concerned in his Death, they tore him in Pieces. Afterwards they raised a funeral Pile in the Forum, and burned the Body. On the same Spot they builded an Altar, and offered Sacrifices to him.

A peaceable Interval being gained, the Consul preferred a Law for the Abolition of the Dictatorship for ever, making the Mention of it capital. The old Soldiers, to whom CÆSAR had given Lands, were remanded to their several Colonies, as were the Conspirators to their respective Governments. The Consul *Antony* took Possession of all CÆSAR'S Money and Writings, altering the last according to his own Pleasure, and so disposing of all Things in the most absolute Manner, as if CÆSAR had made him the Heir not only of his Substance but his Power. He exacted Money, gave away Kingdoms, sold Immunities, and recalled Exiles. And to se-  
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cure *Lepidus*, of whom he was much afraid, he transferred the Election of the *Pontifex Maximus* from the People to the College of Pontifs, and prevailed upon them to elect him to that high Dignity, giving at the same Time his own Daughter to his Son in Marriage.

At the Time of CÆSAR'S Death, *Octavius* his Great Nephew, and the Grandson of his Sister *JULIA*, was at *Apollonia*, where he waited the Arrival of his Uncle for the *Parthian* Expedition. But soon after the News of that melancholy Event had reached him, he set sail for the opposite Coast of *Italy*, intending to act as Occasion should serve. Being certified at *Brundisium* of the Particulars of his Uncle's Will, and the Disposition of the People at *Rome*, and having a great Strength, both of Men and Money, which had been forwarded by his Uncle for the intended War, he immediately laid claim to the Inheritance, and assumed the Name of CÆSAR. When he came to *Rome*, he stood Candidate for the Tribunate in the room of *Cinna*, but miscarried through the Opposition of *Antony*, who dreaded his Success. Yet he prevailed upon *Cannutius*, who was one of the Tribunes, to introduce him to the Assembly of the People on the Score of the Legacies which his Uncle had bequeathed them. Having this Opportunity of haranguing

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them, he did not fail to make the most of it, courting their Favour by winning Insinuations, by the Promise of immediate Payment, and by instilling Hopes of farther Bounty. He afterwards exhibited public Games, for the finishing of the Temple of *Venus*, at a great Expence; but was deterred by the Consul's Menaces from bringing out the golden Chair and Crown, which had been decreed in Honour of the Dictator. During this Exhibition, a Comet made its Appearance with great Lustre for seven Nights together, and the Populace were persuaded that it was the Soul of CÆSAR received into Heaven. This gave Courage to *Octavius*, who therefore erected a brazen Statue of his adoptive Father, with a Star upon his Head, in the new Temple. And this Event we shall find by and by commemorated upon his Coins. As this was not prohibited, through Fear of the People, other Decrees were called into Execution: one of the Months received his Name; Festivals were instituted for his Victories, and Sacrifices offered to him. For these Reasons the Soldiers flocked to him, and the People began to murmur loudly against *Antony's* disrespectful Usage of him; for he had contumeliously, by his Licitors, forced him down from the Place whence he was about to have spoken to the People. After this, he appeared no more for some Time

Time in the Forum. But the People expressed their Indignation against the Consul so openly, that he found it necessary to intimate his Readiness to come to an Accommodation with him. This produced a Conference, and a seeming Reconciliation. But as each had his particular View, fresh Suspicions and Differences quickly sprung up. To recover the Favour of the People, which *Octavius* bade fair for ingrossing, *Antony* promoted an *Agrarian* Law, by which Means, joined to the Interest of his two Brothers, one of whom was Prætor, and the other a Tribune, he obtained of them the Province of *Cisalpine Gaul* for himself, which *Decimus Brutus* was in Possession of; and that of *Macedonia* for his Brother *Caius*, tho' *Marcus Brutus* was to obtain it, by the Grant of the late Dictator, and the Confirmation of the Senate. At the same Time, an Act of Indemnity was confirmed (for the Dictator had granted it) for *Sextus Pompey*, and a Restitution of such of his Father's Effects as had been deposited in the public Treasury. But, as for his Estate, *Antony* kept the greater Part of that for himself.

This young Man (*Sextus Pompey*) after the Battle of *Munda*, had concealed himself in *Catalonia*, and, after CÆSAR's Return to *Italy*, had collected Strength enough to make himself Master of *Bætica*; but now, by the Persuasion of *Lepidus*, threw himself upon  
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the Mercy of the Roman People. *Antony* embraced the Opportunity of rendering him this Service, not so much from the Friendship which he professed for *Lepidus*, as from the Enmity which he bore to *Octavius*.

This Enmity was now got to that Height, that Provision was made in private for the Exercise of Hostilities on both Sides. Each of them was bent upon assuming the Power of the late Dictator. *Antony* cared not what Means or Instruments he made use of to this End: but *Octavius*, young as he was, knew well that he could not succeed but by the Destruction of the Conspirators, who would be sure to thwart all his Measures. He therefore never lost Sight of this Point. Thus jarred these Competitors for Empire. The Power of *Antony* was at present more conspicuous and glaring, being the first Magistrate of the Republic: but the Interest of *Octavius* was more prevalent with the People. They feared the Ambition of the former, and were willing to support the Weakness of the latter.

We have already, in the Frontispiece, given the Curious an exact Delineation of the Features of this young Man, as well as of his Uncle and adoptive Father; two very extraordinary Persons, who, the one for his military and the other for his political Capacity, were perhaps never equalled. This was

done from a Copper Coin of the first Magnitude, in the inestimable Collection of the Earl of *Pembroke*; the Inscription on one Side being DIVOS IVLIVS, and on the other CAESAR DIVI *Filius*.

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*Antony* was now gone to *Brundisium*, where the Forces were lately arrived from *Macedonia*; and *Octavius* had dispatched thither some of his Agents with Money, to engage them in his own Service. Himself went into the *Campania*, where he got together a considerable Body, which he called the Legion of the *Evocati*; for it consisted of discharged Soldiers, to whom Lands had been given by the Dictator, and who were now again *called out* or invited to the Service. He then returned to the City before *Antony*, and harangued the People, prepared by *Cannutius* for that Purpose. “He renewed in them  
“the Memory of his adoptive Father, his Exploits  
“and his Favours; spoke much, yet modestly, of  
“himself; accused *Antony*, and commended highly  
“the Forces who desired, through him, to tender  
“their Services to the People for the Protection of  
“the City.” Having been well heard, he presently set out for *Hetruria*, in order to make fresh Levies.

Meantime *Antony*, at *Brundisium*, was at first agreeably received by the Forces there; for they looked for a larger Gratuity from him, whom they judged the wealthiest, than *Octavius*’s Emissaries promised.



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promised. But when they heard him talk of no more than four hundred Sesterces a Man, they presently grew mutinous, and, though quieted for a While by the Punishment of some of their Centurions, yet, when they came to march for *Gaul*, went over to *Octavius* in great Numbers; and two whole Legions, the *Martial* and the *fourth*, joined him in a Body. Soon after, he likewise possessed himself of all the Elephants. But *Antony*, on his Return to the City, staid only to give some necessary Directions, and took the Route to *Gaul*, to prevent Disturbances there, and was instantly followed by *Octavius*. He had entertained Hopes that *Decimus* would quietly deliver up his Province and assist him against his Competitor. But *Octavius*, much at a Loss what Measures to pursue, feared their Junction, yet could not well resolve to join himself with either against the other; for the one was at present his declared Enemy, and the other the Murderer of his Father. However, on mature Deliberation, he resolved to dissemble, and send an Offer of his Service to *Decimus* at *Mutina*, to whom, as well as to the Inhabitants of the Place, who were apprehensive of a Siege, it proved most agreeable.

Both the Consuls were now absent; *Dolabella*, at the Instigation of *Antony*, being gone to take Possession of the Province of *Syria*. The Senate decreed  
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public Thanks to the *Mutinenſians*, for their Attachment to *Decimus Brutus*, and to the Soldiers who had left *Antony*; and appointed a Guard for their own Security. Theſe Proceedings gave Satisfaction to many, but to none more than *Cicero*, who had an irreconcilable Averſion to *Antony*, and aſſiſted *Octavius* with all his Eloquence and Intereſt; in both which he was at this Time very powerful. Such was the State of Affairs, when *Caius Vibius Panſa* and *Aulus Hirtius* were declared Conſuls for the enſuing Year. Of the former we have ſeveral Denarii extant. Two of them have the Head of *Proſerpine*, or the *Dea Libera*, crowned with a Wreath of Ivy, and behind her PANSA: of the Reverſes, one has the Figure of *Ceres* bearing a Torch in each Hand, with a Plough before her; in the other, the ſame Goddeſs is mounted in her Car, drawn by Serpents: the Legend on both is the ſame, C. VIBIVS C. F. C. N. Another has the Head of *Pan*, with PANSA underneath, and the *Jupiter* or IOVIS AXVR for the Reverse, with C. VIBIVS C. F. C. N. But another, which ſeems to have been more particularly ſtruck on the preſent Occaſion, bearing alſo the Head of *Pan*, with C. PANSA underneath it, has the *Joined Hands* ſupporting the *Caduceus*, as expreſſive of the *Felicity* ariſing from *Concord*, with the Legend ALBINVS BRVTI F., being the Name of *Decimus Bru-*

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*tus*; to whose Assistance both Consuls were immediately commissioned. That of *HIRTIVS* has on one Side the Female Figure of *PIETY*; on the other, a Consular Sacrifice, and the Exergue *A. HIRTI. A. F.*

These Consuls convened the Senate on their Entrance into Office, and three Days were spent in Debate, before they came to any Determination. At length, by the strenuous Management of *Cicero*, a Statue was decreed to *Octavius*, and a Place in the Senate amongst those of Questorian Rank, with the Liberty of standing for Offices sooner than the Laws allowed. He was impowered to receive from the Treasury the Monies which he had bestowed upon the Soldiers, who, at the Conclusion of the War, were to have Lands distributed amongst them. Commissioners were dispatched to *Antony*, with positive Orders for him to quit *Gaul*, to disband his Forces, and retire to *Macedon*. The Soldiers were commanded to return to their respective Homes by a stated Day. The Consuls and *Octavius* were directed to carry on the War against *Antony*, and *Lepidus* and *Munatius Plancus* to assist them from *Transalpine Gaul*.

*Octavius*, therefore, taking *Hirtius* with him, (for *Pansa* staid behind to raise more Forces) marched to the Relief of *Mutina*, now closely besieged, and surprized *Bononia* by the Way. *Antony*, leaving his

Brother *Lucius* to conduct the Siege, marched off to meet them. When the Armies approached each other, the *German* Cavalry, which had before deserted to *Octavius*, again went off to *Antony*, who got the better in some Skirmishes. After this, leaving a Part of his Forces to awe the Enemy, he marched with the rest to intercept *Pansa*, who was coming up from *Bononia*, laid an Ambush for him, attacked him, and drove him within his Entrenchment. When *Octavius* and *Hirtius* had Intelligence of this, the latter set out to meet him on his Return to the Camp, and coming up with them, unprepared as they were, and much fatigued with marching and fighting, obtained a complete Victory. On this Occasion the three Generals were stiled IMPERATO-RES, both by the Army and the Senate. A Decree passed, that they who had fallen in the Action should be buried at the public Expence, and the same Rewards given to their Families, which themselves would have received if living. In the former Action *Pansa* himself was dangerously wounded.

The Generals of the Republic were so elated with this Success, that they advanced close to his Camp, and when, having received Supplies by *Silanus*, one of the Officers of *Lepidus*, who pretended to join him without the Knowledge of his Superior, he endeavoured to drive them farther off by a sudden Irrup-  
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tion, he was again defeated, forced to raise the Siege with Disgrace, and direct his Flight across the *Alps*, where he suffered inconceivable Hardships.

By this Victory, the Fathers at *Rome* judged themselves secured. They resolved, therefore, to take little Notice of *Octavian*. But, as *Hirtius* had been slain in the last Battle, and *Pansa* died soon after of his Wounds, they committed the Conclusion of the War to the Care of *Decimus* singly; voted a Supplication of fifty Days, and honoured him with a Triumph; gave him the Command of *Pansa's* and other Legions, and would undoubtedly have given him those of *Octavius* too, if they had not been too well assured of their Attachment to the Person of their young General; and distributed among his Troops the Rewards which they had promised to the other. They made *Sextus Pompey* Commander in Chief of all their Naval Strength, appointed *M. Brutus* to govern *Macedonia*, *Cassius* to command in *Syria* and make War on *Dolabella*, who had surprized *Trebonius*, one of the Conspirators at *Smyrna*, and put him to Death.

These Proceedings entirely alienated the Mind of *Octavian*. He therefore privately intimated to *Antony*, by the Officers whom he had taken Prisoners and released, his Desire of an Accommodation; which was easily brought about. That General had

now joined his Forces with those of *Lepidus*, *Plan-*  
*cus*, *Pollio*, and *Ventidius* : the News of which filled  
the Senate with Terror and Astonishment. In their  
Distress they had Recourse to *Octavian* once more,  
of whose Intrigues with *Antony* they were ignorant.  
He, on the other Side, demanded for himself the  
Consulship, as the Reward of his past, and necessary  
to promote his future, Services. But this they were  
by no Means disposed to grant. And the Refusal so  
irritated the Soldiery, that they obliged him to march  
straight for *Rome*. In the Fright which this occa-  
sioned, they sent considerable Sums to be distributed  
amongst them ; but finding that they still came for-  
ward, it was deemed adviseable at last to elect him.  
But when even this was found ineffectual, on a sud-  
den they changed their Measures, sent positive Or-  
ders to the Troops to advance no further, and made  
Preparations for a vigorous Defence. Their Reso-  
lution was short-lived. When *Octavian* approached  
the Suburbs, their Fears took Place again ; they  
opened their Gates, and *Octavian* was chosen Consul  
by the People, though not quite twenty Years of  
Age, and had for his Colleague *Quintus Pedius*, a  
near Kinsman and Heir in Part of the late Dicta-  
tor's Substance. Their Medals are of Gold, though  
the former is of Silver also, having on one Side the  
Head of CÆSAR OCTAVIANUS, (for so we shall now  
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call him, till honoured with the Name of AUGUSTUS) and on the Reverse the Head of JULIUS, with the Comet, or *Julium sydus*. The latter has the Female Head of CONCORDIA, with Q. PEDIVS M. F. The Reverse a Wreath, and within it SALVS GENERIS HVMANI EX S. C.

Raised to this Height of Power, he found the Senate now as supple as he could wish. They committed to him the Government of the City, complimented him with the Command of *Decimus's* Legions, which had deserted their Chief, and who had been put to Death by the Order of *Antony*, and fully confirmed his Adoption; so that from henceforth, he bears properly the Name of CAIVS IVLIVS CAESAR OCTAVIANVS, the Son of JULIUS. He therefore preferred a Law for the Trial of the Conspirators, in Consequence of which *Brutus*, *Cassius*, and many others, were condemned, and their Estates confiscated; amongst whom was *Sextus Pompey* ranked. But at present, they were out of his Reach. The two first, indeed, were in a Condition to enter the Lists with him, as was the latter soon after. *Cassius* had been commissioned by the Senate to take Charge of *Syria*; had fully revenged the Death of *Trebonius*, and was Master of all the neighbouring Provinces; as was *Brutus* of all *Greece*, *Macedonia*, and *Illyricum*. They had been invested with the extraordinary

extraordinary Power of raising Armies, Fleets, and Money; the Governors of all the transmarine Provinces were to obey their Orders, and they quickly found themselves at the Head of twenty Legions.

*Sextus* also, who had been honoured by them with the Command of the *Roman* Fleet and the Sea-coast, on this Occasion seized *Sicily*, and garrisoned all the strong Places of the Island. Several Coins of these Commanders are to be found in the Cabinets of the Curious. Those of *Brutus* were struck by *L. PLAETorius CESTianus*, who was his Quæstor in *Macedonia*, and are described by *Dio Cassius*, lib. 47.

"On the Coins which he struck," says he, "he figured his own Image, and a Cap (the Symbol of Liberty) and two Poniards; declaring by this, and the Inscription, that he, with *Cassius*, had delivered his Country." The Inscription round his

Head is *BRVTus IMPerator. L. PLAETORIVS CESTIANVS*: at the Bottom of the Reverse *EIDibus MARTiis*. The Title of *IMPERATOR* was obtained by a successful Expedition which he made from *Macedonia* against the *Bessi*. Those of *Cassius* have the Head of *Liberty*, written with the Diphthong, *LEIBERTAS*, and *C. CASSIus IMP.*: on the Reverse are the Vase and Lituus, Symbols of the Pontifical and Augural Dignity of *Lentulus Spintber*, who joined the Conspirators immediately on the

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Death of CÆSAR, affecting to be thought one of them, and was at this Time particularly serviceable to *Cassius* in *Asia*, where he acted *proquæstore* and *proprætore*. The Title of IMPERATOR is given to *Cassius*, for his having defeated the Fleet of the *Rhodians*, and taken their City. This Medal is of Gold, in the *Pembrokian* Collection, and finely executed. Of those of *Sextus Pompey*, we shall have more Occasion to speak hereafter.

To carry into Execution his great Designs against these Rivals of his Power, OCTAVIAN found it necessary to invite *Antony* and *Lepidus* with their Forces into *Italy*; towards whom he marched with his Army. His Colleague *Pedius* was left with a sufficient Force to take Care of the City, with Directions, as soon as he should be at some Distance, to move the Senate in their Behalf. This was done, and they referred themselves to OCTAVIAN for his Advice, which was, to grant them Impunity, and the Liberty of returning; but this Counsel, he said, was extorted from him by the Army. The Meeting of these great Men was in a small Island of the River, near *Bononia*, where, with much Apprehension of Treachery from one another, and all possible Caution, they came to an Agreement for the Confirmation of their joint Power, and the Destruction of their Enemies. It was concluded, that with the  
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Title of TRIUMVIRS, that they should take upon them the Government of the Commonwealth for five Years, disposing of all Offices and Honours; that OCTAVIAN should have *Africa, Sardinia, and Sicily*; LEPIDUS the two *Spains* and *Narbonne Gaul*; and ANTONY all the rest of *Gaul* on both Sides the *Alps*; that they should put to Death all who were likely to oppose them; for which Purpose a Table of Proscription was settled; LEPIDUS was to be Consul the next Year, and take upon him the Charge of *Rome* and all *Italy*; while the other two should carry on the War against BRUTUS and CASSIUS; and, to put them all upon an equal Footing, OCTAVIAN was to resign the Consulship immediately. These Conditions were sworn to on all Sides; and to cement this Alliance, OCTAVIAN, at the earnest Request of ANTONY'S Army, took his Daughter-in-law, *Clodia*, to Wife. This done, they all took the Route to *Rome*, sending before them a Body of Soldiers, with a List of the proscribed, in Order to begin the Execution. These entering the City in the Evening, slew several whom they chanced to light upon in the Streets. Many were slain in their own Houses, in the public Market-places, and in the Temples. Their Heads were exposed before the *Rostra*, and their Bodies either thrown into the River, or left to be devoured by the Dogs and Birds of Prey. Amongst others



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fell *Cicero*, the great Master of *Roman* Eloquence, whose Death *Antony* had positively insisted upon. The several Instances of their Cruelty cannot be read without Horror. Nor did the Carnage cease till near three hundred of the Senatorian and two thousand of the Equestrian Order had lost their Lives and Estates in this most dreadful Massacre, which has fixed an eternal Brand of Infamy upon the Memory of the Triumvirs. *Dio Cassius* indeed endeavours in some Measure to exculpate OCTAVIAN, as by no Means of a cruel Disposition, and inheriting the Dictator's Clemency; as being new to Business, having few Enemies, and wishing to be loved. But the Enmities of LEPIDUS and ANTONY were very extensive, and, that of the latter especially, excessively cruel; to which his Wife *Fulvia* did not a little contribute. The Consternation of the Citizens is more easy to be conceived than described. But the Endeavours of the Consul *Pedius* to quiet the Apprehensions of the People, amidst this dreadful Scene of Tumult, Terror, and Distraction, threw him into a Disorder which carried him off in four-and-twenty Hours.

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THE Triumvirs entered the City on three different Days, each furrounded by his Guards, and followed by a Legion of Soldiers. A Law passed for the Establishment of their joint Power and Authority for five Years; and then OCTAVIAN resigned the Consulship. In his room, C. CARRINAS was appointed for the remaining Part of the Year, as was P. VENTIDIUS in the Place of *Pedius*. This last was Prætor, and is the first Instance of any Person's being Prætor and Consul in the same Year. No Coin of him, before his Triumph hereafter, is come to our Knowledge. He is said to have been a Muleteer in the former Part of his Life, and concerning him the following defamatory Verses were posted up :



*Concurrere, omnes Augures, Aruspices ;  
Portentum inusitatum conflatum est recens :  
Nam Mulos qui fricabat, Consul factus est.*

Ye, who in Auguries and Entrails trade,  
Mark a strange Prodigy at Rome display'd,  
For he who curried Mules is Consul made !

There are divers Medals of the Triumvirs which recognize this powerful Connexion. Such are those which bear the Heads of ANTONY and LEPIDUS, of ANTONY and CÆSAR, of LEPIDUS and CÆSAR; those which have for the Reverse, common to all the

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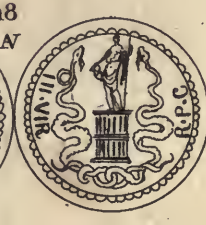
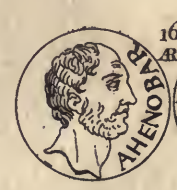
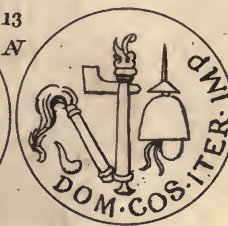
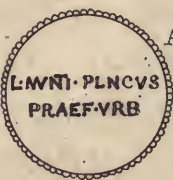
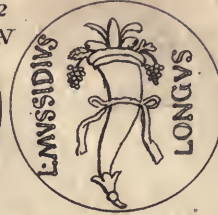


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- three, the *Mars Ultor* galeated, with his left Foot resting on a Shield, the *Hasta pura* in his Right Hand, and in his Left, the Parazonium or small Sword usually girt upon the military Tribunes at their Creation; those of OCTAVIAN, which have for the Reverse three joined Hands grasping the Fasces and a Caduceus, with a Globe and Ax in the Area, all Emblems of their Concord, Authority, Felicity, and Power, and the Legend SALVS
- Pl. V. 1. GENERIS HVMANI; those which have the *Cornucopiæ* common to all three, with L. MVSSIDIVS LONGVS, the Name of the Quartumvir who struck them; and some small ones, struck at *Ephesus*, which have the three Heads upon the Face, and the *Ephesian Diana* for the Reverse.
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Who would think of Triumphs amidst the Sorrows of Proscription? Yet *Munatius Plancus*, who had joined ANTONY with three Legions in *Transalpine Gaul*, was permitted to triumph three Days before the Kalends of *January*, for his Success over the *Rhætians*. Two Days after, *LEPIDUS* triumphed also; the Senate having decreed him that Honour a Year before, for having prevented a War in *Spain*, by the peaceable Reconciliation of *Sextus Pompey*. What was most extraordinary in this Affair, it was ushered in by a public Edict from the Triumvirs, charging all Persons to honour the Day on Pain of Proscription.









Proscription. His Denarius on this Occasion has the Triumpher in his quadrigated Car, holding the Scepter, as usual, with the Inscription M. LEPID. IMP. ITER. and underneath, PRO COS. The Reverse has a VICTORY standing upon a Ship, holding a Palm-Branch in one Hand, and a Laurel-Wreath in the other. On the Area, III VIR R. P. C. These two succeeded to the Fasces on the next Day. *Plancus* had been appointed to this Honour by the late Dictator. His Medal of Gold has therefore the Dictator's laureate Head, with the Star or Comet, and DIVVS IVLIVS; on the other Side the Area is filled up with L. MNATI. PLNCVS PRAF. VRB. Whence it appears that he was also Prefect or Governor of the City. That of LEPIDUS is also of Gold, having his Head with the Augural Staff behind, and the Title M. LEPIDVS PON. MX. III. VIR R. P. C. COS. ITER. The Reverse is curious, having the CONCORDIA VICTRIX, holding in her left Hand a Cornucopiæ. The Legend is, C. VIBIVS VARVS, the Name of him who struck it, being one of the Quæstors this Year. There is a much finer Medal of LEPIDUS, respecting his Pontificate, having around his Head the Inscription M. LEPIDVS III VIR R. P. C.; and for the Reverse, his Figure at Length, arrayed as the Sovereign Pontif, with the Legend L. REGVLVS

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III VIR A. P. F. This Medal is indeed in Gold, but these Letters will stand for either *Auro*, or *Argento*, or *Aere Publico FERIUNDO*.

The Triumvirs, having by Proscription and other Acts of Tyranny raised the necessary Sums, decreed divine Honours to the late Dictator, and appointed Magistrates for several Years, prepared for the Expedition against *Brutus* and *Cassius*. Leaving, therefore, *LEPIDUS* for the Security of *Italy*, *ANTONY* and *OCTAVIAN* embarked their Armies at *Brundisium* and *Rhegium*, and having landed them safely at *Dyrrachium*, detached *C. Norbanus* and *Decidius Saxa*, with numerous Forces, to keep open the Passage for them into *Macedonia*.

While these Tyrants were busied in *Italy*, the Republican Generals had made themselves Masters of all *Asia* on this Side the *Euphrates*, and, by excessive Cruelties and Oppression, exercised upon those who refused them Succours of Men and Money, had amassed immense Treasures for the War. These Proceedings were by no Means consistent with those Ideas of Liberty, by which they professed themselves to be influenced, but were, by *Cassius* particularly, judged necessary for the Support of their Cause. Being thus provided, therefore, and having received Information of the Motions of the Enemy, they drew all their Forces over the  
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*Hellepont*, and marched to meet them. As they advanced, ANTONY also moved from *Dyrrachium*, and joined *Saxa* and *Norbanus*, having left OCTAVIAN behind, who was confined by Sicknefs. However, he came up ſome Days after, and both incamped in the Plains of *Philippi*, on the Verge of which, *Brutus* and *Caffius* had taken Poſt before them. The Situation of the Armies was ſuch, that the latter could be ſupplied by Sea with all Neceſſaries, while the former had only the Country behind them for Subſiſtence, which was quickly exhausted. This made them eager for Action; and on the other Side diſpoſed *Caffius* to protract the War: ſo that both Armies were in much the ſame Condition in which thoſe of POMPEY and CÆSAR had formerly been, Numbers only excepted, which were now nearly equal, and conſiſted of about one hundred thouſand Horſe and Foot on each Side. But the Republicans were much ſuperior in Cavalry, and, being covered with the Spoils of the Eaſt, glittered with Gold and Silver. Had *Caffius* continued his Reſolution of fitting ſtill where he abounded with all Things, the Triumvirs muſt have marched back again, or found themſelves deſerted through the Want of every Thing. But *Brutus* was weary of the War, and willing to bring it to a ſpeedy Iſſue; beſides that the Soldiery in general imputed this

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Inactivity to Fear or Want of Spirit in their Commanders, and began to leave them; so that *Cassius* himself was at Length forced into the Measure.

*Brutus* was in the Right Wing opposed to OCTAVIAN, as *Cassius* was to ANTONY in the Left. OCTAVIAN'S Wing was defeated by *Brutus*, and the Camp taken. On the other Side, the Forces of *Cassius* were routed by ANTONY, and his Camp taken. Thus far the Event was alike to both. But *Cassius* and OCTAVIAN, as yet ignorant of the true State of Affairs, looked upon their whole Party to be utterly undone. The former therefore, discerning that the Enemy were possessed of his Camp, and seeing a large Body of Cavalry advancing towards the Hill where he had made a Stand, dispatched one of his Officers to learn who they were. When this Messenger came to them, they surrounded him, enquiring with great Eagerness after *Cassius* (for they were the Soldiers of *Brutus*) who was all this while observing their Motions with great Anxiety. Convinced, from what he saw, that they were Enemies, and had made his Officer their Prisoner, and being determined not to fall into their Hands, he retired with *Pindarus*, his Freedman, whom he prevailed upon to do the last friendly Office for him, by putting an End to his Sorrows and his Life.

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When the several Circumstances of the Battle were known, the Commanders on both Sides, as if by mutual Consent, quitted the Camp which they had taken, and retired to their own. But for this unhappy Mistake of *Cassius*, the Republicans would have had no Reason to complain: for the Loss of the Enemy doubled theirs, and they were every Day more and more distressed. Their Fleet from *Italy*, laden with Supplies of Men and Provisions, was almost totally destroyed. So that could *Brutus* have been content to rest on the defensive, his Business was already done for him. But the Defection of many, and the mutinous Disposition of all, defeated this salutary Purpose. In the Engagement which ensued, a complete Victory was gained by the Triumvirs, and *Brutus*, in a Fit of Despair, fell upon his own Sword. There are two Medals of him in Gold, one bearing the Head of the first Consul, with L. BRVTVS PRIM COS.; and his own for the Reverse, with M. BRVTVS IMP. and the Addition of COSTA LEG. who struck it: the other having his Head inclosed in a thick Wreath of Laurel, with BRVTVS IMP.; and for the Reverse, a Trophy with CASCA on one Side of it, and on the other LONGVS, meaning probably *Servilius Casca*, who gave the first Stab to the Dictator, and *Mussidius Longus*. His Troops in general,

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neral, who survived the Slaughter, came over to the Conquerors. But those of Rank, who had borne Offices in the Commonwealth, or were of the Number of the Conspirators, or of the Proscribed, for the most Part either laid violent Hands upon themselves, or found Means to escape to *Sextus Pompey* in *Sicily*.

After this Victory, it was agreed that ANTONY should pass into *Asia*, and settle the Affairs of the Provinces there; while OCTAVIAN should return to *Italy* with the Veterans, and distribute amongst them the promised Rewards and Lands. Meantime *Lucius Antonius*, the Brother of the Triumvir, and *P. Servilius Vatia Isauricus*, the second Time succeeded to the Fasces at *Rome*. The former took it into his Head to triumph without a Victory, on the Day that he entered into his Office. We have therefore two of his Denarii; one of his Consulship, having his own Head on one Side, with L. ANTONIVS COS.; and on the other, that of the Triumvir, with M. ANT. IMP. AVG. III. VIR. R. P. C. A. NERVA PRO Q. P.; i. e. MARCUS ANTONIVS IMPERATOR AUGUR TRIUMVIR REIPUBLICÆ CONSTITUENDÆ: AULUS NERVA PROQUÆSTOR PRÆTORIVS. This NERVA, who struck it, was the Proquestor of ANTONY, with Prætorian Power, and the Great Grandfather of the Emperor of the same Name.

Name. The other Denarius exhibits him crowned by a VICTORY, and drawn by Lions, and has on the Reverse the Head of PIETY, distinguished by a Stork, which was the common Symbol of it; a Bird which is said to sustain its Parents in Weakness or Age. For this PIETAS is the very Name which the Consul assumed, not calling himself PIVS, but L. ANTONIUS PIETAS, from the very tender Regard which he pretended to have for his Brother, and which he made the Foundation of a new Civil War. Hence we have on one of the Triumvir's Reverses in Gold, a *Piety* with a Cornucopiæ in her Left Hand, and an Helm in the Right, with a Stork at her Feet, and underneath PIETAS COS; and on another, the same emblematical Lady, with two Storks perched upon her Cornucopiæ, and holding in her Hand the Figure of the Triumvir, with PIETAS COS.

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For OCTAVIAN was no sooner recovered of a Relapse, which had seized him soon after the Victory of *Philippi*, but he returned to *Rome*, in order to give the Soldiers the Lands and Habitations assigned. In doing this, he entirely lost the Good-will of the Possessors, without retaining that of the military Men. The former complained, with Reason, that they were tyrannically driven from their Estates and Habitations; and the latter, that they were not grati-



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fied according to their Merits and Expectations. The Consul also, and *Fulvia*, the Wife of the Triumvir, a Woman of high Spirit and masculine Courage, stormed loudly at his Proceedings; insisting, "that themselves ought to have been the sole Distributors of the Rewards to *Antony's* Soldiers, whom he had manifestly defrauded, though to them the Victory had been solely owing." The Contention ran so high, that OCTAVIAN divorced her Daughter, declaring upon Oath, that, for him, she was still a Virgin. After this no Measures were kept: all the discontented flocked to them. *Fulvia* seized on *Præneste*; appeared there with a Sword by her Side, gave the Word, and harangued the Troops in public. At length the Consul took Possession of *Perusia* with his Army, and was there besieged by OCTAVIAN, who with Difficulty compelled him to a Surrender, not without great Hazard to himself. This was called the *Perusian* War. The City, which had been unhappily made the Scene of it, was consumed with Fire. Four hundred Equestrians and Senators of that City were sacrificed to the Manes of CÆSAR on the Ides of *March*, and the Heads of the Party dispersed themselves; some flying to MARC ANTONY, others to *Sextus Pompey*, in *Sicily*. Among the latter was *Tiberius Claudius Nero*, with his Wife *Livia*, who became afterwards the Wife of OCTAVIAN,

VIAN, and his little Son, not quite two Years old, who succeeded AUGUSTUS on the Imperial Throne. But this Conclusion was brought about in the succeeding Consulate of *Cn. Domitius Calvinus*, honoured the second Time with this Dignity, and *C. Asinius Pollio*. The Denarius of the former has his Head, without any Inscription but the Word OSCA, intimating whence the Silver came; and on the Reverse the Apex, or Pontifical Mitre, the Ax, the Sympulum, and the Asperforium, with which it was customary to sprinkle those with pure Water who were present at the Sacrifices. So the Poet :

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*Idem ter socios purâ circumtulit undâ  
Spargens rore levi et ramo felicis olivæ,  
Lustravitque viros.*                      ÆNEID, lib. vi. v. 229.

————— Of the festal Olive-tree;  
Dipt in the crystal Wave, a Branch he bore,  
And his Companions lightly sprinkled o'er  
Thrice with the dewy Drops, and cleans'd the Men.

The Legend is DOM. COS. ITERum IMP. That of the latter has, on one Side, the radiated Head of *Apollo*, with the Name POLLIO; on the other the Half-moon and Seven Stars, and underneath C. ASINI. CN. F.

Pl. V. 14.

OCTAVIAN had now Reason enough to expect a Breach with *Antony*, and had the Power of *Sextus Pompey* to contend with at the same Time. This last had



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had possessed himself of *Sicily* before the Triumvirate commenced, had a very numerous Fleet, and a military Force on Shore largely sufficient for the Protection of himself and his Friends, of whom he had many. All the old Adherents of his Father followed his Fortunes; all who had been proscribed, and had the good Luck to escape, took Refuge with him. And himself had facilitated the Escape of Multitudes, by keeping light Vessels continually hovering upon the Coast to take them up. The Island of which he was Master, was the Granary of *Rome*, which he might shut up or open at his Pleasure. His Power was therefore extremely formidable, and, in more active Hands, might have proved an Overmatch for all Opposition. OCTAVIAN, that he might not have two Competitors at once to deal with, endeavoured a Reconciliation with him. To that End he sent over to him his Mother *Mucia*, and himself married *Scribonia*, the Sister of *Libo*, who was the Father-in-law of *Sextus*. But all this was to little Purpose, *Pompey* seeming more inclinable to treat with ANTONY. He therefore left his favourite *Agrippa*, who was now Prætor, to carry on Hostilities against him, and went into *Gaul*, in order to secure the large Armies in those Parts in his Interest; which he did effectually. In his Absence, *Sextus* ravaged the Coast of *Italy*, and reduced

reduced the City itself to great Distress, by withholding the necessary Supplies of Corn.

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All this while ANTONY was taken up with Concerns of another Nature. After his parting with OCTAVIAN, he passed through *Greece*, and spent some little Time at *Athens*, where, by his Generosity and obliging Deportment, he much endeared himself to the *Greeks*. When he came into *Asia*, all the Princes of the Country were eager to pay their Addresses to him. At *Ephesus* the People received him as the younger *Bacchus*, with the Ceremonies usually practised on the Festivals of that Deity. Their Flatteries, however pleasing to him, did not save their Purfes; for here he raised upon the Provinces no less than nine Years Taxes, to be paid peremptorily in the Compass of two. A most oppressive Burthen! as the whole Country had been so lately stript of every Thing that was valuable by *Brutus* and *Cassius*. Yet these were exacted with so much Rigour, that the People in the Neighbourhood of the *Euphrates* put themselves under the Protection of the *Parthians*. On his Arrival at *Tarsus*, in *Cilicia*, he summoned the Queen of *Egypt* before him, whose Governor in *Cyprus* had assisted the Republican Commanders. She brought with her a Profusion of Wealth, and failed not to exert all her Charms, both natural and acquired; and



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and no Lady of the Time had more of both ; infomuch that, from being her Judge, he became her Vassal, and from that Moment surrendered all his Faculties to the Dominion of *Cleopatra*. Leaving therefore *Plan-  
cus* and *Saxa* as his Lieutenants in *Asia* and *Syria*, he followed her into *Egypt*, and wasted the Winter with her in the most dishonourable Riot and Debauchery.

Meantime the *Parthians* passed the *Euphrates*, under the Command of *Pacorus*, their King's Son, and *Labienus*, the Son of him who had been CÆSAR'S Lieutenant in *Gaul*, and was afterwards slain at *Munda*. He had been sent into *Parthia* by the Republican Generals, before the Battle of *Philippi*, to ask the Assistance of that Monarch ; and on the Defeat of the Party, had continued there, where he thought himself safest. But now understanding that ANTONY was gone into *Egypt*, and was lost in Indolence and Luxury, and that the Hands of OCTAVIAN were full, he persuaded *Orodes*, the *Parthian* King, to take Advantage of these favourable Incidents, and invade the Provinces. They overran *Phœnicia* ; defeated and slew *Saxa*, the Lieutenant of ANTONY ; made themselves Masters of *Apamea* and *Antioch*, subduing all *Syria*, *Tyre* excepted. Marching thence into *Palestine*, they deposed *Hyrchanus*, and set up his Brother *Aristobulus* in

in his Room. They possessed themselves of *Cilicia*, and all the Cities of the proper *Asia* (for *Plancus* fled to the Islands) except *Stratonicea*, and most of them without a Siege. *Melassa* was deserted and destroyed, and *Alabanda* taken by Storm. *Labienus*, having thus sacked the Country, and pillaged the Temples, called himself (or, as *Appian* will have it, the King's Officers called him) PARTHICUS and IMPERATOR, by an Inversion of the *Roman* Custom, taking his Title, not from the People whom he conquered, but whom he commanded. One of his Coins of this Sort is still to be found in the Cabinets of the Curious, with his Head, and the following Inscription, Q. LABIENVS PARTHICVS IMP. The Reverse, a Steed harnessed.

Pl. V. 15.

Such was the Situation of ANTONY, when the News of the *Parthian* Successes in *Asia*, and of the Miscarriages of his Wife and Brother in *Italy*, reached him, and roused him once more to Action. His first Design was to drive back the *Parthians*. But when he arrived at *Tyre*, finding them possessed of the whole Country, and being pressed with many Entreaties from his Wife, he sailed on for *Italy*, with a Fleet of two hundred Ships. In his Voyage, *Cn. Domitius Abenobarbus* joined him with his Squadron: which Event is perpetuated in a Coin, bearing the Head of ANTONY on one Side, with

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ANT. IMP. III. VIR. R. P. C.; and on the Reverse the Beak of a Ship, with CN. DOMIT. AHENO-BARBVS IMP. Another Denarius gives his own Head on one Side, and on the other a Trophy, raised on the Beak of a Ship, the Inscription being CN. DOMITIVS AHENOBARbus IMP. But there is a fine Medal of Gold of him, with the same Inscription, having the Temple of *Neptune* for the Reverse, and over it NEPTuni.

When he came upon the Coast of *Italy*, he took *Sipus*, and summoned *Brundisum*, where OCTAVIAN had a large Garrison. The Gates therefore being shut against him; he laid Siege to the Place, and prevailed on *Sextus Pompey* to make a Diversion in his Favour. OCTAVIAN now returning from *Gaul*, drew together his Forces, and dispatched SERVILIUS RULLUS for the Defence of *Brundisum*, and AGRIPPA for the Recovery of *Sipus*. The latter succeeded; but the former was surprized by ANTONY, and lost many of his Men. Thus a new War commenced between two of the Triumvirs, which however was soon terminated by the Death of *Fulvia*. For on her Decease they presently came to a Composition, and a new Partition of Empire. To OCTAVIAN'S Share fell *Sardinia* and *Dalmatia*, the two *Spains*, and all *Gaul*: to ANTONY, all the Countries on the other Side of the *Ionian* Sea: and to LEPIDUS









the two Provinces of *Africa*. This Partition is recorded in the following Coins, which bear the Heads of the several Triumvirs with the usual Titles: only this is the first Time that I have observed the *PON.* for Pontifex, on those of OCTAVIAN. His Reverse represents a Globe upon a Tripod, round which stand the Triumvirs, one of them holding the *Lituus*. Beneath, in a recumbent Posture, is the female Figure of *PEACE*, with a Cornucopiæ in the Right Hand, and the *Caduceus* in the Left: the Legend *SALVS GENERIS HVMANI*. The Reverse of ANTONY's has the Type of *Asia* standing on a Pedestal, with the *Hasta pura* in her Left Hand, and in her Right a Vase; a Serpent rises on its Folds on each Side as high as the Shoulders of the Figure. The Reverse of *LEPIDUS* has the Triumvir on Horseback holding out an Olive-branch. The Legend is *SALVS PROVINCIARVM AFRICAE*, and underneath *S. C.* Another of this Triumvir has a very curious Reverse, representing a Tripod, from the Top of which a Serpent, the Symbol of Health and Safety, rises in Spires, while at the Bottom of it the Chicken are pecking up the Corn as it rebounds, which was the Omen of Success in their Divinations. This was called the *Tripudium*.

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It was now agreed between OCTAVIAN and  
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ANTONY, that they should carry on the War against *Sextus Pompey*; though ANTONY had bound himself by Oath to join *Sextus* against OCTAVIAN, and that very Engagement had induced the latter to publish an Edict of Indemnity for all who had opposed him in the *Perusian* War, for some of the Conspirators themselves, and among others *Domitius Abenobarbus*, for the Proscribed, and for all who had fought under *Cassius* and *Brutus*. They sealed their Agreement with mutual Entertainments, and the Solemnity of a Marriage between *Antony* and *Octavia*, who was lately become a Widow, and was the Sister of OCTAVIAN. They entered *Rome* together with the lesser Triumph or Ovation, on Account of their Reconciliation. On this Occasion, *Goltzius* presents us with two Denarii, the first having two joined Hands holding a Caduceus, with the Inscription CAESAR LEPL. AN. III. VIRI. R. P. C. On the Reverse is the Head of CONCORDIA, with the Legend L. MVSSIDI. LONGVS, the Name of the *Quartumvir Monetalis*. The Figures on each Side of the other are the same, but it contains only the Names of M. ANTON. and C. CAESAR.

Meanwhile *Menas*, the Admiral of *Pompey*, made Descents upon the Coast of *Hetruria*, and conquered afterwards the Island of *Sardinia*. This, and

and the War with *Pompey*, to which the People were generally averse, and the Famine which ensued from the Detention of the Corn, made the Citizens tumultuous and clamorous for Peace, to such a Degree, that the Triumvirs found themselves obliged to treat with *Pompey*. The Year now drawing to an End, the present Consuls abdicated, and *L. Cornelius Balbus*, a wealthy *Spaniard*, and the familiar Friend of the late Dictator, and *P. Canidius Crassus*, were substituted in their Place for the few remaining Days.

In the Beginning of the following Year, when *L. Marcius Censorinus* and *C. Calvisius Sabinus* were Consuls, all the Acts of the Triumvirs were ratified by the Senate and People. This Year *Pollio* triumphed for his Success against the *Parthini* in *Illyria*; as did *Censorinus*, on the Day that he entered into his Office, for his in *Macedonia*. At this Time I find *C. Mamilius Limetanus* to have been of the Number of the *Triumviri Monetales*, the other two being *P. Crepusius* and *L. Censorinus* above-mentioned. This Family was originally of *Tusculum*, and reported to have sprung from *Mamilia*, the Daughter of *Telegonus*, who was the Son of *Ulysses* by *Circe*, and the Founder of that City. Their Descent is therefore recorded on his Denarius, which bears upon the Face of it the God

*Mercury*,

Pl. VI. 5.  
Coll. Pemb.  
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*Mercury*, with his Attributes; and for the Reverse, the Figure of *Ulysses*, with a Staff in his Hand, and a Cap on his Head, as first represented (according to *Pliny*) by *Nicocomachus*; the Cap being, amongst the *Greeks*, a Mark of high Nobility. For in *Ovid* this Hero deduces his Pedigree from *Jupiter* by the Father's Side, and from *Mercury* by the Mother's:

*Nam mihi Laertes pater est, Arceſius illi,  
Jupiter huic—*

*Eſt quoque per matrem Cyllēnius addita nobis,  
Altera nobilitas.—*

The great *Laertes* as my Sire I name,  
*Arceſius*' Son, from *Jove Arceſius* came; }  
And by the Mother my Deſcent I claim }  
From *Mercury*.

And to render his Coin the more entertaining, he has made Choice of that affecting Circumſtance in the History of his Anceſtor, when, after an Abſence of twenty Years, he was recognized by his faithful Dog *Argus*, as *Homer* relates the Story:

And now his City ſtrikes the Monarch's Eyes,  
Alas! how chang'd! a Man of Miſeries;  
Propt on a Staff, a Beggar old and bare,  
In Rags diſhoneſt fluttering with the Air!—  
Thus near the Gates, conſerring as they drew,  
*Argus*, the Dog, his ancient Maſter knew;  
He, not unconſcious of the Voice and Tread,  
Liſts to the Sound his Ear, and rears his Head.—  
He knew his Lord; he knew, and ſtrove to meet,  
In vain he ſtrove to crawl and kiſs his Feet;

Yet

Yet (all he could) his Tail, his Ears, his Eyes,  
Salute his Master, and confess his Joys.—

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The Dog, whom Fate had granted to behold

His Lord, when twenty tedious Years had roll'd,

Takes a last Look, and, having seen him, dies ;

So clos'd for ever faithful *Argus'* Eyes! POPE.

In the Area of the Reverse we read, C. MAMIL.  
LIMEA. This Coin the Emperor TRAJAN judged  
so curious, that we meet with it as restored by him-  
self, with IMP. CAES. TRAIAN. AVG. GER.  
DAC. PP. RESTituit.

The Triumvirs now appointed Consuls, and other  
Magistrates, for several Years to come, on Account  
of ANTONY'S *Parthian* Expedition. A personal  
Treaty was agreed upon with *Sextus Pompey*, in  
Consequence of which the three Chiefs had a Con-  
ference on the Sea-Shore at Mount *Misenus*, and at  
last concluded on the following Conditions:—That  
those who had fled to *Sicily* should have their Li-  
berty and Effects restored ; to the Exiles and Pro-  
scribed, was ensured an honourable Return to their  
Country, with the fourth Part of their confiscated  
Estates ; that *Sextus* himself should have the Domi-  
nion of *Sicily*, *Sardinia*, and *Achaia* or *Peloponnesus*  
for five Years, should prevent all maritime Depre-  
dations, supply the City with Corn, and be ad-  
mitted into the College of Augurs.

At this Time *P. Ventidius Bassus*, Proconsul, and

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Lieutenant of ANTONY, recovered *Palestine*, defeated *Labienus*, and drove the *Parthians* from *Syria*, *Cilicia*, and Mount *Taurus*: for which Success a Supplication was decreed to ANTONY. Nor was *P. Canidius Crassus*, his other Lieutenant, less successful in *Armenia*, and the adjoining Countries.

- Ap. *Claudius Pulcher* and *C. Norbanus Flaccus* succeeded to the Consulate in the Year of the City DCCXV. *M. Tullius Cicero*, the Son of the Orator, who was one of the *Quartumviri Monetales*, struck the Denarius of the former with the Head of *Vesta*, distinguished by her Name, and having the Inscription AP. CLAVDI. C. F. PVLCHER. The Reverse shews the Temple and Image of the same Goddess, with the same Legend M. TVLLI. M. F. CICERO IIII VIR. That of the other Consul has the Head of CONCORD, with C. NORBANVS: and on the Reverse the Fasces, expressive of his Dignity; with the Caduceus, and an Ear of Corn, to signify the Peace and Plenty ensuing from the late Treaty. The Consuls had now for the first Time two Questors each: for Offices began to be strangely multiplied, the Triumvirs having such Numbers to gratify; insomuch that the present Year beheld no fewer than sixty-seven Prætors. And a very Youth was made Questor but the Day after he had taken up the manly Robe. The *Moors* at this Time passing

passing the Streights, made Incurfions into *Spain*. And the War broke out afresh between OCTAVIAN and POMPEY, occasioned by the Desertion of *Menas*, the Freedman of the latter; who delivered up *Sardinia*, with the Fleet and Troops which he commanded, to OCTAVIAN. Several naval Engagements passed between them, with various Success. But the Elements were unfavourable to OCTAVIAN, who had the Misfortune to have almost his whole Fleet wrecked in a Storm. But the Arms of ANTONY were successful in the East, under his Lieutenant *Ventidius*, who gained a second and a third Victory over the *Parthians*, whose Prince *Pacorus* lost his Life in one of the Actions. For which prosperous Events *Ventidius* was allowed a Triumph. His other Lieutenant, *Sofius*, who commanded in *Syria* and *Cilicia*, subdued the *Aradians* by Famine, made himself Master of *Jerusalem*, and took *Antigonus* Prisoner, whom he afterwards beheaded, and advanced *Herod*, the *Ascalonite*, to the Government of *Judea*. And thus, by the Failure of the Royal Line, says *Josephus*, the Prophecy of *Daniel* was fulfilled.

The Day before the Calends of *January*, the Power of the Trivmvirate should have ceased, for the five Years then expired. But they who composed it were in no such Haste to part with their



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Authority. Before the Time came, they publicly declared themselves Triumvirs for the Term of five Years longer, without consulting either the Senate or the People. Coins, with their feveral Heads, were struck, bearing the Title of ITERum R. P. C.

Pl. VI. 8.

That of OCTAVIAN is of Gold. On the Reverse is his Equestrian Statue, holding the augural Staff.

Pl. VI. 9.

Underneath is a Crown of Laurel on the Beak of a Ship, with IMP. ITER. S. C.

Pl. VI. 10.

The Reverse of ANTONY bears a Victory crowning a Trophy. That of LEPIDUS is marked with a Tripod, and the Fasces on each Side of it, with the Name of the *Quartumvir Monetalis* P. SEPVLLIus MACER.

*M. Vipsanius Agrippa*, and *L. Caninius Gallus*, succeeded to the Fasces. The last of these I find upon some ancient Coins of AUGUSTUS to have been one of the *Triumviri Monetales*, when the Number of those Officers was reduced. The former was Commander of the Sea-coast, and Admiral of the Fleet, as appears from his Medal of Gold before us, on which he wears a Rostrate Crown, with

Pl. VI. 11.

the following Inscription: *Marcus AGRIPPA, L. F. PRÆfectus ORÆ MARITImæ ET CLASSis*. On the Reverse stands *Neptune* with his left Foot resting upon the Beak of a Ship, having the Trident in his right Hand, and a Dolphin upon the left; underneath EX. S. C. I observe, that the Name of

*Vipsanius*

*Vipsanius* is not marked upon any of his Coins. Nor did the Owner himself like it, as it bespoke him of mean Place and obscure Original. But what he wanted in Family was amply compensated by the Greatness of his own Atchievements, and the supreme Dignity to which they raised him. After some Time *Caninius* abdicated; but who was substituted to that Dignity in his Room, both Historians and the Capitoline Fragments are silent. But we suppose with *Pigbius*, that *T. Statilius Taurus* must have been the Man, because it appears that he was a second Time Consul in the Year of the City 727, and there is no Room for him in any Year before, except the present. About this Time OCTAVIAN married *Livia Drusilla*, the Wife of *Tiberius Claudius Nero*, though she was with Child by her Husband, and was brought to bed three Months afterwards. Her Husband, not daring to withstand the Proposal, played the Courtier, and affected great Complacency on this Occasion, giving her Hand in Person to the Triumvir, who took high Satisfaction in the Present. She was one of the most amiable Ladies of her Time, and of a Prudence and Discretion well suited to the high Station to which her Charms had raised her. Great naval Preparations were now made for bringing the War to a Conclusion with *Sextus Pompey*, which



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were committed to the Care of *Agrippa*. Vast Numbers he employed in building Ships in every Port of *Italy*, and converted the *Lucrine* and *Avernian* Lakes into a most admirable Harbour. ANTONY, then at *Athens*, was invited to take his Share in the War, and LEPIDUS entreated to get ready his Forces in *Africa* for the same Purpose. The former came to *Brundisium*, but returned, unaccountably, without seeing OCTAVIAN, of whose Power he grew jealous; and the latter wasted the Year in Preparations. However an Interview and Reconciliation was afterwards brought about between OCTAVIAN and ANTONY by the Mediation of *Octavia*. He received of OCTAVIAN two Legions towards his *Parthian* Expedition, and left behind him a considerable Part of his Fleet in Exchange. Still further to cement this Amity, a Contract of Marriage was concluded between *Antyllus*, the Son of *Antony*, and *Julia*, the Daughter of OCTAVIAN. Thus they parted, and ANTONY set sail for *Syria*, leaving his Wife and Children to the Protection of OCTAVIAN, who had now a mighty Army, and a growing Fleet, which threatened to bear down all Opposition. But the Winds and Waves were more bitter Enemies to him than *Pompey*, by which he lost a Multitude of Ships; while the *Sicilians*, by the Convenience of their Ports, and the Dexterity of their Mariners, suffered

suffered but little. *Pompey* was so extravagantly elated herewith, that he paid solemn Sacrifices to the supposed Deity of the Sea for his Assistance, and boasted himself the Son of *Neptune*. His Coins record this Vanity. Hitherto they had been such as might suit him modestly enough, bearing his own Effigies on one Side, with the Title SEXtus MAGNus PIVS IMP. with SALus underneath, alluding to the Safety and Protection which the Proscribed, and his Father's Adherents, found in him. The Name of Pius he assumed from the Veneration which he bore for the Cause and Memory of his Father. Accordingly a PIETY is figured on the Reverse, with the *Hasta pura* in one Hand, and a Branch of Laurel in the other. Or his own Head, inclosed in a Wreath or Branch of Laurel, as we have it in Gold, with MAG. PIVS IMP. ITERum : and for the Reverse, his own and his Father's facing each other, with the *Lituus* and Tripod, and his Title PRAEFectus CLASsis ET ORÆ MRITimæ EX. S. C. But now we find them all inflated with his new Attachment. One has his Head with the Vase or *Guttus*, and the *Lituus* or augural Staff, to represent his Reception into the pontifical and augural Colleges, with MAG. PIVS IMP. ITER. On the Reverse we see *Neptune* holding a Branch of Laurel, and resting his right Foot on the Beak of a Ship.

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On each Side are *Amphinomus* and *Anapias*, two *Sicilians* who are said to have carried their Parents through the Midst of the Flames in a Conflagration of Mount *Ætna*: and these formed the Symbol of Piety, with the *Catanæans* especially. The Legend gives him the Title conferred upon him by the Senate, PRÆfectus CLASsis ET ORÆ MITimæ EX S. C. A second has his Head with a Dolphin and Trident, and the Inscription NEPTVNI, as the Son of *Neptune* and *Salacia*. The Reverse a Ship, and underneath Q. NASIDIUS, the Name of one of his Admirals. A third has the Statue of *Neptune*, raised upon a Ship, with Emblems expressing the Dominion of the Sea, and MAG. PIVS IMP. ITER. The Reverse of this, to denote the Island of *Sicily*, has the Image of *Scylla*, as described by *Virgil*:

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Aut quam fama secuta est,  
Candida succinctam latrantibus inguina monstribus  
Dulichias vexasse rates, et gurgite in alto  
Ab! timidos nautas canibus lacerasse marinis.

Or she whom Fame reports,  
With barking Monsters to her Waist annex'd,  
The Ships of fam'd *Ulysses* to have vex'd,  
And torn (alas!) with her Sea-Dogs accurs'd,  
The trembling Sailors in the Whirl immers'd.

Pl. VI. 17.

A fourth bears the Head of *Neptune*, with the same Inscription, and has on its Reverse a Trophy fixed upon

upon an Anchor, with the Office, conferred by the Senate, expressed in the Legend. I am aware that the Coins bearing this Legend PRÆ. CLAS. ET ORÆ. MIT. are generally ascribed to *Pompey* the Father. And the Author confesses himself to have been formerly misled, in his *Review of Roman History*, by the Commentators on *Velleius*, in this Point, but is now convinced that *Patin*, in his *Familiæ Romanæ*, p. 219, has rightly attributed them to *SEXTUS*. The Father, when that Title was conferred upon him, acted with Proconsular Authority, and is called PRO COS. accordingly, in those Coins which were struck on the Occasion by his Lieutenants *Piso* and *Varro*, as we have already observed. Further, the Name of *PIVS* is never given to the Father, nor the Title of *ITERum IMPerator*. But to return. “*Pompey*,” says *Appian*, “did not even lay hold of the Opportunity of so many Shipwrecks: he only busied himself with Sacrifices to *Neptune* and *Salacia*, whose Son, he suffered himself to be called, persuading himself that his Adversaries could not have been thus twice distressed with Tempests, in the Summer Season, without the particular Favour of the God. They say that he was so inflated on these Accounts, as to change the scarlet Robe, which was usually worn by Generals, for one of a cæru-  
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“lean or sea-green Colour, as being adopted by  
“*Neptune*.” *Dio Cassius* likewise observes, that  
“he was so elated in Spirit, that he verily believed  
“himself the Son of *Neptune*, and put on the  
“cærulean Robe.” When *Horace* therefore says,  
Epode 9,

*Ut nuper actus cum freto Neptunius*  
*Dux fugit uestis Navibus.*

As late when the Neptunian Youth, who spurn'd  
A mortal Birth, beheld his Navy burn'd,  
And fled affrighted through his Father's Waves. FRANCIS.

he does not, by the *Dux Neptunius*, mean simply the  
*Maritime Commander*, but throws out a most bitter  
Sarcasm upon his present Vanity and subsequent  
Defeat. The Behaviour of these great Men, com-  
pared together, was truly ridiculous. For as *Pompey*  
was quite wild with the supposed Partiality of *Neptune*  
in his Favour, OCTAVIAN, on the other Side,  
was quite angry with him, declaring that he would  
conquer in Spite of *Neptune*; and at the next  
*Circensian Games*, when the Statues of the Gods  
were brought out, as usual, with all imaginable  
Honour; would not suffer that of *Neptune* to par-  
take of it, but ordered him contemptuously to be  
carried off. At this time *Menas*, not thinking him-  
self sufficiently rewarded, went over again to his  
old Master *Pompey*, whom he left once more in the  
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following Year, returning to OCTAVIAN with seven Ships only. An extraordinary Prodigy is now said to have happened. An Eagle on the Wing let fall a white Hen into the Lap of LIVIA, with a Branch of Laurel, having ripe Berries, in its Mouth. This was judged to be an Omen of much Importance. The Hen she carefully kept, and planted the Branch, which struck Root, and grew so prosperously, as to furnish Laurel for the Conquerors in their Triumphs for a long Time after.

But in that Year, which was the Year of the City DCCXVII, when L. Gellius Poplicola, and M. Cocceius Nerva, were advanced to the Consulate, the Sicilian War was brought to a Conclusion. These Consuls abdicated in the Course of the Year, and their Substitutes were L. Munatius Plancus the second Time, and P. Sulpicius Quirinus. At Rome the Ædileship was intermitted, and the Prætors and Tribunes exhibited in their Stead the usual Shews and Entertainments to the People; all Persons, qualified for the Office, fearing the Expence of it. Mecænas, though only of Equestrian Rank, was now at the Height of Power, governing all Things as the Deputy of Octavian, not only at Rome, but throughout all Italy. M. ANTONY, the Triumvir, with eighteen Legions, and sixteen thousand Horse, entered Armenia, and invaded Parthia from thence.



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*Phraates* met him at the Head of his Army, and cut in Pieces two of his Legions, together with *Statianus*, his Lieutenant. In this Expedition he was very near being destroyed, with all his Forces, of which he actually lost not less than a fourth Part. The rest were saved by a Defter, who yet was a *Roman*, who had been taken Prisoner by the Enemy in the Defeat of *CRASSUS*. By his Advice they retreated by a different Route, through Woods and over Mountains, where the *Parthian* Cavalry were little serviceable. About a third Part of the Slaves and Attendants upon the Camp were also lost, with almost all the Baggage and Engines of War. A good Part of this Damage might have been prevented, if he had thought fit to winter in *Armenia*. But his Eagerness to return to the Embraces of *Cleopatra*, made deaf his Ears to the Wisdom of this salutary Counsel. And, having with much Difficulty escaped the Danger, he had the Confidence to call himself victorious; and even struck some Medals of Gold and Silver, with his own Head, and the Inscription *ANTONIVS AVGV R COS. DES. ITER. F. T. TERT.*; having on the Reverse the Bow and Arrow, and the *Parthian* Tiara, with *III VIR R. P. C. IMP. TERTIO.*

Pl. VI. 18.

All this while, many and loud were the Complaints at *Rome*; the usual Supplies of Corn from

*Sicily*



*Sicily* being stopped, and the Famine beginning to make its Appearance. But OCTAVIAN, having now a mighty Army and a numerous Fleet, refused to listen to their Murmurs. The Seamen had been exercised all the Winter, and rendered very expert. In the Beginning of the Spring they set sail, when *Agrippa*, by the Defeat of *Demochares*, one of the Freedmen and Admirals of *Pompey*, cleared the Streights of *Messana*. OCTAVIAN seized the Opportunity, and landed a large Body of his Forces at *Taur-ominium*, but was attacked by *Pompey* on his Return, and narrowly escaped to the Continent. Here he grew extremely uneasy for the Forces that he had landed in the Island, and dispatched Orders to *Agrippa* to relieve them at all Events. They were in want of every Thing; and when their Leader, *Cornificius*, judged it necessary to attempt a Retreat to *Mylæ*, where AGRIPPA had landed some Troops, they were attacked on all Sides by the *Pompeians*, and brought into great Difficulties; from which, however, they were at last freed by the March of those Troops to their Assistance. Presently after, OCTAVIAN himself landed in the Island, and *Sextus* pitched his Camp over against him at *Artemisium*. Some light Skirmishes ensued between the Horse on both Sides, but they came not to a general Action. In the mean Time *Tisienus Gallus* joined POMPEY from



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*Lilybeum*, where he had endeavoured in vain to oppose the landing of *LEPIDUS*; and *LEPIDUS* himself marched towards *OCTAVIAN*. The former of these Triumvirs began to be too sensible of his own Importance on this Occasion: he thought that *OCTAVIAN* used him ill, and more like his Lieutenant than his Equal or Partner in Empire. He therefore entered into a secret Correspondence with *Pompey*; which *OCTAVIAN* suspecting, resolved to fight as soon as possible. He drew out his Army for several Days together, as *Agrippa* did his Fleet in Line of Battle. At length *Pompey*, dreading the Imputation of Cowardice, and fearing to be deserted on that Account, determined to engage by Sea; on which Element he thought himself strongest. The Action was very bloody, and the Victory obstinately disputed, in the Sight of both Armies drawn up on the Shore. But at length the Fortune of *Agrippa* prevailed: the mighty Fleet of *Pompey* was destroyed, seventeen Ships only excepted, which took Shelter in the Port of *Messana*. His Land Army, as if defeated with them, retired under the Walls of the same City. Himself, taking on Board his Treasures, his Daughter, and a few of his Friends, fled by Night with the poor Remains of his Fleet towards the Coast of *Asia*, leaving the Island to the Mercy of the Conqueror. The *Pompeian* Cavalry, with Part of the Foot, submitted

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to OCTAVIAN. LEPIDUS marched directly to *Messana*, to whom more than eight Legions there surrendered, and were incorporated with his Troops. The Place he gave up to be plundered by his Soldiers, notwithstanding the Remonstrances of AGRIPPA. He next took Possession of a strong Eminence, where he fortified his Camp, and answered the Complaints of OCTAVIAN with Recriminations and haughty Demands, which favoured of Hostility. The latter went to his Camp with an ordinary Guard, but was insulted and wounded; notwithstanding which he had the Address to gain over many of them, and at last the whole Army. The deserted Triumvir sunk at once to abject Meanness, and, in a mourning Habit, threw himself at the Feet of his Rival, and begged his Life. OCTAVIAN despised him too much to fear him. He therefore suffered him to live; and he spent the rest of his Days peaceably at *Circeii*, without Honour or Authority, unnoticed and unregarded. The whole Island of *Sicily* submitted; Plenty was restored to *Rome*; and OCTAVIAN's Return thither was welcomed with incredible Joy and Magnificence. The Senate decreed him a Triumph; but he shewed his Moderation by accepting of an Ovation only.

This naval Victory was commemorated by some Denarii, bearing a Ship manned, and carried with  
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Sail and Oars, the Mark of Felicity, with the Inscription IMP. CAESAR.; on the Reverse is a Victory, holding an Helm in her Left Hand, and placing a Wreath of Laurel on a Branch of Palm; the Legend DIVI. F. *Agrippa* was, on this Occasion, presented with a Crown of Gold; in the Flower-Work of which the Beaks of Ships were represented, as in the Medal which we have given of him already. This was an Honour never conferred on any Person before or after him. A Statue of Gold was erected before the Rostra to OCTAVIAN, by a public Decree, with an Inscription, testifying that he had established Peace by Sea and Land; and his Person was rendered sacred, by being invested with the TRIBUNITIAL Power for ever. This Honour is perpetuated in the following Coin; by the Reverse of which it appears, that the Directors of the Coinage were now reduced to their original Number. It is inclosed in a Wreath of Laurel; the Privilege of being always crowned with it being conferred upon him at the same Time. However, the Reader will observe that the Coin, though recording the high Dignity and Privilege now conferred, was not struck till some Years after, when the Name of OCTAVIAN was swallowed up and lost in the solemn Title of AUGUSTUS. *Statilius Taurus* had been dispatched into *Africa*, to secure the two Provinces there, which

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had been under the Government of *Lepidus*; in which he met with little Difficulty.

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The next Year *Sextus Pompey*, who had collected a Body of Forces in *Asia*, made himself Master of some Cities; but was soon defeated by ANTONY's Lieutenants, and put to Death. This Event gave great Satisfaction to OCTAVIAN, who, on Account thereof, exhibited the Equestrian Games, and raised Statues in the Temple of *Concord*, to the Honour of ANTONY. This was in the Year of the City DCCXVIII, when *L. Cornificius* and *Sextus Pompeius Fostulus* were Consuls. Of the former, I find no Medallic Memorial; but the Denarius of the latter has on the adverse Face the galeated Head of ROME, and the sacerdotal Guttus: on the Reverse the traditional History of his supposed Ancestor, discovering the Wolf giving Suck to *Romulus* and *Remus*, under the *Ficus Ruminalis*; the Legend SEX. POM. FOSTVLVS; underneath ROMA.

PL. VI. 20.

In the Year ensuing, ANTONY, though absent, had the Title of Consul; which he kept for a Day only. His Medal, on this Occasion, has the *Lituus* behind his Head, which is surrounded with his Titles, IMP. ANTON. AVG. COS. IER. DES. TER. III. V. IER. R. P. C.; the Reverse bears a Trophy with a Patera, and the Beak of a Ship at the Foot of it; in the Area IMP. TER. His Colleague in the Office

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was *L. Scribonius Libo*, whose Denarius on one Side has *his* Puteal, as it is called. But what that was, Authors are not agreed. The Word properly signifies the Cover of a Well. But to give the Reader a tolerable Notion of this Place, which was of most eminent Note in ancient *Rome*, we must lay before him what the several Authors or Commentators have laid down relating to it. *Torrentius* upon *Horace* observes, that according to *P. Victor*, it was in the eighth Region of the City, and that *Dionysius*, in his third Book of Roman Antiquities, where speaking of the Statue of *Attius Navius*, erected in the Forum, and in Front of the Senate-House, not far from the *Ficus Ruminalis*, says, that nearly in the same Place the Razor and Whetstone were buried, by which *Attius* obtained Credit to his Divination. So says *Cicero*, "We have received from our Ancestors, that  
" this same Whetstone and Razor were buried in  
" the Comitium, and a Well-cover laid over them."  
The ancient Coins which I preserve, says he, represent it as an Altar crowned, and bearing the Name of *Scribonius Libo*, who either builded or restored it, or perhaps founded the Court of Justice adjoining to it. *Pliny* the Elder speaks of a Fig-tree growing at *Rome*, in the *Forum* and *Comitium*, which was held in much Veneration; being sacred on Account of the Lightning there buried, but much more as the  
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Memorial of her who was the Nurse of our Founder *Romulus* and *Remus*; because under it the Wolf was discovered by *Faustulus*, affording her (*Rumen*) Udder to the Children. It was therefore called the *Ficus Ruminalis*. From the above-cited Passage of *Pliny*, *Salmasius* will have it, that there were two respectable Fig-trees, one in the Forum (the *Ficus Ruminalis*) and another in the *Comitium* (the *Ficus Navia*); but whether planted by *Attius Navius* the Augur, or sprung from a Sucker of the other, he leaves us in the Dark. But we apprehend that *Pliny* intended only one Tree (the *Ficus Ruminalis*) which grew in the *Forum* and *Comitium*, as he says; which it might very well do, the *Comitium*, or Place of Voting, being in the Middle of the *Forum*. He adds, that every Place struck with Lightning was deemed religious; and became sacred by the raising of an Altar, and the Oblation of Sacrifice. This Well, then, having been struck by Lightning, and proper Expiations made, the purified Place, over which a Building was raised, was called the PUTEAL; and *Dionysius* of *Halicarnassus* is express, that an Altar was erected there. This then is the PUTEAL delineated on the Coins of *Scribonius Libo*; which bear on the other Side the Bust of an imaginary Deity, called GOOD or HAPPY EVENT. This before us was restored by the Emperor *TRAJAN*.

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Pl. VII. 3.

I find three Triumphs this Year, recorded on the Capitoline Marbles, which the Historians have taken little or no Notice of. The first is that of *T. Statilius Taurus*, the Day before the Kalends of *July*. Though he had taken peaceable Possession of *Africa* after the Degradation of *LEPIDUS*, some Disturbances soon after took Place, which gave Occasion for those Successes which were now crowned with Triumph. His Denarius, on this Account, represents a Trophy raised upon Naval Spoils, and crowned by a VICTORY; underneath is T. STATILI.: and on the other Side the Head of NEPTUNE with his Trident, and TAVRVS PR. COS. with the Name of C. MEMMIVS, who struck the Coin.

The next was that of *C. Sosius*, whose Victories in *Asia*, as the Lieutenant of ANTONY, entitled him to this Honour, on the third of the Nones of *September*.

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The last was that of *Norbanus Flaccus*, for his Successes in *Spain*, a Province which always yielded Matter for Triumphs. It was exhibited on the fourth of the Ides of *October*. His Medal is of Gold, and bears his own Head, with the Title FLACCVS PR. COS. In the Reverse he sits with a Branch of Laurel in his right Hand, a VICTORY crowns

crowns him behind, and a Trophy stands before him; underneath, C. NORBAN. C. F.

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This Winter OCTAVIAN was making War in *Dalmatia*, whence he returned to *Rome*, to take Possession of the Consulate a second Time; which he did for a few Hours only, and then hastened to the Army again. The Medal of Gold, commemorating this Event, bears his Head, with the Inscription IMPERATOR CAESAR DIVI Filius PONTIFEX IMPERATOR TERTIO COSUL ITERUM ET TERTIO DESIGNATUS. On the Reverse are the Vase or Gut-tus, the Lituus, the Adsperforium, and the Sym-pulum; and underneath III VIR. ITERUM Rei Pub-licae Constituendae. For it is observed, that he and ANTONY still arbitrarily retained the Title and Authority of the Triumvirate, though one of the three had been stript of his Power, and the second Quinquennial Term had expired. His Denarius also has IMP CAESAR III VIR ITER R. P. C. with the same Reverse, and COS. ITER. ET TER DESIG.

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*Bocchus*, King of *Mauritania*, being now dead, his Dominions became a *Roman* Province. The *Dalmatians* submitted, gave Hostages, and delivered up the *Roman* Ensigns which they had formerly taken. For this a Triumph was decreed to OCTAVIAN, which he thought proper to defer. Mean-



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time ANTONY marched to the *Araxes*, as intending against the *Persian*. Instead of which, he only amused himself with a Treaty with the King of the *Medes*, to whom he presented a Part of *Armenia* which he had lately seized, and received in Return the Promise of his Assistance against OCTAVIAN, in case a War should break out.

This Year *Agrippa*, though he had been already Consul, accepted of the *Ædileship*, in order to engage the Affections of the People by his Liberality and Munificence. He repaired almost all the public Edifices at his own Expence; restored the Highways and Aquæducts that were gone to Decay; opened Common Sewers under every Part of the City, introducing for the Purpose the Streams of seven Rivers, and making literally a subterraneous Navigation, by which Way himself sailed into the *Tiber*. He repaired the *Circus*, exhibited most magnificent Shews, and particularly the Equestrian one of *Troy*, as it was called, performed by the Youth of *Rome*. He threw Tickets into the Theatre, entitling the Bearers to Silver, to Raiment, and other Gifts of Price. Barbers were hired at his Charge for the public Use, and Oil and Salt distributed *gratis* at all the Baths.

*Manius Acilius Aviola* was one of the Consuls (for there were seven in all) in the Course of this Year.

Year. His Denarius bears on one Side the laureate Head of the DE<sup>A</sup> SALUS, with the Title of SALV-TIS, whose Temple was on the Quirinal Mount in the sixth Region of the City. The Reverse has the same Goddess leaning on a Pillar, and holding the Serpent of *Æsculapius* in her right Hand, which is the Symbol of Health, with the Legend *Manius ACILIVS III VIR VALEVDINIS*. We suppose the Statue of this Goddess to have been erected by OCTAVIAN in the same Manner. For though he was not fond of having many Statues raised to his own Honour, yet, out of the Monies presented for that Purpose, *Dio Cassius* informs us, that he reared them to the SALVS PVBLICA, to CONCORDIA and PAX.

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It should seem then, from the Coin before us, that there was at this Time in Rome an Office of Health, under the Direction of three Inspectors, who were called the TRIUMVIRI VALETUDINIS, one of whom was our *Acilius*; an Office highly necessary from the continual Conflux of People of all Nations to that Metropolis of the World. It is easy to conceive, that their Care must have been employed particularly in seeing that the several Parts of the City were kept clean and airy, and in the Separation of those who were infected with the Plague, or other contagious Distempers, to which it



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it must have been very obnoxious: an Institution worthy to be imitated in all populous Capitals. And, as the Historians are silent on this Head, and our Assertion is founded solely on the Authority of this Denarius, it is an Argument, amongst many others, strongly evincing the Utility of medallic Literature.

We cannot dismiss this Article without taking Notice of the unhappy End of this Magistrate, who, being carried out as dead, and laid upon the funeral Pile, revived when it was too late; for the Fire was lighted, and the Pile in Flames, so that he was really burnt alive.

The Consuls of the next Year, DCCXXI. were *Cneius Domitius Ahenobarbus* and *Gaius Sosius*, both of them the fast Friends and Lieutenants of ANTONY. The Name of the last we find on one of ANTONY's Coins, having on the adverse Side the Head of the Triumvir, with a Globe behind, and the Word IMP. On the Reverse stands an Eagle grasping in his Talons the Lightning of *Jove*, before him the *Caduceus*, and behind C. SOSIVS. *Goltzius* here seems to have mistaken his own Coin, reading in the Index of his *Fasti* C. SOSIVS IMPERATOR, as if it was the Consul's Head, and not that of the Triumvir. But *Vossius*, in his Notes on *Velleius*, has justly observed, that it is a  
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PL. VII. 8.

Coin of ANTONY, of whom the Head bears so great a Likeness, that the least Attention may distinguish it. But what the Letters Z A on the Reverse mean must be left to the ingenious Reader.

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This Year the Jealousies of OCTAVIAN and ANTONY broke out into an open Rupture. *Sofius*, on his Entrance into Office, took upon him to inveigh bitterly against the former, whom he loaded with many Accusations, extolling at the same Time his Patron ANTONY with Praises beyond Measure. He went so far as to propose a Decree to his Prejudice, which was prevented by *Nonius Balbus* the Tribune. This occasioned Recriminations afterwards; for OCTAVIAN was then absent. But having received Advice of these Proceedings, he returned to *Rome* with such an armed Force as inspirited his Friends, and struck his Adversaries with Terror. A Senate was called, wherein he opened himself freely both against ANTONY and *Sofius*. At an Assembly of the *Roman* People he exposed the Will of ANTONY, which had been laid up with the Vestal Virgins, wherein the Children of *Cleopatra* were named his Heirs, and the Oriental Provinces alienated. For these, and other Grievances, his Authority was abrogated, his Power of being Consul the following Year (as had been agreed) was taken from him, and War declared against *Cleopatra*. The Consuls

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had the Liberty of joining the Party which they had espoused, and made use of it accordingly. On the other Side, all Encouragement was proposed for such as should desert ANTONY, which was embraced by *M. Titius*, his Lieutenant and one of the next Year's Consuls, and *L. Plancus*, who had been honoured with that Dignity but four Years before. Thus was the *Roman World* once more divided; all *Italy, Gaul, Spain, Africa, Sicily, Sardinia, and Illyricum*, being on the Side of OCTAVIAN, and *Macedonia, Greece, Cyrene, Egypt, and all Asia*, with its Kings and Potentates, following the Fortune of ANTONY.

In a former Part of this Work it is said, that OCTAVIAN, soon after the Death of his Great Uncle JULIUS, raised a magnificent Temple to *Venus*, in which he placed the brazen Statue of the Dictator with the *Julian* Star upon his Head. In his second Consulate some Denarii were struck to commemorate that Event. On one Side is the Head of OCTAVIAN, with the Title IMP. CAESAR DIVI F. III. VIR ITER. R. P. C. On the other is the Temple of *Venus*, in which stands the Statue of the Dictator, with the Lituus or Augural Staff in his right Hand; on the Pediment the Star is represented, and underneath it are the Words DIVO IVL. On the Side of it is an Altar, with Fire burning

Pl. VII. 9.

burning on it. The Legend, which relates entirely to OCTAVIAN, is COS. ITER. ET TER. DESIG.

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About this Time ANTONY struck some Denarii at *Alexandria*, with his own Effigies, and the Augural Staff behind it, having the Inscription IMP.

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ANTON. AVG. IMP. IIII. COS. DES III. III. VIR. II. R. P. C. On the Reverse is the Palm-tree, surrounded by a Wreath of Ivy, and in the Area

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ALEXANDR. AEGYPT. The Ivy-wreath is the Attribute of *Bacchus*, whose Name ANTONY assumed, and whose Divinity he pretended to personate; and the Palm-tree is the proper Representative of *Egypt* on many ancient Coins. *Alexandria*, the Capital of it, was become his favourite Place of Residence, which he honoured with the Title of *New Rome*. This he entered in his mock Triumph over the *Parthians*, when he led *Artabâxes* in Chains. This Country he now considered as his peculiar Domain, appearing frequently in the Habit of *Osiris*, as *Cleopatra* did in that of *Isis*. In this Attire, and seated with her on a Throne of Gold, he proclaimed her *Queen of Kings*, and her Son *Cæsarion*, whom she had by the Dictator, King of Kings; conferring upon them jointly the Kingdoms of *Egypt* and *Cyprus*. For he affirmed her to have been the Wife of the Dictator, and acknowledged *Cæsarion* as his lawful Son. At the same Time, to

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his own Children by her he gave, to *Ptolemy, Syria,* and all the Countries between the *Mediterranean* and the *Euphrates*; to young *Cleopatra, Cyrene*; and to *Alexander, Armenia,* and all *Asia* on the other Side the *Euphrates*, as far as *India*, as if it had been already conquered. Not content with this, he sent Letters to *Rome*, requiring to have these Grants publicly ratified by the People. But the Consuls, *Ahenobarbus* and *Sofius*, were too prudent to suffer them to be recited.

In the Midst of his warlike Preparations, OCTAVIAN entered upon his third Consulate. It was the Year when ANTONY should have borne the Fasces; but his Transactions in *Egypt* had given such Offence, that he was declared disqualified for that Honour. He now took upon him the Title notwithstanding, as we find by some of his Coins.

Pl. VII. 11. They have the Head of *Jupiter Ammon*; the Inscription M ANTO. COS. III. IMP. IIII. One Re-

Pl. VII. 12. verse is a *Victory*; the other the Eagle and Ensigns of *LEG. VIII.*: the Legend of the first is ANTONIVS AVGV, with SCARPVS IMP. on both, who was his Lieutenant in *Lybia*, where stood the Temple of this *Jupiter*. As OCTAVIAN spent the whole Winter in amassing Money, in mustering Troops, in providing a Fleet, and exercising the Soldiers and Mariners, ANTONY was not less diligent



in preparing for his Defence. His Forces on the March against *Parthia* were recalled, and his Lieutenant *Canidius* was ordered to take the Route of *Ionia*, at the Head of sixteen Legions. Himself set out for *Ephesus* with *Cleopatra*, where his Fleet rendezvoused, consisting of eight hundred Sail. Here it was fatally concluded that the Queen should assist the Expedition in Person. Hence they sailed to *Samos*, where the *Asiatic* Auxiliaries were to join them; and here they wasted the precious Time in Entertainments, and the most shameful Dissipation of every Kind. *Athens* received them next, where the same thoughtless Extravagancies were continued. Here several of his Friends, and amongst them *Dellius* and *M. Syllanus*, dreading the Consequences of such abandoned Luxury, and the imperious Disposition of the Queen, deserted him. At length the Fleet sailed, and entered the *Ambracian* Gulph, while *Canidius*, having passed the *Hellepont*, marched and encamped at *Actium*, in the Neighbourhood of it. The Land Forces of OCTAVIAN were encamped on the other Side of the Gulph over against them. While the Armies were in this Situation, *Agrippa* made himself Master of *Methona*, *Leucas*, *Patrae*, and *Corinth*, and defeated *Sofus*, one of ANTONY'S Admirals; in the Execution of which Enterprizes



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*Bogud*, King of *Mauritania*, and *Tracondimotus*, King of *Cilicia*, of the Party of ANTONY, together with *Sosius* himself, were slain. A large Body of Horse, commanded by ANTONY in Person, was suddenly assailed and put to Flight by *Titius* and *Statilius Taurus*. These were joined by *Philadelphus*, King of *Papblagonia*. On this ill Success of his Affairs, many more of ANTONY's best Friends left him; and even *Domitius Abenobarbus*, not able to endure the Haughtiness of *Cleopatra*, went over to OCTAVIAN. This rendered ANTONY suspicious and cruel, insomuch that he put to Death *Iamblichus*, one of the Kings of *Arabia*, with Torture, and *Quintus Postumius*, a Roman Senator. At the same Time, the Uneasiness of *Cleopatra* was such, that he himself was infected with Fear. He therefore, by Night, removed his Forces farther from the Enemy; and, when Provision began to fail, held a Council, to consider whether it was proper to come to a decisive Action immediately, or to march off and protract the War. And here, as they differed in Opinion, the Advice of *Cleopatra* prevailed, which was, to put strong Garrisons in all the defensible Places, and return to *Egypt*. But as this was not to be done privately, that it might not look like a Flight, and discourage their Friends, there was first a Necessity for coming to an Engagement

gement by Sea. To this strange Resolution was owing the Queen's precipitate Retreat in the Midst of the Action, the shameful Weakness of ANTONY in following her, and the total Defeat which ensued.

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In Consequence of the unaccountable Conclusion now spoken of, they set Fire to the Vessels that were judged least useful, manned the rest in the best Manner they could, and carried on Board all that was valuable by Night. The remaining Ships were strongly ribbed with thick Timber, and very lofty, having many of them Castles built upon their Decks, but, of Course, unwieldy and inactive. They contained, besides Mariners, two thousand Archers, and twenty thousand Legionaries. The Fleet of OCTAVIAN was also well stored with Legionary Soldiers, but the Vessels were of moderate Size, light, and quick of Motion, ready at an Onset, and easily eluding an Attack.

On the second Day of *September*, ANTONY sailed with his Fleet to the Mouth of the Gulph, and drew up his Ships in Line of Battle, under the Command of *Publicola* and *Sofius*. Here they continued thickening their Line; and *Agrippa*, who commanded in chief OCTAVIAN's Fleet, not caring to attack them in this Situation, waited at some Distance till Noon. A Gale then springing up, the left Wing of ANTONY taking the Advantage of it, sailed out, and to encourage them, the right Wing



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Wing of OCTAVIAN gave back. But when *Agrippa* perceived that they had now given him Sea-room enough for the Purpose, he ordered his light Gallies to extend their Line, and endeavour to surround them. This was observed by ANTONY, who was therefore called out to their Assistance even by Necessity, and not without Reluctance, which brought on a general Action in Sight of the two Armies, who were drawn up on Shore. This Conflict did by no Means resemble the Sea-fights of that Time, but seemed rather like the Attack of some fortified Place, where the Defendants, from their high Walls and Towers, endeavoured to overwhelm the Assailants with Stones and Darts, and Weapons of every Kind; for their better Security against which, the *Octavian* Ships were covered with a Sort of Awning. These, wherever they found themselves unable to prevail, retired nimbly to another Vessel of the Enemy, watching every Opportunity, doing all the Mischief in their Power, and chiefly by destroying the Oars and Rudders of the *Antonians*, by which their unwieldy Bulk was rendered useless. This Contest had continued some Hours, and the Event was yet uncertain, when *Cleopatra*, who had been stationed in the Rear, no longer able to bear the Terror and Anxiety of Mind under which she laboured, gave Orders to her People to hoist

hoist Sail, and take the Benefit of the Wind, which blew fair for *Peloponnesus*. ANTONY saw it, and not dreaming that they fled by the Queen's Order, but supposing that their own Fears had given Wings to the *Egyptian* Squadron, went himself in Pursuit of them. This Motion occasioned a general Consternation amongst the *Antonians*. Some spread their Sails and fled; others, to do it more effectually, broke down the Towers and other Defences raised upon their Decks, and tumbled them into the Sea together. The *Octavians*, seeing their Confusion, continued the Attack with redoubled Ardour. But there was still a sufficient Number of brave Men left to find them full Employment. For a long Time yet the Dispute held on with doubtful Issue, when OCTAVIAN commanded Fire to be brought from the Camp. This Sort of Offence he had determined not to make Use of, but in the last Resort; having his Eye upon the immense Wealth that was on Board the Enemy. This varied the Engagement with a new Face of Terror. Flaming Arrows were shot in Sheets of Fire against them. Torches and Flambeaux were hurled aloft; and Pots filled with burning Coals and Pitch were thrown from the Engines. All this while the Wind grew violent, and the Effect was dreadful; some being suffocated with the Smoke; others burnt to Death;



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Death; while others, to avoid the Flames, leaped into the Sea, and were drowned in the Waves, or knocked on the Head by their Enemies. And many there were, who, disdaining a Surrender, either flew one another, or put an End to their own Lives. The rest, finding all further Resistance vain, at length submitted; and the Number of Ships taken amounted to three hundred.

This Victory raised OCTAVIAN to the absolute Government of the *Roman* World. On the same Day he dedicated a Ship, of every Size or Rate taken from the Enemy, to the *Ætian Apollo*, so called because a Temple had been erected to him at *Actium*; which OCTAVIAN now enlarged, ascribing his Success to the Patronage of this supposed Deity. This is evident from the Medals of Gold which were struck the following Year, whereon appears the Head of the Conqueror, with his Titles CAESAR DIVI F. IMP. V. COS. III.: and on the Reverse, *Apollo* with his Harp; underneath, ACT. ANTONY'S Army, after waiting a whole Week for News of him, and finding themselves deserted by *Canidius*, and their principal Officers, treated with the Conqueror, and entered into his Service. Where his own had encamped, he afterwards builded a City, as the Memorial of his Victory, calling it *Ni-copolis*. *Vaillant*, in his *Greek Coins* of the *Roman*

Emperors, has described several that were struck here afterwards, in Honour of this Event, which bear his Head, with the Title of ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ ΚΤΙΣΤΗΣ, or AUGUSTUS their FOUNDER. On the Reverse, the Place is denominated ΙΕΡΑ ΝΙΚΟΠΟΛΙΣ, or the SACRED NICOPOLIS. One of these has a Palm-Branch within a Rostral Crown; another, a VICTORY standing, in her right Hand a Wreath, and her left a Palm-Branch; another, the Lightning, with a Caduceus in the Middle.

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After the Action a light Squadron was dispatched in Pursuit of ANTONY, which returned without Effect. He arrived safe in *Peloponnesus*, with *Cleopatra*, where it was judged necessary for them to part for a while. The Queen therefore sailed on for *Egypt*, which she entered in pretended Triumph, having adorned her Ships with Crowns of Victory. She then put to Death such of the Nobility as she imagined to be disaffected to her Interest; and, by seizing upon their Estates, and plundering the Treasuries of the Temples (for she spared no Place, however sacred deemed) amassed an immense Fund of Money. Her Intent was to strengthen herself by such Means with fresh Troops and Alliances. To draw over the Monarch of *Media* particularly, she ordered his Rival, the King of *Armenia*, to be executed, and sent him his Head. In the mean

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Time ANTONY had sent Messengers to *Pinarius Scarpus*, his Lieutenant in *Africa*, who commanded an Army there, which had been raised for the Defence of *Egypt*. But this Officer refused to receive him, and slew his Messengers. He therefore followed the Queen to *Alexandria*, where they made great Preparations for their Defence. He declared the Queen's Son, *Cæsarion*, and *Antyllus*, his own Son by *Fulvia*, to be of Age; honouring them with Command and Power, that they might be enabled to continue the War. But this only brought on afterwards the Destruction of the young Men. They had determined, as a last Resource, to leave *Egypt*, and retire to *India* by the Way of the *Red Sea*, where Ships were provided accordingly. But these were destroyed by the *Arabians*, at the Persuasion of *Q. Didius*. And the several Kings and Rulers of the East refused them Assistance in their Necessity. They had Recourse therefore to the Clemency of the Victor, whom ANTONY reminded of their former Friendship and Alliance, and to whom he even delivered up *Turullius*, who had been concerned in the Assassination of the Dictator, though he was at that Time one of his intimate Friends. But the deprecatory Presents of *Cleopatra* were costly, consisting of a Crown and Scepter of Gold, and a Royal Throne. OCTAVIAN accepted the Gifts,

Gifts, for the Omen's Sake, and executed *Turullius*, but gave no Answer to ANTONY. To the Queen's Message he answered in public, that if she would lay down her Arms, and submit Herself and her Dominions to his Mercy, he would consider what was proper to be done ; but at the same Time sent her private Assurances that she might depend upon his Favour and Protection, if she would dispose of ANTONY. And though he could not prevail upon her so far, yet did he gain from her Intimations plain enough that she would deliver up both Him, Herself, and her Kingdom, to his Discretion.

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OCTAVIAN, after the Victory of *Actium*, sent many of his Land Forces back to *Italy*, and sailed himself for *Samos*, where he was scarce arrived, when Intelligence was brought to him that the Troops remanded home had mutinied, and that his Presence among them was absolutely necessary. He therefore sailed back again to *Brundisium*, where he stayed only seven-and-twenty Days, and, having subdued this Spirit in the Soldiery, moved Eastward once more. On his Arrival in *Syria*, he commissioned *Cornelius Gallus* to take Charge of the Army of *Scarpus*, which had revolted from ANTONY, and possess himself of *Pæritonium*, a City and Sea-port on the Western Side of *Egypt*, while himself should march to *Pelusium*. *Gallus* succeeded ; but ANTONY, confident

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that he should draw over that Army again to his Party, marched against him. He found, however, his Efforts ineffectual, being repulsed by Land, and having his Fleet destroyed in the Harbour by a Stratagem of the Enemy. OCTAVIAN was about the same Time admitted into *Pelusium* by the Infidelity of the Queen, from which Place he marched with all Speed to *Alexandria*. His Cavalry, being greatly fatigued, were instantly on their Arrival attacked and defeated by ANTONY. Encouraged by this, he made another Sally, wherein he was driven back with great Loss, being deserted by the *Egyptians*, who had the secret Orders of *Cleopatra* for their Behaviour. His Friends perceived the Treachery, and reported it; but the Love of ANTONY would still be blind. The next Day he sailed out of the Harbour with all his naval Strength, when the whole *Egyptian* Fleet went over to OCTAVIAN. Forced therefore to have Recourse to the Land Forces once more, he hastened on Shore, when he found that these also had taken Part with the Enemy. He then ran to the Palace in Despair, with Design to wreak his Vengeance on the faithless Queen. But here he was told, that having shut herself up in the sumptuous Monument which she had been for some Time past erecting, she had put an End to her own Life. This melted him down, converting all

all his Rage into Tendernefs. He determined to die likewise, and entreated one of his Slaves to difpatch him. But, inftead of pointing the Weapon at his Mafter, he stabbed himfelf. Animated by this Example, he wounded himfelf with his own Sword, and fell upon his Face, and his Attendants fupposed him dead. But a great Outcry being made on this Occafion, *Cleopatra* looked out from the Top of the Monument, the Gate of which was fo contrived, that, being once fhut, it could not be opened. The Sight of the Queen was followed by another extraordinary Exclamation, which feemed to awaken ANTONY. Hearing that ſhe was ftill living, he raifed himfelf, hoping that the Stroke which he had given himfelf might not prove mortal. But a great Quantity of Blood iffuing from the Wound, convinced him of the contrary. He then defired to be conveyed to the Monument; where *Cleopatra*, affifted by thofe who were with her, drew him up to the Top, with much Toil, by the Ropes made ufe of for drawing up the Stones, and in her Arms he expired.

In this Monument the Queen herfelf was foon after furprized by *Proculeius*, and fo became the Captive of OCTAVIAN; of whom ſhe obtained Leave to bury the Body of her deceased Husband (for ſuch he was, having married her after his divorcing



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vorcing *Octavia*) in such Manner as she should think proper. His Obsequies were therefore royally performed ; after which she removed to the Palace. All this while she was closely watched by *Epaphroditus*, the Freedman of OCTAVIAN, commissioned by his Master for that Purpose, that she might not do Violence to herself, and he scarce suffered her a Moment out of his Sight. Here she was honoured with a Visit by OCTAVIAN, whom she received in a mourning Habit, a Dress which mightily became her. In this Interview she exerted all her Art to captivate her Conqueror, who evidently feared her Power in that Respect ; for he kept his Eyes all the Time fixed upon the Ground, and at parting only bade her “ be of good Courage, for she should “ have no Hurt.” This looked inauspicious. Her high Spirit disdained a Thought of being led in Triumph, or of living less than Queen of *Egypt*. Having therefore received further Assurances that such was really the Intention of OCTAVIAN, she pretended to make herself ready for the Voyage, and to collect such Jewels and Curiosities as might be acceptable to LIVIA and *Octavia*, expressing much Confidence in the Generosity of OCTAVIAN. Having thus lulled them into a Persuasion that she had given over all Thoughts of dying, and induced her Keepers thereby to remit somewhat of their

wonted Vigilance, she ordered a sumptuous Entertainment for her Friends, of which she partook with much Chearfulness. In the Midst of their Pleasantry, she delivered a Letter to *Epaphroditus*, desiring him to bear it forthwith to OCTAVIAN, as containing Business of high Importance. This Opportunity of his Absence she laid hold of for the Perpetration of her Design. As soon as he was gone, she retired with two of her Women, carrying a Basket of Figs which had been brought to her, and in which an Asp was concealed. Being now dressed in the most elegant Manner possible, and with all her regal Ornaments about her, she applied the Asp to her Arm, and expired without any Sense of Pain.

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*Ausa et jacentem visere regiam*

*Vultu sereno fortis, et asperas*

*Tractare serpentes, ut atrum*

*Corpore combiberet venenum,*

*Deliberatâ morte ferocior :*

*Sævis Liburnis scilicet invidens*

*Privata deduci superbo,*

*Non humilis mulier, triumpho.*

HORAT. Ode 37. l. 1.

Unmov'd she saw her State destroy'd,

Her Palace now a lonely void,

Nor with her profligated Host,

For Succour fled to some far-distant Coast.

With fearless Hand she dar'd to grasp

The Writings of the wrathful Asp,

And suck the Poison through her Veins,

Resolv'd on Death, and fiercer from its Pains.

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Then scorning to be led, the Boast  
Of mighty CÆSAR's naval Host,  
And arm'd with more than mortal Spleen,  
Defrauds a Triumph, and expires a Queen. FRANCIS.

Such was the End of ANTONY and CLEOPATRA, after a Life of continual Dissipation. He had been always a Lover of Pleasure, though by no Means a Person of that abandoned Profligacy, which the Philippics of *Cicero* represent him to have been. For before his Intimacy with the Queen of *Egypt*, we have sufficient Evidence of his Abilities both in Council and in Camps, as well as of his Magnanimity and Fortitude in adverse Times. But his Bravery was quite dissolved in the Arms of *Cleopatra*, nor after his Connection with her do we hear of any Thing from him which was truly great and gallant. A profitable Lesson of Continnence and Caution, to all those who would shine in any public Sphere of Life! Indeed, if his Behaviour could admit of any Excuse, he is in some Sort entitled to it; as there are very few perhaps who could have borne up against so powerful a Temptation. The Dictator himself, whose Prudence, Policy, and Vigilance, are well known, after his Defeat of *Pompey*, fell so far under it that it had nearly completed his Ruin. Her Form and Features were most elegant. The Modulation of her Voice was  
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inexpressibly sweet and engaging: and in her particular Address to others, a Sort of Enchantment accompanied her Aspect and Speech, insomuch that, however cold from Age or Constitution they might be, it was impossible for them not to love her. Her acquired Beauties were equal to the natural. Besides the *Greek* and *Latin*, she was Mistress of almost all the Languages of the East, in which she delivered her Sentiments to the several Princes and Ambassadors of it with such Propriety, Grace, and Dignity, as was truly wonderful. But these rich Endowments were not without their Alloy. The Consciousness of her own Accomplishments swelled into Pride, at the same Time that her Desire of pleasing degenerated into Licentiousness. Her Love of Wealth, as the Means of Power, grew to be rapacious; yet her Bounty was real Prodigality. Her Fear of being supplanted deviated into Cruelty, and her Ambition knew no Limits. For she aspired to the Dominion of *Rome* itself; by which unreasonable Aim she lost that of her own Country and Herself. She was the last of the *Ptolemies* who governed *Egypt*, and died in the thirty-ninth Year of her Age and the twenty-third of her Reign. By her Treachery to ANTONY at last she had hoped still to secure that Kingdom to her Family,

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mily, but finding that impracticable, resolved to die and be buried with him.

- Pl. VII. 13. All the *Greek* Coins that I have seen of CLEOPATRA singly, or of ANTONY and CLEOPATRA joined, are very indifferently executed. The best has the Face of *Cleopatra* wearing the Diadem, with ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΚΑ ΚΛΕΟΠΑΤΡΑ ΘΕΑ ΝΕΩΤΕΡΑ; with the Head of *Antony* on the other Side, inscribed ΑΝΤΩΝΙΟC ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ ΤΡΙΤΟΝ ΤΡΙΩΝ ΑΝΔΡΩΝ; i. e. *Regina Cleopatra Dea Junior*, and *Antonius Imperator tertio Triumvir*. But the former have generally the Head of the Queen on one Side, and the *Egyptian* Eagle grasping the Lightning, as on all the Coins of the *Ptolemies*, on the Reverse: the Legend ΚΛΕΟΠΑΤΡΑΣ ΒΑΣΙΛΙΣΣΗΣ. Those of the *Roman* Stamp are much more elegant. One of them has the Heads of ANTONY and CLEOPATRA adverse, or facing each other, with the Inscription M. ANT. IMP. IT. COS. DESIG. III. VIR. R. P. C. Behind the Head of *Cleopatra* is the Prow of a Ship. On the Reverse is a Ship carried, with Sails and Oars, and underneath it PRÆF. CLASS. F. C. for *Præfectus Classis fieri curavit*. Another has the Heads joined, with M. ANTONIVS IMP. COS. DESIG. ITERET. TERT. The Reverse differs but little from one of ANTONY's already mentioned.
- Pl. VII. 14.

mentioned. It contains the Figure of *Iſis* ſtanding on a Pedestal, in her Hand a Scepter of the Lotus; a Serpent riſes on its Folds on each Side as high as the Shoulders of the Figure. The Legend is only a Continuation of ANTONY'S Titles, III VIR R. P. C.

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Medallic Memorials of the Succeſs of OCTAVIAN on this Occaſion are not wanting. One of theſe alſo bears the Head of *Jupiter Ammon*, with the Word PONTIFEX: on the other Side, a VICTORY is repreſented ſtanding upon a Globe, holding a Wreath in her right Hand and a Palm-branch in her left. In the Area, IMP CAES DIVI F.

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Another has only a full Ear of Corn, with the Greek Inſcription KAICAPOC. On the Reverse is the Palm-tree, the Type of *Alexandria*: in the Area are the Letters L. A. The Year of OCTAVIAN'S Conqueſt of *Egypt* proved uncommonly fruitful; and to ſecure, as far as might be, this Fertility, the Victor had all the Reſervoirs or Foffes, dug for the Reception of the Waters of the *Nile*, effectually cleaned and put in Order. Whence the Poet *Virgil*

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te maximus orbis  
Auctorem frugum tempeſtatumque potentem  
Accipiat.

Georg. I. l. 26.

Thee let the World repute  
Lord of its Seasons, Author of its Fruit.

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From this Year the *Egyptians* began a new Computation of Time, calling it the *Æra* of the Victory of *Actium*. In the first Year of this *Æra* was the Coin before us struck. This appears from the Letters L. A. The Greeks called the Year *Lycabas*, from *Lycus* the Sun, whose supposed Revolution forms it, and A is the Numerical Letter for one. So that the L. A. signify *the first Year*.

Pl. VII. 18.

Patin. Imp.  
Rom. p. 30. f. 2.

Another bears the Head of OCTAVIAN, but was struck after the Title of AUGUSTUS had been conferred upon him, with the Inscription IMP. AVG. DIVI F. Behind the Head is the Caduceus of Peace, and on the Reverse, the *Egyptian* Labyrinth, nearly as it appears on one of the Coins of M. AURELIUS.

This Event happened in the Year of the City DCCXXIII. when OCTAVIAN was a fourth Time Consul. He reduced *Egypt* to the Form of a *Roman* Province, appointing *Cornelius Gallus*, an Equestrian, to be the first Governor. This is the Poet of that Name who is celebrated by *Virgil*. *Cæsarion*, the Son of *Cleopatra* by the Dictator, and as such capable of creating Troubles, was put to Death. *Antyllus*, the eldest Son of ANTONY by *Fulvia*, perished in the same Manner. *Julius Antonius*, another Son by *Fulvia*, afterwards married one of the Daughters of *Octavia*, and was in great Favour

Favour with the Conqueror, till his Amour with *Julia* his Daughter, which proved fatal to him. *Cleopatra*, the Queen's youngest Daughter, was educated in a princely Manner by the same *Octavia*, and married to *Juba* the *Mauritanian* King, some of whose Coins in Silver are yet to be found. On the one Side you have his Bust, with the Title REX IVBA; on the Reverse, the *Lotus* and *Sistrum*, with BACIAI KAEOPIATRA. And to the Care of these two were the remaining Brothers, named *Alexander* and *Ptolemy*, whom *Cleopatra* bore to ANTONY, committed. This Triumvir had also two Daughters by the Sister of OCTAVIAN. These were called *Antonia* major, and *Antonia* minor. The eldest was married to *L. Domitius Abenobarbus*, and was the Grandmother of the Emperor NERO. The youngest became the Wife of *Drusus*, and the Mother of the Emperor CLAUDIUS.

OCTAVIAN having settled the Affairs of *Egypt*; and of all the Eastern Provinces, in the Winter, returned to *Rome* the following Year, where his Victories were celebrated by three successive Triumphs; in which Year he was the fifth Time Consul. The first Day's Triumph was for his Successes over the *Pannonians*, *Dalmatians*, and others, before his last Dispute with ANTONY: the second was for the Victory of *Actium* by Sea: and the third, by much  
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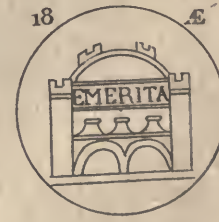
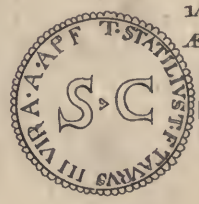
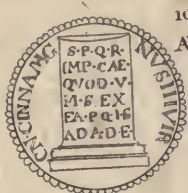
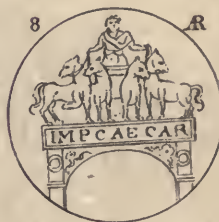
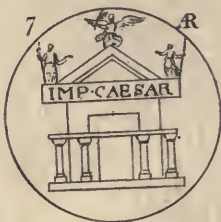
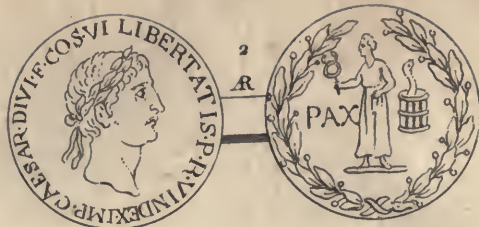
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the most splendid and magnificent, for the Subduction of *Egypt*. The Wealth which he brought with him from that Kingdom was so immense, that it sunk the Interest of Money more than one Half, and raised the Value of Land accordingly. What Crowns, Supplications, Privileges, and extraordinary Honours were decreed to him on this Occasion, it were almost superfluous to say. The Tribunitia Power and Authority for Life, extending Half a Mile beyond the Walls; the Judgment of Appeals, which had always been made to the People before; that all his Acts should be confirmed yearly by the Oaths of the succeeding Consuls on the first of *January*, the Day of their Entrance into Office; the Power of enlarging the Pontifical College as he pleased; that the same Prayers and Sacrifices should constantly be offered for him as for the Senate and People of *Rome*, and Libations made for him at all Entertainments, both public and private. The Day on which he made his Entrance was declared a perpetual Festival; he was stiled IMPERATOR in the most unlimited Sense of the Word; and in foreign Countries even Temples were erected, and Divine Honours paid to him. But nothing gave him so much Delight as his shutting up the Temple of *Janus*. His triumphal Coin is of Gold; bearing his Head, with

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CAESARI DIVI F. COS. V. IMP. VII. On the Reverse is the usual quadrigated Car; and underneath, S. P. Q. R. At the same Time triumphed *C. Carrinas*, over the *Morini* and *Suevi*. His Denarius too bears the Head of OCTAVIAN, whose Lieutenant he was in *Gaul*, with IMP CAESAR DIVI IVLI F. The Reverse bears a VICTORY, standing on the Prow of a Ship; in her right Hand the Wreath of Laurel, and a Palm-branch in her Left; the Legend C. CARRINAS C. F. PRO COS. *L. Autronius Paetus* also triumphed in the following Month, for some Successes obtained in *Africa*. His Denarius shews the galeated Head of *Rome*, with PAETVS PR. COS. On the other Side is the quadrigated Car; and underneath, L. ATRONIVS. This Year OCTAVIAN was honoured by the Senate with the illustrious Title of FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY. We therefore find it added afterwards to one of his Triumphal Coins of Gold, the Inscription of which runs thus, CAESAR AVGVSTVS DIVI F. PATER PATRIAE.

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OCTAVIAN continued his Consulship for six Years longer, without Intermission. While he was now a sixth Time discharging that Office, AGRIPPA shared it with him for the second Time. His Medal is of Gold, having on one Side the Heads of JULIUS and OCTAVIAN. Behind that of the former

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are the Words DIVOS IVLIVS ; behind the latter, DIVI F. On the other Side is the Head of AGRIPPA, with a Rostral Crown ; and underneath it the *Three Legs conjoined*, being the Type of *Sicily*, with the Title M. AGRIPPA. L. F. COS. ITER. DES. TER. The Coin of OCTAVIAN is a beautiful Medallion of Silver, bearing his laureate Head, with this pompous Inscription, IMP. CAESAR. DIVI. F. COS. VI. LIBERTATIS P.

Pl. VIII. 2.

R. VINDEX. On the Reverse, inclosed within a Wreath of Olive, stands the Figure of PEACE, holding a Caduceus in her right Hand ; behind her a Serpent, the Emblem of Light and Health, rises from an open Chest ; in the Area, PAX. As he calls himself here *The Assertor of the Roman Freedom*, so he seems from this Time to have taken up a Resolution of convincing the People that they were not Slaves. To this End he exhibited the most magnificent Spectacles ; made public Distributions of Corn and Money ; readily assisted the poorer Senators ; supplied the public Treasury, appointing two annual Treasurers of Prætorian Rank ; cancelled the old Debts due to the Public, making void all Securities given to the State before the Battle of *Actium*. And, as many iniquitous Ordinances had passed in the Course of the Civil Wars, chiefly by the Authority of LEPIDUS and ANTONY,

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by one public Edict he repealed them all, fixing this Year of his sixth Consulship as the utmost Limit of Duration for those Laws. Hence we see on the Reverse of one of his Coins, a SOLAR TERMINUS fixt upon the LIGHTNING, the Symbol of Power; and in the Area, IMP. CAESA. This I conceive to have been the Intention of the Coin before us; though I am aware that others have viewed it in a very different Light. The Emperor was ever careful to bring his Designs to Maturity, before he proceeded to the Execution of them, having frequently in his Mouth the Greek Adage *Σπῆυδε βραδέως*, *Hasten slowly*: "Which Saying," say they "he expressed upon his Coins, when he joined a *Terminus* to the *Lightning*." (See *Grævius's* Edition of *Suetonius*, 1691, p. 151; also the *Leyden* Edition of *Aulus Gellius*, p. 520; and *Ozell's Rabelais*, in 12°, p. 174, Note 4.) But fond as he was of this proverbial Speech, I find it expressed upon his Coins some Years after this by a very different Device. These have the laureate Head of CAESAR AVGVSTVS; and on the Reverse a *Crab*, with open Claws, seizing a *Butterfly*. It is the Emblem of *Deliberation* arresting *Speed*, and alludes to the cautious Prudence of AUGUSTUS, who used to declare, that nothing was less suitable to the Character of a compleat General than Haste and Temerity.



“ Hasten therefore leifurely,” said he, “ for the  
 “ *cautious* is preferable to the *raſh* Soldier, and that  
 “ is always done ſoon enough, which is done well  
 “ enough.” The Legend only gives the Name of  
 M. DVRMIVS the III. VIR *Monetalis* who ſtruck  
 it. By theſe Means he ſecured the Eſteem of all,  
 and eſtabliſhed his Power upon the beſt Foundation,  
 the Good-will of the Citizens. He now com-  
 pleted a Cenſus of them, by which their Number  
 appeared to be 4,164,000. He purged the Senate  
 of all mean and unworthy Members; filled up the  
 Number of Patricians, which had been much dimi-  
 niſhed by the Civil Wars; and ordained that no  
 Senator ſhould paſs out of *Italy* without his Per-  
 miſſion, except to *Sicily* or the *Narbonenſian Gaul*.  
 By which he reſtored its Dignity to that venerable  
 Council, and provided againſt future Troubles.  
 He was rigid in reforming the Equeſtrian Order;  
 and made ſeveral wholeſome Laws for the Reſtraint  
 of Luxury and Expence, of Corruption, Adultery,  
 and Immodeſty, and for the Encouragement of  
 Marriage. He ſecured the City, as much as might  
 be, againſt Inundations and Fires; and ſo repaired  
 and adorned it with public Buildings, as to have  
 Reaſon to boaſt afterwards, that, though he had  
 found it of Brick, he ſhould leave it of Marble.  
 The principal of theſe Works were the Forum, with  
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the Temple of MARS THE AVENGER, which is therefore represented on the Reverse of one of his Coins; of OLYMPIAN JOVE, which we likewise find so depicted; and of APOLLO, in the *Palatium*, with its Library, which the Author takes to be represented on the Reverse referred to. Many other Temples, ruinous through Age, or consumed by Fire, he repaired or re-edified. He took upon himself the Reparation of the *Flaminian* Way from *Rome* to *Ariminum*, committing to those of the highest Rank the Care of the other public Ways. For this, triumphal Arches, filled with Trophies and Statues, were erected to him on the Bridge of the *Tiber*, and at *Ariminum*, which are represented in the Reverses annexed, the last of which expresses the Reason in the Legend, QVOD. VIAE. MVNITÆ SVNT. Another, struck by CN. CINNA MAGNUS, informs us how the Expence of this great Work was defrayed, even from such Monies as AUGUSTUS himself had delivered into the public Treasury. It exhibits his Head, crowned with a Civic Wreath, and the Title AVGVSTO CAESARI. On the Reverse is a Pedestal, inscribed with S. P. Q. R. IMP. CAE. QVOD. V. M. S. EX. EA. P. Q. IS. AD. A. DE. *Senatus Populus que Romanus Imperatori Cæsari Quod Viæ munitæ sunt ex ea Pecunia*

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*quam is ad Ærarium detulit.* Around the Verge,  
CN. CINNA MAGNVS III. VIR.

At this Time, OCTAVIAN entertained serious Thoughts of resigning all his Power, and restoring the ancient Constitution. To this End he had a long Consultation with his sincere Friends, *Agrippa* and *Mecænas*. The former encouraged this Disposition by every Argument in his Power; but the latter, by Conclusions drawn from past Experience, and the Condition of the present Times, convinced him that he could no otherwise be safe, than by retaining his Authority. He gave him, at the same Time, the most excellent Rules that could be given for the Regulation of his Conduct. These are imparted to us at large by *Dio Cassius*. He advised him particularly so to govern others as he would wish to be governed himself, was he in a private Station. "For how is it possible," says he, "for  
"Men not to respect and love the Prince, whose  
"Moderation, Integrity, Prudence, Bravery, inof-  
"fensive Behaviour, and Condescension, they shall  
"have continually before their Eyes?" These Thoughts were therefore laid aside for the present. Yet on the Ides, the 13th, of *January* of the following Year, when himself was the seventh Time, and *Agrippa* a third Time, Consul, a Feint was  
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made by OCTAVIAN, in full Senate, to the same Purpose. This Proposal was a Master-stroke of Policy, and answered many weighty Ends. While he was yet making it, he met with frequent Interruptions. But when he had finished, all of them, with many and vehement Entreaties, besought him to take upon himself the Management of the Commonwealth, and at length, though with much seeming Difficulty, prevailed. Yet there were some Conditions which he still insisted upon. One of them was, that they should share with him the Burden, which would be otherwise too weighty for him. The weaker and more peaceable Provinces were therefore to be under the Direction of the Senate and People. These were *Africa, Numidia, Asia, Greece* with *Epirus, Dalmatia, Macedonia, Sicily, Crete, Cyrene, Bithynia* with *Pontus, Sardinia*, and *Hispania Bætica*. Those reserved for OCTAVIAN were, the rest of *Spain*, all *Gaul*, with the neighbouring People, *Cælo-Syria, Phenicia, Cilicia, Cyprus*, and *Egypt*. But afterwards he exchanged with the Senate the Island of *Cyprus* and the *Narbonensian Gaul*, for the Province of *Dalmatia*; and more Changes were made in After-times. Another Condition was, that he would hold the Reins for ten Years, and no longer. By the Expiration of which Term, he doubted not but that all Matters

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concerning the Empire would be in so peaceable and orderly a Train, that they would have no further Need of his Assistance; and that, could this desirable Event be brought about much sooner, he would with Joy retire the sooner to that Repose which most of all he coveted. Thus all Parties were pleased, or seemed to be so; and the Senate decreed a double Stipend for the military Guard of the Emperor. And thus OCTAVIAN reigned with absolute and imperial Authority, by the unanimous Election and Appointment of the Senate and People of *Rome*. To do him the more Honour, therefore, it was ordained, that Laurels should be placed before his Palace, and Wreaths of Oak suspended on them, intimating him to be the perpetual Conqueror of Enemies, and the Saviour of the Citizens.

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At the same Time, the venerable Title of AVGVSTVS was conferred upon him, and appears accordingly upon the Medals of Gold which were struck on this Occasion. These have the laureate Head of OCTAVIAN, with the Title AVGVSTVS. D. F. COS. VII. CIVIBVS. SERVATEIS.; the Reverse has an Eagle cowering, between two Laurel-trees, and holding in his Talons a Civic Crown. By this Name he is therefore distinguished for the future on all *Roman* Coins, as on the *Greek* by that of ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ, and must therefore so be called. The

Coins

Coins of *Agrippa*, of this Date, bear his rostrate Head, with M. AGRIPPA. L. F. COS. III; the Reverse, as usual, shews the Figure of *Neptune* holding a Dolphin upon his right Hand, and the Trident in his Left; in the Area S C, for *Senatus Consulto*. We meet with some of the same, which appear by the Legend of the Reverse to have been restored by TITUS and DOMITIAN.

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This Year *M. Valerius Messala* was permitted to triumph, for some Advantages obtained in *Gaul*.

By a Law preferred by *Sextus Pacuvius*, one of the Tribunes of the People, the Name of the Month SEXTILIS was changed to AUGUST, in Honour of the Emperor.

*M. Licinius Crassus* also triumphed at this Time, for his late Successes against the *Dacians* and *Bastarnæ*, who had invaded *Thrace*. His Denarius has on one Side a bigated Car; underneath it M. CRASS. M. F.: and on the other a VICTORY.

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AUGUSTUS now marched with an Army, in order to invade *Britain*; but while he was in *Gaul*, the *British* Ambassadors waited upon him, and, by their Submission, obtained Peace. Having therefore settled the Affairs of *Gaul*, he marched into *Spain*, and was at *Tarraco*, the Capital of the Province to which it gave Name, when he entered into his eighth Consulship. *Statilius Taurus*, who had



- AVGVSTVS. had once before enjoyed that Dignity, being his Colleague. This last was also one of the *Triumviri Monetales*, or Masters of the Mint, at this Time, as appears from the Coin referred to, which bears his Title as such, and has on the Reverse the Civic Crown between two Laurels, with the Legend OB CIVIS SERVATOS. Others of the same Tenor were struck by *Domitius Ahenobarbus* and *Cornelius Scipio*, his Colleagues in Office, and after them by *Quinctilius Varus*, *Plotius Rufus*, and *Afinius Gallus*.
- Pl. VIII. 14. The Denarius of AUGUSTUS for this Year has also on its Reverse the two Laurels, inclosing a curule Chair, with three civic Crowns, and the Name of another Mint-master, L. MESCINIUS RVFVS III. VIR. The third of these Officers was *Petronius Turpilianus*, whose Medal of Gold bears on one Side the Head of the *Dea Libera*, with TVRPILIANVS. III. VIR; and on the other a Civic Crown, inclosing the Legend AVGVSTO OB. C. S. for *ob Cives Servatos*, as in the former.
- Pl. VIII. 15.

The *Salassi*, *Cantabrians*, and *Asturians*, were now in Arms. The former of these were easily subdued by *Terentius Varro*. But the Emperor, who had undertaken the more difficult Expedition against the two latter, being confined at *Tarraco* by Sickness, committed the Management of the War against them to *C. Antistius* and *T. Carisus*, who in this

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and the following Campaign, when AUGUSTUS was Consul for the ninth Time, were attended with Success. On which Account the Temple of *Janus* was again shut, as appears from the Coin referred to, the Reverse of which has the Temple of that Deity closed; and in the Area IANum CLVfit. A Triumph was decreed for the Emperor, which he refused. Triumphal Ornaments were then voted for him, to be worn on every first of *January*, and a magnificent Trophy was erected upon the *Alps*. Pl. VIII. 16.

All this while *Agrippa* was embellishing Rome with new Structures. He enlarged and adorned with Wainscot and Pictures the *Septa* in the *Campus Martius*, a Kind of circular Piazza, where the Assemblies of the People were held, calling it, in Honour of AUGUSTUS, the *Septa Julia*. He erected the Temple of *Neptune* with the *Argonautic* Portico, so distinguished from the Figures there exhibited; the *Baths* called by his Name; and the *Pantheon*, which is yet entire. By such Munificence he secured to himself the Affection of the Emperor, and the Esteem of all Men.

A new Colony was now founded upon the *Tagus*, in *Lusitania*, and the Place denominated *Emerita*, because it consisted of old Soldiers now discharged the Service, who were called *Emeriti*. The modern Name of it is *Merida*. The Memorial of its Foundation is upon a Copper Coin, bearing Pl. VIII. 17.

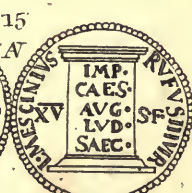
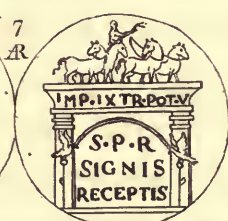
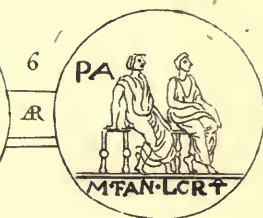


AVGVSTVS. the Head of AUGUSTUS; and, on the Reverse, one driving a Yoke of Oxen: underneath EMERITA.  
 Pl. VIII. 18. Another Reverse has the Figure of the Colony itself.

The Marriage of *Marcellus*, the Son of OCTAVIA, with JULIA, the Daughter of AUGUSTUS, was now celebrated by *Agrippa* with great Magnificence. *Amyntas*, King of *Gallogreceia* with *Lycaonia*, now dying, his Dominions were reduced into the Form of a Roman Province, of which *M. Lollius* was the first Governor.

AUGUSTUS was now preparing for his Return to Rome, when he entered into his tenth Consulship; and, as he proposed to give the People a Taste of his Liberality, by distributing to every Man one hundred Denarii, (yet refused to do it without Consent of the Senate, as it would be an Infringement of former Decrees) a very extraordinary Resolution passed, declaring him "free from the Obligation of every Law." The Senate swore to the Observance of his Acts on the Kalends of *January*, and, on his Arrival, ordered public Vows and Sacrifices for his Health and Return. These are commemorated on one of his Coins, with his Head, and the Inscription *Senatus Populus Que Romanus CAESARI AVGVSTO*. On the Reverse stands the Figure of a Soldier galeated, holding the *Labarum* or Ensign in his right Hand, and the *Parazonium* or









small Sword in his left. The Legend is *VOTA PUBLICA SVSCEPTA PRO SALUTE ET REDITU IOVI OPTIMO MAXIMO SACRA*. There is a very fine Medallion of Silver, with a curious Head of AUGUSTUS on one Side, and an Altar carved with Festoons and Figures, which may have been struck on this Occasion. Another has a plain Altar on the Reverse, with S C on the Sides, and underneath PROVIDENTIAE, as inscribed to the Providence of AUGUSTUS. There is another, struck by *Miscennius Rufus* above mentioned, with a Pedestal, inscribed IMP. CAES. AVGV. COMM. CONS; on the Sides, S. C. *Impereatori Caesari Augusto Communi Consensu, Senatûs Consulto*. This sufficiently explains the former. On the other Side, inclosed within a Civic Crown, I. O. M. S. P. Q. R. V. S. PR. S. IMP. CAE. QVOD. PER. EV. R. P. IN. AMP. ATQ. TRAN. S. E. *Iovi Optimo Maximo Senatus Populus Que Romanus Vota Solvit Pro Salute Imperatoris Caesaris Quod Per Eum Res Publica in Ampliore Atque Tranquilliore Statu Est*; though this last may not improbably relate to his Recovery from that Complaint which *Antonius Musa* relieved.

High Honours were now paid to the Imperial Family, a Seat in the Senate being voted for young *Marcellus* amongst those of Pretorian Rank, with a Power of standing for the Consulate ten Years

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sooner than the Laws allowed ; the Office of Edile was immediately conferred upon him, and he was admitted into the Pontifical College. *Tiberius* also, the Son of *LIVIA* by her former Husband, was made Questor of the City before the usual Time, being then but in his one-and-twentieth Year. In this Capacity he was very useful, and rendered himself popular in the present Scarcity, by introducing Plenty of Corn into the City. He was moreover permitted to hold the several Magistracies in Order five Years before the usual Time.

On the Departure of *AUGUSTUS* from *Spain*, the *Cantabrians* and *Asturians* treacherously put to Death many of the *Roman* Soldiers, and flew to Arms again ; but were quickly brought into Order by *L. Aemilius*, who had been left Commander in those Parts. At the same Time *Ælius Largus*, Governor of *Egypt*, led an Army into *Arabia Felix*, the greater Part of which perished for Want of Necessaries in that desert Country, through the Heat of the Climate, and the pernicious Quality of the Water ; after which, the Inhabitants speedily recovered what Places they had lost, and drove out the Invaders. While this Expedition was going forward, the Troops of *Candace*, Queen of *Ethiopia*, to the Number of thirty thousand, made an Irruption into *Egypt*, but were repulsed and de-  
feated

feated by *Petronius*, who succeeded to the Command. He pursued the Enemy beyond the Cataracts of the *Nile*, eight hundred and seventy Miles up into the Country, taking many Places, and among others *Tanape*, or *Napata*, which was the Royal Residence, and obliging the Queen to submit to his Conditions.

AUGUSTUS, being now the eleventh Time Consul, and having *Calpurnius Piso* for his Colleague, relapsed into a grievous Fit of Sicknefs, which, it was generally supposed, would prove mortal. He called to him the Magistrates and principal Persons of the Senatorian and Equestrian Orders, whom he acquainted with the State of the public Affairs, giving a little Book to *Piso*, which contained an exact Account of the Armies and Revenues, drawn up by Himself, and delivering his Signet to *Agrippa*. He was however restored to Health by the cold Bath and cooling Potions prescribed to him by *Antonius Musa*, who, for this important Service, received great Rewards both from the Emperor and Senate, and, though a Freedman, was permitted to wear a Gold Ring. And for his Sake Immunity was granted to the whole Faculty for ever. But *Marcellus*, falling sick soon after, died under the same Prescription. AUGUSTUS, on his Recovery, carried his Will with him to the Senate, intending



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tending to recite it to them openly, to convince them that he had named no Successor; but was prevented doing this by the unanimous Remonstrance of that illustrious Body. He now appointed ten Prætors of the City for a Continuance of several Years, two of whom only at a Time were to discharge annually the Duties of that Office. At this Time he seems to have erected a Temple to *Perpetual Peace*, since his Medal of this Year represents such a Temple on its Reverse, with the Words in the Area, PACI PERPETUÆ. There is another of this Year, having the Head of AVGVSTVS COS XI.; and on the other Side, that of *Agrippa*, with a Rostrate and a Mural Crown. The Legend is M. AGRIPPA. COS. TER. and under it the Name of COSSVS LENTVLVS, who was Consul in the Year of the City DCCLII. and at present one of the *Triumviri Monetales*.

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The Emperor had retired to *Alba*, when he thought fit to abdicate his Office of Consul, and appoint *L. Sestius* to succeed him. This Person had been one of the Friends and Partizans of *Brutus*, and was publicly known to entertain the highest Esteem and Veneration for his Memory, whose Statues he kept in his House. This Act of Disinterestedness was therefore extremely grateful to all Ranks of People. The Senate, to shew  
*their*

*their* Gratitude, invested him with Proconsular Authority for ever, and a Power superior to all Governors in their respective Provinces. It was decreed, that he should have a Right of proposing to the Senate whatsoever he pleased, whether Consul or not. And, to crown all, he was declared Perpetual Tribune of the People throughout the whole Extent of the *Roman* Empire. This Honour was very agreeable to him, as it rendered his Person inviolable in all Places. From this Time therefore we find it on all his Coins, as on the following, which shews his Head, with the Inscription AVGVSTVS TRIBVNICIA POTestate. The Reverse has the Pontifical *Apex* or Mitre, with two of the *Ancilia* or sacred Shields, and the Name of the *Triumvir Monetalis* who struck it, P. STOLO III. VIR. On a Coin of Bronze the same Officer has inclosed this Title in a Wreath of Laurel. From this Event he began to number the Years of his future Reign. But as his Successors assumed this Title from the Moment they took Possession of the Imperial Throne, it will follow, that the Number annexed to the Tribunitial Title on *their* Coins, is the Number of the Years which they have reigned already.

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But these were not the only Honours at this Time intended for him. For as at the latter End  
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of this Year, and the Beginning of the next, divers Calamities happened ; as an Inundation of the *Tiber*, a Plague ravaging all *Italy*, and a Scarcity of Provisions ; the People, crying out that these Evils were inflicted by the Gods, because *Augustus* now enjoyed no formal Magistracy, compelled the Senate to name him *Perpetual Dictator*. They waited upon him in a Body, with four-and-twenty Fasces accordingly. But this invidious Appellation he constantly refused, even rending his Robe, baring his Breast, and falling upon his Knees in the Fervency of his Passion. But the Office of *Proveditor of the City*, which they likewise offered, and which *Pompey* the Great once held, he readily accepted of; appointing two Deputies for the Discharge of it. These were the *Ædiles Frumentarii*, or the Ediles of *Ceres*, to whom was committed the Care of seeing that the City was duly supplied with Corn. “ Six Ediles,” says *Dio*, “ were then first appointed, “ two Patrician, and four Plebeian, two of which “ last are called the Ediles of *Ceres*.” They appear seated in the Medal before us, on the Face of which is *Ceres* crowned with Ears of Corn ; the Inscription *ÆDILES PLebis*.

Pl. IX. 6.

And in conferring these Honours our Author (*Dio*) is very positive that Adulation had no Share, but that the *Romans* herein acted with great Sincerity of

of Heart; for that AUGUSTUS, on all Occasions, treated them as a free People. An Instance he gives in the Case of *Teridates*, who, having been driven from the *Parthian* Throne by his Brother *Phraates*, had taken Refuge with AUGUSTUS, in Hopes of being reinstated by him. Ambassadors from *Phraates* were now come to *Rome*, requiring not only his own Son, whom he had delivered to the Emperor on his Return from *Egypt*, but *Teridates* also, to be surrendered to him. Both Parties made Application to AUGUSTUS, who denied that the Cognizance of the Affair belonged to him. He therefore referred them to the Senate; who heard the Pleas of both, and then consigned the Dispute to him, who refused to surrender the fugitive Prince, but gave back his Son to *Phraates*, on Condition of his restoring the *Roman* Prisoners and Ensigns which had been taken in the unfortunate Expeditions of CRASSUS and ANTONY. This, however, was not immediately complied with.

Two Years after, AUGUSTUS married his Daughter JULIA, the Widow of *Marcellus*, to his Favourite *Agrippa*; obliging him to repudiate his former Wife, though she was the Daughter of his Sister *Octavia*. Himself had quitted *Rome*, passing over into *Sicily* and *Greece*. Having settled the Affairs of those Countries, he wintered in the Island of *Samos*.



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The next Summer he visited *Asia* and *Bithynia*, when *Phraates*, fearing that he would carry his Arms into *Parthia*, sued for Peace, delivered up all the *Roman* Ensigns in his Possession, together with the Prisoners and Deserters. This was Matter of great Glory. This Event is celebrated on several Medals. One of Silver, of the largest Size, has an excellent Head of AUGUSTUS, and under it IMP.

Pl. IX. 7.

IX. TR. PO. V.; on the Reverse is a grand Triumphal Arch, and within it S. P. R. SIGNIS RE-

Pl. IX. 8.

CEPTIS. Another, struck by TURPILIANUS, bears the Head of FERONIA, a Goddess in great Repute amongst the *Sabines*, whose Countryman this Mint-officer was. The Title is therefore TVRPILIANVS. III. VIR.; under the Head FERON.: the other Side represents a Legionary Soldier on one Knee, holding out an Ensign; the Legend CAESAR AVGVSTVS SIGN. RECE. Another has

Pl. IX. 9.

Goltz. p. 209.  
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the Head of AUGUSTUS, with IMP. CAESARI AVG. COS. XI. TR. POT. VI. S. P. Q. R.; the Reverse has a Civic Crown inclosing the Legend CIVIB. ET. SIGN. MILIT. A. PARTHIS. RE-

Pl. IX. 10.

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STIT. Another is inscribed by *M. Durmius* the Triumvir HONORI, bearing the Head of Honour, and has the same Reverse with the former of *Turpilianus*.

The same Year *Julia* bore a Son to *Agrippa*, known

known by the Name of CAIVS CAESAR. And now AUGUSTUS returned to *Rome*, and was received with the usual Gratulations, public Vows and Sacrifices; which appear on his Denarii, whereon we have his laureate Head without any Inscription; and on the Reverse the galeated Figure of *Mars*, already described, with the Name of the *Triumvir Monetalis*, and on the Base S. P. Q. R. V. P. RED. CAE. S. *Senatus Populusque Romanus Vota pro Reditu Cæsaris Solvit*. The Day after his Arrival, he admitted *Tiberius* amongst the Prætorians, and granted to his other Son-in-law, *Drusus*, the Liberty of standing for Offices five Years before the legal Time.

Pl. IX. 11.

Many Honours were offered to AUGUSTUS on his Arrival; none of which he would admit of, save that he permitted the Day of his Return to be ranked as a Festival in the Kalendar, and called the *Augustalia*, and an Altar to be erected to RETURNING FORTUNE, which we have upon a Coin struck by Q. RUSTIUS, inscribed FOR. RE. *Fortunæ Reduci*: on the other Side are the Figures of two *Fortunes*, one being intended for the *Fortuna Redux*, and the other for the *Fortune of Antium*, according to the Legend FORTVNÆ ANTIATI. The Title is CAESARI AVGVSTO; underneath EX S. C. The City of *Antium* was famous for its superb

Pl. IX. 12.

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Temple erected to this fickle Goddess; whence  
*Horace*, in that fine Ode inscribed to her on the  
 late intended Invasion of *Britain* by AUGUSTUS,

*O Diva gratum quæ regis Antium,  
 Præsens vel imo tollere de gradu  
 Mortale corpus, vel superbos  
 Vertere funeribus triumphos, &c.*

Goddess, whom *Antium*, beauteous Town, obeys,  
 Whose various Will with instant Pow'r can raise  
 Frail Mortals from the Depths of cold Despair,  
 Or change proud Triumphs to the funeral Tear, &c. FRANCIS.

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AUGUSTUS now gave another Instance of his  
 Impartiality, by appointing Q. *Lucretius Vespillo* to  
 the Consulate. For he had been of the Number  
 of the Proscribed, and concealed with Difficulty by  
 the Affection of his Wife, till his Peace was made.  
 His Denarius has reached us, having on one Side  
 the Lactarian Column between two Goats. This  
 Pillar stood in the Olitory or Green-market, and  
 was so called, because thither the good Women  
 carried their young Children to be fed with Milk.  
 At the Bottom is Q. LVCRET. Q. F. and on  
 the Margin VESPILLO: on the other Side is the  
*Juno Sispita*, of whom we have spoken sufficiently  
 before, with the Letters I. S. M. R. By this Coin,  
 it should seem that *Vespillo's* Family came from  
*Lanuvium*, where the *Juno Sispita* was particularly  
 worshipped.

worshipped; or, that he stamped the Image of this great Goddess of the Women, (JUNO THE PRESERVER, as the Name implies) by Way of Gratitude for his own Safety by the Sex. With respect to the Letters, *Goltzius* ingenuously confesses that he can make nothing of them; and yet it is scarce possible to mistake their Meaning, which *Patin* has given in the *Thorian Family*, and which is IVNO SISPITA MAXIMA REGINA: by which Title she is always distinguished by *Virgil*.

— *Jam jam nec maxima Juno*  
*Nec Saturnius hæc oculis pater aspicit æquis.* Æneid. IV. l. 371.

Nor mightiest *Juno* this, who reigns on high,  
 Nor Father *Jove*, can view with placid Eye.

— *Tibi, maxima Juno,*  
*Mæstat sacra ferens.* Æneid. VIII. l. 84.

To Thee the solemn Sacrifice he pays,  
 Most mighty *Juno*.

— *ter maxima Juno*  
*Continuit.* Æneid X. l. 685.

— Most mighty *Juno* thrice restrained.

This Year died the most excellent Poet, whom we have just now quoted, at *Brundisium*. He left behind him great Wealth, though by no Means equal to the Merit of his Genius, which he bequeathed in Part to his Patrons AUGUSTUS and *Mecænas*.

As Vice and Immorality prevailed, the Emperor  
 was



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was prevailed upon to accept of the Office of *Præfectus Morum*, or Governor of Morals, with Censorian Power, for five Years. It was also decreed, that he should enjoy the Consular Authority for Life, have twelve Fasces borne before him, and sit always in a Curule Chair between the two Consuls. *Agrippa* was at this Time settling Affairs in *Gaul*, which Province was infested by the *Germans*, who thought proper to retire on his Approach. Thence he passed into *Spain*, where the *Cantabrians*, the Inhabitants of *Biscay*, were once more in Arms; and it was not without great Difficulty that he brought that brave People under Subjection. On his Return to *Rome*, he carried his Success with his usual Moderation, ascribing the Whole to the Auspices of *AUGUSTUS*, and refusing a Triumph. He then set himself to his old Employment of decorating the City with magnificent Temples and Aquæducts. But *L. Cornelius Balbus* accepted the Triumph allowed him for his Success in *Africa*, having carried the *Roman* Arms to the River *Niger*. He was a *Spaniard* by Nation, and the first Foreigner that ever arrived at the Honour of a *Roman* Triumph. And it seems to have been permitted by *AUGUSTUS*, as another Instance of his Impartiality, and to shew the Public his Determination to reward Merit wheresoever he should find it.

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The next Year, as his Decennial Term of Empire was near its Expiration, he prolonged his Imperial Authority for five Years further; conferring also the Tribunitial Power upon *Agrippa* for the same Term, which, he said, would be sufficient for them both. This new Power of *Agrippa*, which was nothing less than Imperial, is recorded on the Coin before us. He passed many wise Laws, for the Discouragement of Celibacy, the Promotion of Marriage, and rewarding those who should be the Fathers of many Children; for the Suppression of Bribery, and the Punishment of those who had obtained Magistracies by corrupt Means, disqualifying them for the Space of five Years. He purged the Senate, reducing the Number to six hundred; and reformed the *Sybilline* Books, destroying all, except such as, upon the strictest Examination, were supposed to be genuine.

Pl. IX. 14.

In the Year of the City DCCXXXVI, when *Furnius* and *Silanus* were Consuls, *Julia* bore another Son to *AGRIPPA*, who was named *Lucius*, and whom, together with his Brother *Caius*, *AUGUSTUS* immediately adopted. About this Time the *Secular Games* were exhibited for three Days and Nights together. *HORACE* was worthily made Choice of to compose the Hymn which was sung on this Occasion, which is yet extant, and is one of the finest  
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Remains of Antiquity. For a full Explanation of the Whole, the Reader is referred to the Notes in Mr. *Francis's* Edition of this Author. Fifteen Officers were appointed for the Regulation of these Games; and the present Celebration of them is recorded in Medals both of Gold and Silver. These bear the Emperor's Head, with the Inscription AVGVSTVS TR. POT. VII. The Reverse shews a Pedestal, inscribed IMP. CAES. AVG. LVD. SAEC. Next the Verge is the Name of him who struck the Coin, L. MESCINIVS RVFVS III. VIR, who appears also, by the XV S. F. to have been one of the XV. VIRi *Sacris Faciendis*.

Under Pretence of quieting some Commotions in *Gaul*, AUGUSTUS left *Rome*, having appointed *Taurus* to govern it in his Absence. For *Mecænas* was now less gracious with him, whose Wife he had ungratefully taken away, and carried with him. TIBERIUS also went with him, but AGRIPPA he had sent into *Syria*. The *Sicambri*, *Usipetæ*, and *Tencheri*, after crucifying some *Romans*, whom they had apprehended in their Territory, had passed the *Rhine*, and committed some Depredations in the *Gallic* Province, had routed a Body of Horse sent against them, and afterwards defeated *Lollius*, who commanded the Forces there. But hearing that AUGUSTUS was coming against them, they retired, and

and accepted Conditions of Peace, giving Hostages for the Performance. Thus, though there was nothing left for him to do, yet AUGUSTUS continued here all this and the following Year. Mean- time the *Rhætiens*, who inhabited the *Trentine Alps*, were guilty of several Devastations in the Confines of both *Italy* and *Gaul*. DRUSUS was therefore ordered to march against them. He obtained a Victory, and was on that Account admitted to Prætorian Honours. Thus repulsed on the Side of *Italy*, they yet continued troublesome on that of *Gaul*, where they were joined by the *Vindelici*, so that TIBERIUS also was dispatched against them. Being now attacked in several Places, they were easily defeated and reduced. As the Country was very populous, their young Men, in order to prevent future Disturbances, were carried off by the Conquerors, only sufficient Numbers being left to till the Ground. At this Time several Colonies were settled both in *Gaul* and *Spain*, and two Cities built in the Countries lately conquered, the one called *Drusomagus*, now *Memmingen*, and the other *Augusta Vindelicorum*, which is the modern *Augsb-urgh*. This last City we find represented upon Coins by the Figure of the *Nux Pineæ*, or Pine-Apple. Thus we see it soon after on one of the Golden Medals of the Emperor, which on its Reverse bears

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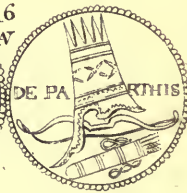
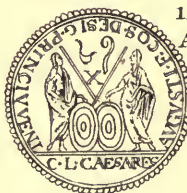
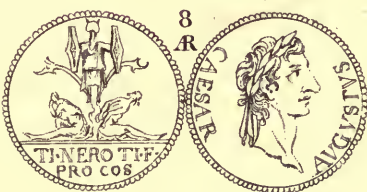
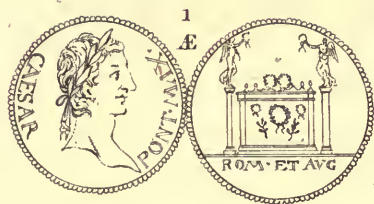
the Name of *Sempronius Gracchus*, who was his Lieutenant there with Proconsular Authority. And on the Reverse of another, of the subsequent Year, we see *Germania* seated, with her *Head towered*, a *Cornucopiæ* in her left Hand, and holding out the Pine-Apple with the other.

Pl. IX. 18.

It was the Year of the City DCCXL, when *TIBERIUS* was advanced to the Consulate, and *AUGUSTUS* returned to *Rome*. The Success of the former is celebrated in his Denarius by the Representation of an *Eagle* and *two Ensigns*, with *TI. CLAVDI. TI. F. NERO*. On the other Side is the laureate Head of *Jupiter*, with *EX. S. C.* His Brother *DRUSUS* had been left in *Germany*. All the Honours proposed for the Emperor on his Arrival were rejected; and to avoid Ceremony, he entered by Night. *M. LEPIDUS* dying this Year, *AUGUSTUS* succeeded to the highest Priesthood. Hence the Coin before us, with his laureate Head, and the Title *CAESAR PONTifex MAXimus*.

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On the Reverse, *two Victories* standing upon Columns, on each Side an Altar, and holding out Crowns of Laurel. The Face of the Altar is decorated with a Civic Crown between two Branches of Laurel, and with two Wreaths of the same, and two other Wreaths of Laurel are laid upon the Top of it; underneath, *ROMæ ET AVGVSTO*. Another, which







which is of Gold, has this added to his other Titles.

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Around the Head the Inscription runs IMPeratori  
CAESARI. AVGVSTO. COS. XI. TRIBunitiâ.

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POTestate XI. S. P. Q. R. The Reverse exhibits a  
*Shield*, with two *Hastæ puræ*, a *Simpulum*, and the

*Lituus*, with the Legend AVGVRI PONTifici

MAXimo IMPeratori XI. Patri Patriæ. A third

Pl. X. 3.

has a *Victory* binding a Wreath upon his Head,  
with CAESAR AVGVST. PONT. MAX. TRIBV-

NIC. POT. The Reverse S. G. surrounded by the

Name of the *Triumvir Monetalis*, M. MAECILIUS

TVLLVS III. VIR. A. A. A. F. F.

AGRIPPA now returning from *Syria*, AUGUSTUS prolonged to him the Tribunitial Power for other five Years, as he did the Imperial Authority to himself for the same Term. This done, AGRIPPA was dispatched into *Illyricum*, against the *Pannonians*, who had taken Arms, and whom he quickly reduced to Order. This was the last Service which he performed: for soon after his Return, in the following Year, he died, and was buried in the Sepulchre which AUGUSTUS had erected for his own Family. On his Departure, the *Pannonians* again took Arms, so that it became necessary to send TIBERIUS against them, whom AUGUSTUS had now taken for his Assistant in the Government, having given him his Daughter JULIA to Wife, the Widow

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of AGRIPPA. He, with the Help of the *Scordisci*, effectually subdued and disarmed the Enemy, carrying off their young Men, whom he sold for Slaves. A Triumph was offered him, but, by the Direction of the Emperor, he contented himself with the Triumphal Ornaments. All this while DRVSUS was equally successful. A Disturbance had happened in *Gaul*, on Account of the *Census* then taken, which he quieted with great Prudence and Discretion. He then turned his Arms against the *Sicambri*, *Uspetæ*, *Tencteri*, and *Camavi*, and carried them even to the Banks of the *Wefer*, defeating their united Forces in several Battles with great Slaughter. He was therefore saluted *Imperator* by the Army, raised a Trophy, built several Forts in the Country, and opened that immense Work, which is called after him the *Fossæ Drusianæ*. For these Successes he was, on his Return, honoured with Triumphal Ornaments, and the Office of Prætor, after which it was decreed, that he should be immediately invested with Proconsular Authority. In the mean Time died, to the great Concern of the Emperor, and of all *Rome*, his Sister OCTAVIA, who, for her many Virtues and excellent Qualities, had been universally esteemed and beloved. *Suetonius* informs us, that when OCTAVIUS and AGRIPPA were at *Apollonia* together (and that

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that was at the Time of the Dictator's Death) they took it into their Heads to consult the Mathematician *Theogenes* concerning their future Fortune; that AGRIPPA, who made the first Application, having great and almost incredible Things foretold for him, OCTAVIUS for a long while refused to declare the Time of his Nativity, apprehending that he had nothing to expect which could come near to the good Fortune of AGRIPPA. But being at length with much Difficulty persuaded, the Astrologer presently ran to him, and adored him. Hence he grew to have such Confidence in his supposed Destiny, as to boast publicly of his Horoscope, and to strike a Silver Coin, with the Figure of the Sign *Capricorn*, under which he was born. *Torrentius* upon the Place says, that he had several of them. I will therefore affirm, that many of this Sort were struck, both in Gold, Silver, and Copper. Those of Gold have the Emperor's Head, with his Titles, AVGVSTVS. PONT. MAX. TRIB. POT. XIII. COS. XI. On the Reverse is the Sign *Capricorn*, with a *Globe*, *Plough*, and *Cornucopiæ*, and a Continuation of his Titles, AVGV. IMP. XII. P. P. These Figures intimate, that his Administration had given Plenty and Felicity to the World. There is a Silver Denarius of the same, but no In-

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of the Reverse AVGVSTVS. That of Copper has the *Capricorn* and *Cornucopiæ* only, and at the Bottom as the other. After this, the very bold Behaviour of young OCTAVIUS, for the first two or three Years after his Uncle's Decease, is the less to be wondered at.

The High-Priesthood of *Jupiter*, or the Office of *Flamen Dialis*, had been intermitted from the Time of the Civil War between the Factions of *Marius* and *Sulla*, *Cornelius Merula* having been the last who bore it. AUGUSTUS now thought fit to restore it, and advanced Himself to that Dignity.

The *Dacians*, now passing the *Danube* on the Ice, plundered *Pannonia*, and the *Dalmatians* rebelled on Account of their heavy Taxes. The Emperor, who was then in the Neighbourhood of *Lyons*, sent TIBERIUS against them, who was attended with speedy Success; while DRUSUS went on with his Conquests in *Germany*. We have a Coin struck for the Victories of the former, who also was allowed an Ovation. On one Side is the laureate Head of CAESAR AVGVSTVS: on the other a Trophy, with two Captives at the Foot of it; underneath, TI. NERO. TI. F. PRO. COS. At the Close of the Winter all three returned to *Rome*, where DRUSUS was honoured with the Consulate. Soon after his Entrance into it, he repaired to his

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Scene of Action once more, and pushed his Conquests as far as the *Elbe*, on the Banks of which he raised a Trophy; but in the same Summer he had the Misfortune to fall with his Horse, which crushed and broke his Leg. This brought on a Disorder which carried him off. His Remains were conveyed to *Rome*, and his Funeral Oration spoken by *Tiberius* in the Forum, and by the Emperor in the *Flaminian Circus*. Several Honours were decreed to the deceased, as the Title of *Germanicus* to him and his Sons, Statues, Triumphal Arches, and Barrows thrown up on the Banks of the *Rhine*. Some of his Denarii have reached us, with his laureate Head, and the Inscription NERO CLAVDIVS DRVSVS GERMANICVS IMP.; the Reverse bears a Figure representing the *Rhine*, with the Word RHENVVS over it. There is also a Medal of him in Gold, (and a Denarius also of Silver) with the same Head and Inscription, but having on the Reverse a Trophy of Arms, with the Legend DE GERMANIS. By these Representations of him, he appears to have been a very comely Person, and is said by the Historians to have had the Restoration of the Republican Government very much at Heart.

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The next Year AUGUSTUS, with pretended Reluctance, accepted the Offer of the Prolongation of his



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his Imperial Authority for ten Years more; and this he continued to do at the End of every ten Years, to the Time of his Death. And though succeeding Emperors were not so complaisant as to confess their Obligations to the Senate and People for any such Prolongations, not indeed condescending to consult them on that Point; yet we find them constantly, in Imitation of AUGUSTUS, celebrating their *Decennalia*; nor is any Thing more common than the VOTA DECENNALIA upon their Coins, as will appear in many Instances. He now marched at the Head of an Army into *Gaul* once more, in which Province he took up his Residence himself, but ordered TIBERIUS, in his Brother's Place, to command in *Germany*, to whom all the Nations between the *Rhine* and the *Elbe* submitted. After this, he suffered him to return and triumph, and to accept of the Consulate a second Time.

About this Time died *Mecænas*, the greatest Statesman of his Age, and the fast Friend of AUGUSTUS, whom he made his Heir, notwithstanding his late ungrateful Usage of him. He was an excellent Judge of Genius, and the generous Patron of it, to such a Degree, that all great Encouragers of Learning since have been honoured with his Name. *Virgil* and *Horace* particularly experienced his Indulgence. The Death of the former has been  
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already noted ; that of the latter took Place soon after, and is supposed to have been hastened by the Loss of his dear Friend and Benefactor.

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Some Coins of Silver were struck by *Nonius Asprenas*, one of the *Triumviri Monetales*, in Honour of *TIBERIUS*, having the laureate Head of *Health* or *Safety*, with the Word *SALVS* behind it, on one Side ; and on the other, the Altar of the same imaginary Goddess, with a Serpent thereon rising from its Folds, which is the Type of Health, and at the Sides a full *Ear of Corn* and a *Caduceus*, the Symbols of *Plenty* and *Felicity*: on the Verge Q. NONI. SEX. F. ASPRENAS. ; underneath, TI. CLAVD.

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TI. F. NERO. The new Consul had scarce entered into his Office, before fresh Commotions in *Germany* called him thither again. But before his Departure he had the Fane of *CONCORD* finished, and inscribed in his own Name and that of his Brother *DRUSUS*. He also dedicated a Temple erected to the Divinity of his Mother *LIVIA*, while she was yet living. She herself was present at the Solemnity, and, while *TIBERIUS* treated the Senate in the Capitol, gave a separate Entertainment to the Women. We have still the Figure of this Lady upon some Coins, whereon she is depicted as the Representative of *Justice*.

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the Journey of TIBERIUS thither, to have been done in *Germany* this Year. In the next, AUGUSTUS, displeased with the petulant and forward Ambition of his Grandsons CAIUS and LUCIUS, to which he was willing to give this Check, raised TIBERIUS to the highest Honours, making him his Partner in the *Tribunitial Power for five Years*, and giving him the Government of *Armenia*. But this displeased all three. The young Princes took Umbrage at this extraordinary Preferment of their Uncle. And he, fearing the Effects of their Resentment, earnestly entreated Leave, and at length obtained it, to retire to *Rhodes*, that he might the better attend his Studies. Yet some think that the Lewdness of his Wife JULIA, which he could no longer bear, was the Cause of this precipitate Resolution. Certain it is, that he left her behind him, and that his Nephews were well pleased with his Absence.

AUGUSTUS now accepted of the Consulate for the twelfth Time, that he might with the more Solemnity present his Grandson CAIUS with the *Toga Virilis*, or Manly Gown. He was also admitted into the Pontifical College and the Senate House; was allowed a Seat amongst the Senators at the public Entertainments, and designed or nominated *Prince of the Roman Youth*; on which last Account he was to command the young Gentlemen of Rank and

and Quality, during their public Exercises at the *Ludus Trojæ*, or *Trojan Sport*, wearing a scarlet Robe. This Honour we shall find hereafter frequently commemorated on the public Coins, and always annexed to the Sons of the Emperors, or Persons of the most distinguished Rank.

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It should seem as if JULIA, the Emperor's Daughter, had waited for the Absence of her Husband, that she might throw off all Restraint. For now, even the *Forum* and the *Rostra* were become the nightly Scenes of her abandoned Licentiousness; so that it was impossible that her loose Behaviour should any longer be concealed from the Emperor. But when he came to the full Knowledge of it, his Rage was ungovernable, and his Grief to be truly pitied. He turned her out of the Palace, and, without Reserve or Discretion, laid open the Dishonours of his Family in full Senate. She is indeed said to have been *Every Man's Wife*, and was, on due Consideration, banished by her Father to the Island of *Pandataria*, on the Coast of *Campania*, whither she was voluntarily attended by her Mother *Scribonia*. Her Gallants were called to a severe Account. *Iulus Antonius*, the Son of the late Triumvir, and some others, suffered Death on this Occasion; and several were sent into Exile. *Phæbe*, her Confidante, and the Assistant of her

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Debaucheries, to avoid the Torture, put an End to her own Life; and AUGUSTUS declared, that he would rather have been the Father of *Phæbe* than of JULIA. *Æneas Vicus* has given us likewise the Portrait of this Lady.—I find no Coins of the Emperor, struck in *Rome* this Year, but what are of Copper. These have, as usual, his Head on one Side, and his Titles continued on both; and on the Area of the Reverse S. C.

The *Armenians* had expelled their King *Artabazus*, and set up *Tigranes*, under the Protection of *Phraates*, King of *Parthia*. Messages had passed between this *Great King* and AUGUSTUS, in which the latter had addressed the former by the bare Name of *Phraates*, which this resenting, returned, by inscribing his Reply as coming from THE KING OF KINGS to CÆSAR only. These Paper-Altercations were supposed to be the Prelude to Action. Young CAIUS was ordered to put himself at the Head of all the Forces in the East, and march into *Armenia*. But as the Danger came nearer, *Phraates* grew calmer. An Interview was proposed by him, and accepted, wherein he gave up all Pretensions to *Armenia*, and Tranquillity was restored; so that, on the Death of *Artabazus*, which quickly ensued, his Successor, *Tigranes*, received his Crown at the Hands of CAIUS, in *Syria*. This Expedition is recorded

corded on some Medals of Gold and Silver, which exhibit the young CÆSAR on Horseback, with an Eagle and Ensigns, and the Legend *Caius CAESAR AVGVSti Filius*; the other Side has the Emperor's Head, with AVGVSTVS DIVI F.; and the Success of it is pointed out in a Denarius struck by *Turpilianus*, the *Triumvir Monetalis*. On one Side is the *Dea Libera*, with the Name and Title of that Officer, P. PETRON. TVRPILIAN. III. VIR.; on the other, a Figure in a suppliant Posture, representing *Armenia*; on the Verge CAESAR DIVI. F. ARMENIA CAPTA.

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The next Year AUGUSTUS repaired all the Aquæducts of the City. This appears by an Inscription upon that of the *Marcian Water*, yet extant above the Gate of St. *Laurence*, in Letters two Feet long:

IMP. CAESAR. DIVI. F. AVGVSTVS  
PONTIFEX. MAXIMVS. COS. XII.  
TRIBVNIC. POTESTAT. XIX. IMP. XIII.  
RIVOS AQVARVM OMNIVM REFECIT.

In that which followed, which was the DCCLth Year from the Building of the City, and the forty-first of the Reign of AUGUSTUS, according to *Cassiodorus* and *Tertullian*, IESVS CHRIST, the Saviour of Mankind, was born at *Bethlehem*, in *Judea*. P. *Sulpicius Quirinus*, who, upon the Death of *Lollius*,



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*lius*, became the Governor of CAIUS CÆSAR, was at this Time Proconsul of *Syria*. A general Assessment or Taxation now took Place throughout the whole Roman Empire. The Temple of *Janus* was shut up, and there was Peace among all Nations.

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AUGUSTUS now took upon him the Office of Consul for the thirteenth and last Time. This he did for much the same Reason as before; that he might with greater State and Solemnity deliver the *manly Gown* to his Grandson LUCIUS, as he had done to CAIUS, two years ago. The young Prince received the same Honours which had been conferred upon his Brother, as is evident from the Medal before us. It bears the Emperor's laureate Head, with CAESAR AVGVSTVS DIVI F. PATER PATRIAE. On the Reverse are depicted the two Shields of Gold, which were presented, to each of them one, by the Equestrian Order, when these Princes assumed the *Toga Virilis*, and which, after their Decease, were hung up in the Senate-House: these are sustained by two of the Pontiffs, and between them are two *Hastæ puræ*, or unarmed Spears, of Silver, presented at the same Time: a little above are the *Lituus*, and the *Haustorium* or *Sympulum*, the Ensigns of the *Augural* and *Pontifical* Dignities. The Figure of Ten is only the Mark of the Denarius. The Title says,

*Caius Lucius* CAESARES AVGVSTI Filii CōSules  
DESIGNATI PRINCIPES IVVENTUTIS. Medals of

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Gold were also struck in Honour of the Emperor's  
Consulate, whereon the Submission of the *Parthian*  
is the Subject of the Reverse; the Bow and Quiver  
being thrown down, and the *Tiara* or Diadem in-  
clining: in the Area, DE PARTHIS. In the Medal which we just now described, it is  
observed, that both CAIVS and LUCIVS were de-  
signed for, or prænominated to, the Fasces. The  
Elder of them was accordingly advanced to that  
Honour while he was yet in *Syria*, in the Year of  
the City DCCLIII; and the Younger was to suc-  
ceed to the same Dignity two Years after; but be-  
ing in the Interval sent by AUGVSTVS to review the  
Forces in *Spain*, he fell sick by the Way, and  
died at *Marseilles*.

TIBERIUS, after many Intreaties for Permission,  
had now returned to *Rome*, and the Revolt of  
*Armenia* to the *Parthians*, who had entered that  
Country with an Army, gave fresh Employment  
to his Nephew CAIVS. He drew together his  
Forces, and marched thither likewise. Appearing  
before *Artagera*, he was drawn into a Conference  
near the Walls by the Governor of the Place, who  
treacherously wounded him with a Dagger. This  
so incensed the Army, that they immediately  
stormed



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stormed the City, and put the Garrison to the Sword. After this, he expelled the *Parthians*, and advanced *Ariobarzanes* to the Throne of that Kingdom. The same Year AUGUSTUS renewed his Imperial Authority for another Decennial Term. Meantime the Constitution of CAIUS seemed to languish from the Wound that he had received, so that being pressed earnestly by the Emperor to come to him, he set forward for *Rome*, but died on the Return, at *Limyra* in *Lycia*.

Thus was AUGUSTUS deprived of the two Grandsons in whom he chiefly delighted. So that he was now in a Manner constrained to raise TIBERIUS to a Participation of his Authority. He therefore admitted him once more to the *Tribunitial Power* for the Term of ten Years. As he had before been invested with it for Half that Space of Time, this is properly the sixth Year of his Tribunitial Power.

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And so it is reckoned upon his Medal of Gold, struck upon the present Occasion, which bears his Head; with the *Vase* or *Guttus*, the *Lituus*, and the *Sympulum* on the Reverse, and enumerates all his Titles, TIBERIUS CAESAR AVGVSTI Filius Cōsul. II. TRIBUNICIÆ POTestate VI. AVGVRI PONTifex IMPERator III. So that from the Conclusion of his last *Tribunitial Power* to this Time he had lived for four Years at *Rhodes* and *Rome* as a private

a private Person. AUGUSTUS in the next Place obliged him to adopt GERMANICUS, the Son of his late Brother DRUSUS, even to the Prejudice of his own Son. This done, Himself and M. AGRIPPA POSTHUMUS, so called because he was born of JULIA after the Decease of his Father, were at the same Time adopted by the Emperor. The Succession being thus provided for, he was once more ordered into *Germany*, where he subdued the *Caninefates*, the *Cattuarii*, the *Bructeri*, and the *Gherusci*, passed the *Weser*, and penetrated into the farther Parts of that Country.

The Palace being now destroyed by Fire, Presents from all Quarters were offered towards the Re-building of it. But the Emperor would accept no more than a single Gold-Coin from any particular Community, nor more than a single Denarius from any private Person: each of these Coins of Gold being of the Value of five-and-twenty Denarii. In Return, when it was finished, he declared it open for the public Use. The People were then instant with him for the Recall of his Daughter JULIA from Banishment. But he answered with Indignation, that Fire and Water should sooner mingle than *Julia* be restored to her Country. To make this seemingly good, many Fires were kindled, and cast into the *Tiber*, and



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their Earnestness was such as in the End prevailed upon him so far as to order her Removal to the Continent.

A dangerous Conspiracy against his Life was now discovered, at the Head of which was *Cn. Cornelius Cinna Magnus*, the Grandson of POMPEY the Great by his Daughter *Pompeia*. This, as many Persons of Eminence were concerned, gave him very uneasy Reflections. As he knew not whom to trust on this trying Occasion, his faithful *Mécænas* being dead, and *TIBERIUS* absent, he opened his Concern to his Wife *LIVIA*, and after much Deliberation, determined by her Advice to make Use of Lenity. He sent for *Cinna*, to whom he gave a private Audience, taxed him with his Ingratitude and Perfidy, recounted to him the several Circumstances of the Plot, and the Names of his Accomplices, and when he had done, not only graciously pardoned him, when he expected nothing less than instant Death, but named him Consul for the ensuing Year. Nor did any of the rest suffer more than a verbal Castigation. This wrought powerfully. *Cinna* was from henceforth inseparably attached to him, and *AUGUSTUS* was free from Conspiracies for ever after. I find that this *Cinna* was one of the *Triumviri Monetales* (an Office always conferred on Persons of the highest Rank)

Rank) when the Reparation of the public Ways was undertaken; having struck a Coin of Silver in Honour of the Emperor on that Occasion, which has been already described.

At this Time there were tremendous Earth-quakes; the *Tiber* overflowed its Banks, so as to render the City navigable for seven Days together; and a grievous Famine ensued. To alleviate this Affliction, all Gladiators and Slaves on Sale were ordered to remove to the Distance of fourscore Miles; the Courts of Law were shut up; the Senators with their Trains were permitted to go whither they pleased; and the Decrees of those who remained were to be valid. Augustus sent off most of his own Servants, appointed Persons of Consular Quality to be Overseers, and settle the Price of Provisions, and distributed Corn himself *gratis*. And because Conflagrations had been frequent of late, he disposed as many Bodies of Freedmen, each under the Command of an Equestrian Officer, in seven different Parts of the City, by Way of Prevention; an Institution found so useful, that it was judged necessary to continue it.

This Year AGRIPPA POSTHUMUS received the *manly Gown*, and GERMANICUS was nominated to the Consulate, though he did not succeed to that Dignity till six Years after. This is evident upon



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a Medal of Gold, which bears on one Side the Head of TIBERIUS, with TI. CAESAR. AVG. F. PON. COS. II. TR. POT. VII. IMP. III.; and on the other, that of *Germanicus* himself; the Legend of which also acknowledges his Adoption, GERMANICVS CAESAR TI. F. AVG. N. COS. DES.

The following Year TIBERIUS was recalled from *Germany* (where he had been very successful, and where he left *Quintilius Varus* at the Head of three Legions) to the Defence of *Dalmatia*. He had marched to the *Elbe*, and his Successes had been such as conferred upon him the Title of *Imperator* for the fourth Time, which is extant upon a Copper Coin, which exhibits him crowned with Laurel, and having this Inscription, TI. CAESAR AVGVSTI F. IMPERATOR IIII: on the Reverse, PONTIFEX. TRIBVNICIA POTESTATE VIII. Annual and perpetual Stipends were now appointed for the Legions and Cohorts, and a Fund established for the Payment, called the Military Treasury; the Care of which was committed to three Senators of Prætorian Rank.

*M. Valerius Messalinus* had marched from *Dalmatia*, which he governed as Proconsul, to the Assistance of TIBERIUS in *Germany*; and the Inhabitants, taking Advantage of his Absence, broke out into open Rebellion, in which they were assisted  
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by the *Breuci* from *Pannonia*. Their Leader was one *Bato*, a Person of great Bravery and Resolution. *Messalinus* was sent back with his Forces in all Haste, and *TIBERIUS* followed. The *Breuci* had laid Siege to *Sirmium*, which was relieved by *Cæcina Severus*, the Governor of *Mæsia*, who, pursuing the Enemy, defeated them at the River *Dravus*, but not without the Loss of many of his own Soldiers. This did not greatly discourage the Enemy, who had Recourse to their Allies, and still kept the Field. In the mean Time *Bato* laid Siege to *Salonæ*, but was there dangerously wounded by a Stone, and forced to retire. However, he sent off Detachments, which laid waste the whole Seacoast, as far as *Apollonia*. They afterwards joined, and fought a Battle with the *Romans*, and, though worsted at first, in the End prevailed. *Bato* was not yet recovered of his Wounds when *Messalinus* approached with his Army. Notwithstanding which, he resolved to engage him, and was victorious; but afterwards, falling into an Ambush, he was defeated. Then retreating to his Allies in *Pannonia*, he fortified himself on Mount *Almus*, where he kept his Ground against *Severus* and *Rhæmetalces*, King of *Thrace*; and, by his successful Incursions into the Country, greatly increased his Forces. But *TIBERIUS* was now advancing against them with a  
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mighty Army, and the Winter was approaching. They therefore divided their Forces, and marched by different Routes into *Macedonia*, making terrible Devastations by the Way. There they were attacked again by *Rhæmetalces*, and his Son *Rascupolis*, who cut several Thousands of them in Pieces. The rest retired to the Mountains and strong Holds, and thence made their Excursions as Opportunities offered. AUGUSTUS now, weighing well the Advices which he had from the Army, conceived that TIBERIUS purposely protracted the War. He therefore determined to send GERMANICUS with such a Supply as should put an End to it at once. To this Purpose new Levies were made; the old discharged Soldiers were invited to wield their Arms once more, and a Multitude of Freedmen admitted into the Troops, contrary to Custom; for the Apprehensions of the Public were great, the Enemy being numerous, bold, well-disciplined, and near at Hand. The Emperor himself removed to *Ariminum*, for the greater Convenience of giving his Orders and receiving Intelligence. Although he did not purpose to go farther, it appears that public Vows were made for his Safety and Return, with as much Solemnity as if he had been personally engaged in foreign War. The Medal of Gold which confirms this, exhibits his Head, with

the Title AVGVST. PON. MAX. TR. POT. XXX. COS. XIII. IMP. XV. P. P.: a Civic Crown furrounds the Reverse, inclosing the Legend VOT. P. SVSC. PRO SAL. ET. RED. I. O. M. SACR. *Vota Publica Suscepta pro Salute et Reditu Jovi Optimo Maximo Sacra.*

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AGRIPPA was now out of Favour with the Emperor. This was the Reason why GERMANICUS was preferred to the Command of the Army. His Servility of Behaviour; his spending his Time in fishing, and such-like idle Amusements, instead of attending to Business of any Kind; his passionate Disposition, and the abusive Language which he frequently threw out both against AUGUSTUS and LIVIA, had given such Disgust, that his Effects were confiscated to the Use of the public Treasury, and himself banished to *Planasia*, an Island not far distant from *Corfica*. This Event *Tacitus* will have to have been forwarded by the Arts of LIVIA.

When GERMANICUS arrived in *Pannonia*, and the Forces were moving from all Quarters to join him, *Severus*, on his March from *Mæsia*, for that Purpose, was attacked by the Enemy as he was pitching his Camp, whom at last he defeated. The Romans then divided themselves, and ravaged the Country in many Parts at once. The *Mazæans*, particularly, were defeated in Battle by GERMANICUS,



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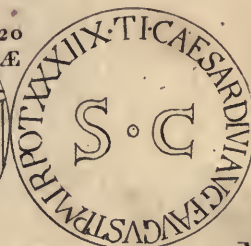
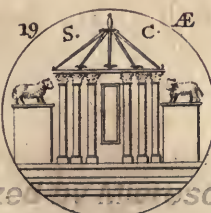
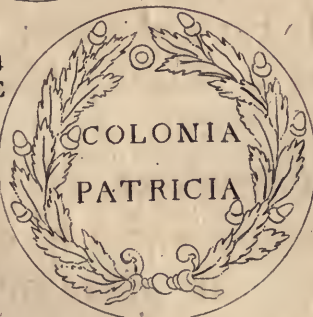
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NICUS, with great Loss, who afterwards took most of their strong Places. TIBERIUS, on the other Side, moving against the *Dalmatians*, both Nations began to think of Submission. What chiefly induced them to this, was a grievous Famine, followed by very alarming Distempers. When therefore the *Dalmatian Bato* (for he who commanded the *Pannonians* was of the same Name) surrendered to TIBERIUS, and was asked by him, What could occasion their Defection from, and continued Rebellion against, the *Romans*? he gave him an Answer which well deserves the Attention of all Princes: "You yourselves," said he, "were the Cause of it; who, instead of sending Shepherds and faithful Dogs to tend your Flocks, send Wolves to devour them." This War employed fifteen Legions, with an equal Number of Auxiliaries, for three Years together. It is no Wonder then that Medals of Gold were struck on the Conclusion of it, representing the Emperor's laureate Head, with AVGVSTVS DIVI. F.; and having on the Reverse a *Victory* seated on a Globe; the Legend TR. POT. XXX.

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The *Bato* who surrendered was now employed against him of *Pannonia*, whom he decoyed into an Ambush, defeated, and afterwards slew. The *Breuci*, incensed hereat, became troublesome again, but









but were entirely reduced by *Plautius Silvanus*, who had been left in *Dalmatia* to extinguish the Reliques of the Rebellion.

For this, the Title of *Imperator* was given both to AUGUSTUS and TIBERIUS; a Triumph was decreed, and two Triumphal Arches, with Trophies on the Top of them, to be erected in *Pannonia*. On GERMANICUS were conferred Triumphal and Prætorian Honours, and that he should give his Opinion in the Senate before the Consulars. DRUSUS, the Son of TIBERIUS, had no Concern in the War, yet, to gratify the Father, he was admitted into the Senate, and allowed to give his Opinion, as soon as he should have gone through his present Office of *Quæstor*, before those of Prætorian Rank.

Further Provision was now made by Law for the Restraint of Celibacy, and the Encouragement of Marriage, the first being loaded with heavy Fines, if not remedied within the Year, and the last honoured with great Rewards and valuable Privileges.

For some Time, in the conquered Parts of *Germany*, the *Romans* had lived peaceably with the Inhabitants, who seemed to have learned their Manners, and forgotten their Loss of Liberty. But the Tyranny and Rapaciousness of their present



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Governor, *Quintilius Varus*, soon brought them to Recollection. He was of an illustrious Family, and a mild Disposition, but little versed in military Action, and naturally indolent. His ruling Passion was Avarice. He had been Consul in the Year of the City DCCXL, and four Years after became Proconsul of *Syria*. When he entered the Province, it was rich, and he was poor; but when he left it, it was poor, and he was rich. Now that he commanded in *Germany*, he set on Foot the same Measures which he had practised in *Syria*; but the *Germans* were not so tame. His Exactions were become to them intolerable. Yet they behaved with great Policy and Caution. They referred to him the Decision of all their pretended Disputes and Differences, and, by crying up on every Occasion his Integrity and Justice, lulled him to sleep; so that in the End his own Security was his Ruin. They had even the Address to persuade him to remove from the *Rhine* farther into the Country, so that he was now upon the Banks of the *Weser*, and farther from Assistance. Here they soothed him to such a Degree, that he verily believed himself able to hold them in Subjection without Forces. Convinced of this, he even reproved *Segestes*, a fast Friend of the *Romans*, and several others, who advised him to be upon his Guard, and assured



affured him that hostile Machinations were going forward against him. When several of the Towns and Districts, under Pretence of their own Weakness, the Insolence of the Banditti in such Parts, or the safe Conveyance of the Tributes, desired that Bodies of Forces might be sent to them, he was so infatuated as freely to send off Detachments, to the great Weakening of the Army. These Preparations made, News is brought to him of a sudden Revolt and Insurrection in a distant Part of the Country. So had *Arminius* and *Segimier* contrived it; for these were the great Leaders, the former being the Son of the latter, and of the prime Nobility of the Country. This young Man had great good Sense and consummate Bravery. He had served amongst the *Romans* with Applause, and been highly distinguished by the Emperor. He was therefore little liable to be suspected; and that he might be the less so, was almost continually with the Governor, and in a Manner lived with him. The Natives had been so instructed and disposed by these, that when, in Consequence of the Intelligence given, *Varus* had begun his March against the Insurgents, all the neighbouring People expressed mighty Concern, and gave him to expect that they would draw together with all possible Expedition, and march after to his Assistance. And

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they did march after him indeed, but with no friendly Intention. The Route, which he took by the Advice of his deceitful Guides, lay through Woods, and over craggy Hills and swampy Vales. The Soldiers were greatly fatigued with clearing the Way, when they were suddenly attacked, and many fell. A great Storm of Wind and Rain, happening at the same Time, disordered them still more; for the Ground became so slippery, that they could scarce stand. Other Inconveniences arose from the Inequality of the Place by broken Branches and fallen Trees. They were now surrounded by Enemies, when they pitched their Camp upon a Hill skirted by Woods. Here they set fire to the greater Part of their Carriages, and, destroying or leaving behind them most of their Baggage, they began a more orderly March the next Day along the open Country; but still not without some Loss. Then they came to Woods again, where they were attacked on all Sides by the Enemy. They now drew themselves up in a Circle, and so rushed, Horse and Foot promiscuously, upon their Foes, as well as the Narrowness of the Place would give them Leave. Here they suffered great Loss. The next was a dreadful Day of high Wind and violent Rain, inasmuch that they could neither march forward, nor stand firmly,

ly, and the Use of their Arms was in a Manner taken away; so that the Enemy, who were mostly light-armed, had considerably the Advantage in these Respects. And by this Time their Numbers too were so greatly increased, that they entirely surrounded the *Romans*, and poured in their Weapons upon them with much Facility. In this Distress *Varus* and the principal Officers, who were wounded, put an End to their own Lives. In this *Varus* followed the Example of his Father and Grandfather. The rest, on this, gave up all for lost, and either flew themselves, or, throwing away their Arms, offered themselves to the Slaughter. And had not the *Germans*, seeing that they had conquered all Opposition, ran to plunder the Baggage, not a *Roman* had been left alive. But by this Accident some of the stoutest escaped; and the Trumpeters, founding a Charge, made the Enemy believe that Relief was come to them from *Asprenas*, the Nephew of *Varus*, who had been left to guard the Banks of the *Rhine*: for it was now dark, and they could distinguish nothing. This prevented all Pursuit, and *Asprenas*, as soon as he heard of this fatal Affair, did actually march to their Assistance. This was the greatest Loss which the *Romans* had received since the Defeat of *CRASSUS*. For three Legions with their Cavalry, and



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and six Cohorts, the very Flower of the *Roman* Troops, were almost entirely cut in Pieces.

When the News of this Disaster reached *Rome*, *AUGUSTUS* became almost distracted. For several Months he would not suffer the Hair of his Head to be cut, or his Beard to be shaved, and frequently beat his Head against the Door-Posts, crying out, "Give me my Legions, *Varus*." In the mean Time he did not neglect the public Safety; but appointed a numerous Watch in all Parts of the City; vowed the great Games to *Jupiter*, in case the Republic should recover a better State; and made extraordinary Levies, obliging all the Youth to enlist. These he sent into *Germany* with all Speed, under the Command of *TIBERIUS*, whom *GERMANICUS* attended. These two, entering *Germany*, laid the Country waste far and wide, but met with no Opposition. Settling their Troops therefore in the Neighbourhood of the *Rhine*, they returned to *Italy* in the Autumn following. This was the thirteenth Year of *TIBERIUS*'s Tribunitial Power, as appears from the following Coins. The first bears his Head laureate, with the Title *TI. CAESAR AVGVSTI F. IMPERAT. VII*: the Reverse has a *Patera* and *Lituus*, with *S C.* and the Legend *TRIB. POT. XIII COS. II. AVGV*

Pl. XI. 2.

Pl. XI. 3.

*PONTIF.* The second has on one Side the Head

of the Emperor, with IMP. CAESAR AVGVSTUS : on the other is TIBERIUS himself, in his quadrigated triumphal Car, with TI. CAESAR AVG. F. TR. POT. For on his Return to *Rome* he was allowed a Triumph for his late Successes against the *Dalmatians* and *Pannonians*. In the next Year Coins were ordered to be struck in Honour of both. Those of the Emperor have his Head plain. The Inscription runs, IMP. CAESARI DIVI F. AVGVSTO PON. MAX. TR. POT. XXXV : on the Reverse, S. C. COS. XIII PATRI PATRIAE IMP. XX S. P. Q. R. Those of TIBERIUS also have his Head plain, with TI. CAESAR AVGVSTI F. TR. POT. XIII. The *Caduceus* on the Reverse, with PONTIFEX IMPERATOR VII, intimates a State of Tranquillity at *Rome*. This Year young DRUSUS, the Son of TIBERIUS, was *Quæstor*, and there were no fewer than sixteen Prætors ; for, so many Candidates offering, AUGUSTUS was not willing to disoblige any of them by a Refusal.

Pl. XI. 4

GERMANICUS had now the Consular Office conferred upon him, which he discharged for six Months, when he was succeeded by *C. Vifellius Varro*, one of the *Triumviri Monetales*, of whom we make particular Mention because of the Singularity of his Denarius. On the one Side it has two Gladiators,



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Gladiators, armed with Sword and Shield, and in actual Engagement; underneath, C. VISELLIUS: on the other, the Goddess *Cybele* crowned with Turrets, and VARRO III VIR. *Dio Cassius* observes, that at this Time AUGUSTUS allowed to those of Equestrian Rank the Liberty of fighting in single Combat in the Gladiatorian Shews. This he speaks of as a very extraordinary Permission, and what any one would wonder at; for it had been before declared infamous by a public Edict; yet had the Ignominy been held in Contempt, so fond were the Equestrians grown of distinguishing themselves in this public Manner. The Emperor therefore, finding them incorrigible, intended this Permission for their Punishment; that, if the Sense of Infamy could not cure them, at least the Apprehensions of present Death might. However they still fought on, and their particular Combats were resorted to with great Eagerness; insomuch that AUGUSTUS himself found it necessary to assist the Prætors in Person in the Distribution of the usual Rewards. The more wonderful therefore this Permission, and the immediate Consequences of it, were, the less are we to wonder that *Varro* should record so extraordinary an Event, by representing two Equestrians in the Act of single Combat on the Coin before us.

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AUGUSTUS now, bowed down with Years, and weak in Voice, by Writing under his Hand recommended GERMANICUS to the Senate, as he did the Senate itself to the Protection of TIBERIUS. He granted to the Equestrians the Power of being elected popular Tribunes, and passed an Edict for the Suppression of infamous Libels and the Punishment of the Authors. The next Year he renewed his Imperial Authority, with the usual pretended Reluctance, for another Decennial Term. At the same Time he prolonged the Tribunitial Power to TIBERIUS, and allowed his Son DRUSUS to stand for the Consulate within three Years after his Quæstorship, and without going through the Office of Prætor. He made his Will, which he deposited in the Hands of the Vestals; and a Law passed through the Consuls, by which the Government of the Provinces was committed to TIBERIUS jointly with AUGUSTUS. Coins were therefore struck, both in Gold and Silver, bearing the Head of AUGUSTUS on one Side, and of TIBERIUS on the other. That of the former is crowned with Laurel, and the Inscription is CAESAR AVGVSTVS PATER PATRIAE. That of the latter is plain, with TI. CAESAR AVGVSTI F. TR. POT. XV. Another Law passed, that whatsoever AUGUSTUS, with his Son TIBERIUS, and his adopti-

Pl. XI. 6.



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tious Grandchildren, the Consuls acting and elect, and such others as he should think fit to call to his Counsel, should, after Deliberation, order and direct, the same should be held as valid, to all Intents and Purposes, as if it had been ordered and directed by the Senate in full Session.

In the following Year, which was that of the City DCCLXVI, *Sextus Pompeius* and *Sextus Appuleius* being Consuls, AUGUSTUS died at *Nola* in *Campania*, of a Diarrhœa, on the Fourteenth of the Calends of *September*, having lived seventy-five Years ten Months and twenty-six Days. This was the fifty-sixth Year of his Reign, if we begin the Computation from his first Consulship, but the forty-third from his Victory of *Actium*, and the thirty-seventh of his Tribunitial Power, as is manifest from the Medal referred to. TIBERIUS had been some Time in *Illyricum*, where he was to put himself at the Head of an Army designed against *Maroboduus*, King of the *Marcomanni*, who was supposed to have been concerned in the Destruction of *Varus* and his Army, as he had sent the Head of that Commander to *Rome*. But before his Departure, or at least before the Death of AUGUSTUS, some Coins appear to have been struck in Honour of him, as they bear the Date of this Year, which was the sixteenth of his Tribunitial Power. They are

Pl. XI. 7.

are both in Bronze, and of Gold. Those have his Head plain, with the Title TI. CAESAR AVGVSTI F. TRIB. POT. XVI.: on the Reverse is a *Caduceus* between two Cornuacopiæ, with S C.; the Legend, PONTIF. COS. II. IMPERAT. VII. These also represent his Head plain, with TI. CAESAR AVGVSTI F. IMP. VII. The sacrificial Ax, Lituus, and Tripod, fill the Reverse; around which we read the Titles of which they are symbolical, AVGVSTI PONTIF. and underneath TR. POT. XVI.

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Pl. XI. 9.

Few People are said to have mourned in reality at the Death of AUGUSTUS; but the Commonwealth had Reason enough to lament the Loss of him afterwards. He had, indeed, attained to the Height of Power by very extraordinary Means. His declared Design of revenging the Dictator's Death was only a Pretence subservient to his Ambition. But that Ambition was not a violent Thirst of Conquest, but to make himself the Head of the Republic, which he afterwards wisely circumscribed within proper Limits. Courage he certainly did not want, whatever some Writers have advanced to the contrary; for his first Attempt not only spoke him fearless, but favoured of Rashness. We have recorded many Instances of his Cruelty in the Course of the Civil War; yet it must be con-

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fessed,



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ferred, that the dreadful Proscription seems to have been principally owing to the Violence of ANTONY, and the Brutality of LEPIDUS. He was amorous, and in the Gratification of that Passion altogether absolute, and regardless of every Connection; yet a severe Reformer of the Manners of others, punishing Incontinence of every Kind with much Impartiality. He was himself learned, and the most generous Patron of learned Men. In his public Works, with which he adorned almost every Part of the City, he was exceedingly magnificent: in his Address very affable and gracious to all, and of great Liberality. His Friends he highly honoured, and took much Pleasure in that Freedom of Speech which they made use of. He was not very vindictive on Account of Injuries which himself received, and paid a strict Regard to his Word, even with the Unworthy. But his great Excellence appeared in the Arts of Government, which he practised with astonishing Success. To blend the Imperial Authority with the popular Government, so as to satisfy all Parties, and render them insensible of their Loss of Liberty, must be allowed the Work of a great political Genius. Able Ministers he had, but lived long enough to convince the World that he could proceed without them. For what passed before the Conclusion of the Civil Wars, the Historian observes,

serves, that great Allowances are to be made, and his Disposition to be gathered chiefly from those Times when he was sole Master of the Commonwealth; when his Rule was so gentle, as to render the present Form of Administration preferable, in the Opinion of wise Men, to that which had been anciently established. Happy had it been for Rome, could his Successors have been content to pursue the same lenient Measures.—He died in the same House, and the same Room, in which his Father had expired before him. His Obsequies were celebrated with excessive Pomp, and an Eagle was let fly from the Summit of the Pile, when his Body was committed to the Flames. He was deified. Flamens were appointed for the Service of his Temple; and the Empress LIVIA, who now, as directed by the Will of the deceased, took upon her the Names of JULIA and AUGUSTA, became his Priestess. As such she appears in the Medal annexed, the Inscription of which is in Part obliterated. She gratified *Numerius Atticus*, a Senator of Prætorian Rank, with an immense Sum, for having sworn that he saw his Soul conveyed to Heaven, as *Proculus* had vouched of ROMULUS heretofore. Temples had been raised to him in his Life-time, in many of the Provinces; which now began to be strangely

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strangely multiplied in all Parts of the *Roman* World.

There are several Medallie Testimonies of the Consecration of Emperors; which the Reader will find exemplified on the present Occasion; as I. The radiated Crown. This for a considerable Time was peculiar to the Apotheosis, though in the Declension of the Empire we find it common to the Living. It had twelve Rays, or Points, equal in Number to the Signs of the Zodiac. In

Pl. XI. 11.

the first of the Medals before us, AUGUSTUS is enthroned, with a Tripod before him. In his left Hand he holds the *Hasta pura*, or unarmed Spear, and in his right a Patera. He is thus crowned, and the Inscription calls him DIVVS AVGVSTVS PA-

Pl. XI. 12.

TER. In the second, his Head is adorned with the same Emblem of Divinity, and the Inscription is the same. In the third, the Head is the same, though

Pl. XI. 13.

the Inscription be somewhat different. Those Places which were permitted by the Emperors to strike Coins, generally took Care, by symbolical Figures or Letters, and sometimes both, to distinguish their particular Colony. Hence it is apparent, that the Coin before us, which is of the first Magnitude, was struck either at *Romulea*, in *Italy*, or at *Hispalis*, the *Seville* of *Spain*, which had obtained that Permission of AUGUSTUS before; for *Seville* was called,

called, according to *Pliny*, lib. iii. c. i. the *Colonia Romulensis*. The Reading therefore is ROMulea or ROMulensis. PERMISSV DIVI AVGVsti: the Reverse has, in Compliment to the now-reigning Emperor TIBERIUS, the Head of his Mother *Livia*, distinguished by her new Names of IVLIA AVGVSTA, and a Title at this Time conferred upon her, which was that of GENETRIX ORBIS, or MOTHER OF THE WORLD: underneath is the *Globe*, and the *Crescent* above. The above Reading is confirmed by the Inscription of a fine Medallion, where round the Head of AUGUSTUS we have at Length PERMISSV CAESARIS AVGVSTI.: the Reverse has the Words COLONIA PATRICIA inclosed within a Civic Crown: for this Medallion was also struck in *Spain*, and in the City of *Corduba*, which was distinguished by the Name of the *Colonia Patricia*, as *Pliny* observes in the Book and Chapter of his Natural History before-quoted. II. On the Reverse, an *Eagle* grasping either the *Lightning* or the *Globe*; as on the following, which were restored by TITUS VESPASIAN. The last was also further restored by the Emperors DOMITIAN and NERVA. III. Temples, Altars, and Sacrifices. Though we find those also raised, and these offered to them, in the Provinces, while they were yet living; as Altars, though no Temple, were particularly

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larly to AUGUSTUS, even at *Rome*, as we have observed before, and as further appears from his favourite *Horace*, *Epist. lib. ii. l. 1. 15.*

*Præsentî tibi maturos largimur honores,  
Jurandasque tuum per numen ponimus aras,  
Nil oriturum aliàs, nil ortum tale fatentes.*

Yet *Rome* to Thee her living Honours pays ;  
By Thee we swear ; to Thee our Altars raise,  
While we confess, no Prince so great, so wise,  
Hath ever ris'n, or shall ever rise. FRANCIS.

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That now before us is not properly the Temple of AUGUSTUS, but the *Sacrarium*, or Sanctuary, raised in the *Palatium*, till the other could be erected.

Pl. XI. 20.

Upon the Pedestals, on either Side, are a Steer and a Lamb, the proper Sacrifices. But in one of

TIBERIUS's Coins, we have the Temple at large, crowded with Statues. This can be no other than

the Temple erected by him to AUGUSTUS. For *Suetonius* observes, that this, and the Restoration of

*Pompey's Theatre*, were the only Works of the Sort in which he engaged ; and these, says the Historian, he left unfinished. Others aver that the

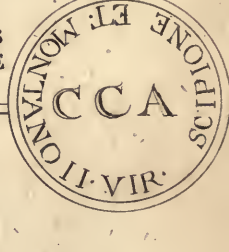
Building was finished, but not consecrated till after his Death. IV. The open Car drawn by Ele-

Pl. XII. 1.

phants, as in the following Reverse, inscribed

DIVO AVGVSTO S. P. Q. R. V. The Attribute of DIVVS, whether with or without the ra-









diated Crown. For sometimes we see the laureate Head with the same Title, as in one restored by the Emperor NERVA, and another struck by the COLonia ROMulensis PERMissu DIVI AVGVsti, having on the Reverse the Heads of GERMANICVS CAESAR and DRVSVS CAESAR. VI. And sometimes *Stars*, as in the Instance before us. These Types of Divinity, found upon Coins, are all enumerated by the Poet *Lucan*:

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*Bella pares superis facient Civilia DIVOS:  
FVLMINIBVS maneis RADIISque ornabit et ASTRIS,  
Inque Deum TEMPLIS jurabit Roma per umbras.*

Ev'n Gods of Men these Civil Wars shall make  
Equal to those above, with LIGHTNINGS deck,  
With RADIANT CROWNS and STARS, the Dead; and Rome  
Shall in their TEMPLES swear in Times to come.





## TIBERIUS. CLAUDIUS DRUSUS NERO.

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AS soon as the Emperor's Recovery was despaired of, TIBERIUS was instantly recalled, *Velleius* says, by AUGUSTUS himself, and came Time enough to receive his last Embraces. *Suetonius* is positive that he spent the whole Day with him, before he expired. However that be, it is certain that his Decease was kept secret by TIBERIUS and LIVIA, till they had secured the Succession by the Murder of AGRIPPA. Presently after, the Consuls, then the Senate, the Soldiers, and the People, swore Fidelity to TIBERIUS, who was now fifty-six Years old. Yet it was not without strange Flattery, and the most abject Solicitation on the Part of the Senate,

nate, and the deepest Hypocrisy and the strongest pretended Reluctance on his, that he was at last prevailed upon to accept of the absolute Imperial Authority which had been vested in AUGUSTUS. He had before written Letters to the Armies and the Provinces, in the absolute Style of an Emperor, though he forbore the Title; and now that he declared his Acceptance of the Power, neither would he assume that Name, nor, as yet, the other of AUGUSTUS, pretending great Moderation. Yet one of his first Acts of Power was the withdrawing the small Pension from his Wife JULIA, which her Father had allowed, and forbidding any to converse with her, so that she actually perished for Want. He was not more favourable to *Sempronius Gracchus*, who had been one of her Gallants; and for that Reason banished to *Cercina*, on the Coast of *Africa*. But not caring openly, and in Person, to order the Execution of one of so high Rank and Quality, he sent private Instructions to *Lucius Asprenas*, who now governed *Africa*, to have him speedily dispatched; which was done accordingly.

At the very first Elections after his Accession, he transferred the Power of choosing Magistrates from the People to the Senate; for the former had hitherto shared it with the Emperor. This, however, occasioned no Disturbance. But Things went



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not on so smoothly with the Armies Abroad. The three Legions in *Pannonia* looked upon this as a favourable Opportunity to have their Pay increased, and their Time of Service shortened. They refused Obedience to their General, destroyed some of their Officers, rescued their imprisoned Accomplices, and laid the Country waste. To quell this Sedition, the Emperor immediately sent away his Son *Drusus*, assisted by *Sejanus*, his Governor, and by *Lentulus*, an excellent Officer, at the Head of the Prætorian Guards, and such other Troops as were at Hand. On his Arrival in the Camp, he harangued them to little Purpose. For they afterwards fell upon *Lentulus*, who was saved from their Fury with much Difficulty. But what Authority could not effect, Superstition did. A total and seasonable Eclipse of the Moon filled them with Consternation. They presently concluded that the Gods had thus expressed their Indignation against them, for their Mutiny and Sedition. The next Day they appeared penitent, and delivered up their Incendiaries, who were put to Death. Thus Quiet was restored, and *Drusus* returned to *Rome*, entering the City with an Ovation.

But the Disturbances amongst the Legions, quartered upon the *Rhine*, which were seven in Number, were more violent and of longer Continuance.

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Their Pretensions were much the same. They required more Pay, and an earlier Dismission. They demanded the Legacy left them by AUGUSTUS, and the Veterans insisted upon an immediate Discharge and a future Maintenance. The Danger was so pressing, that GERMANICUS, their Commander, was forced to send away his Wife AGRIPPINA, then big with Child, and his Son CLAUDIUS, to a Place of Security. Many of them offered to raise him to the Empire, and urged him to accept it with so much Clamour and Threatening, that he attempted to stab himself, but was prevented by his Friends. With his own Money, and what he could borrow, he doubled the Legacy, in order to purchase Quiet, and complied with their other Demands. At length a Fit of Penitence seized them also, and they gave up those who had fired them to a Revolt. But two Legions, quartered at a considerable Distance, still continued obstinate. Against them GERMANICUS was now preparing to march. But their principal Officers rendered this unnecessary; for having at last formed a strong Party against the Mutineers, at a Time and on a Signal appointed, they broke suddenly into their Tents and cut them in Pieces.

At the Commencement of the new Year, TIBERIUS honoured his Son DRUSUS with the Fasces.

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- He now took upon him the Name of AUGUSTUS, which appears upon his Coins which were struck this Year. His Denarius, having his laureate Head, styles him *Tiberius* CAESAR DIVI AVGVsti Filius AVGVSTVS: the Reverse represents him in a quadrigated Car, in the Act of Triumph, with IMP. VII. TR. POT. XVII. And a fine Medal
- Pl. XII. 5. of Gold, with the same Head, has TI. DIVI F. AVGVSTVS: the Reverse is a *Victory* seated on a Globe, with TR. POT. XVII also; as we have already seen it on one of the deceased Emperor.
- Pl. XII. 6. We have another Denarius of him, on the Reverse of which he is seated, holding in his Right Hand the *Hasta pura*, and in his Left an Olive-Branch; the Legend PONTIFEX MAXIMVS. Another there
- Pl. XII. 7. is, with a good Head of him, having an Eagle before, and a Branch of Laurel behind, with TI. CAESAR AVGVSTVS: the Reverse of which shews the Head of *Apollo* with his Harp, incircled with a Wreath of Laurel: behind it are some characters, which *Patin* thinks to be *Punic*, but which, I am persuaded, were intended for the Greek Name of *Apollo*; thus, Απολ. Nor is it at all surprizing, that this *Greek* Deity should be stamped upon one of the Coins of TIBERIUS, since to his supposed Protection of his Predecessor, at the Battle of *Actium*, he might judge himself indebted for

for the Empire that he held. Those of DRUSUS, TIBERIVS.  
 which were first struck, bear his Head, with the PI. XII. 8.  
 Inscription, DRVSVS CAESAR Tiberii AVGVsti  
 Filius DIVI AVGVsti Nepos. But it is reckoned  
 very extraordinary and unaccountable by *Patin*, that  
 we should meet with a PIETY veiled on the Re- PI. XII. 9.  
 verse of an impure Debauchee. Yet when we re-  
 flect, that he had lately taken upon him to quiet  
 the Disturbances in *Pannonia*, an Affair of no small  
 Hazard; that he claimed to himself the Merit of  
 having succeeded in that Undertaking, and con-  
 sidered it as a signal Act of Piety, as it secured  
 the Safety and Authority of his Father, it will not  
 appear so strange. But this great Antiquarian him-  
 self, in his *Celian* Family, has given us a Coin,  
 whereon is impressed a Female Head, with the In-  
 scription PIETAS AVGVSTA. This, says he, is,  
 by the Generality of those who are conversant in  
 Coins, attributed to the Empress LIVIA; which is  
 sufficiently countenanced by her Obsequiousness to-  
 wards AUGUSTUS. We may then reasonably sup-  
 pose that DRUSUS might, at the same Time that  
 he flattered himself, intend to pay a further Com-  
 pliment, by representing his Grandmother under  
 this Figure, who was now the Priestess of Au-  
 gustus, and is therefore veiled with strict Pro-  
 priety. The same Author has one with his Head,  
 and



TIBERIUS. and DRVSVS CAESAR only ; the Reverse of which  
 Pl. XII. no. is the Temple of the *Paphian Venus*, where it is  
 said by *Pliny* and *Tacitus*, never to rain upon the  
 Altar, though exposed to the open Air, according  
 to *Eustathius* in Odyss. Θ. The Image of the God-  
 des resembled not the human Form, but was a  
 continued Circle, wider at Bottom, and rising to a  
 Point o' Top. *Savil* calls this a Cone. But *Maxi-*  
*mus Tyrius* says, that it most resembled a white Py-  
 ramid. But by the Figures upon the Coin before  
 us, it seems to have been rather a Cylinder py-  
 ramidically pointed. Three others, having his  
 Head, with the full Inscription as above given, were  
 restored, two of them by the Emperor TITUS, and  
 the third by his Brother DOMITIAN.

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TIBERIUS, in the Beginning of his Reign, (be-  
 tween the Revolt of the Legions already spoken of ;  
 the Attempt of *Clemens*, a Slave of the late AGRIP-  
 PA, who personating his Master, whom he greatly  
 resembled, had collected a considerable Body of  
 Malecontents ; and the Designs of *Scribonius*  
*Libo*, a noble Roman, who was privily endeavour-  
 ing to embroil the State) judged himself in so  
 much Danger, that he would often say, " he  
 " held a Wolf by the Ears." However, the first  
 being composed, he pretended a very indifferent  
 State of Health, in order to keep GERMANICUS,  
 whom

whom he was most afraid of, quiet. *Clemens* was decoyed into his Hands; and, being asked by him, “How he came to be *Agrippa*?” answered, “As “you came to be *Cæsar*.” He was immediately hurried away, and dispatched in a private Part of the Palace. *Libo* was accused before the Senate, convicted in Part, and afterwards fell upon his own Sword;

The Mutiny being quashed in the Armies upon the *Rhine*, *GERMANICUS* laid a Bridge over that River, passed a Body of his Forces, amounting to two thousand four hundred Horse, and twenty-four thousand Foot, destroyed a Multitude of *Germans* by Surprise, and plundered the Country for fifty Miles round. This raised against him three several Nations, the *Tabantes*, the *Brueterians*, and *Usipetes*, who fell upon him in his Retreat, but were totally defeated; so that he reached his Quarters with all the Spoil.

Being now informed of the civil Diffensions which flamed out between *Arminius* and *Segestes*, before the Winter was well over, he ordered his Lieutenant *Cæcina* to enter the Country at the Head of thirty thousand Men, while himself with a much larger Army marched towards the *Catti*, the most formidable of all the *German* Nations. Great Numbers fell in this Eruption, and all the



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plain Country was destroyed with Fire and Sword. At this Time *Segestes* had Recourse to him for Assistance against his Rival *Arminius*, and obtained it. In the Action which ensued the latter was defeated, and his Wife *Thusnildis* taken Captive, who being big with Child, was soon after delivered of a Son. *Arminius*, enraged at his own Defeat, and the Captivity of his beloved Wife, stirred up a general Confederacy against the *Romans*; so that *GERMANICUS* found it necessary to divide his Forces. However, they all joined again upon the *Amisia* or *Ems*. In this March they had the good Fortune to recover one of the Eagles which had been lost when *Varus* fell. They now ravaged all the Region between the last-named River and the *Luppia* or *Lyppe*, and finding that particular Spot which had been the Scene of that unfortunate Overthrow, with much Decency interred the Bones of the Slain. They attacked *Arminius*, and gained some Advantage over him; after which, *GERMANICUS* embarked with one Half of the Army, wearied out with Fatigue, and left *Cæcina* to lead back the rest by Land. As this Lieutenant passed some Marshes, he was attacked by the Enemy in the Middle of his March, and narrowly escaped the Fate of *Varus*; the *Germans* leaving them in the very Extremity of Distress, to fly upon the Spoil. The next Day they



they assailed his Camp: but he, by a well-timed Eruption in the Heat of the Attack, drove them off with great Slaughter, and continued his Route without further Disturbance. TIBERIVS.

In the mean Time the Forces with GERMANICUS suffered greatly. For the Vessels being few, and over-freighted, he was obliged to land one-half of them again. And these marching along the Shore, by the Quick sands, and their Ignorance of the Tides, lost very many Men and all their Baggage. So that the Campaign had not upon the Whole been very favourable to the Romans. The ensuing Winter was spent in extraordinary Preparations. A vast Fleet of Vessels, of different Sizes, was got ready upon the *Rhine*. These, falling down to the Mouth of the River, took the Legions on board, and sailing round to the *Ems*, there landed them. Thence the Army marched to the *Visurgis* or *Weser*, on the opposite Bank of which the Forces of *Arminius* were posted. The Romans passed the River in different Places, though not without considerable Loss on the Part of their *Batavian* Auxiliaries. The next Day they attacked the Enemy, gained a compleat Victory, and raised a Trophy. But the *Germans*, soon after re-assembling their shattered Troops, assailed them on their March with much Impetuosity and Perseverance,

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TIBERIUS but were at last defeated again with most horrid Slaughter, the *Romans* giving no Quarter. On this, the *Angrivarii*, who had taken Arms, submitted, and GERMANICUS prepared for his Return to the *Rhine*, sending some of the Troops by Land, and marching Himself with the rest to the Mouth of the *Ems*, where he had left the Ships.

The Winds and Seas at first were flattering, but at length so dreadful a Storm arose, as destroyed a great Part of the Fleet, which consisted of a thousand Vessels of every Kind, and entirely dispersed the rest. Even they who escaped lost all, having been forced for their own Preservation to cast their Horses, Arms, and Baggage, into the Sea, to lighten their Ships. Some of them were driven as far as *Britain*, and sent back by the Princes of the Island. GERMANICUS himself was set on Shore in the Country of the *Chauci*, where he spent many an anxious Hour in looking out for the poor Remains of his Navy. After some Time a Part of them appeared, but in a wretched Trim. Those which had suffered least he repaired with Expedition, and sent them off in quest of their Companions. Thus a great Part were recovered, though, after all his Care and Pains, the Loss was very great.

The Nation of the *Catti*, hearing of the Damage sustained, revolted; but were quickly awed into Obedience

Obedience by a considerable Army sent amongst them. And now GERMANICUS received Intelligence of another of the *Roman* Eagles, which had been taken at the Defeat of *Varus*. This, for the greater Privacy, had been buried, and a Party of Soldiers kept guard upon the Spot. This was in the Territory of the *Marſi*, which he therefore invaded with a large Army, ſending off two Detachments; the one to draw off the Party which kept Guard, and the other to ſecure the Eagle. Every Thing ſucceeded to his Wiſh, ſo that, having ravaged the Country, he returned to his Winter Quarters on the *Rhine* with great Glory. Here he fully indemnified the Troops out of his own Effects for all the Damage which they had ſuffered at Sea.

TIBERIUS had been jealous of the Glory of GERMANICUS, and his Popularity in the Army, ever ſince he had cured the mutinous Diſpoſition of it. He was therefore determined to recall him, and, that it might be done with ſeeming Honour, a Triumph was decreed for him, and a ſecond Conſulate. He would gladly have commanded for another Summer, hoping in that Time to have completed the Reduction of *Germany*. But the Emperor perſiſting, he returned to *Rome*. On the ſeventh of the Kalends of *June*, in the Conſulſhip of *C. Cælius* and *L. Pomponius*, he triumphed with  
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high Magnificence over the *Cherusci*, the *Catti*, the *Angrivarii*, and the rest of the *German* Nations as far as to the River *Elbe*. This Triumph we have still recorded on some Coins taken Notice of by *Patin*, and found in the *Pembrokian* Collection. On one Side the Conqueror is represented in his quadrigated triumphal Car, holding an Eagle in his left Hand, and over him GERMANICVS CAESAR: on the other he stands in a military Habit, and extending his right Hand in a commanding Attitude, supporting another Eagle with his left: in the Area, SIGNIS RECEPTIS DEVICTIS GERMANIS. No Wonder that the Recovery of the Eagles should be the Subject of this triumphal Coin, since *Tacitus* informs us, that an Arch was erected on this very Account near the Temple of *Saturn*, and a Temple dedicated (on the same Account the Author presumes) to *Fors Fortuna*, or *Good Fortune*, near the *Tiber*, and in the Gardens which the Dictator had bequeathed to the *Roman* People.

Pl. XII. 14.

On the Departure of GERMANICUS, a Civil War broke out in *Germany*, between *Arminius* and *Maroboduus*, King of the *Suevi* and *Marcomanni*, wherein the former defeated and drove the latter out of the Field; who retired to his other Subjects, the *Mar-*  
comanni,

*comanni*, and requested Aid of TIBERIUS. In TIBERIUS.  
*Africa*, the *Numidians* and *Musulanians* took Arms,  
 under the Conduct of *Tacfarinas*, but were quickly  
 subdued by *Furius Camillus*, who commanded there  
 with Proconsular Authority. In *Asia*, twelve, or,  
 according to *Eusebius*, thirteen Cities were de-  
 stroyed by a dreadful Earthquake, in one Night.  
 The surviving Inhabitants were immediately re-  
 lieved by the Emperor and the Senate, besides  
 being eased of their Taxes for a Time, and their  
 Cities were restored by the Munificence of TIBE-  
 RIUS, who, on some particular Occasions, was very  
 liberal. This, which was one of the greatest Ac-  
 tions of his Life, is celebrated on a Silver Medal,  
 taken Notice of by *Scaliger* and *Mr. Addison*, and  
 is in the *Pembrokian* Collection. It shews him  
 seated, and holding an *Hasta pura* in his left Hand,  
 and a *Patera* in his right, with the Inscription  
 CIVITATIBVS ASIAE RESTITVTIS.

PL. XII. 15.

This Year the Poet *Ovid* died at *Tomos*, in *Pon-  
 tus*, whither he had been exiled by *AUGUSTUS*.  
 His Crime was Curiosity, and his Fate should mi-  
 nister Caution to the Inquisitive. Being well re-  
 ceived at Court, he had pryed too narrowly into  
 the Intrigues of it, and seen too much. Himself  
 laments it.

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Cur aliquid vidi, cur noxia lumina feci?

Cur imprudenti cognita culpa mihi? TRIST. l. iii. Eleg. 9.

Why saw I aught? Why guilty made my Eye?

What Folly into others Faults to pry!

The Restlessness of the *Parthians*, who had expelled their King *Vonones*, seemed now to threaten the Repose of the East. Some Troubles had also taken Place in the Kingdoms of *Cilicia* and *Comma-gene*, on the Death of their respective Sovereigns, and *Cappadocia* was newly reduced to a *Roman* Province, on the Demise of *Archelaus*, its late King, at *Rome*. On these Accounts, the Emperor pretended a Necessity for dispatching *GERMANICUS*, who alone was fit for it, (himself being, as he said, too old, and his Son *DRUSUS* too young) into those Parts. In fact, *GERMANICUS* was too well beloved by the Armies and the People; so that an Occasion was sought of removing him from *Rome* first, and out of the World afterwards. But as Victims were adorned for the Sacrifice, so that no Room might be left for Suspicion, he was a second Time appointed to the Consulate, having the Emperor for his Colleague, and the Command of *Asia* was decreed to him, with an extraordinary Power throughout the Provinces, such as *POMPEY* the Great had formerly enjoyed. But to the particular Government of *Syria* *Cn. Piso* was commissioned, whose disdainful and unmannerly

unmannerly Carriage recommended him to this Preferment; for his rough Disposition was intended as a File wherewith to provoke and sharpen the Spirit of GERMANICUS, and drive him into Inconveniences. It was hoped too, that the Spirit of his Wife *Munatia Plancina*, which was high, quick, and exasperating, would have a like Effect upon AGRIPPINA. *Piso* is thought to have received from TIBERIUS, and *Plancina* from LIVIA, private Instructions for the Prejudice of both.

GERMANICUS, with his Wife *Agrippina*, and his Son CAIUS, known afterwards by the Name of CALIGULA, setting out for his Charge, visited DRUSUS first in *Dalmatia*, then proceeded to *Nicopolis*, near *Actium*, where he entered upon his second Consulship, thence to *Athens*, and so to *Rhodes*. While he was here, *Piso*, on his Voyage to *Syria*, was wrecked upon the Coast of the Island, and must have perished, had not GERMANICUS sent Vessels to his Relief. Yet this had no Effect on his illiberal Spirit; for on their Arrival in *Syria*, both he and *Plancina* did all that was possible, by preferring and displacing Officers, by vile and insinuating Speeches scattered amongst them, and by the open Encouragement of Licentiousness, to render the Forces there indisposed and unserviceable to GERMANICUS.



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But the Prince, affecting Ignorance of these Disorders, proceeded to *Armenia*, the Crown of which he placed upon the Head of *Zeno*, the Son of *Polemon*, King of *Pontus*. He made *Q. Verannius*, an Equestrian, the first *Roman* Governor of *Cappadocia*. *Commagene* also being subjected, he preferred *Q. Serueius* to the Government of it, and it became a *Prætorian* Province. Having thus settled Affairs on this Side, and being curious in Matters of Antiquity, he spent a Part of the next Year in viewing the several Wonders of *Egypt*. Returning thence into *Syria*, he died at *Antioch*, having been poisoned by the Contrivance of *Piso* and *Plancina*; at least this was the Opinion which he entertained of his own Sicknefs.

Thus fell *GERMANICUS*, in the thirty-fourth Year of his Age, exceedingly lamented. The People of *Antioch* were frantic at the News of his Death; for they cast Stones at the Temples, overturned the Altars, threw their *Lares* into the Streets, and exposed their own Children, by Way of Vengeance upon the Gods who had permitted it. Even Strangers and Enemies to the *Roman* Name joined the common Grief. Some Princes cut off their Beards, and shaved the Heads of their Wives on this Occasion, these being their strongest Expressions of Grief. The *Parthian* Monarch himself, in Token of his Concern,

Concern, abstained from his Hunting for a Time, and from the Entertainments of his Nobility. But at *Rome*, the public Mourning would admit of no Consolation, nor could be restrained even by the Imperial Edicts. And indeed this seems to have been the greatest Loss which at that Time they could have sustained; for his Popularity had been a great Curb upon the natural Disposition of TIBERIVS, which henceforward broke out into all Manner of Cruelty. He had a fine Person, saving that his Legs were slender; but this Defect was remedied in some Measure by his constant Exercise on Horseback after Meals, the Calves of his Legs being gradually thickened by the Descent of the Blood and alimential Juices in that Position; and the more, as Stirrups were not then in Use. He was brave, learned, and eloquent; of singular Benevolence and engaging Courtesy to all Men. He married AGRIPPINA, the Daughter of M. AGRIPPA by JULIA the Daughter of AUGUSTUS, and had by her nine Children, three of whom died before him. Of the Survivors three were Daughters, AGRIPPINA, DRUSILLA, LIVILLA; and three Sons, NERO, DRUSUS, and CAIUS CÆSAR, afterwards Emperor.

There are very few, if any, Coins (besides that which we have given already) of GERMANICUS, which were not struck in the Provinces, and at some

Pl. XII. 16.

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Distance



TIBERIUS. Distance of Time after his Death. One, which bids fairest for being done in his Life-time, is yet a Colony-coin, and bears on one Side the Heads of GERMANICUS and DRUSUS facing each other; behind the former GERMANICVS CAESAR; behind the latter DRVSVS CAESAR; and on the other Side the laureate Head of TIBERIUS, with a Legend of the Colony, which has been explained on another Occasion.

Pl. XII. 17. Another Coin, struck at *Saragosa*, in *Spain*, styles him *the Father of CAIUS CÆSAR*; for it runs GERMANICVS CAESAR Caii CAESARIS PATER: the Reverse has the Names of SCIPIO and MONTANUS, the *Duumviri* of the Colony at that Time, and in the Area C C A, for *Colonia Cæsarea Augusta*.

Pl. XII. 19. Another of the same Metal was struck at *Italica*, now the *Sevilla la Vieja*, in *Spain*, having his laureate Head, and on the Reverse three Ensigns, with MVNICIPIUM ITALICA, and M D for *Mandato Decurionum*.

Pl. XII. 20. Another, with his Head and GERMANICVS CAESAR, bears on the Reverse (inclosed within a Wreath) CHEIO POLLIONE II. VIR C MVSSID. PRISCO II. VIR. What Colony this came from, *Patin* declares that he cannot conceive. But there is in the *Pembrokian* Collection a Coin of the first







Size, of AGRIPPA POSTHUMIUS, which will clear this Point. For this appears upon the Face of it to have been struck at *Corinth*, as it does by the Legend, which fills up the Area of the Reverse in like Manner, and which is inclosed by the same Sort of Wreath, that these two Persons were the DUUMVIRI of that Colony.

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Another, struck at *Gortyna*, in the Island of *Crete*, and in the Reign of CALIGULA, has on one Side the laureate Head of GERMANICUS, with ΓΕΡΜΑΝΙΚΟΝ ΚΑΙΣΑΡΑ ΓΟΡΤΥΝ. *Patin* has lengthened out this last Word, without and against all Reason, to ΓΟΡΤΥΝΙΩΝ, though he acknowledges that the latter Part of it is erased upon his Coin. But *Vailant*, in his *Nummi Græci Imperatorum*, p. 9. has the true Reading as above, on one of his own. The other Side bears the laureate Head of the Emperor CALIGULA, with ΓΑΙΟΝ ΚΑΙΣΑΡΑ ΓΕΡΜΑΝΙΚΟΝ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΝ. Here the Word *σέβεται*, or some Word equivalent, is understood. So that the Purport of the Whole is, The City of “*Gortyna venerates* or “*worships* GERMANICUS CÆSAR, and CAIUS CÆSAR “GERMANICUS AUGUSTUS.”

Pl. XIII. 2:

The Coin before us of the same Metal, undoubtedly belongs to GERMANICUS, as it has the very same Figure and Attitude which we see on the Reverse of this Prince's triumphal Coin. He is called  
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Pl. XIII. 3.



TIBERIVS. on it ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ, or AUGUSTUS, in Compliment to his Son CALIGULA. This too was probably struck at *Gortyna*, as the Rape of *Europa* is expressed upon the Reverse, which was the common Signature of that Place, whither *Jupiter* was supposed to have conveyed her.

Pl. XIII. 4.

Another has his laureate Head, with ΓΕΡΜΑΝΙΚΟΣ, the rest of the Inscription being obliterated. The Reverse contains a Female Head veiled and turritated; the Legend ΙΟΥΛΑΙΩΝ ΤΩΝ ΚΑΙ ΛΑΟΔΙΚΑΙΩΝ, i. e. of the *Julienfians*, who are also the *Laodiceans*. *Patin* upon this Occasion says, that the *Julienfians*, in Conjunction with the *Laodiceans*, frequently honoured the *Roman* Emperors on their Coins. But this is wide of the Mark; for the *Julienfians* and *Laodiceans* before us were one and the same People. *Seleucus Nicator* founded several Cities in *Asia*, as Memorials of his Mother *Laodice*, one of which was this *Laodicea* of *Syria*. The Inhabitants of it called themselves *Julienfians* as well as *Laodiceans*, to distinguish themselves from another *Laodicea*, ΠΡΟΣ ΛΙΒΑΝΩ, near *Libanus*, as it is denominated on Coins. JULIUS CÆSAR came hither in the Year of the City DCCVII, after having been detained nine Months in *Egypt*. He conferred upon the City many Privileges, particularly that of being governed by its own Laws; whence it became

came what is expressed by the  $\Lambda$  in the Area of the Reverse, Πολις Αυτονομος, *a City governed by its own Laws*. From that Time, the People called it *Julia*, and themselves *Juliensians*, and also *Laodiceans*, in Honour of the Dictator. They considered this as the  $\mathcal{A}$ era of their Liberty, and began the Computation of their Years from the preceding Autumn: whence this Coin, by the numeral Letters B A P upon it, appears to have been struck in the 112th Year of this Computation, which answers to the fourteenth of the Reign of the Emperor NERO. This Reckoning remained with them till the Time of the Emperor SEVERVS, when all the Privileges of a Metropolis, then taken from the City of *Antioch* for its Disaffection, were bestowed upon this City; from which Period they discontinued this Method of Computation, though the Place still retained the Name of *Julia*, superadding that of *Severiana*. This appears by the Inscription of a Coin in the *French King's Cabinet*, which runs ΙΟΥΛΙΑΣ ΛΑΟΔΙΚΕΙΑΣ ΣΕΟΥΤΗΡΙΑΝΗΣ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΕΩΣ, i. e. *Juliae Laodiceae Severianae Metropolis*. Vide *Vaillant*. Numm. Græc. Imperat. p. 96 & 358.

When the Body of GERMANICUS was burned at *Antioch*, his Heart was found whole. This was generally looked upon as an Argument of Poison. His Ashes were conveyed to *Rome* by AGRIPPINA with



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with much Solemnity, and deposited in the Sepulchre of AUGUSTUS. *Piso* and *Plancina* were then accused of having caused his Death. The Emperor behaved on this Occasion with great Subtlety and Diffimulation, being willing to save them, but not daring to avow it, so incensed as the Public was against them. In the Progress of the Trial, *Piso* became his own Executioner. His Wife escaped the due Punishment, by the Favour of TIBERIUS and LIVIA, and the Servility of the Senate. *Martina*, a most infamous Adept in the Art of Poisoning, and a mighty Favourite with *Plancina*, had been also sent from *Asia*, but soon after her Landing was found dead at *Brundisium*, with Poison concealed in her Hair.

In the mean Time LIVILLA, the Sister of GERMANICUS and the Wife of DRUSUS, was brought to bed of two Sons at once. This the Emperor boasted of as the particular Felicity of his Family. The Celebration of the *Egyptian* and *Jewish* Rites was now prohibited at *Rome*; four thousand young Men of the latter Persuasion were transported to *Sardinia*, and the rest banished *Italy*. *Tacfarinas*, once more endeavouring to raise Disturbances in *Africa*, was defeated by *L. Apronius*, the Proconsul there, and driven to the Desarts.

An Ovation had been decreed the Year before,  
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both to GERMANICUS and DRUSUS, with which the latter was now honoured. The next Year he became a second Time Consul, and had his Father the Emperor for his Colleague. On this Occasion the Historian (*Dio*) observes, that all the Colleagues of TIBERIUS in the Consulate died a violent Death. Such was the Fate of *Quintilius Varus*, *Cn. Piso*, and GERMANICUS, of DRUSUS by and by, and afterwards of *Sejanus*. Himself also at last perished in the same Manner. At the End of three Months TIBERIUS abdicated the Fasces, and retired into *Campania* for the Confirmation, as he gave out, of his Health.

At this Time SERGIUS GALBA, afterwards Emperor, was one of the City Prætors, and at the Celebration of the Games called *Floralia*, exhibited to the People a new Sort of Entertainment (though it became common enough afterwards) which was that of Elephants dancing the Ropes. Fresh Commotions now arose in *Africa*, *Thrace*, and *Gaul*, which were soon quieted by the Lieutenants in those Parts. In the next Year the Tribunitial Power was conferred on DRUSUS, at the Request of the Emperor. On this Occasion we have, on a Medal of the first Size, his Head, with the Inscription DRVSVS CAESAR Tiberii AVGVSTI Filius DIVI AVGVSTI Nepos : and on the Reverse,

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TIBERIUS. the Titles of the Emperor, *Tiberius CAESAR DIVI AVGVsti Filius AVGVSTus Pontifex Maximus TRIBuniciae POTestatis XXIIII.* with S. C. We find others of the same Size and Metal, struck this Year, with the Figures of *SALVS AVGVSTA* and *IVSTITIA*, and the same Reverse. These two last were probably struck in Honour of *JULIA AVGVSTA*, the Emperor's Mother, who now fell into an ill State of Health, which soon brought her Son again to *Rome*. For her Recovery the Senate decreed Supplications, and the Celebration of the Great Games. But the Head of this created Deity *SALVS* is different on this Medal from what I have observed it upon others. For here the Head is plain; which every where else is distinguished by the Laurel Wreath, a Necklace of Pearl, and Pendants to the Ears. *Tacitus* observes, that the Emperor and his Mother were now either upon very good Terms, or very artfully concealed their Disguist. For a while ago, *JULIA*, when she erected a Statue to *AUGUSTUS*, not far from the Theatre of *MARCELLUS*, had, in the Dedication of it, inscribed her own Name before that of *TIBERIUS*; at which he was judged to have taken great Offence.

The second Year of the *Tribunitial Power* of *DRUSUS* being now come, I find another of his

Medals stamped with the Head of PIETY veiled, and underneath it PIETAS: the Legend on the other Side, DRVSVS CAESAR Tiberii AVGVSTI Filius TRIBUNICIÆ POTestate ITERum, inclosing the S. C.

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All this while the deepest Corruption prevailed at Rome. All the Consulars, a great Part of those of Prætorian Quality, and many of the other Senators, were sunk in the most abject Flattery; insomuch that the Emperor himself would frequently exclaim, when he left the House, “ O “ Men, prepared for Slavery !” Such Corruption, Luxury, Debauchery, and Extravagance of every Kind, reigned in the City, that the *Ædiles* judged it necessary to move for some restraining Laws; which, however, TIBERIUS would not hear of: whether he really thought, as he said, that such Laws would render him unpopular, or looked upon these Excesses as the best Security and Support of Tyranny. In the Provinces were such Numbers of Cities, with Temples claiming the Privilege of Sanctuary, that Villains of every Kind found it easy to escape the Punishment due to their Demerits. This was generally complained of; and it was judged proper that the Cities, which claimed, should produce their Title to these Privileges. Some, therefore, dropped their Pretensions. Many depended

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TIBERIVS. upon the Antiquity of their Superstitions, or upon their Services to the *Romans*. The *Ephesians* gravely insisted, that their Region, and not *Delos*, was the very Place where *Apollo* and *Diana* were born, and that the Olive-Tree was still standing, against which *Latona* leaned at that Time. They further pleaded the Patronage and Protection of *Bacchus*, of *Hercules*, of the *Persians* and *Macedonians*, and lastly of the *Romans* themselves. The *Magnesiums* pleaded, that the Temple of their *Diana*, surnamed *Leucophrina*, was an inviolable Sanctuary by the particular Grant of *L. Scipio*, after the Defeat of *Antiochus*; and of *L. Sulla*, after the Expulsion of *Mithridates*. Those of *Aphrodisium* and *Stratonicea* produced the Decree of *CÆSAR* the Dictator, and another of *AUGUSTUS*, in their Favour. They of *Hierocæsarea*, in *Lydia*, went farther back, alleging, “that theirs was the *Persian Diana*, whose  
 “ Temple had been dedicated by *Cyrus* himself,  
 “ and that this Privilege had been granted by  
 “ *Perperna*, *Isauricus*, and other Generals, not to  
 “ their Temple only, but to their Territory also,  
 “ for an Extent of two Miles.” The *Cyprians* strove hard for their *Paphian Venus*, their *Amathusian Venus*, and *Salaminian Jupiter*. Many other Cities were heard by their Deputies, and their Claims asserted with much Earnestness. It appears that  
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in the End some were admitted, but the moderate Use of Sanctuary prescribed even to these; and the Decree made for this Purpose was ordered to be engraven on Plates of Brass, and hung up in their Temples. *Suetonius*, therefore, is wrong in saying, that *TIBERIUS* every where abolished this Privilege. The contrary is evident from the following Reverses: the first belongs to a Coin of *ANTONINUS PIUS*, and exhibits a female Figure turrit and seated upon a Rock, with the Representative of a River underneath. This is the Genius of the City of *Samosate*; and the Legend is *Φλαβία CAMOCατη ΙΕΡα ΑΣΥλος ΑΥΤΟΝΟμος ΜΗΤροπολις ΚΟΜαγηνης*: i. e. *Flavia Samosate, the Holy, the Asylum, using its own Laws, the Metropolis of Comagene*. The second also is on a Coin of the same Emperor, and has the Genius of the City of *Mocha*, in *Arabia Petræa*, standing in a Temple, with the Legend *ΜΟΚΑ ΙΕΡα ΑΣΥλος ΑΥΤΟΝΟμος*: i. e. *Moka, the Holy, the Asylum, using its own Laws*. The third, like the first, shews the Genius of a City turrit and seated on a Rock, with a River underneath: the Name is obliterated, but the *ΜΗΤ. ΙΕΡ. ΚΑΙ ΑΣΥΛ.* is legible enough. The fourth is a Coin of *CARACALLA*, struck at *Damascus*: it has a Wreath, inclosing the Word *ΚΕΒΑΚΜΙΑ*, which *Tristan* supposes to signify some Games

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Games so called, and instituted there in Honour of the Emperor. The Legend is ΔΑΜΑΚΟΥ ΙΕΡΑΚΑΙ ΑΚΤΑΟΥ: i. e. *Of Damascus the Holy, and Inviolable.* To these many more, boasting the same Privilege, might be added: nor does it appear that it was conferred by succeeding Emperors.

As the Opportunity offers, it may not be amiss in this Place to explain briefly the several Privileges of Cities which we meet with upon ancient Coins.

The first is that of being called ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ, the Metropolis or Mother-City, a Title originally accruing from Antiquity or Magnitude. Such was *Antioch of Syria* declared to be by the Favour of POMPEY, when that Country became a Roman Province: but this Dignity was afterwards transferred by SEVERUS to *Laodicea*. Such was *Tarsus of Cilicia*, *Sardis of Lydia*, *Nicomedia of Bithynia*, &c. Hither Deputies from the other Cities and Towns were obliged to resort, when they were to treat of Matters which concerned the Province in general.

The *Primacy* is the next Privilege, and distinct from that of Metropolis. For though many Cities enjoyed both, they were not necessarily connected. Thus, though *Nicomedia* was the *Metropolis* of *Bithynia*, yet *Nicæa* was the *Prime City*. This appears from the Legend of a Coin mentioned by *Vaillant*, ΝΕΙΚΑΙΕΙΣ ΠΡΩΤΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΛΕΞΕΙΑΣ.

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i. e. *The Nicæans, the Prime of the Province.* However, the *Nicomeditans* afterwards, contested this Privilege with them, and the Affair came to a Hearing before the *Roman* Senate, when the *Metropolitans* seem to have carried their Point; since from this Time they claim the Primacy on their Coins, which the others have omitted. This is apparent from the following Reverse of one of *DOMITIAN's*, which says, ΝΚΟΜΗΔΙΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΩΤΗ ΒΕΙΘΥΝΙΑC: i. e. *Nicomedia, the Metropolis and Prime of Bithynia.* Cities entitled to this were wont to receive a tributary Acknowledgment (Vide *Vaillant*, Numism. Imperat. p. 256) from the rest. They were honoured with the Courts of Justice and the Right of Appeal. Thence were *Prætors* appointed for the other Cities and Towns, and they had the Charge of the public Sacrifices and Games made in Honour of the deified Emperors. PL. XIII. 13.

A third Privilege was that of being accounted sacred, or *IÆRA*. Such as *Elæa* is said to have been by *Polybius*, lib. 4; *Exempt from all Danger, nor subjected to War*: a very precious Privilege indeed! Such were *Byblus* of *Phænicia*, *Nicopolis* founded by *AUGUSTUS*, *Nyssa Cythopolis* of *Caria*, &c.

A fourth was the Privilege of *Sanctuary*, which gave Occasion to these Remarks.

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A fifth was that of being ATTONOMOC, or governed by Laws of their own making, of which we have given Instances already.

A sixth, proper to maritime Cities only, was that of being appointed the NATAPXIC, *Navarchis*, or *Stationary Port for the Provincial Fleet*. Such were *Ægæ*, *Nicopolis*, and others.

A seventh was that of being EAETΘEPA, a free City. For there was a considerable deal of Difference, amongst the *Greeks*, between the Terms ATTONOMOC and EAETΘEPA, though the *Latins* included both Senses in the Word *Libera*. Those who were governed by their own Laws, were yet subject to Impositions and Taxes as well as the rest; but those who had been declared *free*, were exempt from Tribute of every Kind. Such were *Tarsus*, *Amisus*, and other Cities. But in one of *Vaillant's* Coins, struck at *Sebastæ*, in *Cilicia*, we have the following Titles, CEBAΣHΣ ACYΛH ATTONOMH NATapxιδoς EAETΘEPAC. So that here we have an Instance of a City *inviolable, governed by its own Laws, a naval Station*, and at the same Time *free*.

An eighth Privilege or Honour, claimed by Cities on the *Greek* Coins, was that of the *Neocory*. This was when such City was intrusted with the Care of some particular Temple, and the Games dependent

dependent thereon. Thus the *Ephesians*, on Account of their famous Temple, are stiled ΝΕΩΚΟΠΟΙ. A Multitude of Instances we have of this Reading; for, besides that the Number of the Heathen Gods was very great; when the Deification of the *Roman* Emperors became fashionable, the Subject Cities strove which should be the forwardest in petitioning for the Honour of erecting Temples to them. For this Permission could not otherwise be obtained than by a Decree of the Senate. Hence it is not uncommon upon Coins, to find the same Privilege granted twice, and even three Times, to the same People, as to the *Ephesians*, *Nicomedians*, and *Sardians* particularly.

Another Distinction, though not a Privilege, common in the Inscriptions of Greek Coins, was expressed by the Word ΟΜΟΝΟΙΑ, signifying the Consent, Concord, or Alliance of two Cities, sometimes at a great Distance from each other, cemented by mutual Interest. Thus we have ΟΜΟΝΟΙΑ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΩΝ ΣΜΥΡΝΑΙΩΝ, the Concord or Alliance of the two famous Empories of *Athens* and *Smyrna*. Sometimes it is represented by the Figures of the respective Cities, with an Altar between them; as of the Cities of *Amisus* and *Amastris* on one of the Coins of ANTONINUS PIUS; and sometimes by the Figures of the Deities who were principally worshipped in each Place, as of *Diana*

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TIBERIVS. and *Serapis* on one of the Coins of the Younger GORDIAN. These are well known to have been the favourite Deities of the two celebrated Marts of *Ephesus* and *Alexandria*, and their Concord is here expressed by a Term which seems to intimate a closer Connection than usual; for the Reading is KOINONIA ΕΦΕΣΙΩΝ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΩΝ: i. e. *The COMMUNITY of the Ephesians Alexandrians*, intending a Community of religious Worship.

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These Articles considered; besides the Epochs, Deities, and illustrious Persons of the respective Cities, which have been, and will be, occasionally spoken to as they occur, there remain only, I. The Magistracies and Dignities expressed upon the *Greek* Coins; and, II. Their Festivals and Games, to be taken Notice of, with their respective Rivers, and the Cities themselves.

I. If we take these in Alphabetical Order, the first that we meet with is the

ΑΓΩΝΟΘΗΤΗΣ, *Agonotheta*, i. e. He who appointed the Games, or exhibited the Prizes; which last was chosen from among the other Magistrates by Lot. He was distinguished by a particular Seat, a purple Robe, a Crown upon his Head, and a Wand or Sceptre in his Hand.

ΑΝΘΥΠΑΤΟΡ, *Proconsul*, sufficiently explained in the Course of this Work. The Names of these are only to be met with on the Coins of *Asia Minor*,  
*Achaia*,

*Achaia*, and the Island of *Cyprus*, as low down as TIBERIVS.  
the Reign of ANTONINUS PIUS.

APXIEPETC, *Archisacerdos*, or High-priest. Where this Title is mentioned, he who bore it was also at that Time the Prætor, or a principal Magistrate of the Place; the Power of striking Coins having been confined to the temporal Office or Authority.

APXΩN, *Archon*. Of these there were two, he of chief Regard being distinguished from the other by the numerical Letter A, as APX. A. *the first or principal Archon*. These Magistrates were annually elected in such Cities, whose Inhabitants were descended from Colonists of the *Athenians*, or had adopted their Laws. They were capable of being rechosen on the Expiration of their Office, and were then distinguished by the numerical Letters B. Γ. &c. for *secundum*, *tertio*, &c. as being the *second* or *third Time Archon*. These are common.

ACIAPXOC, *Asiarch*. This Officer was elected yearly from amongst the Priests, whose Names were sent in to the General Council of all *Asia* for that Purpose. He was the Superintendant or Moderator of the general Games at the Time of their Celebration. This too is noticed upon Coins as a Title of Honour; for particularly on two different ones struck in Honour of FAUSTINA the Younger, we have the Name of *Ælius Pollio*, both with and without the Title of *Asiarch*.



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ΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΕΥΣ, *Scribe* or Secretary of the Senate and People, who published all Laws, Statutes, and Decrees, of which he was the Guardian and Interpreter, and whose Name was first mentioned in all Ordinances. This Office was annual too, and if an Archon or Prætor died in his Year, the Name of the Scribe was usually stamped upon the Coin.

ΕΠΙΤΑΤΗΣ, the *Præfect* or President, as of a Temple or *Gymnasium*. In the Celebration of the public Games he was next in Dignity to the *Agonotheta*.

ΗΓΕΜΩΝ, *Præses*. So was the Legate or Lieutenant of the *Roman* Emperor stiled. This Title is found only upon the Coins which were struck in *Thrace*, (*Bixia* excepted) which was a *Cæsarean* or Imperial (not a Senatorian) Province.

ΘΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ, *Theologus*. These were Professors supposed to be especially versed in divine Things. But this Title is not mentioned upon Coins, unless the Bearer of it was also a principal Magistrate, as is before observed of the *High-priest*. The same may be said of the

ΙΕΡΕΥΣ, or *Priest*, and of the  
 ΝΕΩΚΟΡΟΣ *Neocorus*, who had the Care of the Temple or the Sacrifices.

ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙΣΤΗΣ, *Panegyrist*. He who spoke the Elogies of the Gods or Emperors on all public Occasions. This too was a Title which we find the principal

principal Magistrates fond of adding to their Names. TIBERIVS.

ΠΟΛΙΑΡΧΟΣ, *Urbis Præfectus*, or Governor of the City. This Officer too was annually chosen, and capable of being re-elected; for which Reason we cannot think it to have been a Title of Honour only. It was peculiar to the *Laodiceans of Phrygia*.

ΠΡΕΣΒΕΥΤΗΣ, *Legatus*, the Lieutenant of the Emperor. These had the Authority of Proconsuls, and the Command of the Legions.

ΣΟΦΙΣΤΗΣ, *Sophist*. These upon Coins are the Professors of Politics, as a Science, who being commissioned as Deputies or Ambassadors of the State, were honoured with the Name of Sophists.

ΣΤΕΦΑΝΗΦΟΡΟΣ, *Stephanephorus*, the Crown-Bearer, equivalent to the Title of High-priest: for he was chosen out of the sacerdotal Order, and was the Overseer and Director of the religious Rites. His Habit was a Robe of White and Purple, and, whereas every Priest wore a Crown during his Ministration, the *Stephanephorus* wore it always. On a Coin of TRAJANUS DECIUS, we have ΕΠ. ΑΥΡ. ΑΠΦΙΑΝΟΥ ΑΡΧ. Α. ΤΟ Β. ΣΤΕΦΑΝΗ. ΜΑΙΩΝΩΝ: i. e. *Under Aurelius Apphianus, principal Archon the second Time, the Stephanephorus of the Mæonians*. As the temporal Magistrate he struck the



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the Coin, and his spiritual Office is noticed by Way of Honour.

CTPATHOC, *Prætor*. So was the principal Magistrate stiled in many Cities. But this Name is hardly to be met with before the Time of DOMITIAN.

Besides the above, there are a few Readings upon the Greek Coins, mentioned by *Vaillant*, which are very uncommon: such as

AITHΣAMENΟΣ, *Postulans*; on a Coin in the French King's Cabinet, having on one Side the Heads of NERO and POPPÆA facing each other, and on the Reverse, a bearded Figure naked, in the Right Hand an Anchor, in the Left an *Hasta pura*, with this Legend, TI. ΒΑΣΣΙΑΔΟΥ ΕΦ. ΑΙΘΣΑΜΕΝΟΥ ΟΥΑΛΑΣΕΝΝΑ ΑΝΘΥΠΙΑΤΩ ΙΟΥΛΙΕΩΝ ΑΝΚΥΡΑΝΩΝ: i. e. *Tito Bassilao Ephesio Postulante Volosennæ Proconsuli Juliensium Ancyranorum*.

ΠΡΟΔΙΚΟΣ, *Curator*; found on three different Medallions; one of ANTONINUS PIUS, in the Cabinet of *Christina* Queen of Sweden, which represents the Rape of *Proserpine*, and runs KOINON IT. ΠΟΛΕΩΝ ΠΡΟΔΙ: ΟΝ. ΚΛ. ΦΡΟΝΤΩΝΟC ΑCΙΑΡΧΟΤ. ΚΑΙ ΑΡΧΙΕΡΕΩC ΙΦ. ΠΟΛΕΩΝ: i. e. *Commune tredecim urbium Curatore existente Claudio Frontone Asiarcha et Archisacerdote tredecim urbium*.

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The other two are in the Cabinet of his Most Christian Majesty, for whom they were purchased in *Asia* by my Author. The first of them has *Juno Pronuba* in a Temple of six Columns, the Reading of which differs not from that already spoken of, except in the Contraction of the Words. The last has the Figure of *Fortune* standing with an Helm and Cornucopiæ, and in the Legend the Word *Asiarch* is omitted.

ΣΤΥΝΑΡΧΙΑ, *Synarchia*. This we have on two Coins struck at *Antioch* in *Caria*; one with the Head of *LIVIA*, with ΑΤΤΑΛΟΥ ΣΤΥΝΑΡΧΙΑ, *The Synarchy of Attalus*; the other with a Victory, and ΜΥΩΝΟΣ ΣΤΥΝΑΡΧΙΑ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΕΩΝ, *The Synarchy of Myon, of the Antiochians*. This last is of the Emperor *CLAUDIUS*.

ΥΠΑΤΟΣ, *Consul*. A singular Title on a *Greek* Coin, and such as one would expect to proceed from the Neighbourhood of *Rome*. It was accordingly conferred by Way of Compliment on *AUGUSTUS* by the Inhabitants of *Plusia* in *Sicily*, who, to commemorate the Event, struck Coins with the plain Head of the Emperor, and the Inscription ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ ΠΛΟΥΣΙΑΣ ΥΠΑΤΟΣ, *CÆsar Augustus Consul of Plusia*.

ΕΞΟΥΣΙΑΝ ΕΧΩΝ ΥΠΑΤΟΡΑ, *Having Consular Power*. This is found upon a Medallion of *CARACALLA*,



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CALLA, in the Great Duke's Collection. The Emperor is represented in his military Habit, standing, holding a Patera over the Altar, and a military Ensign on each Side: the Inscription ΕΗΙ ΕΞΕΣΙΑΥ ΕΧΟΝΤΟΣ ΠΡΟΤΟΡΑ ΑΤΡΗΛΙΣ ΑΝΤΩΝΙΝΟΙΣ ΕΤΤΥΧΟΥΣ ΕΜΥΡΝΑΙΩΝ Γ. ΝΕΩΚΟΡΩΝ: *Under Aurelius Antoninus Eutyches having Consular Power, of the Smyrneans thrice Neocorians.* In like Manner we have upon a Coin of NERO, ΑΝΘΥΠΑΤΟΡΑ ΠΡΑΤΤΩΝΤΟΣ, *Holding the Proconsular Authority.* But a great Multitude of Greek Coins there are which mention only the Name of the Magistrate, and of the City or People; as, *Agrippa* of the *Nicopolitans*, *Artemas* of the *Apameans*, and the like; without expressing any Thing of the Magistracy or Dignity which he bore.

II. Let us proceed now to the Festivals and Games mentioned on *Greek* Coins. These are,

ΑΚΤΙΑ, *The Actian Games*, instituted in Honour of *Apollo*, who had an ancient Temple at *Actium* in *Epirus*, where *Augustus* obtained his naval Victory over *ANTONY*; after which, he built a new Temple to his supposed Protector, as well as the City of *Nicopolis*, to perpetuate his Success, and took Care to have these Games celebrated every five Years with unusual Magnificence. The Sports were of three Kinds, *Gymnic*, *Equestrian*, and  
Naval;

and the Reward, an Urn with a Palm-Branch in it. TIBERIVS.  
 They were not confined to the Place from which they took their Name, but were also in Use with other Cities, who were fond of the same Entertainments, or took them up at first in Flattery of AUGUSTUS, as *Ancyra*, *Thessalonica*, *Pergamus*, and *Perinthus*. But as *Pergamus* was no Sea-Port, the Inhabitants substituted a Musical Contest instead of the Naval; and, not content with the *Actian*, adopted also the *Olympian* Games. So the *Perinthians* likewise not only assumed to themselves these, but the *Pythian* too, as the *Nicæans* did the *Isthmian* and *Pythian*.

ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΕΙΑ, *Alexandrian Games*, instituted in Honour of *Alexander* the Great. Near *Clazomenæ* was a Grove consecrated to this Hero, where the Community of *Ionia* established these General Games, which seem to have been Gymnic and Musical. They were adopted by the Inhabitants of *Byzantium*, of *Odessus* in *Mæsia*, and *Philippopolis* in *Thrace*, &c. They are denoted on the Coins of the first by a Table, on which are two Urns; on those of the second by a single Urn and Palm-Branch; on those of the last by a Table, with an Urn upon it, containing four Apples, and beneath the Table a Vessel and Palm-Branch.

ΑΝΤΩΝΕΙΝΙΑΝΑ. These were instituted by the

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*Nicomedians* in Honour of ELAGABALUS, who took upon him the Name of ANTONINUS, and are denoted on their Coins by an Urn and two Palms: they were also in Practice with the *Byzantines*, and are represented by them in the same Manner, but sometimes with the Addition of a Vase underneath.

ΑΣΚΛΗΠΕΙΑ, *Asclepia*. Celebrated by the *Epidaurians* in Honour of *Æsculapius*. They were afterwards transferred to *Pergamus* and *Ancyra*, and are denoted by an Urn and Palm.

ΑΤΤΑΛΕΙΑ, *Attalea*. In Honour of *Attalus* King of *Pergamus*. Instituted by the *Aphrodisians* of *Lydia*, who are mentioned by *Tacitus*, Ann. l. iii. c. 62. That King had conferred many Favours upon them, and they in Gratitude made this Return to his Memory.

ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΕΙΑ, *Augustea*. In Honour of AUGUSTUS. Celebrated at *Pergamus*, at *Perga* in *Pamphilia*, *Nice*, &c.

ΓΟΡΔΙΑΝΕΙΑ, *Gordianeia*. Instituted by the *Aphrodisians* above spoken of, in Honour of the younger GORDIAN.

ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΑ, *Demetria*, in Honour of CERES, called by the *Greeks* ΔΗΜΗΤΗΡ.

ΕΠΙΝΙΚΙΑ, *Victricia*, commemorating some important Victory.

ΕΦΕΣΕΙΑ,

ΕΦΕΣΕΙΑ, *Ephesian Games*, in Honour of DIANA.

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ΗΛΙΑ, *Solar Games*, in Honour of APOLLO, or the Sun.

ΘΕΟΓΑΜΙΑ, *Theogamia*. Festivals whereon were celebrated the Nuptials of PLUTO and PROSERPINE, or, according to *Spanheim* from *Hesychius*, of JUPITER and JUNO.

ΙΣΘΜΙΑ, *Isthmia*. So called from the *Isthmus* of *Corinth*, where the Games were celebrated every three Years for nine Days together. They were dedicated to *Neptune* in Honour of *Melicerta*. The Contests were those of the Chariot-Race, of the *Pancratiun* or *Athletic* Kind, of Music and Poetry. These, however, were not confined to the *Isthmus*; since we observe them joined with the *Pythian*, and celebrated at *Ancyra* in *Galatia*, and at *Nice* in *Bithynia*, as appears upon the Coins of CARACALLA and VALERIAN.

ΚΑΒΕΙΡΙΑ, *Cabiria*. Festivals instituted in Honour of the Gods, called *Cabiri*.

ΚΑΙΣΑΡΕΑ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΑ, *Cæsarea Augusta*. Celebrated originally in Honour of AUGUSTUS. The Games are expressed upon the Coins by an Urn and Palm-Branch, as in the following, struck by the *Metropolitans*. Pl. XIII. 16.

ΚΑΠΕΤΩΛΙΑ, *Capitolina*. In Honour of *Jupiter Capitolinus*, to whose Honour were raised Temples

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and Festivals in most of the Provinces, in Flattery to the Imperial City.

KOINA ΑΣΙΑΣ, *Communia Asiæ*. The General Games of *Asia*, celebrated by Turns at *Smyrna*, *Ephesus*, *Pergamus*, *Sardis*, and *Philadelphia*, at the joint Expence of the whole Proconsular Province. The *Asiarch* presided, and the Victors were crowned with an oaken Garland.

KΟΜΟΔΕΙΑ, *Commodiana*. In Honour of the Emperor COMMODUS.

ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑ, *Olympic Games*, instituted by *Hercules* in Honour of *Jupiter*, and celebrated at *Olympia* in *Elis* every fifth Year, by the *Cæstus*, by Running, Leaping, Throwing, Wrestling. They continued for four Days anciently, but in the Time of NERO a fifth Day, with Musical and Theatrical Entertainments, was added. The Prize was an Olive Crown.

ΛΗΤΩΕΙΑ, *Latonia*, in Honour of *Latona*, the Mother of *Apollo* and *Diana*.

ΠΥΘΙΑ, *Pythian Games*, commemorating the Destruction of the Serpent *Python* by the Arrows of *Apollo*. They were celebrated every fifth Year, and were Poetical, Musical, Equestrian, and Scenic. The Wreath was of Laurel, as we see by the Branches of it in the Urn before us upon one of CARACALLA's Coins: but to this were added Apples from the Temple

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Temple of *Apollo*, and Vessels of Gold and Silver. TIBERIVS.  
 These Games are very frequently joined with others upon Coins. Thus we have the *Actia Pythia*, the *Isthmia Pythia*, the *Latonia Pythia*, the *Alexandria Pythia*, and the *Asclepia Soteria Isthmia Pythia*, &c.

ΣΕΒΑΣΜΙΑ, *Augustalia*. Instituted in Honour of AUGUSTUS, and probably in Imitation of those which himself appointed at *Actium*. These are also called ΑΥΓΟΥΡΤΕΙΑ and ΚΑΙΣΑΡΕΑ ΣΕΒΑΚΤΑ, already taken Notice of.

ΣΕΥΗΡΙΑ, *Severiana*. In Honour of the Emperor SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS.

ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΕΙΑ, *Philadelphia*. Games ascribed chiefly by the *Perinthians*, *Niceans*, and *Sardians* to the Honour of the two Brothers CARACALLA and GETA. This was done in the Life-time of, and in Compliment to, their Father the old Emperor *Septimius Severus*, and to excite a brotherly Affection in the Breasts of the two young *Cæsars*; but very ineffectually.

ΧΡΥΣΑΝΘΕΙΝΑ, *Chrysanthina*, so called because the Victors were honoured with Crowns composed of Flowers of Gold. They were Quinquennial, like the *Pythian*, commencing with the Return of every fifth Year, and were peculiar to the *Sardians*.

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Next, the Representation of Rivers upon the Greek Coins is very frequent. Some of those, which are not named, have been already in the Course of this Work taken Notice of, as will more hereafter. At present our Concern is with those only whose Names are expressed upon the Coins.

BIAAAIOC, *Billæus*, a River of *Bithynia*, represented under the Figure of a beardless Youth, as being not navigable for Vessels of any Size, on a Coin of ANTONINUS PIUS. The *Sardo*, a Rivulet of the same Country, flowing into the former, is represented by the Figure of a Woman on the same Coin.

EPMOC, *Hermus*, flowing near the Cities of *Saïttus*, *Sardes*, and *Temnus*, in the lesser *Asia*, represented also as a beardless Youth, for the Reason given above.

ICTPOC, the *Ister* or *Danube*. Figured as a large bearded Man decumbent, leaning his Right Hand upon an Urn placed on Mountains, and holding a Reed in his Left.

KAΠPOC, the River *Caper*, rising in the Confines of *Phrygia*, and losing itself in the *Lycus*. It is therefore, like the *Sardo*, a female Figure reclined, while the *Lycus*, into which it flows, is figured as a beardless Youth.

KAYCTPOC, the *Câyster*, springing in *Phrygia*, and flowing through *Lydia*, at last discharges itself  
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into the *Ionian* Sea. Being not navigable, it is represented as a beardless Youth, holding a Reed in his right Hand, and leaning his left upon an Urn.

ΚΕΝΧΠΙΟC, the *Cenchrius*, flowing into the *Cayster*, is figured as a Woman.

ΚΕΤΙΟC. The *Cetius*, a River of *Myfia*, discharging itself into the *Selinus*, is represented in the same Manner.

ΚΥΔΝΟC. The *Cydnus* of *Cilicia*, a beardless Man resting upon his Urn.

ΛΥΚΟC. The *Lycus* of *Phrygia*, already spoken of, which, after having received the *Caper*, at last empties itself into the *Mæander*. They are both, therefore, represented as beardless Youths.

ΜΑΙΑΝΔΡΟC. The *Mæander* of *Phrygia* receives the River *Marfyas*; after which, the united Stream is swoln with the *Orga* and the *Obryma*. We find them all four upon a Coin of GORDIANUS PIUS; the two first represented as beardless Youths, and the two latter as Nymphs.

ΜΑΡΚΙΑC. The *Marfyas* is just spoken of.

ΜΕΑΗC. The *Meles*, a River of *Ionis*, before its Entrance into the Sea, washes the Walls of *Smyrna* to the North-east. It is of great Note for the Birth of the immortal *Homer*, thence called *Melissigenes*, who is said to have composed his Poems in



TIBERIUS in a Grotto, near the Head of it. The Reader may see it figured in a Coin of the Empress SABINA.

ΠΑΡΘΕΝΙΟC, *Parthenius*, a River of *Paphlagonia*, running through the City of *Amastris*, and entering the Sea between that and *Tios*. A beardless Youth.

ΠΗΝΑΙΟC, *Penæus*, a River of *Æolis*, figured as a bearded Man decumbent, holding his right Hand above his Head, having in his left a Cornucopiæ, and resting it on his Urn.

ΠΥΡΑΜΟC, the *Pyramus*, flowing through *Cilicia*, and disemboguing itself into the Sea of *Cyprus*. It is represented as a bearded Man decumbent, as usual; in his right Hand a Reed, and in his left a Cornucopiæ, resting it upon his Urn.

ΡΟΔΙΟC, *Rodius* of the *Dardanians*, is figured as a beardless Youth. In his right Hand he has the Helm of a Boat, his left leaning upon an Urn.

ΡΥΝΔΑΚΟC, *Rhyndacus* of the *Apollonians*, taking its Rise from the Lake *Artynia*, near *Miletopolis*, in *Phrygia*, receives in its Course the *Macestus*, and several other Rivers, and enters the *Propontis*, between the City of *Cyzicus* and the River *Ascanius*. It is depicted as a bearded Man decumbent, touching a Boat with his right Hand, and leaning his left upon an Urn.

ΚΑΓΑΡΙC,

ΚΑΓΑΡΙΚ, *Sagaris* of the *Nicæans*, discharges itself into the *Euxine*, or *Black Sea*. It is depicted as a bearded Man, holding a Plant in the right Hand, and a Reed in the left; at his Feet a Boat.

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ΚΑΡΔΩ, *Sardo*. Of this Rivulet proper Notice has been taken already under the Article ΒΙΛΛΑΙΟΚ.

ΚΕΛΕΙΝΟΚ, *Selinus*, a River of *Mysia*, which ran through the City of *Pergamus*. It took its Name from the Plenty of *Parsley* growing on its Banks, the Herb being called by the *Greeks Selinus*. It is represented as a beardless Man decumbent, a Reed in his right Hand; his left, which touches a Boat, leaning upon an Urn. Thus it appears upon the Coins of ÆLIUS CÆSAR, but on those of M. AURELIUS he holds a Plant of *Parsley* in his right Hand, and a *Cornucopiæ* in his left; the River *Cetius* being represented on the same Coin, under the Figure of a Woman.

ΚΚΑΜΑΝΔΡΟΚ, the *Scamander*, anciently the *Xanthus*, rising at the Foot of Mount *Ida*, and crossing the *Trojan* Plain, enters the Sea at the *Sigea* Promontory. He is decumbent and bearded, with his right Hand applied to the Prow of a Boat; his left, which holds a *Cornucopiæ*, leaning upon an Urn.

ΚΚΟΠΑΣ, *Scopas*, a River of *Bithynia*, in the

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TIBERIVS. Confines of *Phrygia*. It washes the Walls of *Juliopolis*, and afterwards flows into the *Sagaris*. It is therefore described as a Female Figure decumbent, holding in the right Hand Ears of Corn and Poppies, while the left holds a Reed, and leans upon an Urn, placed at the Foot of a Mountain.

ΥΛΛΟC, *Hyllus*, a River of *Lydia*, flowing into the *Hermus*, already spoken of. Hence we see it as a Female Figure decumbent, holding a Cornucopiæ in the left Hand, and leaning upon an Urn.

It remains only that we make Mention of the Cities themselves, which are distinguished upon Coins by different Names, which were assumed in Honour of the Emperors, as

Pl. XIII. 19, 20. ΑΓΧΙΑΛΗ, *Anchiale*, in *Thrace*, took the Name of ΟΥΛΠΙΑ, *Ulpia*, in Honour of ULPIUS TRAJAN, its Benefactor, and the Inhabitants that of *Ulpiani*, as appears upon the following Coins struck by them to GORDIANUS PIUS and TRANQUILLINA. The first of these Reverses has a *Serapis*, whose Face, and that of the Emperor adverse, we find on several of this GORDIAN's Greek Coins; which indicates the great Plenty of Provision which actually abounded in his Reign. The second has the Figure of a Woman in the Stola, or Long Robe, standing, the *Hasta pura* in her left Hand, and a *Patera* in her right.



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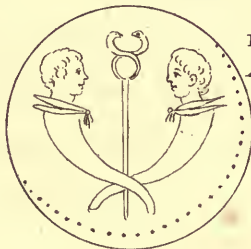
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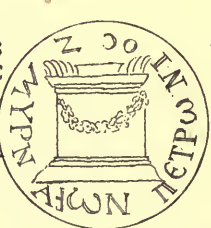


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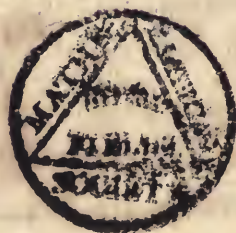


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ΑΔΑΝΑ, *Adana* in *Cilicia*, whose Inhabitants in like Manner took the Name of *Hadriani*, in Compliment to the Emperor HADRIAN, as we see on the Coins of DIADUMENIANUS, TREBONIANUS, GALLUS, and VALERIAN, where the Reading is ΑΔΡΙΑΝΩΝ ΑΔΑΝΕΩΝ. TIBERIVS.

ΑΙΓΑΙ, *Ægæ*, a City also of *Cilicia*; and scarce any City in the *Roman* Empire has taken so many additional Names at different Times. On a Coin of ANTONINUS PIUS we find ΑΔΡΙΑΝΩΝ ΑΙΓΕΑΙΩΝ; on one of COMMODUS, ΚΟΜΟΔΙΑΝΩΝ ΑΔΡΙΑΝΩΝ ΑΙΓΕΑΙΩΝ; on one of ANTONINUS CARACALLA, ΑΔΡΙΑΝΩΝ ΚΕΥΗΡΙΑΝΩΝ ΑΝΤΩΝΕΙΝΙΑΝΩΝ ΑΙΓΕΙΑΩΝ; on one of MACRINUS, Μάρκος ΕΥΓΕΝΕΣ ΠΑΝΗΓΕΡΙΣ Θεων ΜΑΚΡΕΙΝΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΙΓΕΑΙΩΝ; on one of ALEXANDER SEVERUS ΑΔΡΙΑΝΩΝ ΑΙΓΑΙΩΝ, and within a Wreath ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ; on another, ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΙΓΕΩΝ ΑΔΡΙΑΝΩΝ. *Patin*, in his *Imperatorum Numismata*, has given us another Coin of ALEXANDER SEVERUS, but so much injured by Time that he does not venture to explain the Reverse. But this is done by *Vaillant*, p. 162. It is therefore laid before the curious with the true Legend. The laureate Head of the Emperor bears the Title ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ Μάρκος ΑΥΡΕΛΙΟΣ ΚΕΥΗΡΟΣ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ CΕΒασος, *Imperator Cæsar Marcus Aurelius Severus Alexander Augustus*. The Reverse has

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has the galeated Head of *Pallas*, with the Legend  $\text{C}\epsilon\text{Y}\eta\epsilon\iota\alpha\omega\upsilon\omega\text{v}\ \text{A}\Delta\epsilon\iota\alpha\omega\upsilon\omega\text{v}\ \text{A}\text{I}\Gamma\epsilon\omega\text{N}\ \text{A}\Lambda\epsilon\Xi\text{A}\text{N}\Delta\text{P}\text{O}\text{Y}\ \text{Π}\text{Ο}\lambda\iota\varsigma$ ; in the Area ZOC, i. e. *Severianorum Hadrianorum Ægæensium Alexandropolis*; Anno 277. For this was the Year of their Æra, in which they gave to their City the Name of *Alexandropolis*; which Æra commenced in the 707th Year of *Rome*.

AMACIA, in *Pontus*, in a Coin of *COMMODUS*  $\text{A}\Delta\text{P}\text{I}\text{A}\text{N}\text{A}\ \text{A}\text{M}\text{A}\text{C}\text{I}\text{A}$ ; on one of *SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS*  $\text{A}\Delta\epsilon\iota\alpha\alpha\ \text{C}\epsilon\text{Y}\eta\epsilon\iota\alpha\alpha\ \text{A}\text{N}\text{Τ}\omega\text{N}\epsilon\iota\text{ν}\iota\alpha\alpha\ \text{A}\text{M}\text{A}\text{C}\text{I}\text{A}$ ; also on others of *JULIA DOMNA*, *CARACALLA*, and *GETA*; and on one of *ALEXANDER SEVERUS*  $\text{A}\Delta\epsilon\iota\alpha\alpha\ \text{C}\epsilon\text{Y}\eta\epsilon\iota\alpha\alpha\ \text{A}\Lambda\epsilon\Xi\alpha\text{ν}\delta\epsilon\iota\alpha\alpha\ \text{A}\text{M}\text{A}\text{C}\text{I}\text{A}$ .

ANKTPA, *Ancyra* in *Galatia*. On a Coin of *CARACALLA* we read  $\text{A}\text{N}\text{Τ}\omega\text{N}\epsilon\iota\text{ν}\iota\alpha\text{N}\text{H}\text{C}\ \text{A}\text{N}\text{K}\text{Y}\text{P}\text{A}\text{C}$ , in Honour of that Emperor.

BEIΘYNION, in *Bithynia*. This was the Birth-Place of *ANTINOUS*, the Catamite of *Hadrian*. We are not therefore much to wonder that we find upon his Coins, as well as on those of *M. AURELIUS, COMMODUS, SEPTIMIUS*, and *ALEXANDER SEVERUS*,  $\text{B}\epsilon\iota\theta\gamma\text{N}\iota\epsilon\omega\text{N}\ \text{A}\Delta\text{P}\text{I}\text{A}\text{N}\omega\text{N}$ .

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BOCTPA, in *Arabia*, is represented by a Camel on the Coins of *COMMODUS*, with the Legend  $\text{N}\epsilon\gamma\text{ρ}\text{ο}\text{υ}\iota\alpha\text{ν}\ \text{Τ}\text{Ρ}\alpha\iota\alpha\text{ν}\ \text{B}\text{O}\text{C}\text{Τ}\text{Ρ}\text{A}$ , in Honour of *NERVA TRAJAN*.

ΓΑΔΑΡΑ, *Gadara*, a City of *Syria*, stiled *Pompeiana*,

*peiana*, in Gratitude to POMPEY the Great, from whom they derived their Immunity. Hence we see on a Coin of L. VERUS, ΠΟ ΓΑΔΑΡΕΩΝ; and on another of GORDIANUS PIUS, ΠΟΜΠΕΙΑΝΩΝ ΓΑΔΑΡΕΩΝ.

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ΓΟΡΔΟC, in *Lydia*, assumed the Name of ΙΟΥΛΙΑ or *Julia*, on Account of Benefits received from JULIUS CÆSAR; whence upon Coins of M. AURELIUS, CARACALLA, ELAGABALUS, and ALEXANDER SEVERUS, we read ΙΟΥΛΙΕΩΝ ΓΟΡΔΗΝΩΝ.

ΕCΒΟΥC, *Ebus* in *Arabia*, stiled on a Coin of CARACALLA, ΑΥΡΗΛΙΑ ΕCΒΟΥC, in Honour of that Emperor.

ΚΡΗΤΙΑ, *Cretia* in *Bitynia*. On a Coin of JULIA DOMNA, impressed with the Figure of FORTUNE, the Legend is ΚΡΗΤΙΕΩΝ ΦΛΑΟΥΙΟΠΟΛΙΤΩΝ. This City was therefore probably called *Flaviopolis*, in Honour of FLAVIUS VESPASIAN.

ΚΥΡΗΝΗ, *Cyrene* in *Africa*, is omitted by *Vaillant*. This City, the Province having formerly been governed by VESPASIAN, in Honour of him took also the Name of *Flavia*, as appears by a Coin of TITUS, whereon it is represented as a Woman whose Head is covered with the Skin and Proboscis of the Elephant, with the Legend ΦΛΑΥΙΑ ΚΥΡΗΝΗ.

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ΚΥΖΙΚΟC, *Cyzicus*, stiled on the Coins of CARACALLA, ΑΝΤΩΝΕΪΝΙΑ ΚΥΖΙΚΟC, in Compliment to the Emperor.

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ΛΑΟΔΙΚΕΙΑ, *Laodicea* in *Syria*, called *Julia* from *Julius Cæsar*, as has been sufficiently remarked already, and *Severiana* from SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS.

ΛΕΥΚΑΚ in *Syria*, called ΚΛΑΥΔΙΑ, in Honour of the Emperor CLAUDIUS, on a Coin of TRAJAN.

ΜΟΨΟΥΕΚΤΙΑ, *Mopsuestia*, a City of *Cilicia*, to whose Inhabitants the Name of ΑΔΡΙΑΝΩΝ ΜΟΥΕΑΤΩΝ is given on Coins of ANTONINUS PIUS, SEVERUS, and MACRINUS.

NEΑΠΟΛΙΣ, *Neapolis*, a City of *Palestine*, denominated *Flavia*, in Honour of VESPASIAN and his Family. On the Coins of TITUS we see in a Wreath ΦΛΑΟΥΙΩΝ ΝΕΑΠΟΛΙΤΩΝ ΣΑΜΑΡΕΙΑΣ, with the Epoch of the Place: the same on those of DOMITIAN. On one of M. AURELIUS we read Φλαβίας ΝΕΑΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΠΑΛΑΙΣΤΙΝΗΣ; but on others of the same Emperor, as well as on those of the younger *Faustina*, it is ΤΥΡΙΑΣ ΠΑΛΑΙΣΤΙΝΗΣ.

ΝΙΚΟΠΟΛΙΣ, *Nicopolis* in *Thrace*, on the Banks of the River *Mæstus*, called *Ulpia*, in Honour of ULPUS TRAJAN. Thus on one of CARACALLA's Coins it is ΟΥΛΠΙΑΣ ΝΙΚΟΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΠΡΟΣ ΜΕΚΤΩ.

ΠΑΥΤΑΛΙΑ, *Pautalia*, another City of *Thrace*, bearing the same Name, and for the same Reason, upon many Coins of M. AURELIUS, FAUSTINA the Younger, COMMODUS, SEPT. SEVERUS, JUL. DOMNA, CARACALLA, and GETA; some few of which are here presented

presented to the curious Reader. The two first are  
 Reverse of FAUSTINA the Younger: on one is the  
*Dea Salus*, or Divinity of Health: on the other,  
*Minerva* seated, with her proper Attributes, the  
 Helmet, Spear, Shield, and the Owl: the Legend  
 of both is the same, ΟΥΛΠΙΑC ΠΑΥΤΑΛΙΑC. *Patin*  
 observes, that this City is called *Pantalia* by *Pro-*  
*copius*, contrary to the Reading of all the Coins,  
 whose Testimony is irrefragable. The next is a  
 Reverse of her Son COMMODUS, with the same  
 Reading: the Figure is that of *Hercules*, in Com-  
 pliment to the Emperor, who assumed that Name,  
 and this Figure is entirely the same with that of  
 the *Farnesian Hercules*, as it is now called. The  
 fourth is of SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, having an Eagle  
 standing on a Globe, with a Wreath of Laurel in  
 his Beak, by which Emblem the Emperor is com-  
 plimented with the Dominion of the Universe.

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Pl. XIV. 8.

ΠΕΤΡΑ, *Petra*, a strong City in *Arabia*, took  
 the Name of *Adriana Petra* in Honour of the Em-  
 peror *Hadrian*. For we find on a Reverse of one  
 of that Emperor's Coins, mentioned by *Vaillant*,  
 in the Cabinet of his Most Christian Majesty,  
 ΑΔΡΙΑΝΗ ΠΕΤΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙC, *Hadriana Petra*  
*Metropolis*. The City is represented by a Woman  
 seated upon a Rock, holding a Patera in her right  
 Hand, and bearing a Trophy on her left Shoulder.

Pl. XIV. 9, 10.

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One of the same Sort we have in *Patin*, but somewhat obliterated. The last-mentioned Author could never have mistaken this for one of the *Hadrianoples*, if he had but compared this with another of his own Coins, the Legend of which is uninjured by Time, and bears the same Impression, except that the Figure of this last is turritated.

CAMOCATA, *Samosate* of *Comagene*, near the *Euphrates*, assumed the Name of *Flavia* in Honour of the Emperors of that Family, as appears from Pl. XIV. 11. the following Legend in a civic Wreath, on the Reverse of one of HADRIAN'S Coins. ΦΛΑΒΙΑΣ CAMOσατης ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΕΩΣ ΚΟΜαγηνης. One of ANTONINUS PIUS, bearing the same Name, has been already given.

Pl. XIV. 12. CEPΔΙΚΗ, *Serdiche* or *Serdica*, a City of *Thrace*, denominated *Ulpia* in Honour of TRAJAN. The Reverse of one of CARACALLA'S Coins exhibits *Ceres* in her Car drawn by Serpents, with ΟΥΛΠΙΑC CEPΔΙΚΗC.

TAOTION, *Tavium*, a City of *Galatia*, whose Inhabitants assumed the Name of *Severiani*, in Compliment to SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS.

TAPCOC, *Tarsus*, the Metropolis of *Cilicia*, has at different Times taken several Denominations, being on the Coins of ANTONINUS PIUS and M. AURELIUS called ΑΔΡΙΑΝΗ *Hadriana*; on those of  
COMMODUS,

COMMODOUS, KOMOΔΙΑNH, *Comodiana*, yet retaining the former *Hadriana*; on those of SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, CETHPIANH, *Severiana*, with the same Addition; on those of CARACALLA and PLAUTILLA, ANTΩNEINIANH, *Antoniniana*, still keeping the *Severiana*, and on one of the former particularly it is stiled *Hadriana Severiana Antoninoupolis*; on those of MACRINUS, MAKPEINIANH, *Macriniana*, still retaining the other two; on those of ALEXANDER SEVERUS, AΛEΞANΔPIANH, *Alexandriana*, with the former Additions; and on one of VALERIAN, *Hadriana Severiana Antoniniana*.

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TIBEPIAC, *Tiberias*, a City of *Palestine*, on some Coins of TRAJAN and HADRIAN is called ΚΛΑΥΔΙΑ, *Claudia*, a Name given to it by *Agrippa*, King of the *Jews*, in Honour of the Emperor CLAUDIUS.

ΤΟΠΕΙΡΟC, *Topirus*, a City of *Thrace*, on the Coins of JULIA DOMNA, CARACALLA, and GETA, is named *Ulpia*, in Honour of TRAJAN.

ΦΙΛΑΔΕΛΦΙΑ, *Philadelphia*, a City of *Lydia*, is on the Coins of GORDIANUS PIUS and PHILIP called ΦΛΑΟΥΙΑ, *Flavia*, which Name it had assumed in Honour of VESPASIAN and his Family.

ΧΑΛΚΙC, *Chalcis*, in *Syria*, appears on the Coins of TRAJAN, HADRIAN, VERUS, and COMMODOUS, to have taken the same Denomination for the same Reason.



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Thus much seemed necessary to be inserted in this Place, for the Elucidation of the *Greek* Coins of the *Roman* Emperors, for which we are chiefly indebted to the indefatigable Pains and Diligence of *Vaillant*. We now resume the Thread of our Historical Narration.

This Year, which was that of the City DCCLXXV, DRUSUS, the Son of GERMANICUS, took *the manly Gown*, on which Occasion the same Honours were conferred upon him which had been decreed before to his Brother NERO; that he should be admitted into the Number of the (*Vigintiviri*) principal Magistrates, and have the Privilege of standing for the Quæstorship five Years sooner than the Laws allowed. The Memory of these young Princes, who soon after perished miserably, is preserved on a Medal, whereon they are represented on Horseback, struck afterwards by their Brother CAIUS.

Pl. XIV. 13, 14.

For some Time past L. ÆLIUS SEJANUS had been the great Favourite and Minister of TIBERIUS. His Father was only of Equestrian Rank, but his Mother was nobly descended. In Disposition and Manners he much resembled the Emperor himself. This was one Ground of his powerful Interest with him. He had strong Endowments both of Body and Mind, which he perverted to the basest Ends; shewed much Ease, Facility, and Address in the Dispatch.

Dispatch of Business; and is celebrated, by his Friend and Flatterer (*Velleius*) for many Virtues, particularly his Moderation and Humility. But these were only put on for a Time, being the Cloak under which he veiled his Debauchery and unmeasurable Ambition. He had been joined with his Father in the Command of the Prætorian Guards, but, the latter being invested with the Government of *Egypt*, he now discharged that Commission alone. That he might have these Troops entirely subservient to his Views, he had suggested to the Emperor the Expediency of having them encamped in a Body, at Hand for the Suppression of Tumults and other sudden Exigencies, rather than dispersed, as they had been hitherto, in the neighbouring Towns. This Point being carried, by constituting such Officers as he could confide in, and by the most generous and winning Behaviour to the common Soldiers, he rendered them entirely his own. His Statue of Brass had been set up by the Emperor in the Theatre of POMPEY. The obsequious Multitude took the Hint. Statues were raised to him in every Part of the City, by all who had Dependence or Expectations at Court. All Places of Honour and Profit were filled up by his Creatures, and the Senators themselves wholly at his Devotion. Thus supported, he aimed at



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nothing less than the Imperial Authority, at which he was determined to arrive by the Death of all that were capable of obstructing his Way. His Practice was to enter into Intrigues with the Wives of the most eminent Persons, from whom he learned the Secrets and Dispositions of their several Husbands: and as DRUSUS, the Emperor's own Son, who made frequent Complaints of his Insolence and Tyranny, was the prime great Obstacle in his Way, he had been for some Time past engaged in an adulterous Commerce with his Wife LIVILLA, in order to promote his Destruction by her Means. He now pretended an extraordinary Passion for her, promised to marry her on the Death of her Husband, and raise her forthwith to the Imperial Dignity, and, to gain Belief to his Protestations, instantly divorced his own Wife *Apicata*. Having thus far prevailed, *Eudemus* her Physician was let into the Secret, who, by their Orders, prepared a slow Poison. This was administered by the Eunuch *Lygdus*, the Freedman of DRUSUS. The Prince languished for a while and died, and his Death was considered as the natural Consequence of his Debaucheries and Intemperance. The Circumstances of this dark Affair were laid open eight Years after, when SEJANUS suffered. The Emperor shewed little Concern on this Occasion; insomuch that,

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that, when the Deputies of *Ilium* or *Troy* came (somewhat of the latest indeed) to offer their Compliments of Condolance, he humorously made Answer, "I also condole with you on the Loss of "so excellent a Citizen as *Hector*." The same Honours, which had been paid to GERMANICUS, were decreed to the Deceased, and the Images of the *Julian* and *Claudian* Families exhibited in the Pomp: He left behind him two Children, born at a Birth, who are represented upon ancient Coins as springing from a Junction of two Cornucopiæ, the Emblem of Fertility, with a Caduceus between them: on the other Side is DRVSVS CAESAR Tiberii AVGusti Filius DIVI AVGusti Nepos PONTifex TRIBunitia POTestate II. The Area is filled up with S. C. One of these died the next Year. The other, who bore the Name of TIBERIUS, we shall hear further of hereafter. NERO and DRUSUS, the two eldest Sons of GERMANICUS, were now recommended by the Emperor to the Protection of the Senate. This Year the Scenic Players, who had created Disturbances in the City, were banished *Italy*. Extraordinary Encouragements were now given to Informers: in Consequence of which, the Accusations and Condemnations of great Men fill up a large Part of the Annals of *Tacitus* for the ensuing Year. For

PL. XIV. 15.

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TIBERIUS. to be accused and condemned was much the same Thing. Amongst others, we have a strange Instance of a Father (*Vibius Serenus*) dragged in Chains, and with all the Bitterness of Malice charged with Treason by his own Son.

TIBERIUS having reigned ten Years, his *Decennalia* were celebrated with the usual Shows and Entertainments: but as he had not accepted of the Empire for any limited Time, as had AUGUSTUS, he held all Mention of a Prolongation to be needless.

*Caius Silanus*, and after him *Lucilius Capito*, Procurator of *Asia*, having been given up to Punishment by the Emperor, for Extortion and Oppression, the several Cities of *Asia*, by common Consent, decreed a Temple to him, his Mother, and the Senate.

The Honour of possessing the destined Temple was contested by Eleven of the principal Cities, and at last decided by the Senate in Favour of *Smyrna*.

*Valerius Neso* had the Charge of superintending the Work, but died or was removed before it was finished, as there is Room to conjecture. For the

Pl. XIV. 16. following Medal appears to have been struck by the *Smyrnæans* on that Occasion, having on one Side two female Bustos, representing JULIA and the SENATE, with CEBACTH. CYNKAHTOC. CMTYPNAION. HPONTMOT: i. e. *Augusta Senatus Smyrnæorum*

Pl. XIV. 17. *Heronymo præfecto*. On the other Side is the Tem-

ple

ple itself, with the Statue of the Emperor, and TIBERIVS.  
 CEBACTΩ TIBEPIΩ EIII ΠETPQNIOY: i. e. *Au-* Pl. XIV. 18.  
*gusto Tiberio sub Petronio.* We find a Temple of the  
 same Sort dedicated to JULIA and AUGUSTUS, under  
 the Direction of the same *Petronius*, by the *Perga-*  
*menians*; as we do the Name of the same *Smyrnaean*  
 Præfect around an Altar inscribed to TIBERIUS AU-  
 GUSTUS.

When Application had been made to the Em-  
 peror, JULIA, and the Senate, for Leave to build  
 this Temple, and Permission granted accordingly,  
 young NERO returned the public Thanks to them  
 in a graceful Oration, which gained him the great  
 Good-will of his Audience, to whom the Memory  
 of his Father was very dear. But the public Fa-  
 vour soon became fatal both to him and his Brother  
 DRUSUS. For when the Pontifs, and the rest of the  
 Priests by their Example, preferred their Vows for  
 the Prosperity of the Emperor, they took upon  
 them to recommend NERO and DRUSUS also to the  
 Protection of the same Gods. At this TIBERIUS  
 took Offence, complaining that the young Men  
 were made equal to himself. He reproved the  
 Pontifs, and enquired narrowly whether they had  
 not done it at the Instigation of AGRIPPINA. *Sejanus*  
 caught at the Occasion. He said, the City was  
 rent into Factions, as in a Civil War; that AGRIP-

PINA



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PINA was at the Head of a Party which daily gathered Strength, and might prove dangerous, if one or two of them were not taken off in Time. These Insinuations proved fatal to *C. Silius*, who had performed great Services in *Germany*, and had been the fast Friend of the late *GERMANICUS*. He was therefore charged with Mal-Practices in the Province. For in a corrupt Court, Pretences are never wanting, and the Guilt of the Accused is less considered than the Disposition of the Prince. To avoid a public Execution, he dispatched himself; and his Wife, who was in high Favour with *AGRIPPINA*, was sent into Banishment. These Proceedings exposed the young Princes and their Mother to the Malice or Avarice of every Accuser, and paved the Way to their intended Ruin.

An End was at length put to the War in *Numidia*, by the Defeat and Death of *Tacfarinas*, with his principal Adherents.

Amongst the many who perished by the Law of Majesty in the following Year, the Case of the Historian *Cremutius Cordus* was singular. His Crime was, that in his Annals he had commended *M. Brutus*, and called *C. Cassius* the last of the *Romans*. Sure of suffering, and determined therefore to put an End to his own Life, he made a very noble Defence before the Senate, and afterwards

wards retired to his own House, where, by abstaining from all Manner of Food, he soon finished his Course. His Books were publicly burned by the Ædiles in the City, and by the principal Magistrates in other Places. But many Copies were concealed by his Daughter and others, which were afterwards dispersed, and read with the more Avidity. This is all that bad Princes get by suppressing the Works of ingenious Men: they proclaim their own Dishonour, and enlarge the Reputation of the Authors.

The Inhabitants of *Cyzicus*, a City in the *Propontis*, lying close to the Coast of *Asia*, had by their Fidelity to the *Romans*, in the *Mithridatic* War, well deserved to be called a free City. But this Privilege they were now deprived of, it being alleged against them that they had imprisoned some *Roman* Citizens, and had not finished their Temple to the deified AUGUSTUS.

*Claudia Pulchra*, a near Relation of AGRIPPINA, was accused by *Cn. Domitius Afer*, a Person of Prætorian Rank, and no mean Orator, of Adultery with one *Furnius*, and of using the Arts of Sorcery and Magic against the Life of the Emperor. *Claudia* and *Furnius* were condemned of Course, and the Accuser cried up as a Master of Eloquence. From this Æra we may date the Persecution of the Family



TIBERIUS, of GERMANICUS. This Affair produced a Sort of Altercation between the Emperor and AGRIPPINA, a Lady of high Spirit, and which could not turn out otherwise than to her Disadvantage. "If," says he, "you are not suffered to command, presently you look upon yourself to be injured." Some Time after, when he paid her a Visit in her Illness, after pouring out a Flood of Tears, she entreated that he would have Pity on her solitary Condition, and dispose of her in Marriage to some worthy Person, who might be able to protect her and her Children. But the crafty Emperor, knowing of what Consequence the Request was, left her without vouchsafing an Answer. *Sejanus* managed her with more Art. By his Emiffaries he persuaded her, that Poison was provided for her, and that she would do well to be cautious at the Emperor's Table. This Bait succeeded: she behaved demurely there, but ate nothing. This was observed by TIBERIUS, who had probably been informed that she harboured such Thoughts of him. He took Occasion to commend some Apples that were before him, and gave them into her Hands. This increased her Suspicion. She received and delivered them untasted to her Slaves in waiting; when the Emperor, turning towards his Mother, said, "Can any Usage of this Woman be deemed severe in  
" me,

“ me, whom she indirectly charges with a Design TIBERIUS.  
 “ of poisoning her?” The Rumour immediately  
 flew abroad, that her Destruction was intended.

All this while *Sejanus* was not unmindful of himself. *LIVILLA*, whom *Tacitus* calls *LIVIA*, the Widow of *DRUSUS*, insisted on the Performance of his Promise to her. He therefore applied himself by Letter to *TIBERIUS*: for this was the received Custom, though they saw one another daily. He acknowledged his infinite Obligations to *AUGUSTUS* and *TIBERIUS*; that “ his Hopes and Wishes had  
 “ been equally directed to them as to the Gods  
 “ themselves; that he had never preferred the  
 “ Splendor of Honours, but had chosen rather to  
 “ watch and labour for the Safety of the Em-  
 “ peror; that what was most honourable, he had  
 “ already obtained, the being judged worthy of an  
 “ Alliance with *CÆSAR* ;” (his Daughter being betrothed to *DRUSUS*, the Son of *CLAUDIUS*) “ this  
 “ had laid the Foundation of his Hope: that  
 “ *AUGUSTUS*, in the Disposal of his Daughter,  
 “ had even entertained favourable Thoughts of  
 “ some Equestrians: if in like Manner an Husband  
 “ should be thought of for *LIVILLA*, that he  
 “ would be pleased to remember his Friend, whose  
 “ Happiness would be complete with the sole  
 “ Glory of such an Alliance; that he did not



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“ mean by this to exempt himself from any La-  
“ bours in the public Service, but wished for it  
“ for the Sake of his Children only, and as a Se-  
“ curity to them against the implacable Resent-  
“ ments of AGRIPPINA: for himself, he should  
“ think that he had lived long enough, should he  
“ finish his Course with so gracious a Prince.”

The Emperor answered darkly, that “ he should  
“ give this Matter a more careful Consideration  
“ hereafter: much Regard was to be had to the  
“ Opinion of the Public; he would not tell him,  
“ therefore, that LIVILLA could determine for her-  
“ self, or that she had a Mother and a Grandmo-  
“ ther, whom she ought to consult, but would be  
“ more open with him, and let him know, that  
“ the Resentments of AGRIPPINA would flame out  
“ the more fiercely should such an Event take  
“ Place, which would divide and distract the Im-  
“ perial House; that in such a Case it would not  
“ be possible for him to continue in the same  
“ Station; that he would not however declare  
“ himself positively for or against the Proposal:  
“ only this he assured him of, that his Virtues and  
“ Affection deserved every Thing at his Hands,  
“ and that in proper Time he would make known  
“ how dear he was to him, either to the Senate or  
“ to the People.” This doubtful Answer per-  
plexed

plexed and filled him with Apprehensions. After much Deliberation, he resolved to persuade the Emperor to leave *Rome*. With this View he was continually extolling the Pleasures of Retirement: what exquisite Happiness he might promise to himself by being freed from the Fatigues of Ceremony, from an irksome Attendance upon the Senate, and from the Hurry and Tumult of Business, by a Retreat not exposed to the Designs of Faction, or of Treason, and in which only sincere Delight was to be tasted! These Speeches sunk deep into the Mind of the old Emperor, who was desirous enough of pursuing his Debaucheries in private, and without Restraint. *Sejanus* knew well that, could he bring this to bear, all Access to the Emperor, and even the Effect of his Letters, of which he could secure the Perusal, would depend upon himself; that all Business would go through his own Hands, and that he should thereby possess, not the empty Shew, but the Reality of Power. And an Accident happened at this Time which very much forwarded his Scheme. One *Votienus Montanus*, celebrated for his fine Parts and Ingenuity, was accused of having uttered reproachful Speeches against the Emperor. *Æmilius*, a blunt Soldier, was the Witness. In the Ardour of Accusation, openly and with a strong Voice he repeated



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Meantime Things were not entirely easy in the Provinces. In the hither *Spain*, *Calpurnius Piso*, the Proprætor, had by his intolerable Exactions incurred the Hatred of the Barbarians, and perished by Assassination. In *Thrace*, the People flew to Arms against the Proconsul *Poppæus Sabinus*. *Rhæmetalces*, who reigned over a Part of that Country, marched to his Assistance; as did *Pomponius Labeo* with a *Roman* Legion from *Mæsia*: by whose joint Efforts they were reduced, though not without considerable Loss. This *Rhæmetalces* was the Uncle and Guardian of the Children of *Cotys*, and had heretofore been very assistant to the *Romans* in the Time of *AUGUSTUS*, and between him and that Emperor a mutual Intercourse of Civilities had passed: in Confirmation of which, there are

some Coins in the Cabinets of the Curious, which bear the Head of AUGUSTUS on one Side, with KAΙΣΑΡΟΣ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΥ; and on the other, that of RHÆMETALCES; and on some of them that of his Queen joined, with ΠΟΙΜΗΤΑΑΚΟΥ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ, *Rhæmetalcis Regis*.

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TIBERIUS now resolved in earnest to leave *Rome*. To this he had other Motives, besides those already mentioned. He did not care that his Figure should any longer be made the Jest of the Multitude. His Legs were long and lank, and he stooped with Age: his Head was bald, and his Face deformed with Boils, and generally besmeared with Unguents. Nor could he bear his Mother's interfering, as she did, with Affairs of State, and yet knew not how to hinder it: for to her he was indebted for the Empire itself. He therefore set out with a small Train for *Campania*, under the Pretence of dedicating a Temple to *Jupiter* at *Capua*, and another to AUGUSTUS at *Nola*, nor did he ever return to the City. Some Time after, as he was regaling himself and his Company in a Grotto near *Terracina*, an Accident happened which endeared *Sejanus* to him more than ever. For in the Midst of the Entertainment, the Mouth of the Grotto fell in, and crushed several of the Guests and Attendants. In this Article of Danger, *Sejanus* (for all



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all the rest had fled for their Lives) spread himself over his Master, and, sustaining himself upon his Hands and Knees, received upon his Back the falling Stones, and secured him from all Injury. In this Posture he was found by the Soldiers who came to their Assistance. After this Proof of his Fidelity and Firmness, no Doubt was made of the Disinterestedness of *Sejanus*, who was now considered as only anxious for the Honour and Safety of the Emperor; while the Favourite made use of this Confidence for the Promotion of all his evil Designs.

From *Campania*, TIBERIUS removed to the Island of *Caprææ* near *Naples*. He made Choice of this Place, not for the Salubrity of its Air, the Mildness of its Situation, and the enchanting Beauty of its Prospects, for these were only concurring Circumstances; but chiefly for its Security. For it was encompassed with high Rocks and a deep Sea, with few Landing-Places; so that it was scarce possible for any one to approach it without being observed by those who were constantly on the Watch. Here he devoted himself for ten Years together to the most abandoned Lewdness, neglecting the Affairs of the Provinces to such a Degree, that there were few Changes of military Tribunes, Commanders, and Governors, for several Years;  
of

of which the Enemies of the State did not fail to make their Advantage. The *Parthian* possessed himself of *Armenia*, the *Dacians* and *Sarmatians* of *Mæsia*, the *Germans* overran and plundered *Gaul*, and the *Trifians* revolted, to the great Dishonour and no less Danger of the Empire. But TIBERIUS, having found a secure Place for the uncontroled Exercise of his Debaucheries, and at a Distance from the Eyes of the Citizens, cared for none of these Things, but, giving the Rein to his Licentiousness, plunged himself wholly in those abominable Vices which hitherto he had craftily concealed. Whosoever has a Taste for such Reading, may see the full Detail of his Enormities in his Biographer *Suetonius*. In this Place those Coins were struck which are denominated *Spintriæ*; a Name given to the Contrivers of the monstrous Lewdnesses which were here practised; and from these the loose Figures of *Aretin* were copied. Each of them represents some lascivious Feat, the Reverses bearing only the Number of the Coins. Mr. *Addison* says in his Travels, that he has seen as high as XX. The highest Number in the *Pembrokian* Collection is XV. VITELLIUS, afterwards Emperor, was one of these Companions, and had in Consequence the ridiculous Title of *Spintria*. It is derived from ( $\Sigma\pi\upsilon\delta\eta$ ) a Greek Word, signifying a fiery Spark;



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for these were properly the Incentives of Lust, and were intended as such.

This Recess was followed by two very dreadful Calamities. For at *Fidenæ* the public Amphitheatre fell down, and killed or maimed fifty thousand Spectators assembled therein. And all the Buildings on Mount *Cælius* at *Rome* were destroyed by Fire. But the Sufferers by the last found a Remedy, their Damage being entirely made good by the Emperor, who on certain Occasions gave Instances of a princely Generosity. This Quarter, being re-edified, received the Name of Mount *Augustus*, in Honour of the Emperor's Munificence. His Return to the City being urgently demanded by the People, he condescended to pass over to the Continent, where all who desired it were admitted to his Presence, and received with much Grace and Affability. But he quickly resumed his Intention, and retired again to his beloved Island. At this Time *Pontius Pilatus* was invested with the Government of *Judæa*, in which he continued near ten Years; under whose Government CHRIST, the Author of our Religion, suffered, according to the Testimony of *Tacitus*. *Annal. l. xv.*

The next Year, when *Ap. Junius Silanus*, and *P. Silius Nerva*, entered upon the Consulate, was ushered in with the Death of *Titius Sabinus*, an old

and



and firm Friend of GERMANICUS, whom *Sejanus* had long had his Eye upon. He had been betrayed into some heedless Expressions by his pretended Friend *Latianus*, who had concealed some Persons to be Witneses of what should pass. The Discovery being made, to the great Satisfaction of *Sejanus*, he was instantly hurried to Prison, crying out as he went, that thus began the Year, and such were the Victims offered to *Sejanus*. Thence he was dragged to the public Place of Execution, and his Body thrown into the *Tiber*. The Fidelity of his Dog is worthy to be recorded, who attended him to Prison, could not be forced from him at the Instant of his Death, and leaped after the dead Body of his Master into the River, where he voluntarily perished. This Year JULIA, the Granddaughter of AUGUSTUS, died at *Rhegium*, the Place of her Exile, whither she had been removed from *Pandataria*. And the younger AGRIPPINA, the Daughter of GERMANICUS, was given in Marriage to CN. DOMITIUS, a Man of detestable Character, to whom she bore NERO, who was afterwards Emperor.

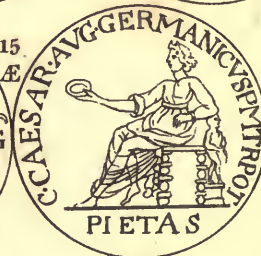
Under the two *Gemini*, who succeeded to the Consulate, died JULIA AUGUSTA, the Widow of AUGUSTUS, and the Mother of TIBERIUS, at the Age of Eighty-six Years. The Emperor neither visited her in her Illness, nor attended her Obsequies,



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quies, nor suffered any extraordinary Honours to be paid to her; particularly prohibiting any Consecration. But the Senate took upon them to order a full Year's Mourning, and decreed a magnificent Arch to her Memory. But this last TIBERIUS rendered ineffectual, by declaring that he would take upon himself the Building and Expence, though he intended nothing less. Her Remains were deposited in the Mausoleum of AUGUSTUS, with the usual Pomp. In Pride and Stateliness she is said to have exceeded all her Sex. Ambition and the Aggrandisement of her own Family was her great Failing; for the Furtherance of which she was suspected by some to have been concerned in the Death of MARCELLUS, of the two Cæsars CAIUS and LUCIUS, of AUGUSTUS himself, and AGRIPPA POSTHUMUS. Her Joy at the Death of GERMANICUS was immoderate, and so was her Hatred of the elder JULIA. Yet she had several good Qualities. By her Power she saved many eminent Persons from Destruction, took Care of the Education of their Children, and largely assisted in the Disposal of their Daughters in Marriage. When a Number of naked Men once met her in the Way, and for that Offence were ordered to be put to Death, she saved their Lives, saying, that, with respect to modest Women, they were but so many Statues. When asked by what Means she had acquired









quired the entire Management of AUGUSTUS, she answered, "By her own Modesty, by readily executing all his Commands, by never enquiring into his Secrets, and by being blind to his Amours." In the last indeed she is even said to have assisted. Many more Honours had been conferred upon her both living and dead, but for the Jealousy of her Son. The *Carpentum* drawn by Mules was decreed to her by the Senate, as we find by the Medal before us, whereon the Vehicle itself is represented, and over it S. P. Q. R. IVLIAE AVGVST. By the Figures remaining of her, she seems to have been of a mild engaging Countenance, as may appear by those already given, and by two others, which have great Likeness, though struck in the Provinces, the one at *Turiaso*, a City in the Hither *Spain*, famous for its Iron Works, and is the Reverse of a Medal of AUGUSTUS; the other at *Edeffa*, in *Mesopotamia*, being the Reverse of one of TIBERIUS, with ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗ ΕΔΕΣΣΑΙΩΝ, *Augusta Edessaorum*.

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Pl. XV. 2.

The Death of JULIA AVGVSTA raised the Spirits of TIBERIUS and *Sejanus*. Her Authority had been some Restraint upon their Proceedings, but now they gave a Loose to their intemperate Cruelty. Letters were immediately dispatched to the Senate against AGRIPPINA and NERO. The first was charged with



TIBERIUS. with Arrogance and Stubbornness, the last with unnatural Lust and Debauchery. The Senators were struck with Terror and Amazement, and the Populace furrounded the House, crying out, that the Letters were forged, and the Emperor knew nothing of them; so that no Resolution was taken for the present. But they were soon quickened by a Message from *Sejanus*, charging them with Contempt of the Imperial Authority, and little less than open Rebellion. An Edict was also published against the Contumacy of the People. The Prince and his Mother were presently found guilty. The first was banished to the Island of *Pontia*, where he soon died of Want, or put an End to his own Life. The latter was confined to the little Isle of *Pandataria*. Her second Son *DRUSUS* was soon after imprisoned in the Palace, where, at the End of four Years, he was unmercifully starved to Death, and *AGRIPPINA* perished about the same Time by a voluntary Abstinence.

*Sejanus* wanted now but one Step more to arrive at the Summit of Power. A Decree passed for the public Celebration of his Birth-day. His Statues were without Number. Public Sacrifices were daily offered before them; nay (to shew to what a Depth of Degeneracy human Nature will descend, when left to follow its own Imaginations) he offered Sa-

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crifice to himself. Deputies were commissioned to him separately, as to TIBERIUS, from the Senate, from the Equestrian Order, and from the Tribunes and Ediles. Vows and Supplications were offered for both conjointly, and Oaths were solemnly made by the Fortune of both. This at length excited the Jealousy of the old Emperor. Such Power was incompatible with the Safety of both; and his Suspicions were heightened by some Discoveries artfully conveyed to him from ANTONIA, the Widow of the elder DRUSUS. His whole Conduct on this Occasion was a Masterpiece of Diffimulation. He declared himself Consul for the ensuing Year, and appointed *Sejanus* for his Colleague. By this he removed him from his Presence, and gained Leisure for the Execution of his Scheme. He parted with him in the most friendly Manner, and, in his Letters to the Senate, dwelled largely on his Praises, styling him the Partner of his Cares. A Decree passed, prolonging the Consulate of both for five Years. The most illustrious Citizens thronged to his Levee, and happy was the Man that could attract his Notice. Even his Freedmen and Slaves were courted by Persons of Rank and Figure. Those to whom he expressed the least Dislike, were accused, imprisoned, and executed daily. Thus Matters went on smoothly with him till the Ides of

May,



TIBERIUS. *May*, when the Emperor and himself abdicated, and *C. Memmius Regulus* and *Fulcinus Trio* were substituted to the Fasces, in their room. Then *TIBERIUS* began by Degrees to vary his Language. Sometimes he wrote favourably concerning him; at other Times blamed him. This rendered the Senators doubtful and wavering, and filled *Sejanus* himself with Anxiety. What added to it was, that *GALIGULA* began to be carested. He was first made Augur, and then Pontif of *AUGUSTUS*, and seemed intended for the Succession. This took wonderfully with the People, who were greatly devoted to the Family of *GERMANICUS*. Finding that these Proceedings had the desired Effect, and that the Credit of *Sejanus* began to sink, he judged it Time to strike the meditated Blow. *Macro* alone was made privy to his Intentions. He put into his Hands a Commission constituting him Captain of the Prætorian Guards, and gave him a long Letter to the Senate, with the Purport of which he made him previously acquainted, adding the most punctilious Directions for his whole Behaviour. This Officer entered *Rome* by Night, and imparted the necessary Instructions to *Regulus*: for *Fulcinus*, the other Consul, was known to be the Creature of *Sejanus*. The Senate was convened in the Morning, and *Macro* whispered *Sejanus*, as he entered, that he brought

brought Letters from the Emperor, directing the Senate to advance him to the Tribunitial Power. He then left him, and ordered by his Commission such of the Prætorian Guards, as had attended *Sejanus* thither, to repair to the Camp, whither himself also presently went to prevent Disturbances. This done, the Commander of the *Vigiles* or City Guards invested the Place with his Men. The Emperor's Letters were now recited by *Regulus*. After some Complaints concerning *Sejanus*, which were slightly passed over and intermingled with Business, they were directed to put to Death two Persons named therein, who had shared his Counsels. Here his Confidence forsook him: but when it was heard that they had Orders also to secure his Person, his Friends did so too: insomuch that he, who had the same Morning been courted and flattered by them with the Assiduity of Slaves, was by the unanimous Consent of the Senate voted to Prison with all the Bitterness of Taunt and Reproach. In the Afternoon of the same Day they assembled again, and condemned him to Death; and the Sentence was instantly put in Execution. The Body of the unhappy Criminal was dragged about the Streets for three Days by the enraged Populace, and then thrown into the *Tiber*. His guiltless Children were soon condemned to the same Fate,



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and so severe an Inquisition passed upon all his Friends and Acquaintance, that scarce any of them escaped the general Slaughter. His Name was erased from the *Fasti*, and his Cars, Statues, and Images of every Kind, were broken to Pieces or melted down. Such is ever the Fate of unsuccessful Ambition. Whence the Satyrift on this Occasion:

*Quosdam præcipitat subiecta potentia magnæ  
Invidiæ, mergit longa atque insignis honorum  
Pagina, descendunt statuæ restemque sequuntur.  
Ipsas deinde rotas bigarum impacta securis  
Cædit, et immeritis franguntur crura caballis.  
Jam stridunt ignes, jam follibus atque caminis  
Ardet adoratum populo caput, et crepat ingens  
Sejanus: deinde ex facie toto orbe secunda  
Fiunt urceoli, pelves, sartago, patellæ.  
Pone domi lauros, duc in Capitolia magnum  
Cretatumque bovem: SEJANUS ducitur unco  
Spectandus. Gaudent omnes.—Quæ labra, quis illi  
Vultus erat? nunquam, si quid mihi credis, amavi  
Hunc hominem.—Sed quo cecidit sub crimine? quisnam  
Delator? quibus indicibus, quo teste probavit?  
Nil horum; verbosa et grandis Epistola venit  
A Capreis.—Bene habet, nil plus interrogo: sed quid  
Turba Remi?—Sequitur fortunam, ut semper, et odit  
Damnatos.—Idem populus, si Nurtia Tusco  
Favisset, si oppressa foret secunda senectus  
Principis, hac ipsa Sejanum diceret hora  
Augustum.—*

JUVENAL, Sat. 10.

Many, thrown headlong from the Height of State,  
Have felt the sad Effects of envious Hate,  
In Honours drown'd; the Halter, dire Disgrace!  
Drags the gay Statue tumbling from its Base.

Down

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Down with his Cars!—then crash goes ev'ry Spoke,  
 And the poor harmless Horses' Legs are broke :  
 The Head, but now ador'd, the Furnace maims,  
 And great SEJANUS crackles in the Flames ;  
 New-fashion'd from his other Face divine,  
 Bright from the Forge, Pots, Pans, and Platters shine :  
 Let Laurel-Branches round your Doors appear,  
 Lead to the Capitol a milk-white Steer,  
 SEJANUS by the Hook is dragg'd along,  
 A joyous Prospect for the madding Throng!—  
 What were his Features? tell me, if you can,  
 For, trust me, Sir, I never lov'd the Man.  
 What was his Crime? and who th' Informer, pray?  
 What Witnesses on that important Day?—  
 None of all this, Sir; but from *Caprea's* Shore  
 A swinging Letter came—Enough; no more :  
 But how behav'd the Crowd?—As e'er it will,  
 It follows Fortune, and is ready still  
 To curse the Man condemn'd; yet had *his* Pow'r  
 But crush'd TIBERIUS in that critic Hour,  
 Then surely had the same unthinking Crowd  
 Hail'd him AUGUSTUS with a Throat as loud.

Amidst this ruinous Abolition of every thing relating to *Sejanus*, it is wonderful that any Coin, bearing his Name, should have escaped the common Wreck. But one we have, which still records his Consulship, having on one Side the laureate Head of TIBERIUS, with the Inscription TI. CAESAR DIVI AVGVSTI F. AVGVSTVS. The Reverse gives us the Name of the Place, which was *Augusta Bil-*  
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*bilis*, now *Calataud*, in the Kingdom of *Arragon*, where the Coin was struck, together with the Names of the Consuls; and in the Center COS, inclosed in a Wreath of Laurel: *Municipium* AVGVSTA BILBILIS Tiberio CAESARE V. Lucio ÆLIO SEIANO.

*Apicata*, the divorced Wife of *Sejanus*, seeing her innocent Children thus barbarously sacrificed, broke out into the most horrible Execrations against the Authors of her Calamities; and then, in the Bitterness of her Spirit, and to give the Tyrant, if not void of Sensibility, some Feeling of her own Misery, wrote to him a very circumstantial Account of the several Parts, which *Sejanus*, *LIVILLA*, *Eudemus*, and *Lygdus* had acted in the Murder of his own Son *DRUSUS*. This done, she put an End to her own Life. The Perusal of this Information wrought up *TIBERIUS* to a Pitch of diabolical Fury. *Eudemus* was seized, and, being examined by the Torture, confirmed the Evidence of *Apicata*; on which themselves, and all with whom they had any Concern, suffered with exquisite Torment. *LIVILLA* was starved to Death, her own Mother *ANTONIA* deprecating all Mercy on her Behalf. Such dreadful Cruelties were exercised upon all the supposed Friends and Well-wishers of the Sufferers, that immediate

mediate Death was in some Instances considered as a singular Favour, was petitioned for, and refused, as such.

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At the Commencement of the new Year, the Senate swore Man by Man to the Acts of TIBERIUS. This was unusual; but it was done to wipe off all Suspicion of Disaffection. And in that which followed, fifteen Prætors were appointed; and the extraordinary Number of these Magistrates continued for many Years, rising sometimes to sixteen, and at others being one or two more or fewer. Notwithstanding the shocking Slaughter made of the Kindred and Friends of *Sejanus*, according to the concurrent Testimony of Historians, we find one of the same Name now discharging the Office of Prætor, who, in the Sports and Entertainments which he gave, had the Whole performed by Persons whose Crowns were close-shaven, in Derision of the Emperor's Baldness; and the Spectators were lighted Home from the Theatre by five thousand bald Youths, planted ready for that Purpose. This was at the Exhibition of the *Floralia*, a Festival which held four Days, from the twenty-seventh of *April* to the first of *May*, in Honour of the Goddess *Flora*. These were Spectacles of much Licentiousness and Lewdness; which Consideration heightened, and in some Sort applied the Satire. They were first exhibited



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hibited by *C. Servilius*, who was Master of the Horse to *Manlius Torquatus*, in the Year of the City DXLV, according to his Denarius, which has on one Side two Gladiators, and underneath C. SERVEILIVS C. F.; and on the other the Figure of the gay Goddess, crowned with Flowers, and FLORALIA PRIMVS. The Emperor, with all his Cruelty, judged it necessary to dissemble his Knowledge of this Affront.

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Amongst the many private Citizens who miserably perished, was *Tigranes*, who had been King of *Armenia*, and was the Grandson of two crowned Heads. *Herod* King of *Judea*, and *Archelaus* of *Cappadocia*, were accused, condemned, and executed like private Persons, and his Kinsman *Agrippa* confined in Prison. The remaining four Years of this Reign were a continued Scene of Blood, which it is painful to wade through. But the Case of *Sextus Marius* is particular. He was one of the richest Men in *Rome*, and had a Daughter of most exquisite Beauty. These fair Gifts of Fortune and of Nature proved his Ruin. He had equal Reason to fear the Avarice and unbridled Lust of the Emperor. Therefore, to secure the Honour of his House in the first Place, he removed his Daughter to a safe Retreat. An Accusation was therefore set on Foot against him, upon a Charge of Incest, and he was thrown headlong from the *Tarpeian* Rock. His Effects were confiscated

confiscated to the Public; but TIBERIUS seized them for his own Use. Some Medals were now struck in Honour of the deified AUGUSTUS, having two Figures of *Capricorn* upon a Globe, which support a Civic Crown, encircling OB CIVES SERVATOS, and inscribed DIVO. AVGVSTO. S. P. Q. R. On the Reverse, Tiberius CAESAR DIVI AVGVSTI Filius AVGVSTus Pontifex <sup>maximus</sup> POTestate XXXVII; and in the Centre S. C.

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At this Time JULIA and DRUSILLA, two of the Daughters of GERMANICUS, were given in Marriage, the former to *M. Vinucius*, and the latter to *L. Cassius*. And their Brother, C. CALIGULA, took to Wife JUNIA CLAUDIA, or CLAUDILLA, as she is called by *Suetonius*, the Daughter of *M. Silanus*, a Senator of the first Rank. In the East a young Man, pretending to be *Drusus*, the Son of GERMANICUS, and beginning to draw Followers to him, was seized, and sent to TIBERIUS. An Inundation of the *Tiber*, and a Fire which broke out on Mount *Aventine*, and destroyed all the Buildings in that Quarter of the City, created much Confusion: but the Sufferers were indemnified by the Emperor, as in a former Case of the same Nature. He had twice, since he left it, returned to the Neighbourhood of the City with Design to enter it, and as suddenly retired again; frightened away the last Time by his own Superstition.



TIBERIUS. tion. For a Serpent-Dragon, which he was fond of, and used to feed with his own Hands, being consumed to the Bones by Emmets, he listened immediately to the Advice of those who warned him to "beware of the Multitude." At *Astura* he found himself indisposed, yet went on, endeavouring by all possible Means to conceal his Indisposition from all his Attendants. With this View he assisted at the public Sports at *Circeii*, and thence proceeded to the Villa which had heretofore belonged to *Lucullus*. There was with him an eminent Physician, named *Charicles*, not attending as such, but whose Advice, in civil Affairs, he made use of. This Man, in taking Leave of him, as required by Business, grasped his Hand and Wrist in such Manner as to feel the Pulsation of the Artery. TIBERIUS perceived it, and to convince him that he was well, ordered the Entertainment to be renewed, as in Honour of his departing Friend, and stayed at it longer than usual. But *Charicles* declared to *Macro*, that it was over with him, for that he could not last above two Days longer. On the seventeenth of the Calends of *April* he fainted, and was believed to be dead. On this CAIUS went out, and was presently surrounded by congratulating Friends. But in the Midst of their triumphant Joy, Word was brought that he was come to himself,

self, and called for some Refreshment. Instantly all dispersed, having Dread and Despair painted in their Countenances. But *Macro*, still intrepid, ordered a Weight of Cloaths to be laid upon the Bed, and the Room to be cleared. Thus stifled, he expired in the seventy-eighth Year of his Age. But *Dio* adds to this Account of *Tacitus*, that he was first denied all Nourishment by the Command of *CAIUS*, and afterwards stifled; that *Macro* was particularly assistant in this Affair, who had for some Time devoted himself to *CAIUS*, and even drawn him into an Intrigue with his own Wife *Ennia Thrasylla*.

*TIBERIUS* reigned twenty-two Years seven Months and seven Days from the Death of *AUGUSTUS*. His Character differs greatly in the different Stages of his Life. While he was a private Person, or commanded under *AUGUSTUS*, he was not without a considerable Share of Reputation. While *GERMANICUS* and *DRUSUS* were in being, he played the Hypocrite with much Art, pretending to Virtues which he was an utter Stranger to. Afterwards, to the Death of his Mother, he seems to have discovered in his Composition a pretty equal Mixture of Good and Evil. During the Time that *Sejanus* was the Object of his Love or Hatred, his Tyranny was most detestable; but he took some Care to cover



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his Debaucheries. But on his Removal also, bidding adieu to Fear and Shame, he gave himself up entirely to an insatiate Avarice, an Excess of Cruelty, and the most abandoned Lust. He left by Will **TIBERIUS GEMINUS**, his own Grandson by **DRUSUS**; and **CAIUS CALIGULA**, his Grandson by the Adoption of **GERMANICUS**; his Coheirs.

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CAIUS CÆSAR GERMANICUS,  
furnamed CALIGULA.

**C**AIUS CÆSAR GERMANICUS, commonly called CALIGULA, attended the Body of TIBERIUS to *Rome*, and performed his Obsequies, speaking the funeral Oration himself with great Magnificence. He then produced the last Will of the Deceased before the Senate, which was immediately declared void, and himself saluted Emperor, with the joyful Acclamations of all Ranks and Orders of Men, who expected every Thing great and good from the Son of GERMANICUS, whose Memory was held in the highest Estimation: and the Beginning of his Reign gave Countenance to their warmest Hopes.

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- CALIGVLA. He readily paid to the People and the Soldiery, the Legacies left to them by JULIA AUGUSTA and his Predecessor, heightened with large Donations from himself. This procured him the Reputation of being liberal. His Adlocution to the Prætorian Cohorts on this Occasion is celebrated on the Reverse of one of his Coins, where four Standard-Bearers appear with their Commander at their Head, and the Emperor on his Suggestum, risen from his Seat, and in a speaking Attitude, with ADLOCVTIO COHortium. All the Titles, with which AUGUSTUS had been honoured; he received in one Day, deferring, for a Time only, that of *Father of his Country*. His Piety towards his deceased Father, Mother, and Brothers, and his Grandmother ANTONIA, was very commendable. On several of his Coins we find the Head of the first, particularly on the Medal of Gold referred to, with the Title GERMANICVS CAESAR *Pater Caii CAESaris AVGusti GERManici*; on the other Side, the laureate Head of the Emperor, with C. CAES. AVG. GERM. *Pontifex Maximus* TR. POT. His Denarius agrees with this exactly. The same Honours were paid to him in the Colonies; but in the Coins struck there the curious Reader will observe both Heads to be laureated. His other Denarius, in Honour of his Mother AGRIPPINA, represents her
- Pl. XV. 6.
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- Pl. XV. 10.

her hollow-eyed and emaciated, as if intended to describe her tragical End. One of his first Cares, after his Accession, was to fetch in Person the Remains of his Mother, and his Brother NERO, from *Pandataria*, which he conveyed to *Rome* with great Reverence and Regard, and placed in the Mausoleum of AUGUSTUS. His Grandmother ANTONIA he honoured with the Titles of AUGUSTA, and Priestess of the deified AUGUSTUS, and with all the Privileges which LIVIA or JULIA had before enjoyed. On her Denarius we see her Head crowned with a Wreath of Ears of Corn, with the Title ANTONIA AVGVSTA; and on the Reverse two Torches, with SACERDOS DIVI AVGVSTI. We have also a Medal of Gold, whereon her Head is honoured with the same Inscription, and decorated with the same symbolical Crown, bearing on the Reverse a female Figure, representing CONSTANCY or Firmness, holding in the left Hand a Cornucopiæ, and in the right a Spear, crowned with a burning Torch, and around it CONSTANTIAE AVGVSTI. His pretended Affection to his Sisters was equally remarkable. These were AGRIPPINA, DRUSILLA, and JULIA, the last being called also LIVIA and LIVILLA. On them he conferred the Honours and Privileges of the Vestals, and Seats next himself at the Equestrian Games; and ordered that

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Pl. XV. 12.



CALIGVLA. that the Vows, made annually by the Magistrates and Pontifs for the Prosperity of himself and the Republic, and the Oath taken to him, should respect *them* also. We have accordingly the Figures of these Ladies on one of his Coins of the first Magnitude, distinguished by their Names, though appearing under the Characters of CONSTANCY, CONCORD, and FORTUNE, as then known by their peculiar Attributes. The first leans upon the *standing Column*, the second holds out the *Patera*, and the third the *Helm* of Government, and each of them has her Cornucopiæ: underneath S. C. Full of Moderation, he professed to burn in public all the Papers relating to the Prosecution of his Mother and Brothers, with a Protestation that he had not read them; forbid any Statues to be erected to him; declared that he would only share the Empire with the Senate, and act entirely by their Advice, whose Son and Pupil he acknowledged himself to be. His Speech was so gracious, that the Senate decreed a Repetition of it yearly for his Honour, and as much for their own Security. He was then in his five-and-twentieth Year. He released all Prisoners of State, discouraged Informers, and quashed at once all treasonable Prosecutions, which the City was full of. And to this we judge the Medal, struck by Order of the Senate and People,

ple, to be owing, which bears his laureate Head, with C. CAESAR AVG. GERMANICVS PON. M. TR. POT.: the Reverse has a civic Crown, inclosing S. P. Q. R. *Patri Patriæ* OB CIVES SERVATOS. To the Magistrates he allowed a free Jurisdiction without Appeal; recalled the Exiles, and revoked the Edict of TIBERIUS against prohibited Books.

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Pl. XV. 14.

With great Applause therefore he entered on his first Consulate in *July*, having his Uncle CLAUDIUS for his Colleague, and held the Fasces a little more than two Months. Now, habited in the Robe of Triumph, with great Pomp he dedicated the Temple of AUGUSTUS, the Youth of both Sexes, and the noblest Families, singing an Hymn in the Procession. His triumphal Car was drawn by six Horses. On this Occasion he treated the Senators, their Ladies, and the People, exhibiting Concerts of Music, Horse-racing, Encounters with wild Beasts from *Africa*, and the *Trojan* Exercise. The Medal struck for this Celebration has on one Side a PIETY seated, and extending her Arm, which holds the *Patera*. There is a small Statue behind her. In the Exergue, PIETAS. The Inscription is C. CAESAR AVG. GERMANICVS P. M. TR. POT. On the other Side is represented the Temple itself, with the proper Sacrifice of a Steer, the Priest and Ministers.

Pl. XV. 15.



CALIGVLA. nisters attending. In the Area, DIVO AVG. S. C. The Reader will observe a Difference between this Temple of CAIUS and the other, which we have already given, of TIBERIUS. This was struck when the Temple was entirely finished and consecrated, and probably after it had received several Alterations and Improvements upon the original Plan; but that shews it in the Form which himself had given, or intended to give it. This Medal however, from the Want of the COS. must have been struck in Readiness, before he took Possession of the Fasces. Another, which seems to have been struck with an Eye to the same Occasion afterwards, bears his Head plain, with this Addition to the Title, C. CAESAR AVG. GERM. P. M. TR. POT. COS. On the Reverse is the Effigies of TIBERIUS, wearing a radiated Crown between two Stars.

Pl. XV. 16.

Great Complaints having been made of *Pontius Pilate*, for his Cruelties to the *Samaritans* and *Jews*, he had been sent to Rome by *L. Vitellius*, Governor of *Syria*; and *Marcellus* was this Year commissioned to succeed him.

*Agrippa*, the Grandson of *Herod*, had been set at Liberty by CAIUS, and was now gratified with the Territory which his Uncle *Philip* had enjoyed, together with the regal Title, to which he afterwards added the Tetrarchy of *Herod*. He restored

*Antiochus*

*Antiochus* to his paternal Kingdom of *Commagene*, CALIGVLA.  
 adding to it the Coast of *Cilicia*, with an immense  
 Gratuity of Money: and a Fire happening at *Rome*,  
 he followed the Example of *TIBERIUS*, indemnifying  
 the Sufferers. But in the Midst of that Ease and  
 Comfort which the *Romans* promised themselves the  
 Continuance of, from the Lenity of his Govern-  
 ment, the Emperor was seized with a dangerous  
 Sickness, imputed to his dissolute Course of Life,  
 This created a dreadful Alarm throughout the Em-  
 pire. At *Rome* the People were in a Manner dis-  
 tracted. Day and Night the Palace was furrounded  
 with enquiring Multitudes. Vows were not only  
 made, as usual, for his Recovery, but several Per-  
 sons gave public Notice, that they devoted their  
 own Lives for his. Great therefore were the Re-  
 joicings and Thanksgivings for his actual Recovery.  
 Victims out of Number were offered, and Coins  
 struck, bearing his laureate Head, with the usual  
 Inscription, and having on the Reverse the *SALVS*  
*AVGVSTA*. That which we give the Reader is a Pl. XV. 17.  
 municipal Coin, with the Names of the *Duumviri*  
 of the Place. But this proved far from being salu-  
 tary to the Public; since from this Time he com-  
 menced the most inhuman Tyrant that ever swayed a  
 Sceptre, inverting every Act of Power which had be-  
 fore procured Esteem. He adopted young *TIBERIUS*,



CALIGVLA and declared him PRINCE OF THE YOUTH: but presently after, on Pretence that he had wished his Death, sent him an Order to dispatch himself. His Love to his Sisters was observed to have degenerated into notorious and shameless Incest with every one of them. All those who had been any way concerned against his Family were put to Death at different Times, not one excepted. His Deference to the Senate changed into professed Enmity. The recalled Exiles he imprisoned and executed. Those banished by himself suffered the same Fate. His Grandmother ANTONIA was either poisoned by his Order, or forced to put an End to her own Life. *Macro*, to whom he owed his own Safety and Advancement, underwent the same Treatment, with his Wife, Children, and their whole Household. *Silanus*, his Father-in-law, perished in the same Manner. Those who had devoted themselves for him in his Illness, were compelled to fulfil the Vow. It were tedious and irksome to recount the many Instances of his Cruelty. He revived the Law of Majesty, and seemed to delight in Blood, very commonly attending the Executions in Person, and obliging Parents to be present, and behold with their Eyes the merciless Barbarities inflicted on their unhappy Children. But nothing can so fully evince the Immanity of his Disposition, as that execrable

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With, "Oh! that the *Roman* People had but one Neck!" His Inclination to quarrel with the Senate grew every Day more apparent. Servile as they were become, they were the only Check on his Proceedings. This once-venerable Body had of late rejected the Constitutions of TIBERIUS, and sworn only to the Observance of those of AUGUSTUS and CAIUS. They had on very many other Occasions expressed their Abhorrence of his Memory. This had been very pleasing to CAIUS hitherto. But now he took upon him to inveigh bitterly against the Insolence of those who dared to reflect upon their late Lord and Emperor; that it shewed him what himself was to expect hereafter; that to themselves only was the Cruelty of TIBERIUS to be imputed, who could not resist the Evidence of such a Number of Accusers; for themselves had been the Clients of *Sejanus*, and the Informers against his Mother and Brothers. Thus it became alike dangerous to praise or to condemn the former Measures.

On the Decease of his Sister DRUSILLA, he honoured her Remains with a public Funeral; *Lepidus*, who was her last Husband, for she had been before married to *Cassius Longinus*, pronouncing her Eulogy, and the Prætorian Guards, the Equestrian Order, and the Patrician Youth with their *Trojan*



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Exercise, making their Evolution in separate Bodies round the Pile. All that had been conferred on LIVIA was decreed to her, with the Addition of a Consecration. Her Effigies of Gold was to stand in the Senate House, and a Statue of *Venus*, exactly of her Size, to be placed in the Forum, and worshipped in her Name; that a peculiar Temple should be erected to her, and her Statues adored by both Sexes; that the Ladies should swear by her, whensoever it should be necessary for them to make Oath; that public Games, like the *Megalenian*, should be celebrated on her Birth-day, and an Entertainment given to the Senators and Equestrians. Thenceforth she was called *Panthea* (says *Dio*) and divine Honours were every where paid to her. No Coins however, that I have heard of, distinguish her by this Name. But we have her Figure, with the Name DRUSILLA; on the Reverse of which is a *Caduceus*, inclosed in a Wreath, in the *Pembrokian* Collection. And *Vaillant* describes a Coin of the second Size, struck at *Miletus*, bearing her Head, with the Inscription ΘΕΑ ΑΠΟΥΣΙΑΑ ΜΙΑΗΣΙΩΝ. Oath was made by *Livius Geminius*, a Senator, that he saw her ascend into Heaven, and converse with the Gods, imprecating Perdition to himself and his Children, if he uttered a Falshood, and calling the Gods, and amongst them DRUSILLA herself, to bear

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Witness to the Truth of what he said. Most unhappy was it to be subject to the Caprice of this fanciful Tyrant. For to express Joy or Sorrow on this Occasion was equally dangerous ; since not to lament her as dead, and to lament her as being now a Goddess, was alike criminal. Yet his own Grief was excessive. He quitted the City suddenly by Night, and hastily passing through *Campania*, retired to *Sicily*. Thence he returned, with his Hair and Beard grown long ; and ever after, in the Assemblies of the People and the Soldiery, accustomed himself to swear by the Deity of DRUSILLA. His other two Sisters, JULIA and AGRIPPINA, he afterwards condemned to Banishment, as guilty of Adultery and Treason with *Lepidus* above-mentioned, who lost his Head for the Plot, whether real or pretended. We have the Figure of the former of these, struck at *Mytilene*, with the Inscription IOYAIAN NEAN TEPMANIKOT, i. e. JULIA the Younger, Daughter of GERMANICUS. In the Area, MYT, for the *Mytelenæans*. On the Reverse, CALIGULA stands veiled ; the Legend is Γ. KAICAPACEBASTON. In the Area the same Letters, intimating the Veneration paid by that People to both the Emperor and his Sister. The Reader will observe here, that the first and the fifth Letter, in the Word *Sebaston*, are differently formed, though the same ;

Pl. XV. 18.



CALIGULA. same ; but what is more extraordinary, one of the same Coins, in the Cabinet of *Versailles*, quoted by *Vaillant*, has in both Words the same Letter thus formed Σ. How to account for this, otherwise than by the Inadvertence of the Copiers, I know not.

The Emperor now took upon him the Consulship a second Time, and held it for thirty Days only, L. APRONIUS CAESIANUS being his Colleague. This had nearly occasioned the Death of DOMITIUS AGER, an Orator of high Repute, who wrote an Epigram, which he inscribed on the Pedestal of the Emperor's Statue, wherein he complimented him as having been twice Consul before he had compleated his twenty-sixth Year. This however was perversely interpreted by CALIGULA as a Piece of Satire, which reflected on his Youth, and charged him with a Breach of the Laws. To shew therefore his superior Parts (for he was proud of being thought an excellent Speaker) he accused him in Person ; and the Orator with great Address turned it to his own Advantage. For, instead of exerting his own Talents in his Defence, he pretended to be struck with such Astonishment on hearing the Emperor's invincible Eloquence, so far beyond all that he had hitherto conceived, that he called it Madness to attempt an Answer. He therefore threw himself at his Feet, confessing the Charge,  
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and imploring Pardon with many Tears; intimating, that the Power of such Eloquence was more to be dreaded than that of his Authority. He was so taken with this Sort of Adulation, that he not only forgave, but rewarded him with the Consulate in the Course of the same Year. For those who bore the Fasces, having neglected, on the Morning of his Birth-day, to signify to the People that, as such, it was a Festival, he took great Offence thereat; objecting to them also, that they had celebrated the *Ætiac* Victory of AUGUSTUS, to the Disgrace of his Ancestor MARC ANTONY, whose Defeat flowed from it. For these Reasons he broke their Fasces, and displaced them; with the Indignity of which one of them was so moved, that he put an End to his own Life.

Of all the frantic Proceedings of CAIUS, none favoured more of Madness than his building a Bridge, composed of a double Row of Ships, strongly connected and planked over, from *Baia* to *Puteoli*, a Distance of more than three Miles. Over this he rode in Triumph. Here he spent a Day and a Night, feasting his Attendants with great Pomp, not intermitting however his usual Cruelties. For, in the Midst of his Intemperance, Multitudes were by his Command cast into the Sea, a great Part of whom miserably perished. Even those, whom this  
extraordinary



CALIGULA. extraordinary Spectacle could not draw from home, felt the ruinous Consequence of it, a Famine being introduced at *Rome* by the Detention of such a Number of Ships, which had otherwise been employed in the Conveyance of Corn to that Capital. By this and such like Extravagancies, the vast Sums amassed by *TIBERIUS* were entirely dissipated. All possible Means of Exactions were then made Use of to recruit his Finances. Scarce any Thing was heard of but Murders and Confiscations of the Wealthy. Every Commodity was loaded with Duties. Labour itself was taxed; but all sufficed not. His Palace became a common Stew, and the Wages of this Iniquity were paid into his own Hands. *Italy* being by such Methods exhausted, he turned his Eyes towards the Provinces. *L. Vitellius*, the Proconsul of *Syria*, was said to be immensely rich: he was therefore recalled in order to Execution. But the cunning Flatterer appeared before him veiled, and in the Guise of a Suppliant, turned himself round, and then fell prostrate on his Face before him. This was the Mode of Supplication to the Gods. It procured the Idolater Pardon and Esteem, and, perhaps, infused into *CAIUS* the first Notion of causing himself to be worshipped as a Deity. He then set out for *Gaul*, at the Head of a very numerous Army, under Pretence of warring against

against the *Germans*, but, in Fact, with Design to plunder the Province. He passed the *Rhine* without Sight of an Enemy, erected a Trophy, and then recrossed in Mock-Triumph. But what he dared not to exact in *Germany*, he extorted from the Provincials with Impunity. There to be accused of Opulence was High Treason. All who laboured under this heavy Charge were executed without Mercy, and their Effects seized for the Use of the Emperor. The confiscated Estates were sold, and others compelled to purchase them at his own extravagant Valuation. In the same shameful Manner he exposed to Sale even the Imperial Robes, and the rich Furniture of his Palace, brought thither for that Purpose; still acting in the mean Time with a Profusion at least equal to his Extortions. For these Exploits an Ovation was decreed to him at Home, and a Deputation sent to acquaint him with the intended Honour. But while he was preparing to leave the Country, the *Germans* invaded it, but received a severe Repulse under the Conduct of GALBA, afterwards Emperor, the sole Credit of which CAIUS assumed to himself, writing to the Senate a pompous Detail of his Successes.

His Marriages were as extraordinary as the rest of his Proceedings. His first Wife, the Daughter



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of *Silanus*, he divorced. Being invited afterwards to the Wedding of *C. Piso*, he took a Fancy to the Bride, whom he ordered to the Palace, and detained for his own Use. This was *LIVIA* (or, according to *Dio*, *CORNELIA*) *ORESTILLA*. The next Day he gave out that a suitable Match had been found for him, after the Examples of *ROMULUS* and *AUGUSTUS*. But in less than two Months he dismissed her also; and, under Pretence of her being intimate with her Husband *Piso*, banished them both. After the Death of *DRUSILLA*, hearing that the Grandmother of *LOLLIA PAULINA* had in her Time been an exceeding fine Woman, he sent for the Granddaughter, though she was at that Time the Wife of *C. Memmius*, a Person of Consular Rank, and at the Head of an Army, and kept her to himself: but her too he soon divorced, forbidding her the Knowledge of any other Man. His last Wife, *CÆSONIA*, though neither beautiful nor young, but luxurious and lascivious to the last Degree, and withal the Mother of three Children by another Husband, he treated with more Constancy and Affection; frequently shewed her to the Army on Horseback by his Side, and armed as an Amazon, as he did sometimes to his Favourites in private naked. She was then with Child, and the same Day that she was brought to Bed he acknowledged himself

himself her Husband, and the Father of the Child. CALIGULA.  
 To the Infant he gave the Name of JULIA DRUSILLA, carried it to the Temples of the several Goddeffes, and placed it in the Lap of *Minerva*, to whose Care and Tuition he recommended it. At the same Time he made free with other Women, noble or ignoble, married or single, with all Licentiousness, being neither sparing of his own, nor any other Person's, Modesty. The former were generally invited to Supper with their Husbands, and considered with Attention, as they passed leisurely before him for that Purpose, and, as they happened to please, were afterwards called aside. In these Interviews he was curious to examine their private Blemishes or Beauties, which he reported to the Company without Scruple at his Return.

He was at *Lyons*, in *Gaul*, on his Way homeward, when he entered into his third Consulate alone, his intended Colleague dying just at the Time that he was to assume the Fasces. But this Honour he resigned at the End of twelve Days, when *L. Gellius Publicola* and *M. Cocceius Nerva* were advanced to that high Office. On the last Day of *August*, his Birth-day, he entered *Rome* with an Ovation, to the great Terror of the Senators, whom he had grievously threatened, and whose Destruction he certainly intended. To soothe him by flat-



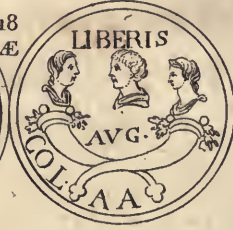
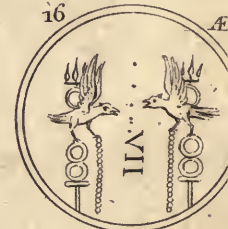
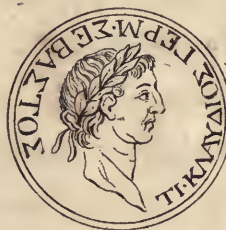
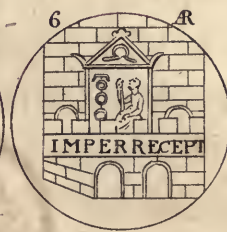
- CALIGULA. tering his pretended Successes, Denarii were struck by the joint Decree of the Senate and People, exhibiting his laureate Head and Titles at large, C. CAESAR AVG. PON. M. TR. POT. III. COS. III; with a civic Crown on the Reverse, inclosing, as before, S. P. Q. R. OB C. S. Medals of Gold were also struck with the same Head and Inscription, having for the Reverse the radiated Head of AUGUSTUS, and DIVVS AVG. PATER PATRIAE.
- Pl. XV. 19.
- Pl. XVI. 1.

But the first Victim to his Rage and Avarice was his own near Kinsman *Ptolemy*, King of MAURITANIA, whom he had invited to *Rome*. He was the Son of the younger JUBA, by SELENE the Daughter of ANTONY and CLEOPATRA. His great Wealth was probably the Cause of his Ruin, which brought on the Defection of his Kingdom. We have a small Silver Coin of this unhappy Prince, which was found in *Africa*, and presented to *Torrentius*, who has published it in his Notes upon *Suetonius*. His Head is incircled with the Diadem, and round it PTOLEMAEVVS REX. There is a Palm-Tree on the Reverse, and under it RAX. Another of the same Sort is in the valuable *Pembrokian* Collection, in which the last Letter on the Reverse wants one of the Strokes of the X.

Pl. XVI. 2.

About this Time a strange Accident reconciled  
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him to the Senate. He had a principal Favourite, named *Protophenes*, who used to carry about with him his two Pocket-Books, the one entitled *The SWORD*, and the other *The DAGGER*. This Man, having entered the Senate-House, as on other Business, was immediately addressed by the Members, who were all eager to speak to, and shake Hands with, him; when observing *Scribonius Proculus* with the rest, "What," said he, sternly, "are you here too, the Emperor's inveterate Enemy, with your Salutations?" The Words were no sooner uttered than the whole Body of the Senators fell upon him, and tore him Limb from Limb. And this Sacrifice was so pleasing to the Emperor, that he declared himself satisfied with them. In Return for this gracious Declaration, they decreed a lofty Throne for him in the very Senate-House, and that a military Guard should attend him there. Some stiled him an Hero or Demi-god, others a Divinity: with which Titles he was inflated to a Degree of Madness. For before this he had been too apt to fancy himself more than Man; that he had a connubial Connection with the Moon, and had been crowned by the Goddess *VICTORY*; pretended to be *Jupiter* himself, and acted all his shameful and incestuous Intrigues. At other Times he was *Juno*, *Diana*, or *Venus*, and on such Occasions



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casions appeared in their proper Habits. Sometimes with the Bowl and Thyrsus he was *Bacchus*, and then again personated *Hercules* with his Club and Lion's Skin; now bearded as *Jupiter*, then beardless as *Apollo*; appeared with a Trident now, then brandishing his Thunder; next he was the *Warrior-Virgin*, and varied his Appearances so often, as shewed him willing to be any Thing but what he really was: and in these different Habiliments he suffered Supplications, Vows, and Sacrifices, to be offered before him as to a present Deity. He erected a Temple to himself in *Rome*, in which was placed his Statue of Gold, and a separate Mansion in the Capitol, that he might the more freely converse with his Brother *Jupiter*. He appointed Priests for himself, which Honour he sold at a most extravagant Rate, and CÆSONIA was his Priestess; nay, he became his own Priest, and made his Horse *Incitatus* his Colleague, intending also to make him Consul. The most delicate and costly Birds were sacrificed to him daily. He had a Machine wherewith he imitated Thunder and Lightning, which he returned for that which came from above, saying, "Take me off, or I will take thee;" and was once heard to whisper *Jupiter*, that "he would send him back again to *Greece*:" a Folly not to be credited but upon the concurrent

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Testimony of all Historians. He was worshipped in all the Provinces except one. The People of *Ilium* stamped his Bust on their Coins opposite to that of AUGUSTUS, and both raised on Brackets, as those of the Gods were, with the Inscription ΓΑΙΟC KAICAP ΘΕΟC ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ, and underneath CE-BACTOI. On one Side of the Reverse is a female Head turrit, representing the City of *Rome*, which they have also deified with the Title of ΘΕΑ ΡΩΜΗ. The Figure, which represents the *Roman* Senate on Coins, is sometimes Male, and sometimes Female. Here it is the Head of a Man, and dignified with the Title of *Sacred* ΙΕΡΑ CΥΝΚΛΗΤΟC. Between the two Figures stands the Statue of *Pallas*, with the Spear and *Gorgon* Shield, the Palladium of *Ilium* and of *Rome*, and under her Feet ΙΑΙΩΝΩΝ. Nor were the *Smyrṇeans* behind in their Devotion, who have on their Coins regarded the Emperor and his Mother as their tutelary Deities. That before us gives his Head laureated, with the Title ΓΑΙΟΝ KAICAPA ΓΕΡΜΑΝΙΚΟΝ. ΕΠΙ ΑΟΥΤΙΟΛΑ, i. e. *Under Aviola*, he being Proconsul. The Reverse shews both their Heads adverse. The Legend is a little defaced. What remains is ἀγριΠΠΕΙΑΝ ΣΜΥΡΝΑΙΩΝ, with the Addition of ΜΗΝΟΦΑΝΗΣ, the Name of the Prætor. The *Jews* were the only People who ventured to incur his high Displeasure,

Pl. XVI. 3.

Pl. XVI. 4.



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on this Occasion. They refused to admit his Statues into the Temple of *Jerusalem*. Orders had been therefore sent to *Petronius Turpilianus*, who succeeded *L. Vitellius* in the Government of *Syria*, to make War upon them; and all Things were now in Readiness for their Chastisement. But by the Interest and Intercession of King *Agrippa*, who was exceedingly respected by *CAIUS*, and by the Moderation of *Petronius*, this Evil was with great Difficulty deferred, and at length entirely prevented by the Tyrant's Death.

*Dio Cassius* and *Suetonius*, in their Descriptions of this Reign, have brought all the good Measures of *CAIUS* into one View, and comprised them in that Compass of Time which passed between the Death of his Predecessor and his first Consulate; all Things afterwards being set down as execrably bad. Thus in the latter Historian we find recorded, as in the Beginning of his Reign, the Remission of a Tax in these Words of the *Grævian* Edition, *Centesimam auctionum Italiæ remisit*. For the better understanding of this we must remark, that after the Civil Wars, *AUGUSTUS*, for the Support of a Military Fund which he had instituted, levied, what we may properly call *the hundredth Penny*, upon all Sums raised from the Sale of Effects by Auction throughout all *Italy*. This Burthen

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was much felt and complained of. But when afterwards TIBERIUS had by his Mother LIVIA inveigled old *Archelaus*, King of *Cappadocia*, to *Rome*, put him to Death, and reduced his Dominions to a *Roman Province*, he declared, according to *Tacitus*, that the additional Revenues of it would enable him to take off one Half of this Duty. This was done accordingly; and from that Time *the two-hundredth Penny* only was exacted. True it is, that *Dio* affirms the same Emperor, after the Death of *Sejanus*, to have repented of this Diminution, and raised it again to its original Value. If this be so, it is evident that it was again reduced as before, notwithstanding the Silence of the Historians. For we have a Coin of CALIGULA; which proves, beyond all Contradiction, that at this Time, and not sooner, he abolished the Duty of *the two-hundredth Penny*. For the Reverse calls him PON M TR P IIII PP COS TERT. *Pontifex Maximus Tribunitiæ Potestatis quarto Consul tertio*; and in the Centre of it we read R C C, *Remissâ Ducentesimâ*. Hence it is plain, that *Lipsius*, *Grævius*, and other Critics, were mistaken, and that the Manuscripts and Editions, not few in Number, which have *Ducentesimam* in this Passage of *Suetonius*, are right, and that the Place of *Dio*, in l. 58, which gave Occasion to the Alteration, τέλος τὴν ἑκατοστὴν κατέλυσε, should be read

Pl. XVI. 5.



CALIGVLA. τέλος διακοσiosis ἡς χατέλυσε. This shews the Utility of ancient Coins for the Ascertainment of disputed Passages of History. For these Testimonies are infallible and decisive.

He now took the Fasces a fourth Time, in Conjunction with *Sentius Saturninus*, which he held but to the seventh of the Ides of *January*, and then substituted *Q. Pomponius Secundus*. A Conspiracy to take him off was now entered into by *Cassius Chærea*, *Sabinus*, *Papinius*, Tribunes of the Prætorian Guards, with other Officers, Senators, and some of his own Household. *Chærea* was a Soldier of the old Stamp, brave and intrepid; but having an effeminate Voice, had on all Occasions been made the Subject of the Emperor's Ridicule. When he came for the Parole, or Military Word, he would commonly give him *Cupid*, *Venus*, or some obscene Term, reflecting on his Manhood and Courage. This excited a Spirit of Revenge; and all of them were strongly inflamed with a Desire of rescuing their Country from that Excess of Slavery under which it laboured. The Time fixed for the Assassination was the Celebration of the Festival of *AUGUSTUS*, which began upon the Twenty-first of the same Month, when public Shews and Spectacles were to be exhibited in the Palace. It was not doubted but he would expose himself then, as he

had always taken great Delight in, and expended CALIGULA. immense Sums on, such Entertainments. On the third Day of the Sports, they determined to defer it no longer ; and observing him to leave the Theatre, to look upon some noble Youths sent to him out of *Greece* and *Ionia*, for the Purpose of singing in Concert an Hymn composed by himself, they attacked him in the Passage on his Return, and laid him dead, with many Wounds. His Wife and Daughter were put to Death soon after.

He was tall, and of the largest Size. His Neck and Legs were long and slender, his Aspect pale, his Eyes and Temples hollow, the Hair of his Head thin, and the Crown of it bald ; but his Beard was thick ; his Forehead broad and stern ; and he studied to make his Countenance as terrible as might be, even practising at the Glass for that Purpose. With all his Faults, he was a good Speaker, and well versed in the *Greek* and *Roman* Learning, yet unaccountably purposed to destroy the Works of *Homer*, *Virgil*, and *Livy*. He said that the second was a Man of no Ingenuity, and very little Learning ; and the last a prolix and negligent Historian. He had been subject in his Youth to the Falling-Sickness ; and is said to have been disordered by a stimulating Potion given to him by *CÆSONIA*. He never slept more than three Hours in a Night, and

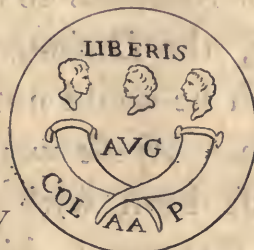


CALIGULA. was then disturbed with strange visionary Fancies, and frightful Dreams. To this Weakness of Body and Mind his Biographer ascribes those Contrarieties which were evident in him at different Seasons, the greatest Boldness, and an immoderate Fearfulness. He died at the Age of twenty-nine Years, having reigned, according to *Dio Cassius*, three Years, nine Months, and twenty-eight Days ; but according to *Suetonius*, three Years, ten Months, and eight Days. His public Works of Utility were few. He finished the Temple of AUGUSTUS, and the Theatre of POMPEY. He began two Aquæducts, one of them mentioned only by *Feratinus*, which were compleated by his Successor. He made several Harbours upon the Coast more commodious for the Reception of the Corn Ships from the East, and repaired the Walls and Temples of *Syracuse*. He had resolved to open the Isthmus of *Corinth*, and join the two Seas ; to build a City on the Summit of the *Alps* ; to restore the Palace of *Polycrates* at *Samos* ; and to finish the Temple of the *Didymean Apollo* at *Miletus*. But these Schemes proved abortive by his Death. The last however gave Occasion to the striking of a Coin of the third Size, by the *Milesians*, which bears his Head, with the Inscription ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΓΑΙΟΣ ΓΕΡΜΑΝΙΚΟΣ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ ; on the Reverse of which stands the naked Figure of the *Didymean Apollo*,

there worshipped, which, *Pliny* says, was the Work of CALIGULA. *Canacus* the *Sicyonian*, with the Legend ΔΙΑΤΜΕΤΣ ΜΙΑΗΣΙΩΝ. *Patin* observes, that *Sabellicus* takes this Passage of *Suetonius* to be intended of the Temple of *Cybele*, the *Didymean* or rather *Dindymæan Mother*, which he could not have done, if he had seen this Coin. *Apollo* was called *Didymeus*, or the Twin, because born with *Diana* at a Birth. On the Death of CALIGULA, his Statues were demolished, and his Copper Coins (out of which were afterwards formed the Statues of *Mesther*, the Player) by the Order of *MESSALINA*, melted down; so that, instead of complaining that we have so few of them, it is rather to be wondered that we have so many.

TIBERIUS





## TIBERIUS CLAUDIUS CÆSAR.

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ON the Death of CAIUS, the Consuls summoned the Senate to meet in the Capitol, where they spent the rest of the Day, and the whole Night, in fruitless Debate ; some declaring for a Monarchy, others for the Restoration of the Commonwealth. Meantime some Soldiers, entering the Palace for Plunder, found CLAUDIUS, who through Fear had concealed himself in a Corner, and conveyed him to the Camp, where he was declared Emperor by the Prætorian Cohorts. The Manner of his Creation was expressed in Medals both of Gold and Silver. He appears within the Walls of the Camp, with

with an Ensign before him, and over the Gates CLAUDIUS.  
Pl. XVI. 6.  
 IMPERIO RECEPTO. The Consuls, depending  
 upon their own Authority, and that of the Senate,  
 and supported by the City Guards, had charged  
 him by the popular Tribunes not to aim at the  
 Empire, but to submit himself to the People, the  
 Senate, and the Laws; but the City Guards after-  
 wards, and the People in general, joining with the  
 Prætorians, the Imperial Authority was unanimously  
 conferred upon him. Thus TIBERIUS CLAUDIUS  
 NERO GERMANICUS, the Son of DRUSUS, and the  
 Grandson of LIVIA, became Emperor, in the fiftieth  
 Year of his Age. His Reception by the Prætorians  
 is likewise expressed on the Reverse of another  
 Medal, by the Figure of an *Aquilifer*, or Eagle-  
 Bearer, taking him by the Hand, whose Head and  
 Shoulders are covered with a Lion's Skin. In the  
 Figure of CLAUDIUS, the ancient *Roman* Habit is  
 very conspicuous, as is the Occasion of it in the  
 Legend PRAETORIANIS RECEPTUS. Pl. XVI. 7.

He had a Body full of Infirmities, with a shaking  
 Head, trembling Hands, and a faltering Voice.  
 Having spent all his Time amongst the Women and  
 Freedmen, he had nothing liberal in his Behaviour;  
 but, in the Height of Power, was a Slave to his  
 own Servants. And being much addicted to Wine  
 and Women, he gave them many Opportunities of  
 imposing



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imposing upon him. He had also a natural Timidity, which generally indisposed him for Counsel and Design; yet did many Things right, when composed for a Season, and disengaged from his Vices. He accepted all the Honours decreed him, except the Title of *Father of his Country*, which he deferred; but did not trust himself in the Senate for thirty Days. For hearing that they had judged many Persons more worthy of the Empire, he became extremely jealous; ordered all of either Sex, who approached him, to be searched; and had always, even at his Meals, his Guards by him. *Chærea* and a few more were executed for the late Conspiracy, for the Example's sake; but all the rest concerned were not only pardoned, but advanced to Places of Honour and Profit. Those, who without sufficient Cause had been banished by CAIUS, and amongst them AGRIPPINA and JULIA, he recalled and restored to their Effects. And such as had been imprisoned for Treason only were set at Liberty. This Clemency is celebrated by a Copper Medal of the first Size, the Inscription of which is *Tiberius CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVGVSTVS Pontifex Maximus TRIBVNTIÆ Potestate IMPERATOR Pater Patriæ*, around his laureate Head. The Reverse has a Civic Wreath, inclosing *EX SC PP OB CIVES SERVATOS*, i. e. *Ex Senatûs Consulto Patri Patriæ*.

Pl. XVI. 8.

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His Piety to his Ancestors he evidenced by the Institution of Equestrian Games on the Birthdays of his Father DRUSUS and his Mother ANTONIA. On which Occasion we see his own laureate Head stamped, with the same Inscription as above, and a triumphal Arch on the Reverse, on which is DRUSUS on Horseback, between two Trophies; the Legend NERO CLAUDIVS DRVSVS GERMANICVS IMPERATOR. Another has the Head of ANTONIA AVGVSTA, and on the Reverse the Emperor standing in his Pontifical Habit, having the *Sympulum* in his right Hand; on the Verge, TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG. P.M. TR P IMP. S C. And on a Greek Coin we have his laureate Head, with TI ΚΛΑΥΔΙΟΣ ΓΕΡΜ. ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ, i. e. *Tiberius Claudius Germanicus Augustus*; and on the Reverse both the Heads of DRUSUS and ANTONIA; over the first ΔΡΟΥΣΟΣ ΓΕΡ, *Drusus Germanicus*; and under the latter, which is veiled, for she had been the Priestess of AUGUSTUS, ANTONIA. Besides the same Honour paid to his Grandmother LIVIA, he ranked her amongst the Gods, dedicated her Effigies in the Temple of AUGUSTUS, committed the Care of her Rites to the Vestals, and commanded that the Women should swear by her Name. Hence we have her Figure, with the Title ΘΕΑ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗ, *Dea Augusta*. But by what City

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CLAUDIUS. these two *Greek* Coins were struck, is uncertain.

To himself he prohibited the Payment of all religious Honours, suffering only one Statue of Silver, and two more, of Brass and Marble, to be erected to him, as had been decreed at first. He would not permit the Prætors to give any Shews of Gladiators, as usual; and if any other Persons desired it, he forbade their doing it on *his* Account. To the Consuls in Senate he behaved with Condescension, rising to meet them. The Custom of offering New-Year's-Gifts to the Emperor he abolished; nor suffered any one to name him his Heir, who had Relations of his own. He even restored many Legacies which had been left to his two Predecessors. The *Jews*, in which Denomination the *Christians* were included, he expelled from *Rome*. In the Circus he exhibited a Race of twelve Camels, and as many Horses; after which three hundred Bears, and the same Number of wild Beasts from *Africa*, were slaughtered: prescribed particular Seats for the several Orders, and treated the Senators, together with their Wives, the Equestrians, and the Tribes.

He restored to *Antiochus* his Kingdom of *Com-magene*, which *CAIUS* had first given, and then taken from him. On *Mithridates*, the *Iberian*, he bestowed

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the Kingdom of *Bosphorus*. He enlarged the Dominions of *Agrippa*, who had assisted in his Advancement to the Empire; gave him Consular Honours; gratified his Brother *Herod* with the Prætorian Dignity, bestowed the Kingdom of *Chalcis* upon *Libanus*; and allowed them to enter the Senate, and receive public Thanks in the *Greek* Language for their Services. In return, the latter afterwards struck some Coins of the second Size, with his own Head crowned with a Diadem, whereon he calls himself ΒΑΣΙΛΕΥΣ ΗΡΩΔΗΣ φιλοκλαύδιος, *King Herod, the Lover of CLAUDIUS*; the Reverse of which is surrounded with a Wreath of Olive, and inscribed ΚΛΑΥΔΙΩ ΚΑΙΣΑΡΙ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΩ ΕΤ Ε. To CLAUDIUS CÆSAR AUGUSTUS, in the fifth Year. These were the laudable Actions of CLAUDIUS himself; but far different were those of his Freedmen, and his Wife VALERIA MESSALINA; who, not thinking herself enough honoured by JULIA, the Sister of CAIUS, and jealous of her Beauty, got her first banished, on a Charge of Adultery and other Crimes, together with *Seneca* the Philosopher, and not long after put to Death.

CLAUDIUS accepted of triumphal Honours, which were pressed upon him by the Senate, for some late Successes in *Mauritania*. The same Year the *Chatti* were conquered by *Sulpicius Galba*, as were the



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*Marfi* (both German Nations) by *P. Gabinus*, who recovered the sole remaining Eagle, which had been lost at the Defeat of *Varus*. This realized to him the Title of Emperor. The following Year the *Moors* rose again, but were subdued by *Suetonius Paulinus*, who wasted their Country as far as to Mount *Atlas*. After him *Sidius Geta* gave two Defeats to their Commander *Salubus*, whom he pursued into the sandy Defarts, where the Army was near perishing for Want of Water, but relieved by a sudden Shower. From this Time *Mauritania* was divided into two Parts, the *Tingitana* and *Cæsariensis*, and governed by two Equestrians. The neighbouring Barbarians, infesting some Parts of *Numidia*, were subdued, and the whole Country settled in Peace.

He was Consul the second Time with *C. Largus*, and continued so for two Months only. He obliged others to swear to the Acts of *AUGUSTUS* only, giving them Credit for his own; and, when he abdicated the Office, took the same Oath himself, as he did in all his other Consulships. At this Time the Number of *Prætors* was uncertain, but chiefly from fifteen to eighteen. He also appointed three Persons, of *Prætorian Rank*, to call in the Debts of the State, to whom he allowed *Lictors* and other Assistants.

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As there was a Famine at *Rome*, the Emperor provided so wisely for Supplies of Corn, that it was little wanted for a long Time after. The *Tiber* having no convenient Harbour, he determined to make one at *Ostia*, though at an immense Expence, and compleated it with a Magnanimity worthy of the *Roman* Name. He dug away the Continent for a considerable Space, and inclosed the Circuit with a firm Structure of Stone, for the Reception of the Sea. On both Sides of the Entrance he threw vast Moles into the Deep. In the Centre of the Harbour he raised an Island, and erected a Pharos upon it, with Lights to guide the Mariners by Night. NERO was desirous of arrogating to himself the Glory of this great Work; and it is to the Reverse of one of his Medals that we are indebted for the Figure of it. A huge Colossus crowns the Pharos, with a Spear in his left Hand, and holding up a Light, as Mr. *Addison* supposes, in his right. At the Entrance *Neptune* is figured in a reclining Posture, having in his right Hand a Rudder, and a Dolphin in his left, to denote his Dominion of the Sea. So providently careful therefore as this Emperor was to have the City well supplied with Bread, we cannot wonder to see in so many of his Reverses the Figure of *Ceres*, distinguished by the Torch laid across her Lap, in a resting Attitude, and hold-

Pl. XVI. 14.



CLAVDIVS. ing out some Ears of Corn, as in that before us,  
Pl. XVI. 15. which was restored by the Emperor TITUS, as appears from the Legend IMP. Titus VESPasianus AVGVstus RESTituit : in the Exergue S. C. Senatvs Consulto.

He obliged all Governors to depart for their Provinces before the Calends of *April*. Certain Equestrians he permitted to become Tribunes of the People, and obliged the rest, as often as called upon, to join the Senators. In other Respects he was easy and good-natured ; would visit the Sick, and make one in the Festivities of Families. In the Senate, if the Members had stood up any Time, himself would rise up too. On the annual Day of his Creation, he only distributed an hundred Sestertii, (sixteen Shillings and one Penny three Farthings of our Money) to each of the Prætorian Soldiers. Such was his Moderation, that when his Son, called afterwards BRITANNICUS, was born, he permitted no extraordinary Title to be conferred either on him or his Mother. He so constantly exhibited Combats of Gladiators, that it became his Failing. On such Occasions few Beasts were slaughtered, but many Combatants, either by them or by each other. Those Freedmen and Slaves, who under his Predecessors had contrived the Ruin of their Masters, or borne false Witness against them, he

he treated with particular Severity, executing very many, punishing others a different Way, and giving up the rest to the Mercy of their injured Masters; taking no small Delight himself in viewing the Destruction of those Wretches. Nor was he less pleased with the Murders of the Amphitheatre: so that he ordered a Shew of Gladiators to be exhibited annually at the Expence of those who should obtain the Quæstorship. CLAUDIUS.

By thus accustoming himself to Blood and Slaughter, he became the more prone to Cruelty, though the Objects of it were furnished chiefly by the Rapaciousness of his Family, and of MESSALINA particularly. For when they had a Design upon any one, they infused such Fears into the Mind of the weak Emperor, that, in the Height of his Consternation, he consented to any thing; and, when he came to himself, would often enquire for the very Persons whom he had doomed to Death; and, when informed of their Fate, would be exceedingly penitent and concerned. Thus fell *C. Ap. Silanus*, whom he had recalled from *Spain*, and married to the Mother of MESSALINA, because he refused to be subservient to the Lust of that most lascivious Empress. As no Crime could be imputed to him, *Narcissus*, the Emperor's Freedman, pretended that he had seen his Master slain by him in a Dream.



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Dream. The Tale was exaggerated by MESSALINA so movingly, that an Order was issued for his Execution. This filled all good *Romans* with doleful Apprehensions, and moved *Vinicianus*, and at his Instigation *Camillus Scribonianus*, then Governor of *Dalmatia*, and at the Head of a large Body of Forces, with many others, to conspire against him. But the Troops of *Camillus* refusing to concur with him, he fled to the Island of *Issa*, where he fell upon his own Sword. When CLAUDIUS had recovered from the Fright which this Conspiracy had thrown him into, he returned Thanks and large Presents to those Forces; and had the seventh and eleventh Legions, which had particularly distinguished themselves, denominated by the Senate *the Claudian, the faithful, and the pious Legions*. This is supposed to have given Occasion to the Reverse before us, whereon the two Legions are represented by their respective Eagles, though the seventh only be particularly mentioned. The twenty-second Legion also, settled in the Colony of *Patræ*, in the *Peloponnesus*, thought good to distinguish its Fidelity to CLAUDIUS by a Reverse of the like Nature, with an Eagle and two Ensigns, inscribed COLONIA AROE AUGUSTA PATRENSIS XXII, and by another inscribed to his three Children, ANTONIA, OCTAVIA, and BRITANNICUS, with LIBERIS AVGVSTI, and underneath

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neath COL. A A P, as before. A severe Inquisition was made of those concerned in the Conspiracy. Very many were put to Death, more died by their own Hands, and amongst them *Vinicianus* himself. MESSALINA and the Freedmen caught at the Occasion. They used even the Testimony of Slaves against their own Masters, however considerable for Rank or Quality. Even Patricians were put to the Torture, though CLAUDIUS had sworn that no Freeman should be subject to it. Many Women were imprisoned, executed, and exposed at the *Gemonian Stairs*; while some of the most guilty were excused on Account of Interest or Money, through the Interposition of MESSALINA, *Narcissus*, and their Associates. The Children however of those who suffered were unmolested, and some of them allowed their Fathers' Effects. Among the condemned was *Cecina Pætus*, whom his Wife *Arria* manfully encouraged by stabbing herself first, then giving him the Dagger, and telling him, "It did not hurt." *Martial's* Epigram on this Couple is too well known to be inserted. The Emperor was so intent on vindictive Measures, that, for the Parole, he gave the following Passage of *Homer, Odyss.* 21, l. 133.

'Ανδρ' απαμυνεσθαι, ὅτε τις πρότερος χαλεπήνη.

T' expel the Man who first creates the Strife.



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In his third Consulate he abolished many Sacrifices and Holydays; for they were before so numerous, that they took up a large Part of the Year, to the great Prejudice of the Public. To the *Rhodians* he restored their Liberty. The *Ilians* he favoured with a perpetual Immunity from all Taxes. But the *Lycians* were stripped of their Privileges, for having slain some *Roman* Citizens in a Tumult, and their Country annexed to *Pamphylia*. While at Home the *Roman* Freedom, the Command of Armies, the Government of Provinces, and Offices of every Kind, were set to Sale by the Empress and Freedmen in the most public and shameful Manner; whence all Commodities became so dear, that **CLAUDIUS** himself was forced to fix the Price of them.

The libidinous **MESSALINA**, not to be single in her Way, forced many of the Sex into the same Immodesties, obliging them to practise their Adulteries even in the Presence of their own Husbands. Such of these last as proved obsequious were promoted to Honours and Dignities; while others, who could not let themselves down so low, were sure to suffer. And all, who were supposed either able or willing to make Discoveries to the Emperor, were taken off by Kindness or Death.

While these Things passed at *Rome*, *A. Plautius*,

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a Senator of Eminence, led an Army into *Britain*, one *Beric*, who for Sedition had been expelled the Island, persuading the Emperor to this Expedition. It was with Difficulty the General drew his Troops out of *Gaul*; who complained that they were sent to make War beyond the Limits of the World, and did all they could to retard the Motions of the Army. He failed however at last, and made good his Footing, defeating first *Caractacus*, and afterwards *Togodumnus*, the Sons of the late *Cunobeline*. A Part of the *Boduni* then surrendered. Leaving therefore a Garrison amongst them, he marched on to a certain River, on the farther Side of which the *Britons* were encamped, but in a careless Manner, as looking upon the River to be impassable. But *Plautius*, sending out his *German* Troops, who were accustomed to pass the most rapid Rivers in Arms, he attacked them at unawares, and dispersed them. Next came *FLAVIUS VESPASIAN*, afterwards Emperor, and his Brother *Sabinus*, who also passing the River, slew many of the *Britons* by Surprise. Yet they stood their Ground, and fought a pitched Battle with the *Romans* the Day following, the Issue of which was doubtful, until *C. Sidius Geta*, who was very near being taken, gave such a Turn to the Action, that he was judged worthy of triumphal Honours, though no Consular. Thence

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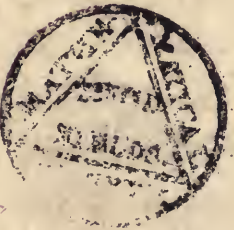


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the *Britons* betook themselves to the Mouth of the *Thames*, which they, well acquainted with the Depth and Footing, passed with Ease. But the *Romans*, endeavouring to follow, were in great Danger. But soon after, when the *Germans* had again swam across, and others had passed by a Bridge higher up in the Country, the Carnage was great. But inconsiderately pursuing the Fugitives, they entangled themselves in the marshy Grounds and Morasses, losing many of their Men. For these Reasons, and because the *Britons*, since the Death of *Togodumnus*, remitted nothing of their former Fierceness, but were more eager in their Preparations to revenge his Fall, the Apprehensions of *Plautius* disposed him to halt. Having therefore secured the Country behind him, he sent to desire the Assistance of the Emperor in Person, having been charged so to do, in case of any sinister Event.

All Things were in Readiness, and even some Elephants provided for such an Expedition. CLAUDIUS therefore, leaving *Vitellius*, the Colleague of his third Consulate, at the Head of Affairs in *Rome*, set out for *Ostia*, and sailed thence to *Marseilles*; and so making his Way partly by Sea, and partly by Land, he came to *Gessoriacum*, or *Bulloign*. Thence he passed into *Britain*, and marched immediately









mediately to join the Forces which waited for him on the Banks of the *Thames*. The Progress already made gave him Encouragement to expect a favourable Issue to the Enterprize. There are two Coins in the *Gevartian Tables* (quoted by Dr. *Musgrave*, in his *Antiquitates Britanno-Belgicæ*, Vol. I. p. 188) which seem to have been struck on this Occasion. On the one Reverse a genteel Female Figure holds out a Lily (the Emblem of Hope) to the Soldiers, as the Omen of Victory. Her Title round the Margin is the SPES AVGVSTA. We have the same agreeable Figure standing single on other Reverses, as restored by TITUS; of which this before us is an Instance. The other is the Figure of BRITANNIA, standing by the Prow of a Ship, and holding a Rudder in her right Hand, to signify her Situation in the Midst of the Ocean. There is Room enough for Conjecture, that two other Reverses of CLAUDIUS, the one recommending *Military Prudence*, by the Figure of *Pallas* armed, and the other *Constancy*, by that of a Soldier with his Helmet on, having the *Hasta pura* in his left Hand, and elevating the right Arm with the Finger bent towards his Head, all struck by a Decree of the Senate, and restored by TITUS, were owing to the same Occasion. Nor is it strange that TITUS should be so careful for the Perpetuation of these Medals, as the Theatre of this Expedition had

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Pl. XVII. 3.



CLAUDIUS. had been the Scene of his own and his Father's Glory, who, being surrounded by the Enemy in one of the Actions here, and in the most imminent Danger, was piously rescued by his Son, who with astonishing Boldness broke through and dispersed them.

CLAUDIUS having joined his Forces, passed the River, and came to a decisive Action with the *Britons*, wherein he gained a complete Victory. He then marched to *Camalodunum*, or *Maldon*, the regal Seat of *Cunobeline*, which he took; and issuing his Orders thence, forced many to a Submission, and received the voluntary Surrender of others. For this Success he was *several Times* saluted IMPERATOR, contrary to the *Roman* Usage. The *Britons* were disarmed, and the Government of those who submitted, and the Subduction of the rest, committed to the Care of *Plautius*. This done, he set out on his Return, having sent forward his two Sons-in-Law, *Pompey* and *Silanus*, with the News of his Victory. On this the Senate decreed to him the Surname of BRITANNICUS, a Triumph, annual Games, and two triumphal Arches, the one at *Rome*, the other at *Gessoriacum*. One of them is, on the Medal before us, inscribed DE BRITANNIS.

Pl. XVII. 4. The next Reverse, however obliterated by Time, *Patin* judges to have been struck as a Memorial of his

Pl. XVII. 5.

his *British* Expedition, in which Opinion we readily join. *Neptune* with his Trident appears in his Conchal Car, ruling the Waves, and drawn by *Tritons*, one of whom holds out his Hand, and sounds his Shell in Triumph. For it agrees well with what *Suetonius* observes of him, that on the Pediment of his Palace, next to the Civic Wreath, he placed a NAVAL one, as a Monument of his having subdued the Ocean. But this last Historian differs from *Dio*, in that he is positive that CLAUDIUS, during the very few Days, no more than sixteen, that he stayed in *Britain*, did indeed receive the Surrender of a Part of the Island, but without Battle or Bloodshed. Yet it is plain that he looked upon the War as finished, by the *Denarius* now struck, with his laureate Head, and TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG PM TR P III. On the Reverse of which is a winged Figure, holding out a *Caduceus*, with a Serpent before her, inscribed PACI AVGVSTAE. It was also decreed for his Son, that he should use that of BRITANNICUS as his own proper Name, instead of all other.

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He triumphed accordingly, after an Absence of six Months only, ascending the Steps of the Capitol on his Knees, supported by his Sons-in-Law; MESSALINA, in her *Carpentum*, following the triumphal Car. On this Occasion he favoured many with triumphal



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triumphal Ornaments, for he was profuse of those Honours. To *Rubrius Pollio*, Captain of the Guards, he allowed a Statue, and a Seat amongst the Senators as often as he should attend him thither. He exhibited triumphal Sports in two Theatres at once, and the Rejoicings were in all Respects such as spoke the Expedition an Affair of the highest Consequence, as opening the Way to the Conquest of a new World. And it was decreed, that all Treaties or Conventions made with the *Britons*, by *CLAUDIUS* or his Lieutenants, should be as effectual as if made by the Senate and People of *Rome*.

The Emperor now enlarged the paternal Dominion of *M. Julius Cottius*, upon the *Alps* of his Name, and gave him the Title of King. As the City was full of Statues, he removed most of them, and forbad any private Person to set up such Memorial of himself, without Permission of the Senate, unless he had raised or repaired some public Structure. At this Time he exhibited the votive Games, which he had promised at his setting out for *Britain*; and to all those who received Corn at the public Charge, he distributed three hundred Sestertii a Head, by Way of Congiary. This, or some other Congiary, (for *Suetonius* says that he gave them often) is recorded on the Medal before us, which bears the Congius or Measure, and around

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it TI CLAUDIUS CAESAR AVG. I conceive however the Plainness of the Measure here represented to indicate a pecuniary Liberality, because on the Coins of NERVA and COMMODUS we see the Ears of Corn springing from the Top of the *Congius*, as distinguishing the Frumentarian Distributions.

The next Year, when *Valerius Asiaticus*, the second Time, and *M. Silanus*, were Consuls, the former, though destined to that Dignity for the whole Year, thought fit to abdicate voluntarily, in order to decline the public Envy. For he was not a *Roman*, but a *Gaul* by Birth. But his immense Wealth proved fatal to him at last. *Vinicius*, an illustrious Person, attentive only to his own Ease and private Affairs, was yet poisoned by MESSALINA, who grew suspicious of him; for she had destroyed his Wife, and he had refused to gratify her libidinous Appetite. But *Asinius Gallus*, the uterine Brother of DRUSUS, who really aspired to the Empire, was only banished, as being rather a Subject of Ridicule than Fear. For he was of the smallest Size, and much deformed withal; nor had provided either Men or Money for such an Enterprize; but foolishly imagined that the single Consideration of his Family would advance him to the Height of his Wishes. This Act of Lenity was much cried up; nor less



CLAUDIUS. the Vengeance taken upon a certain Freedman and his Accomplices, who had informed against his own Patron. But all were mightily concerned the while to see the Emperor himself the Slave of his own Wife and Freedmen; and that, while her Cruelties and Adulteries were the common Talk, *He* only should be ignorant of them whom they most concerned.

Now came on the Trial of *Valerius Asiaticus* for Treason, against whom Witnesses were suborned by the Contrivance of *MESSALINA*. His great Guilt was the Possession of the fine Gardens of *Lucullus*, which he had nobly compleated and improved, and which she coveted. His Defence was so powerful, that *CLAUDIUS* only thought of absolving the Accused, when *Vitellius*, to gratify the Empress, threw himself on his Knees before him, with all dissembled Earnestness, entreating, that in Consideration of his own, and the eminent Services of *Valerius*, he would graciously grant him the Choice of his own Death. To this the stupid Emperor consented; and thus was this great and brave Man fooled out of his Life by the Villainy of a slavish Flatterer. This Year a small Island was thrown up from the Bottom of the Sea, next to that of *Thera*, now *Santorini*. Soon after *Plautius*, returning from *Britain*, was for his Services there highly extolled, and admitted to an Ovation. In *Germany*, *Domitius Corbulo*, who com-

manded the Army there, kept the Soldiers under strict Discipline, and harrassed the Barbarians. Him the Emperor, fearing his Valour and Experience, recalled, yet honoured with triumphal Ornaments. Being afterwards restored to his Command, he kept up the same Severity of Discipline, and, that the Soldiers might not degenerate, through Idleness, in Time of Peace, dug an immense Fosse, from the *Rhine* to the *Meuse*, three-and-twenty Miles in Length, that the Country might not be injured by the Stagnation of the Waters after high Tides.

MESSALINA, not satisfied with her Adulteries (though she prostituted both herself and other Ladies of prime Rank in the Palace as in a Stew) took it strangely into her Head to authorize Polygamy by her own Example. For she now publicly married *C. Silius*, kept the Wedding in the most sumptuous Manner, gave him a royal Palace, which she decked with the Emperor's most precious Furniture, and purposed to make him Consul. Retiring from *Rome*, under the Pretence of Illness, she had provided a great Entertainment, at which she revelled with uncontrouled Licentiousness. Of all this only the Emperor, then at *Ostia*, was ignorant. But *Narcissus* found Means to acquaint him with it by one of his Mistresses. He returned therefore in a Fright to the City, and gave Orders for the Execu-



- CLAVDIVS. tion of *Mnesther*, *Silius*, and many others. Nor did MESSALINA escape, being put to Death in the same Gardens which had proved so fatal to *Valerius*. We have the Figure of this abandoned Empress both on
- Pl. XVII. 8. *Greek and Roman Coins.* The first has on one Side the Emperor's laureate Head, with ΤΙΒΕΡΙΟΣ ΚΛΑΥΔΙΟΣ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΓΕΡΜΑΝΙΚΟΣ ΙΓ, *Tiberius Claudius Cæsar Germanicus anno tertio*; on the other, the Empress with a Palm-branch in her left Hand, and holding out her two Children, OCTAVIA and BRITANNICUS, in her right: the Legend ΜΕΣΣΑΛΙΝΑ ΚΑΙΣΑΡΟΣ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗ, *Messalina Cæsaris Augusta*. I suppose this to have been struck at *Cæsarea*, in *Palestine*, under the Direction of *Agrippa*. The second has the Emperor's Head plain, with the Addition of ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ, *Augustus*, to the Title. The Head of the Empress has the Hair braided behind, with the Inscription ΟΥΑΛΕΡΙΑ ΜΕΣΣΑΛΙΝΑ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗ, *Valeria Messalina Augusta*. The third has the Head of the Emperor, also plain, but of greater Likeness, being *Roman*, with TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG. GERM.; and that of the Empress much resembles the other, with VALERIA MESSALINA AVGVSTA.
- Pl. XVII. 10.

Soon after he took to Wife his own Niece AGRIPPINA, the Daughter of GERMANICUS and AGRIPPINA, and the Sister of CAIUS. But as such Connection

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was incestuous and unlawful, the sycophant *Vitellius*, who was now Censor with *CLAUDIUS*, undertook to remove the Emperor's Scruples on that Account, requiring to know if he would submit the Affair to the Judgment of the Senate and People, to which he professed his Readiness to assent; and he so artfully managed both, that the Match was called for aloud, some of the servile Senators declaring that they would compel him to it, if he demurred any longer. On this *CLAUDIUS* entered the Senate, demanding a Decree which should for the future authorize the Marriage of an Uncle with his Brother's Daughter, which passed accordingly. On this Occasion the curious Medal of the first Magnitude, before us, was struck, for the Explanation of which it was necessary to be thus particular. It exhibits the Bust of this Empress, an handsome Figure, for she is said to have been a fine Woman, with the Inscription *AGRIPPINA AVG. GERMANICI F. CAESARIS AVG.* But behind the Head are stamped, in an unusual Manner, the following Characters *NCAPR* for *Nobis Concessa a Populo Romano*, i. e. *Allowed to us by the Roman People*. *Æneas Vicius* (p. 186.) expresses himself doubtfully concerning this Interpretation; but the Reasons on which he grounds his Doubt are weak and trifling. The Reverse has the Figure of *Ceres* seated, as

having

Pl. XVII. 11.



- CLAUDIUS. having by the Care of the Emperor taken up her Residence at *Rome*, with her Torch across her Lap, and extending her right Hand with Ears of Corn in it. It bears also, by the S. C., the Sanction of a Senatorial Decree. On many other Medals this Empress is complimented as the Representative of the same Goddess, being crowned with a Wreath of Ears of Corn; as in the following one of Gold, with the laureate Head of CLAUDIUS, of great Likeness, with TI. CLAVD. CAESAR. AVG. GERM. PM TRIB POT PP. ; in the Reverse of which she is thus decorated, with AGRIPPINAE AVGVSTAE. The Denarius exhibits both in the same Manner, and with the same Titles. She is thus figured too in the following Reverse of Copper, and in the *Greek* Coin before us. But in the next we see a Poppy, between two Ears of Corn, springing from her Bosom, as Symbols of Plenty and Fertility: the Epigraph is ΑΓΡΙΠΠΙΝΑΝ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗΝ, *Agrippinam Augustam*: on the Reverse, *Diana* is represented drawing an Arrow from her Quiver, while she holds out the Bow with her left Hand: she is attended by a Nymph, who is fondling one Stag while she exposes the Head of another: the Legend is ΕΠΙ ΣΕΡΟΘΗΝΙΟΥ ΚΑΠΙΤΩΝΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΙΟΥΛΙΑΣ ΣΕΟΘΗΡΙΑΣ ΑΚΜΩΝΕΩΝ, *under Serotenus Capito and Julia Seyera, of the Acmonensians.*
- These



These were a People of *Phrygia Pacatiana*, whose tutelar Deity was *Diana*, and the Persons here named were probably the Priest and Priestess of the favourite Goddess. But we have her Head, without this Ornament, struck by the *Cotyensians*, who inhabited the *Phrygia salutaris*, and complimented her as their other *Cybele*, whom they principally worshipped; whose Statue is seated on the Reverse, with the Head turreted, extending her right Hand with the Patera, and holding the Tympanum with her left: her two Lions, commonly represented as drawing her Car, are here couchant at her Feet: the Legend is KOTIAEON EΠ IOTAIOY TIOY. Of the *Cotyensians*: under Julius the Son. Patin has given us another, whereon the Heads of the Emperor and Empress are adverse, and both crowned with Laurel: behind the former we read KAATΔION ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΝ, *Claudium Augustum*; and behind the latter ΑΓΡΙΠΠΙΝΑΝ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗΝ, *Agrippinam Augustam*: on the other Side stands a Victory guiding a Serpent with a Rod. The Reading, as our Author has given it, is ΕΠΙ ΧΡΕΣΧΙΟΥ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤΡΙΣ, and in the Area ZMT; in which we conceive that learned Antiquarian to be mistaken. Because in *Vaillant's Numismata Imperatorum a Populis Græcè loquentibus*, the very same Coin is described in p. 14, as making a Part of the royal Collection of France, and probably



CLAUDIUS.

From this Profusion of Honours, all Persons of Understanding foresaw and lamented the unhappy Fate of young BRITANNICUS. AGRIPPINA was now bent upon amassing vast Treasures for her Son, accounting nothing mean and fordid, which was but gainful: And *Seneca* the Philosopher was recalled from Exile to instruct him in the Arts of Government. LOLLIA PAULINA, who had rivalled her in her Pretensions to CLAUDIUS, now fell a Sacrifice to her Revenge; while to many more their great Riches proved destructive. She seemed indeed to have taken upon her all of MESSALINA, except her Lewdness. Several Honours were conferred upon her, particularly the Use of the *Carpentum* at the public Games. On Occasions of State, or the Audience of Ambassadors, she appeared on the Tribunal with her Husband. When he exhibited a Naval Fight on the Lake *Fucinus*, himself and NERO appeared in the military Vest, but she attracted the Eyes of the Multitude in a Robe inwoven with Gold. The Lake was inclosed with a wooden Gallery, for the Convenience of a vast Number of Spectators. The Combatants were such as had been condemned to die. The two Fleets, consisting of fifty Vessels on each Side, were called the *Rhodian* and *Sicilian* Fleets. The unhappy Criminals addressed him with "Hail, Emperor! the Dying  
" salute.

“salute thee!” As he returned the Salutation, they CLAUDIVS. looked upon themselves as pardoned; and it was with great Difficulty, and not without many Threatenings, and much Hurry and Indecency of Behaviour, that he compelled them to engage. After this he gave an Entertainment upon the Spot, at the Draining of the Lake, but was very near being overwhelmed by the Violence of the Stream. Another Instance of his Folly appeared at the Trial of *Junius Cilo*, who was accused by the *Bithynians* of Corruption in the Province. The Crowd and Tumult being great, he asked the Standers-by, “What it was they said:” on which his insolent Freedman, *Narcissus*, made Answer, “They return “you Thanks for *Junius*.” “Well then” (replied the Emperor) “let him be their Governor for “two Years longer.”

At this Time *P. Ostorius* carried on the War in *Britain* with much Danger, and doubtful Success, till he came to a pitched Battle with *Caraëtacus*, whose Wife and Daughter were taken Captive, and his Brothers forced to surrender. The vanquished Prince fled for Refuge to *Cartismandua*, Queen of the *Brigantes*, by whom he was perfidiously thrown in Chains, delivered up, and conveyed to *Rome*, where the Emperor, the Senate, and the People were much elevated with the Glory of his Captivity.



CLAVDIUS.

But this rendered the *Britons* more intent on Revenge. They fell upon the legionary Cohorts with great Fury, and forced them, after much Loss, to take Refuge in the neighbouring Towns and Castles. Not long after they attacked their Foragers, and defeated the Troops sent to their Assistance. *Ostorius* then drew out his light-armed Cohorts, but to no Purpose, till the Legions came up and engaged, which rendered the Dispute more equal, but in the End rather inclining to the *Roman* Side; so that the *Britons* retreated in the Evening; but with little Loss. There happened many small Skirmishes afterwards, the *Silures* behaving with obstinate Bravery, and intercepting two auxiliary Cohorts. By distributing the Spoils and Captives, they drew their Neighbours to a Defection, which proved so irksome to the *Roman* General, that he soon died, worn out with Cares and Toils. He was succeeded by *A. Didius*, who found Affairs in much Disorder, the Legion under *Manlius Valens* having been defeated before his Arrival. But a Difference arising between *Cartismandua* and her Husband *Venusius*, a Civil War broke out with great Violence, which gave their Affairs a better Aspect. In the twelfth Year of the Emperor's Tribunitial Power, a *Roman* Colony was settled at *Maldon*, as we find by one of his Coins, the Inscription of which is TI. CLAVD.

Pl. XVIII. 4.

CAES.

CAES. AVG. GER. P. M. TR. P. XII. IMP. CLAVDIVS.

XIX.; and on the Reverse a Yoke at Plough, driven by an Husbandman, as usual, with COL CAMO-  
LONDON AVG.

The same Year the Astrologers were banished Rome, and the Emperor finished, at his own Expence, the two magnificent Aquæducts, which had been begun by his Predecessor. To this

Period also may be assigned an important Transaction of this Emperor, not taken Notice of by any of the Historians. For that such there was, appears

by the Coin before us, around which we read TI PL. XVIII. 5.

CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG. The Area is filled up with an Hand and Scales, and between the last the Letters P. N. R. which I read *Pecuniâ Nostrâ*

*Restituta*. This Explanation differs from that of

Mr. Addison, who has not attempted to read the Letters inclosed by the Scales, but will be justified

by many other Coins that shall occur in the Course of this Work. As little do they speak of his Libe-

rality to the Temple of the *Epheſian Diana*. Yet something of this Sort must have passed, to have

given Occasion to the striking of the fine Medallion of Silver, which bears his Head plain, with the

Title TI CLAVD. CAES. AVG. and shews on its- PL. XVIII. 6.

Reverse the Temple of that Goddess, with her Sta-

tue in the Centre of it, and on the Sides DIANÆ

EPHEſinæ. He was so fond of the Heathenish

Rites,



CLAVDIVS. Rites, that he proposed to transfer the *Eleusinian* Mysteries to *Rome*, and endeavoured to abolish utterly the Religion of the *Druids*. In his fourth Consulate he celebrated the Sæcular Games, alledging that *AUGUSTUS* had done the same at an improper Time. This was a Piece of Vain-Glory in the Emperor; for we shall find *DOMITIAN* doing the same a few Years hence, and taking his Computation from those of *AUGUSTUS*, as they could properly be celebrated only once in an hundred Years. He also made a Census of the Citizens, who appeared to be in Number six Millions nine hundred Thousand one Hundred and forty-four. The Limits of the Empire were enlarged in his Time, by the Addition of *Mesopotamia* in the East, *Mauritania* in the South, and a Part of *Britain* in the West. In Consequence of which he enlarged the Bounds of the City, as was usual with those who had extended the Limits of the Empire. He was particular in his Treaties with foreign Powers; for he concluded them in the Forum in the ancient Manner, by the Slaughter of an Hog, and the Interposition of Heralds, according to the Poet:

*Stabant, et cæsa jungebant fœdera porcæ.*

VIRGIL.

————— They stood, to Peace inclin'd,  
And by a slaughter'd Pig their Treaties join'd.

*Quintilian,*

*Quintilian*, *Servius*, and others, alledge that an Hog, and not a Sow, was slaughtered on such Occasions; and that *Virgil* has made Use of the Feminine Gender more for the Euphony than Distinction of Sex. Yet *Suetonius* mentions the Female of the Species. However that be, we have the Manner of it expressed in the ferrated Denarius annexed of *Tiberius Vettius*, who, being of *Sabine* Extraction, chose for his Reverse the Treaty between *Romulus* and *Tatius*. From which it appears to have been the original Custom for the Heralds to pierce the Animal with their Swords, though afterwards it became usual for them to crush the Head of it with a Flint; each of them in the mean Time uttering direful Imprecations against either Party that should wilfully infringe the Treaty, “ that they might “ perish in the same Manner.”

CLAUDIUS.

Pl. XVIII. 7.

*AGRIPPINA* was now at the Height of Power. She settled a Colony of Veterans in a Town of the *Ubii*, in *Germany*, which was the Place of her Nativity, and which she stiled the COLONY OF *AGRIPPINA*. She made *Burrhus* Commander of the *Prætorian Cohorts*, and acted in all Things so arbitrarily, that the Emperor began to recollect himself, and take Umbrage at her Proceedings. He enquired for his Son *Britannicus*, with the Sight of whom he had been rarely trusted, spoke

kindly



CLAVDIVS. kindly to him, and seemed to intend him for the Succession. This filled her with Apprehensions, and she determined to prevent him by Poison. One *Locusta*, an infamous Dealer in this baneful Commodity, furnished her with the Means. It was infused into a fine Mushroom, a Food which he was very fond of, which she helped him to at Table, eating freely of the rest herself. He rose seemingly in a State of Ebriety, which was the less taken Notice of, because it was usual with him, and was carried off. In the Night he lost his Speech and Hearing; and expired early the next Morning, at the Age of sixty-three, having reigned thirteen Years eight Months and twenty Days. His Obsequies were solemnized with the same Honours which had been paid to AUGUSTUS; and he was deified by those through whom he ceased to live: and it was not infacetiously said by NERO, on this Occasion, that Mushrooms were the Food of Gods.

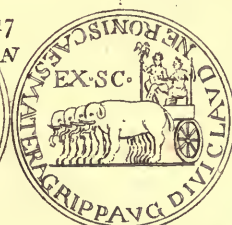
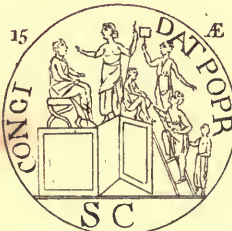
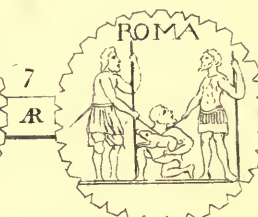
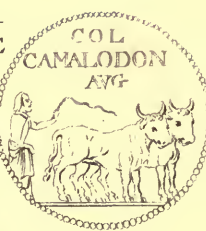
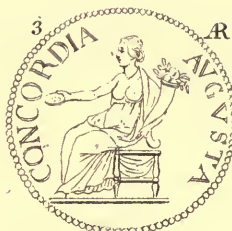
PL XVIII. 8. Consecration-Medal gives his Head laureated, with the Inscription DIVVS CLAVDIVS AVGVSTVS: On the Reverse is a quadrigated Horse or Car, with an Eagle rising with expanded Wings from the Summit of it, and in the Exergue EX S C.

His Person was not without Authority and Dignity, standing or sitting, but particularly sleeping. For he was tall and not lank; his Skin fair, with  
grey

grey Hairs, and a thick Neck. But when he entered a Room, his Hams seemed weak and tottering: and in Action, whether jocular or serious, he was very ungraceful. For his Laughter was indecent; his Anger fulsome, for he grinned and foamed at the Mouth, his Tongue faltered, and his Head shook much. While in a private Station, he was very infirm and sickly, but healthier afterwards, except that he complained frequently of a Pain in his Stomach. He made large and frequent Entertainments, when his Guests were very numerous. In his eating and drinking he was very intemperate, and commonly slept after it. He loved Dice, and published a Treatise of the Art of Play. Five Times he took upon him the Consular Dignity. In his Wives he was particularly unhappy. He first married AEMILIA LEPIDA, the Great Niece of AUGUSTUS, whom he divorced before she was admitted to his Bed, because her Parents had given Offence to AUGUSTUS. LIVIA MEDULLINA CAMILLA, descended from the Dictator CAMILLUS, was the next that he pitched upon; but she died on the Day fixed for their Nuptials. He married afterwards PLAUTIA URGULANILLA, and after her AELIA PETINA, but dismissed them both by Divorce. By URGULANILLA, he had DRUSUS and CLAUDIA; by PETINA, ANTONIA. DRUSUS died



CLAUDIUS. young, by tossing up a Pear, and catching it in his Mouth, which sticking in his Throat, strangled him. CLAUDIA he would not own, as supposing her begotten by one of his Freedmen, named *Boter*, though born within four Months after the Divorce. ANTONIA he gave first in Marriage to *Cn. Pompeius Magnus*, and afterwards to *Faustus Sulla*. By his next Wife, VALERIA MESSALINA, he had OCTAVIA and BRITANNICUS. The first he betrothed to *Silanus*, who slew himself on the Marriage of AGRIPPINA with CLAUDIUS. By this last he had no Child. Being exceedingly timorous and distrustful, he became the Dupe of his Wives and Freedmen. These, whom he chiefly regarded, were, *Possides* the Eunuch, whom he dignified with the *Hasta pura* at his *British* Triumph; *Claudius* (called by *Tacitus Antonius*) *Felix*, to whom he committed the Government of *Judea*, and whom our Author calls the Husband of three Queens; *Harpocras*, to whom he granted the Liberty of being carried through the City in a Chair or Sedan, and of exhibiting Shews or Spectacles; *Polybius*, the Assistant of his Studies, who frequently walked between the two Consuls; *Narcissus* his Secretary, and *Pallas* his Treasurer, to whom he not only granted immense Rewards, authorized by a Decree of the Senate, but the Use also of Quæstorian and Prætorian Ornaments.

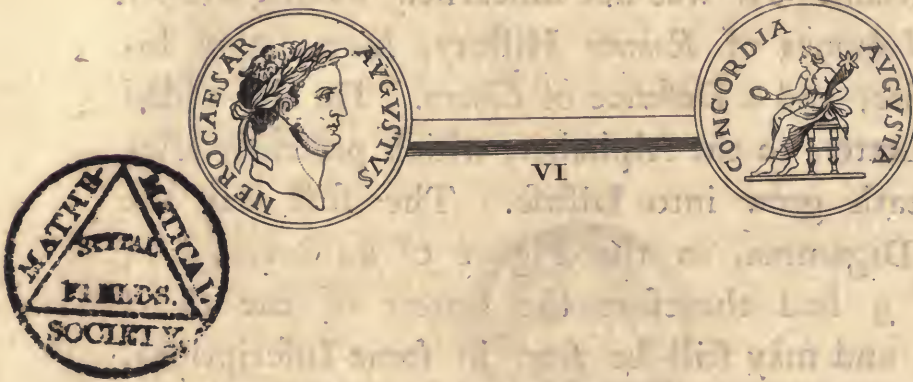






ments. And to these principally, in Conjunction with his Wives, must be imputed the Death of thirty-five Senators, and more than three hundred Equestrians. He was not unlearned, having written some Volumes of *Roman* History, Memoirs of his own Life, and a Defence of *Cicero*. He also added three Letters to the Alphabet, which presently after his Death grew into Disuse. The first was the *Æolic* Digamma, in the Figure of an inverted F, which  $\text{Ϝ}$  had therefore the Power of the *Greek*  $\Phi$  Ph; and may still be seen in some Inscriptions, as *Lipsius* observes, in the Words TERMINA $\text{Ϝ}$ IT, AMPLIA $\text{Ϝ}$ IT, and DI $\text{Ϝ}$ I AVGVSTI. The second was the Antifigma, thus formed  $\text{Ϟ}$ , and answering to the  $\Psi$  Ps of the *Greeks*. What the third was is unknown, but it is supposed to have been intended to answer the End of the *Greek* Note of Aspiration, and particularly to soften the Sound of the Canine Letter R.





## NERO CLAUDIUS CAESAR.

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 NERO.

PL. XVIII. 9.

**N**ERO was the Son of CN. DOMITIUS AHENOBARBUS, and JULIA AGRIPPINA, the Daughter of GERMANICUS. He had been adopted at the Age of eleven Years, and was now seventeen. On the Death of CLAUDIUS, he proceeded to the Camp with *Burrbus*, who commanded the Prætorian Guards. His ADLOCUTION to the Soldiery, within the Camp, is represented on the Reverse before us, struck by Decree of the Senate. He is in a speaking Attitude, supported by *Burrbus*, with the Soldiers and their Ensigns before him: in the Area S C, and in the Exergue ADLOCVTio COHortium. On Promise of the same Donative which they had received from

from his Predecessor, he was declared Emperor, and afterwards acknowledged as such by all Orders, little Mention being made of BRITANNICUS. One of the first *Greek* Medallions of him, in Silver, has his Pl. XVIII. 10. Head with a radiated Crown, and the Inscription somewhat injured, ΝΕΡΩ ΚΑΑΥ===ΙΛ, *Nero Claudius, Anno primo*; and on the Reverse the Head of CLAUDIUS radiated also, and expressing his Consecration by ΘΕΟΣ===. In the Course of his Government, he fully verified the Prediction of his Father, that “Nothing good could be produced by himself and AGRIPPINA.” It is said, that some Persons, sent by MESSALINA to strangle him while he slept, at Noon, were deterred by a Serpent issuing from his Pillow. This Tale arose from the Cast-skin of a Serpent being found amongst his Night-Cloaths. The whole Story is, that such a Thing was given to him by his Mother, which he wore, as an Amulet, upon his right Arm, inclosed in a golden Bracelet. On one of his Coins, in Bronze, with Pl. XVIII. 11. his laureate Head, and the Inscription *IMperator NEPO CLAVdius CAESar AVGuſtus*, it is seen springing from his Neck: on the Reverse a laurel Wreath surrounds a Circle, with S. C. For the Astrologers of the Time had hence foretold, that he was to receive great Power from an old Man, as the Serpent, when he casts his Skin, is thought to put



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put off his Age at the same Time. The annexed Medal, struck in the third Year of his Reign, at *Alexandria*, in *Egypt*, as appears by the *Lotus* and *Papyrus*, was undoubtedly owing to the same Foundation. It bears his laureate Head, and ΝΕΡΩΝ ΚΛΑΥΔΙΟΣ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ ΓΕΡΜΑΝΙΚΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΩΡ, on one Side; and on the Reverse a Serpent rising, and the Legend ΝΕΟΣ ΑΓΑΘΟ ΔΑΙΜΩΝ; i. e. *Recens Bonus Genius*, or *The New Good Genius*. His first Speech to the Senate, composed by *Seneca*, was so much admired, that the Fathers decreed it to be engraven on a Silver Column, and recited every Year, when the Consuls entered on their Office. At first *AGRIPPINA* managed all. They went out together, and were frequently carried in the same Chair; though generally she was carried, and he followed on Foot. She gave Answer to Ambassadors, and signed the Dispatches to foreign Powers. On a *Greek Coin* of Bronze, she is seated as a Deity, with a Branch of Laurel in her right Hand, and a Cornucopiæ in her left, with ΑΓΡΙΠΠΕΙΝΗ ΣΕΒΑΣΤῆ, *Agrippina Augusta*. Another Reverse, a little defaced, seems to ascribe his Security to the Policy and Conduct of his Mother, by a like female Figure seated, having the *Hasta pura* in her left Hand, and holding up her right to her Head, around whom is inscribed SECVRITAS AVGVSTI. But his own Denarius, with

with his laureate Head, and the Title NERO CAESAR AVGVSTVS, bears on the Reverse a *Jupiter* seated, with the Sceptre in his left Hand, and grasping the Lightning in his Right; the Legend IVPPITER CVSTOS. Her engrossing Matters was not however pleasing to *Seneca* and *Burrhus*, who were the Persons of greatest Authority about NERO. At an Audience therefore of the *Armenian* Ambassadors, with whom the Emperor was already conversing, when she came with Intent to ascend the Tribunal, they persuaded him to go down and meet his Mother, after which they returned not, pretending other Business, and so prevented this Dishonour to the Majesty of the Empire. They found Means afterwards to ease her of the public Business, which they took upon themselves, and which they administered with consummate Wisdom and Justice. To their Advice, therefore, we must ascribe the Bounty which seemed to flow from him. For in this early Part of his Government he distributed to the *Roman* People a Congiary of no less than four hundred Denarii each Man, and appointed annual Stipends for the poorer Senators. This Instance of Munificence is celebrated in the following Reverse, which represents the Distribution, and declares it by the Legend CONGIarium DATum POPulo Romano: in the Ex-

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Pl. XVIII. 15.



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ergue S C. The young Emperor loved his Ease, and they permitted him to indulge his Pleasures, not duly considering the growing Power of Corruption. With respect to his Morals, at first he only made Entertainments, lived luxuriously with the libidinous, was frequently intoxicated, intrigued. But when he saw that this brought no Réproof, and that the Public suffered not by it, he looked upon this Manner of Life as innocent and lawful. In this he was not a little encouraged by his lewd Associates, who called it mean to submit to his Mother, and shameful for the Emperor to be ruled by *Seneca* and *Burrbus*. He therefore began to view them with an Eye of Indifference first, and then of Contempt, growing by Degrees into a professed Imitation of the Manners of his Uncle CAIUS, whom he quickly exceeded. He became most immoderate in his Expences, and thence most unjust and rapacious, so that he not only exacted new Taxes, but hankered after the Possessions of the wealthy, stripping many, and murdering others. He was fond of Horse-racing, and rewarded even the victorious Beast. Hence the *Circensian* Games were celebrated with much Avidity, and on this Occasion the annexed Medal was struck, with his laureate Head, and NERO CLAUD CAESAR AUG GERM P M. TR P: on the Reverse,

Pl. XVIII. 16.

two

two military Horsemen, with their Colours, in the Courfe; in the Area, SC; and in the Exergue, DECVRSIO.

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In the mean Time a Difference arose between him and his Mother, who found her Authority in the Palace much diminished by his Fondness for *Acte*, a female Slave, purchased in *Asia*, whom he affected far beyond his Wife OCTAVIA. She therefore complained to, and admonished, him, punishing some of his Companions, and removing others. When this had no Effect, she charged him with Ingratitude, as being indebted to her for the Empire. But her Complaints were quickly silenced by the sudden Death of BRITANNICUS, who fell by Poison as he sat at Table before the whole Court. His Face, much discoloured by the fatal Drug, was whited over before the Body was carried out; but so much Rain fell in the Procession as entirely washed away the Whiting, which was fresh laid on, and discovered the Violence by which he perished. After this he gave a Loose to his Madness, rambling in Disguise from Place to Place, at unseasonable Hours, and committing every Sort of Outrage. In one of these Frolicks he got himself heartily beaten, and was forced to keep his Chamber for some Days. Presently after many Spectacles were exhibited, in which a Number of Bulls, four hundred Bears, and

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three hundred Lions, were slaughtered by his Horse-Guards, and many Pair of Gladitors fought. These were followed by judicial Contests, which occasioned Banishments and Executions in great Plenty. Amongst others, *Seneca* was accused of several Crimes, and particularly of an unlawful Familiarity with AGRIPPINA. On which Occasion our Historian (*Dio*) observes, that he was really guilty of many Things in direct Opposition to his own Philosophy. But of all the Emperor's Companions OTHO was the most regarded by him, being closely connected by a Similitude of Manners, and a Society of Guilt. He had given him to Wife a noble Lady, named POPPÆA SABINA, whom he forced from her former Husband for that Purpose, and her they shared in common. NERO was so taken with her Charms, that AGRIPPINA began to fear that he would marry her, and is thence supposed to have entered upon the most horrid Design of drawing him to her own Bed, as the most effectual Means of having him in her Power. This inflamed POPPÆA, who persuaded him to get rid of her at any Rate. And it was thought by many that *Seneca* himself was concerned in the same Proposal. But it was a difficult Matter to execute such Purpose upon one who was always on her Guard: till one Day observing in the Theatre a Ship to open, and  
discharge.

discharge itself of some living Animals, after which the several Parts of it drew together and closed again; they determined to have one constructed on the same Principles. This being done, the Behaviour of the Emperor, and of all about him, became extremely placid and obliging to his Mother. At length an Excursion into the *Campania* was resolved on, and she sailed in the same Ship with him, which was most magnificently decorated. This he did to give her a Liking to the Vessel. When they came to *Bauli*, she was sumptuously entertained for many Days. Every Time he saw her he complained of his Uneasiness in her Absence, was frequent in his Embraces, urged her to command him if she wished for any Thing, and endeavoured to prevent her Wishes. At Midnight he parted with her, after kissing her Eyes and Hands, and charging her to be careful of her Health for his Sake. He then delivered her to the Care of *Anicetus*, his Freedman, who was to conduct her homeward in the Vessel provided for her Destruction. In the Passage it opened, and let her into the Sea, and the Mariners, pre-instructed, used their Oars to such Purpose that they dispatched *Aceronia Polla*, her Attendant; but the Empress escaped, and, when she got home, sent to her Son the News of her Deliverance, dissembling all Suspicion of in-



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tended Violence. But the Messenger was immediately put to Death, as if sent to assassinate the Emperor. And presently *Anicetus*, with some of the Marines, was commissioned to dispatch her. As soon as she saw them, she guessed the Design which they came upon, and leaping from the Bed whereon she lay, and rending open her Garment, and baring her Belly, "Strike me here," said she, "for this it was which brought into the World such a Monster as NERO." After this NERO wrote Letters to the Senate, in which he loaded her with many Accusations, particularly with a Design to assassinate him, "which failing, she had put an End to her own Life." Meanwhile he was most dreadfully haunted with Terrors whithersoever he went; and many were not dissatisfied with his Commission of so foul a Fact, as they believed that it would hasten his Ruin. On his Return to *Rome*, however, Sacrifices were offered in Honour of his Mother, magnificent Games and theatrical Entertainments were exhibited, and on this Occasion it was observed, that the Elephants, which had drawn the *Herse* or Car of *AUGUSTUS*, when they entered the Circus, would proceed no further than the Seats of the Senators. They are represented in this Action on a Medal of Gold, which has on one Side the Heads both of NERO and *AGRIPPINA*, with the

Title

Title NERO CLAVDii DIVI Filius CAESar  
AVGustus GERManicus IMPerator TRIBunitiâ

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Potestate CÖSul. The Reverse has the four Ele-  
phants drawing the Car, in which two Persons are  
seated, the one holding the *Hasta pura* in the Left  
Hand, the other supporting the Eagle with the  
Right: in the Area, EX S. C. The Legend is  
NERONIS CAESaris MATER AGRIPPina AV-  
Gusta DIVI CLAVDii. The Denarius exactly re-

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sembles this. By this Sort of Consecration he vainly  
endeavoured to atone for a Crime which rendered  
him abhorred by all Mankind. Yet abhorred as he  
was, the servile Senate still payed their Court to  
him by a Profusion of new Honours, all but the  
brave *P. Thrasea Pætus*. When Proposals of this  
Sort were going forward, he left them to them-  
selves, and would say, "NERO may kill me, but  
" he cannot hurt me." After this, to say that he  
poisoned his Aunt DOMITIA, and seized on her  
Estate, is saying little. His thoughtless Extrava-  
gancies were equal to his meditated Cruelties and  
Extortions. Tickets he dispersed Abroad, on  
which were expressed the most costly and delicious  
Eatables, the most valuable Effects, as Horses,  
Slaves, Carriages, Gold, Silver, and Variety of Rai-  
ment, which whosoever brought was entitled to the  
Thing specified. Amongst the Populace he wan-  
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tonly threw little Balls, inscribed in like Manner, which also entitled the Bearer. Some Prodigies happening, the Soothsayers said, that they portended the Death of NERO, and advised him to avert the Danger upon others. This had cost many Persons their Lives, had not *Seneca* freely told him, that, "kill as many as he would, he could not kill his Successor." Sacrifices were then offered for his Safety; and, at this Time, he dedicated the public Flesh-Market, called The *MACELLUM AUGUSTI*, which is represented on the following Medals in Bronze, which have both the same Inscription, *NERO CLAUD CAESAR AVG GER P M TR P IMP PP*; but on the first the Head is laureated, and on the last it is covered with a radiated Crown, which was very singular, at this Time, for a living Emperor. On the Reverse we have the Figure of the *Macellum* itself with *MAC AVG*, but on the first the *S C* is at the Sides of the Building, and at the Bottom in the last. His *Juvenalian* Festival succeeded, on the first Rasure of his Beard, the Hairs of which were inclosed in a Golden Ball, and consecrated to *Jupiter Capitolinus*. At these Sports People of all Ranks and both Sexes assisted. In the Conclusion, NERO himself was cited, and, appearing in the Theatre in the Habit of an Harper, bespoke the Favour of the Assembly, whom he

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called







called his Lords and Masters, and sung *Attis* and the *Bacchanals* before a vast Number of Soldiers, and a most crowded Audience. *Burrhus* and *Seneca* stood by him as his Masters, suggesting what was needful. When he spoke they clapped him, giving the Signal to others to follow the Example; for there were five thousand Soldiers, stiled *Augustales*, stationed for this Purpose, and, when they applauded, all the rest were obliged to take the Hint. Only *Thrasea* must be excepted, who could not be induced to join the general Assentation. But the common Cry was, “Our amiable *Cæsar*! Our “*Apollo*! *Augustus*!” Nay, he is celebrated in this Character even upon *Roman* Coins authorized by the Senate; for on the following we see his laureate Head, with NERO CLAUDIVS CAESAR AVG GERMANIC.; and on the Reverse we behold him in the Character of *Apollo*, playing on the Harp, with S C in the Area; and around, a Continuation of his Titles, PONTIF MAX TR POT IMP PP. We are not therefore to wonder, that the *Greeks* should afterwards take up the same Kind of Adulation. When they were ended, he gave an Entertainment to all the People on Board the Ships, in the same Place where *Augustus* had exhibited a naval Engagement, and sailed thence at Midnight, by the Fosse of Communication, into the *Tiber*.

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PL. XIX. 2.



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Such were the Circumstances which attended the first Denudation of his Chin.

Pl. XIX. 3.

After this, for the Prosperity and Diuturnity of his Empire (for so the Edict ran) he instituted the *Quinquennial* Games, so called because they were to return only once in five Years, and entitled them *Neronia*, erecting a *Gymnasium* for the Purpose, at the Dedication of which he distributed Oil to the Equestrians and Senators *gratis*. This Institution is recorded on Coins, bearing the plain Head of NERO CAES AVG IMP; and having on the Reverse an Urn with Wreaths, and the Legend CERtamen QVINQuennale ROMæ CONDITUM: In the Exergue S.C. Here too he obtained the Wreath, all other Lyrists being deemed unworthy. And in Consequence of this the other Wreaths, where-soever contested, were transmitted to him from all Parts, as the supreme Victor upon the Harp.

All this while *Corbulo* was gathering better Laurels in the East, having reduced *Armenia*, and made himself Master of *Artaxata* the Capital; on which Account NERO was saluted IMPERATOR. In *Britain*, *Suetonius Paulinus*, emulous of his Glory, undertook an Expedition against the Island of *Mona*, now *Anglesea*, the principal Residence of the *Druids*. These seem to have depended more on their religious Rites for Protection than on the Sword, or any

any Resistance which they were capable of making. For we do not find that much Opposition was made; but that the *Druids*, and their Wives and Children, with dishevelled Hair and in frantic Mood, appeared upon the Shore, holding up their Hands, and uttering dreadful Imprecations upon their Enemies. The Island was quickly reduced, cleared of its Groves, and its Towns garrisoned. But the Expedition proved unseasonable. For *Prasutagus*, one of the wealthiest Princes of *Britain*, King of the *Iceni* (comprehending the Counties of *Suffolk*, *Norfolk*, *Cambridge*, and *Huntingdon*) dying while the Preparations were going forward, and leaving the Emperor and his own two Daughters his Heirs, the *Romans* rapaciously seized upon the whole, scourged his Widow *Boadicea*, ravished his Daughters, stripped the Nobility of their Estates, and treated the whole Royal Family as the most abject Slaves. While therefore the Proprætor was employed, they hastily took up Arms, under the Conduct of the Queen, were joined by the *Trinobantes*, attacked the Colony of *Camalodunum*, which they destroyed, and besieged the strong Temple erected to the Divinity of *CLAUDIUS*, which they took on the second Day. They defeated *Petilius Cerealis*, at the Head of the ninth Legion, and cut the Infantry in Pieces, while the Commander fled with the Horse. *Catus*, the



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Procurator, gave up all for lost, and failed into *Gaul*. *Paulinus*, receiving the News, marched back with Resolution through *London*, and joined *Cerealis*. This was, even then, a Place of great Trade, but fell now, with *Verulam*, into the Hands of the exasperated Insurgents, who plundered the Places, and utterly destroyed the Inhabitants in the opposite Interest; so that seventy thousand *Roman* Citizens and Confederates were put to the Sword. The Proprætor had now collected about ten thousand Regulars, and determined to give them Battle. He chose his Ground where he could not be attacked except in Front, and that by the Opening of a narrow Lane only. The Consequence was, that the tumultuous *Britons* were defeated, with the Slaughter of eighty thousand. *Paulinus* was soon after succeeded by *Petronius Turpilianus*, as he was by *Trebellius Maximus*, who were content to enjoy their Authority in ignoble Ease.

NERO now repudiated his Wife OCTAVIA, though strongly dissuaded from it by *Burrhus*, who told him plainly, that he ought then to restore her Fortune, which was no less than the *Roman* Empire. This unhappy Lady, whose Fate was generally commiserated, was first banished, and afterwards put to Death. She is commemorated on many Coins.

Pl. XIX. 4. On that before us we have the plain Head of

NERO, with the Sceptre, and the Title NERONI CLAVDIO CAESARI AVGVSTO IMPERATORI VRINO VOLVMNIO. The two last Words *Tristan* interprets as the CÆLESTIAL, the BENÉVOLENT; *Uranus* being the Father of *Saturn*, and the Preserver of all Things, and the God and Goddess *Volumnus* and *Volumna*, they who dispose Persons to be kind and good-natured, and are therefore reckoned amongst the conjugal Deities. The Reverse has the Heads both of the Emperor, representing the Sun, and of OCTAVIA, representing the Moon, and facing each other: Behind *Him*, NERO CLAV CAES AVG IMP; and behind *Her*, OCTAVIA AUGUSTA. The two next I suppose to have been struck at *Alexandria*, in *Egypt*, as the Emperor in the first bears a radiated Crown, with NERO KAIΣ===; and on the Reverse is OCTAVIA, with OKTAVI=CEBAΣTH; in the Area B, i. e. *Octavia Augusta, Anno primo*. On the second he has the same Crown, with NER KAAΥ KAI EEB ATT, *Nero Claudius Cæsar Augustus Imperator*. The Reverse of this also has the Head of the Empress, with OKTAOTIA ΣEBAΣTH E. *Octavia Augusta, Anno-*

*Burrhus*, for his Freedom of Speech, was soon after carried off by Poison, and in his Room two Commanders of the Prætorian Cohorts were appointed, one of whom was *Tigellinus*, a Man of the most

Pl. XIX. 5.

Pl. XIX. 6.



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abandoned Character of any in the Empire. All this was done to make way for the Sovereignty of POPPÆA, who, with the Assistance of her Husband *Otho*, had wound up the Emperor's Passion to the most extravagant Height. She entreated, with seeming Earnestness, "to be restored to her Husband, the best and worthiest of Men;" he, on the other Hand, exerted every Art to make the Emperor believe, that he could not live without her, and to enhance the Merit of having shared her with him, sometimes using great Liberty, and roughly demanding her as his Property. Insomuch that NERO, distracted between the Tears of the one, and the authoritative Tone of the other, determined at last, it is said, by the Advice of *Seneca*, to consign him to an honourable Banishment, by preferring him to the Government of *Lusitania*; which he administered to the Time of the Civil Wars with much Honour and Integrity. Thus he got rid of a troublesome Rival, and secured to himself the sole Possession of the Lady. She had indeed every Thing that was amiable in Woman (except a Sense of Honour) Family, Fortune, and the most engaging Beauty, the Appearance of great Modesty, seldom shewing herself abroad, and then with her Face partly veiled, though exceedingly lascivious. Her Conversation was agreeable, for she wanted not Wit.

Wit. But Reputation she had never regarded, making no Distinction between Husbands and Gallants, but transferring her Affection chiefly where it was likely to be attended with the most Advantage. So fond of her Charms, that, looking in the Glass one Day, she prayed, that she might die before she grew old: Elegant in her Attire, and studious of Dress and Ornament. Her Luxury was equal to her Vanity. The Mules that drew her were harnessed with Gold, and she used the Milk of five hundred milch Asses daily for her Bath. By the Coins which remain of her, she appears to have been particularly nice in the Disposition of her Hair, which hangs in Ringlets down her Neck. These are all of the *Greek* Stamp, and were probably struck in *Egypt*. The first has her Head on one Side, with ΠΟΠΠΑΙΑΣ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗΣ, *Poppææ Augustæ*; on the other, the laureate Head of *Nero*, with ΝΕΡΩΝΟΣ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΥ, *Neronis Augusti*. On the second she is veiled, and bears the same Title, but the Emperor's Head has a radiated Crown, without any Inscription. A third has his radiated Head, with ΝΕΡΩ ΚΛΑΥ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ, on one Side; and on the other, that of *Poppæa*, as the last. On a fourth, their Heads are joined, with ΝΕΡΩΝΑ ΠΟΠΠΑΙΑΝ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΥΣ, *Neronem Poppæam Augustos*. And on a fifth they are adverse, with ΝΕΡΩΝ above, and ΠΟΠΠΑΙΑ

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- Pl. XIX. 12. ΠΟΠΠΑΙΑ underneath; but in the Reverse of both she is represented as the Genius of *Rome*. These are in Bronze; but there is a fine one of Silver in the *Pembroke* Collection, of the Size of a Denarius, having the Emperor's laureate Head, and inscribed ΝΕΡΩΝ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΣ; and on the Reverse that of ΠΟΠΠÆΑ, with ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΥ ΠΟΠΠΑΙΑ. On Occasion of this new Connection the conjugal
- Pl. XIX. 13. Medal of Gold, which is subjoined, was probably struck, bearing the Emperor's laureate Head, with ΝΕΡΟ CAESAR AVGVSTVS; and on the Reverse, a female Figure seated, having a *Cornucopiæ* in the left Hand, and a *Patera* in the right, with CONCORDIA AVGVSTA.

*Burrhus* being carried off, it was not to be expected that the Severity of *Seneca* would long be endured. The Philosopher himself was aware of this. He threw himself at the Emperor's Feet, and made him a Tender of his whole Substance, which was immense, requesting only Leave to retire, and apply himself wholly to his Studies. But the insidious Emperor not only refused to hear him, but to his Refusal added Caresses, assuring him with many Oaths, that his Safety should be as dear to him as his own. The Philosopher kept himself mostly at home afterwards, pretending Want of Health, and industriously avoiding all Occasion of Reproach.

Reproach. But his Retreat augmented the Influence of *Tigellinus*, who now persuaded the Emperor to put to Death the two Persons of whom, for their Popularity, he was most apprehensive. These were *Sylla*, and *Rubellius Plantus*. The former had been confined to *Marseilles*, where he was assassinated at Table. The latter had been remanded to *Asia*, and, though he received previous Notice of the Design against him, chose rather to die by the Hands of the Soldiers than create any Disturbance.

In the Course of the next Year POPPÆA bore him a Daughter, named CLAUDIA, who, as well as the Mother, was presently dignified with the Title of AUGUSTA. On a leaden Coin, of the smallest Size, she is so denominated, CLAUDIA AVGVSTA; on the Reverse are the Letters TMLD, which I read *Titulum Merito Lubens Dedit*. His Joy on this Occasion was excessive, *Ultra mortale gaudium*, says *Tacitus*, and the public Rejoicings seemed to vie with it. A Temple was erected to *Fœcundity*. Vows, Oblations, and Supplications, were abundant. But these were succeeded by the Death of the Infant within four Months. This made Room for a new Species of Flattery. Deification, a Temple, Altar, Sacrifices, and Priests, were decreed to this short-lived and diminutive Goddess.

Pl. XIX. 14.



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Goddeſs. The Emperor was inſolſable. At length, to divert his Sorrows, he entertained the People with a great Variety of Spectacles, as Combats of Gladiators, in which many Senators, Equeſtrians, and even Women of Figure, entered the Liſts; Engagements with wild Beaſts, Plays, Pyrrhic Dances, &c.; during the Continuance of which he threw Tickets amongſt them, ſpecifying to the Bearers Quantities of Corn, Gold, Silver, Gems, Houſes, Lands, &c. to the Amount of a thouſand great Seſterces every Day. But now his Paſſion to diſplay his own Proficiencies grew ſtrong upon him. Yet was he modeſt enough to make Trial of the public Judgment firſt at *Naples*. There he ſung to the Multitudes, which flocked together from all Parts, from Morning to Night, ſcarce allowing himſelf the neceſſary Intervals for Reſt and Refreshment. Thence he proceeded to *Beneventum*, as intending for *Greece*, where he aſſiſted at a Shew of Gladiators, exhibited by *Vatinius*, and whence he iſſued Orders for the Death of *Torquatus Silanus*, the Great Grandſon of AUGUSTUS, whoſe ſumptuous Manner of Living was his only Crime. His Voyage to *Greece* was laid aſide for the preſent, and he returned to *Rome*, where he declared his Deſign of ſeeing the more diſtant Provinces, and particularly *Egypt*. To enſure to himſelf a prosperous Tour, he

he first visited the Temples of the Gods, and in that of *Vesta*, was struck with such an horrible Dread and Trembling, as induced him to drop the Project entirely. To placate the Goddess, it may be, that he repaired, rebuilt, or adorned her Temple; for something of this Sort must have given Occasion to the striking of the Denarius which gives his laureate Head, with NERO CAESAR AVGVSTVS, and shews on the Reverse the Goddess in her Temple, and over it the Word VESTA. He then betook himself to banquetting and nocturnal Revels, in which such Scenes of Lewdness were exhibited as are scarce credible. In one of them, himself, in the Habit of a Woman, was publicly married to one of his debauched Crew, named *Pythagoras*; and at another Time became the Husband of *Sporus*, another of his abandoned Pathics, whom, by Exsection, he endeavoured to transform into a Woman, and whom he carried about with him dressed and adorned like an Empress.

Pl. XIX. 15.

In the Year of the City DCCCXVI, when *Lecanius Bassus* and *Licinius Crassus Frugi* were Consuls, happened the most dreadful Conflagration that Rome had experienced since the Burning of it by the Gauls. Some Writers impute it to the Cruelty of the Emperor, though he was then at *Antium*. Certain it is, that many of his Officers pleaded



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Pl. XIX. 16.

Authority for their Behaviour, when they deterred the People from extinguishing the Flames. It blazed for six Days together, subsided for a Time, and then broke out afresh, continuing three Days longer. Before it reached the Palace, he returned to *Rome*, but could not prevent the Destruction of that Edifice. Whether this Imputation be just or not, he laid open the *Campus Martius*, and his own Gardens, for the Reception of those that were burned out. Tents were every where set up for their better Accommodation. Furniture of all Kinds was brought from *Ostia*, and the neighbouring Towns, in vast Abundance, and such a Profusion of Corn as rendered that necessary Article very plentiful and cheap. And to this we probably owe the double-stamped Medal in Bronze before us, with his laureate Head, and IMP NERO CAESAR AVG P MAX TR P P P. On the Neck are the Letters SPQR. So that this is one of the few Instances of Medals stamped a second Time. On the Reverse is a female Figure, standing, with a *Cornucopiæ* in her left Hand, and a *PATERA*, it is presumed, in her right. That however, and the Legend, have been destroyed by the Injury of Time. It is scarce to be doubted but that the Words were PROVIDENTIA AVGVSTA or AVGVSTI, as the same Figure is not uncommon upon Coins with  
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this Title: In the Area S C. Of the fourteen Regions, into which the City had been divided by AUGUSTUS, three were entirely consumed, seven had a few scattered Houses left standing here and there, and four only escaped the merciless Devastation. The Odium of this terrible Calamity the Emperor endeavoured to throw upon the *Christians*, already numerous in *Rome*, against whom commenced a raging Persecution. Great Multitudes of them were put to Death with the most exquisite Tortures. Some were crucified; others wrapped in the Skins of Beasts, and torn in Pieces by Dogs, or plaistered up in pitchy Garments, and set on Fire to illuminate the Night; while himself pursued his Diversions in the Circus with much Unconcern. Whatever Enormities were then imputed to the *Christians*, they were generally pitied, as not suffering for any Guilt of their own, but purely to gratify the cruel Disposition of an unfeeling Tyrant.

Out of the Ashes of the old, arose a new City, much more superb and magnificent, for the Evenness and Width of its Streets, the Spaciousness of its Squares in general, the Regularity of its Buildings, and the wise Precautions taken to prevent a like Calamity. But the Palace, which the Emperor erected for himself, exceeds Description. Its Ex-



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tent was incredible. For it is said by *Pliny* and *Martial* to have encompassed the City. The Materials were inestimable. For it was covered in a Manner with Gold and Gems; nor was there wanting any Variety of Hill and Dale, of Wood and Water, Field and Grove, or whatever else could be imagined to render it agreeable. Before the Entrance stood a Colossal Statue of the Emperor, an hundred and twenty Feet high: so that in many Respects it was not improperly called his Golden House. About this Time we presume the Medal to have been struck, which Mr. *Addison* gives us the Reverse of, exhibiting *Rome* in her Glory, armed with an Helmet, and sitting on an Heap of Arms, her right Hand resting upon a Shield, whereon is depicted the Wolf giving Suck to *Romulus* and *Remus*, and in her left the *Hasta pura*: In the Area S C; and in the Exergue, ROMA.

Pl. XIX. 17.

NERO was a great Admirer of the Profuseness of his Uncle CALIGULA, which he very exactly copied, as well as his Method of recruiting. Having therefore exhausted the Imperial Treasury, all *Italy* was ransacked; the Provinces, the Allies, and the Free Cities, were plundered. Even the Temples of the Gods within the City were stripped of the Gold and Presents which the Devotion of former Ages had laid up in them. But in *Asia* and *Achaia*,  
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not only the sacred Gifts, but the Statues of the Gods themselves were seized, his two Instruments, *Acratus* and *Secundus Carinas*, having his Commifion for that Purpose; the former, his Freedman, prompt to any Mischief; the latter, verfed in the *Greek* Literature, but deficient in all good Qualities. About the fame Time many Veffels, laden with Corn, were caft away by putting to Sea in bad Weather, being obliged to reach the Port by a ftated Day.

The next Year a general Conſpiracy, for the Deſtruction of the Tyrant, was diſcovered, in which very many Senators, Equeſtrians, Officers of the Army, and even Women were engaged, either in Detestation of NERO or from Affection to *Piſo*, whoſe Conſpiracy it was called. He was of the *Calpurnian* Family, very noble, popular, and poſſeſſed of many Qualities which were very like Virtues; for he employed his Eloquence, of which he was a great Maſter, in Defence of his Fellow-Citizens; was generous to his Friends, and extremely affable and condeſcending to Strangers. Add, that his Perſon was tall and comely. But then he had no Gravity of Morals or Parſimony of Pleaſure, being ſoft and magnificent, and ſometimes luxurious. It would be foreign to our Deſign to recount the ſeveral Perſons, their Characters, and Behaviour



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Pl. XIX. 18.

haviour in their last Moments ; but it may not be amiss to observe, that *Seneca*, whose Substance the Emperor thirsted after, and *Lucan* the Poet, were of the Number, and suffered, with a Multitude of others, on this Occasion. These Executions being over, he rewarded the Fidelity of his Soldiers with two thousand Denarii to each Man, adding thereto such a Quantity of Corn *gratis*, as was equal to their usual Consumption. This was the Emperor's Allowance, and is so called on the annexed fine Medal in Bronze, struck by Order of the Senate, which bears his laureated Head, with NERO CLAVD CAESAR AVG GER PM TR P IMP PP ; on the Reverse the Emperor is figured with a *Cornucopie* in his left Hand, and a Sail above him, around ANNONA AVGVSTI. Opposite to him is *Ceres* seated, with the *Hasta pura* in her left Hand, and a *Patera* in her right, with an Altar and Offerings before her, and behind her CERES : In the Exergue, the Sanction of the Senate, S.C. Offerings and Thanksgivings to the Gods were also decreed by the servile Senate, and public Games ordered. The Month of *April* was to be called the Month of NERO, and a Temple to be erected to SALVS. One of the Consuls even proposed that a Temple should be erected with all Speed at the public Charge, DIVO NERONI, to the

the God NERO. This, by the superstitious *Romans*, was held ominous ; for the Honour of Divinity, says *Tacitus*, is not ascribed to the Prince till after his Death.

A ridiculous Affair ensued. One *Cesellius Bassus*, a *Carthaginian* by Descent, having been conveyed to *Rome*, and gained Access to the Emperor, told him of immense Treasures in the Ore, laid up in a very deep Cavern upon his Estate in *Africa* ; which he supposed to have been concealed there by the *Phœnician Dido*, lest it should tempt the neighbouring Powers, or corrupt her new Colony. NERO, without Enquiry, took the Discovery for granted, and encouraged the Rumor of it. Messengers, with fleet Vessels and select Rowers, were dispatched away to fetch it over. Little else was talked of, and it was cried up as the peculiar Providence of his Reign. In the mean Time, Luxury rioted upon this empty Hope, and a vast Quantity of real Wealth was dissipated upon the Credit of this imaginary Supply ; for after much Search to no Purpose, the crazy Discoverer lamented, with Astonishment, that he should be so deceived, for that his Dreams had never failed him before ! Thus detected, he put an End to his own Fear and Confusion, as well as to the public Expectation, by a voluntary Death.



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The *Quinquennial* Sports were then exhibiting, and to heal this Disappointment, the Senate offered to prejudge to him the Wreaths of Poetry and Eloquence. But he answered, that “ he stood in  
 “ no Need of the Favour or Power of the Senate ;  
 “ that he was a Match for all his Rivals, and  
 “ would obtain his Honour from the Impartiality  
 “ of the Judges only.” He therefore rehearsed his Ode upon the Stage, and then applied himself to the Harp, strictly observing the Laws of it, neither resting when weary, nor wiping off the Sweat but with his Arm, nor spitting, nor blowing his Nose ; and lastly, falling upon his Knees, he adored the Croud, and waited with Anxiety the Sentence of the Judges. Presently after the Sports, died POPPÆA, being killed by a Kick which he gave her on the Belly, while pregnant, in the Transport of his Passion. Her Body was not burned, as usual with the *Romans*, but embalmed, and deposited in the Sepulchre of the *Julian* Family, and divine Honours were decreed to her. He then offered his Hand to ANTONIA, the Daughter of his Predecessor, and his Sister by Adoption, who, by declining it, incurred his high Displeasure, and was put to Death, under the Pretence of plotting against him. After this, he married STATILIA MESSALINA, the Widow of *Vestinus*, with whom he had been  
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familiar in the Time of her Husband, and who, on one of *Goltzius's* Coins, is stiled *AUGUSTA*.

Now *C. Cassius Longinus*, and *J. Silanus Torquatus*, fell Victims to his Cruelty. His Wealth, and the Gravity of his Morals, made the real Crime of the former; but it was objected to him, that he kept the Statue of *C. Cassius*, inscribed "To the Leader of the Party." To the latter was imputed the Affectation of Imperial Grandeur, as formerly to his Uncle, and a forged Charge of Incest with his Aunt, who was the Wife of *Cassius*. They were both exiled by a Decree of the Senate; but *Silanus* was afterwards murdered by a Centurion sent for the Purpose. This was followed by the violent Deaths of *L. Vetus*, his Mother-in-law *Sextia*, and his Daughter *Pollutia*. Their Guilt was of a very extraordinary Nature. They were doomed, because their Existence seemed to upbraid him with the Murder of *Rubellius Plautus*, the Husband of *Pollutia*. At the same Time a terrible Hurricane laid Waste the whole *Campania*, and more than thirty thousand Persons died by the Pestilence at *Rome*. But public Calamities could not soften the Disposition of *NERO*. *Anteius*, and the brave *Ostorius Scapula*, were destroyed, under Pretence of consulting the Astrologers concerning the Fate of the Empire. And presently after perished *Mela*, *Crispinus*,

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*Anicius*, and *Petronius*. About this Time the *Jews* began to rebel against the *Romans*.

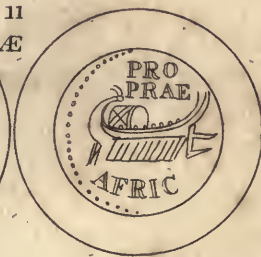
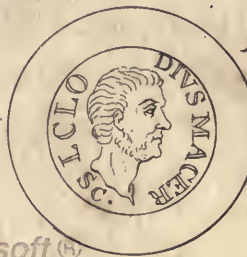
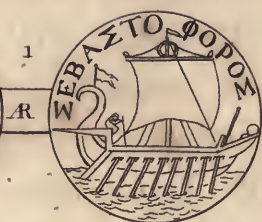
*Tiridates* now came to *Rome*, to receive the Crown of *Armenia* from the Hands of the Emperor, who thought fit to distinguish his Arrival by the Condemnation of the two greatest and best Men in *Rome*, *Soranus* and *Thrasea*, Men of signal Justice and Probity, who could not sanctify bad Measures by their Approbation; and it was deemed Matter of Favour, that they were permitted by the Senate to chuse their own Way of dying. The Coronation of *Tiridates*, who was the Brother of *Vologeses*, the *Parthian* Monarch, was performed with amazing Pomp and Splendor, and immediately after the Temple of *Janus* was shut up, as in Times of universal Peace. We have this upon a

Pl. XIX. 19.

Medal of Bronze, of the first Magnitude, which bears the laureate Head of *NERO*, with the usual Inscription; and on the Reverse, the Temple of *Janus* closed, with *PACE Populo Romano TERRA MARIQ PARTA IANVM CLVSIT*: In the Area *S C*. We have two other Reversees of the same Transaction, wherein the Figure of the Temple differs in some Respect. The first has the same Legend; but the last wants the *S C*, and runs thus: *PACE P R VBIQ PARTA IANVM CLVSIT*. The whole Fabric of the Temple, according to

Pl. XIX. 20.

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*Procopius*, was a Cube of Brass-Work, and of Height sufficient to receive an entire Statue of *Janus*, of the same Metal, which was five Feet high.

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The Season for the Celebration of the *Olympic Games* now advancing, the Emperor made Preparations for a Voyage to *Greece*, that he might display his Talents amongst that ingenious People. They had already honoured him with the Wreaths usually bestowed on those who excelled in Music, and their Deputation had been most graciously received. He set sail with a vast Army, and a Multitude of other Attendants, and landed in *Epirus*. His Voyage is celebrated on a very curious *Greek Medallion* of Silver, which gives his Head with a radiated Crown, and ΝΕΡΩ ΚΛΑΥ ΚΑΙΣ ΣΕΒ ΓΕΡΜ ΙΓ; on the Reverse is the Prætorian Vessel which carried him, with full Sail and Oars, having the Title of ΣΕΒΑΣΤΟΦΟΡΟΣ, *The Bearer of Augustus*, or *The Imperial Ship*. The *Corinthians* also, a *Roman Colony*, congratulated his Arrival, by striking the same Vessel on the Reverse of their Coins, with the Names of the *Duumviri*, which are imperfect in that before us, and COR for *Corinthi*; and in the Area, ADVENTUS AVGVSTI. The same is alluded to in the following, which is also in Bronze, by their *Bellerophon* and *Pegasus*,

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with COR underneath; though the Names of the *Duumviri* are here imperfect also. In the Course of his Peregrination, he contested the Prizes at the *Isthmian*, *Olympic*, *Actian*, and *Pythian* Games, amongst Stage-Players, Harpers, and Charioteers, and, by Dint of Partiality and Corruption, was every where gratified with the Palm. The *Isthmian* we have in the following Medal in Bronze, struck under the same *Duumvir* as the former, and in the same City of *Corinth*. It is the Wreath of Parsley, with which the Victors at the *Pythian* Games were honoured: to which the Poet alludes,

*Hæc opera atque hæc sunt generosi Principis artes,  
Gaudentis fædo peregrina ad pulpita cantu.  
Prostitui, Graiaque apium meruisse coronæ.* Juv. Sat. viii.

These are the blest Endowments, Studies, Arts,  
Which exercise our mighty Emperor's Parts;  
Such Frolics with his roving Genius suit,  
On foreign Theatres to prostitute  
His Voice and Honour, for the poor Renown  
Of putting all the *Grecian* Actors down,  
And winning at a Wake their *Parsley-Crown*.

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Pl. XX. 5.

That of the *Theſſalonians* is of Laurel, incloſing the Word ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΕΩΝ. Others represent him as *Apollo*, and give him Victories and Crowns,

Pl. XX. 6.

as the following, inscribed ΝΕΡΩΝΙ ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙ,  
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*To the Nero Apollo*; and the Victory and Wreath is NEPΩNOC, *Nero's*. Even the *Asiatics* caught the Infection, and flattered him in the same Manner. For we see the *Ereitæ*, a People of *Lycia*, figuring him upon their Coins also as their *Apollo*, with a Harp in his left Hand, and a *Patera* in the right, with ΑΠΟΛΛΩΝΙ ΕΡΕΙΤΩΝ, *To the Apollo of the Ereitæ*. The *Antiochians* of *Syria* gave his Head laureated, with the *Lituus* before him, and an Inscription in the *Roman* Language, very rare on *Greek* Coins, IM NER CLAV CAESAR; while the Legend of the Reverse, inclosed in a Wreath of Laurel, is *Greek*, expressing the Name of their Proconsul, and their own *Julian* Epoch, ΕΠΙ ΓΑΙΟΥ ΚΕΣΤΙΟΥ ΑΝΤΙΟΧΕΩΝ ΕΤ ΔΙΠ, *Under Caius Cestius of the Antiochians, in the Year 114*. We must observe, that this Legend bespeaks itself to have been erroneously copied in the *Pembrokian* Collection, which further appears from the Description of the Coin in *Vaillant's Numismata Imperatorum*, p. 14. While at *Corinth*, he attempted to open the Isthmus, and join the two Seas; but was obliged to desist, finding the Work to be attended with insuperable Difficulties.

Pl. XX. 7.

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C. Cestius Gallus, the Proconsul of *Syria*, having been defeated by the *Jews*, Mucianus was appointed, to succeed him, and *Vespasian* to command the Army.



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Army against them. Meantime the Rapine and Cruelty of the Emperor ceased not. The most opulent *Greeks* were condemned for the Sake of their Effects, and great Numbers of the most eminent *Romans*, whom he had sent for, or taken with him for that Purpose, were cut off, and Orders instantly dispatched to the Governor of *Rome* to seize on their Estates; amongst these was *Corbulo*, the bravest Commander in the *Roman* Empire. This Governor, who was his Freedman, and whose Disposition suited that of his Master, being invested with absolute Power, made no less Havoc in the City than the other did abroad. This occasioned such a Ferment as rendered his Return immediately necessary: So that, after a Year's Absence, he entered the City in most pompous Triumph. He was carried in the Car of *Augustus*, attended by one *Diodorus*, a Master of the Lyre, crowned with an *Olympic* Wreath, and holding out a *Pythian* Chaplet in his Hand. Before him marched in solemn Procession a Multitude of Persons richly habited, with Crowns in their Hands, and Inscriptions expressing where and from whom they had been won; all which were placed upon his Statues, when the Procession was over. As this was the only Triumph of his Reign, it may probably have given Occasion for the Medal in Bronze, which pre-

sents us with his laureate Head, surrounded with his usual Titles, NERO CLAUD CAESAR AVG GER PM TR P IMP P P ; with a triumphal Arch and S C on the Reverse. Nor are we to wonder that the Senate, at this Time of Day, should countenance this Prostitution of the *Roman* Glory. Another, struck by the same Authority, has a *Victory* on the Reverse, with a Palm-Branch in the left Hand, and a Wreath of Laurel in the right, with the Legend VICTORIA AVGVSTI: In the Area, S C.

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Pl. XX. 9.

Pl. XX. 10.

In the next Year, when *Silius Italicus* the Poet, and *Galerius Trachalus Turpilianus*, were Consuls, *Julius Vindex*, the Governor of *Celtic Gaul*, revolted. He had no Troops, but depended upon the Affections of his Countrymen; for he was of *Gallic* and Royal Extraction. He opened his Design to *Galba*, who then governed in *Spain*, and urged him to assume the Purple; who after some Demur, the Effect of Prudence or of Fear, declared against NERO. But neither of them could prevail upon *Virginus Rufus*, who commanded in *Upper Germany*, to join the Party. On the contrary, he marched into *Gaul*, and laid close Siege to *Vesontio*, now *Besançon*. *Vindex*, at the Head of his new-raised *Gauls*, advanced to its Relief, and had an Interview, in which the two Chiefs came to some



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some Agreement; but *Virginus* still refused to support *Galba*: And the Legions from *Germany*, through Mistake, falling upon the *Gauls*, when unprepared for Action, *Vindex* was defeated, and slew himself. *Virginus* might then, with all Probability of Success, have set up for himself, to which he was strongly invited by the Army. This he not only refused, but declared positively against any and every Person, whom the Senate should not first acknowledge. On the other Side *OTHO*, in *Lusitania*, supported *GALBA* with all his Wealth and Power.

But this Disaffection was not confined to the Continent of *Europe*; for *Clodius Macer*, Pro-prætor of *Africa*, noted for his Avarice and Cruelty, declared himself also a Candidate for Imperial Power. His Fleet gave him Confidence, by which he presumed himself Master of the Sea, threatening *Italy* with Famine, if any other should be made Choice of. He even struck Coins with his own Head and Name, adding underneath the S C; having on the Reverse a Ship, with PROPRAETOR AFRICÆ. But his Ambition was short-lived; for he was soon after put to Death by Order of *GALBA*.

Pl. XX. II.

All this while *NERO* was in great Agitation, exacting Money, levying Troops, and enlisting even the

the Slaves. Sometimes he thought of destroying himself by Poison, which he provided accordingly; sometimes of flying into *Egypt* or *Parthia*; and sometimes of submitting himself to GALBA. In the Midst of this Anxiety, his Ruin was suddenly completed by those on whom he had most Reason to depend. These were *Tigellinus* and *Nymphidius*, whom he had promoted to the joint Command of the Prætorian Cohorts. The latter assured the Guards, that the Emperor was fled, and promised them a most exorbitant Donative in the Name of GALBA, which succeeded. In the Night, therefore, finding his Guards withdrawn, he left the Palace in order to conceal himself in the Villa of *Phaon*, one of his Freedmen. Passing the Prætorian Camp, he heard the Acclamations of the Soldiers in Favour of GALBA. The next Day, his Flight being known, GALBA was acknowledged Emperor by the Senate, and the miserable NERO doomed to a cruel Death. But he prevented the Execution of the Sentence, by putting an End, with much Irresolution, and the Assistance of his Secretary, to his own Life.

He was of proper Stature, but his Body was subject to Pimples and Blotches: his Hair sandy, and he wore it curled in Ringlets: his Face more fair than comely: his Eyes grey and heavy: his Neck

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fat: his Belly prominent: and his Legs slender. But he was very healthy, notwithstanding his immoderate Luxury. He was certainly a Master of Music, had an easy poetical Vein, and no mean Skill in Painting and Designing. Indeed all the *Julian* Family, which ended in him, were versed in the polite Arts, and Men of admirable Eloquence, Talents which would have covered many Failings; but of the four last it may be truly said, that they were Monsters in Iniquity, and irredeemably plunged in Vice of every Kind. In the Beginning of his Reign, he made a Shew of great Good-nature, and an Aversion to Blood, of which we have a noble Instance, when, being desired to subscribe an Order for the Execution of one condemned, he cried out, "O that I had never learned to write!" His Willfulness, Lust, Luxury, Avarice, and Cruelty, he exercised at first by slow Degrees, and privately; yet it was not questioned then but that they were the Vices of his Nature, not his Age. And as these grew up with him, he disdained all Privacy and Reputation. He deflowered a Vestal, named *Rubria*: but the Feats of Lust recorded of him are too vile to be repeated. He wore no Robe twice; never travelled with fewer than a thousand Carriages, his Mules being shod with Silver, his Muleteers richly cloathed, and his Horsemen magnificently

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cently adorned. On the Defection of *Vindex*, he is believed to have intended dreadful Mischiefs, even the Destruction of all the Governors of Provinces, and of all in the City who were of *Gallic* Affinity or Attachment; to give up all *Gaul* to be sacked by the Armies; to poison the whole Senate at Entertainments; to set fire to the City, and to let out the wild Beasts to prevent the Extinction of it. He was, in fine, a Composition of Lust and Pride, Extravagance and Cruelty. He died in the thirty-second Year of his Age, on the same Day whereon he had put his Wife OCTAVIA to Death, after having reigned thirteen Years and eight Months, and taken the Title of Consul four Times.



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