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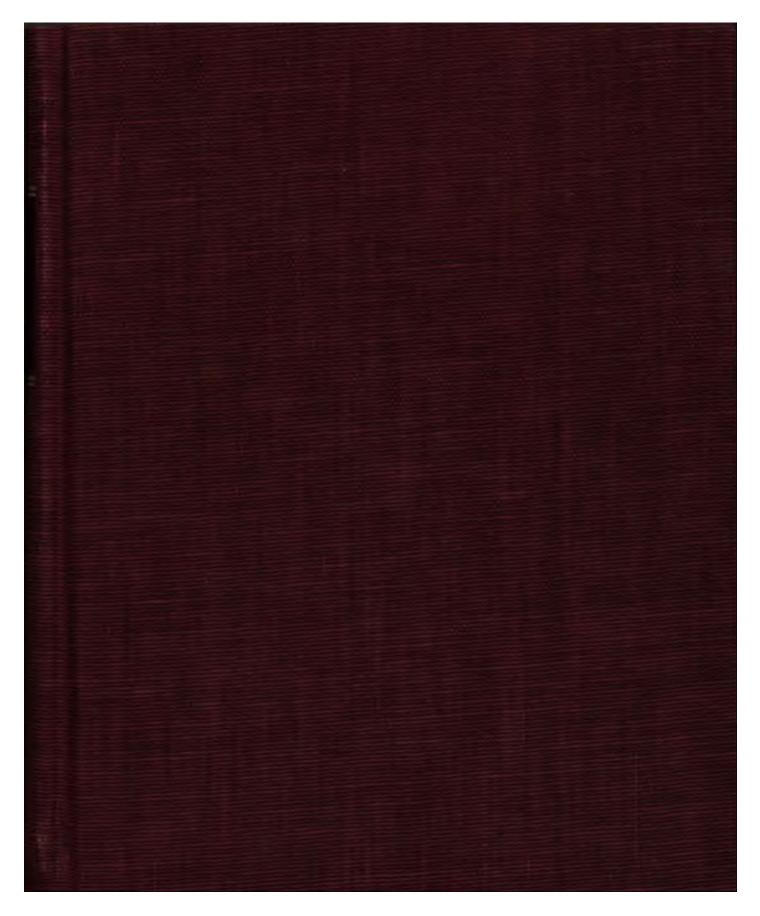
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right grete assamblee of Secyliens that halowed the ffeste of her goddes, whan pluto sawe this feste, he dide do arme, xx, of his felawshypp vnder their robes and garnementes. And wente in this maner for to fee the feste / for to wete yf he myght synde ony proie / this plu- 5 to was the grettest theef and the moste lecherous man of all the world And had with hym a geant named Cerberus. ynowh ylyke vnto pluto of condicions and of corage / but he was moche more strenger and puysfant of body. Alle the other were grete as geantes. and 10 had lerned to do no thyng ellis but for to do harme and euyll And coude none other wife doo / Whan than the fecilyens fawe pluto come and his felawes they suppofed that hit had be fome of their neighebours that cam for to fee their playes and esbatementis for as moche 15 as they cam clothed in theyr garnementis and fawe none of their armour ne harnoys And they enforced them to fynge & dauce / but certes their fonges and their daunces were not pardurable ner dured not longe. for in comyng vnto them there. The kynge pluto caste his 20 eyen a fide and fawe there the quene of that marches that beheld the feste. And by her/her doughter that made a Chapelet of flowres. The moder was named Sera And the doughter was callid Proferpyne and was maried vnto a noble man named Orpheus that sat 25 beside her and played on the harpe / This proferpyne was passyng mervaillous fayr. Anone as pluto had feen her he desired and coueyted her And aduertised his folke fecretly of her / And after cam nyhe and by her And felte hym felf so surmounted in coueytise of her 30 beaulte . that he fette handes on her And leyde her on his [leaf 160]

back and bare her a way::.

Han Orpheus and Sera fawe proferpine fo rauisshid they escried pietously & anguysshoufly vpon pluto / with this crye the cecyliens lefte 5 their seste and ran after pluto in grete nombre men & women hoping to haue rescowed proserpine / but whan cerberus and his complices fawe the murmure / they drewe out their swerdes & shewid their armes and smote vpon them that approchid them and fleyng them largely / 10 recuyellid and wente vnto the porte maulgre the cecyliens and orpheus / they guyded pluto in to his shippe and after they entrid / and than difancrid & caried a way proferpine. The cecyliens were than dispourueid of armes / they coude not withstand the rauisshement of pro-15 ferpine / At the departyng fro the porte was made the moste aspre doeill & sorowe that coude be / Proserpyne wepte fore on that on fide & pietoufly / and cryed right hyhe and lowde / Sera on that other fide with the cecyliens made no skarcete of teeres / and certes orpheus fay-20 lid not to furnysshe his teeres with parfound sighes / for he loued proferpine / And she loued hym also / At the departyng their hertes were put in a hard & greuous distresse / so harde anguyssh that proserpine fill down a fwone / and orpheus was fo rauisshid with anger / that 25 he retorned in to his palais whan he had loste the sight of proferpine / And helde hym cloos in hys chambre with out speche two dayes:.

A T the end of two dayes fera cam to visite orpheus that wold nether ete ne drynke / and sayd to hym that she knewe wel the rauisshour of her doughteer / & that hit was pluto po kyng of melose / & that he dweld [leaf 160 verso]

in a partie of thessaylle in a lowe and basse Cite that was callid helle for as moche as this yle. Kynge pluto and his complices dide fo moche harme and euyll. that they were compared and lykened vnto deuylles and their Cite was named Helle. Whan Orpheus vn- 5 derstode that proserpyne was in helle he toke a lityll hope in hym self and ete & dranke . and made a vowe that he wold neuer reste in place vnto the tyme that he had ben in helle for to see proserpine. After that he had eten he sente for his maronners And bad hem to make 10 redy a shipp . whan the shypp was garnysshid of all that hit behouyd. after the leue and congie taken of the quene sera. In habite disguysed he entrid allone in to his shipp with his harpe. And maad his mariners to saile forth on the fee. in fuche wife that they arryued at oon 15 of the poortes of thesayll. Orpheus wente there a lande. & after comanded his maryners that they shold abide hym in the fame place. vnto a certayn tyme that he named. After he departed and wente fro contre to contre fo longe for to spede his mater / that he came to 20 the yate of helle whiche Cerberus kepte. And there he began to plaie on his harpe right swetli & melodiously.

Han Cerberus herde the fowne of the harpe. he lyste vp his hede on hyghe. and cam out of the gate. for to knowe who was he that pleyed 25 so melodiously And by the soune of the harpe he fond Orpheus. And thynkynge that pluto wold gladly here hym. for to reioye proserpyne that allewey wepte he maad hym entre in to the Cyte. And brought hym before the kynge. Orpheus than began to playe agayn 30 [leaf 161]

on his harpe / whan the kynge pluto had herd hym / he toke therin grete pleasir / and so dide all they that were ther by hym / Than pluto fente for to feke proferpyne / whan she was come & herde hym playe with his harpe 5 by his plaie she knewe wel that hit was her husbond the was fore abaffhid / and yf the had fore wepte to fore / she wepte moche more after / Pluto was fory for the forowe that proferpine made / and fayd to orpheus / that yf he coude so playe with his harpe that the 10 lady shold sesse of her wepyng / that he wold gyue hym that he wold axe of hym Orpheus promysid and made hym feure that he wold doo hit / And pluto fware to hym that he wold holde & kepe his promesse yf he fo dide / And than orpheus fetted & entuned his harpe 15 and playd dyuerce fonges / fo fwetely / that the Infernal cerberus & many fill a slepe / and also proferpine by the mene of certayn tokenes and fignes that orpheus maad with his eyen / made her to cesse of her wepyng:

Phan pluto fawe proferpine fo ceffing her wepying he was passing Ioyous / he awoke than cerberus & the other that slepte / After he spack to orpheus and sayd to hym that he had so well harped that no man coude do better / And that he wold that he shold demande som thynge / And he wold gyue hit hym with out ony saute. Orpheus heeryng the wordes of pluto / had a grete debate in hym self for to knowe what thynge he myght beste demande / In the ende he sayd to hym / Syre I am orpheus the husbond of this ladye / that for her loue I haue enterprysed to come hether in thys aduenture / I praye and requyre yow

that ye will gyue and rendre her agayn to me . that I may brynge her agayn vnto her moder that dyeth for forowe / whan pluto had herd the requeste that orpheus had made / he was passing angry / and also esmaied of the hardynesse that orpheus had don . how be hit / he s answerd to hym. Orpheus ye haue demanded of me proferpyne / she is the lady that I moost love of all the world / Neuertheles for to accomplish the promesse that I have maad to yow / I gyue her vnto yow by condicyon that ye brynge her out of this Cyte with oute 10 lokyng or beholdyng after or behynde yow And yf hit happen that ye ones loke behynd yow ye shall lose her Of this answer orpheus was contente. And hym semed bt his wyf was as good as recoured or wonne he and proferpyne passid ouer that nyght in good 15 hope / whan the morn was comen / pluto delyuerid proferpyne vnto orpheus by the condicion afore reherced orpheus and proferpyne toke leue of kynge pluto and thanked hym / fyn they wente on their waie / but he had not goon half way to the gate. whan orpheus pryuely 20 loked behinde hym. for to fee yf ony man folowed hym And than he fonde at his heles Cerberus that toke proferpyne away fro hym And yelded and delyuerid her agayn vnto the kynge &c:..

Rpheus seeyng that by his vnhappynes had 25 lost his wif / began to curse the day that he was born. And cam after and solowed proserpyne and began agayn to harpe and to offre grete yestes for to recoure her agayn / but hit was said to hym for conclusion that he shold neuer haue her agayn. And also 30 that yf he had vsyd the seet of Armes as he had the [last 162]

strenges of the harpe / he shold by armes have dyed / with this conclusion orpheus departed fro hell full of forowe & anguyssh . and retorned in to secylle vnto the quene fera tellyng to her his auenture. The quene acers taynd that her doughter was in hell / as she that was aduertised that in thesayll shold be halowed the seste of the weddyng of pirothus / and that ther were many knyghtes of grete name / she wente to the see / and cam fo apoynt to thessalonycque that the feste yet endured 10 In approching the cyte. on an after none as pirothus and thefeus were in the feldes / they mette her / Her exersite was grete / Theseus & pirothus salewed her / And she falewed & greted them agayn / and after axed them thestate of the feste of the weddyng / They told and re-15 counted her all. After she demanded of them yf ther were there no knyghtes of grete name and hyhe enterpryfes whan they vnderstode that she enqueryd so ferre / they wold wete what she was and demanded her name I am fayd thys lady feres of cecyll / Than spake theseus 20 and faid madame ye be well come / ffor what occasion demande ye yf in the feste ben ony knyghtes of entreprise I can well faie to yow that ther be truly / but not withstondyng that I so aduertyse yow / I pray yow and also require that we telle and aduertyse vnto vs the 25 cause why ye haue so demaunded &c:.

Yre faid the lady fyn hit pleafith yow tenquere of myn estate so ferre / knowe ye for certayn that I haue maad to yow my demaunde for as moche as pluto the kynge of helle hath rauysshyd my doughter Proserpyne by whyche I am hurte

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vnto the deth. And so I wold sayn synde som knyght that by his courtosie wold emploie hym for to gete her agayn And yelde her to me. And for to assaylle the cursid tyraūt. whiche I pray the goddes may be dampned and consounded pardurably for his demerites swherfore I pray yow yf ye knowe ony that to me be propice that hit plese yow for charite for to adresse me vnto hym. Madame Answerd Theseus be ye no more besy to synde suche a knyght as ye seke. sfor in the sauour of all ladies I shall be your knight in this werke so And promyse yow vpon myn honour / that I shall transporte me in to helle. And the kynge pluto shall neur haue peas with me vnto the tyme that he hath restored your doughter &c:

Han pirothus herde thenterprise of these he be- 15 gan to breke his wordes and faid to hym. My broder what thynke ye to doo. whan ye enterpryfe for to goo in to helle. ye knowe not the termes ner the fituacion of that place. helle stondeth behynde the Inner fee betwene montaignes and roches fo highe that 20 the Citezeyns that dwelle ther in ben in contynuell vmbre and shadowe. And the Entre is so stronge that hit is Inpossible to come with in the Cyte. but yf the porter consente. for here to fore tyme many haue goon theder that ben there lefte and bleuen . ther goth no man 25 theder that ever cometh agayn, hit is right an helle And eche man nameth hit helle as well for the fituacion therof in fo derke and tenebrous a place / as for the Inhumanyte and terrybilite of the habitans and Indwellars, that allway wacche and wayte to do euyll and a desplaysir to alle the world / Theseus answerd vnto [leaf 163] 327

pirothus and fayd / ther is no thynge Inpossible vnto a vailliant herte / The kyng pluto is cruell and stronge his folke and peple tyrannyse / His cyte standeth in a contre enuyronned with mortall parelles / Notwithsstondyng certes the dowtance and sere of these thinges shall neuer rebowte ne withdrawe my corage / but that I shall do my deuoyr to achyeue this emprynse / And shall dye in the payne / or shall haue reproche / shewyng to all maner knyghtes/that a man to kepe his honour and worshippe ought not to doubte ony paryll what that euer hit bee / &c:

Han pyrothus had herd the noble answer of thefeus / he allowed hit gretely and faid to hym that his wordes were to hym right agreable & 15 fo acceptable / that he wold hold hym companye in thys aduenture / The quene Seres thanked the two knyghtes / they brought her in to the Cyte and in to the palays / She was there resseyued and feested as hit apperteyned / thauenture of her doughter was told / 20 And thenterpryse of the two knyghtes / By the reporte of this aduenture and of thenterprife that thefeus and pyrothus had maad / Alle the ffeeste was trowblyd agayn on a newe / Amonge alle other ypodame confyderyng that her husbond that was so newely 25 maryed vnto her wold goo in this paryllous voyage of helle/her herte began to gyue oute wepyng of teeres/ And myghte gyue no foulas ne comfort vnto her eyen what shall I saye the ffeste ended in grete sorowe / Iason and hercules wold gladly have goon with the-30 feus & pirothus/& spake therof to them/but they wolde 328 [leaf 163 verso]

not fuffre hem / Than departed hercules and entrid in to a shippe as he wold have goon in to his contrey. Eche man in lyke wyse departed. And also theseus and pirothus toke theyr way for to goo vnto helle / & than aboute their departing wherof hercules was advertised 5 hercules made for to conduyte his shippe vnto the marches of hell / And ther descended a lande allone. Concludyng in hym felf that he wold goo after pirothus and theseus his loyall and true selawe. And betoke to philotes the charge for to brynge lyncus vnto thebes 10 And for to put hym there in prison vnto his retornyng and comyng agayn. after he departed / And philotes shipped in the see. where he had a dolorous auenture. as hit shall be said here after / but at this tyme I muste tarye of that mater / And shall recounte of hercules how 15 he wente in to hell &c::.

How hercules fonde pirothus ded at the yates of hell And Theseus in daunger and how hercules vaynquysshid Cerberus. And how he conquerd proferpyne vpon pluto &c:..

In this paas hit ought be fayd that whan thefeus and pirothus were departed fro theffalonyque for to goo and affaie yf they myght recoure the fayr proferpyne they did so moche that by
their diligence in shorte tyme they aryued in the valeye 25
where was proferpyne / In the valeye full of synnes
and cursidnesse. Pirothus that knewe the contre fond
the straite way that wente to the cyte / and entrid first
therin / this way was so strayte that ther myght no
man but oon allone goon neyther on the right syde neyther on the lyste side/the roches were so highe. that no

man myght goo on nether fyde / whan they had paffed this wave they fonde a rooche entaillid and cutte in to steyers or grees maad and hewyd out with chyfelles / And than they fawe benethe lowe Helle as a s cyte stronge enuyronned with waters that fyll doun Inpetueufly and ferd full fro the roches and maad a terryble noyse and rooryng / ffor they fyll from right hyhe in to a lowe swalowe or abysme in the erthe / This Cyte was all enclosed with montaygnes / ffor 10 to speke properly hit was a right helle / And hit had no more but oon entre and oon yate / ffor than to come doun to the yate pirothus and theseus descended doun by the degrees made in the roche/Than in the descending fodaynly they fawe fprynge fro the gate a grete geant 25 oute of mefure / that had an heed meruayllously myfschapen / fyers blacke and owggly / He had his nose hyhe and wyde / hys Chyn longe / his teth grete as hors teth / His eyen grete lyke vnto an oxe / His eeres hangyng lyke as an hound / His sholdres large and 20 brood. Hys bely fwollyn and grete bolned. his legges and his Thyes were passyng strongly boned and myghty. Thys terryble geant was Cerberus. wherof is touched and reherfed aboue. The poettes named hym the hound with thre heedes. Concideryng his right 25 greuous and vnhappy lyuyng whiche is replyed and lyckende vnto thre fynguler vyces. That is to wete to prvde, to auaryce. And to luxurye or lecherye, by pryde he gloryfied hym felf and enhaunced hym aboue all the men of the worlde for hys force and strengthe 30 ffor he was fo stronge that no man myght wystande hym: By Auaryce and Couetyse he had an apetyte [leaf 164 verso] 330

Infacyable for to gadre to gyder trefours. And toke and bare away all that he myghte haue or coude fynde By luxurye ther was noman lyuyng of more fowle lyff than he was. ffor he had neuer doon other thyng in alle his lif than for to fowle and rauisshe women s and maydens. ladyes & damoyfelles And so by good right the poettes named hym an hownd with thre heedes. ffor he was fowle as an hound that lyueth in multiplicacon of fynnes and dooth his felicyte / O greuous felicyte / whan thefeus and pirothus had espyed this 10 enemye cerberus come vnto them alle armed makyng the whele in marchyng prowdly vnto them. Pirothus faid to theseus. My broder beholde what enemye this is / he that putteth hym in fuche parillis for the loue of ladyes setteth but lityll of his lys / vs behoueth now 15 to lyue or dye. late vs now achieue Ioyously our emprise To thende that ye thynke not that I had leuyr dye than to have reproche I shall be the firste that shall begynne the bataylle. thefeus had no space ne leyzer to answer / ffor Cerberus cam to them and ascryed hem 20 fayng. what feeken thefe felaws in hell / we come faid theseus for to seche proferpine. whom pluto hath taken away fro the quene Sera. we shall neuer retorne in to our contrey. vnto the tyme we brynge her with vs Truly answerd Cerberus whan ye shall retorne in to 25 your contre / ye shall rendre & yelde agayn proserpyne but I shall deffende yow the retourn. And this day I shall presente vnto proserpine my glayue died in your blood. And here ye shall be buryed. ye shall neuer see proferpine. ner come more nerrer than ye be now / with 30 these wordes he enhaunsed his glayue And gas so [leaf :6g]

grete a strook to theseus vpon his shelde that he bare away therof an half quarter &c:.

Han pirothus sawe his selawe smeten he toke his glayue and fmote cerberus on that oon fyde Theseus smote hym on that other side / and they gaf hym two right grete strokes so grete that they made cerberus to be esmeuyd so sore that he began the bataill fo dismesurably that he all to frusshid and brake their sheldes & their harnoys / and also made his glayue to be 10 died with their noble blood as he had afore faid / The bataill was hard & mortall at the begynnyng / theseus and pirothus reffeyuyd many woundes / by afpre strokes / their armes were all to hewen & broken / The batayll endured longe / And pirothus dide right well in 15 auaunsyng hym felf / but cerberus smote vpon hym so dismesurably / that after many woundes gyuen to hym he all to brafte hys helme and cleuyd his heed in two peces vnto the stomake &c:.

his glayue by grete anger and fmote cerberus fo fermli that he made hym auale & goo aback two paas. cerberus wold auenge hym of this strook & smote vpon theseus a strook by so grete force. that yf the noble knyght had not torned a back cerberus had born & smyten hym vnto the erthe. This strook of cerberus fill vpon the erthe & entrid therin / and theseus smote agayn vpon his enemye whiche had the herte so grete / that he began to rore as an olde lyon / And smote theseus so fiersly with his swerd that he all to brakke his shelde / and all to strusshyd his helme / that he was all astonyed of the strook / But allewey theseus abood in his place

and than cerberus shold have brought hym vnto vtterance solowyng the euyl auenture of pirothus. yf that fortune had not brought theder hercules whyche cam so apoynt to the rescousse that theseus knewe not how to save hym. At this poynt than that theseus was so astonyed / hercules that was departed fro the see. as sayd is cam vnto the steyres that were cutte and made in the rooche. And beholdyng theseus all coverd with blood And pirothus ded. he began to descende down cryeng to theseus that he shold not be aferd ner take no to drede / whan cerberus sawe and herd hercules he began to rebruyre and rore and assaylled theseus as sprely for to be quyte of hym. Theseus myght no more / how well that he was recomforted with the voys of hercules he began to renne now here & now there to fore cerberus:... 15

▶ O moche than hasted hercules for to goo down the steyres or degrees In entryng the place as hastely as he myght be escryed to cerberus and faid to hym. Tyrant cruell late the knyght renne and come to me / Thou hast put to deth vpon the erthe my so good frende pirothus. wherof I am fory certayn. And yf I may I shall take vengeance on the for hym Cerberus heeryng the fentence of hercules Ran no more after theseus, but taryed and behelde hercules with a syers looke and answerd to hym. so weneth he to auenge as his shame that so beleueth / I have devoured thy sfelaw vnto the deth And but yf thou excede hym in meftier of armes and in bodily strength an honderd fold double hit is folye to the to come hether / ffor I am Cerberus the porter of helle that of recorde of my name all a [leaf 166] 333

the world tremblith. thus endyng his answer / hercules was at the fote of the roche. he had his clobbe vpon his sholdre/cerberus cam agaynst hym/they smote echeother rudely/and thus they began a right hard batayll / And than theseus that was passyng wery satte at oon side by out of the way And rested hym in dreyng & clensing his woundes of the blood that had comen out of them:

Ercules behelde than on that oon fyde & feeyng theseus purgyng & clensyng his parfond and I grete woundes/he began to employe the excesse of his strength and myght by suche meruayll / that of a strook that he gaf hym vpon his helme vpon the right fide that he maad hym to bowe and lowte vnder his clobbe and to knele to the ground with his lyfte knee 15 and at the fecond strook in poursuying hym hastely he made his swerd to flee out of hys handes and that he made hym to falle on his armes to the ground / & with the thyrde strooke as cerberus wende to haue releuyd hym and goten his fwerd / hercules fmote hym vpon the body that he made hys hede to hurtle agayn a grete stone that was ther by/after that he sprange vpon hym and bonde his legges with the strength and force of his handes / maulgre the geant/he tare of the helme of his hede and wold have flayn hym / but thefeus praid hym 25 that he wold not put hym to deth there / And that he wold brynge hym in to thessalonycque for to dye by the sentence of the quene ypodame &c:.

Erberus was not than putte to deth at the requeste of theseus / Notwythstandyng hercules bond his handes behynde his backe/and after he [leaf 166 verso]

maad hym aryse and toke hym by the berd and made hym goon vp an hyghe on the roche And there he leyde hym doun And boond his feete his handes & his necke to geder in suche wise that he myght not ner durst not remeue/whan he had dooon foo. he wente doun and en- 5 trid in to the yate of helle and leuyng there theseus/he wente so ferre that he fonde the palais of kynge pluto and that he cam in to the same halle where pluto was with proferpine. Alle they that were there meruaylid of hym whan they sawe hym entryd. ffor they knewe 10 nothynge of the ouercomyng of cerberus. as they that lefte all the charge and kepyng of their cyte with cerberus. with out to have ony doubte or suspecion / And also they were so ferre from the gate / that they myght not here of the bataile. ner knewe no thing what was 15 befalle to their porter/Than whan hercules had founde pluto and proferpine. he had grete Ioye and knewe be tokens & enseygnes of them there beyng that hit was he he adressid hym to pluto and said. Pluto by thy malyce Secille is now alle full of wepyng of teeres for so the rauysshyng of this lady, whiche hast not willed to yelde and rendre agayn to her husbond Orpheus I wote neuer what pleasir thou haste therin . but I shall faie to the/that thou shalt receyue grete displaisir in solowyng the euyll auenture of Cerberus whom I haue as vaynguysshid and ouercome &c::.

Hyth this worde hercules lyfte vp his clobbe and gaf fuche a ftrook to pluto that he ouer-threwe hym to the erthe. that he ne meued nether hande ne foot . whan he had so beten pluto wenyng 30 that he had be ded . he assailed all them that were there [leaf 167]

that made grete murmure & put them all to deth lightly wyth his clobbe in the presence of proserpine whiche tremblid for fere / Than he conforted proserpine & sayd to her / that he was come vnto that place for to deliuere 5 her / and for to brynge her agayn to her moder / and that she shold sewe and solowe hym herdely / Proserpine assured her & was conforted with the wordes of hercules and solowyd hym &c:.

Ercules opend the halle & wente out and proferpine with hym / After he addressid hym vnto I the yate of the palays / And hit happend hym that he fond there a right grete companye of Citezeyns that were aduertised of this affraie and they ran vpon hym difmefurably escrieng hym to deth / whan hercules 15 sawe that / he said to proserpine that she shold drawe her a parte / After that he enhaunfed and lyfte vp his clobbe / And began to medle with his enemyes ryght vertuefly and by so highe prowesse that he couerid al thentre of the palais with these myserable tirantes that 20 he slewe smote down & all forfrusshid them / And putte to deth more than foure honderd / ffinably he wrought foo that the other fledde & gaf hit ouer / and than whan he sawe his euill willars ded & disparcled he toke proferpine by the hand & ladde her out of be gate of the cyte.

Hefeus that abode & taried at this gate as faid is / was gretly reioyfed whan he fawe hercules come agayn with proferpine / he aroos & went agayn them / and falewed the lady / And prefented to hercules a chayne of ademont yron / that he had found at the yate and many prifonners bounden that cerberus had bounden with all / hercules vnbond the prifoners & [leaf 167 verso]

toke the Chayne and bonde Cerberus wyth all / And whan he had buryed pirothus he departed from thys hell And toke his waie with proserpine. theseus and cerberus. And with oute grete aduenture for to specifie maad so his Iourneyes that he arryued in thessalony- 5 que And delyuerid proserpine to the quene Sera / and to ypodane he presented cerberus . rehersyng to her and the ladyes how he had flayn pirothus. ypodane demened fo grete forowe for the deth of pyrothus that for to recounte and telle / hit is not possible. All they of thes- 10 faylle femblably maad grete mornyng and forowe and fore bewailed their lord / what shall I saie for to contreuenge his deth / ypodane did do bynde cerberus to a stake in the theatre of the Cyte. And there yonge and olde noyed and pyned hym thre dayes longe contynu- 15 elly / drawynd hym by the berde and cracchyng hym in the visage and after slewe hym Inhumaynly and horribly. And than whan hercules and theseus. sera and proferpine had taried there a certayn space of tyme in comfortyng ypodane. they toke leue to gyder And her- 20 cules wente acompanyed of thefeus toward the cyte of thebes / but of hym I will now tarie and shall come to speke of the auentures of lyncus &c ::.

How Andromadas deliuerid lineus of his enemyes And how he slewe in bataill the kynge Creon and 25 toke the cyte of thebes &c.:.

Han philotes had receyuyd in to his garde and kepyng lyncus And hercules was goon to the focours of Theseus and pirothus as afore is said. the maronners toke their shippe and wente to 30 [leaf 168]

the see / And saylled all that day with oute syndyng of ony aduenture / But on the morn by tyme in the mornyng / ffortune that alleway torneth with oute ony reftyng brought to them a grete shyppe that drewe hys 5 cours vnto the same place that they cam fro / Of thys shyppe or galleye was capitayn and chief Andromadas kynge of Calcide / This andromadas was cofyn vnto lyncus / whan he had espyed the shyppe where lincus was Inne / he maad to vyre hys galeye a bord 10 And faid that he wold knowe what peple were therin / In approchyng the shippe of thebes / lyncus behelde the galeye of andromadas and knewe hit by thenfignes and tokenes that hit bare / In this knowleche andromadas spack and demanded of the maronners 15 to whom the shippe belongeth / Anone as lincus sawe and herde andromadas / he brake thanswere of the maronners / And escryed to hym all on highe / Andromadas lo here thy frende lyncus. yf thou gyue me no focours and helpe me thou mayste lose a grete frende in 20 me. ffor I am a prysonner / And hercules hath sente me in to Thebes &c::..

Ndromadas heeryng lyncus had grete anger ffor he louyd well lyncus. And efcryed them that brought hym and fayd to hym that they were all comen vnto theyr deth. And also that they were vnder his warde. Philotes and hys folke were garnysshid with theyr armes and harnoys and made hem all redy for to defende hem self. And wyth lytyll langage they of Calcyde assayllyd phylotes. And philotes and his folke employed them at their desence 338 [leaf 168 verso]

The batayll was grete and hard. but the maleheure and myshappe tourned in suche wise vpon the selawes of philotes that they were all slayn and dede Andromadas had two. C. men in his companie. all robeurs and theues of the see / These theues and robeurs smote 5 hard and siersly vpon philotes and all to hewe his armes. worchynge and gyuyng to hym many woundes and he buried many of them in the see. but the stronge resistence proussited them but lityll. sfor in the ende he was taken and bounde. and lyncus was delyuerd to and vnbounden of the bondes of hercules &c::

Incus had grete Ioye of his deliuerance. he thanked his good frende andromadas. After this ✓ he tolde hym how he was take . and how hercules had discipate and destroyed the centaures. And a- 15 monge other he named many of his frendes that were ded / wherof Andromadas had so grete yre and suche desplaisir that he sware incontynent that he wold auenge hit. And that as hercules had flayn his frendes in like wife he wold destroye his cosyns and kynnesmen / lin- 20 cus toke grete plefir to vnderstonde the oth of andromadas whyche wold venge the deth of his kynnefmen. he fayd to hym that hercules was goon in to helle And after demanded hym how he wold auenge hym vpon the frendes of hercules. And there vpon they were 25 longe thynkyng. In the ende whan they had longe take auys. Andromadas concluded that he wold goo affayle the Cyte of thebes / and yf he myght gete hit by affault he wold doo flee the kynge Creon and all them of his blood &c::.

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Tyth this conclusion cam theder alle the galeyes of Andromadas whiche followed in whom he had eyghte thousand fightyng men/Andromadas maad hem to torne toward thebes / And also 5 hastely as he myghte he entrid in to the royame In wastyng and destroyng the contrey by fyre and by swerd fo terribly that the tydynges cam vnto the kyng Creon whan the kyng Creon knewe the comyng of the kyng andromadas / And that with oute deffiance he maad 10 hym warre / He fowned to armes and assembled a grete puyssance / And knowyng that Andromadas was comen in to a certayn place / he yffued oute of thebes all armed / and brought hys peple vpon his enemyes / that had grete loye of theyr comynge / And than 15 they fette hem in ordenance agayn them in fuche wyfe that they cam to fmytyng of strookes / the Cryes and noyse was grete on bothe sydes / Glayues . swerdes . dartes. guyfarmes. arowes and polhaxes were put forth and fette awerke / Many nobles were beten down 20 and ded / Lyncus and Andromadas wrought mortally / the kynge Creon and Amphitrion faylled not / there was blood largely shedde on that oon side and on that other / And the bataylle was fo felonnous and aspre than: that in lytyll whyle after Andromadas 25 and hys peuple gate and wan vpon them of thebes And constrayed them to recuyell and for to goo a back wherof the kynge Creon had ryght grete forowe. And wenyng for to haue putte hys men agayn in araye / Putte hym felf in to the grettest prees of the bataylle 30 wher he wrought mortally / And made so grete slaughter and betyng doun of hys enemyes / that lyncus and [leaf 169 verso] 340

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Andromadas herd the affraye / And so than they cam theder & as lincus saw the kinge Creon doo meruailles of armes. he gaf hym thre strokes with his swerd oon after an other / And with the sourthe strook he all to brake his helme from his hede and slewe hym. wherof 5 they of thebes were so affrayed. and dispayred. that they were put in descomfiture / and sledde / whiche sleyng Amphitrion myght not remedie. how be hit that he was stronge and of grete corage &c.:.

.F this euyll aduenture thebes was right haste- 10 ly aduertysed . Megera was goon vp . vpon oon of the hyghe toures of the palais / & fawe and behelde the bataylle. from that place she sawe them of thebes flayn with oute remedie, and also torne their backes, the tokene of the betyng doun of the kynge 15 her fader And the recongnossances of the slaugther of other maad her to ascrye and sayd / ffortune fortune what meschyes / where is hercules. Alas where hast thou brought hym / Alas that he is not here for to defende the metes of his natiuyte and for to kepe his wif 20 full of annoye And for to put his hand and sholdres for to bere the grete fetes & dedes of this batayll. whan she had fayd this. she fylle as woune And so laye a grete while. Neuertheles the kynge Andromadas and lincus folowed hastely them of thebes that they entrid 25 the Cite with them. And for as moche as the thebans were with out heed and put out of araye / And that amphitrion had fo many woundes vpon hym that alle his membres faylled at this werke. The vnhappy lyncus and Adromadas toke the Cyte / and slewe alle 30 them that myght bere armss / Referuyd Amphytrion [leaf 170]

whom they fonde not in the hete. After they wente vp in to the palays and ther they fonde megera & amphitrion in grete defolacon with many ladyes and damoyfelles:

S fone than as lincus had espied megera / she was fo fair & plaifant that he becam amorous of her/and cam to her & faid/lady wepe no more hercules the bastard sone of Iupiter is goon in to hell & ther he is ded / ye haue ben wyf of a man goten in auoultrye / from hens forth ye shal be selawe & wyf of a man 10 legitisme & born in lawful mariage / ffor I shall wedde yow . And shall doo you more good & pleasir than euer ye had. Megra answerd fals traitre wenest thou that I be so solisshe as to gyse sayth & beleue to the wordes of the homycide of my fader & to the enemy of my lorde 15 hercules / know thou that I am his wyf And that I shal neuer haue other husbond but hym. he is no bastard / but fone of my lord amphitrion / and the moste noble man that is in all the world / Lady answerd lineus I am kyng of this cyte / ye be now at my comandement / will ∞ we or will ye not / I shall do my will of you / but I shall put hit in respyte & in my souffrance till to morn / After these wordes lineus sente megera in to a tour / and made her to be kepte ther / After he fente philotes in to a lowe pryson / And amphitrion in to a nother pryson / And 25 lyndyng there in seruage & myserye pryant the sone of kynge laomedon / he had pytye of hym and sente hym agayn to Troyes where he was after receyued wyth grete Ioye of the Troyans &c . .

How hercules entrid in to Thebes in vnknowen habyte / And how he put to deth the geant lyncus and his complices and his wyf megera &c::.

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I the glayue of lyncus than and of andromadas Thebes was trowblid doloroufly. Lyncus exercifed there many tyrannyes and wickednesses In thys Infortune Andromadas departed and wente to doo his thynges. leuyng there lineus with 5 foure honderd men of warre for to kepe the cyte and to hold hit in his obeyssance. Thus was taken the vengeance of the centaures. In the tyme of this vengeance, the quene Iuno cam in to thebes and had grete Ioye whan she fonde hit in desolacion and sull of wedowes and 10 orphelins . and in the enemyes handes of hercules / than were grete the teeres and lamentacions of megera Amphitrion was nyghe her that vnderstood all her doleances and comforted her / Lincus cam many tymes vnto her in to the prifoun And requyred her swetely to haue 15 her loue. And in the most fayrest maner / Alleway his swete and faire wordes availed not, for he fond her conftant and ferme, and alleway kepyng in rigour her chaftete. And gaf hym many vertuous answers wherof followeth oon. whiche was the laste / Lincus 20 thou hast now the hande stronge, and hast brused thebes. ffortune and yll happe haue gyuen vnto the . the tyrannye. wherof thou hast enryched thy self with vyces. thou hast furthermore the puyssance for to comette in me murdre. but thy power ne thy synnes ben not so 25 stronge ne of myght for to make my vertu to bowe ne to folde. Megera alleway bewayled hercules. She bewayled hym so moche on a day that she becam alle rauysshed and in a traunce And that same day hercules that was departed from thessalonyque a good 30 whyle to fore made so his Iourneyes that he entryd in leaf 171} 343

to the roiame of thebes accompanied with many noble men / And entryng in to these marches he fonde the contre all destroyed / And he had not goon serre / whan hyt was told hym how lineus was lord of thebes / And 5 how he had slayn in bataill the kynge Creon and how he had enprisoned megera &c:.

Han hercules had receyuid thefe tidinges he was enplenysshid with grete anger/and said that he woldauengehym yf he myght/Than he cladde 10 hym aboue his armours with a mantel & difgyfed hym felf as moche as he myght / whan he had fo don . he lefte there his felawes. And entrid hym felf in to thebes vnknowen and passid thurgh the gate & bare hym so wel that the porters lete hym passe sorth / and in like wyse 15 entrid in to the palais / At the entre of the palais a fouldiour cam to hercules & demanded hym what he foughte ther / hercules caste a way his mantell a ferre and toke his fwerd that was stronge / And wyth oute ony worde he gaf fo grete a strook to the fouldyour that 20 was not armed. that he clefte his heed fro the hyghest parte doun to the ground. Many other fouldiours that were there by feeying the strook / Cryed and affrayed ran to their axes and clubbes / And fome were of them that auaunced hem felf for to take hercules / but her-25 cules smote of theyr heedes and bete hem doun . And than began to ryse a grete bruyt & so grete a noyse that lincus herd hit / And wenyng that hit had ben his porters that affrayed . he cam rennyng down all vnarmed for to make pees / Assone as hercules aperceyuyd and 30 fawe hym comyng out of the halle / he drewe vnto hym 344 [leaf 171 verso]

with his fwerd haunced in his hand Cryeng hercules hercules and fmote hym fo that he cutte of the right arme and with the strook he fyll down to ground. And after he smote vpon oon and other that had no helmes on her heedes ne hauberes on her backes and than they sknewe that hit was hercules / he slewe them so largely that of the blood that ran down was made a right grete rushyng as hit had ben a ryuer &c:.

Monge these thynges the damoyselles of megera yssued out of the palays And wente in 10 L to the streetes Cryeng with hye and clere voys that hercules was comen agayn and that he had flayn lincus / by these cries all the Cite was meuid . the good men olde and yonge the wedowes wyues and maydens ran vnto armes by grete corage. and affailled all 15 aboutes the men of lincus, there was a terrible batavil gaderd to geder of the women ayenst their enemyes / In a lityll while all the Cyte was trowblid whan hercules had put to deth all them that he fonde in the cloos of the palays referryd lyncus whyche he put in the 20 garde and kepyng of the quene Iuno and of many damoyfelles that cam vnto hym. he sprange vpon the stretes And shewid his swerd and smote down ryght on all fides in skarmowshyng so mortally the men of lyncus all aboute where he myght fynde hem . that by the 25 helpe of them of thebeshe made hem all to passe the trenchyng and cuttyng of his fwerd. And than was thebes all reioised And hercules retourned into the palais vnto the place where the ladies kepte lyncus. Than hercules fente for to breke vp the dore of the chambre wher 20 megera was in . ffor as moche as they coude not fynde

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the keyes / for they that kepte her were ded · Megera than ful of gladnesse cam vnto her lord / hercules aroos vp to her and wold haue enbraced her & kyste her / but lincus that thought on no thynge but for to do euyll / by s the secrete Introduccon of Iuno torned hym fro hyt / say-yng.hercules late be my concubine I haue take my slesshly desires with her / she is of myn acqueyntance And the moste luxirio lady that euer I was acquented with all

Han megera herd the right grete Iniurye and wronge that the trayttre chargid her with/she fill bacward for angre furvo⁹ with oute faing of ony word . hercules was all full of angre & hoot and full of grete yre / wenyng that lineus had faid trouth / he smote of the heed of linc9. And with the same swerd 15 that he had flayn the trayttre / he put to deth megera whiche was with chylde / how be hit the cronycques of fpayne telle that hercules flewe not his wyf / but that he put her in to a religion that he ordeined in thebes in the temple of dyane / In renounfyng her companye. and that thys was the first religyon that euer was in thebes. These thinges accomplished in that oon manere or in that other / hercules toke out of pryson Amphitrion and philotes, and departed from thems all anoyed and fore greuyd at that tyme and longe after that he spack 25 not. And wente his way at all auenture accompanyed only of theseus and philotes wyth grete bewaylynge of them of thebes . whyche than after hys departyng crowned vpon them Layus the fone of kynge Agenor of Affirie for as moche as he had wedded the doughter 30 of kynge Creon named Iocasta &c::::

How hercules put to deth the kynge laomedon And destroyed Troye the seconde tyme.

Ercules theseus and philotes departed from thebes and wente in to many dyuerce landes se-L chyng their aduentures. And passyng by Licie 5 where hercules was maad kynge / on a day they cam in to myrodonne vnto the palays of kynge Eson where Iason was. whiche had than enprised for to saile to the yle of Colcos / And maad his thynges redy / Whan hercules had be fested of Iason and of duc pelleus and 10 that he knewe of thenterpryse that Iason wold goo & conquere the flees of gold / he vowed and promyfed that he wold accompanye hym. And yf fortune wold be wyth hym he wolde aduenture to brynge his empryse vnto an ende / what shall I make longe processe 15 Iason and hercules made redy a right gode shippe / and wente to the See And renewed not her vitayll tyll they cam to the porte of Troyes. But yet they renewid not hem at this poort / ffor the kynge Laomedon was than in troye whiche had fortefied meruayllofly the 20 Cyte agayn. And knowyng that ther was descended at his porte a shipp sull of grekes / he sente doun a man that comanded them rudeli that they shold departe thens and that he was enemye vnto the grekes / Iason as Capitayn of the Armee answerd courtosli the messan- 25 ger of kynge laomedon. and prayed hym that he might haue vitayll for his monoye / the messanger answerd hym that he shold none have there but yf they gate hit with the fwerd / than hercules myght no lenger tarie but sware to the troiane that yf he myght retorne from 20 the viage that he had enprifed / that he shold yet ones (leaf 173)

agayn destroye Troyes and that he shold not leue oon stone vpon another / wyth this conclusion hercules and Iason departed fro troyes / And by fortune they were brought to the poort of Lennos / wherof was a wo-5 man lady and quene named ysiphyle / whiche waxe amerous of Iason / as hyt is conteyned in the historye of Iafon / In this poort of lennos hercules was aduertysed that there by was a kynge named Phyneus whiche fuffrid hym to be gouerned of an auaricyous 10 woman / Phyneus had ben maryed to a nother woman to fore / and had by her two fones. These two fones were vnrightfully by theyr stepmoder put in exyle / ffor to faye veray trouthe this seconde wyf / was corrumpid wyth auaryce / that she tooke fro the kyng 15 his rychesse and helde gretter astate than he / Whan than hercules had knowleche herof / he wente and spack to the kynge phyneus and to the quene / And shewid vnto them theyr vyces in fo good manyer and facion / that the two children were repelled fro their exyle / and that the kynge helde his aftate royall. Than retorned hercules in to lennos And toke the see wyth Iason and wente in to the yle of Colcos . where Iason by the lernyng and Industrie of medea conquered the sheep with the flees of gold whiche he bare with hym in to grece / 25 Than hercules recomaunded strongly Iason amonge hys parents and frendes / And tolde hem of the ryght grete vnkyndenes of the kynge laomedon. And how that he had fworn for to destroye troyes for the ruydenes that the kynge laomedon had doon vnto them /They so fwore alle to gyder wyth hercules the destruccyon of Troyes and concluded the day of their departement [leaf 173 verso] 348

and after maad redy their shippis and alle that was necessarie for them / And than hercules held so well his hand in their exercyte. that at the day concluded amonge them. they entred in to the see/And did so moche that they descended at the porte of troyes with so grete s an Oost that laomedon durst not dessend hem the porte

Ason was at that tyme in a ferstrange contre. Hercules had with hym many noble men And amonge all A other ther were with hym the kynge thelamomax the duc Nestor. Castor, pollux. theseus and many kynges 10 and dukes/At the descente of this porte/whiche was of stronge entree. hercules that nothynge doubted his enemyes. made to fowne and blowe vp trompes and tabours, and made fo grete noys and bruyt / that the walles of troyes and of the pallays redounded therof 15 and that laomedon feeying out at oon of his wyndowes the Oost of his enemyes. was right a grete while in a thought whether he myght goo to batayll agayn them or non / hit happend hym that as he was thus penfyf that he behelde toward the market place he sawe there 20 more than thretty thousand Armed men, whiche enflamed his herte in suche wise that he wente and did hym do arme And all his thoughtis and pensees put aparte cam to his peple. whom he warned and defired them to do her parte and deuoyr / And after hym self 25 trustyng in fortune / yssued out in to the selde in batayll arenged by good ordenaunce / And how well he suppofed that hercules was in the Armee descended at the porte. whom he doubtid. he marched vnto his enemies whyche Ioyed of his comyng / And than began the 30 [leaf 174] 349

troyanes and the grekes a right hote skarmushe / with fo grete occysion & manslaughter / that at the Ioynyng ther was many a man ded & hurte / hercules ne failed not to fmyte and trowble his enemyes / he caste his eyen 5 on high and fawe the banyer roiall of troies. he fought and fmote doun on the right fyde and on the lyfte fyde And wyth hys clubbe he fmote doun defmefurably that he cam to the banyer / And fyndyng there laomedon that dide there mervaylles of armes vpon the gre-10 kes / he fmote hym wyth his clubbe often tymes vpon his helme in suche wyse that he myght not saue hym / And that he enbarryd his clubbe with in his heed and brayn / that with the strook he slewe hym amonge plente of grekes lyyng ded on the fand eendyng there the 15 ende of hys lyf / After he smote vpon them that bare the banyer and flowe them / And alle to rente the banyer / And than were the troyans alle discomforted and cryed / Late vs fle . late vs fle / And wyth this crye that was Impetuous they began to recuyelle and 20 goo back vnto the cyte / wenyng to faue them felf / But the grekes conueyed them wyth the poyntes of theyr fwerdes and cuttynges of theyr sharpe glayues fo mortally / that in fleyng and kyllyng the moste paart lyke as the tempest had ronne among them / They toke 25 the Cyte fo trowblyd wyth the deth of the kynge laomedon that there was none or right lytyll defence amonge them / In entryng in to the yate of Troyes / Thelamon was the fyrste man / And hercules was the seconde / An than hercules fonde well that he dide 30 right highe Cheualryes / Pryant was not at that tyme in troyes / But he was goon in to the Oryente [leaf 174 verso] 350

by the comandemēt of kyng laomedon after his retourn fro thebes / what shall I saye. ffortune hauyng caste doun the kynge Laomedon as sayd is by the stronge hand of hercules / Aboue that / she put in troyes hercules and his peple whiche broughte hem alle to the hew-yng of her swerdes / they entrid in to ylion and pillyd hit / and after did do Crye hauok vpon all the tresours of troyes. In like wise they toke Exiona the doughter of the kynge. whom hercules gas vnto thelamon requyryng hym to take her for as moche as he was the firste that entrid the Cyte / And whan they had taken alle that they sonde good in troye. ffor synable vengeance hercules bete down the tours and edysices / and put the syre therin in suche wyse. that there abode not a stone vpon an nother &c::

How hercules and Affer affaillyd by batayll the geant Antheon and how they vaynquysshid hym in batayll the first tyme &c:::::

Fter this generall destruccion of troye whan the grekes were departed and hercules had 20 leste hem / The grekes retorned in to grece with grete glorye. And hercules wente by the see sechyng his aduentures accompanyed of theseus and philotes And hit happend hym, that he arryued at the porte of Alexandre / he sonde in this porte a right grete armee / 25 whan the Capitayn of tharmee sawe hym come to ancre / he knewe by the enseyngnes of hercules / that hit was hercules. And that he had herde hym recomanded aboue all maner men what som euer they were / And so than he cam vnto hym all sull of Ioye and sayd to 30 hym / Lorde of noblesse / and tresour of vertu amonge [less 175]

the peple moste myghty / and amonge the kynges moste resplendant in all gloryous vertue / I salewe yow / and you requyre that I may be your feruant & frende / And this fayng he was on his knees to fore hercules and in 5 figne of humylite he kyssed the erthe / whan hercules fawe the falutacon & the manyer of the doynge of this man / he toke hym by the hande / And liftyng hym vp fro the ground falewed hym / and after demaunded of hym his name / and to whom that armee belonged that he 10 fawe ther / he answerd hym that he was named Affer fone of madyam the fone of habraham / and that in that armee was none other capytayn ne chief but hym felf and that the egipciens had ordeyned hym duc & ledar of this Ooste / for to goo in to libye for to destroye the con-15 tre in vengeance of the euyll and harmes that the tyrant busire that was of libye had doon to them in suche wise as he well knewe &c:.

Han hercules had receyuyd the name and the affaires of affer/he toke hym for his frende.and faid to hym that he wolde accompanye hym to conquerre lybye / Affer thanked hym and brought hym in to a ryght ryche shyppe where he feested hym as moche as to hym was possible / They had not longe abyden there / but they wente vnto the see wyth grete 25 gladnesse / sfor the egypcyens were so Ioyous and fo gladde to have hercules with hem / that they thought and beleuyd veryly that there myghte none myshappe ne euyll come to them / Hercules fonde in the fayd shippe of Affer / the wyf and also the doughter of Affer Thys doughter had to name Echee. She was oon the moste sayre damoysell of alle the worlde and 352 [leaf 175 verso]

yonge and frefshe / By the dayly sight of her / hercules becam amerous of her And requyred her to be his wyf Echee answerd that of her felf she myghte not acorde to his demande / but she sayde . yf fortune gyue me fo grete a grace that I myghte be your wyf / I schold haue 5 more cause to thanke the goddes. than ony wyf liuyng hercules was right well content with the damoyfell and by her introduccion callyd Affer / and requyred hym that he wolde gyue to hym his doughter to be hys wif Affer thanked hercules of that he vouchidfauf to 10 demande his doughter he that was the most exellent of noblis / and said to hym that he shold take her and doo with her his wyll & pleasir / hercules espowsyd and weddid echee. by the confente of affer / and laie to gider paying the due dette of maryage in fuche wyfe that 15 echee conceyuyd of the feed of hercules / what shall I make longe processe. hercules & affer sayllid so longe that they fonde the porte of libye. where now standeth cartage / and there they arryued and toke land. In a nyght whiche was clere / and after they entrid hasteli 20 in to the contrey, and befeged the Cyte of libye wyth oute relistence or gaynsaying &c ::.

In this Cyte was than a grete geant named Antheon grete aboue mesure of other geantes, the most stronge and the most conqueryng that was in all the parties of some europe and libye / Cirene. Trypolyn. Montaigne and all the yles enhabited in this contres vnto the yles fortunate / this kynge than advertysed of the comyng of the egipcyens was passyng angry and sware that never none of them shold retorne agayn in to egipte / Asson than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than as he might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he dide do his men arme them & yssued than a she might he was a she with the she was a she with the she was a she with the she was a she was a

out of the Cyte with a grete companye of libyens / And had so grete haste to renne vpon the egypciens that he fette no ordenance amonge hys peple wherof he toke grete harme / ffor whan he cam to the batayll he fonde 5 that hercules had renged hys peple and fette hem in two bataylles / of whyche he lad and conduyfed the fyrst bataylle / Hit happend so that they of the sayd felawshyp of hercules by force of shotte mayntenyd hem felf fo vayllyantly and wyth strokes that they 10 brought to deth more than fyften honderd libiens. whan the shotte fayllid Antheon sprange in to the grettest prees as the moste vaylliant And supposyd well to haue scarmeshyd his enemyes / but anone as hercules fawe hym come. he feafid his clubbe and put hym forth 15 afore / And gaf hym so grete a strook that he made his hede to bowe on the lyfte fide / Antheon had hys fwerd lyfte vp for to haue fmyten hercules whan he reffeyuyd the strook that hercules gaf hym by whiche his strook was broken / Neuertheles he fayd betwene his teth 20 that he wold auenge hym / he lifte vp his fwerd again and fmote hercules fo dyfmefurably that wyth the strook he brake his shelde / Than knewe hercules that the geant was a man of grete strength / this notwythflanding he smote hym the seconde tyme with his clubbe 25 And thus hercules and Antheon gaf eche other grete strokes that ther cam betwene hem the two parties. libyens & egipcyens / there was grete noyfe of clynknge of fwerdes and fownyng of the sheldes and helmes that were broken / and hawberks that were dismaillid shel-30 des quarterd and glayues broken / ther was the blood largely shedd on both partyes / hercules & antheon were [leaf 176 verso]

departed by force of the prees / Antheon by grete yre fmote with oute ceffyng vpon the fiers egipcyens / hercules forfrusshed the helmes largely with his Clubbe and maad of the libyens all his pleasir / and brought fo many to deth with his clubbe / that in lityll space he s passid thurgh oute the puyssance of kynge antheon many tymes / and that in his waye he couerid the erthe and the waie that he held all with dede libyens / This firste scarmusshe was stronge and domaigiable to antheon. ffor agavn oon egipcyen that he slewe with his 10 glayue / hercules maad dye with his clubbe ten libyens Aboute hercules was no thynge but blood / hercules made the montaygnes redounde of the Cryes / the renges to tremble . the libyens to flee and goo a back / & wynne lityll gayne / what shall I saye more also longe as the 15 day endured he held the bataill in vigueur / and aboute the euen as affer and theseus cam to the medlee, he enuertued hym felf in fuche facion ayenst antheon, that he made hym flee alle charged with horions and strokes and than in like wife fledde alle the libyens ::.

How hercules toke the kynge Athlas. and how he began to studie the scyence of astronomye and the seuen sciences lyberall &c::.

Han hercules fawe the Lybyens torne in to flighte/hedidedosowne the retrayte for as moche as hit was late/and wyth grete glorye retorned in to the place that he had chosen for to holde his siege / his wyf Echee cam agaynst hym with open armes and beclipped and kyssed hym / she halpe to vname hym & brought hym fresh water for to refresshe 30 his visage / And ther was maad right good chiere of

all the egipciens / At thopposite of this right good chiere the libyens were in their Cyte and made grete forowe / ffor they had well loste thretty thousand men. Souerainly Antheon demened symple chiere for he had gode 5 cause. ffor hercules had so beten hym with hys clubbe that he myghte not fusteyne hym self / but wente with grete payne to bedd. And with forowe fente for hys medicynes and furgiens . whiche cam and visited hym and fonde hym all to brofid And faid to hym that hit 10 wold be well a moneth or they coude hele hym. Antheon confidering his caas fente and defired of the egypciens trewes for a moneth. Offryng to them for to fende hem dayly certayn nombre of bestiall And a right grete quantyte of vetayll / Hercules agreed and graunted 15 hym this trewes be cause of the vetayll / Than he made oute his mandementes and fente vnto all the kynges and prynces that were his tributaries / And also vnto his neyghebours praying them that they wold come and focoure hym with all their men of armes the most so hasty wyse that they myght / This trewes so made hercules began to remembre than / that to fore tyme he had herd philotes speke of a kynge that regned there by named Athlas / And that he was the most wife man and connyngest of all the world / And surthermore that 25 he dwelte in a castell standyng on the toppe of a ryght hye montaygne named Athlas after the name of the fame kynge / In this remembrance hercules beyng coueytous of the scyence of Athlas callid philotes and said to hym / that he wold goo in to the royame of kynge 20 athlas / And that his entente was to feke there hys aduenture / Philotes answerd and faid that he coude 356 [leaf 177 verso]

well lede and brynge hym in to that Royame ffor he knewe the contre / Than hercules callid affer & thefeus and chargid them that they shold allweye make good wacche / And after toke leue of them and of his wyf sayng that he wold hastely retorne. this doon he and three maryners wyth philotes wente vnto the see In a galeye sublyle and lyght / and sayled and rowed in to the see medyterane / they had good wynde and redy and sortune was good to them. In lityll whyle they cam vnto the strayt of gybaltar / And than philotes shewid vnto hercules the montaigne & Castell where as Athlas was abidyng::.

Than hercules fawe the montaigne and the castel he wente and toke lande Ioyously / after he toke his Clobbe and comanded philotes and 15 his maryners for to abide hym there / after that he went toward the montaigne. and hit happend that he mette with a man that descended down fro the hyll, and he adressid hym toward the said man for to here some tidynges / and demanded hym fro whens he cam / he faid so I come from the castell that ye maye see yonder a hye / whyder go ye fayd hercules. vnto the cyte of marcely answerd the stranger / the kynge Athlas to whom I am feruant. hath fente me theder for to publysshe hys comandement vnto the Cytezeyns that wythin fixe *5 dayes they be garnysshid with their harnoys & armes for to accompanye hym to goo vnto the warre of the grete kynge of Libye. whiche hath required Instantli to haue his focours / wherfore yf ye will ferue hym in this armee. & be his foldyour / goo vp & ye shall fynde 30 hym in his castell studyyng the scyence of astronomye [leaf 178] 357

The servant of kynge Athlas with thise wordes wente forth on his waye. and hercules wente vp in to the montaigne & cam to the gate of the castell / where he sonde four knyghtes that demanded hym what he wold have 5 hercules answerd that his will was for to speke to the kynge for certayn maters that touched hym / The source knyghtes not thynkyng but good brought hercules within a grete halle where in were all the men of kyng athlas assaying them with swerdes and axes for as moche as they had herd saye that they shold go to the warre / And they were all armed &c::.

THan these knyghtes had brought theder hercules/they gaf knowlege vnto the kynge that a strange geant axid after hym And wold not 15 telle hem the cause why / Than Athlas wente down and fonde hercules armed wyth his skyn of the lyon / And axid hym what he was / Than he answerd & said I am hercules that have conquerd philotes and the gardyn with the sheep of thy doughters / I am come nowe hether so for to conquere the with thy scyences. So behough the that thou do to me obeyssance / And gyue ouer to helpe the grete Antheon myn enemye and that thou come with me / And yf thou wolte not so do / Arme the hastely and deffende the wyth armes of that I demande the / ffor yf 25 thou wilt not assente therto by loue / I shall make the accorde hit by force / Athlas was strongly discouragid / whan he knewe by the mowthe of hercules that it was he that had late conquerd philotes & had flayn his geant his felaw . taken his sheep / and also newly had asa faillid by warre Antheon to whom he had promifid to gyue focours / & also considerd b he wold that he sholde 358 [leaf 178 verso]

yelde hym to hym / the herte began in hym to swelle for anger and pryde. And by grete selonnye sayd to hym O thou presumptuous hercules how art thou so hardy to come allone to fore me. thou that I may not loue knowe thou that I haue had many a displeasir by thyn soultrage / ffor philotes was my right grete frende. And now thou art come to renewe this dysplaysance and wylt that I shold yelde me vnto the. That is not myn Intencion &c::..

Thlas with thise wordes wente in to a cham- 10 bre ther faste by and comanded that every man I shold arme hym . as they dyde / hercules had all wey his eye vpon hym. to the ende that he shold not escape hym. whan he was armed he cam ayenst hercules and escryed hym to the deth / after gaf hym a strook 15 with his glayue fierfly . with the Crye and with the strook all they of the fortresse assaylid hercules / Than hercules put hym felf to deffense myghtly by the rigour of his Clobbe / And with . xij . strokes he slewe . xij . of his enemyes / After he hurted & wounded many other 20 and sparyd longe the blood of Athlas. but in the ende for as moche as athlas gaf grete strokes to hercules / Hercules fmote hym vpon the helme withoute enployyng of all his strength / and gaf hym a wounde in the hede that alle astonyed he bare hym to the erthe. from 25 than forthon they of the fortresse durst no more assaile hercules / ner they aduentured hem not for to rescowe ne to releue Athlas. but fledde thens out of the castell / and hercules abode there allone with athlas and the dede bodies. So in the ende whan hercules sawe that they had 30 gyuen hit ouer / he toke 'Athlas and maad hym to Crye [leaf 179] 359

hym mercy After he wente in to his studie & toke all his bookes whiche he ladid vpon a chamell and after retorned vnto athlas & constraynd hym to solowe hym. And whan hercules had don in the castell all his plaisir he departed acompanyed with athlas & with his bookes And brought hym doun vnto the see syde to the place where philotes abode hym &c:

Than philotes fawe hercules come with athlas and his bokes/he had grete Ioye/& made knowleche & acqueyntance with athlas whiche was fo forowful that he myght not speke / and than they entrid in to her galeye & wente vnto the fee / Athlas was forowfull & woo begon of the wounde that he had in the heed / hercules requyred hym Instantly that he wold 15 teche hym his scyence / Athlas wold in no wife do hit in the begynnyng of his forowe / but whan he had conuerfid & taried with hercules / what for the bounte that he fawe in hym as for the Introduccon of philotes / whiche affermed that hercules was the moste noble & vertuous 20 man that euer had ben/he began to teche hym all his sciences / wherein he lerned and prouffited by quyk and sharp engyne in suche wise that he comprised all / And that afterward he becam the beste philosopher and the most parfyt astronomyen of all the world / Thus stu-25 dyyng than hercules retourned with grete honour in to the ooste of Affer / And sonde at his comyng that hys wyf had brought forth a fair sone / whiche the egypcyens had crowned kynge of egypte where he regned afterward and was callid dedoum &c:.

Han Affer sawe Athlas and knewe how hercules had vaynquysshid and conquerd hym

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he meruayllid moche of his prowesse whiche was fo grete / and of his wysedom that attayned to so hye thynges / hercules put alle his engyne & studye to conne feyence. In the menewhile a litill and a lityll the tyme passid / and Antheon assamblid a right grete Ooste / 5 and was alle helyd of his woundes / And than the triews fayllid and exfpyred . wherof the egypciens had grete Ioye. ffor yet they hoped to have victorye of her enemyes. And the libyens hoped to auenge them of the shame that hercules had made hem resseyue/whan 10 than the triews were exfpyred the day following hercules maad redy his batayllis of that oon fyde / And antheon ordeynyd his on that other syde/Antheon made thre batayllis. the fyrst of . xij. thousand fightyng men the seconde of . xx. thousand / and the thirde batayll of 15 . xxx . thousand . he ordeyned hym self kynge and chief of the first batayll / In the seconde he ordeyned the kyng of ghetulye, and in the thirde the kynge of Cothulye And than whan he had right well fette them in arraye and renged them in a mornyng he made to marche Io- so yoully ayenst his enemyes / and demandyd no thyng but their comyng on . and to fee the oure whan that hercules wold charge on hem &c ::.

How hercules affemblid his batayll ayenst Antheon kynge of the libyens. the whiche he put to flyght & 25 slewe the kynge of Cothulie::..

Ercules had made of his folke two bataylles wherof he conduyted and ledde the first / Affer and theseus conduytyd and guyded that other whan than he sawe the libyens marche whiche made 30 the grettest bruyt and noyse of the world / he wente [leaf 180]

forth afore and hys companye followed / Than began the trompettes to fowne & tabours to make grete noise the crye was grete / they began sharpely the batayll wherof hercules & antheon made the affaye by a fwifte 5 cours And with sharp swerdes smote so fore to geder / that Antheon brake his glayue. And the yron of the glayue of hercules perfyd the sheld of Antheon and his armes on his right fide by whiche he had a wound whereoute sprange the blood. Antheon wende to haue 10 dyede for forowe whan he felte the strook. and sawe that his glayue had but lytyll doon to hercules / he toke than his fwerd. and hercules toke his also And smote eche other fo hard that hercules bare antheon vnto the erthe with oon strook / And had slayn hym. ne had the 15 libyens haue ben whiche ran vpon hercules on all sides And they delyuerid to hym oon fo grete affault that he wyste not to whom he myghte attende. Than hercules enployed his fwerd vpon the lybyens / The egypciens affemblid them aigrely vpon their enemyes / Antheon releuyd hym felf all ashamed of his falle. Applied all his puyssance and strength for to avenge hym not vpon hercules but vpon them of his partye / Thus Antheon fmote on that oon fyde and hercules on that other / Antheon foughte by grete fyerste and angre. And hercules 25 by prowesse. The fierfnes of Antheon was grete, but the prowesse of hercules was so excessively grete that the lybyens fledde hym as the deth / And where they fawe hym they tremblyd for grete feer / At this bataill to fore the fwerd of hercules alle blody. Than the regrete rowtes of the lybyens were right fore affrayed And kepte none araye / he smote of heedes and leyde [leaf 180 verso] 362

hem down to the erthe/his folke that were difroyed by antheon he gadrid to geder agayn. he made suche werke that the libyens had the worse and that antheon sente hastely to the kynge of Cothulye that he shold come to his helpe &c::.

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He kynge of Cothulye that at the fendyng of antheon deptid / wenyng to come to the medlee But whan Affer and theseus sawe hym meue they wente ayenst hym. and lettyd hym of his waye And there began the stour so grete and so mortall that 10 theseus and Affer slewe the kynge of Cothulye bete doun his banyers / his recongnoissances and his cotulyens/And smote so fore the yron vpon their bodies that they wente aback and were constrayned to crye after helpe/the kyng of ghetulie feeyng this euyll aduenture 15 cam vnto the rescousse and fonde the Cothulyens alle disconfited. At his comyng the Cryes. the noyse. the tempeste / the strokes began to renewe / many vaillance and many a prowesse were shewyd there / Many shewyd there theyr vertu & strength and many were so flayn there / Theseus dide there meruailles. but allwey the ghetulyens held hem to gider and fought ayenst thefeus by the space of thre houres / and lost but fewe of their peple vnto the tyme that hercules brought them of the bataill of kyng Antheon to disconsiture / and made 25 them to flee to faue hem felf with the ghetulyens / that than discoraged hem self in suche wyse that after they had feen the batayll of kynge antheon difrenged and broken they myght not lifte vp their armes to dyffend them but were flayn a lityll and a lityll / And fynably 30 they were brought to so strayte metes and boundes [leaf 181] 363

that they wiste neuer where to saue hem. And than they sledd out of the place / sparklid by the seldes & champayns. with out ledars conduyteurs and capitaynes / And than hercules put hym forth in the prees all asore 5 amonge them that sledde sirste of the libyens that he cam to the gate of the cyte with hem / And there he began to smyte so dismesurably that he put to deth the libiens sleyng theder and the porters & them that wold resiste hym Also he made the egypciens to entre in to the toun/And Antheon seeyng fortune ayenst hym in alle poyntes sledde not in to his palays ne accompanyed as a kynge but at large in to the seldes in the conduyte of soure moores only that after brought hym in to Moryane:

How hercules fought agayn . ayenst kynge Antheon 25 and putte hym vnto the deth &c:.

y this manyere hercules and the egypcyens entryd in to lybye and fubiuged hyt by force of Jarmes / And Antheon was fledde in to mauritayne, where he affemblid newe folk haftely / They 20 of lybye putte hem alle in the mercy of hercules/whan hercules had thus dauntyd them of lybye. And theyr nevghbours fechyng Antheon, he made Affer kynge And named hyt after hym Affryque. And fayd that he fought not for hys fynguler prouffit and couetyfe / 25 but for lyberalite and for to enhaunce vertue / O moste vaillyant and noble hercules. there was neuer man born amonge the paynems more large, more noble ne more vertuous / he wold not be kynge of all the world He was lyberall and enployed hys conquestes right 30 well and wyfely, and also gas his yestes aduyfedly [leaf 181 verso] 364

whan he had maad Affer kynge / he enquyred what lawes they helde and establishid amonge hem the sacrement of maryage / ffor at that tyme the women were there all comune / & whan hit happend that the women had children . they gaf hem to be men after their phisonomyes / and thus telleth Aristotell in his politycques Aboue this facrement hercules ordeyned vnto the affriquans that they shold hold the lawes of grece / and by right meure and rype conduyt maad the affrycquans lyue rayfonably and vertuoufly / and aboue all other 10 thynges he made hem have the ordre of maryage in grete reuerence / whan hercules had ordeynd all this / tidynges cam to hym that Antheon was come agayn to Chasse hym with many moryans that followed hym. than he retorned vpon antheon and vpon the moryans / and 15 there fmote hem down with his clubbe fo mortally that he maad hit reed with their blood and slewe hem all and putte hem to flyght so cruelly that antheon abode allone ayenst hercules and fought ayenst hym body to body by grete strength and gaf hym many strokes so hard to bere / But hercules gaf to hym fo many and fo largely that the geant wyste neuer how to saue hym / and wende to have fledde / but hercules bt ran also swiftely as an hors ranne after hym. and enbraced hym in his armes with alle his myght / and lyfte hym vp in 25 the ayer and bare hym vnto the ooste of the mauritanyes / and whan he cam nyghe hem. he caste hym doun dispitously to the erthe that all to brused and forfrushed abode there dede antheon / and his deth torned vnto the moores fo grete abasshement that they lost all their so ftrength & puyssance / and were slayn by grete excesse [leaf 182] 365

withoute remedye / they loste there the kynge Antheon the kyng of moritane. the kyng of tingye & many other kynges & the honour of the bataill. and in the ende they fledde / in whiche flighte was taken & subiuged to the seignourye of Affricque the cyte of mauritaine:.

How hercules and Theseus sought to geder ayenst the two damoyselles of Sythye &c:.

N remembrance of this victorye/hercules didedo make in the felde the statue or ymage of a manslepyng in the place where he had putte to dethantheon And ther vnder he dide do burye the body of antheon / And anone as the ymage whyche was made of the boon of an ellephant was fette vp there / the neck of the ymage began to sowne like as hit had ben a man slepyng wherfore 15 the mores had afterward the sepulcre in grete reuerence And worshipid the ydole. After this statue thus accomplisshid by hercules / he wente by tyngie & ampulesse & by many other contrees and c⁹querd all the contrey that now is callid Affricque, and gaf all to affer / and affer so retorned in to libye. and there he fonde Echee his wyf ded by a greuous sekenes / he toke and made forow so grete that hit was meruaill. Than for to forgete this forow . he toke leue of kynge affer and the egypciens . and had supposed to have departed thens, but as he was in ta-25 kyng leue. a damoifell strangely arayed cam vnto hym and faid lord of libye the quenes of fithie ladyes of egipte of capadoce and of afye haue fente me vnto yow/ whiche ladies have late conquerd the faid contrees in taking vengeance of be Infortune of their husbondes now 30 late ded: And abandonnynd their contrey by cause of the grete oultrage that vexoses kyng of egipte made in sithee [leaf 182 verso] 366

And for as moche as ye be of the lygnage of the egypcyens / they sende to yow that ye submette yow vnto theyr obeyssance for to do wyth yow that . that shall plese hem / or elles that ye come ayenst hem in batayll or elles for to eschewe thessusyon of blood they late 5 yow wete that they have good right to subiugue yow and that yf there be amonge yow two knyghtes that agayn two of them wolle doo armes at vtterance / they shall delyvere to yow two ladyes in place covenable by condicion / that yf the ladyes vaynquyssh and overcome yow / ye shall be holden as vaynquysshid / and be at theyr comandement / And yf your men overcome the ladyes / they shall be reputed as overcomen. and shall be sugettis vnto yow &c:.

Damoyfell fyn that the ladyes of fithee ben fo cheuaulereuses that they have conquerid the grete royames of egypte of capadoce and of asye/they ben fore for to doubte / Neuerthelasse for to eschewe thessus of feruage ye shall retorne vnto them and saye / that the batayll of the two knyghtes ayenst two ladies is accorded and agreed vnto them for to be don to morn by the condicion that ye have sayd. Than hercules after and many other 25 swore and promysid to hold thyse thynges / and dyde grete konour and reverence vnto the damoysell:

He damoisell hauyng don her message as said is / retorned vnto the ladyes / whiche were entred a grete way in Affrycque / & tolde to them 30 word for word the answer of hercules. The ouerest [leaf 183]

or maistresse of all these ladies was named Synope And had two susters so experte and stronge in armes that they dredde no knyght of the world/that oon was named menalipe & that other ypolite / Anone as these sladies had receyuid thise tidynges of the affrycans they had grete Ioye / And holdyng oppynyon that affrycque was wonne by the strength of ypolite and menalipe / whiche dide meruailles in armes/they ordeind that they shold sight with the two knyghtes. And so for to doo thay made redy ypolite and menalipe, whiche were on the morn redy ypon the feldes:.

A T the oure that was ordeyned / hercules & theseus fittyng on two stronge horses with grete siewte of affricans. rood in to the place that the ladies had chosen for to doo armes / There were the two ladies abidyng in a fayre place armed & well mounted on good stedes. And by them were the ladies in grete nombre/Also sone than as hercules & theseus had aspyed the two damoyselles. they made them that solowed to stand & come no nere/And sente vnto the damoyselles to wete what they wold doo / The damoyselles answerd that they abode the two knyghtes & that they were redy to doo armes agayn them under the condicions of their querele / And yf they were come they shold come forthe...

Ercules and theseus with this answere toke their speres / and spored their horses and made signe vnto the damoiselles/ and they garnysshid of sheldes & of speres ran again them so cheuauloursly that hyt semed that they ne helde of heuen ne of erthe And that at the copyng of theyr sharp speres the strokes were so huge & grete on bothe sydes that ypolyte 368 [leaf 183 verso]

and thefeus bare eche other vnto the erthe / and in lyke wyfe dide menalipe and hercules / the affrycans meruaillid moche to fee the two prynces fo born doun / and yet the ladyes of Sythea meruaylled moche more of the damoyfelles &c::.

Than the knyghtes of the oon fyde and the damoyfelles of that other fonde them felf lyyng oon the erthe/Shame and vergoyne smote hem vnto their hertes Neuertheles eche of them releuyd hem lightly and by grete corage toke their fwerdes. and ap- 10 prochid eche other / and chargyng and fmytyng that oon vpon that other so radely that the armes of the ladyes and of the knyghtes felte the strookes / ypolyte poursiewed her man theseus / And menalype helde her vnto hercules / The strookes of ypolite were grete and 15 dide grete gryef vnto theseus / theseus enforced hym self ftrongly to auenge hym . and myght not well come to his purpose / hercules put vnder and ouercome menalype lightly with his fwerd and put her in his mercy but ypolyte mayntenyd her force so myghtely ayenst so theseus / that she had put hym to vtterance ne had hercules had ben that fayd to hym / Broder what shall this bee / where is the prowesse of theseus. shal that be daunted by the chyualerye of a damoyfell. yf hit be so. certaynly all men shall have shame of your dishonoure:.

hyse wordes began to quycquen and to wake agayn the blood of theseus that was afore a sleepe / and lyghte the courage in suche wyse that he recouerd a newe force and strengthe / and put hym forth and began to smyte by suche prowesse that 30 he maad the damoysell recreante / and toke fro here / her

fwerd / And furmounted her / wherof the ladyes were right doleant & forouful and in especiall the quene Sinophe / whiche than sente to hercules her armes in token that she was vaynquisshed / prayng hym. that he wold yelde ayen & rendre the two damoyselles / And hercules toke the armes of the quene. and sente to her menalipe and made the pees with her for the affrycans by condycion that she shold gyue ypolite in mariage to theseus whiche was amerous of ypolite / So than the weddyng was made in affryque with grete honour and worship / And than the ladyes heeryng telle the meruaillous seetes and dedes of hercules. preisid hym alle / And helde hem happy and ewrous to be vaynquysshid of hym:.

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How hercules began to waxe amerous of deyanyra

15 And how achelous & hercules had bataill that oon ayenft that other / and how achelous was vainquisshid.

.Fter the conqueste of these ladies. Theseus toke leue of hercules and of affer and retorned in to his contre for to brynge home his lady / And her-∞ cules wente to the fee for to goo in to calcedonye whiche lyeth in thopolite of Achaye and of Archade for to fee a fayr lady by excellente beawte / that he had herd gretly recomanded by a calcedonien that was in his companye he dide so moche what by see and by lande / that he cam 25 in to calcedoyne / The kynge of that place had to name Oeneus and had two doughters that oon named Deyanyra / And that other Gorge / Deyanyra was the fayrest. And that was she that hercules cam for to fee . whan Oeneus had vnderstandyng & knowleche that hercules cam in to hys contrey. he had grete Ioye / And wente ayenst hym & resseyued hym in enbrasing so [leaf 184 verso] 370

honourably as was to hym possible / In entryng in to hys pallays the quene and hys two doughters gorge and dyanyra wellcomyd hercules / Incontynent as hercules caste his eyen vpon dyanira that was the moste sayrest thynge that euer he sawe / And that by on desire sight depe was enrachyned and roted in the most hole place of his herte / he selte hym self rauyshyd meruaylously. This desire entrid in to hercules all sull of rayes of loue and entryd in to his herte also sodeynly as the rayes of the sonne passe thurgh the glasse &c::.

Eyanira had fo moche beaute & was fo well accomplissible / and so relused & shoon amonge the ladyes that to her / myght be maad no comparyson / not allonly in beaulte / but with bt in wysedom and bounte. She was the most precious tresour of cal- 15 cedonye / and ther cam many ladyes and damoyfelles and other / hys neyghbours were all amerous of her / and foueraynly the kyng Achelous that was strong and puyssant / This kynge had grete seygnourye and marchyd on the royame of calcedonye / whan than hercules had ben there a space in passyng the tyme Ioyously and in beholdyng the conduyt of deyanira / hyt happend on a day that the messanger of kynge Achelous cam to Oeneus and faid to hym. that achelous demanded of hym yf he wold gyue hym his doughter / and yf 25 he wold not gyue her to hym at thys tyme / he wold moleste and greue his contre & wold make hym warre Of this mandement Oeneus was strongly troublid and answerd the messanger that on the morn he wold gyue hym an answer / All that day oeneus was pen- 30 fyf and fymple and abode allone / and for to passe his [leaf 185] 371

melancolie he cam to hercules / whan hercules fawe hym so pensys / he conjured hym in suche wyse that he shold telle hym the cause of his pensisnes / whiche told hym and faid. Lord hercules fyn hit plefeth yow to knowe 5 of myn anoyance and greef / I shall anon telle yow the cause / Ther is here by a kynge my neyghebour named Achelous grete and fiers and prowd / whyche by many tymes hath requyred of me to haue to his wyf deyanira my doughter / I haue not ben in will to accorde 10 the maryage / ffor as moche as I knowe this kynge a man of ryght euyll lyf. And for this cause I have had many menaces of hym. And also this day his messanger is yet comen agayn to me and hath fayd to me that yf I gyue hym not my doughter at this tyme. that he will 15 make me warre / Certes hercules yf ye fee me penfyf / Hyt cometh to me by this occasion. ffor I have not yet gyuen hym hys answer / But I muste gyue hit hym to morn / Neuerthelesse I have concluded in my self that I wyll not gyue vnto hym my doughter / And than so whan I fee veryly that by the reffuse of my doughter hyt muste nedes bee that the warre be open betwene the forfayd kynge Achelous and me I knowe well that I am dysplesyd. ffor warre is the eternall exyllement of the contre / Perdycion and waaste of the 25 peple and of goodes &c .

Sire fayd hercules hyt is force vnto a man that he take and bere alle that fortune wyll. As ye faye warre is not encresyng of peple but dymunycion allewaye by that hole hyt behoueth to passe / Hyt is expedyent that a man reioyse hys ryght. Ryght conforteth the courage of a man. And also the corage of a

man conforted bryngeth hym ofte tymes to gloryous victorye / A beste rurall disgarnysshyd of raysonable engyne sighteth for his hole and neste with his clawes with his feet teeth and wyth his becke / what shall a man sensible and endowed with entendement & rayson 5 doo yf ony assault and namely in his owen land and terrytorye come / Nature wyll and enseygneth that where corperall force saylleth / vygour and vertue of courage werken / and that they syghte for their contrey Take courage than in your right / and late saye your 10 entente vnto your enemyes ye have receyuyd me worshipfully / and in my receyuyng thise tydynges ben come I shall helpe yow yf hit be nede / and I suppose yf achelous assaylle yow he shall repente hym::

y these wordes the kynge Oeneus conforted 15 hym felf gretly / the day drewe ouer / On the morn oeneus called the messanger of achelous and faid to hym. that he come nomore to demande his doughter / and that he was not auyfed to gyue her to his mayster / & furthermore yf he meuyd warre ayenst 20 hym for this cause . he had Intencon to desende hym vnto the deth of the last man of all hys peple. The messanger retorned with these wordes and told hem to achelous and all that he fonde. Achelous was euyll content with kynge oeneus / & as he that was ouer moche 25 fmyten with the loue of devanira. began to assemble his men of armes in Intencion to make warre on kynge oeneus. and to take fro hym his doughter / hercules was than in calcedonye and ofte tymes he was with deyanira in gracious deuyses. he fonde her so well adressid in 30 all honeste manyers. that all day he was the most [leaf 186] 373

parte with her And in the nyghte he dide not but dreme and thynke on her / how be hit he faid no thynge to her that touched his amerous defires / willyng fyrst to shewe there his power in armes / hit happend on a day he 5 opend a wyndowe that was on the gardyn of deianira And castyng his eyen a doun he sawe devanira that sat vpon a grene place acompanyed of many ladyes and damoyselles / Than he sette all his entendement to contemplare thexcessive beaulte of her/After he desired her/ 10 And in coueytyng & desiryng he said. O deianyra that haue not the prerogacion to knowe the hertes and the thoughtes of the men / yf I shold saie to yow the tenthe parte of the love & defires that I have in yow/ye mighte not beleue hit/I have goon many a contre. and feen many 15 a royame . and many a trefour I have defired & many a thynge. But of all for to come to myn aboue / I was neuer in fo grete thought as I am for to gete your grace:.

Deyanyra was not ydell. She that had hercules in her mynde and remembrance in her herte than beyng ryche wyth the poyntes of loue fowen bytwene variacions of hope and despayr / was esprysed in alle her vaynes wyth the heete of syre that brenneth amerous hertes / the fire brennyng was stronge & right hard to quenche the right percyng sparcle / she leyde her doun vpon the grasse / And began to saye in her engyne/ Alas hercules what shal deianira doo she may not come and attaine vnto your loue / I was wonte not longe syn not dayne to behold the men/& than said. pt neuer prince ne kynge shold haue my loue / now I am all of another [leaf 186 verso]

nature / and ne defyre other thynge but that I myght be your wyf / I had supposed to have remayned and contynued a stable virgine / and only distaineuse of pe men agayn the requestes and amonycions of the ladyes / These ben now well other tydynges / with thyse wordes she cesed a litil and began to thynke on many other thynges / At this poynt as she thought on hercules . and hercules on her Tidinges cam theder that Achelous cam theder for tassiege the Cyte by lande and by see / and that he was right nyghe by / sfor these tidynges aroos so in the pallays a ryght grete murmure / that cam to the eeres of hercules and of deyanyra . their spyrites were traversyd in suche facion that hercules leste to beholde deyanyra / and the damoysell leste to thynke on hercules . and bothe two wente vnto the kynge oeneus :

None as hercules cam vnto the kyng / and that the kynge fawe hym . he wente ayenst hym and Laid to hym that his enemyes were right nyhe the Cyte / hercules answerd Ioyously / that hyt behoueth to goo feste hem. and that he doo putte hys peple in 💩 armes / at the answere of hercules the kynge dyde do fowne to armes / and with the fowne all calcedonye was meuyd and eche man adoubed hym. hercules and his grekes were redy in a lityll space / The calcedonyens affemblid by grete companyes in the palais / whan they as were assemblid the kynge and hercules brought them in to the ffelde / and hercules put hem in ordenaunce/that doon he dide hem marche / and fo exployted the calcedonyens & grekes on an after dyner / that they cam & fond their enemyes and approchyd them so nyhe that ther so was nothyng to doo but to fmyte and laye on / hercules [leaf 187] 375

had maad two bataylles / oon and the fyrste of his peple / and that other of the calcedonyens whan they cam to the poynte to mete. Hercules wente to the calcedonyens and in the presence of the kynge sayd to them / lo s here ye may fee your enemyes that fette lytill by yow ffor they ben come in to your lordshypp to assaill yow I pray yow that the grete oultrage of them abate ne mynusshe youre corages / ye oughte here to have the syerste of a lyon the puyssance of an ellephant and appeso tyte of a gryffon for to delyuere yow wyth oute ende fro the enemyte of kyng Achelous . in keping your contre. your domynacon. your honour / your trefours. your wyues. your chyldren, and that more is your lyues Bee ye than enuyous to do well / be ye aglouted wyth 15 defyre of vengeance / be ye coueytous to gete worshyp and glorye / yf ye efuertue not your felf at this tyme / ye may not have but mendicyte or feruytude or deth / ffor your enemyes shall doo vnto yow all the euyll of the world / yf they have victorie ouer yow. Thise wordes wroughte in the hertes of the calcedonyens and gaf to them corage merueylously / And all full of oon ryght good will defired the medlee / whan hercules had achieuyd his exortacon he wente to the bataill / for hit was at the point to fighte. Than were ther grete cryes on that 25 oon fide & on that other / Tabours. trompettes. clarions. hornes & busynes began to sowne. knyghtes began to meue at thentree of the bataill. hercules and the grekes shotte & drewe largely vpon their enemyes / And made achelous all abaffhid for as moche as he hoped not to have found fo grete refistence with the calcedonyens Than they casted her eyen vpon the banyer of hercules/& [leaf 187 verso] 376

feeying the grete lyon that was paynted therin / they began to ymagyne that there myght be hercules of whom was spoken thurgh oute all the world for his vertues and his strengthe::.

T Han they were thus ymagenyng the shotte 5 failled with grete occision of them of the party of Achelous / whan the shotte was fo faylled hercules toke his fwerd / and fourroied amonge them of Athaye. that were in the first fronte of the batayll of achelous / and there maad an hoole so grete that the 10 calcedonyens and yconyens wan vpon them at the first Ioynyng / and made that other partye to recule and go a backe . wherof achelous had grete forowe / and he toke to hym. xx. knyghtes whiche were chosen and cam and rengid with them there . where hercules defrayed and brake the batayll of achayens / There he approuuyd his corage Amorous this stronge geant, and his cheualerye so vayllyantly that the grekes entryng taryed and abode / and also hercules. for they dyed their fwerdes and the erthe with their blood, and bete so doun many yeonyens. And there was the stryff so grete that men myght fee nothynge ellys but heedes and armes fflee in to the ffelde. hercules fmote no strook but hit coste to achelous the deth of a man. Achelous in like wyfe strook for strook smote down oon of his enemyes as The residue of their solke dide the best they cowde / now before now behynde / and yet myght neuer thachayens confounde and put aback theyr adversaryes howe be hit they were allwey fowre agaynst oon and the ychonyens also myght not preuaill vpon the achayens for 30 as moche as they were in grete nombre. And they had [leaf 188] 377

alleway fressh peple and newe / In this maner the two puissances fought to geder more than foure oures / loue wrought fore there in hercules & in achelous. bothe two made their swerdes to florisshe couerid with blood / they 5 mette ofte tymes and smote eche other / but neuer durst achelous abide to fore the fwerd of hercules for the orrible strookes that he sawe hercules gyue / but he putted hym in the prees as sone as he had smyten hym or had greuyd hym:.

10 T N this bataill hercules dide wondres & meruailles. Oeneus tokea grete playfir to behold hym. And thachay-L ens had therin displaisir/ffor they that seyghe hym were no more assewrid to escape the deth / than he that seleth the fwerd in his nekke in the hand of a tyrant. There ref-15 feyuid no man a strook of hym but he abood in the place he made so grete slaughter that no man can well write In the ende kynge oeneus with all his calcedoniens cam to the bataill / In his comyng the achaiens reseyuid losse vpon losse & parill vpon parill. The kyng oeneus made so many of his enemyes to dye / hercules shewid his puysfance more and more / By his well doyng he putte thachayens alle oute of araye, and after in to flyghte / And the losse of the selde torned gretly vnto the dommage of kynge Achelous . ffor hercules chassed hym 25 hountously in to hys shyppys and maad hym to lese twelue thousand Achayens &c . .

How hercules put to vtterance the kyng Achelous And how he espowsed devanyra &c:.

.Fter this victorye whan hercules sawe that the kynge Achelous fauyd hym felf by the fee / He called the kynge oeneus and fayd to hym that 378

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he wold poursiewe his enemye / and that he wold delyuere the world of hym. and after toke two honderd of his chofen men. and toke leve of the kynge oeneus and wente to the see / following after Achelous recomandyng hym to gorge and to devanira. In this nyght 5 oeneus after the departyng of hercules retorned in to calcedonye / and tolde his wyf and his doughters the hyhe prowes that hercules had doon in the batayll / and how he had chaced his enemyes / and how he was goon after with two honderd men. The ladyes gorge and dey- 10 anyra were right Ioyous of the victorye / but hit anoyed hem fore that hercules with fo lytyll a companye pourfyeued achelous / and aboue alle other deyanyra was gretly anoyed and greuyd of thempryle of hercules so sore that she wente in to her chambre and was 15 constrayned to wepe and not to have Ioye in herte vnto the retorne of hercules / ffor to retorne vnto the purpoos of hercules / whan he was put vnto the poursiewt of achelous as faid is he entrid in to his royame, and fiewed hym fo nyhe that he was constrayed to wyth- 20 drawe hym in a ryght stronge castell standyng by the fee / hercules aseged achelous in this castell / whan achelous fawe that hercules poursiewed hym with so lityl companye as wyth two honderd men only / he callid hys frendes and hys conduytours / and amonge other 25 thynges told hem that hit was shame to them to suffre to be affeged wyth so lytyll nombre of peple. They answerd that he had sayd trouthe / And concluded that the same oure they wold yssue out and reyse and breke the syege / and forthwith they sowned to armes 30 wyth shorte counceyll / hyt was not longe after that [leaf 189]

they yssued out of the castell / hercules aspyed hem and knewe that they cam to the bataylle / he sette hys men in araye / After he wente allone to fore vnto his enemyes as he that dowted of no thynge / whan Achelous sawe 5 hym come he began to make a grete sighe / And escryed his peple vpon hym / sayyng that hit was he with the clubbe that had chassed hym out of calcedonye / and promysed grete yestes vnto them that beste surnysshid hym with strokes / but whan his folk knewe that hit was hercules/they made curtoise eche to other for to go afore And tremblyng as the leef on the tree they durst not abide the weight of the clubbe / but withoute smytyng of ony strook torned their backes & sledde vnto the castell.

Chelous Seeying the poure conduyte of hys folke And the drede and feer that they had of hercules / wende he shold have deyd for sorowe / wente and entryd agayn wyth them in to the castell. And hercules retorned wyth his peple lawghyng of the poure guydyng of his enemyes / Hercules 20 began than to thynke on deyanyra. And Achelous began to ymagyne how he myghte adommage the calcedonyens. he had there oon of hys captayns that fayd vnto hym . Syre ye knowe well that your strength may not compare vnto the strength of your enemyes / 25 we ben ten agaynste oon but that may no thynge helpe vs. ffor all only the clubbe of the myghty geant that is wyth them is ynowh for to burye vs alle and also for to destroye your royame. Consydere ye than syn hit is fo that open puissance and playn descouerte strength 30 at eye may not be vsed at this tyme, hyt is expedyent 380 [leaf 189 verso]

to ymagyne some subtylte for to greue the calcedonyens / and hyt is myn aduys that there shall be maad a grete slamyng light in the see suche as I shall well deuyse / that by that moyen they that have beseged vs may ben deceyuyd lightly. This slamyng light muste be by snyght / and hit shall be grete and Inpetuous we shall make hit secretly / anone as oure enemyes shall see hit they shall see oute of their tentes. and they shall goo vnto the see for to see that meruaille / parauenture with oute ony armes / sfor they drede ne sere vs not. And than we shall spryng on them and shall synde them disgarnysshid and vnpurueyed of theyr armes. and consequently hyt may ensiewe that of them alle we shall make a notable delyuerance &c:.

THan Achelous herd this counceyll / hyt femed 45 to hym good / and wolde that hit were put in effecte in fuche wyfe as he had deuyfed. The deuyser dide do make an honderd torches. whiche were achyeuyd in fysten dayes / Duryng thyse fysten dayes hercules affaylled many tymes the castell. where achelous was in / but he myght neuer do no thynge therto ffor the fortresse stode vpon the see and in a stronge contree / & myght not be goten by affault / And achelous myght haue no focours fro no parte / ffor betwene this castell and Achaye was a grete contrey / whan the sys- 25 ten dayes were passid and the torches were maad / on a night whan hit was paifible of wynd & of storme They that conduyted the torches yssued out of the castell four of them vnto the hauen wher as was left but oon lityl boot whiche was a ground, and had not in so longe tyme afore be put to the fee /And yf ye demande [leaf 190] 381

where the shippes were become that Achelous brought to this poort / I faye yow that hercules had do take them and sente hem in to the see / to thentent that Achelous shold not ascape hym ner take away the shippys by 5 nyght / The Achayens than comen to this lityll boot lyyng on the ground. dide so moche that they brought hit a flote on the fee also secretly as they coude. and entrid therin with all / that to them was necessarye / And the kynge Achelous putte hym felf in a busshement with a 10 thousand of his men In a place nyghe where as hym semed that the calcedonyens wold goo out for to fee the lyght that shold be made. Than whan they that were in be fee knewe that hit was tyme to lighte their torches they fette them a fire / And fette them round a boute the 15 maste where in were made as many hooles as were torches / And fo as they had ymagyned they dyde / Anone the knyghtes that kepte the wacche of the Oost of hercules fawe hit. And all fore ameruaylled of this light awooke hercules and his felawes. and shewed them ∞ the light and clerte &c:.

None as hercules fawe the resplendissour of the torches / he wold knowe what hit was / And than he approched the ryue of the see & his selawship with hym. he had not ben longe there / whan the kynge Achelous dide do lyghte an honderd torches that he had pourueyed and after he sprange out of his enbushhement wyth his thousand men / and ran vpon hercules and assailled hym & all his men siersly / But whan hercules sawe them discouere / he sette his peple in ordenance the beste wise he might by the light of the sterres / and receyuid his enemies frely wheros began a right

dolorous bataill / ffor that oon smote on that other right felonfly / and ther were many wounded and deed / the scarmousshe was grete / Achelous wende to escarmouffhe / but he was scarmouffhid hym self vnto theffusion of hys blood / ffor hercules amonge alle other s fmote hym on the helme / that he foundrid & gaf hym a wounde on his heed that the blood russhed out / and more ouer he toke hym. and delyuerid hym to twelue of his men to kepe / ther were grete Cryes and grete habondance of strokes of swerdes / Than were the torches 10 quenched and put out by the Inpetuolyte of the imytyng on the achayens whyche defired strongly for to rescowe their kynge / they abandoned their lyues in the heet / But whan their torches were quenchid lityll & a lityll they began to coole them and wythdrewe them 15 for they fawe not a drope / whan they were wythdrawen / hercules assemblid his folke and said to them that he wold goo assaye ys he myghte take the castell in this trowble / And that they shold followe hym hardily and fierfly / and anone after he fawe his enemyes so retorne vnto the castell / he ran after and retayned hem And putte hym felf in the thikkest of them, and smyting wyth his clubbe on the right fyde and on the lifte fyde that he made a right large place and way / and by this waye he ladde hys peple vnto the yate of the castell / 25 where he entrid with them that fledde / and there maad so grete occysion of his enemyes that wyth lityll resistence that same nyght he putte to deth twelfe honderd and the other fledde in to the cyte of patrace fro whens they were / In this batayll and in the batayll that had 30 ben in calcedonye / Alle the men of achaye were flayn / [leaf 191] 383

Reserved aboute a source honderd whiche saued them by fleeyng / ffor Achelous had taken all his men with hym / His contre and hys cyte of patrace was all destroyed / whan hercules had taken the castell After he 5 wente in to the contre and in to the cyte of patrace / And entryng in all places with oute ony relistence / he translated this roiame in to the hand of kyng Oeneus / And he abood not longe after that he had subdued this royame but he departed & retorned in to calcedonie as hasteli 10 as he myght for to see devanira / And there he was receyuyd with fo grete glorye. Ioye & tryumphe that noman can reherce ne write. The poetes escryue & write this conquest that hercules made vpon achelous / ffaynyng that Achelous fought first in guyse of a man, and that than 15 he was vaynquysshyd / After he chaungyd hym self in guyse of a serpent / this is to vnderstande in subtyllesse and in malyce as he dide in affaillyng hercules by night ffinably he fought in the guyle of a booll / And that hercules brak his oon horne / That is to vnderstand that at 20 the laste Achelous was fiers as a booll / ffor he deyde well nyhe for pryde and forowe that he was taken / And that hercules brake hys horne / that is to vnderstande that he brak his royame and destroyed hit:.

How Nessus rauysshid deyanira fro hercules whan 25 he passid wyth her ouer the ryuer / And howe hercules slewe Nessus with an Arowe.

Rete was the ffeste than . that the kynge Oeneus mand for the victoryes that hercules had acheyeuyd vpon kynge Achelous / ffor he doubted hym passyng fore Hercules at hys comyng presented to hym Achelous and his royame and said to hym 384 [leaf 191 verso]

that he shold have hit with oute ony reffuse / The kyng oeneus sente kynge achelous in exyle / And helde hym felf gretly bounden and beholden to hercules whom he honoured meruailloufly / than hercules toke to his herte agayn the ryght amorows regardes . and also in like , wyse dide deyanyra. she had souerayn loye to see hercules / and defired none other thynge but for to fee hym / what shall I make longe processe / whan hercules had ben there a space / he requyred kynge Oeneus that he wold gyf hym his doughter to wyue / Oeneus wyth 10 right good will agreed and acorded to hym / and deyanyra confented with better wyll / The weddyng was folempnyfed pompeufly and folempnly. and wente to bedde and laye to geder / And fone after whan hercules sawe that his fader in lawe had his roiame in peas 15 he toke leue of the kynge oeneus and departed fro calcedonie with deyanira and his peple for to goo by lande in to his royame of yconye / hercules had allwey in his Iourney deyanyra by hym. he louyd her fore and had grete solas in her beaute / and yf he had not studied with 20 athlas / he coude not have absteyned hym for to beholde her beaute / In passyng the tyme plesauntly in the manyer that folke do that ben newe maryed. hercules Iourneyed so ferre that he cam to a quarter of thessaylle / where as the ryuer of hebenus renneth / and arryued on 25 this ryuer / whiche was depe and brood rennyng Inpetuously . and had nether brigge ne plancke to passe ouer / But there was a centaure named Nessus that practyqued there his lyf by the mene of a lityll boot In the whiche he lad the peple ouer the ryuer &c:. A / Han hercules had founde this passager Nessus [leaf 102] 385

he cam to hym and demaunded hym how he and hys folke myght passe the Ryuer / Nessus that knewe hercules syn the tyme that he had vaynquysshyd his felawis at the weddyng of pyrothus Answerd to hym 5 that he myght not passe the ryuer but by his lityll boot And yf he wold passe / he wold wyth a good will do hym the pleasir to sette hym ouer / Hercules thanked neffus / And for as moche as he fawe that the boote was but lityll And that the tyme was disposed to 10 rayne / he wold that deyanyra and her damoyfelles shold passe syrst / Deyanyra and her maydens entryd in to the boote / whan they were therin / Nessus rowed And in the rowyng he behelde deyanyra / And he fawe her so moche that her beawte deceyuid hym. ffor as sone 15 as he was come ouer on that other fyde / he toke deyanyra / and fayd that she shold be his wyf / And than in the rauyshyng of her he toke her on hys sholders and bare her a way / wherfore deyanyra & her damoyfelles made grete cryes / And hercules feeying that the olde ge-20 ant bare away deyanira. whiche he wold resiste to his power / bende his bowe and shotte an arowe vpon the geant with fo grete myght and connyng / that he fmote hym on the ryght fyde vnto the herte. And gaf hym the dethes wounde: Thee bowe of hercules was fo grete 25 and stronge that no man coude bende hyt but hym self / how be hyt that neffus by hys wounde that hercules gaf hym began to fele thappchyng of the deth & to fuffre sharp anguissh / all way he ran a grete while after vnto a valeye. where he ouerthrewe, and considering that his 30 lyf had no rescows / he enploied be ende of his lyf to ymagine how he might do displaisir to hercules / & remembrid [leaf 192 verso] 386

that he had terryble poysen vpon hym & mortall / And sayd to devanyra by grete malyce / Lady the loue of yow hath caused me to resseyue the deth / whyche me displeseth not so sore / as doth that cruel hercules shall reioysse yow / whyche are worthy to haue a worthy sman / hercules is no trewe husbonde / but the vntrewest to his wys that euer was / and for as moche as I haue synguler pyte of yow / and that your beaulte constrayneth me to do yow pleasyr / I shall gyue yow here a precious thynge / and hauyng suche vertu / that yf ye boyll to hit with oon of the shertes of hercules with the blood that renneth out of my wounde / and ys than ye gyue the sherte to hercules and that he were hit / he shall neuer after loue other woman ner lady but yow::.

nd with thise wordes the geant toke the poison 15 and temprid hyt wyth his blood and wonde hit in a lynnyn cloth and gaf hyt to deyanyra / The folish deyanyra adioustyng credence to the geant toke the poyfon / the geant charged her that no man shold towche hit bare / saying that than hit shold lose 20 his vertu after the towchyng. and with that he gaf vp his goste and dyed pytously / And deyanyra ascapyd fro his handes, pourpofyng that she wold kepe that poyson secretly at alauenture for to helpe her self / yf hit were nede / In the mene whyle that these thynges befell 25 betwene deyanyra and the geant / hercules was not at hertes ease for deyanyra / he was in grete dystresse whan he sawe nessus bere away his wyf / Assone as he had fmyten hym on the right fide with his arowe as faid is / he vnclothed and despoilled hym self / and caste 30 his gowne his harnoys and his clobbe ouer the water [leaf 193] 387

by grete strength And after he sterte in to the water / and fwamme ouer vnto that other side / And than as he dide on his arayment agayn / Deyanira acompanyed with her damoyfelles that followed her cam agayn to the ry-5 uer garnysshid with the cursid poyson / whan hercules fawe devanira retorne / he ymagyned anone that he had flayn the geant / And wente ayenst her and demanded where the traytre was / Deyanira answerd not at the fyrst to thys demande / but sayd to hym / Alas my lord 10 in what parill have I ben, what oppression what destruccion of Ioye hath destrayned myn herte / The traches of myn armes where yet is feen the prynte of the handes of the geant shewe in what displaisir I have been. The curfed glouton geant bare me vnto the depthe of a depe va-15 leye. where the deth procedyng of the strook of your arowe made hym to falle doun. And he wold neuer late me goo vnto the laste syghe of deth. Certes I haue fuffrid a grete Ieoparde / but thankyng be to the goddes / fyn I haue found yow agayn. And knowe ye veryly 20 that I am auenged of myn enemye. whom I haue seen deye miserably / wherof I am all reioyed & glad agayn:. How hercules fought agaynst the serpent of palu of lerne and flewe hym &c:.

Eyanira & hercules kyssid eche other by right grete loue / After hercules wente in to the place where the geant laye ded. and for as moche as he fond hym priued of his lyss / he lete hym lye there to the bestes & to the birdes and toke his arowe bt laie by hym And thys was the arowe that Achilles was slayn with after in ye temple of phebus in troic for beloue of polixene/Than hercules & deianira cam agayn to the ryuer & 388 [leaf 193 verso]

hercules fette ouer his men and wente fro that place in to the Cyte of lerne / The kynge of thys Cyte dide grete honour to hercules and receyuyd hym as honourably as he myght and cowde / Amonge dyuerce deuyses hercules demaunded hym of hys tydynges / the kynge anfwerd and fayd that he knewe none other / but that in a grete palus there dwellyd and abood a monstre half man and half ferpent that wasted and destroyed all his royame by comun murdre / ffor he faid that all the men women and Chyldren that thys monstre can to fynde he sleeth hem with his tayll that is enuenymed and with his hande armed / he deuoureth and destroyeth them with his teth / and ther escapeth none And so hit behoueth that thys contre be deserte / ffor the laboureurs ne marchans dare not go by the contre lasse acom- 15 panyed than two honderd men / And yf they be lasse the monstre assaylleth them and destroyeth them lyke as he hath doon many other &c::.

Ercules was paffyng glad and Ioyous of these tidynges and sayd to the kynge. Syre I 20 haue labourd yet hederto for the comyn wele of many royames / yet haue I the wyll to perseuere and to do the werkes of vertu / knowe ye than syn that I am here arryued / that I shall do somewhat for the wele of this contre / lyke as I haue doon for many other / and I 25 haue entencion for to putte me in deuoyr to morn on the waye toward the monstre / and for to abyde thauenture for to vaynquysshe hym or to be vaynquysshid of hym / This monstre was called ydre for as moche as he dwellyd in the waters / Whan deyanyra herde then-30 treprise of hercules that he wold go allone abandonne [leaf 194]

hym felf in so grete parill she began to wepe & make so grete forowe / that no man myghte peafe her / ner make her stynte her wepyng / hercules conforted her the beste wyse he coude / Athlas & philotes consorted her in lyke s wife . and shewed to her the right hyhe and glorious dedes of hercules / ffor to gyue her hope in hys aduenture All that myght not helpe ner auaylle / she louyd hercules with all her herte wyth all her myght & puyssance She required hym with her eyen charged full of teeres 10 that he wold absteyne hym fro so hyhe an enterpryse / faying bt hit was no wisedom a man to expose hym self to so euydent terryble daungers / And that the goddes had fente the monftre in to the contre for to corryge and chastyce the peple / Alleway how be hyt that hercules 15 was fore ardaut in the loue of her / yet her teres that she wepte ne her prayers ne her remonstrances myght not cause hercules to breke his pourpose for to achyeue his aduenture / But on the morn erly adoubyd hym. And departyd fro lerne and toke his way toward the pa-20 lus where as was the monstre :.

Thys palus was longe and thre myle in compaas as the croniques of spayne reherce And all enuyroned with sontaynes that sprang out of the hyhe montaygnes / In myddis of this palus was a grete lake or ponde / wherin dwellyd the ydre on drye lande / whan than hercules was come to this palus / The ydre pt neuer slepte wyth bothe eyen and that had alewey the nekke stracchid on hihe & the eeres open had anone aspied hym and sodainli cam ayenst hym rennyng by a grete radeure hercules abode whan he aspyed the meruaillous monstre

and had grete playfir to fee hym. he was ten foote of heyghte / and as longe a taylle / he was fowle & couerd with heer / he had the body armed / & in his right hande helde a naked glayue / and in the lyfte hand he bare a shelde / hercules thus beholdyng hym suffryd hym to 5 come to hym. Than the monstre spack to hym and sayd Poure geant whyder goste thou behold this glayue sharp on bothe sydes cuttyng / yet was ther neuer man that herde me speke / but he dyed by the poynt of thys glayue / ffor as moche as I am the moste wyse creature 10 that euer nature maad, and that I am acustomed to make a questyon to suche men as I fynde / and them destroye yf they can not answer therto . and for as moche as I ne fynde in my royame / but peple as bestes & with oute entendement / I have therfore destroyed their blood 15 and so shall I do thyn yf thou canste not assoylle or sophyme that I shal make to the. O thou man serpentyne fayd hercules / thyn eloquence . thy prudence . thy cruell glayue foule and pollute of infinytes homycides make me no thyng abaisshed ne discorage me / I seke the and so am comen hether for to destroye the . And I shall not affaylle oonly oon of thy fophymes / but as many as thou canst thynke / and wole well that thou knowe that yf by force of thy fophymes and fallacious argumentes thou make me Innocent / I shall doo vnto the 25 lyke as thou woldest do to me / and yf hit happe that thy scyence may not ouercome me / yet woll I well that thou defende the with armes. and that thou kepe thy lyf as well as thou canft &c::.

yth these wordes the monstre mand vnto hercules 39 seven software on after an other so sallacio and [kas 195]

fo fubtyll / that whan hercules had gyuen folucion to oon / the monstre replyed by seuen argumentes / All way hercules that was full of philosophie and expert in all scyence. Answerd so solempnly to all his fallacious s argumentes that he furmouted hym / And for this cause the poetes fayne that this ydre had feuen heedes as hyt appereth in the first tragedye of seneca / and sayen that whan hercules had fmiten of oon of his heedes . that feuen other heedes cam agayn in the same place/In the ende than 10 for to poursiewe this matere whan hercules had so desputed ayenst the serpent that he yelded hym to hercules in suche wyfe as he wist not what to saye / than hercules fayd to hym: Serpent Inhumayn we haue foughten longe ynowh wyth the tonge / Take thy glayue I 15 may no lenger wythholde my hand for fmytyng vpon the And affaye yf thou art as fubtyll in armes as thou arte subtyll in langage. Poure fooll said the serpente whiche was full of pryde / knowest not thou that by my partie serpentyne I haue ensected all this contre / and 20 I shall this day drynke thy blood and deuoure thy body wherfore make good wacche / and kepe the well :

Ith oute more wordes hercules enhaunsed hys glayue for to haue smyten hys aduersarye. but he coude not so fore haste hym but the serpent 25 gas hym syrste two strokes oon wyth hys glayue and that other wyth his tayll / wherwith he had almoste smyten hym down to the ground / Alleway hercules abode standing / And with his swerd that he had enhaunced he smote the monstre vpon be helme by suche strength that he all to frusshed the helme & made hym a wounde 392 [leaf 195 verso]

in his heed of this strook that the serpente selte he was sufficiently further and with his glayue smote hercules the second tyme vpon the helme with so grete myght that the sparklis & the syre slewe out / And the helme was broken / Hercules that neuer to fore had receyuyd so grete a strook / escryed hym that he wold auenge hit / And smote hym right yrously / their strokes were grete and mortell / they smote eche other longe / and they were bothe two of grete corage / But whan fortune had ynowh cherisshid hem bothe / she torned ayenst the serpent so certainly / that after many strokes hercules smote his trenchyng swerd wyth in the helme in to his heed and bare hym down dede vnto the erthe.

Ercules had grete ioye whan he fawe the monftre put to vttrance / he wente for to fecche the 15 kinge of lerne / deyanira / & his folke & brought hem for to fee this monstre / whan he had shewid hem the monftre / he made a grete fyre / and lyghte hit / and made facrefyle vnto the goddes 'And by the fyre he confumed the monftre ydre / werfore there were gyuen to 20 hym grete and right hyghe louynges & thankynges . And was brought in to the cyte of lerne wyth grete glorye of ladyes & of damoyfelles whiche conueyed hym vnto the kynges palays fyngyng melodyoufly . Deyanyra than Ioyed gretly in the tryumphant victo- 25 rie · of her noble husbonde . whan hercules had abiden there a whyle / he departed & wente to athenes where theseus receyuid hym gloriously. Than hercules and Athlas helde skole in athenes / for as moche as they of athenes were quyk of engyne and of witte / and gaf to hem all to lerne science & there they were a grete while [leaf 196] 393

Introdusyng & enformyng them of Athenes in phylofophie & in astronomye. And singularly In astronomye
hercules proussited in suche wyse / that the estudyents
sayd that he susteyned & bare the heuen on his sholders
O noble and vertuous man / whan he had vaqued there
and studied so longe that his doctryne had gyuen light
vnto the athenyenses / he departed fro thens with grete
bemenyng and brought his wys vnto the cyte of lycye
And than he was so gretly renomed / that sro all the
royames of grece there cam daily to hym noble men and
other / for to proussite in vertue. in noblesse. in honour
in armes. in phylosophie. in astronomye and in alle
other perfeccion &c:.

How hercules wente in to spaigne / & how he fought in the see ayenst kyng Gerion & vaynquisshid hym and how he toke the cyte of megeda and entrid therin:

N the tyme that hercules flourysshed in vertue And that his name was born from royame to I royame by gloryous renomee / as rehercen the 20 cronyques of spaygne. There was a kynge of the cyte of megeda that standeth vpon the ryuer of Gawdyane whyche began to make hys name to have grete bruyt by fo many malefices and tyrannyes that no man coude telle the thyrde parte. Thys tyrant had to name Ge-25 ryon / He was kynge of Andolosye / and Destremadure and also of the montaygnes of galyce and of portyngale / The poetes saygnen of thys tyrant that he had thre heedes / ffor as moche as he had two brethern grete geantes the whiche were all of oon nature and of 30 oon complexion. And that they were so vnyed to geder [leaf 196 verso] 394

that alle that / that oon wolde / that other wolde / And they were neuer in discord. Geryon was the worste of hem alle / he dide do make a temple in the cyte of megida / and ordeyned there / that alle they that were noble sholde haue her ymage and sepulture / and that men 5 shold make there the remembrances of alle the men of name / that he shold slee / to the ende that ther shold be a memorye of them in tyme comyng / what shall I saie of his dedes / he and his brethern tyrannyfed not all only vpon the estrangers / but also vpon his neyghbours · 10 And had pyte on no man In suche wise that they gate hem an euyll name And that the affricquans whom they persecuted more than ony other / wente for to complayne to hercules by the comandement of affer / as to the fouerayn destroyar of tyrantes and of monstres / 15 And prayde & requyred hym gretly / that he wolde delyuere hem of this trybulacion.

TYHan hercules vnderstood the complaynte of the affricans / and was advertysed of the tyrannyes that geryon and his brethern made / he so enterpryled for to go in esperye / and promyled to the affrycans that they shold have right shortly tydynges of hym And after axed them of the aftate of kynge affer / And whan they had told alle that they knewe they retorned wyth grete Ioye in to theyr contrey ' Her- 25 cules fro than forth on disposed hym for to goo in to esperye wherfore his wif devanira made grete sorowe The renomee of this vyage was anone spredde in alle the contre. In shorte tyme ther cam moo men of armes in to lycye for to ferue hercules than he fente fore / he was 30 so good large and wyse . And also so vayllyant and [leaf 197] 395

fo free that he gaf all way all his conquestes / wherfore euery man wold followe hym / And good cause why / ffor no man followed hym ne feruyd hym / but that he rewarded and amendid hym in all hyghe maner and 5 facion . whan than his excersite was redy / he toke leue of his wyf deyanira / And departed out of the royame of lieve. Many a teer was maad at his departyng as well of deyanyra as of hys escolyers that lerned of hym / Theseus and hispan. Athlas and phylotes were 10 with hym. Duryng this vyage / he studyed ofte tymes wyth Athlas / And was neuer ydle / with oute ony aduenture that ought to be remembrid / he aryued in Affrycque / where he fonde affer / whyche receyuyd hym worshipfully / fro Affrycque hercules passid by the 15 strayt of gybaltar / And wente in to gades . that now we calle gallyce And peplid the contre. for as moche as he fonde there good lande / and delyueryd this peple for to gouerne vnto a noble man named phylistenes This philistenes as bochace reherceth in the genelagie of 20 goddes was fone of phenys kynge of phenyce / And this phenys was fone of kynge Agenor fone of kynge belus / Philistenes than regned in galyce, and was after named the preeft of hercules / for as moche as whan hercules had vaynquysshid the tyrants of esperye. he foun-25 ded there a temple whyche he helde after in grete reuerence / Alleway as hercules peupled and enhabited this land. he dide do make pylers or colompnes hyghe and meruayllously grete. And fette them vpon the fee / And vpon euery pilar or columpne he did do make an ymage so of hard stoon in the semblance and likenes of a knyght lyke vnto hercules alle clad wyth the skyn of a lyon 396 [leaf 197 verso]

And there was oon of the ymages that helde a table wherin was wreton wyth letters of gold / Passe no further for to seke lande / ne goo for to conquere surther ony Royames in the weste / sfor thou shall synde no more lande &c:

He noble hercules wente than in to the contre / where as stondeth now the Cyte of Seuyle whiche was not than founded / And fonde by hys scyence that there shold be founded a cyte of grete renome / wherfore in memorye therof he edefyed in that 10 place a pilar of hard stones / and thervpon sette an ymage holding in his hand wreton that faid / that ther shold be maad oon of the grettest cytees of the world / Thys lande of galyse apperteyned to geryon / But than whan hercules had maad this pilar aboue fayd and fette hyt 15 where as now stondeth Seuyle / he had grete will for to begynne to bylde the Cyte / ffor the contrey was paffyng good and comodious / But Athlas by the scyence of Astronomye councellid hym contrarye / shewyng hym by certayne fignes that hit was destyne that another shold make the Cyte / And therfore nyghe the pylar / he dide do make a columpne of whyte marble / vpon whiche stode the ymage of hercules grete and riche / that helde oon hand ayenst the Oryent wherin was wreton here hath ben hercules / And with the other hand he she- 25 wid the writyng that . that other ymage helde: .

Hese thynges accomplished hercules departed fro thens / And leste to enhabyte and kepe the contre eyghte honderd men of his of the Contrey of sithye that were stronge and experte in armes / And 30 wyth good wylle abood there for the bounte of the [leaf 198]

contre. Than wente hercules by the ryuage of the fee in to the laste and furthermest partye of Europe And faylid so ferre that he entrid in to the Ryuer of guadiana where as the terant gerion dwelde and abode in the cyte 5 of megida / The same tyme that hercules entrid in to the ryuere. Geryon wente vp in to the toppe of an hyghe tour where he myght fee all aboute the contre for to fee yf ony persone cam . vpon whom he myghte excersite his tyrannye. He had not ben longe there whan he behelde 10 vpon the ryuer and fawe the armee of hercules. And feeying this armee / he had grete love . ffor hym femed well that in all haste he shold subdue and ouercome hem. With oute other delay he assemblid his complyces and fowned to armes / In a lityll while all his men 15 were redy and garnysshid with their armes cam vnto hym for to knowe what he wolde / Gerion was than all armed, and redy for to go & entre in to the batayll He declared to his peple his entencion. after he entrid in to his galeyes as hastely as he myght / and wente fro meso gida en approchyng the grekes / Thus rowyng forth hit happend hym that he mette a litill boot / And fro as ferre as he sawe hit come / he wente ayenst hit & arested hit. In this boot were no moo but two maryners & hyspan Gerion than callid hispan & demanded hym whyder he 25 wente & what he was / Certes fire answerd hispan I am a greek/and haue entencon to go vnto be kyng gerion/that is now in his cyte of megida for to accomplish a melfage that I am charged with / Messanger said the kyng yf ye feke gerion / ye nede for to go no further forth . ffor 30 I am he to whome ye speke vnto. Syre answerd hispan fyn b' ye be he to whom my message apperteyneth / I [leaf 198 verso]

lete yow haue knowleche and were / in the name of the vertuous hercules that he is enemye of your vices / And for to correcte your grete and right abhomynable trespaces and synnes / he is descended in to your domynacon Messanger answerd geryon / how is hercules so presumptuous as for to come vpon me for to entende to correcte my vices / he wote lytyll with whom he hath to doo / Goo to hym and telle hym / that he shall not so late synde me / but that hit shall be to soone for his helthe / And that I shall seste hym in suche wyse er he escape so me / as I haue ben accustomed to seste strangers:

I yspan departed wyth these wordes and retorned vnto hercules also hastely as he myght / and tolde to hym word for word that geryon had fayd to hym / and more ouer he faid that he shold mete 15 with hym right foone all prest and redy for to begynne the batayll / whan hyspan had furnysshid his message The galeyes of kynge geryon apperid and were feen fro ferre / Hercules and the grekes had grete Ioye and began a right grete shoutyng in sownyng trompettes. busines so and tabours / Geryon and his folke feeying & heerying their enemyes / femblably they began to shoute and to make a meruaylous bruyt / The Ayer was than imyten with a right grete and a loyous noyle / In this bruyt & in this noyse. The two Oostes approched eche other / 25 At the approchyng were not spared dartes ne rounde ftones ne arowes. They of esperye had abondance of dartes whiche they vied and caste hem on the grekes as hit had ben rayne / The cryes redoublid on that oon fyde and on that other / ther were many ded and hurte. They ∞ were all men of warre. eche man bare hym vailliantly [leaf 199]

And amonge all other hercules hauyng alleway the bowe in hand flewe as many of hys enemyes as he shotte arowes. The shotte dured longe / Whan hit failled they fought hand on hand Tho began the bataill eygre and hard / Gerion shewid hym self a man. boystous and well experte in armes & put to deth many grekes but ayenst oon that he slewe hercules slewe ten of the esperyens &c:.

T the Ioynyng that the galeyes made ther were many hurte & strokes gyuen / hercules toke his clubbe. and in smytyng one of the galeyes / that wende to have hurtlid & borded hys. he fmote with fo grete force . that he made hit to foundre and that the watre cam In fodaynly that the most part of them that were 15 in that galeye were drowned & perisshid with oute strook smytyng. After this hercules came to another galeye. and there dide he meruaylles of armes Alle they that he raught with his clubbe were ded or fore hurte / Some he imote the braynes out of the heed. And other 20 he brack legges & armes . hyt femed the thondre with hym/he dide so moche that eche man fledde sro hym.and there was no man that withstode hym ner durst abyde hym: Whan he sawe this he putte hym furth to serche the grete affrayes / He leep fro galeye to galeye / And as made fo grete occisions . that his peple by his good enfample habounded in valour of corage & of puyssance / And the esperyens dymynusshed & lassed And also they had so moche domage. that all thyng wente agaynst them And than gerion considering, that he myght not but lose and that fortune was enemye vnto hym He fowned the retrayte / And so lefte the batayll.

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• Howe gerion assaylled hercules the second tyme to fore megida, and how hercules slewe his brethern and vaynquyshid his bataylles / And constrayed geryon to see &c:

77 Han hercules sawe hys enemyes attende to 5 withdrawe hem / he fowned the retrayte also for as moche as hit was nyghe euen And also for as moche as he had enclosed the galeyes of geryon in suche wyse as they myghte not retorne to his Cyte with oute passyng by hym / whan the two oostes were 10 withdrawen. Geryon in the derkest of alle the nyght shipped and wente in to the see / And wente to the cyte of valeryte wherof oon of hys brethern was kynge / And put hym there in faefte / in entencion to make the grettest armee that he cowde for to come vpon hercules 15 Hercules after the retrayte he ankred his galeyes upon the ryuer of gaudiana / And passed there that nyght / On the morn whan he sawe that gerion and hys folk were fledd / & were not upon the fee with in kennyng he rowed vp vnto the Cyte of megida. There he toke so lande and affayllid fierfly the cyte / Thaffault was aygre and sharpe / And deffended hem well the megydains / but they were so disgarnysshid of men of warre that they myght not holde hit / but opend the toun to the grekes and yelded hem all in the will of hercules. Thus 25 was hercules lord and maistre of the pryncipall cyte that gerion had / he entrid in to hit and the grekes with hym. There had they good dayes / the Cyte was well garnyshid wyth vytayll Syn they departed out of grece. they fonde nowhere fo good fortune / What shall 20 I faie / hercules helde hym there a space of tyme serching 2 C [leaf too]

in what place he might fynde gerion / During this tyme he wente vnto the temple. for to thanke the goddes / In this temple were many sepultures garnysshid of right meruayllous historyes. Amonge alle other ther was 5 oon passyng riche / ffor the remembrance of gerion was there . as of a kynge of fyn gold and was enuyroned with . xxx . kynges whos heedes were fmyten of . Hercules abode at this sepulture and demanded of the cytezevns wherof feruyd the statues and ymages so ryche 10 A Cytezeyn faid to hym that there were the sepultures of the noble men of their royame. And that the kyng gerion had brought vp that custome to make these sepulcres, for to have remembrance of them that were vaylliant in armes. fforthermore faid that same man as sone 15 as in thys contre a man putte ony noble man to deth / Than he doth do make a remembrance of that dede man on hys fepulture: And for as moche as kynge geryon in hys tyme hath flayn thretty kynges, he hath do make thys sepulture that ye see in entencion to be buryed here 20 in the ende of hys dayes / Whan hercules had herd this that the Cytezeyn fayde / he answerd that he helde hym felf happy . that he had so escaped the swerd of suche a tyrant . that had putte fo many kynges to deth / And maad hys Oryfous and hys prayers vnto the goddes 25 After thys he retorned to the palays / And there cam vnto hym the messanger of kynge geryon / that by the Auctoryte and power of his Maystre comanded hym to voyde the cyte and the royame. or ellis to make good wacche / Hercules answerd that he was entrid 30 in to the royame and also in to the Cyte wyth strength of Armes. And that he wold not goo oute therof [leaf 200 verso] 402

vnto the tyme that oon had taken from hym his fwerd and armes by force of Armes / or vnto the tyme that he had put all the contre in his obeyssance.

He messanger retorned fro megida with this answer vnto gerion. And tolde hym that hercu- 5 les had answerd to hym / Geryon was wyth his two brethern / they toke the wordes of hercules inpaciently / And sware that they wold avenge hem / ffor to make short werke they wente to the see with a right grete excernite of men of armes they rowed and fayl- 10 led with all the strength they myght vnto megida / the wynde and fortune fuffrid them in fewe daies to come and arryue at the porte of megida / And hercules that was aduertysed of their comyng suffrid them to take lande / And let hem reste that day that they cam there / 15 they were well fyfty thousand men / That tyme that they cam a lande hit was late / Whan they fawe that the grekes made no defence at their landing /they faid oon to an other that they durste not come & assaylle hem / And wenyng all to haue wonne of auantage / And thervp- 20 on concluded that on the morn they wolde affaylle the cyte right erly Vpon this conclusion gerion and his brethern pourueyed them of thynges apperteynyng to the assault / And manassed gretly hercules and the grekes for to sle them villaynsly / Hercules & his grekes were 25 than in megida thynkyng on theyr thynges / not only in the entencon for to deffende them fro their enemyes / but for to yffue oute the next day following and for to affaylle hem by bataill as fone as the nyght were passed Than a lityll to fore the fonne ryfyng on the morn / hercules made two batailles / In the first he put a thousand [leaf 201]

fightyng men And enterprised to conduyte hem. In the seconde he put the residue of his armee And made these capitayne of them After this whan he had right well renged his peple and sette hem in right good ordennce. He amonested hem to do well her deuoyr / And had entencion to saye hem certayn thynges. but he myght not furnysshe hem /sfor that same tyme gerion & his brethern and their solk made their Approchis to assaille the cyte And maad so grete a bruyt and noyse that all aboute to hit redounded &c.

Han hercules herd this bruyt /he dide do opene the yate. for to beholde&fee what newe thynge was there. And at be yffue out he sawe his enemies that hasted hem to come vnto the muraill & wallis 15 with ladders & other habillemes propyce & necessarie to make an affaulte / Than he began to lawhe in hym felf And badd his men to folowe hym / & he wente alway forth for to begynne the scarmusshe And assone as the porter had open the yates / Hercules marched vnto the 20 hesperiens bringyng his clubbe with him. Gerion sawe hercules come fro ferre / he knewe hym by his skyn of the lyon & by his clubbe / And shewid hym to his brethern. that fore meruailled of hym be cause he cam allone vpon hem. fo here is oure mortall adversarie said gerion. he is 25 full of ouer moche pride / and lityll fetteth by vs. Late vs assaylle hym all thre & destroye hym hit is tyme / alle the gold of the world shall not saue hym / Hercules wyth these wordes cam so nyghe the thre geantes / that he myght well speke vnto them: And escryed them 30 and faid . ye euill tyrantes. leye down your engyns apperteyning to affault / hit is now no time to affaill ye cyte 404 [leaf 201 verso]

but hit behoueth yow to dispose yow to entre into batayll / The bataill is redy / begynne at me and I at yow And late vs fighte to geder tyll moo come / wyth thys wordes he enhaunsed his clubbe, and discharged the stroke so fore upon oon of the thre brethern that caste his shelde to fore the strook / that all astonyed he bare hym to the erthe / Whan gerion and his other brother sawe her broder so born down and beten . they smote with their glayues vpon hercules by grete maltalent And so enployed her strength that they brake parte of his armes 10 with these two strokes of the glayues hercules receyuyd more than an honderd dartes vpon his body / how be hit the glayues ne the dartes were not so hard temprid that they myghte perce . entre ne hurte the armes of hercules / Ne hercules lefte not to werke wyth hys 15 clubbe / but he lyfte hit vpon heghte at that tyme And enployed hit vpon the fecond broder of gerion fo acertaynly that comyng down fro the coppe of the helme / he all to frusshid and brusid hym. and smote hym down to the ground right as an hard and grete roche had falle = on his heed &c .

Erion was all affrayed for to see so grete a ftrook / with a wood . yrous and fiers herte / he ascryed vpon hercules And gas hym so grete a ftrook vpon his helme with his swerde, that he maad 25 the fire fprynge out / but the helme was so hard that the fwerd might not entre / Than was hercules enuyroned with his enemyes / he was fmyten in many a place vpon his body /the hisperiens desired fore to see her swerdes and glayues reed with the blood of hercules / but hercules put hym to desence/Ioyous of that he myght enploye [leaf 201]

his strength vpon them And whan he proued hym thus vpon oon and other / And wold fuffre none come nere / than his Arme and Clubbe myght a reche / And that his enemyes more and more cam about hym. Malion 5 that was neuewe of vlixes yssued out of megida with the thousand men of the batayll of hercules / And seeyng so grete a peple aboute hercules and were adcertened that he fought there. He and his peple adressid them thederward in bryngyng so grete a bruyt and settyng on so vaylliantly, that in brekyng doun all a fore them. cam & fonde hercules that he had slayn moo than fixe honderd of his enemyes / And that he marched vpon non other thynge. They that bare ladders and other engyns were constrained to caste hem down to be ground 15 and to goo to the bataille. the batyll was there felonnous and hard / And there were knyghtes ynowhe flayn. Gerion prouyd hym felf terribly, his broder that was first beten, after that he was born out of the prees cam vnto the felde agayn. And in his comyng he maad 20 a grete place amonge the grekes. he was stronge and puyssant / And bare a right heuy guysarme that the cuttyng was thre grete foot longe / He dide meruaylles with this guysarme. And bete down so many of the grekes. that the noyse aroose gretly aboute hym. And thys 25 novie flewe to the eeres of hercules. Than lefte hercules them that he fought with . And drewe vnto the noyfe that proceded by cause of the geant / Assone as he sawe the geant / that dyde wyth the grekes as he wolde / He was not well contente with that guyfarme. And he 30 enhaunsed his clubbe & smote the geant vpon the sholdre enploying his strength in suche manyere/that be sholdre & [leaf 202 verso] 406

the fyde he all to brake & bare hym down to the ground not fully ded. but in worfe eftate than ded / for he might not releue hym. And muste nedes dye vnder the feet of the men of armes right myserably:.

T this tyme Theseus and hispane with the resi- s due of the grekes cam vnto the bataill right Ioyously / they fonde their enemies with oute araie and withoute conduyte / they fourroyed amonges them playnly / they slewe fo many that alle the place was couverte / Hispan and theseus clefte the heedes of many 10 knyghtes vnto the teth/ they were right expert in the feet of armes / At their comyng they maad their enemyes to recule / And wan vpon them with fo good fortune / that by their cause and well doyng / Gerion loste moo than thertty thousand men. In short tyme the batayll was 15 fuche a boute hercules / that hys enemyes wyste neuer where to faue them. And that gerion aduertyfed of the deth of the fecond broder / torned the back and flewe vnto the see / blowyng his home / whan the hisperyens herde the horne / anone they entended fodaynly to putte ... hem to flight / they that might faue them felf fauid them with oute delaye Hercules theseus and hispan wyth aboute twelve honderd grekys followyd them fwyftly they entrid into some of their shippes, and poursiewed gerion . but they had not maryners fo redy as the other as had / wherfore they were a lityll taryed / how be hit as ferre as they myght fee hercules poursiewid hem only with his twelve honderd men.

How hercules poursiewyd geryon. And how he wente and vaynquysshid hym. and put hym to the deth 30 at the poort of the Corongne.

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Hus ffinysshid the batayll for this day to the grete domage & dishonour of gerion And all to the honour and prouffit of hercules. Malion abode in megida by thordenance of hercules for to kepe 5 the grekes that abood there and for to take the despoil of their enemyes / Hercules on that other side faillid and rowed after gerion. Gerion perceyuyd hym and was fore a ferd & fledd all that euer he myght / The flight dured thre daies / Gerion had good maryners / they kepte 10 hem foueraynly fro the abordyng on the shippe of hercules / And they fayllid by the fee medeterrane fro ryuage to ryuage / fro flood to flood . now afore & now behinde But the ende was fuche that on the fourthe day . they were constrayned to abyde hercules at the bataill vp-15 on the fee.or descende to lande at the Couronge in galyce .For to flee alway the deth wherof they were in doubte they lefte the see and toke the lande at a porte ymagenyng that they shold well deffende hem ayenst hercules ffor they were ten ayenst oon. Anone as they had take 20 land at the poort of the Curongne / they toke & renged hem aboute the poort for to defende the ryuage / whiche was stronge for to take / And than gerion warned his men fayyng / fo nowe is here the oure or the day that we muste dye or ouercome oure enemyes. ffortune hath don 25 to vs the worste she can. She was wonte to make all estrangers to tremble to fore oure glayues. Now she maketh vs to tremble to fore a right litill nombre of peple / Alas what shame is this / Trewly the shame is grete & we ought to have right grete repreef fo to doo/syn 30 we be in this poynt ther is no way but for to auenge this shame / yf we auenge vs at this tyme / we shall recourse 408 [leaf 203 verso]

our worship and honour / In our feet lieth right good hoope. for fortune hath brought vs in to a right good poort / and me semeth that she wole reyse vs a gayn & make vs vayncuers of our aduersaries / late vs now desende the poort. Auenge we our blood. auenge we our forowe. auenge we our domage / hit muste nedes be doon &c:.

N the mene while that gerion encoraged thus his folke. Hercules and his felawship rowed fo nyghe the poort . that they were come to stro- 10 kes fmytyng. The hisperiens caste vpon hercules than round stones. dartes with sharp yrons on the ende. speres and glayues. Agaynst thys the grekes toke theyr sheldes and couerd them and put hem in deuoyr for to wynne the poort. But the castyng of the hisperyens 15 was so mortall, that hit constrayned their enemyes to abyde and not to aproche the poort. They had at this poort grete habondance of stones. The hisperiens kepte well the entree more than thre oures that the grekes coude fynde no way ne facion to remedye hit / At the so ende of thre oures hercules right forofull to fee his men taryed so / he thoughte that he wold entre in to a lityll boot. and auenture hym felf allone to wynne the poort Than he that doubted no strook of ony mortall man entrid in to the lityll boot. And stered hit hym felf wyth as helpe of the wynde that he had at hys auantage and pullid vp the fayll / And puttyng all in aduenture / as faste as he myght he brought the boot vnto the poort where he cam by his hardynesse / but this was at suche tyme as he receyuyd moo than a thousand strokes with 30 ftones / And that his fayll that stode ouer ende by force [leaf 204]

of the wynde / was fmyten full of hooles and the cordes broken the maste ouerthrowen. & the boot well nyghe fyld with stones / Notwithstandyng all these thynges hercules blemysshid not at all fro his entreprise / he pass fed by all the strokes of his enemyes. He dide so moche that he toke lande And that he put hym amonge the hisperiens, and there he began to smyte with his clubbe on the right fyde and on the lyfte fyde endlonge & ouerthwart in fuche habondance of prowesse that alle the 10 place was reed of their blood & of their braynes / These and hispan and fifty of the grekes best armed by the example of hercules toke a light boot and aduentured hem felf to wynne the poort / Hercules was right at the mouth of the poort / he sawe theseus come And for 15 to make hym haue passage he ran hether & theder/And dide fo grete hurte to the hisperiens / that with oute grete daunger / they toke lande and fprange out of the boote. Than was thaffault hoot and boyllyng. Geryon cam to the descente of theseus and well thre honderd of his 20 men that followed hym / Alle they smote and leyde vpon the grekes. of the fyfty they flewe ten. Whan thefe and hispan sawe that their hertes began to swelle / They encoraged hem felf And perfid thaffamble of geryon: Ayenst oon man that was slayn of theyres they slewe 25 fifty of the hesperiens And theer they vsed so her prowesses / that they dide there the grettest meruaylles of the world by armes:,

Eryon deyde for forowe of that he myght not come to hys aboue of the grekes He and hys men were Aygre as tygres enfamysshid. The grekes were ryght ferme and stronge as olyphantes /

Their strokes were grete they ne doubted deth ne swerd but put all in aduenture / The bataill was stronge / the grekes resseyuyd many a wound / Alleway theseus & hispan by their meruayllous prowesses sauyd them fro the deth / And maad hem passe by the grete prees where 5 as was hercules. Hercules that lefte not to smyte. had grete gladnesse in hym self whan he sawe theseus and hispan and their fourty felawis / their comyng coste to gerion the deth of a thousand men and more. ffor hercules for to encorage his men and for to be to hem an en- 10 fample of well doing / he adjousted to his dedes strength vpon strength and prowesse vpon prowesse consoundyng his enemyes so dredfully and terribly / drawyng hem toward the see . that they that sawe hym / wold well that they had ben in their moders wombes / And 15 that in fleyng they were in haste destressed they bete eche other in the see / And so they slewe eche other them self Than was gerion imyten to the herte with grete yre medlid with Inpacience / he put hym self in the prees / And fmote not only vpon hercules / but vpon the felawis of ∞ thefeus / he smote the firste vpon the helme that he cleste his hede vnto the teth. After he assaylled another and bare hym to the erthe fo aftonyed that he wyste neur where he was / Consequently he deliuerid there a right grete assault sodaynly to the grekes, that he dyed hys 25 fwerd with their blood . and that the grekes were constrayned to make a right grete crye for to haue socours:

T thus pounte the grekes that were lefte in the galeyes / entrid in to the poort & toke land lightly / Whan than hercules and his folke herd the crye that his men made / he ran theder to the refcousse / and [less 205]

made aboute hem a newe noyle grete and anguylihous Gerion knewe anone that the noyse cam be cause of hercules. ffor he sawe hym come and smyte in the thikkest of the prees / ffor to faue hym felf than he toke his folk 5 and fested hem in encoragyng and had there so grete payne / that for oon strook that hercules gaf hym with his clubbe by auenture / he was constrayned to departe fro the prees . and to withdrawe hym a parte with them that were wery / for to take his breth: Gerion brought 10 to his extremyte. caste his eyen vpon the medle & fyghtyng & fawe the grekes mounte vpon the porte And expose them vnto the batayll / After he sawe how they brought many of his men to vttrance . and bt he myght not refiste hit / Alle his losses cam to fore hys eyen . And 15 than he began to fyghe and fayd with a dolorous herte alas what is the mutabilite of fortune. and what shal be the ende of mydaies / flateresse fortune what hast thou thought / All the honours that thou haste gyuen vnto me here to fore / redoude now to my shame. whan thou hast 20 fente & parted to me fo many goodes/Wherfore hast thou fente to me hercules this is the enemye of all my glorye now all quenchid / & fro a shynyng name hath brought me vnto a name all full of derknes At leste yf thou hast gyuen hym fuffifance / late hym not come after me by his 25 horrible dedes all my vaynes be remplisshid with feures. myn herte murdrith in esboilling of yre/O what grete vnhapp syn hit muste nedes be that I be Infortunat / I shall verily dye of the clubbe that I have feen my brethern dye of / or I shall take vengeance / Gerion alle out of hys 30 witte with these wordes putte hym in the prees cryyng geryon.geryon.for to make his men to corage hem felf [leaf 205 verso] 412

Thus cryyng and fekyng hercules he put to deth many grekes / he was all furious his glayue was died with the blood of his enemyes/In the ende he cam vnto hercules And with his swerd so dyed he smote hym sore. hercules was all wery. ffor with oute cessing he had 5 holde the batayll by the space of source owres And had receyuid vpon his armes fo many strokes that no man cowde telle. This notwithstanding he sledde not at all gerion but cam to hym Ioyoully And fought agaynst hym wyth so grete force that alle they that sawe hyt 10 meruaylled / And that after many strokes smyten of gerion and of hercules / Hercules fmote hym oon strook fo grete that he all to frushed gerion and smote oute the brayn of his heed and smote the helme vpon his sholders that he fyll down ded amonge the ded men in fuche 15 wise araved that he abood there ded:.

M How Hercules founded the Cyte of the Coroigne vpon the tombe of gerion:.

Vche was the ende of the vnhappy lyf of gerion the tyrant / he deyde in like wyfe as the two bre- 20 thern dide by the clubbe of hercules. whan the hisperyens sawe hym brought to that sorowe as for to taste the bitter morsell of deth / alle leste their armes All they escried sorofully the deth of gerion. And fill all in desperance / that oon lete hym to be slayn and that 25 other sledde by desertes by montaignes by ryuage of the see And torned alle in disconsyture / whan hercules had espied hem so disrayed. he thanked the goddes / And began for to poursiewe hys enemyes / The poursuyte dured vnto the euen. The grekes syld the seldes the montaignes / and the ryuage of the see wyth the blood of

them that fledde/Whan the nyght was come hercules & the grekes withdrewe hem in to their galeyes And ete and dranke fuche as they had and made Ioyous chere The hurte men were remembrid and comforted them in 5 their victorye / the werye men forgate the labour that they had doon. They rested hem after their trauayll. and passed the nyght ouer / Whan hit was day on the morn hercules yffued out of his galeye / And beholdyng the porte. hym femed that a cyte shold stande well there 10 And fayd that he wold make oon there / And concluded to begynne hit / He sente vnto all places where he wifte that ony peple were there aboutes. And gaf to eche man in knowleche that he was in will to make a cyte there And that the first persone that wold come 15 for to put hand therto shold have the domynacon This thynge was knowen in all galyce / Many cam theder. but a woman named coroigne was the fyrst that cam And therfore hercules gaf vnto her the domynacon and made to begynne the cyte & named hit coroigne/In remē-20 brance of the victorye that he had there / vpon the body of gerion he founded a tour / And by his arte composed and made a lampe brennyng contynually day & nyght wyth oute puttyng of ony thyng therto. Whiche brennyd afterward by the space of thre honderd yere / moreouer vpon the fomette or toppe of the tour / he maad an ymage of copre lokyng in to the fee and gaf hym in his hand a myrrour hauyng fuche vertue. that yf hit happend that ony men of warre were on the fee in entencion to do ony harme to the Cyte / fodaynly their Oost and theyr comynge shold appere in thys said myrrour And that dured vnto the tyme of Nabugodonosor [leaf 206 verso] 414

that was aduertyfed of the properte of the myrrour / fyllyd hys galeyes wyth whyte thynges and grene bowes and leeues / that hyt semed a wode and that in the myrrour ne apered none other thynge but a wood Wherfore the Coroignyens not knowing but that her 5 myrrour shewyd to hem garnysshid not them wyth men of armes. like as they had ben accustomed to doo whan their enemyes cam / And thus Nabugodonosor toke the cyte in a morenyng and destroyed the myrrour and the lampe / Whan than this tour was maad. hercu- 10 les made than to come theder all the maydens of the contre And dide hem do make a solempne seste in the remembrance of the deth of gerion / And after he departed fro thens . and wente vnto megida where were presentyd to hym an honderd oxen the fayrest of the world. ■ How hercules affaylled the kynge Cacus and had bataill ayenst hym. and ouercam hym / And how cacus

Fter this conqueste as hercules entended to peple & enhabite this newe contrey / tydynges cam so to hym. that in the cyte of Cartagene / A kynge and geant regned. named Cacus whiche was passying euyll and full of tyrannye / and had slayn by his cursidnes the kynges of Aragon and of Nauerre. their wyues & their children And possession her seignouryes and also helde in subjection alle the contrey in to ytaly: Hercules receyuyd right loyously these tydynges / and sayd that by the playsir of the goddes he shall assaye yf he may take vengeance of the deth of the kynges of arragon and of nauare / Than he disposed hym vnto this so werkes. and hauyng an appetite to correcte the kynge

began to tyrannyse in Italye &c : .

cacus / as fone as his exerfite myght be redy. he wente vnto the royame of castylle. Where as was the kynge cacus in the cyte of cartagene, that stood beside a montaigne named monchaio. And passid by many roiames 5 that dide hym obeyssance . for his vertuous renomee: but whan he cam to approche cartagene. the kynge cacus cam agaynst hym with disobeysance, and in armes ffor he had ben aduertysed of his comyng: And as he entred in to the frontiers. he fente vnto hym oon of his 10 knyghtes that fayd to hym these wordes that solowe Hercules open tyrant that hafte the herte gretter than thy body And that thou woldest assaille the heuenes for to conquere: yf the goddes had gyuen the wynges for to flee as the byrddes haue: yf thou feke pees and loue 15 vnto the kynge cacus thy femblable in complexion and fortune. I falewe the in his name / and yf thou come otherwyse vnto hym as his enemye / I the deffye in hys name. And in no wyse be thou so hardy to entre in to his contrey. And yf thou entre. knowe thou ' that thou 20 shalt fynde in cacus and in the castyllyens oon so hard an encountre that of the euyll aduenture shall no man of thy companye be quyte &c .

Nyght answerd hercules what som euer ye be ye shewe not that ye have the herte of noblesse / In for hit is foule to alle men . and in especyall to a noble man to myssaye or speke euyll of another man: ye haue callyd me an open and a tyrant publicque And also ye have compared me vnto the tyrant cacus / I answer yow to thys Artycle . that I am no tyrant / But a destroyer of tyrantes / And therfore ye shall retorne agayn vnto Cacus And sygnesye to hym that

I have Intencion for to shewe what hate we have vnto tyrantes / And that in fewe dayes he may proue vpon vs the hard encountre / wherof I have now receyuid the menaces / With this answer the castylian departed fro the presence of hercules, and retorned vnto the kynge 5 cacus / And tolde hym worde for worde what hercules had fayd to hym / Whan Cacus had herde alle thys / he was all abaisshid / Notwithstandyng that he was a stronge geant and a puyssant / and that he had neuer founden a man strenger than he was hym self / ffor the 10 renome of hercules was than fo grete by the vnyuerfel world / that the moste stronge the moste assewryd in armes and moste happy. doubtyd hym and tremblyd heryng speke of his dedes / how be hit cacus toke corage in hym felf / And in musyng the abaisshement In the pre- 15 sence of his nobles he said / Blessid be these next hasty dayes that nature and fortune shall brynge to vs / for to make the proof of our force and strength So behoueth that Castyle and secylle shewe thexcesse of their armes for to deffende the kyng cacus fro the clawes of so his enemyes / And hit is of necessite semblably that the kynge cacus for his peple desploye and putte forth the abisme of his strength Now forth on my brethern and frendes we ben comen to the warre. The grekes come vpon castile with oute ony quarele / late vs goo agaynst 25 hem and fighte for our contre / the birdes fyght that oon ayenst that other for her nestes. and the dombe bestes for her cauernes Nature entroduceth hem fo for to doo / yf we have the fame nature. the tyme is come that we oughte so to doo &c:.

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there herd cacus fo speke they preyfid gretly his corage And answerd all by oon voys / that they were redy to assaylle their enemyes. With this answer the kynge cacus dide dislogge his Oost that he had there on the fel-5 des / And wente forth ayenst hercules the straytest way that he cowde / The kynge cacus than putte on the way defiryng fore to fynde hercules. Hercules on that other fide cam than ayenft cacus / they wente fo longe that oon ayenst that other. that sone after they sawe eche other 10 nyghe a place where hercules founded after a Cyte whiche was named Terracene. Affone as they fawe eche other they began to make grete Ioye And to make showtes & cries/After they renged hem in ordenance of bataill and marched that oon ayenst that other / hootly and 15 sharply . that they fillid the ayer fodaynly with shotte of arowes caste of stones and of dartes. At the begynnyng of this bataylle the castelyens bare hem valiantly And there were many of theyr partye flayn, moo by hardynes than for drede. ffor they put hem to fer forth 20 And they doubted not be shotte of the grekes / that shotte on hem fo fore and fo thykke that all the ground was made reed of their blood. And that the casteliens whiche were so ferre goon and fore chauffid muste nede resorte back agayn to theyr felawis. Whan the kynge Cacus 25 fawe his folke so fore bestad & so hard . that they reculed fro the shotte of the grekes / he had grete sorowe in his herte And with neuer where to entende for to entretene & holde his bataill / Some fledde / and other reculid and wente aback And other fill doun to the erthe ded 30 or fore hurte / The batayll dured longe in thys poynt all way to the forowe of kynge cacus / but in the ende [leaf 208 verso] 418

the shotte of the grekes faylled / And the Castelyens with cacus recouerid newe strength in this manyer / that they cam to syghte hand of hand with swerdes / And that they shedde and spradde largely the blood of them of tyre and of ancone whiche were in the firste fronte 5 of the batayll of hercules:.

→ He noyse aroose grete there / ther were many sheldes broken and many skynnes of lyons cutte in peces. There as cacus approchid hyt femed that the tempest was / he was grete . stronge and 10 fiers and oultragious in fmytyng / eche of his strokes was the deth of a greke / In the ende. he dide so moche that the cryes of them that were a boute hym mountyd fo hyghe in the ayer / that the casteliens had well wende to have wonne all. And began to make Ioye for their 15 good fortune in escryyng the grekes to the deth. But euen in like wyse as a right clere day is otherwhile troblid by an auenturous black clowde. femblably by the allonli comyng of hercules that cam than to the rescousse All her Ioye was troblid and torned in to mortall 20 losse, for the mortall arms of hercules enuertued than fo terribly that he bete down the casteliens like as a mowar with a fithe bete down the graffe in a medowe / whan cacus sawe hercules so foundre and bete down his men All the blood in hym changed. Than his blood fo me- 25 uyd and as a coragious man presentid hym self to fore the fronte of hercules And smote hym with his glayue fo fore and harde that he clefte his shelde in two partis The casteliens seeying the shelde of hercules see by peces thought anon that cacus had flayn and put to deth hercules / and than made a crye for Ioye / but hit dured not [leaf 200] 419

longe / ffor hercules lyfte vp his armes with his clubbe And fmote cacus vpon the comble of his helme by fuche strength / that hit semed to cacus that he sawe an honderd thousand candellis, or that he had be smyten down 5 with the gretteste roche of spayne. This notwithstandyng cacus abood standyng in his place / and escryed hercules vnto the deth / & fmote hym with all his myght At this affaillyng the castelyens hopyng in the sortune of cacus: all they affaillid hercules / Hercules was gon 10 fo ferre amonge his enemyes. that he was allone from all his companye / Whan he herd that cacus escryed hym to deth And fawe that the casteliens assayllid hym and cam to hym fro all sides. He had his herte all fyld with folas / and abandonned the durete & hardnes of his skyn 15 of the lyon to the fwerdes of them all / withoute reuengyng hym faue only ayenft cacus. Thus began the batayll betwene hercules & cacus. their strokes were grete and ferdfull with oute mesure. Cacus foughte in the spyrite of a tyrant chauffid. and desyred fore to ouer-20 come hercules for to tyrannyse & tryumphe aboue hym / Hercules fought in a vertuous herte founded and nouriffhid in vertu / and as enemye of vyces . he affayllid this vicyous kynge / Bothe two were grete & fyers and ftronge of grete corages / But certes whan they had both 25 tasted ynowh eche other / atte longe the strokes of hercules were fo grete and fo peyfant . that the sholdres of cacus ne hys heed myght not bere ne had the puyffance to susteyne them So the ende was suche that after their batayll had dured two oures. Cacus lefte hym 30 for he myght no more fuffre hym but fledde and wente his wave &c.

THan hercules fawe that cacus fledde / he daygned not to folowe after / This notwythstandyng for to haue the victorye of this Iourney he began to hewe on the castelians aragonnoys and fuche other as he might fynde / for he lefte no man a lyue 5 to fore hym yonge ne olde. feble ne stronge. Hyspan & the other of his fide made her feetes of armes to floryssh and shyne. The batayll was sharp than / the grekes dowblid and redoublid their strokes and slewe many of their enemyes / In the ende whan cacus had take hys 10 breth. he put hym agayn to medlee at oon side where his folk fledd and maad hem to tarye. Imytyng and betyng the grekes more terribly than he had doon to fore wherof the cryes aroos fo highe there that hercules than fightyng on an other fyde herd the crye And than he ran 15 theder at alle auenture And anone he espyed cacus he wente a fore hym and brake the prees and smote doun fo fore / that cacus knewe hercules / but he durst not abide hym. but fledde agayn with euyll happe And than the grekes maad a crye and a Ioyous noyle. that alle an the castelians sledde. some here & some there to the grete hurte and losse of cacus / ffor of all his peple. ther lest no moo but fifty whiche fauyd hem felf vpon be mount of Monchayo whiche stood ther by . But that was with grete effusion of blood of them of castile, that wend 25 to have mounted vp wyth the other / that semed that there had ben a grete fprynge of blood. that the cauernes in the valeye were remplenesshid wyth blood / how be hit cacus for to flee well / fauyd hym felf and fyfty of his men vpon the montaigne as the cronicles of spaigne 30 reherce/whan he was aboue & in fewr place/he retorned [lesf 110] 431

and fawe down to the foot of the hyll / He fawe there fo many castelyans that with oute nombre were ded or in danger for to dye / he had grete forowe than at his herte not for pyte / but for dispyte And for the dauger 5 that he sawe redy where by he muste passe. Anone after he sawe fro ferre in the champaigne and eche quarter and place there all couert of them of his party & of their blood. Also he sawe them that sledde taken and brought to the pestelence of the other / These termes consideryd. 10 the defolacon of his domynacon and the punycon of hys tyrannye was to hym all euydent / he thought than that hercules shold lightly conquere all the contrey. ffor they obeyed hym by tyrannye and not by naturell loue / this notwithstandyng. he despaired not . how well that he 15 fawe all the puyssance of his men destroyed by the clubbe of hercules And knewe that he myght no more regne in that contrey / for all was ded in the bataill / but than he retorned vnto his scyence And thus as sorowfull as he was he entrid in to a hows that he had there 20 But first he comysed twelve of his men to kepe the pasfage of this mounte whiche was also strayte & narow that there myght goo vp but oon man at ones:.

Han than hercules and his men had putte to deth alle their enemyes / Hercules wold affaylle the roche. And began to mounte and goo vpon the degrees or fteyres / but than fodaynly they that kepte the paas. cafte vpon hym grete stones. In so grete habondance that of sorce he was constrayned to descende / Whan hercules sawe that he muste withdrawe hym / he obeyed sortune / but notwithstandyng he made there avowe pt he wold neuer departe fro the foot of the roche

vnto the tyme that he had constrayned cacus to descende and come doun by famyne or other wife / This auowe made. hercules cam vnto the foot of the hille / where the occision and slaughter had ben And made the place to be made clene and purgid of the ded bodyes and of the 5 blood of them that there laye ded/After he dide do make his tente of bowes and leeues And his bedd of fressh grasse And comanded that eche man shold logge there At that tyme the nyght cam and the day faillid. The grekes were wery of that that they had all day labou- 10 red in armes And wold fayn haue reste . and maad good chiere of that they had. And after that they had ordeyned and fette their wacche. as well for to kepe the oost as for to kepe the roche. that cacus come not doun/theyleyde hem doun vpon the graffe in suche wyse 15 as they were acustomed whan they were in warre / and fo slepte and passid that nyght:.

And fente hispan with oon of them in to arragon and nauarre / And he abode there with the so other / Hispan in the name of hercules was Ioyously receyuyd of the nauarroys & of the aragonnoys / And they made to hym all obeyssance. knowlechyng hercules to be their lord and the moste vertuous prynce that was in the weste / whan hispan had all subdued as 25 sayd is he retorned vnto hercules / Hercules laye yet styll to fore monchayo And there helde cacus in suche subjection that he myght not yssue / Cacus and his folk were than in grete myschief of vytayl! And they wist not what to ete ne to drynke / they deferryd as longe as 30 they myghte / hopyng that hercules shold anoye hym to

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be there fo longe /But in the ende whan their vytaill fayled / and they fawe that they muste nedes aventure hem felf to come doun / Cacus by his scyence made certayn fecrete thynges to go down in to their stomakes And af-5 ter put therto the fyre and taught all the other to do foo And than fodaynly as they felte the fyre yffue out of their mowthes and the fumee & fmoke in fuche habondance that hit femed alle on a lyght fyre / Than by the counceyll of cacus . they aduentured hem felf to descende to a doun in rennyng & castyng fyre and sumee so Impetuousement / that hercules and the grekes wende that hyt had ben an orage of lyghtnyng of the heuen And had brente the montaigne So they made hym place / ffor hit was a thyng for to make men afore baffhid / And thus 15 they escaped the daunger of hercules at that tyme. ffor duryng all that day the roche was full of smoke and fumee that cacus had made / And the imoke was fo materyell. that hit femed tenebres or derkenes.

Han cacus and his folk were thus escaped and passid the oost of hercules and of the grekes / Hercules was than the moste wyse Clerk that was in the world. And that all his passetemps he enployed in studye he toke his bookes And began to practyse howe and by what rayson he was descended from the roche. he redde and torned many leeves / But alle thynge well considered he fonde not that this summe cam of naturell thynge/Wheros he had grete meruayll/Than he sente for Athlas that allway was loggyd behynde the ooste for to be solytayre. Whan Athlas was come so he shewid hym the smoke and summe that yet dured

Than he tolde of the lyghtnyng that was passid by the oost / And demanded hym his oppynyon / Athlas knewe incontynent the fumee / and answerd to hercules / Certes my fone thou arte more sharpe in scyence than I, for myn age may not atteyne to so hyghe thynges as thy yougthe / Now be hyt for as moche as I knowe the growyng of this thynge longe tyme paste. I shall telle the / that I shall saie / thou shall synde trewe as I suppose Thou shalt vnderstande that thys sumee is a thynge artefysiall and maad by the crafte of wican that was 10 fader of cacus/Whiche was an excellent maystre in this scyence / And was the Inventour therof. He maad certayn montaignes in cecylle to brenne and shall alleway contynuelly brenne vnto the ende of the world. Cacus whiche can the arte and crafte of his fader / hath is maad this fumee: And for to escape fro thy handes. he is descended wyth hys felawship in the forme of a lyghtnyng or tempest / And thus thy strength is deceyuvd by his scyence.

Han hercules vnderstood this that Athlas had 20 said to hym. He was gretly esmeruailled of the scyence of cacus/and myght not beleue hit/Than for to knowe the trouthe / he toke his clubbe / And wente vp thurgh the smoke or sume. vnto the toppe of the roche. Sekyng cacus / but he fonde there nether beste 25 ne man: Than he retorned vnto Athlas. And lawghyng consessed to hym that he hadd sayd trouth. And sayd that he wold make no poursiewt after hym / for as moche as he was so gentylmanly escaped / This day they passed ouer in spekyng and comynyng of Cacus 30 and of hys sader wlcan / The day solowyng whan [leaf 212]

the smoke and sumee was goon and vanyshd away Hercules began to beholde the Contre / And fawe that hit was comodious and ffertyle. And to the ende that there shold euer be remembrance and memorye of hym 5 He founded there a cyte / whiche he named Teracone/ for as moche as he gaf thys contrey to the sone of the kynge of Ancone / And there he made hym dwelle with his peple and with them of Tyre. Hercules after this foundacion wente to the Cyte of Salamanque / and 10 for as moche as hit was well enhabited and peupled He wold make there a folempnell estudye. And dide do make there in the erthe a grete rounde holl in maner of an estudye And he sette there in the vii scyences lyberall with many other bookes. After he made them of the 15 contre to come theder for to studye/but they were so rude and dulle. that their wyttes coude not compryse ony connyng of scyence / And than for as moche as hercules wold departe on his voyage: And wold also that this studye were mayntened. He dide do make an yma-20 ge or statue of gold vnto his semblance and lykenes. Whyche he dide do fette vp on heyght in the myddes of his studye vpon a pyller. And made so by hys craste and Arte / that all they that cam to fore this ymage for to haue declaracion of ony scyence. To alle pourposes 25 And of alle scyences the ymage answerd and enseygned and taught the scoliers and estudients / in suche wife as hit had ben hercules in his propre personne / The renomee of this Studye was grete in alle the Contree And this estudye dured after vnto the tyme that saynt 30 Iaques converted Spayne vnto the Crysten sayth.

.Fro falamanque hercules departed and wente in to cateloygne / And fouded there the cyte of Barfeloyne / whiche is a right good cyte / And fynably whan he had accomplisshid all these thynges. He sente Athlas home agayn to hys contrey / but he helde by hym alle hys 5 wryters. ffor he louyd bookes aboue all the Rychesse of the world. After he wold gyue leue vnto philotes for to retorne vnto his contrey. But philotes refused his congie and leue And fayd to hym that he wold ferue hym alle his lyf / And that he reputed his felycyte more 10 grete to be in his feruyle / than for to gouerne the contre that fortune had putte in his hand. Hercules after this callid hispan and sayd to hym. Hispan I knowe thy wytte and thy vaylliance. I have founde the alleway wyse and trewe. Thou arte a man of auctoryte & well 15 knowen in these marches. I make and constitute the kynge ouer all this contrey / And gyue vnto the none other charge but to loue vertue and to ensiewe honour & worshippe / Whan Hispan herde the gyste that hercules made to hym/He fyll down at his feet. and thankid hym 20 And after excused hym of so grete worshipp / But hercules fayd to hym that he wold that hit shold be soo / And delyuerid to hym certayn nombre of peple of hys felawshyp for to serue hym. After he maad hym to departe wyth grete fyghys and forowe / And Hispan 25 wente than by all the contrees b' hercules had conquerd there vpon geryon and vpon cacus. And fro than forthon the contrey was named Spaigne after hys name Wherof I wole now tarye of this conqueste of spaigne / And shall come to speke of the armes that hercules dide 30 in lombardie and of the deth of Cacus.

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How Hercules fought ayenst the enleuen geantes, of Cremone And how he vaynquyshid them.

Here ben now the kynges . the Empereurs . the fowdans and the Prynces that men may speke of the vertuous liberalite of them . femblable or lyke vnto that of hercules / The men at this day fyght oon ayenst another And make conquestes ynowhe / but they attrybue them vnto their synguler proffit. They refemble not vnto hercules / that neuer fought but for 10 the comyn wele of the world / O noble Hercules / ffor to folowe and poursiewe my mater. Whan he maad hispan kynge of all the regyon of hisperye / that now is named espaygne. He sente for his Oxen his kyen and Calues And after departed fro barfelone and toke his 15 waye vnto Lombardye. He wente so longe on hys Iourney that he cam nyghe vnto the cyte of Cremone / Whiche is but a daye Iourney fro Melane. Ther were than in this Cyte. xi. geantes grete out of mesure/These xi. geantes were all brethern And fones of Neleo the 20 fone of Saturne / And they callid hem felf alle kynges of this Cyte. They helde all estate royall / how be hyt their renomes were but smale and lytyll / And for that cause they were theuys and robbid their neyghebours And made hem all day warre. Whan than they knewe 25 that hercules approchid theyr Cyte Anone they affemblyd their counceyll to geder / And demauded that oon / that other / yf they shold suffre hercules for to entre in to theyr Cyte / Alle were of oon oppynyon that they shold not Resseyve hym / And that they wold sende 30 vnto hym oon of them whiche was named Nestor that 428 [leaf 213 verso]

he shold not entre in to cremone / but yf he first had vaynqusshid in batayll the xi brethern / Nestor at the comandement of the geantes departed fro Cremone & wente vnto hercules . whom he fonde with his lytyll armee but thre myle fro cremone. Than he spake to her- 5 cules & fayd to hym Syre I haue ten brethern kynges of cremone / that have sente me vnto the for as moche as they be aduertyfed that thou entrest in to their domynacion And charge the by me . that they will gyue vnto the no passage of cremone. but yf thou first ouercome 10 them oon after an other in batayll / And therfore chese whether thou wilt have the batayll or ellis to retorne agayn and leue this viage / I aduertyse the that they be alle geantes more grete and more puyssant than I am / Syre knyght answerd hercules I haue taken my way 15 for to passe by cremone / Late the geantes knowe that hercules hath Intencion to speke to them more ner / as he that dredeth not ne fereth their accustomed tyrannyes / whiche I muste delyuere the world of by seet of armes And for as moche as to the ende that they presume 20 not that I have ony doubte or drede of them in ony maner / ye shall saye to them that I wyll not sighte wyth them ten . oon after another / but alle attones to gyder and yow with hem / yf ye will accompanye yow with hem . And for to do fo they shall fynde me redy to morn 25 erly by the morow:.

Ercules with these wordes made his peple to abyde and reste there for that nyght / And Nestor retorned to his brethern and sayd to them/
My brethern I have spoken to hercules and have exposed to hym your comandement / he hath answerd to me

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of a right hyghe and playn corage that he woll fyghte with vs to morn Not oon after another / but with vs all attones / And for to speke playnly of hym He hath the femblante of a man to be vertuous in Armes and 5 garnysshid with prowesse he is a prynce mewre & of grete conduyte / Dispose yow well hit behoueth to furnyssh hym the batayll. Certes the batayll shall be perylous. for he is myghtely membrid and as grete as oon of vs / but me thynketh that he may not compare ne pre-10 uaylle ayenst vs . xi . / and that he may not escape fro our forces / but that we shall persshe hym wyth our glayues what fom euer force or strength is in hym. The geantes fo heeryng hym preyfe hercules . had grete meruayll of hym And myght not beleue nestor of that / that 15 he had reported that he wold fighte with alle to geder attones. ffor there was none of them all. but he thought hym felf stronge ynowhe for hercules. Than they axed of Nestor. And demaunded hym yf he were sewer to haue well vnderstand that / that hercules sayd vnto ∞ hym that he wold fyght ayenst hem alle attones / Nestor answerd ye / And that he had herde hym saye hit in his propre persone. Wyth this answere they concluded that on the morn they shold Arme them alle /And that they wold goo to the felde for to fyghte ayenst her-25 cules yf he cam agaynst hem. Oon of the geantes sayd than vnto his brethern. To morn shall be the day of our glorye and worshypp / We shall vaynquysshe. the vaynquysshour of the Monstres: Late vs make good chiere / Broder answerd Nestor ther in is no 30 doubte but that we shall ouercome and brynge to vtterance hym b' ye fpeke of / but so moche shall our glorye [leaf 214 verso] 430

be the lasse that we shall be . xi . ayenst oon . well faid that other yf in fightyng ayenst vs . xi . we shall haue the lasse honour / late vs euery man fight for hym self. Broder answerd nestor yf ye had seen and herde hym as I haue / ye shold not be so hardy as ye shewe 5 femblant / he is all anoder man than ye wene / Kepe yow at the offre that he hath maad at the leste hit is better to have the moste prousit & lasse honour in suche a caas. In these deuyses they passed all that day / After they wente to reste / Whan the oure was come on the 10 morn erly / they aroos and adoubed them the beste wise they coude. After they fente oon of their men vnto hercules for to wete yf he wold faye ony thyng / But affone as the messanger yssued out of the gate . the first thynge that he fawe . was a geant armed meruayl- 15 lously . the messanger abode than & auysed hym a lityll After he had auysed hym he wente vnto the geant armed. And axid hym what he was / I am hercules faid the geant / what wole ye faie or haue / faid the messanger / I wyll saye said hercules that the geantes of Cre- 20 mone have no cause for to lette me the passage of their cyte And for as moche as they dide me to wete yesterdaye that yf I wold have passage / hit behoued me to vaynquish them oon after another in the felde by bataill I am comen hether in hope to wynne the paas. And ne 25 demande other thynge but for to see them in armes for to fight with them all to gider attones to thende to have fooner doon. Wherfore I pray yow to goo to them / and fignefie to hem my comyng. And that they hafte them:. "He messanger with these wordes retorned vnto 30

He messanger with these wordes retorned vnto 30 the geantes And tolde them what he had sounde [leaf 215]

whan the geantes knewe that hercules was all redy in the felde they all toke their glayues & their habillemens of warre / And departed fro the cyte / Adressyng them ayenst hercules. Hercules was than allone in the place. 5 The men & women of cremone wente vpon the wallis and towres for to see the batayll And philotes with other noble men of the grekes were vpon an hyll ferre ynowh fro the place where hercules was abidyng the geantes Certes hit was a fair fight to fee the comyng of 10 the . xi . geantes . they were all well apoynt and well garnysshid of helmes enryched with gold and stones They were grete & stronge all of oon mesure . they were berded and had fiers contenances they cam on & marchid sharply. And by afpre corage whan they cam nyghe to 15 hercules vpon half a bowe shotte / they escryed hym all to deth, and made a crye fo grete that the walles of the cyte redounded After they ran ayenst the assewrid prynce lyke as they had ben lyons Hercules heeryng these cryes and feeying their course on foot fermly he abode them lyf-20 tyng vp his clubbe ouer his heed / Whan hit cam to thaffamble. hit femed well that the geantes shold have all to frusshid hym with their glayues. ffor they smote vpon hym fo defmefurably/that their tronchons & the peces flewe in to the ayer / Their strokes were grete / hercules 25 suffred hem & beheld what power they had But whan they had made their assayes vpon hym / hercules made his affaye vpon hem And with his clubbe smote oon of the geantes vpon his helme. that he all to frusshid not only his helme but also his heed bt he fill down fodayn-30 ly ded / Whan the other ten geantes fawe that her broder was so ded of oon strook . they had grete sorowe [leaf 215 verso] 432

and their blood was strongly meuyd. Nature amonested them to take vengeance. They dide that in hem was / And affayllid eygrely on all fides hercules. And thus began the batayll betwene hercules & the geantes Hercules ne dredde not / strook of glayue. of spere. ne 5 of polaxe..his skyn of the lyon was hard and stronge his strengthe was stable / his clubbe bare all And so hit was nede / grete were the strokes that they gaf eche other. The geantes dide all their myght. and gaf strokes ynowhe to hercules, but they could never perce the 10 skyn of the lyon hit was so hard / But yet was his clubbe more harder / The geantes meruailled of the constance and puyssance of hercules. Assone as hercules lyfte vp his clubbe for to fmyte on them . hys enemyes that were fubtyll lepe a fide, and other while brake 15 his strookes / how be hit he dide so moche that in lasse than an oure he slewe foure of them and the other seuen fought afterwards by fuche vigour / that the more he fmote hem with his clubbe / the more mortall he fonde hem and fiers &c:.

He batayll was terryble and harde. ffor the geantes were stronge and well had vsed the mestier of armes And grete payn had they to saue them. and to auenge the blood of their brethern and for to haue worship of the batayll. And they said 25 that they were Infortunat whan they myght not ouer come oon man allone. ne mate hym. In fightyng they helped & conforted eche other and they had alle good corage / But what prouffited them the grete nombre of brethern. and what auailled hem their coragious stro-30 kes whan they were approchyng their deth / Hercules

was alway hercules. He reioyssed hym in the flote of his enemyes / He conforted hym felf in fortune/ffortune helped hym he dide meruaylles on all fydes. Well coude he fighte / & well defended he hym All that he dide was 5 well doon. Alle that the other dide and braffid was nought worth. Notwithstandyng they were myghty and hardy / But the lukke & good happe of hercules was not to be broken . ne his clubbe coude not be destroyed . But he tryumphed & more was his puyssance to fus-10 teyne the fureurs of his aduerfaries. than their myght was to charge hym with their strokes · O meruaillo⁹ strength & myght of a man His puyssance was not of a man but of an ellephant His skyn of the lyon semed that hit had ben tempred with quyk and harde stele / his 15 body semed more constant ayenst the cuttyng glayues of all his euyll willars / than is an andueld or a stedy ayenft the strokes of many hamers or marteaulx / There was no strook of his enemye that hym greuyd / he toke grete playfir in the batayll feeyng hym felf amonge fo 20 many geantes. He was gretly reioyssed And ther was no thynge hym greuyng but the declynyng of the day / whiche began to faylle / At this oure whan the fonne withhelde her rayes and torned in to the weste / hercules wold make an ende and spede his batayll / The geantes 25 began to cesse ffor to smyte. ffor fro the mornyng vnto the euenyng they had foughte wyth oute ony cessyng. And hercules envertued hym felf in fuche wyfe that fmytyng vpon oon and other beyng aboute hym hard and sharply. Wherof hyt befell so that of some he en-30 foundred and frusshid helmes and heedes And of the other he brake the Armes and Sydes meruayllously [leaf 216 verso] 434

and gaf so many grete strokes that fynably he bete doun / & all to frusshed hem all / reservid nestor whiche sledde away whan he sawe the disconsiture / and ther in dide he wisely. Stor alle his brethern were there slayn by the hande of hercules &c.

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THan they of Cremone sawe their lordes ded / they had sone maad an ende of their wepyng and forowe, for they had ben to hem hard and troblous At the ende of this bataill they affemblid to counceyll / whan they fawe that hercules had wonne 10 the batayll. And concluded to geder / that they wold yelde hem to hercules and put them in his mercy/With this conclusion they yssued out of the gates in grete nombre. And cam vnto hercules whiche was thoo vaynqueur of his enemyes / ffirst they kneled to fore hym 15 doun to the ground. Secondly they prayd and requyred of hym mercy: And thirdly they abandonned to hym their Cyte and their goodes / and fayd to hym that they wold hold hym for lord duryng their lyf / hercules that was pietous and gentyll vnto them that were so meke and humelid them felf / receyuyd the Cremonyens in to his grace and maad hem to ryse and stande vp. And after sente for them of his ooste . whan they were come he brought hem in to cremone, where grete love was maad vnto them. ffor they were glad of the deth =5 of the geantes. And there ne was man. woman. ne childe / that ne thanked the goddes:.

By this manyer was hercules kynge of cremone and enriched with newe tytle of victorye / The first nyght that he entrid in to this cyte he restid to hym & his peple: And also were they well resressible [leaf *17]

and right well fested and servyd of vitayll / On the morn he dide do brynge in to the cyte the bodyes of the geantes that were ded And dide do burie them worshipfully / And syn sounded vpon them a right grete tour & hyghe: And vpon the tour he sette.xi.ymages or statues of metall after the sacon of the geantes that he had slayn in remembrance of his victorye:.

.Fter the edifficacon of this tour / Hercules lefte in Cremone folk for to gouerne them And depar-Led thens for to goo further forth in to the contre / He studyed alway and was neuer ydle / he studied fo moche that he coude make the fyre arteficiall as well as cacus/and fonde the remedies ayenst the same/What by armes as by his scyence he gate a right grete loos & 15 preylyng in ytalye. He wente in to many places / And ouerall where he cam or wente / mē dide hym honour and reuerence. What shall I make longe processe / with oute grete auenture, he wente so ferre that he cam vnto a cyte standyng nyghe the mounte Auentyn . where reg-20 ned a kynge named Euander / whiche receyuyd hym folempnly. Hit is to wete that whan Cacus fledd fro monchayo as fayd is vnto this mounte. he cam in to ytalie all displaisant to haue lost his seignourie Than he gas leue to depte fro hym to all his servantes / and all 25 despaired allone he wente to the mounte Auentyn in an euenyng / Where he was constrained to withdrawe hym theder for he doubted mochehercules. Whan he was comen aboue on this hyll/he fonde there a grete caue And there he wente in with oute foper And than he began to be dif-30 conforted gretly & bitterly / and faid Alas now am I exiled & banysshid out of all my seignouries & lordshippis [leaf 217 verso] 436

Now haue I no focours ne comforte of persone / I dare not name me kynge . where I was wonte by my name make kynges to tremble. Alas all is torned and reuerfid / I haue no thyng to ete / ne wote not where to logge but yf hit be with the bestes. O poure kynge. where is 5 ony man fo vnhappy as I / I am fo Infortunat and vnhappy . that I dare not be seen ne beknowen . with these wordes he leyde hym doun vpon the bare ground . and leyde a stoon vnder his heed. And with right grete payne fill a slepe whiche dured not longe for his vay- 10 nes were strongly meuyd. his herte was not quyete And his body was right euyll susteyned. Anone than he awoke and wente out of the caue for to loke yf hit were nyhe day . for the nyght anoyed hym and was hym to longe / But whan he was comen in to the ayer 15 he sawe no day appere. ne sterres ne mone shyne. but he fonde hit alle derke and tenebres thikke and grete And sawe all the region of the aver couerid with clowdes / wherof he was gretly anoyed and greuyd. Than he wente in to the caue agayn not in to the deppeft but 20 at the mouth therof / And there forofull and penfif abood with oute ony more flepyng tyll hit was daye.

[77 Han the day apperid cacus yssued agayn out of the caue. and wente vp vnto the toppe of the hyll . and began to beholde and see the contre 25 aboute / The contre femed to hym good and fayr for to lyue there. After grete pensisnes and many thoughtes / he concluded in hym felf that he wold abyde there vnto the tyme that his Infortune ceffed. and wold lyue there of proyes. raugyn and thefte / After he be- 30 thought hym. that he wold goo to the kynge prycus of 437

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calidoine / whiche was his cofyn . and for to haue companye to lede his wyf with that he had chosen / he wold axe and demande in mariage oon of his doughters / With this conclusion he departed fro the mounte auentyn and 5 toke the waye vnto calidoine he wente so longe that he cam theder / Some fave that calidoine is the contre that we calle nowe Calabre. Whan cacus was come to calidoine the kynge Prycus resseyued hym as hit apperteyned to a kynge / for as moche as he knewe hym & was 10 of his lignage / And after demanded hym of his tidynges Cacus began to fyghe. Whan he fawe that he muste telle his myshappe. And than tolde hym & recounted fro the begynnyng to thende how hercules had taken from hym his royames And how he had ben besieged / & how he 15 was escaped / And for as moche as I dar not abide in myn owen contrey / I am comen hether vnto yow for refuge and to telle & counte my forowes / And I have entencion to holde me on the mount auentyn in a Cauerne that is there vnto tyme that myn enemye hercules shall 20 departe fro myn herytage And I will kepe me there so fecrete that no man in the world shall have knowleche therof / to thende that hercules knowe hyt not . ffor as mocheashehath mein grete hate / and he hath more gretter happe & fortune in armes than I have / And yf he knewe 25 that I were in ony place I am certayn that he wold come theder for to destroye me. This considered I have chosen this cauerne for to hyde me as I haue fayd. But for fo moche as I haue more forowe in felyng . than my taste requyreth hyt is fo that the eyen of a man beyng in grete 30 troble. Reioyssen in the vysage and syght of a woman: ffor the woman is the gladnes & comfort of a man [leaf 218 verso] 438

I requyre yow and praye yow that ye will gyue me to wyf oon of your doughters / And yf hit plese yow so to doo / certes ye shall do to me a grete plaisir and the moste ease that I may have for this presente tyme. The kynge prycus answerd and said Cacus ye ben comen s and extrayt of hyghe gentylnes. and haue grete lordship and seignourye in hisperye / yf fortune were agayn yow this day . your hyenes ought not therfore be vnknowen / At this day I have foure doughters. of whom that oon is named yolee. Take whome hit pleseth you ro referuid yolee: ffor I will not yet marye her / And yf ye haue ony will to make ony armee ayenst hercules. telle hit me playnly and I shall socoure yow as a trewe ffrende. Cacus was right well content with the anfwer of the kynge / and thanked hym fayyng that he 15 wold make none armee for this feafon. but he wold passe his tyme in the caue like as he had purposid and concluded. Than the three doughters of kynge prycus were sente fore. and cacus chesse oon of them whiche he wedded and after laye with her / and abode there 20 two dayes / At thende of two dayes / he wold departe and toke leue of the kynge. The kynge wold haue delyuerid to hym ten knyghtes & ten squyers for to haue conveyed hym. but he reffused hem and wold none / Than he wold have delivered to hym certayn ladies and 25 damoyfelles / but of all them he toke none. faue the two fusters of his wyf. Whiche wold by force goo wyth hym / Thus than he departed fro Calidonie . accompanyed wyth thre fusters / he was all way forofull and pensis / And fro than forth on thus beyng in Inpacyens 30 of his vnhapp, and castyng oute of royallte / he began to [lesf 219]

renne out. And bathed his Axe in the blood of the men women and Children that he mette and putte hem alle to deth &c.

Acus began to exercyfe the werkes of furour and of tyrannye / in goyng vnto the mounte auentyn. Anone as he was come he entred in to the caue the beste wise he coude with his wyues. And the moste secretly. And of this place he made a neste of theste and a pytte of synnys / ffor the first nyght / that he had logged hys wyues / he wente hym in to the village that stood there fast by. And behelde the sayrest howse, wherin he entred by a wyndowe that was open. And slewe alle them that was therin; and after toke all the goodes as moche as he myghte bere vpon his sholdres and bare hem in to the caue / where as were his wyues.

How Cacus stale away the Oxen & kyen longyng to hercules / And how hercules fought with hym therfore and slewe hym:.

In the morn cacus fonde a right grete stone of marble / whiche he toke and bare hit vnto his caue / And made therwith his dore. The moste parte of the tyme Cacus helde hym in hys caue / And wente neuer out but whan he wold do harme or euyll. When he wente in to the seldes as sayd is he slewe all them that he mette: He robbed euery man / he desowlid women / he brent howses and townes And shortly maad and dyde so moche harme in Italy / that they that passyd in the contre supposed to be behated of the goddes. And coude not knowe wherof ne fro whens cam thyse persecusions that Cacus maad vnto them.

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ffor to retorne than to oure purpose of hercules he cam vnto the Cyte of kynge Euander in the tyme that cacus bedewed ytalye with blood of men . And fyllid hys caue of contynuelle stolen goodes. After the comyng of hercules and of his men of armes / his beefs or Oxen 5 were brought in to the cyte be cause the kynge euander shold feen hem. The kynge toke grete plaisir to beholde and fee hem. for they were hyghe and passyng fayre After that the kynge had feen hem. hercules demanded hym / whether he myght sende for to pasture them for 10 that nyght / In trouth fire fayd euander / yf ye will beleue my counceyll ye shall lete them abyde in this cyte And not to sende hem in to the seldes / Wherfore sayd hercules. Euander answerd and said for as moche as whan we fende oute our bestes / We knowe not where 15 they become. They ben stolen and dryuen awaye And we can not knowe who ben the robbours / oure feruantes ben murdrid . the howses ben brent . the peple that shold laboure in the felde ben slayn. the women and maydens ben villonyed and put to shame. And we 20 cannot remedye hit. for we can not have knowleche of the Actours ne doars therof. wherfore some men faye and wole mayntene. that they ben the goddes that thus punyishe vs for oure synnes. wherfore I pray you late your bestes abide in this cyte to thende that they ben 25 not robbed. Syre fayd hercules ye recounte and telle to me a grete meruayll. I beleue well that the thinges that ye saye ben veritable. But this notwithstandyng fyn that the goddes haue faued hem vnto this day . they shall kepe them yet yf hit plese them. ffor yf they will 30 haue them. also well they will take them in the cyte [leaf 230]

as in the feldes And yf ther be a robbeur or theef in the contre that will take hem away / I suppose I shall synde hym And shall make ytalye quyte of hym: With these wordes hercules fente his bestes in to the pasture / and 5 there lefte hem wyth oute ony kepars / the day paffid ouer the nyght cam / In this nyght cacus yffued oute of his caue / And wente in to the Contrey for to pylle and robbe yf he myght fynde ony proye. Thus as he that is vnhappy fecheth euyll / In the ende he is paid attones 10 for his trespaces. The vnhappy aventure broughte hym in to the medowe . where as pastured the oxen and kyen of hercules / hit was nyghe the morenyng / he had with hym his thre wyues / Assone as he sawe the bestes by the lyght of the mone that shone cleer / he knewe hem 15 Anone he was all abasshid and his blood changed in his vifage, and not wyth oute cause, for sodaynly alle his forowes began to ryfe in hym and cam to the quyknes of the herte. that he coude not speke. His wyuys feeyng that he fpake no word / And that he beheld 20 the bestes / As all awondred . cam to hym And demanded hym whaat he had / Alas answerd Cacus syn hyt is fo that ye muste nedes knowe / I telle yow for certaynte that alle the forowe of the world aryfeth in my stomacke: and environneth myn herte. ffor I see 25 here the Oxen of the Tryumphe of myn Enemye Hercules And in beholdyng them. fo renewe in me the losses that I have had by hym. and the honeurs & worshippis that he hath maad me for to lese / And also the royames that he hath taken away fro me / And the grete myserye 30 that I am now in / He muste nedes be here by in some place. Curfyd be hys comynge: ffor I wote neuer [leaf 220 verso] 442

what to doo but in figne of vengeance I shall slee his oxen and his kyen:.

Than the thre susters had herd that Cacus so forowed. they counceyllid hym that he shold not slee the bestes. Saying that yf he slewe 5 hem . hercules shold lese no thyng . for he shold ete them hit were better fayd his wyf that ye take and lede away as many as ye may And brynge them in to our caue. ffor yf ye do foo. hercules shall haue domage and displaysir / And ye shall have plaisir and proussit / Ca- 10 cus beleuyd that his wyf fayd to hym . yet he loked in the medowe all aboutes yf ony man had ben there to kepe them . but he fonde no man ne woman . And than he cam to the bestes. And toke eighte of the beste that he coude chefe foure oxen and foure kyen After he bonde 15 them to geder with a corde by the taylles / And put the corde aboute his nekke / and drewe hem so in that manyer vnto his caue / how well that the bestes resisted strongly to goo backward in that manyere / Cacus brought in this manyere reculyng & goyng backward 20 all the bestes that he staall / to thende b' no man shold followe hym by the traches of the feet of the bestes:.

Han he had putte in his caue the bestes of hercules as said is. he shette the doore so well. that a man shold neuer haue knowen ne parcey- 25 uyd that there had ben ony dore. Than wenyng that he had ben sewer he layd hym doun and slepte / Anone after the sonne rysing. and that hit was day / hercules that desired moche to here tydynges of his bestes arose vp / and dide so moche that the kyng Euander brought 30 hym vnto the place where as his oxen and kyen were [leaf 221]

Whan they were comen in to the medowe /hercules fonde that hym lacked foure oxen & as many kyen . wherfore he was fore troblid. And for to knowe yf the goddes had taken them. or ony theuys had stolen them. He co-5 manded that they shold aspye alle aboute the medowe / And see yf the traches or thempryntes of the feet of the bestes myght be seen or knowen. At his comandemet oon and other began to seche / Some there were that behelde toward the mounte auentyn. And fonde the paas and 10 foot of the oxen . but them thoughte that by that paas that the bestes were descended fro the mount for to come in to the medowe / Whan alle they had fought longe / And fawe that they fonde no thynge they maad their reporte vnto hercules and faid to hym. that they cowde 15 not perceyue on no fyde where these oxen were ysfued out/And that on no fyde they coude fynde none enfignes ne tokenes of bestes goyng out of the pasture/But right well fayd oon I haue founde the paas & feet of certayn oxen and kyen that ben descended from this mountaigne 20 in to this medowe / Whan hercules herde faie that fro the montaigne were comen oxen in to the medowe. He called euander / And demanded hym what peple dwellid on the montaigne: Euander fayd to hym that ther on ne dwellid man ne beste. And that the montaygne 25 was Inhabited / Hercules wold goo to see the paas / and wente theder / And hym thoughte well that theder myght haue passid eyghte grete bestes in that nyght / .For the traces of the feet were grete and newe / Than hee wold wete where they were become / But he fonde 30 well that the foot of the bestes toke theyr ende there as they pastured / He was than ryght fore esmeruayllid [leaf 221 verso] 444

for as moche as there were no strange bestes. And began to thenke / whan he had a lityll thoughte he behelde the mounte. he said hit muste nedes bee that the goddes have rauysshed my oxen / or ellis that ther is a thees in this montaigne, that is come and hath stolen hem / And shath ledde hem away reculying backward. But for as moche as I have lasse suspection to the goddes than veon the thees / I shall never departe from hens vito the tyme that I have serched this montaigne from oon side to an other. Story here: &c:

[7,7] Ith this conclusion hercules didedo take diuerse calues that were there and maad hem to faste tyll none. This whyle duryng he fente for his harnoys and armes by philotes, and adoubed & made 15 hym redy to fighte / Anone after mydday as the calues began to crye and blete for honger he dide than them to be brought aboute the montaygne. Than as they pasfid by the place where the caue was and cryed . hyt happend that the kyen that were in the caue herde them / 20 And answerd cryyng so lowde that the sowne passid by the hoolis of the caue. and cam to the eeres of the caues and also of hercules and of other / whan hercules herde the crye of his kyen. He aboud there his calues began to crye agayn. But his kyen cryed no more. for as cacus by force of their cryes was awaked. And as he that allway doubted for to be accused roose vp and cutte the throtes of the kyen. The calues than naturelly knowyng their moders cryed fore lowde and brayed as they that defired the mylk for to lyue by . how be hit 30 they coude not so lowde crye / that her moders answerd [los[212] 445

them. herof meruayiled moche hercules. Than he approchid the mounte and wente vnto the place where hym femed that he had herde the kyen. And was there well thre owres feechyng yf he coude fynde ony hoole or caue 5 or reduyte / But how be it that he passid many tymes the entree of the caue/he coude neuer perceyue hit Some fayd that the bruyt and brayyng that they had herde of the kyen . was comen of Illusion / The other sayd that hercules loste his labour and payne And prayd hym to 10 leue to feke ony more / for they thoughte it not recouerable. In the ende whan hercules had herd oon and other and fawe that he myght not come to the ende of his defire. In a grete anger he toke in both Armes a grete tree that grewe there / And shoke hit thre tymes with so grete 15 force/that at the thirde tyme he ouerthrewe hit rote and alle in suche wyse that the roote that cam oute of the erthe maad a right grete large hoole fo parfounde / and depe / that the botom of the caue was feen playnly:.

Han hercules fawe the grete hoole that the root of the tree had maad. He was ryght Ioyous and glad/and fayd. Trewly hit is here that the grete theef dwellith / I muste see yf he be here and what marchantes enhabite in this place / In saying these wordes hercules bowed down hys heed and beheld on the oon side of the caue where he sawe cacus. Assone as he sawe the theef He knew hym anone / wherof he was more Ioyous than he was to fore and escryed hym / Cacus I see thee / Thou haste to fore this tyme troblyd the Royames of hesperye by Innumerable delyctes and grete synnes that thou madeste openly and apperte. This was the cause of the pardicion of thy seignourye /

Now thou troblest the ytaliens by tyrannyes hyd & vnknowen / I knowe thy lyf / Thou mayste not denye hit ne forfake hit / Hit behoueth that thou dye therfore And that I make the ytalyens franke and free of thyn horrible & odious theftes · O curfid man yf thy Crow- 5 nes. thy diademes. thy feptres. thy bruytes / thy ryall men myghte not focoure the / why than and wherfore arte thou wrappid in synnes And amendest the not ne correcte the for the pugnycion that thou hast suffred/but yet in the stede and place that thou sholdest dispose the 10 to that / that apperteyneth to a kynge & a prynce / thou haste ben a theef. In stede to do Iustyce thou haste ben a murdrer / and a putter in of fyre to brenne villages and howses And where thou sholdest have kept and sauyd women . thou hast defowled them and don hem vilon- 15 nye. O kaytyf kynge / with oute coniuryng or pynyng of the . certes I fee well that thou art he that the ytalyens knowe not that thou hast perfecuted hem. Thy malyce hath ben grete and thy subtylte / whan vnto thys day thou were neuer accused. And hast doon a grete 20 thynge. But hit is not so grete / ner hast not so hidde the but thou arte right nyghe perill / ffor thou shalt yelde to me agayn my oxen. And ffinably thou shalt put me to deth / or thou shalt deve by my hand . And thou shalt not escape by rennyng ne by thy subtyll syres.

Han Cacus vnderstode this sentence: he was strongly affrayed. neuerthelesse he lyste vp his hede And seeying that he was sounde by hercules the man of the world that he moste hatid. he sayd to hym / Alas hercules man all corrumped with couetyse. what cursid fortune hath made the to drawe oute [leaf 223]

the tree wherof the parfonde and depe rootes hath discouerid the repofayll of kynge Cacus late regnyng / But now pryued fro regnyng & bannyfshid fro all worldly prosperite. Suffifeth not to the / that I may have the 5 chierte of my naturell goodes. whan thou hast taken alle away fro me. And that hit is force that I lyue of robberye and proye / Wherof the culpe and fynne ought to redonde vpon the / Why suffrest thou not me to lyue & drawe forth the refidue of my poure lyf/amonge 10 the stones amonge the rokkes . and amonge the wormes of the erthe. Considere now what thou haste do to this kynge / And feke hym no more . thou haste hurted and greuyd hym ynowhe / Hercules answerd / Cacus yf thou were in the abysmes of wrecchidnes and myse-15 ryes. thy demerytes wole accuse the / And I am ryght fory and dolant to fee a kyng in fo hountous and shamefull estate. But whan thou canste not Aourne thy dayes passid ne these presente with one only good dede What remedye / thou hast dayly exercysed tyrannye as 20 well in prosperyte as in aduersite. I wote well that thou art the newe persecutour of the ytaliens / And that thy hand is all fowll of their blood. I feke the not / ne the ytalyens can faye no thyng of the . And for as moche as they complayne not of the. to their prejudyce. This 25 tree hath spoken for them . And by hys rootes he hath discouuerd thyn enbusshe: So behoueth hyt that thou chese. wheder thou wilt come and fyght with me here in the Ayer / at large. or ellis that I come and assaylle the there with Inne: ffor yf hit be to me possible I shall 30 delyuere the world of thy tyrannyes &c

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y this answer cacus knewe that ther was no respite in his feet / Than he supposed to saue hym as he had doon afore tyme And maad by his crafte so grete a smoke and sumee / that hit semed come oute of the hoole that the tree had maad, that hit had 5 ben a right pytte of helle. And this fumee was larded with flames brennyng as meruayll, ffor this fumee hercules abandonned neuer cacus / but leep in to the caue in the myddell of the flames and fumee as he that was maistre of this craste / and was anone pourueyed of 10 remedyes that therto apperteyned / And wente hym playnly and affaylled Cacus in suche wyse as he felte no fumee ne enpesshement. And than he gaf hym so grete a strook vpon the helme with his clubbe / that he maad hym to hurtle his heed ayenst oon of the wal- 15 lis of the caue. Cacus with the resseyuyng of this strooke . lete the fumee disgorge out of his stomack . Seeyng that by that manyer he coude not escape. And toke his right grete axe that stode by hym for to dessende hym with / Hercules suffrid hym to take his axe. Cacus on smote vpon hym ffor the caue was not large. they sought longe therin . vnto the rescous of cacus cam the thre fusters that made grete sorowe And casted stones upon hercules in grete habondance And wepte bitterly. These thre damoyfelles louyd fore well cacus. Hercules & 25 cacus fought more than a longe oure wyth oute cessing At the ende of the oure, they were bothe fo fore chauffid that they muste reste them Than cacus toke in hym a grete pryde. ffor he was stronge of body And hym semed whan he restid that hercules was not so stronge 30 as he had ben afore tymes. And that he myght neuer 2 F [lesf 334] 449

vaynquyshe hym / for as moche as he had not ouercome hym at the begynnyng / By this presumpsion he demanded of hercules yf he wold achieue the batayll wyth oute the caue / Hercules answerd that he was 5 contente. With this answer cacus toke away the stone that shette the caue and wente oute. And in goyng oute after hym. hercules espied hys kyen that were ded in a Corner / And his oxen that were bounden by the mosels vnto a piler / he was fory whan he sawe hys 10 kyen in that poynt. Neuertheles he passid forth and poursiewed cacus / that racchid oute his armes And maad hym redy / And fayd to hym . thou curfid theef thou haste doon to me grete displaysir to have slayn my kyen / ye curfid theef thou thy felf answerd cacus / yet 15 haste thou doon to me more displaysir / to have slayn my men and taken away my Royames . thou art only culpable of the euyll that I have doon and of the deth of thy kyen / I wold hit plefyd the goddes that I had the as well in my mercy . as I had them . be thou fewer that 20 thou sholdest neuer take away Royame fro no man And now late vs achieue oure batayll: At these wordes Hercules and Cacus smote eche other right sore and by grete felonnye / their strokes cleuyd to their harnoys and fowned. At this fownyng the kynge euan-25 der & the grekes cam to the bataill for to see hit . whiche they maad to fore thentre of the Caue: Where as were the thre fusters passyng desolate: Cacus enforced hym wyth alle his puyssance. ffor he sawe hit was tyme thoo or neuer to shewe and put forth all that he myght 30 He handled his axe right myghtly And well was hym nede fo to doo. He was harde & boystous. he gaf many

a strook to hercules. And hym semed otherwhile that he sholde confounde hym vnto the depe abysme of the erthe / But hercules on his fyde faylled not yf he had stronge partye ayenst hym. He was also stronge at avenant and more stronge certayn than was good for 5 the helthe of cacus / he fmote neuer cacus but he torned the eyen in his heed . or made hym to stoupe or knele on that oon fide or that other or goo aback shamefully / This batayll by longe duryng anoyed the beholdars they fought eche other and tasted harde on bothe sides 10 .Fynably they did so moche that hit was nede to reste them And that all their bodies swette all aboutes / than hercules fawe that yet was not the pryse gyuen / And that the nyght approched he had grete shame in hym felf. that he had hold so longe batayll. Than he began 15 to feche cacus fo nyghe, and redowblid his strokes by fuche vigour vpon cacus fo fierfly, that at laste he bare hym doun to the ground all astonyed And made hym to lese his axe And syn toke of his helme. The thre sufters fledde than in to a foreste named Octa all full of 20 teeris and of cryes. Many grekes wold haue gon after. But hercules made hem to retorne. After he callid the kynge Euander and his folk and faid to the kyng Syre lo here is he that was wonte to troble the ytalyens . by secrete murdres / conuerte thestes / & vnknowen 25 defowlyng of women . gyue no more suspecion to the goddes/ Lo here is the menyster and doar of thise trespaces / I have entencion to punyshe hym. Not only after his deferte. but vnto the deth:.

Evander answerd to hercules and sayd / Prynce 30 excellent & worthy aboue alle worthy excessively [leaf 225]

And the moste beste accomplished of all men flourysfhyng in armes. What reuerence is to the due / that is not only humayne reuerence / But that reuerence that is of dyuyne nature / I beleue affewridly that thou art a 5 godde / or the fone of a godde / or ellis a man deyfyed. Thou in especiall haste seen more in a momente . than all the eyen in generall of all the ytalyens have feen . not only in one yere. but in an honderd yere. O the fone of noble men and the stock of reluying and shynyng of glo-10 ryous feetes & dedes / how may we thanke the and gyue the lawde for the deserte of this grete werke / Thou by bryght and shynyng labour hast discombred vs of derkenes and hafte gyuen vs lyght of clerenes, thou hafte more achieuyd than the grete tourbes and all the affem-15 blees and men of armes of ytalyens sholde haue conne doo. And haste gooten more tryumphe in chastysyng of this geant passing terryble . than we the conne gyue reward. Truly yf thou be not a godde. Thou haste of the goddes their fynguler grace / I promyfe to the in remem-20 brance of this labour / to do ediffie a solempne temple in my cyte where thou shalt haue an awter / And vpon the awter shall be thy representacion of fyn gold. And the representacon of this tyrant / in shewyng how thou hast vaynquysshid hym to thende that our heyres and succes-25 fours in tyme comyng may have therof knowleche:.

Vryng these wordes Cacus releuyd hym that was aftonyed of the ftrook that he had receyuid And wende to have fledd. But hercules ranne after & retayned hym And embraced hym in his armes 39 so harde b' he myght not meue And brought hym agayn And bare hym vnto a depe pytte that was in the caue 452

where he had caste in all ordures and filthe / hercules cam vnto this fowle pytte that the grekes had founden And planted cacus there Inne . his heed dounward from on hye vnto the ordure benethe / Than the ytaliens cam aboute the pitte and caste so many stones upon hym 5 that he deyde there myserably. Suche was the ende of the poure kynge Cacus. he deyde in a hooll full of ordure and of flyngkynge filthe. Whan the kynge Euander sawe that he was ded by the consente of hercules he dide hym be drawen oute of the pytte. And dide hym be 10 born in to his cyte. where as hercules was receyuyd fo tryumphantly that no man can reherce. The feste was grete that nyght in the palays of kynge euander / And passid hit with grete love / On the morn the kyng euander made to sette forth the body in the comyn regard and 15 fight of all the peple. And afterward ordeyned certayn folke therto propice and necessarye to do carye & shewe this myserable corps or body in all the cytees where he had doon harme . And for to counte and reherce to them his lyf: What shall I make longe reher- 20 fayll / Whan the body was shewed in the cyte of kyng euander They that had the gouernance therof bare hit in to dyuerce places. And all way they preifid hercules/In the nouelte of this victorye the kynge Euander maad to begynne the temple that he had promyfed to hercules 95 And required hercules that he wold abide there in that contrey vnto the tyme . that his temple shold be full maad and performed, hercules behelde that the kyng euander dide do laboure in his temple with all diligence and agreed to his requeste / for as moche as hym semed 30 that the temple shold be shortly mand / And some [leaf 216] 453

bookes faye that longe tyme afore the god Mars had promyfed to hercules that there shold be a temple made vnto hym and for that cause he was come in to ytalye / for to wete yf his destynee shold happe or no And whan 5 the ytaliens herd recounte the birthe of hercules / they beleuyd better that he was the sone of god Iupiter than of Amphitryon:.

How the quene of laurence enamoured on hercules / And how the kynge Prycus cam in to ytalye with a grete ooste and sende to defye hercules.

He gloryous ffeetes of hercules were gretly recomanded in ytalye / as well for that he had vaynquysshid the geantes of Cremone as for the deth of cacus / So grete was his renomee that du-15 ryng the edificacion of his temple / all maner peple cam theder for to fee hym. And made to hym dyuyne honours Namyng hym the fone of god Iupiter / the kynges & the lordes cam to hym for to gyue hym yestes and ryche prefentes. Amonge alle other the quene of Laurence cam theder fro her cyte with many Chares and charyottis Chargid and laden with many Iewellis and presentid them to hercules: Hercules resseyuyd in to his grace this quene and her presentes And thankid her gretly / This quene had to name .Facua . And was wyf of the 25 kynge .Fanus sone of the kynge pricus the sone of Saturne. She was yonge fressh. tendre and replete of lustynes. She had not seen kynge fanus her husbond in foure yere. ffor he was goon in to a ferre Contre And was not in alle this tyme come agayn / So hit happend 30 fyn that she fyrste began to take hede and beholde hercules and auyse hym well / she began to desire his conversacon [leaf 236 verso] 454

And she began to love hym so sore & certaynly / that she coude not torne her eyen ner her thought vpon none other thynge but vpon hercules / In the beholdyng and feeying hym. fhe faid in her herte / that he was the moste welfaryng man and vpright with oute comparison 5 that euer she sawe . and that of right me shold gyue hym laude and preyling / sayyng more ouer that her semed that alle her herte was envolupid with the fyre of his love / many penses & thoughtis fill than in her entendement. Now awakyd and quykenyd with a lo-10 yous spyrite And este sone all pensys. she passed the first day that she cam in this maner with hercules / whan she was withdrawen for to reste / she leyde her down on a bedde all clothid And there she began to ymagyne the beaulte of hercules by so ardante desires / that she coude 15 not abstayne her fro wepyng And fore wishid after hym . wherof the ende was fuche . that after many an ymagynacion aboute the gray morenyng / she began to saie vnto her self / O ffortune what man / what prince what kynge hast thou brought in to this contrey / This so is not a kynge like other / This is an ymage singuler & lyke as the goddes had made hym by nature to excede and tryumphe aboue all her other subtill werkis and labours. Alle glorye shyneth in hym not only by hys proygne prowesse. but by his symple and sacrid per- 25 feccion corporell / to whiche may be made no comparison O clere ymage amonge the nobles . who is she that seeyng his eyen / that of oon only fight shall not have her herte thurgh pershid / who is she that shall not coueyte and defire his grace / The moste ewreus of alle happy -Well fortuned shall he bee, that may gete his good [lesf 137] 455

will / he is humble fayr / playfant and lawhyng / he is a Trefour / O dere trefour Lyke as the gold paffith all other maner metallis femblably he paffith all other werkis of nature in all prosperitees how than shall I s not loue hym. As longe as I shall lyue his name shall remayne wreton in my memorye And his beaulte shall not be forgoten, but remayne for a souenance eternell.

Rete were than the preylinges that facua layd of hercules She forgate anone the kynge fanus and put hym all in oubliance for the loue of hercules / She was there a certayn space of tyme . and alway thoughte on hercules. Hercules that thoughte no thyng on her made vnto her no femblant ne figne of loue How be it he deuysid ofte tyme with her And with 15 the wyf of the kynge euander named Carmente / the more he deuylid with hem the more was facua in grete payne by theschauffing of loue / Some tyme she loste her manyere and contenance. But certayn she coueryd hit and hid hit so well that no man toke hede of hyt. 20 Than whan she had ben there eyghte dayes in berynge fuche greuous payne / and she sawe that hercules coude not fee the love that she had to hym. for to come to the ende of her defyre / she cam on a day to hercules. And humbly requyred hym. that he wold come and take the as pacyence of her hows for to passe the tyme . whilis the kynge Euander performed hys temple / Hercules acorded and agreed vnto her requeste / wherof she had right grete loye in her felf. They than disposyd them for to goo vnto Laurence. they toke leue than of the kynge 30 euander and of the quene / And toke theyr way / Thus 456 [leaf 227 verso]

than gooyng hercules was alway by the fyde of facua they deuysed of many thynges by the waye. And allway facua had her amorous eyen fixed on the regard of hercules/that at laste hercules began to take hede/and fayd to her all foste. Lady ye do me grete worship to s brynge me in to your hous. Alas syre answerd facua I do to yow no thyng but payne. how well I haue not the power to feste yow and make yow chier as I fayn wold. Lady fayd hercules the good chiere that ye do to me . is to me agreable / that fro hens forth ye bynde 10 myn herte for to will fulfill your will in fuche wyfe that ther is no thyng that ye will / but I shall accomplissible hit at your comandement after my power. as to the moste beste accomplissified lady that is in the occident / .Facua with these wordes began to smyle and 15 answerd Syre I have nothing doon for yow. and ye are not fo beholden to me as ye faie. how be it I thanke yow for your good word And therof I hold me right ewrous and happy, that the moste ewrous man of all men daygneth to accompanye oon fo pour a lady as I so am. Lady answerd hercules I shall not take that to my prouffit that I am the moste ewrous of men . ffor ther ben many better addressid than I am. But certes the more ye fpeke the more ye make me subgette. And fyn ye do to me so grete honour I requyre yow as as moche as I may that I may be your knyght And that ye take power ouer me to comande me to do your will and plaisir / Syre said sacua wole ye that hit be soo lady answerd hercules alas ye / I shall not comande yow fayd facua . but I shall gyue yow ouer me as so moche of seygnourye and lordshippe as hit shall plese [leaf 228] 457

yow to take. Hercules with that same word wold fayn haue kyssed the lady And had doon hit ne had ben the worshipp of her / whiche he wold kepe. They had ynowhe of other deuyses / .Fro that day forth hercules sentented to plese the lady more than he had don to fore And shortly he acquentid so with her and she with hym. that they laye to geder secretly. And he begate on her a sone that afterward was named latyne / Whiche was afterward of grete gouernement.

Vryng these thynges / Whilis hercules and facuahad this good tyme in laurence. Tydynges cam that the kynge fanus was comyng / ffacua that than began firste to Ioye in the loue of hercules / was passyng fory and heuy, whan she herde these tydynges. 15 ffor the had strongly fyxed her herte on hercules . Sodaynly the teris mounted vp in to her eyen. And all bewepte she cam in to a chambre where as hercules was She toke hym aparte and faid to hym. Alas my loue I trowe I shall dye for sorowe. Lady sayd hercules 20 wherfore: for so moche sayd she as my husbond the kynge fanus cometh home / Hit is foure yere a goo fyn I herd of hym I had supposed he had ben ded: but he is not His herbegeours & fourriers ben comen to fore and faye that he shall soope herein thys day / Alas what euyll 25 aventure is this / we muste nedes nowdeparte. And oure comynycacion shall faille. with this worde the lady enbraced hercules & fill down a fwowne in his lappe / Hercules toke her vp & comforted her the beste wise he coude And fayd to her that fyn hit is so that she was maso ryed / that hit was reson that she abode stylle wyth her husbond / What someuer hercules sayd vnto the lady 458 [leaf 328 verso]

she coude not kepe her from wepyng ne bewayling her loue / their bewaylingis were grete. In pende she wente in to her chambre And dryed her eyen and brake her anoyous corage as moche as she coude / In arayyng and apparayllyng her in suche wise as she had ben Ioyous and glad of the comyng of her husbond. that cam sone after and entrid in to his cyte with grete bruyt.

LIErcules and facua wente agaynst the kynge sanus. Whan the kynge fanus fawe hercules / he dide to hym as moche honour and worship as he coude 10 doo / ffor as moche as he had herd faie and was aduertyfed of the armes that he had doo ayenst the geantes of cremone . and ayenst cacus . And thankyd hym sor so moche as he was come in to his cyte / ffor conclusion hercules abode there foure dayes after that fanus was 15 comen home. on the fyfthe day he confydered that he myght no more en Ioye in his loue / And that he dide no thynge there but lose his tyme / he toke leue of the kyng fanus and of the quene facua. And retorned vnto the hows of the kynge Euander / where he helde hym and 20 abode vnto the tyme that his temple was maad and accomplissible Aboute the conformacion of this temple And herould of Calidoine cam vnto hercules and fignefied to hym that the kynge prycus cam agaynst hym with a grete puyssance of men of armes. for to auenge 25 the blood of cacus his cofyn. And Inpofed to hercules that he had with oute cause & cruelly put to deth one so noble a kynge as cacus was / And yet fayd to hym more that yf he wolde susteyne the contrarye. that on the morn eriy. he shold synde the kynge prycus in the w fame place where the blood of kyng cacus was shedde [lesf 329] 459

And there by mortall batayll by puyssance ayenst puyssance he wold preue hit trewe that he sayd.

Han hercules had well herde / that the kynge pricus had fignefyed to hym / He had his herte all full of Ioye. And answerd to the herauld that the deth that he had made cacus to deve was a werke of Iustyce. And that vpon that quarell / he wold furnysh by batayll the kynge pricus at the oure and place that he had fayd / After this answer thus made Hercu-10 les gaf vnto the herauld his gowne that he ware / And dyde hym to be fested right well saying b' he had brought hym tydynges of plaifance / Whan the herauld had had good chiere and well festyd as hercules had comanded He retorned vnto the kynge prycus And tolde hym that 15 hercules had answerd to hym. and that he shold haue on the morn the batayll. The kynge pricus that supposed to haue alle wonne by auantage for he had in his Oost moo than thretty thousand men . thanked the goddes of these tydynges. And cam & loggid hym the same nyght 20 nyghe vnto the mounte Auentyn / vpon the Ryuer of tybre / He maad hym redy for to doo his batayll . And femblably dyde hercules / eche man on his fyde thought on hys werkes. The nyght passid ouer / And than on the morn as fone as hyt began to dawe the kynge 25 prycus and hercules began to fowne theyr grete tabours And wyth that fowne theyr men put them in Armes to a poynt . And after rengid them in bataylle : And fo they cam bothe partyes as well that one as that other in the same place where the blood of kynge cacus 30 hadd ben shedd &c:.

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How hercules fought ayenst the kynge prycus in batayll and how he fledde in to his cyte . where hercules allone slewe hym and many moo with hym.

Boute fyue of the clock in the morenyng / Hercules and pricus assemblid at the batayll / fro s as fer as pricus sawe hercules he made a meruayllous crye / With this crye alle the calidoniens began to renne ayenst hercules and maad so grete bruyt / that hit femed that there was not peple ynowhe in all the world for them. But certayn lyke as a small rayne to abatyth or leyth doun a grete wynde / In lyke wife hercules allone layd down their over grete boofte and bruyt ffor assone as he sawe his enemyes renne ayenst hym aboute a quarter of a myle / he departed fro his bataill that was well sette in ordynance. And after that he 15 had comanded his folk that they shold not haste for no thynge / He began to renne ayenst the calidoniens so fwyftely not lyke an hors / but lyke an herte that no man myght ouertake. The kynge euander was all abasshid for to see in hercules so grete legierte & swifte- so nes / Pricus and the calidoniens whan they sawe hym meue from the oost . they had supposed that hit had ben an hors or some other beste / In the ende whan hercules was come nyghe to them by the space of a bowe shote / they knewe that hit was hercules, where of they were 25 fore abasshid of his comyng. Pricus escryed his men vpon hym / They shotte arowes and casted dartes and fperes vpon hercules ayenst all the partyes of his body neuerthelasse they coude neuer persshe ne entre in to the skyn of the lyon / ne he neuer rested till he had parfurnysshid his course And put hym amonge his enemyes [leaf 230]

fo myghtely that confoundyng all to fore hym lyke as a tempeste or thonder / he wente in to the myddes of the cost there as was the chief banyere of the kynge prycus.

Ercules abood and restid there . and began to fmyte and leye on vpon that one fide&that other And to dye his fwerd with the blood of the calidoniens / his fwerd was fo hevy that no man myght susteyne hit Hit forfrusshid all that hit arought. Hit maad the place reed / where as the blood of cacus was 10 shedd / of blode vpon blode and of ded men vpon ded. Than was not the shame & deth of kynge cacus vengid. but augmentid vpon the personnes of his frendes in habondance of flaughter and of occision. The crye aroose gretly aboute hercules / he brake and all to rente the ba-15 nyers and the recognyssances of the calidoniens and of her conductours / ther was there none fo hardy but he withdrewe. And ther was there none so well assewryd but he was aferd & tremblid / All the beste and hardiest fledde a fore hym. Than he made as he wold with 20 his enemyes. Thefeus Euander and other cam than vnto the bataylle. At the recountre ther was many a spere broken many an hawberc and many a helme broken and many a knyght fmyten in peces. The calidoniens were in grete nombre / And ther were many of them stronge 25 and myghty / The bataylle was ryght stronge and myghty and fyers / The kynge Pricus put hym furth a fore vpon the grekes / And wrought wyth his hand right cheuaulerously: And hercules and theseus dide worthyly and digne of memorye / they ranne fro renge 30 to renge / And they difrengyd theyr enemyes / They hardyed and encoraged theyr men. And shewyd to 46e [leaf 130 verso]

them how they shold doo. their seetes and dedes were so grete that hit is Inpossible to recounte and telle. And that in lityll tyme they put their enemyes in dispayr / What shall I saye all the discomfiture was in the calydoniens / sfor by force of armes they abode vpon the felde the moste parte. And than whan the kyng pricus sawe that his peple myghte no more syghte. And that he loste on all sides And that fortune was ayenst hym in all poyntes. After that he had sore labourid and that he had nede of reste / he withdrewe hym of the prees to And sowned the retrayte / And with the sowne alle the calidoniens tornyd the back and sledde after the kynge prycus:

Than hercules fawe that the calidonyens withdrewe them. He maad in semblable wise hys 15 grekes to withdrawe them. Not for ony nede that they had. but for to shewe to their enemyes that they wold well that they reste them. In this wise the bataill ceffed wenyng to hercules that the calidoniens shold reassemble on the morn whan they had restid hem 20 They withdrewe hem some here and some there, the day passid the nyght cam on / Than the kynge prycus affemblid his folk And shewid vnto them their losse And the strength and myght of the grekes and in especiall of hercules / After he faid to them . that they might 2: no thynge conquere vpon them. And that they coude no wyselier doo than to withdrawe hem and to retorne in to their contrey. The calidonyens that dredd hercules more than the deth or tempest or thonder of the heuen had grete love whan they understode the will of kyng to pricus / And answerd all with one acord that they [leaf 131] 463

were redy to put them on the waye / With this answer they were concluded that they shold leue their tentes their cartes and Armours. for to goo lightly and more fecretly / After this they toke their way after their con-5 clusion. paas by paas they wente their waye with oute makynge bruyt or noyse / And dide so moche this nyght that on the morn they were ferre fro hercules. After thys on the morne whan hercules had espied that they were fledde. He and his men poursiewid after swyftly / how 10 be hit they coude not ouertake them for to spede the matere. the kynge pricus retorned in to calidoine / Hercules poursiewid hym in to his Cyte whiche was stronge of wallis And affiegid hym. Duryng this fiege ther was neuer calidonien that durst come out Hercules ofte 15 tyme affaultid the cyte. but he loste his tyme. ffinably whan he sawe that he coude gete ne wynne vpon his enemyes He callid his grekes and fayd to them. That man that ne aduentureth wynneth no thynge / We foiourne here with oute doyng ony thynge digne of memorye / 20 Oure enemyes comen not out vpon vs / but yf we fecche hem we shall neuer haue ende, shortly we muste alle wynne or lese / Wherfore I am aduysed that I shall disguyse me / And that I will go vnto the gate And late the porters vnderstand that I have an erand vnto the 25 kynge / And here vpon yf I may entre / I will goo vnto the kyng / and I shall so doo yf hit be to me possible that he shal neuer assault me more in bataill. And yf hit happen that I may so doo as I have deuysed to yow/I will b ye affaill be cyte affone as I shall be with Inne/to thende 30 that the calidoniens may have to do with yow as wel as with me / And that I have hem not all attones vpon me. [leaf 231 verso] 464

Heseus and Euander vnderstode well what that hercules wold doo / they answerd that they were redy to obeye all his comandementis And that they wold assaulte the Cyte after his sayyng / Than hercules arayed hym like as he had ben an 5 enbassatour. Theseus and the grekes dysposid them for to make the affault / Whan all was redy hercules departed and cam & knokkyd on the gate of calidonie / The porters loked out at a litill wyndowe to see who knokkyd there . and feeyng that there was but oon 10 man in a longe gowne . they opend to hym the gate & axid hym what he wold have / hercules answerd that he fought the kynge / and what wold ye with hym fayd oon of the porters / certes fayd hercules I wold fayn speke vnto his persone / And sayyng these wor- 15 des the porters sawe that hercules was armed vnder his gowne / and than at fewe wordes they escryed vpon hym. and tasted hym before and behynde sayyng that he was a traytre and that he was comen to elpye the cyte / Whan hercules fawe hym so seasid of the por- 20 tiers / He was there he wold be and had grete Ioye Whiche he couerd vnder (ymple contenance / and made at the begynnyng semblant that he wold haue sledde a way and escaped / But he employed so lityll of hys strength. that the portiers brought hym vnto the kyng 25 pricus / Whiche fatte in the halle wyth his doughters & his prynces. And maad to hym the prefente. Sayyng Syre lo here is a trayttre. that is entrid in to your cyte for to espye your puyssance. We have taken hym. he faid that he wold speke vnto your persone / how well 30 he is armed vnder this mantell as ye may fee . hit is a [leaf 132]

ryght euyll tokene. ffor a man desiryng to speke to a kynge. shold in no wyse be armed pryuely ner acouert/

Han the kyng vnder stode thac cusac on of the portiers. Whilis they spake he behelde hercules/and knewe hym. He was so sore aferd that he wist not what to faye. Hercules than elvertued hym felf And putte hym felf out of the holdyng of the portiers. castyng them down to the ground so harde & so greuously that they neuer after myght releue hem felf / Whan the 10 calidoniens that were in the halle fawe hym fo euyll entrete the portiers they escryed hercules vnto the deth and assaillid hym on all sides. His gowne was than anone rente of . In comyng on he receyuyd many a strook / And allway he defended hym without disploying of his puys-15 fance and of his strengthe. as he that awayted the tydynges of the affaulte that was nyghe / The affraye was grete in the halle and in the cyte on alle parties /the calidoniens ranne vnto the palais for to assayll hercules The kynge pricus adoubed hym and cam with other vn-20 to this affraye / Than was hercules assayllid fiersly. But certes this assaulte coste dere ynowh vnto the kyng ffor to his bien venue hercules approchid vnto the tabernacle / that stode vpon foure grete barres of yron. wherof he toke that one And bete down the tabernacle / After 25 he lyfte vp hys Arme wyth the barre / And smote the kyng pricus fo difmefurably vpon the coppe of his helme that not withstandyng hys stronge harnoys and armures: He alle to frushid hym doun to the erthe And smote hym so sore frusshid and brusid that he syll down 30 ded betwene his two portiers.

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T this tyme the Crye aroofe grete amonge the calidoniens. Not alonly there but also in the cyte ffor he that made the wacche fowned to armes for as moche as the grekes affaillid haftely the wallis Calidonie was than terribly troblid. The calidonyens s wifte not where to entende / whether to hercules or to the affault. All was full of heedes armed as well in the palais as vpon the wallis. After this that hercules had flayn the kynge pricus. he began to fmyte vpon his enemyes. his strokes were grete At eche strook he 10 flewe two or three / fhortly he bare hym there so knightly that in lityll while he couerid all the pament of the palais with ded bodies of the calidoniens. lyyng oon vpon an other / with oute that ony man myght adomage his armoure / The calidonyens were of grete corage / & 15 had grete shame of that / they myght not ouercome hercules that allone had doon voon them so grete an empryse. They assaillid hym by grete appetyte And caste vpon hym dartes and sharp glayues. His armes and his sholdres bare all / And he dide so grete thynges with so his barre And gaf so grete strokes that none of hem myght reliste his strength. The pour calidonyens cam theder by grete corage & defire for to venge the deth of their kynge / Hercules put so many to deth . that he wiste nowher to fette his foot but vpon calidonyens. Tofore the *5 gate of the palais was a pyteous noyfe of wepyngs and of cryes that women and children maad / In the ende whan the calidonyens knewe and perceyuyd the vertue and strength of hercules and that they labouryd in vayn , they cessid to assaill hym and sledde / Than her- 🗩 cules yffued out of be palais with his barre all couerd [leaf 233] 467

with blood: Affone as the calidonyens fawe hym they escryed vpon hym passyng anguysshously / they assaylyd hym on an newe / they caste stones and dartes vpon hym. they shotte Arowes on hym habondantly / as they that were pourueyed and awayted on his passage / In this assault hercules hadd moche to suffere. Alleway in receyuyng moo strokes than can be nombred He passid the wacche that awayted for to haue slayn hym. And restid neuer tyll he cam vnto the gate..

He calidoniens ranne than after hym as men withoute drede of deth . And ftrongly swollen with pryde and yre / began on an newe to fmyte vpon his sholdres and vpon his back. Whan hercules fawe that / he torned his fface vnto his euyll willars 15 And fmote vpon hem with his barre on the right fyde and on the lyfte fyde fo radely / that he dyed his barre with newe blood / and maulgre his enemye he bete hem doun and all to fruffhid hem to fore hym. He made hem to recule and goo aback more than fourty paas. And 20 after cam to the gate And the calidonyens siewed hym agayn . but er they cam vpon hym he alle to brack and brussid and to frusshid the lokkys and the wekettis and dores of the gate that the grekes affayllyd wyth alle theyr puyssance, and bete down the draw brygge / 25 After he callyd the assayllans and they cam vnto hym And wyth lityll refistence they entryd the cyte / whiche was at that tyme wyth grete occysion of the calydonyens that wold not yelde hem ne putte hem to mercy vnto the tyme that they sawe theyr stretes and howses 30 full of ded bodyes &c

How hercules was anamoured on yole the doughter of kynge pricus / and how he requyred her of loue and how she accorded vnto hym:.

I this maner was the kynge pricus flayn and his Cyte taken by hercules after the tucion and 5 flaughter / Whan the calidonyens had humelied them . hercules & theseus wente vnto the palays / And they came theder so a poynt / that they fonde the doughters of kynge pricus with their ladyes and damoyfelles feehyne the kyng amonge the ded bodyes / There 10 were so many ded bodyes that they coude not fynde ne knowe hym b' they foughte. Hercules at his comyng began to beholde one & other / And foueraynly among all other he caste hys eyen vpon yole the doughter of the kynge / ffor as moche as the was excellently resplendistant in beaulte that in all the world was none like vnto her / Whan he had a lytyll feen her by a fecrete comandement of loue He drewe hym vnto her /wenyng for to have conforted her / Anone as the right defolate damoyfell fawe hercules approchyng vnto her / she 20 tremblid for drede and fledde vnto her chambre. The ladyes & the damoyfelles folowid her And amonge them fo dide hercules. What shall I saye. he entrid in to the chambre where she was And satte down by her / she wende for to haue rylen for to haue goon out of the way 25 but he helde her by her clothis and faid vnto her / Lady ye may not flee my companye / yole spake than & sayd O myserable tyrant what sekeste thou me now for to troble me more. Thou hast slayn my fader / late that fuffile the. Madame answerd hercules yf the kynge 30 pricus be dede. hit is reson b' he be not moche bewaylid [leaf 234]

ne bewept. for he wenyng for to alenge the deth of the tyrant cacus.cam not longe fyn for to asfayll me in ytalye. Sayyng that I had vnrightfully & with out cause flayn hym / In fusteynyng the contrarye I fought with 5 hym vpon this quarell. the batayll was not ended ne put to vttrance at that tyme: for he withdrewe hym with his peple and cam in to this cyte. and I have pourfiewid hym hastely / how well I coude not ouertake hym. Whan I fawe that / I leyde my fiege aboute this cyte 10 He wold not come to achyeue the batayll duryng my fiege / I have this day willid to have an ende. ffortune hath ben on my fide and hath put yow in my puyssance Certes hit muste nedes be that with oute ony remede ye be my lady and my loue. ffor in feeying your fynguler be-15 aulte. Loue hath constrayned me to be yours / Than I pray yow as afectuously as I may or can / that ye cesse your forowe and that ye receyue me as your frende and loue. the more ye wepe the lasse ye gete & wynne Contynuell teeris or wepynges ne pardurable sighes ∞ may neuer reyse your fader agayn .

He fayr yole with these wordes was so oppressid of hoot & contrarye ymagynacions that her herte sailled her / Hit was a pietous thynge to beholde / her frende hercules wold haue taken her vp and suffeyned betwene hys armes. But a wyse lady that had alleway gouerned her / cam to hym and sayd to hym knelyng on her knees / Syre I pray yow in the name of alle the goddes. that ye wyll cesse to speke to this poure damoyselle for this tyme: She hath thys day loste her sader / Hyt muste nedes bee that nature acquyte her / ye may do wyth her your owen playsyr /

late her a lityll abyde in her malyncolye / Alle shall be well yf hit plese the goddes as well for yow as for her / At the requeste of the ladye Hercuses was content to late her goo for that tyme. he recomanded yole vnto the goddes, and wente vnto theseus for to passe hys 5 tyme. But to the ende that yole shold not goo away ne escape / he ordeyned twelue grekes to kepe her and comanded vpon payne of deth that they shold suffre no woman yffue out of the chambre with oute wetyng whether they wente. In this night hercules dide the dede 10 bodyes to be had oute of the palais and the place to be made clene. And also he ordeyned that the body of the kynge pricus shold be putte in sepulture. Whan thyse thynges were accomplished, hercules & theseus with their men of armes made good chiere of fuche as they 15 there fonde / And yole was neuer oute of the remembrance of hercules / yole certaynly at this tyme was fo disconforted that hit can not be recountid. The lady that had her in gouernance traueyllid ryght fore for to comforte and chyere her / Than whan hercules had lefte her 20 in the chambre as fayd is And she had many wordes to her / and amonge all other she said to her My doughter ye wepe to moche. Ha madame faid yole. how may I lasse doo, whan shall I have cause to wepe and to wayle yf I have none now. My fader is ded. I have 25 loste hym that moste louyd me of all the world / I may lese no more ne no gretter thynge. Ought not than my herte to be angry and forowfull. My doughter fayd the lady I knowe well that ye have the moste apparant occacion of forowe that ony woman may haue . 30 But whan hyt muste nedes be that ye passe by thys [leaf 235]

Infortune what proffiten yow youre greuous wepynges. Ther may no thynge procede of them but augmentacion of melancolye / And hurtyng & appayryng of your preyfid beaulte / ye be now fallen in the hande 5 of this prynce. This is a man worthy and noble aboue all other/he loueth yow / ye ought to thanke the goddes and to gyue hem preifyngis of this grace. ffor this is to yow an ewre and an happe in your myshappe yf ye will beleue me. ye shold putte all thys in suffrance. Better 10 it is to fuffre one euyll than two. Me thynketh ye oughte considere your estate. And yf ye considere hit well ye shold payne yow for to forgete hit: Madame said yole / Alas and how may that bee . that I shold have loue. or affinyte or hauntyse vnto hym that hath doon to 25 me fo moche harme / He hath not taken only fro me a knyght ne an vncle ne cofyn / but myn owen propre fader Late none speke to me more therof. He is and shall be my mortall enemye as longe as I lyue, and as longe as he shall lyue he shall have no more of me for prayer 20 promesse ne for manace...

I doughter fayd the lady make ye not your felf bonde/where as ye be free. The faytes and dedes of loue ben subtyll and sodayne: Loue is alleway in his secrete trone. that can do none other thynge / but humelye and meke the harde hertes. And bowe the stronge: So hard ne so stronge an herte is not amonge the humayne Creatures. But that hit is right sone humelyed and meked whan that hit is his plaisir Ther is no tour so hyghe. but hyt may be beten down by subtyll myne / Ne ther is no wynde so grete ne so

rygorous but hit attemperid. ther is no nyght fo derke but that hit is furmounted wyth the day, ye hate hercules now. yf ye haue a while hauntid hym and haue had comynycacon with hym. parauenture ye shall loue hym better / than euer ye louyd your fader your moder 5 or ony other of your lignage / And what I may proue by my felf. ffor I had my husbond in so grete hate first er we assemblid . that I wold fayn haue seen hym dye a shamefull deth. Sodaynly whan we had begon to converse oon with another / I louyd hym so certaynly 10 that yf he had not ben with me day and nyght / I had wente I shold have deyed for sorowe and anoye / My doughter fuche ben the toures of loue. ofte tymes me feyth that after grete hate cometh grete loue. The glorye of hercules is fo clere / that your herte ought to be enlu- 15 myned. the conqueste that he hath made in this Cyte shall be for yow a synguler preparacion of all good / wold ye attayne to a more gretter wele. than for to be felawe or loue of hym that is the dompter of kynges the most best well faryng man . and the moste tryum- 20 phant in armes. ffor to hym is no thyng Inpossible / he hath conquerid the moste parte of be vnyuerfall world O my doughter reioysse yow in fortune. Shette not the dore to prospite that cometh to yow/hit is to be beleuyd that the desolacion of this cyte hath ben deuysed 25 and ordeyned by the parlament of the goddes . in faueur of yow . that ar the parement and none like vnto yow of all the doughters of the kynges for to gyue yow in mariage vnto this man .

DI these wordes the sayre yole had her stomack en- 30 terprised of large ymaginacions. She rose vp [leaf 236]

fro that parte. And entrid in to her garderobe / where as was the presentacion of the goddesse dyane / Whan she was comen theder / she knelid down in grete humylyte to fore the ymage. And in haboundyng of syghes & 5 wepyng as fore as she had doon ony tyme of the day to fore she sayd: Goddesse of virgynes what shall doo thy right fymple Ancylle and hand mayde. Alas enlumyne my hope . beholde myn affliccion . poyfe myn vnhapp. Sende thyn eyen in to the secrete of myn herte/and 10 fee the forowe that I bere. And in the faveur of virgyns kepe my body and preferue from the hande of hym that wold that I shold be his wyf. After that he hath engendrid in me the Rote of mortall hate . whiche is not possible to be anully as nature Iugith in me. for hyt 15 is not possible that I may loue myn enemye. Confequently and it is trouth that the hate that I have ayenst this tyrant hercules shall be pardurable &c.

N thyse prayers and lamentacions yolle abode vnto the personndeur of the nyght cursyng hercules saying that she hadd leuer to deye than to have ony love in hym. Thus desdayning the love of hercules with oute mete or drynke she passid the nyght. The day following hercules retorned vnto her / And on a newe prayd her that she wold be his wys / Saying wyth oute respyte that she muste nedes agree there to She was right fore displaysation of this requeste and excused her in many facions that were to longe to reherce at this tyme / But at the ende of the prayers and requestes of hercules / Loue Inspyred in suche wyse the damoyselle / that she vnderstode well that hercules [leaf 236 verso]

was yffued of the Rote of noble fader & moder / that she acorded to doo his plaisir. What shall I more faye yole comynicqued than with hercules as his wyf they laye to geder & acqueyntid eche with other / Loue than enroted in their hertes her two wyllis were lockyd 5 and put in one will / Hercules forgate deyanyra And yole forgate the deth of her fader / And so moche she enamoured on hercules, that she myght reste in no place but that she muste be all way wyth hym . O meruaylous thynge. the rancour & the hate that yole had yester- 10 day vnto hercules . is now fodaynly torned in to loue Infallible . ffor to spede the mater duryng yet the fyrste dayes of the loue of hercules and yole. At the prayer of yole/hercules gaf her fusters in mariage to certayn knightes of the grekes/and lefte them there to gouerne becontre 15 and the royame of calidonie / After he depted from thens and brought his oxen and his kyen wyth hym. And fente agayn the kynge Euander in to his domynacion / Thankyng hym of hys companye, and of the honour that he had doon to hym.

But hercules wold in no wyfe that he shold have the travayll. At laste than evander wyth grete thankyngs of hercules and of his armee departid And hercules with his excersite wente vnto the see/He 25 forgate not behynde hym the sayr yole / he louyd her foueraynly. All day he was with her / And she plesyd hym as moche as she myght / doubtyng more to lese his love than she dredde the deth: As they than thus wente by the see mayntenyng to their power the amerous lyss / 30 Hercules rencountrid on a day / nyghe by an haven and

a good cyte / a galeye of marchauntes / Hercules made the galeye to tarye and after callyd the patrone. And axid of hym of what contre he was & fro whens he cam Certes fyre answerd the patrone of the galeye / I depar-5 ted late fro the porte of trace that is here by / I fee well that ye be estranger and that ye knowe not the peryll that ye be Inne. Wherfore I have pyte of yowe and of youre companye And therfore I aduertyse yow & praye yow that at bonext hauen ye shall fynde that in no wyfe 10 ye tarye there / for no thynge that may befall yow/ffor also truly as ye be here . yf ye goo theder ye shall take harme / ffor ther is a kyng a tyrant the moste cruell that is in all the world named Diomedes that holdeth under hym ten thousand theuys. And that he maketh warre 15 ayenst all them that he may fynde and hath a custome that he putteth men to raunson suche as hit plesith hym And yf they that he putteth to suche myserye / paye their raunson. he lateth hem go quyte. And wyth that money and substance he nourysshith his theuys and his 20 horses. And yf they may not furnysshe theyr raunson He hym felf fmyteth hem in to morfellis and gyueth hem to his horses for to ete and deuoure / But there is one thynge good for yowe. ffor thys mornyng he is goon to the Chasse for to hunte in a foreste whiche is a source as myle from trace. And with hym ther ben an honderd of the strengest theuys that he hath. And this knowe I verytably for I have feen hem departe not passyng thre oures a goo &c:

How hercules foughte ayenst Dyomedes in the forest of trace and how he mand his hors to ete hym.

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Ercules heeryng the wordes that the patrone of the galeye fayd to hym and rehercyng the I lyf of diomedes, was passyng Ioyous in hys herte/more than he had fyn the deth of the theef cacus.he had in hym that vertue / that where he myght knowe 5 monstre or tyrant or ony men enpesshyng the comyn wele / thether he wente And fuche tyrans he destroyed And to thende that men shold not saye that he dyde fuche werkes for couetyfe. he wold neuer holde ne reteyne to his propre vse no thynge of their goodes / But » all that he conquerid in suche wyse he gaue hit vnto noble men And preisid no thyng but vertue / He wold not make his feignourye to growe ne to amasse and take to hym felf royame vpon royame. He was contente of that / that nature had gyuen hym. And all way 15 he wold laboure for the comyn wele / O noble herte / O right wel adressid corage / O tresuertuous paynem ther was none like to hym of all them / that were afore hym ne after hym. ffor to holde on and entretiene my mater / Whan the patrone had advertised hym as afore so is fayd . that the tyrant dyomedes was goon an huntyng in to the foreste. with his honderd theuys. He dide fo moche that the patrone shewyd hym the sytuacion of the foreste And by what way and maner he myght fonnest come theder / After this he gaf leue to the patrone as to goo his way. That done he callid his maryners / and made them to seche the place. After he assemblid the grekes and tolde them that he wold that they shold abide hym there. And that he hym felf wyth oute delaye wold goo in to the foreste, that the patrone had enseigned hym to seke diomedes Sayyng b' he wold neuer [lesf 938] 477

retorne in to grecevntothetymethathe had delyuerid the contrey of this tyrant / yole began than to wepe / whan the herdethentrepryfe of hercules and prayd hymtenderly wepyng. that he wold leue and departe hym of the 5 aventure in fo grete paryll / Hercules toke no rewarde ne hede to her prayers. Hedelyuerid to philotes his bowe and his clubbe. And entrid in to a lytill galeye fubtyll and lyghte / Whiche he conduyted by the helpe of phylotes ryght nyghe the place where he wold bee / And 10 toke lande a two bowe shotte ser fro the foreste. And in fettyng foot a lande / he herde the bruyt and noyfe of the Chasse. He had theros grete Ioye / And sayd that he was well adressid / He toke his clubbe / and lefte his bowe with philotes. After he entryd in to the 15 foreste / He had not ferre rengid in the foreste. Whan he fonde diomedes & his honderd theuys. Dyomedes was the firste that fro ferre espyed hercules / he knewe that he was an estrauger / And escryed hym and sayd. Geant what is that thou sechest in this foreste. Hercules ans-20 werd what art thou. Diomedes faid I am the kynge of trace / thou art entrid in to my domynacon with oute my leue/hit displesethme/thou must bemy prysonner/wherforeyelde the to me / Hercules faid than . kynge fyn thou arte diomedes the kynge of trace. thou art fauns faulte 25 the tyrant that I feke. And therfore I am not of thentencion to yelde me with oute strook smytyng / And also to an euyll theef / knowe thou that I shall defende me with this clubbe, with whyche I have ben accustomed to destroye the monstres / And am in hope this daye to make 30 thy horses ete and deuoure thy body lyke as thou haste taught and viid them to ete thy prysonners:.

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THan diomedes herd the answer of hercules /he toke a ryght grete axe that oon of hys theuys bare after hym. And he lyft hit vp escryyng hercules vnto the deth and dischargid so hard. that yf hercules had not torned the strook with his clubbe / he 5 had ben in grete peryll: Diomedes was of the gretenes and stature of hercules. And had largely strength and puyssance / Whan hercules had receyuyd the strook / he enhaunced his clubbe and faillid not to smyte diomedes. ffor he gaf hym suche a strook vpon the stomack 10 and so heuy. that he torned hym vp so down from his horse, and laye all astonyed in the felde / Than his honderd theuys meuyd them and affayllid hercules on all sides. Some of them there were that redressid diomedes and fette hym agayn vpon his horfe / the other late 15 flee vpon hercules largely arowes & dartes And some brake their glayues vpon hym. Alle thise thynges enpayred no thynge the armes of hercules. His hawberc and his helme were of fyn steell sorged and temprid hard. He stode there amonge them lyke a montaygne / so Whan he had fuffrid the fyrst enuage and assault of the theuys. for to shewe to them to whom they fought He meuyd vpon them & smote doun right on all sydes by fuche vertue. that fodaynly he maad the peces of them flee in to the wode And fmote them down of their 25 horses. Diomedes was at that tyme reysid . and with grete fureur and maletalent / with many of his complices cam vnto the rescows of his theuys that hurcules gouernyd as he wold. And whilis that some assayllid hym be fore /he cam behynde & fmote hym with his axe 30 vpon his helme / the strook was grete the fyre sprange [leaf 239] 479

oute. Diomedes had well wende to haue murdrid hercules / how well hercules meuyd not for the strook but a lytill bowed his heed. After this than he lyfte vp his clubbe and fmote amonge the theuys. And maulgre 5 them all in lasse than an oure he had so holden the yren to theyr backes / that of the honderd he flewe fyxty / And the other alle to bruffyd and fruffhyd and putte hem to flyght with diomedes / But hercules rennyng more fwyftely than an hors amonge all other he pourfiewid 10 diomedes so nyghe / that he caught hym by the legge and pullyd hym doun of his horfe And cafte hym doun ayenst a tre vnto the erthe. After he toke hym by the body. and by vyue force bare hym vnto the place where the batayll had ben . There he dyshelmyd hym and vnar-15 med wyth lytyll refistence. For dyomedes was than all to bruffyd. And myght not helpe hym felf / And whan he had hym thus at his wyll / He bonde hym by the feet and by the handes / After thys he affemblid to geder twenty horses of the theuys / that ranne sparklid in 20 the wood / and cam to diomedes & said to hym. O thou curfid enemye that all thy tyme hafte enployed in tyrannye: And didest neuer oon good dede. But all thy dayes haft lyuyd in multeplyyng of fynnes & vices / And that thou hast troublid the peple by theste and proyes irrepa-25 rable / And that thou hast nourysshid thy horses wyth mannys flefsh/And by this cruelte thou haddest supposed to have made me to dye/Certes I shall do Iustice vpon the And shall doo to thyn euyll persone. like as thou woldest haue doon to myne. Than hercules leyde the tyrantin 30 the myddes of the horses/whiche had grete honger/And they anone deuowred hym/for they louyd mannys flefsh [leaf 230 verso]

And thus whan hercules had put the tyrant to deth / he toke his armes in fyngne of victorye. and retorned vnto philotes that abode hym.

Hilotes had grete Ioye whan he sawe hercules retorne. he enquyred of hym how he had doon 5 and how he had born hym And hercules hidde ne concelid no thynge from hym. What shall I saye with grete loye and gladnes, they retorned vnto the grekes And dide do disancre their shippes And saillyd for to aryue at the porte or hauen of trace. Than wold 10 hercules do hit be knowen / hit was late And trace was full of the deth of the kynge diomedes / This notwithstandyng. hercules toke to philotes the Armes of dyomedes And fente hym in to the cyte for to fomone them that gouerned hit / and for to yelde hit in to his handes 15 Philotes wente in to the palais of trace And made to be assemblid them that than were pryncipall in the cyte. Whan they were affemblid philotes dide than open to them his charge and message . and somoned the tracyens/that theyshold put their cyte in the handes of her- so cules / Sayng that hercules was he that had putte to deth diomedes for his euyll lyuyng . and for the loue of the comyn wele. And that the cyte cowde do no better / but to ressevue hym at his comyng. for he wold not pylle hyt. but he wold onely reduyle hit to good po- 25 lycye / Whan he had doon this fomacion. to the ende that they shold beleue hym / he discouerd and shewid vnto them the armes of diomedes .

Han the tracyens had herd philotes/and fawe the armes of diomedes Some of the complices 30 and femblable of the vocacon of diomedes and [leaf 240] 2 H 481

theuys / were full of grete fureur And wold haue taken the armes fro philotes. The other that were wyfe and notable men. and that many yeres had defired the ende of their kynge. feeyng his armes knewe affuridly that 5 dyomedes was ded. And full of Ioye answerd to philotes. ffor as moche as hercules is a kynge of grete renomee and wysedom. And that he had done a werke of grete meryte in the deth of diomedes / that they wold receyue hym with good herte in to the cyte / Wyth oute 10 plente of langage / the tracyens wente vnto the gate and opend hit / Philotes retorned than vnto hercules / And tolde to hym thyse tydynges. Hercules and the grekes wente oute of theyr galeyes. and entrid in to trace by space of tyme. The tracyens brought hem vnto the pa-15 lays where were yet many theuys. Hercules putte alle the theuys to deth. not in the fame nyght/but duryng the space of ten dayes that he soiournyd there / He sette the cyte in good nature of polycye. He delyueryd hyt from the euyll theuys. He maad Iuges by eleccon at the play-20 fir of the peuple / And than whan he had done alle these thynges / He departyd fro trace with grete thankynges as well of the olde as of the younge. He mounted vpon the fee. And after by fuccession of tyme with out ony aventure to speke of . he dide so moche that he cam vnto 25 hys royame of Lycye in to his palais where he was receyuyd with grete Ioye of the Inhabitaus and also of the neyghbours. And there he abode with the fayr yole whome he louyd aboue all temporell goodys..

How devanira was full of forowe for as moche as phercules louyd yole &c.

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Heseus than after the retorne of hercules seeying that he wold abide there And that ther was no memorye / that in all the world was ony monstre ne tyrant . toke leue of his felawe hercules / of yole of philotes and of other / And wente to Athenes 5 and to thebes. Semblably the grekes toke leue, and euery man retorned in to his contre, and to his howse recountynge and tellyng in all places where they wente the grete auentures & pegloryo werkes of hercules. Than the renomee that renneth and fleeth by roy- 10 ames & empyres as lightly as the wynde / Also lightly cam hit and flewe vnto ycome where as deyanyra foiourned / And was fayd to devanira that hercules was retorned fro spaigne. With grete glorye and tryumphe And that he was descended in lycye. Dame deianyra 15 for this renomee was glad, and also subget of a grete and fynguler playfir / and concluded that she wold go vnto hym . How well she was abasshid of that he had not fignyfied to her his comyng. and that he had not fente for her / Sore penfyf and dowtyng that she 20 shold be fallen oute of the grace of hercules / She made redy her excersite And in right noble astate she departid fro ycome on a day for to goo in to lycye. In processe of tyme she cam nyghe vnto lycye. Than she taried there for to attyre and araye her the beste and moste sayrest 25 wyse she cowde or myght / And callid her squyer named lycas, and comanded hym that he shold goo in to lycye . and fignefye to hercules her comyng . At the comandement of deyanyra. Lycas wente in to the cyte And happend hym right at the gate he encountrid and so mette a man of his knowleche a squyer of hercules / [leaf 241] 483

Lycas and the squyer grette and salued eche other / Aster this lycas axed of the squyer and demanded hym where the kynge was and yf he were in his palays / ye veryly sayd the squyer / he is there I wote well and passifith the tyme with his lady yole/the most beste adressid and oute of mesure moste resplendissant lady that is in all the world as grete as hit is. Eche man aloweth her. And preyseth a thousand tyme more than deyanyra / Hercules hath her in so moche grace that contynuelly they ben to geder / And what som euer the lady doth hyt is agreable vnto hercules / And ther is no man that can saye or telle the gretelouethat they have to gyder

yeas heeryng these tydynges of the squyer. toke leue of hym / and maad femblaüt to haue 15 Late falle or lefte behynde hym fome of hys bagues or Iewels / .For as moche as he was of aduyse / ymagynyng in hym felf . that hit was not good that he fignefyed to hercules the comyng of devanyra /vnto the tyme that he had aduertyfed her of hys aftate. Penfyf 20 and symple than he cam to devanira, where as she was attyryng her felf precyoufly and fayd to her / Madame what doo ye here / Wherfore answerd deyanyra. therfore fayd lycas. Why is ther ony thynge fayd deyanira what tydynges. Lycas answerd harde tydynges: I 25 haue herde faye and telle of hercules thynges full of fuche hardynesse. that certes hyt is ryght greuous to me to faye them vnto yow. How be hyt fyn that ye be come thus ferre / And that ye muste nedes knowe and vnderstand them . I telle and saye to yow certaynly that your lorde hercules is in hys palays right Ioyously [leaf 241 verso] 484

And that he hath with hym a lady. fayre by excellence Whom he loueth aboue all thyngis for her beaute whiche is fo hyghe and grete that eche man meruaylleth / and that she is the moste souerayne in beaute / than euer was seen with mannes eye. Beholde and auyse yow 5 what ye will doo er ye goo ony forther / this day hit is sorce to abyde and take counceyll and aduyse.

.F the heryng of these tidynges Deyanira was paffyng angry and was all befpradd with a right grete forow in all her vaynes / She be- 10 gan to quake and tremble. Her fayr heer that was adressid on her heed. she all to drewe hit with her handes in so fell maner / that she disatyred her / and smote her felf with her fyste so grete a strook vpon her breste / that she full down backward in a swowne. The ladies 15 and the damoyfelles that accompanyed her / shryked and cryed dolorously / & were fore meuyd in her blood By space of tyme deyanyra cam to her felf agayn. alle pale and destaynte and thynkynge on the forowe that engendrid in her / And also on the sorowe that was co- 20 myng to her / she spake and fayd with a feble & lowe voys. Poure devanyra what shalt thou do. or whyther shalt thou goo. Thou that fyndest thy self recuylid and put a back fro the loue of thy lord hercules. Alas alas is hit possible that the renouelemet of a lady may take as away my husbond / the herte late Ioyned vnto deyanyra / shall hit be dissoyned by the findyng of a woman of folye. shall she make the separacion, by myn auyse hit may not bee. ffor hercules is noble of herte & loueth vertue And yf he abandonne and gyue me ouer / he shal 30 [lesf 242]

do ayenst vertue and noblesse / I have affiance in hym that he shall be trewe to me. Madame sayd lycas ye faylle no thynge to faye that hercules is noble and full of vertue. ffor he hath employed all his tyme in vertugous thynges, how be hit, he is a man. And hath taken in loue thys newe woman for her beawte. Ne affie yow fo moche in his vertue. that your affiance begyle and deceyue yow / ye know well that fortune ne entertieneth longe prynces or pryncesses on the toppe aboue 10 of her whele / ther is none yet so hyghe. but that he ne maketh hem fomtyme lye benethe amonge them that fuffre. Beholde and see well what ye haue to doo / yf ye go vnto hercules And he receyue yow not . as he hath ben accustomed / that shall be to yow a tytle of dispayre 15 Men faye that he loueth fouraynly this new lady / Hyt is aparaut that he shall sette but lytyll stoor of youre comynge / And yf ye goo the lady shall be euyll content / She hath the bruyt. And euery man is fayn to do her playfir. ther shall be no man so hardy to wel-20 come yow. for the loue of her / goo not theder thanne/the paryll is to grete / I counceyll yow for the better that ye retorne in to ycome / And that ye put this thynges in to your fuffrance / In attendyng and abydyng that the fyre and the bruyt of this lady passe / sfor where as her-25 cules is alle other/than the most parte of the men be / so shall he leue this lady a lytyll and a lytyll &c.

Eyanira considering that licas counceyllyd her truly / beleuyd well this counceyll / And right fore wepyng she retorned in to ycome / Whan the was in the howse of ycome / Than she pryuyd [leaf 242 verso]

her of alle worldly playfir / and helde her folitaryly with oute goyng to festes or to playes. Thus abidyng in this folitude / her greuous annoye grewe more & more by fo ample anoyance that she was constrayned to make Infynyte bewayllyngis and fighes. The contynu- 5 ell confort of her ladyes myght gyue to her no folace The Innumerable deuyles that they made vnto her eeres for to make her passe be tyme. myght neuer take away hercules out of her mynde She viid and lyuyd many dayes this lyf. Hauyng alleway her eere open for to 10 knowe yf hercules sente for her / In the ende whan she had fuffrid ynowhe and fawe that no thyng cam / and that neyther man ne woman was comyng to brynge her tydynges fro the persone of hercules. She made a lettre whiche she delyuerid to lycas for to bere vnto her- 15 cules And chargid hym to delyuere hit to no persone but to the propre hand of hym that she sente hit vnto/ Lycas toke the lettre and wente vnto lycye. And two myle nyghebecyte / he encountrid hercules in a crosseway Hercules cam from Archade where he had newly flayn 20 a wylde boor so grete / that ther was neuer none seen lyke to hym. Whan than lycas fawe hercules he made to hym reuerence And prefentyd his lettre to hym in falewyng hym from deyanyra. Hercules waxe reed and changed colour whan he herde speke of deyanyra. He 25 receyuyd the lettre amyable / and redde hit and fonde therin conteyned as here followeth: .

Ercules my lord the man of the world that I moste desire/I yow supplye that ye haue recomanded your trew servante and Indigne deyanyra 30 [leaf 243]

Alas hercules alas / Where is become the loue of the tyme paste / ye haue now soiourned many dayes in lycye And ye have lete me have no knowleche therof / Certes that is to me a right dolorouse Añoye to suffre and 5 bere . . For I desire not to be deyfyed ne mounte in the celeftyall manoyrs wyth the fonne / wyth the mone ne with the sterrys / But with oute rompure or brekyng of free herte I defire your folempne comynycacion / I may fro hens forth no more fayne / Hit it fayd to me that 10 ye haue another wyf than me/Alas hercules haue I made ony faulte ayenst your reuerence / Wherfore gyue ye me ouer and abandoune me / How may ye do foo / Men name yow the man vertuous / ye abandoue me and forfake me / That is ayenst vertue / how well ye doo hyt / I 15 haue feen the tyme that ye were my husbond In enbrafyng vs to gyder and kyffyng / ye shewyd than to me femblaunce of folas and of Ioye. Now late ye her that ye louyd as a poure femelette / Alas where ben the wittenesses of our maryage/Where be the eternall serements 20 and othes that we made that oon to that other/The men ben deef and blynde. but the goddes here and fee. wherfore I praye yow that ye confidere that ye ought to confydere. And that ye holde youre glorye more derer than ye doo for the loue of youre newe aqueyntyd that ma-25 keth yow to erre ayenste vertue wherof ye haue so grete a Renomee / And I pray yow ryght hertely to sende to me youre playfir &c:.

Han hercules hadd redde from the begynnyng to the endethelettre of deyanira. As he yet behelde and fawe hyt / yole cam vpon hym wyth a thre

honderd damoyselles for to feste and make chiere to hercules. Hercules than closid the lettre and retorned in to lycye holdyng yole by the hande. how be hyt whan he was in his palais / he forgate not deyanira . but fonde maner for to goo in to his studye And there wrote a 5 lettre / And whan hit was achieuyd he toke hit to lycas for to presente hit to devanira. Lycas toke the lettre and retorned home agayn to devanira. ffirst he tolde her the tydynges and of the state of yole. After he delyuerid to her the lettre/conteyning that he recomanded hym so vnto her / And that he had none other wyf but her And that he prayd her that she sholde not gyue her to none euyll thynkynge. but leue in hope and in pacyence / as a wyse lady and noble oughte and is bounde to doo for her honour & worshippe / This lettre lityll or nought 15 conforted devanira. she was strongly attaynte of Ialoufye / Her forowe redowblid and grewe In this redoublyng she wrote yet a nother lettre whiche she sente to hercules and conteyned these wordes that solowe.

Wyf of fo noble a husbonde as ye be / your noblesse is to me more dampnable than proussitable. O fortune I was wonte to reioyse. ffor alle daye / I herde none other thynges but loanges and preysynges of your prowesses and right gloryouse dedes as and seetes wherof the worlde was enlumyned and shoon. now I muste be angry & take displaisir in your werkes that ben sowle and full of vyces. Alle grece murmureth vpon yow And the peple saie that ye were wonte to be the vaynquysshour of alle thynges. and 30 [leaf 244]

now ye ben vaynquysshid of the folyssh loue of yole Alas hercules and how shall I be departed from yow / and be holden the chambryere of the caytyf yole. She is your kaytyf. ffor ye haue flayn her fader / and haue 5 taken her in the pryse of Calidonie / how be hit she hath the place of your lawfull wyf / Alas haue I be faid wel maryed for to be named the fayre doughter of Iupiter kynge of the heuen & of the erthe. Now shall I no more be callid fo / Hyt is not alleway happy to monte vnto 10 the moste hyghe astate / ffor fro as moche as I haue mounted in heyghte and was your felawe / fro fo ferre I fele me falle in to the more grete peryll / O hercules yf for my beaute ye toke me to your wyf / I may well curfe that beaute. ffor that is cause of the greuous shame / that 15 is to me alle euydente. ffor to prenostyque myn harme and euyll future and that is to come can not your astronomyens fee that / I wold I knewe that / I wote well your beaute and my beaute haue brought my herte in to the strayt prysone of sorowe with oute ende. And I may not counte them but for enemyes / Whan by them all forowes comen to me / The ladyes haue Ioye in the preemynence of theyr husbondes: But I have maleure and myshappe. I ne see but displaysir in my maryage / O hercules I thynke alle daye on yow / that ye goo in 25 grete paryls of Armes and of fyers bestes and tempestes of the see: And in the falsenesse of the world Myn herte tremblyth and hath ryght grete feer of that I ought to have beleue and hoope of welthe / Alle that I remembre in my mynde and thynke on the daye I 30 dreme on the nyghte / And than me thynketh veryly that I see the cuttyng sharpp swerdes entre in me and 490 [leaf 244 verso]

the heedes of the sperys. and after me thynketh I see yssue out of the caues of the forestes and desertes/lyons and wilde monstres that ete my flefsh . Syn the begynnyng of oure alyance vnto this day I haue had alle the dayes and nyghtes fuche paynes for yow and borne 5 and fuffrid them. But alas alle these thynges are but lityll in comparacion of the payne . that I now fuffre and endure / ffor as moche as ye mayntene strange women and a woman of all folye / May she be callid the moder of your children / of whome be sparklis of sowle to renomee shall abyde of yow. Of this tache or vyce is my payne redowblid. hit percid my fowle / I am troblid of the dishonour of your ample hyenes. The peple saye that ye ar made a woman . and lyue after the gyle and maner of a woman. And fpynne on the rocke: where 15 ye were wonte to estrangle lyons with your handes ye leue the hantysse of armes / and to be knowen in ferre contrees and royames in shewyng your vertue lyke as ye were wonte to doo. for the onely hauntyse of the caytyl yole that holdeth and abuseth yow: O curlid haun- 20 tyse and foule abusion Speke to me hercules. yf the right hyghe and myghty men that thou hast vaynquysshyd. as diomedes of trace. Antheon of lybye. Busire of egypte. Geryon of spaigne. And cacus the grete theef fawe the thus holden to do nought / for the beaute of a 25 doughter that fone shall passe. What shold they saye / Certes they shold not repute them worthy to be vaynquysshid of the And shold shewe & poynte the with their fynger / as a man shamed and maad woman lyuyng in the lappe of a woman / O how is yole stronge / 30 Whan her handes that ben not worthy ne dygne to threde [lesf 245]

an nedle . hath taken thy clubbe . and brandiffhyd thy fwerd wher with thou haste putte in fere alle the erthe / Alas hercules have not ye fouenance that in your chyldehode lyyng in your cradell ye flewe the two ferpentes / 5 ye beyng a chyld were a man 'And now whan ye haue ben a man. ye are becomen a woman or a chyld/This is the werke of a woman to holde hym alleway wyth a woman / or hit is the fayte of a childe / for to enamoure hym felf on a woman of folye / the trouthe muste be said 10 ye began better than ye ende/your laste dedes answer not to the fyrste / your labours shall neuer be dygne ne worthy of preyfyng ne of loos. . For all the loange and preyfynge is in the ende / Who that begynneth a werke wherof the begynnyng is fayre. and the ende fowle / all is 15 lofte/Certes hercules whan I beholde the gloryous begynnyng that vertue maad in yow. And fee that ye now be vicyous. Alle my strength faylleth and myn armys falle doun as a woman in a spasme or a swowne and wyth oute spyryte. And hit may not seme to me trewe 20 that tho armes that bare awaye by force the sheepe fro the gardyn langyng to the doughters of athlas may fall in to fo grete a fawte, as for to enbrace and beclyppe flesshly an other wyf than his owne: Thys not withstandyng I am acertayned for trowth . that ye holde not 25 kaytyf yole as a kaytyf / but as your owne wyf: not in pryson: But at her playsir in Chambre pareed And in bedde courteyned and hangyd. not difguyfed and fecretly as many holde her concubynes: But openly and wyth vifage open shewyng her righte gloryous to the 30 peple / And the may to doo lafully. for the haldeth yow

prysonner and caytys / And she hath put the gorreau aboute your nekke by her ytalyan subtyll Iogelynges and Iapes. wherof I have grete shame in my self / But as for the amendement / I discoulpe me & can not better hit. but praye to the goddes that they will pourueye 5 for remedye.

How devanira fente to hercules a sherte enuenymed And how hercules brente hym self in the syre of hys sacrefyse / And how devanyra slewe her self whan she knewe that hercules was ded by the cause of her ygnorance &c.

THan hercules had redde this lettre / hevnderstode well what hyt conteyned And was fmyten with remors of conscience / By this remors he vnderstode that vertue was fowlid in hym. He was 15 than all penfyf And fo moche pryuyd from plefance that none durste come to hym in a grete while & space Saue onely they that brought to hym mete & drynke Neyther yole durste not go to hym. Lycas that had brought this lettre was there awaytyng & attendyng so the answere longe. No man coude knowe wherof proceded the folitude of hercules ne the cause why he withdrewe hym fro the peple. In the ende whan hercules had ben longe pensis / and had thought vpon all his affaires and that he had to doo ffor to withdrawe hym and 25 to essenge hym fro yole he departid fro his chambre on a day fayng that he wold goo and make facrefyce to the god apollo vpon the mounte named oethea / And comanded and defended upon pays of deth that no man shold followe hym referuyd philotes. Of auenture as to he yffued oute of hys palays accompanyed only of [leaf 246] 493

philotes for to goo vpon the mounte/he mette lycas / Lycas maad to hym reuerence. and demanded hym/yf hit plesid hym ony thynge to fende to deyanira / Hercules answerd to lycas that he wold go make his sacrefyse to the god Appollo. And that at his retourne and comyng agayn he wold goo vnto her or ellis he wold sende vnto her &c

7 Ith this word hercules and philotes passyd forth and wente on their pilgremage. And lycas retorned vnto deyanira. and tolde to her the Ioyous tydynges that he had receyuyd of hercules / And also what lyf that hercules had ledde syn the day and the oure that he had prefentyd to hym her lettre / Deyanyra all conforted of these good tydynges wente in to 15 her chambre and thankyd the goddes & fortune Anone after she began to thynke on her astate. And thus thynkynge she remembrid her on the poyson / that Nessus had gyuen her in the Artycle of his deth. And how the had shytte hit in one of her coffres. And furthwyth in-20 contynent she opend the coffre and toke the cursid poyfon and one of the shertes of hercules / And as she that ymagyned by the vertue of the poyfon to drawe agayn to her the loue of hercules lyke as Nessus had fayd vnto her. She maad the sherte to be boyllyd with the 25 poyfon. And gaf the charge therof to one of her women Whan the sherte was boyllyd ynowh the woman toke of the vassayle and sette hit to kele. After she toke oute the sherte appertly And wronge hit. But she coude not fo fone haue wronge hit but the fyre fprange in her han-30 des so anguysshously. that as she caste hit vpon a perche to drye / she fyll doun ded : .

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N processe of tyme deyanyra defyryng to haue the sherte / and seeying that the woman that had Lacharge therof. brought hit not / she wente in to the chambre where the sherte had be boillid And fonde the woman ded / wherof she had grete meruayll. Ne- 5 uerthelesse she passid the deth lightly. And by oon of her damoyfelles she made take the sherte that henge on the perche and was drye, and comanded her that she shold folde hit and wynde hit in a kerchief / At the comandement of deyanyra the damoyfell folded and en- 10 uoluped the sherte. But so doyng she was seruyd of the poyfon in suche wyfe that she loste her speche and deyde anone after / This notwithstandyng deyanira that thought on no thynge but for to come to her Intencion toke the sherte and delyuerid hit to lycas And char- 15 gid hym that he sholde bere hit to hercules, praying hym in her name that he wold were hit. Lycas that was redy to accomplish the will of his maystresse toke the charge of the dolorous sherte And departid fro thens and wente vnto the montaigne where as hercules was so And there he fonde hym in a foreste where as was the temple of diane / Hercules had no man with hym but philotes / whiche made redy for hym a grete fyre for to facrefye an herte that hercules had taken rennyng at a course. Lycas than fyndyng hercules in the temple / He 25 knelid doun lowe to hym & fayd. Syre here is a sherte that your Ancylle and servant devanira sendeth vnto yow / She recomandeth her humbly vnto your good grace / and prayeth yow that ye wole receyue thys prefente in gree / as fro your wyf. Hercules was Ioyous of 30 these wordes And anone vnclothyd hym. for to doo on [leaf 247] 495

this curfid sherte. Saying that veryly she was hys wyf / And that he wold for her fake were this sherte In doyng on this sherte he selte a right grete dolour and payne in his body / This notwithstandyng he dide on 5 his other clothes aboue as he that thought none euyll / Whan he was clothyd And the sherte was chauffid his payne and forowe grewe more and more Than he began to thynke . and knewe anone that his maledye cam of his sherte / And felyng the prykkyng of the ve-10 nyme / with oute longe taryyng he toke of his robe And supposed to have take of his sherte fro hys back. And to have rente hit and diffete hit. But he was not strong ynowh for to do foo . . For the sherte helde so fore and cleuyd fo faste and terrybly to hys flessh and was so 15 fastyd to his skyn, by the vigour of the aspre poyson In suche wyse that he tare oute his flessh and bare a way certayn peces therof whan he wold haue taken of hys sherte &c.

Ercules knewe than . that he was hurte and woundyd to the deth / the deth began to fyghte ayenst hym . He began to resiste by drawyng of / of his sherte from his body by pieces of his sless that his blood all myght not an auaylle / He all to rente & dischired his back his thyes. his bodye vnto his entraylles and guttis / his armes his sholdres vnto the boones / His dolour and payne grewe and enlarged to the vtterance / Thus as he retorned by the force of his grete dolorous payne / He behelde lycas and another selawe that he had broughte wyth hym . that were alle abasshid of this adventure / Than he wente to them and sayd vnto lycas / Thou cursyd and vnhappy man / What thynge

hath menyd the to come hether vnder the pryuy habitude of devanyra to brynge me in to the chaunce of fortune What wenyst thou . that thou hast doon . Thou haste seruyd me with a sherte entoxicat of mortall venyme / who hath Introduced the to do this, thou muste nedes 5 receyue thy deferte / And fayng thyse wordes hercules caughte by the heed poure licas. that wifte neuer what to faye and threwe hym ayenst a roche so fyersly that he to frusshid & all to brake his boones. and so slewe hym. The felawe of lycas fledde and hyd hym in a 10 bushe / Philotes was so affrayed that he wiste not what to doo At the oure that hercules was in this poynt moche peple cam in to the temple. The entrailles of hercules broyllid. His blood boyllyd in all his vaynes the poyson percid vnto his herte. his synewis shronke 15 and withdrewe them. Whan he selte hym in this myserye And that the deth hasted hym by terryble batayll as he that coude not take away the repugnance of hys vertuouse force stryuyng ayenst the malyce of venyme He began to renne ouer hyll and ouer valey vp and 20 doun in the foreste . and pullyd vp the grete trees and ouerthrewe them. After he began to rente of hys sherte with the flessh than soden and bruylid / Whan he had longe ladde this lyf. he retorned vnto the temple / alle a certayned of the deth. and lyfte vp his handes and 25 his even vnto the heuen and fayd / Alas Alas muste hit be that fortune lawghe at me for this myserable desftyne comyng of the acufacion of wood Ialousie and forcerve of that woman that in the world I helde and reputyd moste wyse & moste vertuouse. O deyanyra dis- 30 naturall woman . with oute wytte . wyth oute shame [leaf 148] 2 I 497

and with oute honour / wyth an herte of a tyrant alle affamed of Ialousie / how haste thou myghte contryue ayenst me this furour and trayfon envenymed false femenyn wille difnaturall oute of rewle & oute of ordre 5 Thou haddest neuer so moche honour and worshippe as thou now hast deserved blame / not onely for the allone. but for all the women that ben or shall be ever in the world / ffor yf hit happen that the kynges or prynces acquente them with ladyes or damoyfelles for the hu-10 mayne multepliance, they shall never have credence ne affiance in their propre wyues / O deyanira what hafte thou doon. The women prefente and they that ben in the wombes of the wombes of theyr moders / alle shall cracche the in the face and shall curse the with oute ende. 15 ffor the reproche by the tornyng vpon them is Infynyte And the men shall have drede for to be served of the . fherte &c .

Las deyanyra what shall Calcedonie now doo that gloryfied her in thy glorye. And putte and setted the in the fronte of theyr honour as a Charboūcle for the pareement of her precyous thynges/ In stede to sette the in the fronte / they shall caste the vnder feet/And in stede to have glorye of the. they shall have shame / herof they may not saylle /. For by Impitye and dyuerse engyns And by conspyred and swollen cruelte / thou haste conspyred my deth / And haste desloyed and vnbounden one not recoverable Insortune / for the and me . and for our frendes and kynnesmen.

O deyanyra ryghte remauldyt vnhappy and moste cursion sid serpente / to malicyous and reprochable murdryere

Thy false Ialousye hath more power to extermyne my lyf than haue had all the monstres of the worlde / By thyn offence and by thy machynacion hyd & couerte Wherefro I coude not kepe me. I muste dye and passe oute of this world. Syn hit so is I thanke fortune / 5 And axe of the goddis no vengeance of the. But certes to the ende that hit be not said / that the vaynquysshour of men. be not vaynquysshid by a woman. I shall not passe the bitter passage of deth by thy mortall forceries sull of abhomynacon. But by the syre that is nette and 10 clere. and the moste excellent of the elementes.

Hese dolorouse and sorowfull wordes accomplisshyd. Hercules toke his clubbe and caste hit in the fyre that was made redy for to make his facrefyce / After he gaf to philotes his bowe and his 15 arowes. And fyn he prayd hym that he wold recomande hym to yole and to his frendes/And than feling that his lyf had no more for to foiourne. He toke leue of philotes And than as all brente & foden he leyde hym doun in the fyre . lyftyng his handes and his eyen vnto 20 the heuen And there conformed the cours of his gloryous lyf. Whan philotes sawe the ende of his maistre hercules. He brente his body in to asshen And kepte thise asshes in Intencion to bere them to the temple that the kynge euander had do make. After he departid fro thens 25 and retorned in to lycye gretly disconforted And with grete fours of teeris he recounted to yole and to his frendes the pietous deth of hercules No man coude recounte the grete forowe that yole maad / And they of licye as well the estudyents as the rurall peple. All the world 30

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fyll in teeris in fighes and in bewayllyngis for his deth So moche habounded yole in teeris and wepyngis: that her herte was drowned And departid her sowle from the body the bytter water of her wepyng / Eche 5 bodye cursid and spake shame of deyanyra / .Fynably deyanyra advertysid by the felawe of lycas of the myschyef that was comen by the sherte / She fyll in defpayer and maad many pytouse bewayllynges / And amonge all other she sayd / What haue I doo alas / Alas 10 what haue I doo. The most folempne man of men shynyng amonge the clerkes / He that traversid the stronge marches the fondementes terrestre / that bodyly conuerfid amonge the men / And spirytuelly amonge the sonne the mone and the sterris And that susteyned the circom-15 ference of the heuenes is ded. by my cause and by my coulpe And with oute my culpe / He is ded by my culpe ffor I have fende to hym the sherte that hath gyue to hym the bytte of deth / But this is with oute my culpe. for I knewe no thyng of the poyfon / O mortall poyfon / By me is he pryved of his lyffe. of whome I louyd the lyf as moche as I dide myn owne. He that bodyly dwellid amonge the men here in erthe And spyrituelly aboue with the fonne the mone and the celestiall secretis. He that was fontayne of scyence / by whom the Athenyens arrowfid 25 and bedewyd their wittes and engyns. He that made the monstres of the see to tremble in their abismes and swalowis, and destroyed the monstres of helle. He confonded the monstres of the erthe. the tyrantes he correctid. the orguyllous and prowde he humelyed & meked The humble and meke he enhauncyd and exaltyd. He that maad no tresour but of vertue. He that alle [leaf 249 verso] 500

the nacions of the world subjuged and subdued with his clubbe / And he that vf he had wolde by ambicion of feygnourye myght haue atteyned to be kynge of the est. of the west. of the sowth and of the north / of the fees and of the montaynes. of all thife he myght haue 5 named hym kynge and lord by good right . yf he had wold. Alas alas what am I born in an vnhappy tyme Whan so hyhe and so myghty a prynce is ded by my symplesse He was the glorye of the men. Ther was neuer to hym none lyke. ne neuer shall be / ought I to 10 lyue after hym Nay certes that shall I neuer doo. ffor to the ende that amonge the ladyes I be not shewid ne poyntyd with the fynger / And that I falle not in to strange hande for to be punysshid of as moche as I have of coulpe and blame in this deth. I shall doo the venge- 15 ance to my felf / And with that she toke a knyf. and fayng I fele my felf and knowe that I am Innocente of the deth of my lord hercules. And with the poynte of the knyf she ended her dispayred lyf / Wheros philotes was all abasshid. and so were all they of grece / that so longe bewepte and bewaylid hercules, and hys deth And they of athenes bewayllid hym strongly some for his scyence and other for his vertues wher of I wyll now tarye. Befechyng her that is cause of this translacon out of frenshe in to this symple and rude english / == that is to wete my right redoubtyd lady Margrete by the grace of god fuster of my souerayn lord the kynge of england and of ffrance &c Duchesse of bourgoyne and of Brabant &c that she wole resseyue my Rude labour in thanke and in gree: .

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THus endeth the seconde book of the recule of the historyes of Troyes / Whiche bookes were late translated in to frenshe out of latyn/by the labour of the venerable persone raoul le seure preest as a sore is said / And 5 by me Indigne and vnworthy translated in to this rude english/by the comandement of my said redoubtid lady duches of Bourgone: And for as moche as I suppose the faid two bokes ben not had to fore this tyme in oure english langage/therfore I had the better will to accom-10 plisshe this said werke / whiche werke was begonne in Brugis / & contynued in gaunt And finysshid in Coleyn In the tyme of be troublous world / and of the grete deuyfions beyng and reygnyng as well in the royames of englond and fraunce as in all other places vnyuerfally 15 thurgh the world that is to wete the yere of our lord athousand four honderd lxxi. And as for the thirde book whiche treteth of the generall & last destruccon of Troye Hit nedeth not to translate hit in to english / ffor as moche as that worshipfull & religyo9 man dan John lidgate 20 monke of Burye dide translate hit but late / after whos werke I fere to take vpon me that am not worthy to bere his penner & ynke horne after hym. to medle me in that werke. But yet for as moche as I am bounde to contemplare my fayd ladyes good grace and also that his 25 werke is in ryme / And as ferre as I knowe hit is not had in profe in our tonge / And also paraventure / he translated after some other Auctor than this is / And yet for as moche as dyuerce men ben of dyuerce defyres. Some to rede in Ryme and metre. and some in prose 30 And also be cause that I have now good leyzer beyng in Coleyn And haue none other thynge to doo at this tyme 501 [leaf 250 verso]

In eschewyng of ydlenes moder of all vices, I have delibered in my self for the contemplacion of my sayd redoubtid lady to take this laboure in hand by be suffrance and helpe of almyghty god. whome I mekely supplye to gyue me grace to accomplyshe hit to the playsir of ber that is causer therof and that she resseyue hit in gre of me her faithfull trewe & moste humble servant &c.

Thus endeth the seconde book

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In these two bokes precedente, we have by the helpe of god tretyd of the two first destruccyons of Troye with the noble faytes and dedes of the stronge and puissant Hercules . that made and dyde fo many meruayllis that the engyne humayn of alle men oughte to 5 meruaylle. And also how he slewe the kynge Laomedon bete doun and put his cyte of troye to ruyne Now in the thirde and laste book god to fore. we shall saie how the fayd cyte was by Priamus sone of the said kynge laomedon reediffied and repayred more stronge 10 and more puyssante than euer hit was before. And afterward how for the rauysshement of dame helayne wyf of kynge Menelaus of grece . the fayd cyte was totally destroyed Priamus hector and alle his fones flayn with nobleffe wyth out nombre. as hit 15 shall appere in the proces of the chapitres . .

How the kynge Priant reediffied the cyte of troye more stronge than euer hit was afore & of his sones and doughters. And how after many counceyllis he sente Anthenor and Polydamas in to grece for to remande his sufter exione. that Ayax mayntenyd...

OR to entre than in to the matere. ye have herd here to fore at the seconde destruccion of Troye how hercules had taken prysonner Priamus possible some some land as the property of the second property of th

contrey where he had ben right longe / wherfore he was not at that disconsiture: This pryamus had espowsid and weddyd a moche noble lady doughter of Egypseus kynge of Trace / of whom he had syue sones and three doughters of grete beaulte. The syrste of the sones was named Hector, the moste worthy & beste knyght of the world the second sone was named Parys and to surname Alixandre / the whiche was the sayrest knyght of the world. and the beste shoter and drawer of a bowe. The thyrde was callyd deyphebus ryght hardy and discrete / The sourthe was named Helenus a man of grete scyence And knewe all the Artes lyberall. The fifth & the laste was callid Troyllus that was one of the beste knyghtes & aspre that was in his tyme.

I Irgile recounteth that he had two other fonnes by hys wyf / of whom that one was named polidorus / This polidorus was sente by kynge pryamus with a grete foyfon of gold / vnto a kynge his frende for to have ayde ayenst the grekes / But this kyng 20 feeying that the kynge pryamus was at myschief ayenst the grekes/And also he beyng meuyd with couetise/slew polidorus / And buryed hym in an ysle of the see. That other fone was named gaminedes / Whom Iupiter rauysshid and maad hym hys botyller / In the stede of hebe 25 the doughter of Iuno whome he putte oute of that fayd office. The eldest of the doughters of kynge pryamus was named Cheusa whiche was wyf vnto Eneas. And this Eneas was fone of Anchifes and of venus of munidie / The seconde doughter was named Cassan-30 dra / And was a ryght noble vyrgyne / Aourned and lerned with scyences. And knewe thynges that were [leaf 252 verso] 506

for to come. And the thirde was named Polixena that was the fayrest doughter And the beste fourmed that was knowen in alle the world. yet aboue thise chyldren here to fore rehercid. Kyng Pryant had thretty bastard sones by dyuerce women. that were valyant knyghtes noble and hardy..

Han than kyng pryant was in a strange con-trey occupied in the sete of warre the quene and her children were with hym The tidynges cam to hym that the kyng Laomeden his fader was flayn 10 his Cyte destroyed. hys noble men put to deth their doughters brought in seruitude . and also his suster Exiona. Of thise tidynges he had grete sorowe. And wepte largely and made many lamentacions. And anon incontynent he lefte his siege and sinysshid hys 15 warre. and retourned hastely vnto troyes. And whan he fonde hyt so destroyed . he began to make the most forow of the world and that dured longe. And after he had councell to make agayn the cyte, than he began to reedyffye the cyte io grete and io stronge. that so he oughte neuer to doubte his enemyes. And dide do close hit with right hye wallis and with grete towres of marble. the Cite was so grete that the circuyte was thre iourneyes, and at b' time in all b' world was none so grete ne none so fayr ne so gentilly copassed . 25

N this Cyte were fixe pryncipall gates, of whome that one was named dardane, the feconde tymbria, the thirde helyas, the fourthe chetas, the fifthe troyenne and the fixthe antenorides. These gates were right grete [less 153]

and fayre / and of stronge deffence. And ther were in the cyte ryche palayces with oute nombre the fayrest that euer were, And the fayrest houses / ryche and well compassed. Also ther were in many parties of 5 the cyte . dyuerse fayr places and playsaut for the Cytezeyns to esbatre and playe. In this cyte were men of alle Craftes / And marchauntes that wente and cam fro alle the partyes of the world / In the myddell of the cyte ranne a grete Ryuer named Paucus whiche 10 bare shyppis and dide grete prouffit and solace vnto the habitaus. Whan this cyte was thus made The kyng pryant dide do come alle the peple and habytaus of the contre ther aboutes. And maad them dwelle in the cyte And there come so many/that ther was neuer cyte better 15 aourned wyth peple and with noble men and Cytezeyns than hit was. There were founden many games and playes / as the Cheffe playe the tables and the dyfe and other dyuerfe games. In the moste apparaut place of the cyte vpon a roche / the kynge pryant dide do make 20 hys ryche palays that was named ylyon / that was one of the rycheste palays and stronge that euer was in the world. And hyt was of heyght fyue honderd paas wyth oute the heyghte of the towres / wherof was grete plente and so hyghe that hit semed to them 25 that sawe hem fro ferre that they rought vnto the heuene And in thys ryche palays the kynge pryant dyde doo make the Rychest halle that was at that tyme in alle the world / wythinne whiche was hys ryche Trone And the table wher vpon he ete and helde hys astate 30 amonge hys lordes and barons And alle that longed therto was of gold and of fyluer of precyous stones [leaf 253 verso] 508

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and of yuorye / In this halle at oon corner was an awter of gold and precyous stones. Whiche was confecrate in the name and worshyp of Iupiter their god to whiche awter wente men vp twenty degrees or stappes. And vpon the awter was the ymage of Iupiter of stylen soote of heyght. Alle besette and arayed with precyous stones. For in that god Iupiter was alle the esperance and truste of the kynge Pryant for to holde his regne longe and in prosperyte &c:

7 Han he sawe that he had so sayre a Cyte so 10 stronge and so well peplid and with that so ryche of all goodes. he began to take displefir of the wronges that the grekes had don vnto hym And thoughte longe how he myghte auenge hym Than he affemblid on a certayn day alle his barons and 15 helde a ryche Court. At this courte Hector his eldest fone was not / ffor he was in the partyes of Pannonye on the affayres and certayn werkes of his fader ffor as moche as pannonye was subgette vnto kyng pryant / Whan the kyng Pryant sawe alle his solke 20 affemblid andg adred to fore hym / he began to fpeke fayng on this maniere wife / O my men and trewe frendes that ben parteners of the grete iniuryes to me don by the grekes for so lytyl a cause or trespas as ye knowe how the grekes by theyr orguyell ben comen 25 in to this contre / and have flayn cruelly your parentis and frendes and also the myne. And how they have taken and ladde a waye & holde in seruytude Exyone my fuster / that is so sayer & noble And yet they hold her as a comyn woman, ye knowe wel how they have 30 [leaf 254]

beten down And destroyed thys cyte overthrowen the wallys the palays and howfes vnto the fondementis And borne away the grete Rychessis wherof the cyte was full. And for thyse thynges me semeth that hit 5 shold be well rayson that by the helpe of the goddes that refyste the orguyllous and prowd that we alle to gyder by a comyn accorde shold take vengeance of thise Iniuryes / ye knowe what Cyte we haue. And how hyt is peuplid wyth good men of Armes and 10 fyghtars / and garnysshid of all goodes and rychesses Also ye knowe well the Allyauces that we have with many ryght grete lordes / that with good wyll . wyll helpe vs yf hit be nede / wherfore me semeth that hyt shold be good for vs to auenge vs of this shame / But 15 allewaye for as moche as the auentures of the warres ben ryght doubteuses and daungerous / and that no man knoweth what may come therof / how well that the Iniurye be grete And that they holde my fuster in so grete dishonoure / yet wole I not begynne the warre. 20 But firste yf ye thynke good / I shall sende of the moste fage and prudent men that I have / to praye and requyre them that they rendre and yelde agayn my fuster exione And I shall be contente to pardone alle the other Iniuryes &c:.

han the kynge had thus fynyffhid his wordes
Alle the affyftents allowed and preyfyd hys
aduyfe and femed to them good. And than the
kynge pryant callid one of his prynces named Anthenor. And prayd hym fwetely that he wold empryfe
this legacon in to grece / And Anthenor answerd to hym
humbly / that he was all redy to doo his good playfir /

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than was a shippe made redy And all that belonged & was conuenyent to brynge Anthenor in to grece: he entrid in tobeshippe & his meyne. & faillid so longe / be they arryued at the porte of theffaylle / where as was than of auenture the kynge Peleus. that receyuyd Ioyously ynowh anthenor / And demanded hym wherfore he was come in to the parties Anthenor answerd to hym in this manere / Syre said he I am a messanger of the kynge Pryant that hath fent me to yow . and hath comanded me to faye to yow and other / that he is well 10 remembrid of the grete Iniuryes that ye and other haue don to hym / that for so lityl cause or occasion. haue slayn his fader / destroyed his cyte and his peple some ded and some ladd in seruytude. And yet that worse is to hold his suster sowlly in concubynage by hym that 15 holdeth her. And yet at lefte he ought to have, wedded her / And for as moche as ye be a man of so grete witte and dyscresion / the kyng my lorde prayeth yow and warneth. that from hens forth ye fesse the rage and the grete sklaundres that may come for this cause . that w all good men ought to eschewe to theyr power. And that his fuster only be delyueryd agayn to hym / And he shall pardone the ouerplus / And shall holden hit as thyng that neuer had happend &c::..

Han the kynge Peleus had herde Anthenor fo as speke. he Chauffyd hym anone in grete anger and yre. And began to blame the kynge Pryant and saye that his witte was to lighte. And after menaced Anthenor / & comanded hym that he shold goo anone out of his land. for yf he taryed longe there / he so specified assis

wold do flee hym by grete tormente. Anthenor taryed not longe after / but entrid in to hys shyppe wyth oute takyng leue . of the kynge Peleus . And fayllyd fo ferre by the see / that he arryuyd at Salamyne . where 5 the kynge Thelamon foiourned. Than Anthenor wente vnto hym / and exposid to hym the cause of his comyng in this manyer. Syre fayd he the kynge Pryant requyreth effectueufly your noblesse / that his suster exione whome ye holde in your feruyce fo fowlly that ye 10 wold restore vnto hym . For hyt is not syttyng ne torneth vnto yow no glorye ne worshippe to trete so the doughter and fuster of a kynge and that is yssued of a more noble ligne than ye bee. And in caas that ye will restore to hym hys suster. He shall holde alle thynges 15 as not doon as well the domaiges as the dishonours that by yow and other haue ben doon to hym.

Han the kynge Thelamon had herde Anthenor so speke / He began to wexe passyng angry And answerd to hym right fiersly saying. My 20 frende fayd he what fome euer thou be / I haue moche meruaylle of the fymplenes of thy kynge / to whome I haue none Amytye / neyther he to me. And therfore I oughte not obtempre to hys prayer ne requeste. Thy kynge oughte to knowe that I and other haue ben there 25 for to venge an Iniurye / that hys fader Laomedon dide late to fome of oure frendes. And for as moche as I than entryd firste in to the cyte of troyes with grete trauayll and effusion of my blood. Exione of whom thou spekest whyche is ryght fayre was gyuen vnto me for 30 the guerdoun of my victorye / for to doo wyth her my [leaf 255 verso] 512

will / And for as moche as she is so well to my playsir as she that is of grete beawte and remplished with
all scyences/hit is not to me so light a thinge to rendre
and delyuere agayn thyng that is so sayre and auenaut. whiche I have conquerid wyth so grete payne s
and daunger / but thou shalt saye to thy kynge that he
may never recovere her but by the poynte of the swerd
And as for me I repute the for a fooll that ever woldest enpryse this legacion wherein lyeth thy grete perill
for thou arte comen amonge peple that strongly hate so
the and thy semblables / therfore go thy waye hastely
out of this contre. sfor yf thou abyde more here I shall
make the dye by cruell deth &c::

Han Anthenor herd Thelamon so speke/he entryd ryght hastely in to his shippe. And saylyd 15 fo ferre that he arryuyd in Achaye where the kynge Castor and the kynge Polux his broder soiourned / he descended lightly from his shippe and exposed to them his legacyon lyke as he had made to the other/ And the kynge Castor answerd to hym in grete yre so and fayd to hym thus. ffrende who that thow arte I wyll that thou knowe / that we wene not to haue Iniuryed the kyng Pryant wyth out cause / as hit is fo that the kynge Laomedon his fader began the folye wherfore he was flayn. ffor he wronged fyrst cer- 25 tayn of the moste nobles of grece / / And therfore we defyre more the euyll wyll of thy kynge Pryaut than hys good loue or pees. And certes hit semeth well that he had not the in chierte whan he sente the hether to do this message in thys contre wherfore I rede see po [leaf 256] 2 K 513

well to that thou abyde not here longe / ffor yf thou goo not Incontynent thou shalte dye vylaynsly. Than Anthenor parted with oute leue / and entryd in to his shyppe. And saillyd tyll he cam to pyllon where the 5 duc Nestor soiourned wyth a grete companye of noble men. Anthenor wente vnto hym and fayd that he was messanger of kynge Pryant . And sayd and accountyd to hym his legacion in fuche wife as he had fayd to the other before / And yf the other were angry 10 This Nestor angryd hym self more ayenst Anthenor and fayd to hym / Ha . ha . ylle varlet / who maad the fo hardy for to faye fuche thynges to fore me. Certes yf hyt were not / that my noblesse refrayned me / I shold anone do arasche thy tonge oute of thy hede 15 And in defpyte of thy kynge I shold by force of horse do alle to drawe thy membres one from an other. Goo thy way hastely out of my syght. or by my goddes I shall doo to be doon alle that I have sayd &c.

Han Anthenor was alle abasshid of his horryble wordes of duc Nestor And doubtynge the surour of hys tyrannye. retorned vnto the see / and put hym on his repayre to troye ward: And he had not ben longe on the see. whan a grete tempeste aroose And the ayer began to wexe derke and to rayne and to thonder right meruayllously. And to make grete wyndes contrarye / and to wexe thykke myste horryble And hys shyppe was born on the wawes one tyme hyghe and a nother tyme lowe in grete peryll. And there was not a man in the sayd shyppe/that ne supposed to dye And that ne maad specyall promesses and start says seems.

vowes to her goddes And in thise parillis were they thre dayes / and on the fourthe day the tempeste cessid And the ayer wexe all clere and becam payfyble . than they conforted hem felf. and fayllid fo ferre that they cam to the porte of Troyes / And wente hem strayte to 5 their temples. to yeue thankynges to their goddes of that they had escaped so many paryllis as they had ben Inne . And after Anthenor wente wyth a grete companye of noble men to fore the kynge Pryant / And whan all the barons were affemblid And alle 10 the fones of the kynge present. Then Anthenor tolde alle by ordre . that he had founden in grece . lyke as hit is conteyned here to fore. Of thise tydynges was kynge Pryant fore troublid and fory of the obprobrye and repreuys that they had doon to his messanger 15 in grece. And than he had no more hope ne truste to recouure hys suster &c::..

How the kynge pryant affemblid all his barons for to knowe whome he myght fende in to grece for to gete agayn his fufter exione. And how hector answerd so and of his good counceyll / And how Parys exposed to hys fader the vysion and the promesse of the goddesse Venus &c::..

Han the kynge priaut was thus adcertayned of the hate of the grekes. & by no fayr mene he coude *5 recourse his fuster / he was menyd with grete yre / and thoughte that he wold sende a grete Nauye in to grece for to hurte and domage the grekes / / Alas kynge pryant telle me what mysauenture is this that hath gyuen to the so grete hardynes of corage. for to caste 30 [leaf 257]

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oute thy felf of thy welthe and reste / and why maiste not refrayne the fyrste meuynges of thy corage / how well that hyt was not in thy puyssance / yet thou oughtest to have take good counceyll and meure / And 5 to haue in thy mynde that men faye comunely / Some man weneth to avenge hys forowe / And he encrefyth hit. Hyt had ben more sewre thynge to the / to haue remembrid the prouerbe that fayth / that he that fytteth well / late hym not meue . or ellis . he that is 10 well at his ese late hym kepe hym there in . Alle thynge may be fuffryd. faue welthe / a man that goth vpon playn ground hath no thynge to stomble at . In thys maner than aforefayd kynge pryant thought longe And after he affemblid on a day all hys noble men in 15 his palays of ylyon: And fayd vnto them / ye knowe how by your counceyll Anthenor was sente in to grece for to recouere my fuster exione. And that by fayre manyere / ye knowe also how he is retorned / And what wronges and obprobres he hath founde: And me femeth that the grekes make lytyll counte of the Iniuryes that they have doon to vs / At the lefte yf they by their wordes repente hem not / but yet they menasse vs more strongly than euer they dide. God forbede that euer hyt shold come vnto vs / like as they menasse vs . 25 But I pray the goddes to gyue vs puyssance tavenge vs after theyr trespaas / And as for me / Me semeth that we be more puyssaut and stronge than they ar / And also we have the moste sewreste Cyte And the best garnysshid of the world / And also we have of 30 grete lordes ryght grete plente alved to vs for to helpe and ayde vs at our nede. And me semeth for conclusion 516 [leaf 257 verso]

that we have well the puyssance for to domage and hurte our enemyes in many maners / And vs to defende from them. And so shold hit be good for to begynne to shewe to them. what puyssance we have to greue them with alle / yf ye thynke hit good we shal sende our men secretii that shal do to them grete domage er that they shall be redy for to desende them. And for that ye oughte alle to employe yow to take vengence of thise Iniuryes. and that ye have no doubte for ony thynge. in as moche as they had syrste victorye / ffor to hit happeth ofte tymes that the vaynquers ben vaynquysshid of them that were vaynquysshid &c:.

Han all they that were present alowed the aduyle of the kynge. and offryd euery man by hvm felf to employe them to the same with all 15 theyr power / wherof the kynge Priant had grete Ioye And after that he had thanked hem/he lete euery man departe and go home to theyr owne howses / reserved onely his fones legytifme and the baftardis whome he helde in hys palays. And fayd to them the com- > playnte of the grekes wyth wepyng teres in this manere. My fones ye haue well in your memorye the deth of your grantfader / the seruytude of your Aunte Exione. that me holdeth by your lyuyng in manere of a comyn woman / And ye be so puyssant. me se- *5 meth that rayfon shold enseygne yow. for to employe yow to avenge this grete Iniurye and shame. And yf thys meue yow not therto . yet ye ought to do hyt to fatysfye my wyll and pleasyr / ffor I dye for sorowe and anguyssh to whiche ye ought and ben bounde so [leaf 258] 517

for to remedye to your power that haue do yow so well be nourysshyd and brought furth. And thou hector my ryght dere sone/that art the oldeste of thy bretherin the moste wyse and the moste stronge: I praye the sfyrst that thou empryse to putte in execucion thys my wyll. And that thou be due and prynce of thy bretherin in thys werke. And alle the other shall obeye gladly vnto the. And in lyke wyse shall doo alle they of this royame for the grete prowesse that they knowe in the. And knowe that from this day forth I dispoylle me of alle thys werke and putte hyt vpon the that arte the moste stronge and aspre to mayntene the bataylles And I am Auncyent and olde / And may not forth on helpe my self so well as I was wonte to doo &c.

O these wordes answerd Hector right sobrely and fwetely fayng my fader / and my ryght dere and fouerayn lord. Ther is none of alle your fones/but that hit femeth to hym thyng humayne to defyre vengeance of thyse Iniuryes. And also to vs 20 that ben of hyghe noblesse a lytyll Iniurye ought to be grete / as hit is so that the qualyte of the persone groweth and mynnyssheth so oughte the qualyte of the Iniurye / And yf we defyre and haue appetite to take vengeance of our Iniuryes / we forfake not ne leue 25 the nature humayne. ffor in lyke wyfe do and vfen the dombe bestes in the same manyere / and nature enseigneth and gyueth hem therto. My ryght dere lord and fader ther is none of alle your fones that oughte more to defyre the vengeance of the Iniurye & deth of our 30 Ayeul or granfader than I . that am the oldeste / But [leaf 258 verso] 518

y will yf hit plese yow that ye considere in this empryse not onely the begynnyng / but also the myddell and the ende / to what thyng we may come here after / ffor otherwhyle lityll prouffyten some thynges well begonne that come vnto an euyll ende. Than me thynketh 5 that hit is moche more allowable to a man to absteine hym for to begynne thinges wherof the endes ben daungerous / And wherof may come more euyll than good ffor the thynge is not fayd ewrous or happy vnto the tyme that hit come vnto a good ende I faye not thyse 10 thynges for ony euvll or cowardyse. But onely to the ende that ye begynne not a thyng. And specyally that thynge that ye have on your herte to put hit lightly in ewre. But that ye fyrst be well counceyllyd / ye knowe well that alle Affricque and Europe ben sub- 15 gettys vnto the grekes. How ben they garnysshid of knyghtes worthy . hardy . and ryche ryght meruayllously. Certes at this day the force and strength of vs here . is not to be compared vnto them in force ne in vayllyance. Wherfore yf we begynne the warre so ayenst them . we myght lyghtly come to a mescheuous and shamefull ende / we that ben in so grete reste and ease a mongs our silf, what wole we seke for to trouble our prosperyte and welfare. Exyone is not of fo hyghe pryfe, that hit behoueth alle vs to put vs in 25 peryll and doubte of deth for her She hath ben now longe tyme there . where she is yet , hit were better that she parforme forth her tyme that y trowe hath but lityl tyme to lyue. than we sholde put vs alle in suche peryllys And mekely y befeche yow not to suppose in so no maner / that y faye these thynges for cowardyle [leaf 159] 519

But I doubte the tournes of fortune / And that vnder the shadowe of thys thynge she not bete ne destroye youre grete seignourye/And that we ne begynne thynge that we ought to leue for to eschewe more grete myss chyef &c:.

(**TY** Han Hector had maad an ende of hys anfwer . Parys was no thynge well contente therwyth. He stode vp on hys feet and sayd in thys wyfe. My ryght dere lord I befeche yow to 10 here me faye to what ende ye may come yf ye begynne the warre agaynst the grekes / How be not we garnysshid of so many and noble Chyualrye as they ben. Certes that bee we / whyche in alle the world is none that may disconfyte. And therfore begynne ye hardely 15 that empryle that ye have thoughte/And sende of your shyppis and of your peple to renne in grece / And to take the peple and domage the contre. And yf hyt plefe yow to sende me / I shall doo hit wyth a good wyll and herte: .For I am certayne that yf ye fende me/that 20 I shall doo grete domage vnto the grekes. And I shall take fome noble lady of grece and brynge her with me in to this Royame. And by the comutacion of her/ye may recouere your fuster exione / And yf ye wyll vnderstand and knowe how I am certayn of this thynge 25 I shall saye hit to yow how the goddes have promysid hit to me. Hit happend to me late fayd parys in the tyme that by your comandement I was in the lasse ynde at the begynnyng of the Somer / And that vpon a fryday. I wente me to hunte in a foreste ryght erly 30 And fo that morenynge I fonde no thynge that torned me to ony playfyr / And than after myddaye [leaf 259 verso] 520

y fonde a grete herte that y put to the chasse so swystely that y lefte alle my felawshyp behynde and solowed the herte in to the moste deserte place of alle the foreste, whyche foreste was named yda. And so longe y folowed hym that y cam vnto a place b' was 5 passyng obscure and derke. And than y sawe nomore the herte that v chassvd. v felte me fore wery and my horse also that myght no further go and swette on all fides. y lyghte a doun to the grounde. and teyde my horse to a tree And leyde me doun vpon the grasse and layde 10 vnder my heed my bow torquoys in the stede of a pelowe . and anone y fylle a flepe . Than cam to me in a vilyon the god Mercurye. and in his companye thre goddesses That is to wete Venus Pallas and Iuno he lefte the goddesses a lityl fro me . and after he ap- 15 proched and fayd to me in this wife Parys y haue brought here thise thre goddesses vnto the . for a grete ftrif or tenchon that is fallen betwene them / They have all chosen the to be juge and determyne after thy will Theyr tenchon or stryf is suche / that they ete that other 20 daye to geder in a place. and than fodaynly was cafte amonge hem an apple of fo meruayllous fourme of fayrenes and beaulte that neuer was feen non fuche a forne amongs them. And ther was wreton aboute thys forfayd apple in grekysh langage be hit gyuen to 25 the fayreste. And so anon eche of them wold have hit for ony thynge in the world Sayng eche her felf to be most sayre: and sayrer than the other And so they myght not accorde. Wherfore they ben submysed to thy jugement. And eche of hem promytteth the fertayn- 20 ly a yeste for thy reward b' thou shalt have withoute [lesf 260]

faylle for the Iugement of the Apple / yf thou Iuge that Iuno be the fayreste / she shall make the the moste noble man of the world in magnyficence / yf thou Iuge for pallas she shall make the the moste wysest man of all s the world in all fcyences / yf thou Iuge that venus be the fayreste she shall gyue vnto the the moste noble lady of grece . TWhan I herde Mercuryus thus speke to me / I fayd to hym / that I cowde not yeue trewe Iugement / but yf I sawe hem alle naked to fore me for to 10 fee the better the facions of their bodyes / for to yeue a trewe Iugement. And than Incontynent / mercurius dide them do vnclothe all naked . and than I behelde hem longe: And me thoughte alle thre passyng fayre. But yet me semed that Venus exceded the beaulte of the 15 other / And therfore I luged that the Apple apperteyned to her / And than venus gretly reioyssid of my Iugement confermed to me the promesse that mercurye had maad to me in the fauour of her / And after I awoke anone / Wene ye than my right dere fader that the 20 goddes faylle of thynge that they promysse / nay veryly So than I faye yow this to the ende that ye fende me in to grece. And that ye may have loye of that I shall doo there &c .

Fter Parys spacke Deyphebus in thys manyere. My ryght dere lorde yf in alle the werkys that men shold begynne / men shold auyse in all the particularytees and synguler thynges that myght happe or falle / ther shold neuer enterpryse ner no feet be doon ner maad by hardynes / yf the labourers

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shold leve to ere and sowe the lande. for the seed that the birdes recuyelle and gadre, they shold never laboure And for fo moche ryght dere fader late make redy for to sende in to grece of yourshippisye may not beleue better counceyll than that councel that Paris hath gyuen 5 to yow ffor yf he brynge ony noble ladye. ye may lightly for to yelde her agayn. haue agayn your fuster exione for whome we all fuffre vilonye ynowhe. After this spake helenus the fourthe sone of kyng Pryant that faid thus . ha . ha . right puissant kynge and right soue- 10 rayn domynatour vpon vs your humble subgettes. & obeyssant sones. beware that coueytise of vengance put not yow in fuche daunger as lyeth herein . ye know well how y knowe and can the fcyence to knowe the thynges future and to come . as ye haue prouyd many 15 tymes with oute · fyndyng fawte . the goddes forbede that hit neuer come that parys be fente in to grece. ffor knowe ye for certayn that yf he goo to make ony affault. ye shall see this noble and worshipfull Cyte deftroyed by the grekes The troyans flayn and we so alle that ben your Chyldren. And therfore deporte yow of these thynges, whereof the ende shall be sorowe and grete execucion of ryght byttre deth . And that ye youre felf and your wyf and we . we that ben youre sones may not escape. for trewly yf paris 25 goo in to grece all thyse euyllis shall come therof . .

Han the kyng herde Helenus thus speke he was all abasshid and began to countrepeyse and thynke And helde his peas and spake [leaf 261] 528

not of a grete whyle And fo dyde alle the other /Than arose vpon his feet Troylus the yongest sone of kynge pryant And began to speke in this manyere / O noble men and hardy / how be ye abasshid for the wordes of s this Coward preste here / is hit not the custome of prestes for to drede the bataylles by pusillanymyte / And for to loue the delyces and to fatte and encrasse hem & fylle their belyes with good wynes and wyth good metys / Who is he b' beleuyth that ony man may knowe 10 the thynges to come / but yf the goddes shewe hit hem by reuelacion. Hyt is but folye for to targe vpon thys or to beleue fuche thynges /yf helenus be a ferd late hym goo in to the temple And fynge the dyuyne feruyce. And late the other take vengeance of their Iniuryes by 15 force of armes. O ryght dere fader and lord wherfore art thou so troublid for these wordes / sende thy shippis in to grece and thy knyghtes wyfe and hardy / that may rendre to the grekes theyr Iniuryes that they have doon to vs / Alle they that herde troylus thus speke / they a-20 lowed hym fayng that he had well fpoken / And thus they fynyshid their parlament and wente to dyner.

Fter dyner the kynge pryant callid Parys and Deyphebus / And comanded them expressy that they shold goo vnto the partyes of Panonye 25 hastely to secche and assemble knyghtes wyse and hardye for to take with hem in to greee. And than that same day parys and deyphebus departed from the cyte of Troye for to accomplishe the wyll of theyr sader [leaf 261 verso]

The day following the kynge affemblid to counceyll. Alle the cytezeyns of the cyte of troye and fayde to them O my frendes and trewe bourgoys / ye knowe alle notoriely / how the grekes by theyr pryde haue don to vs grete wronges. And Innumerable domayges as hit is 5 well knowen in alle the world / And ye knowe also how they holde exione my fuster in seruitude / wherfore I lyue in grete forowe/& also ye be remembryd how I haue sente Anthenour in to grece that hath nothing doon/wherfore my forowe is dowblid. And for as moche as by 10 yron ben cured the woundes Infanable / I have purposid to sende parys my fone with men of Armes & puissance in to grece.. For to enuality and affaylle oure enemyes by strengthe And for to doo to them grete domayges and for to affaye yf they might take ony noble lady of grece 15 And her to sende in to this cyte And that by the commutacion of her / I myght gete agayn my fuster exione And for fo moche as I will not begynne this thinge / but that hit may come to your knowleche firste. I praye yow that ye faye to me your aduys .For with oute yow I 20 wyll not procede further therin .For as moche as hit toucheth yow alle as well as me.

Han the kynge had thus finysshid his wordes and that eche man heldehymstille a gretewhile. Than stode up a knyght named pantheus. That 25 was the sone of deusrobe the philosopher And sayde. O right noble kynge as I am your trewe servant and vassale / I will expose to yow my corage of this werke also treuly as a vassale and subgette oweth to counceyll his lorde / ye have had well in knowleche deusrobe 30 the grete philosophre my sader That livyd hole & sounde [leaf 262]

more than nyne skore and ten yere / And was so wyse in philosophye that he knewe the science of thynges to come here after he faide to me many tymes and affermed for trouthe / That yf parys your sone wente in to grece 5 for to take ony noble lady by vyolence / That this noble cyte shold be destroyed and brente in to asshes by the grekes and that ye and alle yowris shold be slayn cruelly / And therfore ryght fage and wyfe kynge plefe hit your noblesse to here my worde and beleue that the 20 wyse men haue sayd / And also in that thynge that ye may not lese to leue / And wherof grete sorowe may ensiewe yf ye perseuere / wherfore wyll ye put an enbusshement vpon your reste / And to put your tranquyllite vnder the dangereuses auentures of fortune / Leue this 15 and departe yow yf hit plese yow fro this solye / And parfyne and ende your lyf in reste ewreusly / And suffre not parys to goo in to grece in Armes And yf ye wolle algate Sende ye another than parys / At these wordes of pantheus fourded and aroofe grete murmures of the 20 heerers / Some reprouyd the prophecyes of deufrobe the philosopher / And some helde hit for mocquerye and fable / And they were of the grettest nombre / in so moche that by the confente of the more partye / Parys was comyfed for to go in to grece wyth men of 25 Armes / And the parlament fynysshid eche man wente hym home in to his hous and to his place.

Whan this conclusion was comen to the knowleche of cassandra the doughter of kynge pryant / she began to make so grete sorowe / As she had be solysish or oute of her mynde. And began to crye an hyghe saying.

Ha. ha. right noble cyte of troye / what fayerye hath meuyd the to be brought to suche paryllis / for whiche thou shalt in shorte tyme be beten down And thyne hyghe tourys ben demolisshid and destroyed vnto the ground Ha ha quene hecuba for what synne hast thou deserved 5 the deth of thy children whiche shall be cruell and horrible / wherfore destournest not thou paris fro goyng in to grece / whiche shall be cause of this engl auenture. And whan she had so cryed / she wente to her fader the kynge. And with wepyng drowned in terys prayd 10 hym. That he shold deporte hym and leue his empryse. And that she wiste by her scyence the grete euglis and harmes that were comyng by this cause / But neuer for the dissuacions of hector. Ne the monyssions ne warnynges of cassandra the kyng wold not change his 15 purpoos ne for helenus his fone ne for pantheus &c.

How parys and deyphebus / Eneas Anthenor and Polidamas were fente in to grece And how they rauyffhyd helayne oute of the temple of venus with many prysonners and richesses and brought them to Troye where parys espowsed the sayd helayne.

T thentre of the moneth of maye / whan the erthe is attyred and aourned with diuerse flowres. Parys and deyphebus retorned fro panonye and brought with hem thre thousand knyghtes / ryght 25 hardy and wyse / Than they made redy two and twenty grete shippes and chargid and leyde in them alle that was conuenyent for them Than the kynge pryant callid Eneas Anthenor and polidamas that was the sone of Anthenor / And prayd hem and comanded that they 30 shold go in to grece with parys and deyphebus / And [leaf 263]

They offryd hem felf to goo wyth good wylle / And whan they were alle redy and affemblid for to goo in to theyr shyppis / The kynge pryant spake to them in this manere / hit behoueth not to replicque many wordes . For 5 ye knowe well ynowhe for what cause I sende yow in to grece / And how well that I have cause for to avenge me of the wronges that the grekes haue don to vs / Alleway the pryncypall cause is to recouere my suster exione that lyueth in fo grete fylthe and miserye / And for to do 10 fo ye owe to employe yow / Wherfore I pray yow and admoneste yow that ye putte alle your payne and dilygence that I may recourre my fuster / And be ye certayn yf ye haue mester or nede of socours / I shall socoure yow wyth fo grete a strengthe that the grekes shall not 15 mowe fuffre / And I wyll that in this voyage ye holde Parys my fone Duc and conduytour of this bataylle. And after hym deyphebus / And to doo by the counceyll of Eneas and Anthenor.

.Fter these wordes Parys and alle the other toke leue of the kynge and entryd in to theyr shyppis And drewe vp saylles / And recomanded hem in the conduyte of Iupiter and of venus / And saylled so ferre by the hyghe see / That they arryued in the parties of grece in consteying the contre/that hit happend hem on a day that they mette a shippe in the whiche was one of the grettest kynges of grece named Menelaus that wente vnto the cyte of pyre vnto the duc Nestor that had sente for hym This Menelaus was broder of kynge Agamenon and was maryed vnto the quene helayne / That was the sayrest ladye in the world that men knewe of in her tyme And she was suster

of kynge castor and polus that dwellyd than to geder in the cyte of famestare And nourysshyng with hem hermone theyr nyece doughter of the fayd helayne / Menelaus made a lityll discouere his shippe And to torne out of the ryght waye / And fo that one knewe not that 5 other And the Troians fayllyd fo ferre that they arryued in the yle of cythare in grece And there they Ancred theyr shippys and wente a lande / In this yle was a temple of venus passing Auncient and of grete beaulte full of all richesses / . For as moche as the habitantes also 10 of the contrey had theyr deuocion specially vnto venus the goddesse And sollempnysed her festes eche yere / and she gas to them answers of theyr demandes Than whan the troians were arryued they halowed the moste principall feste of venus And for this cause were assemblid 15 men and women of the contre ther aboute / That made grete seest &c .

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[/ / Han parys knewe this feeft / He toke his befte clothis &dyde hem on and also the beste sarying and klenliest men that he had. And wente hym so in to the temple and entryd therin by fayre and swete manere and made his oblacion of gold and feluer with grete largesse Than was parys strongly beholden on alle sides of them that were there for his beaulte. For he was one the fayrest knyght of be world and was so richely 25 and fo queyntly clothed and habyllyd that hit gaf grete playfir vnto alle them that beheld hym. And euery man defired to knowe what he was and whens he cam. And they demanded of the troians that tolde hem / that hit was parys sone of kynge Pryant of Troye / That 30 was comen in to grece by the comandement of his fader. [leaf 264] 529

.For to requyre amyably that they wolde rendre and yelde agayn Exione his fuster that they had gyuen to kynge Thelamon / So ferre wente the tidyngis of the comynge of these troians and of theyr beaulte and hyghe 5 apparayll that the quene helayne herd speke therof And than after the custome of women / She had grete desire to knowe by experyence yf hit were trouthe that she herde speke of / And disposid her to go vnto the temple vnder the colour of deuocion for to accomplish her desire. 10 O how grete folye is hit vnto honeste women to wylle goo often tymes vnto the festes and esbatemens of yong peple / That lityll or nought do there / But muse and deuyse how they may come to theyr desires. And recche not what meschyes may solowe in body and in sowle. 15 The shyppe shold neuer peryssh yf hit abode alleway in the porte / And were not fente oute in to paryllys of the fee / Hit is a good thynge and a precyous Iewell of a good woman that holdeth her honestly in her hows. O how grete domage cam vnto the grekes and to the 20 Troians of this that helayne wente fo lyghtly to fee the Troians / That ought not fo to do and specyally in the absence of her husbonde / But as hit is the custome of women to wyll brynge theyr defire to the ende. Helayne Incontynent dyde do make redy horse and alle 25 that was convenyent for to goo vnto the temple. And she dyde hem to vnderstande that she wente for deuocion / .For this temple was not ferre fro the place that she dwellyd / Whan alle was Redy And she clothyd in habyte Ryall / She rood with 30 her companye vnto the ysle of Cythare / And entrid in to a vessell that brought her nyghe to the temple. [leaf 264 verso] 530

where she was receyuyd with grete worship of them of the contrey as theyr lady/she entrid in to the temple right stately. And made there her deuocion and her oblacions with grete largesse &c.

Type Than parys knewe that the quene helayne that s was wyf of kynge Menelaus one of the moste noble kynges of grecewas comen vnto this temple / He arayed hym in the moste gentilmanliest wyse that he coude and his companye And wente in to the temple .For he had longe tyme before herd speke of her grete 10 beaulte. And than as he was comen and fawe her / He was gretly esprifed with her loue And began strongly to beholde her. And to defire to fee the facion of her body That was so fayr and well shapen in alle thinges / and in suche wife that hit semed properly to them that sawe 15 her/That nature had made her to be beholden & befeyn. .For in her was no thing but that hit seruyd to encrece alle the beaulte b' myght befounden in a woman / wherfore parys might not forbere to beholde her/faying in hym felf that he had neuer feen ne herde speke of ony so fayre so and so well fourmed And as he behelde her / In like wyse helayne behelde hym also many tymes and ofte. and her femed that he was more fayrer a grete dele than had ben reported to her And well fayd in her felf that the fawe neuer man of fo grete beaulte / Ne that plefid as her so well to beholde And so she lefte alle her deuccion and alle other thoughtes And gaf no fors ne raught of no thing than / faue only for to beholde parys. Whan parys knewe and fawe this he had grete Ioye / and behelde her swetely more and more and she hym / By whiche 30 fighte they shewyd ynowhe of theyr defires / that one to [leaf 265] 531

that other / And thoughte gretly by what occasion they myght speke to gyder / And so longe they behelde eche other that by semblaunt / Helayne made a token or signe to parys that he approchid to her / And anone parys satte down beside her / whilis that the peple playde in the temple And spack to her wyth a softe voys ryght swetely and she to hym / And exposid eche to other how they were surprysid of the loue of that one and of that other / And how they myght come to the ende after her desire / And whan they had spoken ynowgh of theyr hote loue / Parys toke leue of her And yssued out of the temple / He and his selawshipp / And helayne sente after hym her eyen also fer as she myghte.

Than Parys was comen to his shippe / he callyd to hym the moste noble and grettest of his companye / And fayd to hem in this manyere / My frendes ye knowe well wherfore the kynge my fader hath fente vs in to grece / That is to wete for to recouure Exione his fuster. And yf we may not recouure her that 20 we shold do domage vnto be grekes/we may not recouure Exione . For she is in ouer stronge an hand And also hit shold be to ouer grete daunger and domage / syn it is so that the kynge Thelamon that holdeth her and loueth her ftrongly / is more puyssant than we and is in his owen 25 propre heritage / we ben no thynge so puyssant for to take in grece ony noble cyte/the contre is so full of peple and of many vayllyant folk Than me femeth good that the fayr yefft and notable that the goddes hath fente vnto vs / we reffuse not / we see in this yle comen to the 30 feste the moste grettest Cytezeyns / and the temple replenysshid wyth the moste noble women of this prouynce [leaf 265 verso] 532

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And also the quene helayne / that is lady of this contre and wyf of kynge menelaus / This temple is also full of alle richesses / yf we myght take them a liue that ben in the temple and brynge them prysoners with vs and take the goodes that ther ben of gold and of filuer / we 5 shall have conquerd a grete gayne. And other richesses that we shold go secche in other places / yf ye seme good I am of the oppynyon / that now this nyght we shall entre in to the temple alle armed / And that we shall take men and women and alle that we shall finde and 10 brynge in to our shippes and principally helayne /. For yf we maye brynge her in to troye / The kynge pryant may lightly I nowh haue agayn his fuster Exione for her. Therfore adulyfe yow hastely what is beste to be don. whilis that hit is in poynte And er they escape vs / some 15 of them blamed this thinge And fome allowed hit / and finably they concluded after many councellys that they shold do as parys had deuysed.

The mone was nyghe goon down The troians armed them the moste secrete wise that they cowde And leste some of them for to kepe theyr shippys / And the other wente preuyly vnto the temple. And entryd therin so armed as they were And with lityll dessence toke alle them that they sonde in the temple and alle the rychesses that were therin. And parys with his owen hande toke helayne and them of theyr companye And broughte in to theyr shippes alle the beste and put hit in sure garde / And after retorned to the proye / Tho began the noyse passing grete with in the temple of the prysonners / And of the some that had lever suffer to be slayn.

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than for to be take prysonners / the noyse was herd ferre In suche wyse that they of the castell that stode therby herde hit / And Incontynent they aroofe and armed hem and cam to affaylle the troians as vayllyant as they 5 were / Tho began the medle ryght fyers and mortalle. But the troians that were foure ayenst one slewe many of them And the other fledde and Reentryd in to theyr castell / And than the troians toke as moche as they coude fynde of good / and bare hit vnto theyr shippis. 10 And entryd in to them / And drewe vp theyr fayllys And fayllyd so longe that on the seuenth day they cam and Arryuyd at the porte of troye theyr shippes full of good prisonners and of good Rychesses And they abood at the porte of thenedon that was but thre myle 15 fro Troye / And there were they receyuyd wyth grete Ioye / And than parys fente a propre messanger vnto his fader the kynge pryant to lete hym haue knowleche of his comynge and of alle that/that he had doon in grece Of these tidynges the kynge was gretly reyoysfyd and 20 comanded in alle the cyte to make feste solempnly for these tidynges &c .

Whilys that helayne was with the other prisonners in the shippe of parys she made grete sorowe / And cessid not to wepe ne to bewayle with grete sighes her husbondeher brethern her doughter her contreand her srendes And was in so grete sorowe / that she leste to ete and drynke / And parys conforted her the most sweetly be he coude / but she might not suffer to sorbere wepyng / & than parys said to her in this manyere / How lady wherfore demene ye this sorowe daye & nyght with out reste / what man or woman is that might longe endure & suffer this.

Ne wene not ye that this forowe hurteth your helthe. yes verayly lady / ye make to moche therof / wherfore fro hens forth I pray yow to leue And take reste / for in this royame ye shall lakke no thinge / And no more fhalle tho pryfonners that ye wylle haue recomanded. 5 And ye shall be the moste renomed lady of this royame and the moste ryche And your meyne that ben here shall faulte of no thing / To these wordes answerd helayne to parys in this manyer / I knowe well fayd she that will I or will I not I muste nedes doo as ye wil syn that 10 I am your prysonner And yf ony good be done to me and to the pryfonners / I hope the goddes shall thanke and rewarde them that so doo / Ha . A . sayd parys ne doubte you not / . For men shall do to them all that shall plese yow to comande / And than he toke her by the hand and 15 brought her in to a more fecrete place and fayd to her. Madame wene ye for as moche as hit had plefid to the goddes for to fuffre yow to be brought by me in to this prouynce that ye be loste And that ye shall not be more ryche and more honoured than ye haue ben And that the so royame of troye be not more ryche Than the royame of Achaye / yes veryly that hit is / wene ye that I will mayntene yow dishonestly Certes nay / but shal take yow to my wyf. And so shall ye be more honoured than ye haue ben with your husbond and more preyfid / . For 25 your husbonde is not yssued out of so noble a howse as I am ne so vayllyant. Nor he louyd yow neuer so well as I shall doo / Therfore cesse ye fro henssorth to make fuche forowe / And beleue me of this that I have fayd to yow / Ha.a. fayd she who can abstayne her fro ma- 30 king of forow beyng in the estate that I am in Alas this [leaf 967] 535

caas happend me neuer to fore / But fyn hit may be none otherwyse / Sore anoyed and greuyd / I shall do that that thynge that ye me requyre /. For as moche as I haue no puyssance to resyste hit Thus was helayne reconsortyd a lityll And parys dyde do playse her wyth all his power &c.

7 Han the morn cam betymehedydedo clotheher and Araye her the moste honourably that he myght And made her to fytte vp on a palefroye 10 rychely arayed and aourned / And fo dyde he the other prysonners eche after his degre / And after he wente to horsback hym self and Deyphebus his broder / Eneas. Anthenor and Polydamas wyth grete companye of noble men / And accompanyed the quene helayne / And 15 departed fro thenadon / And wente to troyes ward. And ther cam ayenst hem wythoute the toun the kynge Pryant wyth grete companye of noble men / And receyuyd his children and his frendes wyth grete Ioye / And after cam to helayne / And bowed ryght swetely to her 20 And dyde to her grete Ioye and worshipp / And whan they cam nyghe the cyte they fonde grete foyfon of peple. That made grete feste of theyr comyng in many manyers of Instrumentis of musycque / And in suche Ioye cam vnto the pallays of kynge Pryant / And he hym felf 25 lighte a doun and helpe helayne doun of her palefroye And lad her by the hande vnto wythin the halle / And there they made ryght grete Ioye alle the nyght thurgh oute alle the cyte for these tidynges / And than whan hyt cam vnto the morn Parys by the agreement and 30 consente of his fader toke helayne to hys wyf And wedded her in the temple of Pallas. And therfore 536 [leaf 267 verso]

And therfore the feste was lengthyd thurgh oute all the cyte And the Ioye that endured yet after eyghte dayes hooll &c.

7 Han Cassandra knewe for trouthe that parys her broder had wedded helayne/she began to ma- 5 ke grete forowe to Crye & braye as a woman oute of her witte And sayde thus O vnhappy troians wherfore reioysse ye yow of the weddyng of parys. Wherof so many euyllys shall come and solowe. And wherfore fee not ye the deth of your felf And of your fo- 10 nes that shall be slayn to fore your eyen And the husbondes to fore theyr wyuys with grete forow / Ha. A noble cyte of Troyes how thou shalt be destroyed and put to nought / Ha. a vnhappy moders / what forowe shall ye see / whan ye shall see your lityll children taken 15 and difmembryd to fore yow / Ha . a hecuba kaytyf and vnhappy where shalt thou take the water that thou shalt wepe for the deth of thy children Ha, a peple blind & folish / why sende not ye Incontynent helayne home agayn / And yelde her vnto her righte husbond to so fore that the swerdes of your enemyes come and slee yow with grete forowe / wene ye that this prynce the husbond of helayne wole dwelle at home with oute greuous vengence / Certes that shall be your dolorouse syn and ende/ha. a vnhappy helayne/thou shalt do vs moche 25 forowe As cassandra said and cryed thus with hyghe voys and with grete forowe The kynge pryant knewe hit And did her to be taken prysonner And sende to her and did do praye her that she shold cesse / but she wolde not / And than he comanded that she shold be sast shette so in prison and in yrons / where she was kept many dayes [lesf 268] 537

O what pyte was hyt / That the Troyans beleuyd not this warnyng and Amonycion / . For yf they had beleuyd hyt / They had eschewid the right grete euyllis that cam after vnto them / That shall be told in sablys to them that wole here hem vnto the ende of the world &c.

How menelaus was fore troblid for the Rauysfhyng of helayne his wyf / And how Castor and Polux brethern of her poursuyeden Parys in the see. And of theyr deth / And also of the condicion and manere of the lordes as well Grekis as Troians.

S these thynges were doon as sayd is / Menelaus that solourned at pyre wyth the duc Nestor herde telle the trouthe of the pryse 15 and takyng of his wyf and of his peple wherof he was fore angry and moche abasshyd / And was fo dolaut and forowfull that he fylle to the ground a fwowne / And than whan he was come to hym felf agayn / He began fore to complayne hym and demene the grettest forowe of the world / And aboue alle other thynges he was moste fory for hys wyf. And bewayllyd her beawlte and her folace / And myght by no way be conforted / Whan the duc Nestor herd saye therof he cam to hym hastely and 25 conforted hym the moste beste wyse he cowde / .For he louyd hym wyth grete loue / But Menelaus cowde not leue hys forowe / But toke hys waye vnto hys contre / And the duc Nestor conveyed hym wyth a grete companye of noble men . : . [leaf 268 verso] 538

He sente vnto the kyng Agamenon his broder that he shold come speke with hym And also he fende to castor and polux the brethern of helayne that they shold come also to hym / And anone as they had herd the message they cam vnto hym / Whan Agamenon fawe his broder 5 demene suche sorowe and heuynesse / he fayd to hym A my broder wherfore demenest thou suche sorowe / suppose that the cause be Iuste / Allewaye a wyse man ought not to shewe suche semblant outeward. . For in shewing suche forow outeward hit causeth his frendes 10 to be forowfull / And his enemyes to be Ioyous / And therfore fayne thy forowe & kele thy corage / And make femblant / as thou raughtest no thing of this that is befalle . For by wepyng ne by demenyng of forowe / thou mayst neuer come to honour ne vengence But alonely by 15 the force of the naked swerd thou shalt awake thy corage/and so shalt thou take vengance of the harmes that ben don to the. Thou knowest what puyssance we have and what helpars and Aydeurs we shall fynde for to venge vs . For this Iniurye toucheth all the kynges and 20 prynces of grece. And assone as we shall requyre them of helpe Ther shall not be one but that he shall helpe vs with all his power And than we shall goo with grete puyssance to fore troye / and we shall see oure enemyes And doo what we wille . and shall destroye the Cyte 25 And yf hit happen be we may take parys / that is actour of these hurtis and yllys / whe shall do hange hym and make hym dye an euyll deth. Cesse than thy sorowe. And late vs do to beknowen to alle the kynges & princes of grece this Iniurye / And requyre them that they 30 will helpe vs for to take vengance / Than was menela [leaf 269] 539

Reconforted wyth the wordes of his broder / And anone they fente her lettres vnto alle the barons of grece And at theyr fendyng they cam alle / .Fyrst Achylles . Patroclus Dyomedes / And many other / And assone 5 as they knewe wherfore they were sente fore / They sayde that they wold go to Troyes wyth alle theyr strength for to auenge this shame and recourse helayne So they chasse than Agamenon chyef and prynce of theyr ooste / as he that was wyse and prudente / And of good counceyll .

Ow hyt happend that the kynge Castor And the kynge Polux that weren brethren of the quene helayne / As sone as they herd saye / That her fuster was Rauysshid / They entryd in to theyr 15 shippys / And wente after the Troians wyth grete companye of men of Armes / . For to fee yf they myght recouere her / On the thyrde daye that they were on the fee / Ther roofe so a grete torment in the fee / And ther wyth cam fo grete a Rayne. And thonder. That theyr 20 shippes were caste by the wawes one here another there. The mastes broken theyr saylles rente / And synably they were alle perysshid and drowned / That neuer after was none feen of them / And the payenems faye that these two brethern were translated with the goddes 25 in to the heuen or zodyacque And retorned in to the figne of two Iumentis / . For as moche as they were brethern germayn / And thus endeth theyr lyues by the occasion of the pryse of her suster / Some poetes saynen that these brethern ben translatyd in to two sterrys That is the north sterre and the south sterre which ben named after them Castor and Pollux.

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N this place declareth dares in his book the facions of the grekes that were to fore trove of the moste notable of them as he that fawe hem and behelde hem many tymes duryng the triews that was often tymes betwene bothe parties duryng the fiege to fore the 5 cyte / And he begynneth to fpeke of helayne and fayth that she was so fayr. That in the world no man coude fynde no fayrer woman ne better fourmed of alle membres Agamenon was longe and whyte of body / strong of membres and well fourmed / louyng labour / discrete. 10 hardy And passing well bespoken Menelaus was of mene stature hardy in Armes and corageous / Achilles was of right grete beaulte / blonke heeris & cryspe gray eyen and grete/of Amyable fighte/large breftes & brode sholdres grete Armes / his raynes hyghe ynowh / an 15 hyghe man of grete stature/and had no pareyll ne like to hym amonge alle the grekes / defiryng to fighte / large in yestes And outerageous in dispense Tantal was grete of body and right strong/veritable. humble . sleyng noyses yf they were not luste and trewe Ayax of grete sta- ∞ ture / grete and large in the sholdres grete Armes. And alleway was well clothyd and richely. And was of no grete empryse. And spack lightly. Thelamon ayax was a moche fayr knyght. He had black heeris. And herd gladly fonge And he fange hym felf gladly well . #5 He was of grete prowesse. And a good man of warre And with oute pompe Vlixes was the moste fayr man among all the grekes / But he was deceyuable And subtyll. And fayd his thynges Ioyously. He was a right grete lyar And was so well bespoken that he had none to felawe ne like to hym Dyomedes was grete And had a [lesf 270] 541

brode brefte and meruayllous ftronge / of a fiers regard and fight/false in his promesses/worthy in Armes/desirous of victorye dredde and redoubted / .For he was gretly Iniuryous to his feruantes Luxuryous wherfore 5 he fuffryd many paynes / The duc Nestor was grete of membrys and longe / and well bespoken / discrete and prouffitable / And gaf alleway good counceyll / Anone and fone he was strongly angry / And anone peasid agayn / he was the moste trewe frend in the world Pro-10 theselaus was fayr and of fayr stature right noble and light in Armes Neptolonyus was grete / black heer and grete eyen / but Ioyous & well chieryd / his wynbrowes Ioyned / stameryng in his wordes / but he was wyfe in the lawe. Palamydes fone of kynge Naulus was of 15 ryght fayr shapp and lene / hardy and amyable / a good man and large. Polydaryus was passing grete fatte and fwollen Hardy orguyllous and proude / withoute trouthe. Mathaon was of mene stature prowde & hardy And that lityll flepte by nyght Bryfayda doughter of 20 Calcas was passing fayr of mene stature / white and medlid with reed and well made / fwete & pytouse and whome many men louyd for her beawte. .For the loue of her cam the kynge of perfe in to the Ayde of the grekis vnto the siege to fore Troye.

25 Dares fayth fyrste of kynge Pryant that he was longe gresse and fayr / And had a lowe voys / ryght hardy. And that gladly eete erly in the morenyng a man wyth oute drede / And that hated 30 flaterers / He was verytable and good Iustycyer And gladly he herde synge & sownes of musycque.

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And strongly louyd his knyghtes and enrichid them. Of alle his fones ther was none fo hardy as was hector the oldest sone of kyng pryant / This was he that passid in his tyme alle other knyghtes in puyssance / and was a lityll befgue he was grete / And had hard mem- 5 bres and myght fouffre moche payne And was moche heery and crispe / and lisped / Ther yssued neuer oute of troye so stronge a man ne so worthy Ne ther yssued neuer oute of his mouthe a vyllaynous worde. He was neuer wery of fightyng in bataylle. Ther was neuer 10 knyght better belouyd / of his peple than he was Parys was a passing fayr knyght and strong soft heerid and trewe swyst and swete of speche tote mowthed / well drawyng a bowe / wyfe and hardy in batayll and well affewryd and couetous of lordship / Deyphebus and 15 helenus were passing like of facion in suche wyfe that a man myghte not well knowe that oon fro that other. And they refambled passing well the kynge pryant theyr fader Deyphebus was wyfe and hardy in armes And helenus was a moche wyse clerk. Troylus was so grete and of grete corage well attemptyd and fore belouvd of yonge maydens In force and gladnesse he resamblid moche to hector And was the seconde after hym of prowesse And ther was not in alle the Royame a more strong ne more hardy yong man / Eneas had a grete body as discrete meruayllously in his werkis well bespoken and attemptyd in his wordes. Full of good counceyll and of science connyng He had his visage Ioyouse / and the eyen clere and graye. And was the richest man of troye after the kyng pryant in townes and castellys. 50 Anthenor was long and lene And spacke moche / But [leaf 271]

he was discrete and of grete Industrye / And whom the kynge pryant louyd gretly And that gladly playd amonge his felawship / And was a ryght wyse man. Polydamas his fone was a goodly yong man and a s fayr / Hardy and of good maners / longe and lene lyke his fader / brown and was stronge in puyssance of Armes / And of well Attemptyd wordes / The kynge Menon was grete and a goodly knyght large sholdres grete Armes hard in the breste and of grete 10 prowesse / And that brought many knyghtes vnto Troye / The quene hecuba was a rude woman and femed better a man than a woman / She was a noble woman passinge sage debonayre / And honeste and louyng the werkes of charyte / Andrometha the wyfe 15 of hector was a passing fayr woman and whyte and that had fayr eyen and fayr heer / She was amonge alle other women ryght honeste and attempryd in her werkes / Cassandra was of fayr stature and clere. Round mouthed . wyfe . shynyng eyen / She louyd vir-20 gynyte / And knewe moche of thynges to come by aftronomye and other sciences / Polyxena was a moche fayr doughter and tendre / And was the verray Raye of beawte / In whome nature fayllyd nothynge Saue only that she made her mortall / And she was the 25 fayrest mayde that was in her tyme. And the beste fourmed. Many moo were wythin the towne and wythoute. Duryng the fiege. But thise were the pryncypall and grettest of name. And therfore Dares declareth the facion of them And reherceth not of the other.

30 How the kynges Dukes erles and Barons of grece [leaf 271 veno]

assemblid alle with theyr nauye to fore the cyte of Athenes for to come to Troye / And how many shippis eche man brought vnto the helpe of the kynge Menelaus.

Hanhit cam in to the ende of feuerer That be wynter was passid the kinges and the princes of all 5 the prouynces of grece affemblid them to gyder at the porte of athenes for to go to troye / hit is not in the mynde of ony man fyn the begynnyng of the world that fo many shippes and knyghtes were assemblid as were at that tyme. .For first Agamenon that was chyef and 10 prynce of alle the ooft of the grekes / brought fro his royame of michames an honderd shippys full of Armed knyghtes. The kynge menelaus his broder brought fro his royame of sparte.lx. shippis Archelaus and prothenor fro the royame of boecye fifty shippis The duc Asca- 15 lapus and the erle helmins fro the prouynce of orconomye thretty shippis / The kynge Epistrophus / And the kynge fedius fro the royame of focyden thretty shippis. The kynge thelamon of falamyne fifty shippis. And in his companye were the duc thenter duc Amphymacus 20 the erle polixeme and the erle thephus And other many noble men. The Auncient duc Nestor fro his prouynce of pillon fifty shippis. The kynge thoas of tholye fifty shippis The kynge doxunois fifty shippis The kynge thelamon chyleus fixe and thritty shippes / Polibetes and 25 Amphymacus fro his prouynce of calydone two and thretty shippis / The kynge ydumeus and the kynge mereon of Crete four score and two shyppis / The kynge Vlixes of trace two and fyfty shippis / The duc tynelus fro his cyte of frygis twelue shippis Prothocathus 20 [leaf 272] 2 M 545

and prothefalus the dukes of philaca brought wythhem two and fyfty shippis / Collesis brought four and twenty shippis fro the royame of cresome And brought kynge Machaon And the kynge Pollydrys his fone 5 thre and thretty shyppes / Achilles brought fro his noble cyte of phaces two and twenty shippes / The kynge Thelaphus brought fro Rodes two & twenty shippes Eruphylus fro orchomene two and fyfty shyppis The duc Anthypus and the duc Amphymacus of rusticane 10 threttene shyppis The kynge Polibetes of Rythee And the duc Lopms his broder in lawe that had wedded his fuster. lxij. shippis The kynge Dyomedes of Arges four score and two shippis And had in his companye Thelamus and Euryalus The kynge Poliphebus nyne 15 shippis The kynge. Fureus thretten shippes / The kynge prothoylus of chemenense two and systy shippes / The kynge Carpenor of Carpadye . lij . shippis / The kynge Theorius of breysse four and twenty shippes The some of kynges and dukes that were comen theder were fixty 20 and nyne / And ther affemblyd at the porte of Athenes twelfe honderd and four and twenty shippis / wythoute compryfyng the shippis of duc palamydes the sone of kynge Naulus That cam after on /Wyth his aftate as shall be sayd after &c.

²⁵ • How the Grekes fente Achilles vnto Delphos to the god Appollo for to knowe the ende of theyr warre And howe they fonde Calcas fente fro the Troians that wente wyth hem to Athenes.

Han the kynge and the prynces weren thus assemblid at the porte of Athenes the kynge Agamenon
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that was chief of alle the ooste and taught alleway to coduyte this ooste meurely/assemblid vnto the counceyll on a playne withoute the cyte alle be noble men of theyr ooste And whan they were all assemblid aboute hym in sieges that he had doo make/He sayd to them in this manere O ye noble men that by one wylle and volente ben here affemblid in this oost with so grete puyssance / ye knowe well that it is not in the mynde of ony man that fawe euer fo many noble men assemblid / . For tachieue ony werke / ne fo many yong knyghtes and deliuere in 10 armes for taffaylle theyr enemyes / is not he than well oute of his mynde that prefumeth to reyfe hym felf ayenst vs and to begynne warre, verayly I doubte not but one of an honderd that is in this copanye is fuffyfant ynowh to bringe this werke to an ende / for whiche we been alle 15 affembled. Hit is well knowen to eche of yow the grete Iniuries and the grete domagies that the troians haue don to vs/wherfore we haue Iuste cause to take vengance by force of Armes To the ende that fro henfforth they ne other ne empryle vpon vs in ony manere/. For yf 20 we sholde suffre suche Iniuryes by dissimulacion / they myghte yet greue vs more than they have don . And hit is not the custome of the noble men of grece/for to late passe fuche wronges in dissimulacion / and therfore hit shold be to vs grete vilonye that been fo many and that haue as affemblid so grete strengthe for to dissimule in this quarelle / and yet that more is ther is no nacion in the world but that ne dredeth oure puyssance saue only thyse solishe peple of Troye that by euyll counceyll haue meuyd them ayenst vs and also haue enterprysid vpon vs. 30

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As dide fyrst the kynge Laomedon that Iniuryed some of oure peple by lityll occasion / wherfore he receyuyd deth for his reward / And his Cyte was destroyed. And his peple flayn / And some brought in seruytude 5 where they ben yet / Certes hit is not so dyfficyle and hard to vs that ben more puyssante to take vengeance on the Troians / Than hit was to foure prynces of lasse puyssance/That cam to theyr aboue of them/.For fo moche than as the Troians knowe veryly that we 10 ben affemblyd for to goo vpon them / And that they ben strongly garnysshid of men of Armes ayenst our comyng and of alle fuche as behoueth them for to deffende them wyth / Than femed me good yf hit playfe yow / that er we departe fro this porte here / we sende in 15 to the ysle of delphe our specyall messangers for to haue answer of our god Appolyn of this that we will doo and empryse.

THan was ther none but he allowed & approued I the wordes of Agamenon And cheese Incontynent 20 Achilles and patroclus for to goo in to this ysle to heere the answere of Appolyn / And anon they departed and wente And cam sone theder / . For the fayd yle ys as hit were in the myddes of the yles of ciclades / where locana enffanta Appolyn and dyane be And ther was a ryche 25 temple in the whiche the godde of pe payenems was worshippid / And gaf answere to the peple of suche thynge as they demanded of hym / This yle was fyrst callyd delos / That is as moche to faye in greke as manifestacion .For as moche as in this yle the paynems fawe fyrst the 30 sonne and the mone after the deluuye And therfore they supposed that they had ben born there of theyr moder [leaf 273 verso] 548

.For appollo is the fonne/and diane is the mone/In theyr langage/fome calle this yle ortygye/for as moche as the byrdes p' men calle ortiges / in engliss they ben quayles were first seen there. The paynems gas to Appollo dyuerce names after the dyuerce operacions of the sonne. 5 In this temple was a grete ymage composid and made alle of syn golde In the worshippe of god Appolyne/and how well that the ymage was deef and dombe / yet allwaye ydolatrye regned in suche wyse that tyme in the world. That the deuyll put hym in the ymage and gas answers to the paynems of that thingis that they demanded of hym And this dide the deuyll for to abuse the soliss peple / that at that tyme beleuyd that this ymage was verray god &c.

7 Pon this parte the Auctor declareth fro whens 15 cam firsteydolatrye/We fynde in historia ecclisiastica / That whan herodes was deceyuyd by the thre kynges that retorned not agayn to hym. But worshippid our lord Ihesu criste as is conteyned in the gospell And after departid by an other waye &c / That he- 20 rodes purposid to have slayn the child Ihesus / and therfore the gloryouse virgyne our lady saynte marie his moder And Ioseph bare hym in to Egypte And as sone as our lord entryd in egypte / Alle the ydoles of egypte fyll down to the erthe alle to broken and brufyd after the pro- 25 phelie of ylaye that layd thus / Alcendet dominus in nubem leuem et ingredietur egyptum & mouebuntur simulacra egipti / En demonstrant and shewyng that at the comyng of our faueour Ihefus crifte. Alle ydolatrye sholde haue an ende. And Amonge the Iewes. ysmaell was to the first that made ydole / And that was of erthe [lesf 274] 549

And promotheus made the fyrste amonge the paynems and taughte other the maner how to make hem / But the ryght begynnyng of ydolatrye cam of belus kynge of Affirye bt was fader of kynge Nynus / the whiche 5 belus whan he was dede / his fone Nynus dyde burye hym in a ryche sepulture / And dyde do make an ymage of fyn golde to the semblaunt and lykenes of his fader for to have confolation and memorye of hym / And worshippid hym as his god / And compellyd his folk to worshippe hym / And anone an euyll spyryte entryd wythin the ymage and gaf to the peple answers of theyr demandes / And thus by the enfample of hym. The payenems made other in the worshippe of theyr frendes And worshippid them And thus proceded they 15 in ydolatrye And ther were none but that they had her goddes propice that gaf to them theyr answer of theyr demandes by the engyne of the enemye that so deceyued them and broughte to dampnacion by the enuye that he had and yet hath vpon the lygne humayn that god made 20 for to fullfylle the fieges of paradys / . Fro whens he was caste oute for his pryde in this Ayer and derkenes. And after the day of Iugement to abyde in helle pardurably in the companye of dampned men .

Han Achilles and Patroclus were arryued in this yle of delphe / They wente by grete deuocion in to the temple of Appolyn and there made theyr oblacions by grete largesse / And demanded of hym answere of theyr affayres and werkes / Than Appolyn answerd wyth a lowe voys Achilles retorne to the grekes that haue sente the hether and saye to hem.

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That it is to come and shal happen for certayn that they shall go sauely to Troye / And there they shall make many bataylles / But in the tenthe yere they shall haue victorye and destroye the cyte / And they shall slee the kynge Pryant his wyffe and his chyldren / And the s moste grete of the contrey. And ther shall none escape faue they onely whome they wylle faue / Of this forfayd answere was Achilles passing Ioyouse / and hit happend whilis they were yet in this temple / That a byshoppe of Troye named Chalchas sone of a man 10 named thiftram that was a passing wyse man / The whiche entryd in to this temple. And he was fente also fro the kynge Pryant for to haue answere of Appolin for them of Troye. As he than had made his oblacions and demandes for them of Troye / Appol- 15 lyne Answerd to hym Calchas Calchas beware that thou retorne not a gayn to Troye / But go thou wyth Achilles vnto the grekes / And departe neuer fro them for the grekes shall have victorye of the troians by the agreement of the goddes / And thou shalt so be to them ryght necessarye in counseyll and in doctrine Anone as Calchas knewe Achilles that was in the temple He approchid to hym and made acquevntance to hym / And accompanyed to gyder by fayth and oth Told eche to other what the ydole had fayd 25 to them / wherof Achilles had grete Ioye. And made right grete chiere and feste to Calchas And toke hym wyth hym / And fayllyd fo longe that they arryued at the porte of Atthenes fauely / and whan they were yffued out of her shippes Achilles toke calchas by the 30 hande and presentid hym to the kynge Agamenon and [leaf 275] 551

to other And tolde to them the trouthe of the answere of Appollo / How they shold have victorye of the troians and how Appollyn bad hym that he shold not retorne agayn to troye but holde hym wyth the grekes duryng the warre / Of these tydynges were the grekes gretly reioyssed / And made solempne seste and receyuyd calchas in to theyr companye by sayth and by othe and they promysid hym to rewarde hym well and do hym good &c .

10 I How the grekes wyth a grete Naueye / wente and faylled toward Troye / And how they arryueden at the porte of thenedon thre myle fro Troye / whiche they conqueryd and bete down to the erthe.

Fter this feste that the grekes had made for the good answers of Appolyn Calcas wente hym in a morenyng in the companye of achilles and of Patroclus vnto the tente of Agamenon / where alle the moste nobles of the ooste were assemblid / And he falewed them right courtoyfly fayng / O noble kynges 20 and prynces that ben here affemblyd for vengeance of the grete Iniuryes to yow doon by the Troyans / wherfore tarye ye now here After that the goddes haue yeuen theyr answere / Wene ye not that the kynge Pryant hath his espyes amonge yow / And that whilys ye 25 foiourne he garnysshith not his contre and cyte with vytayll wyth horses And wyth other necessaryes / Is hit not a grete parte of the somer passed / And ye haue yet no thynge enterpryfid vpon your enemyes Be ware that ye ben not vnkynde & Ingrate of the answere of the 30 goddes / And bt by your negligence they change not their answere in to the contrarye / ther fore tarye ye no lenger. [leaf 275 verso] 552

But shippe yow and your hors and goo ye to the see. And ceffe not vnto the tyme that the promessis of the goddes be accomplished / And whan Calchas had thus spoken / eche man sayde that he had well sayd and spoken / And than Agamenon sente vnto alle the 5 ooste and comanded with a trompette that every man shold make hym redy to remeue / And anone they entryd in to theyr shippis / And disancryd and drewe vp theyr fayllys / And wente alle vnto the fee / And they had not longe fayllid not passing a myle fro at- 10 thenes / But the Ayer that was to fore clere and fayr / began to wexe troblous and thykke / And began a ryght grete tempeste in the see of wynde of Rayne and of thounder in fo moche that ther was none fo hardy but he hadd fere and wende to haue 15 deyde / . For theyr shippes were caste by the see that one here & that other there / And supposed none other for certayn but to have ben drowned / Than fayd calchas to them that were with hym. That the cause of this tempeste was . . For as moche as dyane her goddesse was wroth and angry vpon them be cause they departyd fro Atthenes and had made to her no facrifyce / And for to appele this wrath / hit behoueth that the kynge Agamenon sacrefye to her with his owen hand Effygenye his doughter a yong virgyne and 25 tendre of age / And that otherwyse the tempeste shold neuer cesse / And for to spede this sacresyle / she counfeyllyd to torne the nauye and to applye hit to the yle of Andylle where the temple of the goddesse dyane was &c.:.

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Han the kynge agamen on vnderstode this thynge He was alle marrid and passyng forowfull in his corage /. For he louyd his doughter effigenie by grete loue And on the other fide he was prayed 5 and requyred of alle the other kynges and prynces of grece / That he wold gyue none enpesshement to this that was so grete an enpryse / . For to wythstande the facrefyle / wherfore he was vaynquysshid by the sayd prynces and for the loue of his contrey / He toke his 10 fayd doughter effygenye / And in the presence of many grete kynges and prynces facrefyed her vnto the goddesse deane And anone the tempest cesyd And the ayer becam nette and clere /And the see well attempryd and in tranquyllyte and pees / And than he wente agayn 15 in to his shippe and alle the other in lyke wyse / Drewe vp theyr fayllys and fayllyd to fore the wynde fo ferre that they arryued at a porte of the Royame of Troyes Nyghe vnto a castell named sarabana / Dares ne putteth determynatly / wherof that kynge agamenon made 20 his facrefyce to dyane / But ouyde in the twelfthe book of methaphormole fayth that hit was effygenye his doughter as aboue his fayd / And whan they of the castell sawe the grete Nauye at their porte They armed them and cam vnto the porte wenyng to deffende theyr 25 londe agayn the Grekes / And affaylled them that tho were descended a lande / That were yet wery of the trauayll of the see / But the grekes yssued anone oute of theyr shyppys grete plente alle Armed that slewe them and chaffyd them vnto theyr castell And slewe 30 them fleeyng / And entryd in to the castell wyth them And there put them alle to deth and toke the Proye.

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And after bete down the castell vnto the erthe / And than Reentryd in to theyr shippis agayn / And sayllyd so ferre that they arryued at the porte of thenedon / And there than they ankryd theyr shippis &c.

T this porte was a passing stronge castell & 5 well peupled and full of grete Rychessys A and was thre myle fro troyes / Whan they of the castell sawe the grekes / they ran to Armes / and garnysshid theyr castell wyth good syghtars / And the other yffued out and cam vnto the porte where 10 they fonde the grekes that were than yssued out of theyr shippes alle armed and grete plente / And toke all that they cowde fynde Thus began the batayll betwene them right fyers and mortall / And there were ynowhe flayn and dede of bothe parties. And many 15 moo of the grekes than of the troians / But assone as the grete strengthe of the grekes were descended. The troians myght no lenger suffre ne abide but put hem to flyghte somme to the Castell. And the other fledde vnto troye. Than the grekes put hem & beleyde so the castell round aboute. And assayllyd hit on alle fydes / And they within deffended hit passing well vpon the wallis And slewe many by shotte and by engyns. But the grekes dreffyd theyr engyns alle aboute the castell / And sette theyr ladders vnto the as wallys. And wente vp on alle fydes. And they wythin defended hem vaylliantly / And made hem falle doun in theyr dyches some dede and some hurte. But the grekes that were fo grete in nombre sente allewaye newe folke to thasfault wherof they within 30 were fo wery, that they reculed and wente aback

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fro theyr deffences / And than the Grekes entryd by force in to the castell / And there slewe alle them that they sonde / wyth oute sparyng of man or woman. And toke and pylled alle that they sonde that was 5 good / And after bete down the castell and the howses vnto the erthe / And putte in the fyre and brente all vp And after they reentryd in to theyr shippis Ioyous of the gayne that they had goten in the castell.

How the grekes fente Dyomedes and Vlixes vnto the kynge Pryant for to haue agayn helayne and the prifonners / And of the answere that they hadd.

Ty Han the Grekes had demolysshid and beten doun thus the castell and ediffyces of thenedon . and of Sarabana / And that they refresshid 15 them in the medowe of Thenedon / Than Agamenon that had the charge of alle the ooste / And to conduyte hit well as a good captayn ought to doo / Comanded that alle the butyn and gayne of these two castellys shold be brought forth And so hit was doon anone as he had 20 comanded And as a wyse kynge distrybued the gayn to eche man after his deserte and qualyte / And after didedocrye in alle the ooste/that alle the noble men of the ooste shold assemble them on the playn of thenedon to fore the kynge Agamenon / And whan they were alle 25 comen / The kynge Agamenon spack and fayd in this manere / My frendes and felawis that ben here now affemblid for so Iuste a cause as eche of yow knoweth And in so grete puyssance that it is and shall be tydynges therof in alle the world / Alleway how stronge 30 that the puyssance be / That hit plese the goddes that hit bee wyth oute pryde and felonnye / . For hit is fo [leaf 277 verso] 556

that of the synne of pryde growe alle other vyces / And that the goddes refiste and wythstonde the orguyllous and prowde peple / And therfore we oughte to put away pryde fro oure werkes. And in especiall in this werke here now. And vie the ryght waye / of Iustice. 5 To the ende that no man may reprehende vs ne blame. ye knowe well that we ben comen thus ferre for to take vengeance of the Iniuryes and wronges that the kynge Pryant hath don to vs And we haue don to hym now grete hurte and domayge. ye may well knowe 10 for trouthe / That they have assemblid in the cyte of troye grete power for to deffende them ayenst vs / And also the Cyte is passing grete and stronge / And ye knowe well that they ben vpon theyr propre herytage That is a thynge that dowblith theyr force and 15 strength / .For ye may take ensample of the crowe that otherwhyle deffendeth well her neste agayn the fawcion / I ne faye not these thynges for ony doubte that I have / But that we shall have victorye / And that we ne shall destroye theyr cyte how well that 20 hit is stronge / But onely for oure worshippe / to the ende that we be Recomanded to have conduyted this werke by grete discrecion and with oute pryde / .For often tymes by ouer lyght and to hasty enterpryse. a thyng of a grete poyle and with oute mewre coun- 25 ceyll may come to a myschieuous ende ye knowe well that it is not longe agoo / that the kynge Pryant dide do Requyre vs by his fpecyall messangers that we sholde Rendre to hym his suster exione / And that by our orguyell and pryde we wolde not delyuere her a- so gayn And yf we had deliueryd and sente her home [leaf 378] 557

agayn These envilys had never happend in the vie of Cythare as they now been / And the quene helayne that is of the moste noble of grece had never be rauyffhyd ne ladde awaye / And alfo we had not s enterprysed the payne ne the laboure / Where we now ben in And ther is none of vs that knoweth what shall happen to hym good or euyll / And therfore yf ye feme good that we myghte Retorne in to our contrey with oute suffrynge of more payne with 10 oure honoure and worshippe / We shall sende vnto the kynge Pryant oure specyall messangers / And bidde hym to sende and renvoye to vs helayne freely And that he restore to vs the domayges that Parys hath doon in the yle of Cythare / . For yf he wyll fo 15 doo / Oure retorne shall be honourable / And we may no more Axe of hym by ryght / And yf he reffuse thys / We shall have two thynges that shall fyghte for vs / Iustyce And oure trewe quaryll And oure puyssance excusid / And whan men shall here 20 of oure offres / They shall give the wronge and blame to the Troians And to vs the loofe and preyfyng / And we shall ben excused of alle the domayges that we shall doon to them after thyse offres . Therfore auyse yow amonge your self what thynge 25 ye wyll doo.

Han were there fome felonnes that blamed this counceylle / And fome alowed hit / And fynably they concluded to do foo as Agamenon had fayd / Than they Cheefe for theyr messans gers / Dyomedes and Vlixes for to goo to Troye.

And make theyr legacion / whiche toke theyr horses.

And wente Incontynent theder And cam to troye aboute mydday And they wente strayt to the pallays of kynge Pryant And toke theyr horses to kepe at the gate And after wente vp in to the halle. And in goyng vp they meruayllyd hem gretly of the ryche werke that they 5 fawe in alle the pallays. And specially of a tree that they sawe in a playn the whiche was made by arte mathematycque meruayllously composed and of grete beaulte / .For the tronchon or stock benethe was no gretter but of the gretenes of a spere / And was passing 10 longe and hyghe. And aboue had braunches of gold and of filuer and leeuys that spradde ouer the pallais And faue a lityll hit coueryd alle / And the fruyte of the same tree was of dyuerse precyous stones that gaf grete lyght and bryghtnes And gaf grete folace 15 to them that behelde hit. They wente so fer forth that they cam in to the grete halle where the kynge Pryant was accompanyed with noble men / And than wyth oute salewyng the kynge ne the other / Vlixes sayd to hym in this manyere.

Inge Pryant meruaylle the nothyng that we have not falewid the for as moche as thou arte oure enemye mortell / The kynge Agamenon to whome we ben messangers sendeth and comandeth the by vs that thou renuoye and sende to hym the quene he-25 layne / whome thou haste don to be rauysshid and betaken fro her husbonde. And that thou restore alle the domages that parys thy sone hath done in grece / And ys thou so doo / I trowe thou shalt doo as a wyse man.

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And yf thou doo not beholde what euyllys may come to the and to thyne / . For thou shalt dye an euyll deth and alle thy men. And this noble Cyte shall be destroyed / Whan the kynge Pryant herde Vlixes thus speke 5 He answerd Incontynent to Vlixes wyth oute demandyng counceylle / I meruaylle me gretly of thy wordes that requyrest of me that thynge / That a man vaynquysshid and myght not dessende hym self no more / Wyth grete payne wolde accorde to the. 10 I beleue not that the grekes have suche puyssance to doo that thynge that thou haste sayd to me They requyre of me reparacion / And I oughte to demande of them / haue not they flayn my fader and my brethern And ladde away my fuster in seruytude / Whome 15 they daigne not to marye honourably / But to holde her and mayntene as a comyn woman / And for to have her agayn I have fente to them Anthenor. And wold have pardoned them of the furplus. But ye knowe the vilonnyes and menaces that they 20 dyde to my messanger And therfore I ought not to here ony thynge that ye faye to me / But had leuer dye vylaynsly than to agree your requeste / And late Agamenon knowe that I defire neuer to have peas ne loue wyth the Grekes that haue doon to 25 me so many dysplaysirs / And yf hit were not that ye ben messangers I shold make yow dye an euyll deth / Therfore go ye your way anone / .For I may not fee yow wyth oute displaysir in myn herte / Than began dyomedes to lawghe for defpyte & fayd thus. 30 Ha kynge yf with oute displaysir mayste not see vs that ben but tweyne / Than thou shalt not be wythoute 560 [leaf 170 verso]

displaysir alle the dayes of thy lyf. For thou shalt see fro henssorth to fore thyn eyen grete puissance of grekes. The whiche shall come to fore thy cyte. And shall not cesse for tassaylle hit contynuelly. Ayenst whome thou mayste not longe dessende the But that thou and thyne s sinably shall receyue bytter deth. Therfore thou sholdest take counceyll in thy werkes yf thou were well auysed

Han were there many troians that wolde haue Ronne vpon the grekes And drewe theyr fwerdes for to haue flayn them But the kynge pryant 10 destourned hem. And sayd to hem that they sholde late two fooles faye theyr folye / And that hit was the nature of a fole to shewe folye / And to a wyse man to fuffre hit / Ha . A . fyre fayd Eneas what is that . that ye faye / men shold shewe to a foole his folye / And 15 truly yf hit were not in your presence this selawe that hath spoken so folyly to fore yow. shold receyue his deth by my hande. Hit apperteyneth not to hym to faye to yow fuche venymous wordes ne menaces And therfore I auyse hym that he go his way anone. yf he cesse so not to speke folyly / Dyomedes that of no thyng was abasshyd answerd to Eneas and sayd / what some euer thou be thou shewest well by thy wordes that thou arte right yll auyfed and hoot in thy wordes. And I defire that I may ones fynde the in a place couenable that I may rewarde the for the wordes that thou hast fayd of me / I see well that the kynge is well ewrous & happy to haue fuche a counceller as thou arte that counceyllest hym to do vylonnye / Than Vlixes

brack the wordes of Dyomedes ryght wysely and prayd hym to holde his peas / And after saide to kynge Pryant we have vnderstand alle that thou haste sayd And we shall goo and reporte hit vnto our prynces.
5 And Incontynent they wente and toke theyr horses And Retorned vnto theyr ooste / where they sonde alle the nobles assemblyd to fore the kynge Agamenon And sayde to them the answere of kynge Pryant. Wherof they had grete meruaylle And deuysed longe to gyder. For to conduyte well theyr werkes syn they were adcertayned of the warre of the Troians.

How Agamenon assemblyd to counceyll the grekes for to haue vitaylles and how they sente Achilles and Thelephus vnto the royame of Messe where they slewe the kynge Teutram in bataylle And how Telephus was made kynge And of the kynges that cam in the Ayde and helpe of kynge Pryant.

.Fter these thynges Agamenon callid his folk to counceyll in the playne of thenedon / And sayd to them Amonge alle other thynges hit behoueth vs necessaryly to be auysed how duryng the siege to fore Troye our Ooste shall be socouryd of vytayll And therfore yf ye seme good we shall sende vnto the Royame of Messe for to haue fro thems vitaylles contynuelly .For hit is a contre right service & comodyous And they that shall goo theder shall take sewerte of them of the contre / That they shall not sayll to sende vitaill to the ooste as longe as we shall be in this contrey This counceyll plesid moche to the grekes / And they chese Incontynent.

Achilles and Thelephus the fone of hercules for to furnysshe this message And for to goo theder with a grete companye of men of Armes / In that prouynce regned a kynge that had to name theutram and had longe regned in pees / . For his contre was peplid of good and hardy 5 knyghtes. Whan Achilles & thelephus with thre thoufand knyghtes fiers and hardy were arryued in the yle of messe they yssued oute of theyr shippes and descended on the lande / Ther cam than ayenst them the kynge theutram with a grete companye of men of fote and on 10 horse back / Than began the bataylle right fiersly and at the assamble ther were many knyghtes slayn on bothe fides And how well that the grekes were lasse in nombre than the other were They deffended hem well / But theyr defence had not auayllyd them ne had ben the grete 15 prowesse of Achilles that dide right meruayllys with his body. As he that was the most stronge and moste vayllyant of the grekes . For whome he araught wente therfore. And ther myghte no man endure to fore hym. Whan than Achilles had espyed the kynge theutram in so the myddes of his peple that dide grete domage to his folke/hethrestid in to be grettest prees of his enemyes/and bete down to fore hymall that he fondevnto that he cam to kynge theutram. And he gaf hym fo many strokes that he all to hewe his helme / And smote hym down to the so ground fore wounded And had flayn hym in contynent ne had thelephus haue ben / whiche put hym betwene and prayde Achilles humbly that he wold not see hym Ner do hym more harm than he had / And the kynge hym felf cryed to Achilles mercy / Than fayd Achilles 20 to thelephus What meueth be of pyte ayenst oure enemye [leaf 181] 563

mortall / that is come to assaylle vs by so grete selonnye hit is rayson that he salle in to the pyttethathe had made redy for vs Ha. A. Syre sayd the lephus / This kynge was ryght samylier with my sader hercules / And also s dyde to me on a tyme grete honour in this londe And therfore I may not suffer to see hym slayn to fore myn eyen. Well than sayd Achylles / take hym than And do wyth hym what thou wilte Than was the bataylle synyshid And the grekes cessed / And the kynge Theutram was born in to his pallays as dede. For Achilles had so brussyd hym and all to srusshid hym And the kynge prayd Achilles and the lephus / that they wold goo wyth hym The whiche wente / And were receyuyd wyth grete Ioye and honour.

It was not longe after / that the kynge theutram that was wounded to the deth of the woundes that Achilles had gyuen hym / fente for Achilles and thelephus / and than faid to hem My frendes I may not longe lyue / And than after fayd to thelephus / My 20 frende I may no lenger lyue / And I haue no lawfull Eyres of my body / to whom I may leue this Royame that I have goten wyth grete labour / And had loste longe fyn ne had ben the moste worthy of alle worthy thy fader hercules / Whyche waranted and was a 25 shelde to me ayenst alle them that wolde have taken hit fro me / And fo dyde of fayt to them that wold haue taken hit / whan thy fader by his grete prowesse slewe hem and enchassed hem oute / And syn I have kepte hit payfybly no thynge by my meryte / But by the vertue 30 of thy fader / And syn hyt is soo that thy fader hath conqueryd thys Royame for me that have none eyres. 564 [leaf 281 verso]

Hit is well right and rayfon that thou be herytier of thy fader And for so moche as this is my laste worde / I leue to the this royame & all myn other goodes where fome euer they bee And make the myn herityer And praye the that thou do burye me honourably as hit apperteyneth to s a kynge. And as sone as he had finysshid these wordes he deyde/And than thelephus and the nobles of the contrey dide do burye hym honourably/And leyde hym in a moche ryche sepulture / wher vpon was wreton this Epithaphye/Here lieth the kyng theutram Whom Achil- 10 les slewe The whiche leste his royame to Thelephus. This thelephus that afore was but a duc / was made kynge of messe And all the nobles of the contre dide hym homage And all the peple promyfed to hym fayth and feruyse / Than Achilles dide do charge his shippes wyth 15 vytaill And ordeynd that Thelephus shold abide in his newe royame / whiche he dide fore anoyed And he prayd hym And also comanded in the name of the grekis that he shold do diligence to fende vnto the ooste of the grekis often tymes vitayllis / and he promyfid hym that so he fo doo wolde wythoute ony fawte And than Achylles toke leue of hym and retorned in to his shippes/And fayllyd fo longe that he and his felawship arryued at the poort of thenedon fauely where they fonde the ooste yet foiournyng. And anone as he was descended. He es wente strayt vnto the tente of kynge agamenon where alle the prynces and kynges were assemblid / he was receyuyd wyth grete Ioye / as he that alle the ooste loued moche for his grete strengthe and prowesse / Than Achilles tolde to them how he arryued at Messe and so of the batayll / and how that thelephus was made kynge [lesf 181] 565

And how he had promyfid to furnyshe the ooste of vitaylles / Of these tidynges the grekes had grete Ioye and alowed and preysid moche the vaylliance of Achilles. And after theyr parlament eche man wente vnto his pauyllon / Than was Achilles receyuyd with grete Ioye of his myrondynes that moche louyd hym.

N this place here the auctour nameth what kynges and pryncescam to the helpe & ayde of kynge pryant to troye not of allebut of the moste notable. Fyrst cam vnto their 10 ayde / the kynge pandorus the kynge Galior & the kynge Adrastus with thre thousand knyghtes armed . Fro the prouynce of tholoson cam foure kynges wyth fyue thoufand knyghtes armed the kynge carras the kynge amafius the kynge Nestor that was a moche stronge man. 15 And the kynge Amphymacus . Fro the royame of licye cam the kynge Glauton wyth thre thousand knyghtes. And his fone Sarpedon that was one of the strengest knyghtis of the world and cofyn of kynge pryant .Fro the royame of lichaon cam the kynge ensemus with thre 20 thousand knyghtes ryght expert in armes / .Fro the royame of larysse cam two kynges wyth systen honderd knyghtes the kynge mistor that was a moche grete man And the kynge capidus / .Fro the royame of thaborye cam the kynge remus with thre thousand knyghtes / and 25 in his companye cam foure dukes & feuen erles that were feyd with kynge pryant They bare in their armes the colour of asure with oute other signe / and therby was the kynge remus & his peple knowen in the bataylle .Fro the royame of trachie cam the kynge pilex & the duc al-30 chamas with . xi . honderd knyghtis .Fro the royame of pauonye cam the kynge pessemus and the duc stupex 566 [leaf 282 verso]

his cofyn wyth thre thousand knyghtes right expert to louste and to shote wyth the bowe / This is a moche wylde contre of forestes and montaygnes / And where is but lityll peple / And ynowhe of wylde bestes and of byrdes. Fro the prouynce of boecye cam thre dukes with twelue honderd knyghtes the duc Ansernims / the duc fortunus And the duc fammus . Fro the royame of burtyn where as growe good espices cam two kynges brethern with a thousand knyghtes / the kynge boetes And the kynge epifteus. Fro the regne of paphagore that is at 10 the fonne ryfyng in the eeste/full of alle richesses/cam the right riche kynge philemeus with thre thousand knyghtes all her sheldes of the hydes of sysshis all couerd with gold and precyous stones And this kynge was as grete as a geant . Fro the regne of Ethiope cam the kynge per- 15 feus/and the kynge of thiction with hym/that was right hardy and wyfe with thre thousand knyghtes that had in her companye many a duc and many an erle/and also was wyth hem simagon the sone of kynge thiction .Fro the royame of cheres cam the kynge theleus and Archilogus his sone that was of the affinyte of kynge Pryant and brought a thousand knyghtes. Fro the yle of Argreste cam two kynges of whom I haue not the names wyth . xii , honderd knyghtes / . Fro the regne of Eliane that is be yonde the royame of Amasonne cam an Auncyent kynge ryght wyse and discrete named Epistropus and brought a thousand knyghtes and a meruayllous beste b' was callyd sagittayre that behynde the myddes was an hors & to fore a man / This beste was heery lyke an hors and had his eyen reed as a coole/and shotte right 🗩 well with a bowe This beste made be grekes fore aserd [leaf 183] 567

And slewe many of hem wyth his bowe / Thus were in nombre alle the knyghtes that cam in Ayde of kynge Pryant two and thertty thousand wyth oute them of the royame of Troye and of ynde the myneur / And hit is not founde by wrytyng that syn the creacion of the world that so many noble knyghtes were assemblid in one place And that meuyd the quarelle for so lityll occasion / O how the kynges and prynces ought to take hede and be well aussed for to meue the warre Also ferre as they myght amende hit by other waye.

O.F the comyng of duc Palamydes And how the grekes departed fro the porte of thenadon by the counceyll of dyomedes and cam and toke lande before the stronge Cyte of Troye And how the troians receyuyd them by 15 batayll right vigorously.

He Grekes were not yet partyd fro Thenedon. whan palamides the fone of kynge Naulus cam and arrived at this porte of thenedon with thretty fhippis full of knyghtes Armed Alle noble & hardy men so And of his comyng the grekes had grete Ioye/And had murmured a fore be cause he targed so longe/wherof he excused hym by sekenes that he had had/This palamides was holden in grete worshippe amonge the grekes and was the seconde after kynge Agamenon / puyssant and 25 discrete in Armes and moche riche/And at his comyng he was anone chosyn to be counceyllour of the Ooste. And thus were the grekes many a day & many a nyght at the porte of thenedon often tymes assemblid to counceyll for to aduyfe the beste manere to assege the Cyte of troye/and finably after many oppynyons/they helde hem to the counceyll of dyomedes that was this/now faid he [leaf 283 verso] 568

Alle ye kynges prynces and barons that ben here assemblid / we ought alle to have grete shame and vilonye. Whan hit is a yere goon fyn we descended here in this londe / And haue not yet ben to fore troye verayly in this we have gyuen to oure enemyes grete auantage / fyn hit 5 is foo that this tyme duryng they ben pourueyed of grete aydes and alle her cyte strongly fortefyed and renforced of wallys and bulwerkis that they have good levzer to make / And verrayly them semeth that we ben not so hardy as to come vnto them And therfore the more that 10 we delaye vstogoo theder/the more encrefeth oure shame and domage / and I trowe yf we had goon theder whan we cam first in to this contre / we shold have more esely descended and taken lande / than we shall doo now . For they ben better garnysshid now than they were at that 15. tyme / of alle fuche thyng as they behoeffyd for to deffende hem with / And therfore I counceylle yow that to morn be tymes we putte vs on the waye in good ordenance / And late vs fette the fiege fermly and as haftely as we may We oughte well to knowe that we shall so not fo doo wyth oute grete bataylle Wherefore hit behoueth eche man to employe hym felf and to putte behynde all fere and drede . For by none other waye we may not exployte in this werke / ne better ne more honourably by myn aduys &c.

He counceyll of dyomedes plefid to alle the barons of the ooste / and also on the morn erly they reentryd in to theyr shippis And sayllyd strayt vnto the poort of Troye and brought theyr shippes by good ordenance one after another / In the first fronte pottey putte an honderd shippis right well garnysshid of [leaf 284]

knyghtes and banyers that wauyd in the wynde / And after them they putte an other honderd And after alle the other by ordre / And they had not ferre fayllyd but that they sawe the noble cyte of troye / And approchid ther 5 to as hastely as they myghte / Whan the troians sawe the grekes approche the Cyte / They Ran to Armes / And mounted vpon theyr horses alle armed / And wente forth wyth oute ordenance vnto the porte / Than whan the grekes fawe the Troians come in so grete nombre for 10 to deffende theyr porte / Ther was none so hardy but he was a ferde / but for as moche as they coude not descende a land but by force of Armes. They armed hem Incontynent / And contended to descende and take lande by force &c.

.F the fyrst honderd shippis was chief and captayn / the kynge prothesalaus of philarde That dyde grete payne and diligence to bringe his shippis wythin the porte. But the wynde that was stronge blewe hem in to the porte so strongly ayenst 20 the Ryuage that many of them brake and bruffyd and many Grekes were drownyd / And they that myght take lande toke hit / And were anone slayn by the Troians wyth grete torment and in so grete nombre / That the grounde was reed of theyr blood 25 Hyt is not in the mynde of ony man that euer ony nauye wan land wyth so grete mysches as dyde the nauye of the grekes / After this first honderd shippes the other cam and arryued that followed hem / And they that were wyth in were garnyshyd of grete 30 arblasters / where with they shotte and slewe many of the Troians and constrayned them to go a back. [leaf 184 verso]

And than toke the grekes lande And focouryd the firste that soughte at grete myschies Than began the bataylle mortall / The kynge protheselaus that was descended wyth the firste / dyde right meruaylles wyth his body and slewe that day of the troians wyth oute nombre. 5 And yf he allone had not ben Alle the grekes that were descended a lande had ben slayn But what myght his descence helpe / whan seuen thousand grekes saughte ayenst an honderd thousand troians. And I saye yow that for the grete danger wher in they selte hem self / They solde theyr lyues dere / abidyng the socours of kynge Archela and the kynge prothenor / That anon arryued / And wolde the troians or not They descended and toke londe And socourid theyr peple vayllyantly and began agayn cruell bataylle &c.

.Fter arryued the duc neftor and his folk that threstid in amonge her enemyes right fiersly / ther was many a spere broken and many an arowe shotte / knyghtes fyll down dede on bothe sides the crye was so grete that hit was meruayllous to heere / there so they flewe many troians Archelaus and prothenor. After arryuyd the kynge ascalus and the kynge Agalus wyth theyr shippis and descended a lande and assayllid the troians by grete fierfnes and by force made hem to recule and go a back / And than cam to the bataylle grete so foyfon of newe troians / Than began the bataylle more grete than hit had ben of alle the daye to fore in fo moche that the grekes were reculed by force vnto theyr shippis And than arryuyd Vlixes wyth a grete companye of knyghtes that threstyd anone in to the bataylle And the 30 grekes recoueryd lande at theyr comyng And asfayllyd [leaf s8s] \$71

on the troians There made vlixes grete effusion of blood of his enemyes / And anone his enfigne was knowen amonge them / And whan the kynge philomenus fawe that Vlixes slewe so theyr peple he adressid hym vnto 5 hym / And bete hym doun of his horse a lityll wounded. And vlixes smote hym agayn so harde that he gas hym a grete wounde vpon his throte / And cutte a two his orygynall vayne / And fmote hym as half dede / And the troians ran and toke hym fro the grekes / And bare hym 10 vpon his shelde in to the cyte/And ne had be this aduenture of this kynge The grekes had ben disconsited / But the troians entended strongly to saue hym / And than arryued the kynge thoas and the kynge Agamenon The kynge Menelaus and the kynge Thelamon ayax wyth 15 all theyr power and descended a lande and medlid hem in the batayll / And brack theyr speres upon the troians. And bete down many fome dede and fome hurte / At this Ioynyng were many troians flayn.

Han the kynge prothesalus departid fro the bataylle where he had ben syn the begynnyng. For to take breth And whan he cam to the porte He sonde alle his men nyghe bydede/. For whome he wepte for pytye / And toke agayn his corage for to auenge the deth of his men / And wente agayn to the bataylle.

And in his grete yre slewe many Troians and wounded hem and smote down many of them of theyr horses. Than cam to the bataylle of the partye of the troians the kynge perses wyth grete companye of knyghtes / At the comyng of the ethyopyens began the bataylle mortall.

And had many grekes slayn & by force made hem to goo back And had with oute sayll disconsited hem / ne had

the worthy palamydes fone descended a lande / . For at his comyng the grekes were recomforted And also palamydes made right meruayllys wyth his hand / And addressid hym ayenst sagamon the broder of kynge menon and neuewe of the kynge of perse / that fore greuyd the 5 grekes And he smote hym so sore wyth his spere that he pershid hym thurgh oute the body / And smote hym ded doun to the erthe Andasterhe smote in to the grete presse And bete doun alle that he mette / And eche man that knewe hym made hym waye / And than roofe a Crye 10 vpon the troians that they myght not fuffre the strengthe of palamydes And were reculed by force And had ben alle desconfited / But the moste worthy of alle worthy hector whan he herd the crye vpon his peple / he yffued oute of the cyte wyth grete companye of knyghtes and 15 entryd in to the bataylle Armed in ryche armes / And bare in his shelde of golde a lione of gowles/his strengthe was anone knowen / amonge the grekes / And encountryd and mette in his comyng the kynge prothesalaus that had not of alle the day cessid to see troians And he so fmote hym wyth his fwerd by fo grete myght vpon his helme / That he clefte hym vnto the nombryll notwythstandyng his Armour / And syll down dede to the erthe. And after hector threstid in to the grettest prees / and as many grekes as he araught wyth his swerde he slewe as Than eche man fledde fro hym makyng hym waye And demaunded the grekes one of another / what was he that so greuyd hem And anon they knewe that hit was hector the moste stronge man of the world and than was there none so hardy that durst abyde his strook. .THan hit happend that hector wente oute a lityll for

Than hit happend that hector wente oute a lityll for [leaf 186] 573

to refresshe hym And than the grekes reprised corage vpon the troians / And this happend that day eyghte or ten
tymes / Hit was aboute the oure of euensonge what
tyme hector departid fro the batayll / And reentrid in to
5 the cyte / .For the Grekes were wyth all disconsited
And than arryued the right stronge Achilles wyth his
myrondones and entryd anon in to the batayll well
wyth thre thousand good knyghtes / That were wyth
hym And than were the troians on alle sydes beten down
and slayn .For ayenst Achilles endured no man but he
were beten down to the erthe or sore hurte.

→ Han were arryued all the nauye of the grekes / and I the knyghtes goon a lande & medlid with the other in the batayll / wherfore the troians had moche to fuffre 15 in so ferre that they muste nedes slee in to theyr Cyte and Achilles and the other flewe them fleeyng there was a grete crye of the hurte men Ther was achilles alle dyed wyth the blood of the troians that he had flayn / And there was grete occision at the entre in to the cyte/There 20 sawe the faders her children slayn to fore her eyen And the occysion and slaughter had ben more grete / Ne yf Troylus Parys and Deyphebus with a grete companye fyerse and newe ne had comen oute and yssued of the Cyte that relisted the Grekes and made thoccision to 25 cesse / And also the nyght was nyghe / And eche man wyth drewe hym in to his place / The Troians shytted her Cyte and dyde make good wacche / And Achilles wyth the grekis Retorned to theyr tentes wyth grete glorye / That were not yet dreffyd / But the kynge 30 Agamenon dyde do dresse hem Incontynent / And made eche man to take place couenable after his astate. [leaf 286 verso] 574

And they that had no tentes ne pauyllons loggyd them vnder the leues the beste wyse they coude them and theyr horses And after ankryd theyr shippis as well as they myght and toke oute of them alle that was necessarye to them Thus made the grekes theyr siege this nyght and settle hit to fore the cyte of troye And made meruayllous grete syres in the ooste that made hit as light as hit had be day / So were they logged nyghe to gyder and made ryght good wacche / how well that they had none assaultes this nyght / And they had alle the nyght trompettis and menestrellys grete plente That agamenon ordeyned for to conforte per ooste And they restid this nyght alle Armed the beste wyse they coude / This was the syrst bataylle of the grekes and of the troians at theyr comyng &c.

① Of the seconde bataylle to fore troye in the whiche were many kynges and grete barons slayn by the worthy hector / And how the troians had ben victoryous of theyr enemyes ne had ben the prayer of thelamon Ayax cosyn of hector &c.

Nd whan the nyght was passed / hector that had the charge of alle them of the cyte ordeyned right erly his batailles in a grete playn that was in the cyte And putte in the fyrst bataylle two thousand good knyghtes whiche he betoke to lede and conduyte 25 to tweyn of his kynnysmen That is to wete to Glaucon the sone of the kynge of licye and to assamolor his bastard broder / And assigned to them the kynge thesus of Trahie and Archilogus his broder that was wyse and vaylliant / and made hem to yssue out by the gate named 30 dardane that stode ayenst the Oost of the grekes / In the

seconde batayll he put thre thousand good knyghtes & stronge whom he toke to conduyte to the kynge exampitus of frigie & to the kynge Alcanus that were knyghtes of grete strengthe / and recomanded them to the garde of 5 the goddes/& made themyssueoutafter the other in good ordenance/The thirde batayll he be toke to Troyllus hisbroder for to coduyte with thre thousand knightes wise and hardy / and faid to hym at the departyng My right dere broder the leysse of my herteputteth me in doubte of 10 thy gret hardynes wherfore I pray the that thou gouerne the wyfely in the batayll in suche wyfe that thou enterpryse not suche thynges as thou maiste not achieue / and b' thou put not thy body in dauger of deth by ouer moche wenyng / wherby thou myghtest gyue Ioye to thyn ene-15 myes & owres/Go thy waye in the name of the goddes b the conduyte & kepe fro paryll and encombrance/Ha.a Syre broder answerd Troylus hit nedeth yow not to doubte of me . For I shall doop in me is right as ye haue comanded / and than he wente forth with his companye 20 after the other And bare in his shelde thre lyons of golde. J Ector put in be fourthe bataill thre thousand knygh-Thes & seuen honderd / whom he toke to conduyte to kynge huppon of larisse / This kynge huppon was moste

Lector put in p^e fourthe bataill thre thousand knyghtes & seuen honderd / whom he toke to conduyte to kynge huppon of larisse / This kynge huppon was moste stronge of all the troians next hector / and had in his companye a vailliant knyght a bastard broder of hector wise & hardy named dynaicus The .v. bataill hector deliuerid to conduyte to p^e kynge of cisayne with all his folk/that were meruayllous stronge & grete as geantis / And the same kynge bare in his shelde all asure with out ony difference / And hector cōmisid in this batayll polidamus his bastard broder with this kyng / and yssued after p^e other

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The fixte bataylle ledde the kynge precemeffus /that had his peple well Induced to shote and drawe the boowe And wente wyth oute Armes to bataylle mounted vpon good light horses And hector comysid devphebus his broder to conduyte them and yssued after the other / 5 With this bataylle adiousted hector alle the cheuallerye of the Royame of Agreste vnder the conduyte of kynge Efdras and of kynge philon This kynge philon had a meruayllous chare alle of yuorye of gold and of filuer and of precyous stones / This chare conduyted two 10 stronge knyghtes / wyth thyse two kynges hector put epitagoren his bastard broder / And they yssued after the other The feuenth batayll ladde Eneas And a noble admyrall named eufrene And they wente after be other The eyghte bataylle ladde the kynge of perfe named per- 15 fes / And Parys was chief and captayne / And hector prayd parys his broder that he shold not assemble vnto the grekes vnto the tyme that he cam hym felf / And that he wolde followe hym anone / The nyneth batayll and the laste ladde hector hym felf And ten of his bastarde brethern after hym And alle the beste knyghtes of the Cyte chosen / were in this bataylle to the nombre of fyue thousand &c.

Han whan hector was rychely arayed / And Armed with good harnoys and scewre / he moū-25 ted vpon his horse named galathe / that was one of the moste grete and strengest horse of the world And so Armed and mounted he rood vnto the kynge his sader And sayd to hym ryght dere sader reteyne with yow a thousand and syue honderd knyghtis and alle the 30 men of soote of this cyte / And holde yow wythoute to [leaf 288]

I fende yow worde / to the ende yf we have necessite / that ye be oure reffuge / And I shall sende yow alleway amonge my messangers that shall saye to yow the state of the bataylle / And take ye good heede and garde that oure enemyes take not our cyte by cautele or trayson. And the kynge answerd to hym / My sone I shall doo alle as thou haste to me sayd / . For next after the Ayde and helpe of the goddes / Thou arte alle my hope and truste / And have no sayth but in the vertue oft thyn Armes and in the grete discression of thy wytte And I praye to the goddes ryght humbly that they wylle kepe the hoole and sounde and preserve the fro encombrance.

.Fter these wordes hector wente hym forth after the other / This hector was moche coragyous. stronge. and victoryous in batayll / and a right wyse conduytour of men of Armes / his shelde was alle of gold / And in the myddell a lyon of gowles And how well that he was the laste that yssued out of his hous or of the cyte / yet passid he allewaye alle the bataylles and cam and putte hym self afore in the syrst bataylle / The women that were in the cyte / And alle the other wente vpon the wallys for to beholde the batayles / There were the doughters of the kynge wyth the quene helayne that had grete doubte And dyuerce ymagynacyons in her self.

The kynge Agamenon was not ydle / but ordeyned ryght erly of his peple fixe and twenty

30 battaylles / He putte in the fyrst bataylle Patroclus

wyth hys peple and wyth the folk of Achylles.

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Whiche was not that day in the batayll / for his woundes that he had and dyde do helehem in histente Thispatroclus was a moche noble duc and ryche and louyd so moche Achylles that they were bothe of one Alyance In the seconde bataylle was the kynge menon And the s kynge ydumeus with thre thousand knyghtes And ther was with hem the duc of Atthenes with alle his peple The thirde bataylle ledde the kynge Achalaphus / And his fone phimenus wyth her peple / The fourth bataylle ladde the kynge Archelaus / And the kynge prothenor 10 his broder & with them was securidam the right stronge knyght with all the peple of boecye / The fyfthe batayll ladde the kynge menelaus wyth alle his peple of fperte. The fixthe bataylle ladde the kynge Epistropus and the kynge celidus wyth alle her peple / The seuenth batayll 15 ladde Thelamon ayax wyth alle his peple of salamyne And he had four erlis with hym / that is to wete thefus Amphymacus Dorius & Polidarius / The eyghte ledde the kynge Thoas / The nynthe ledde Ayax aleus / The tenthe ladde the kynge philotus/The enleuenth the kyng so ydumeus and the kynge meron / The twelfth the duc neftor / The thrittenth lad the kynge exiones / The fourtenth the kyng Vlixes / The fystenth the kyng humerus In the fixtenth were the folke of prothefelaus moche defiryng to auenge the deth of theyr lord / The seuententh 25 ladde the kynge polidarius And the kynge Machaon The eyghtenth the kynge of Rodes / The nynetenth the kyng fampitus And the kynge lidorus / The twentythe the kynge geripulus / The one and twentythe the kyng philotetes of larisse / The two and twentyth dyomedes 30 The thre and twentythe the kynge Oeneus of Cypres. [leaf 189] 579

The foure and twentythe the kynge Prothalus / The fyfe and twentythe the kynge carpenor / The fixe and twentythe and the last bataylle ladd the kynge Agamenon Emperour of alle the ooste.

Than alle the bataylles were ordeyned on that one fide and on that other / And was no thyng to do but tassemble Than auauncyd hym hector alle ther fyrst And patroclus cam ayenst hym as moche as his horse myghte renne / And smote hym so strongly 10 wyth his spere in his shelde that he perchid hit thurghout / but more harme dyde he not / Than hector assayllid patroclus wyth his swerde / And gas hym so grete a strook vpon his heed that he clefte hit in two peces / And Patroclus fyll doun dede to the ground / Whan hector 15 sawe hym ded he coueyted his Armes / . For they were ryght queynte and ryche / And a lightid doun of his horse for to take them / But the kynge Menon cam vpon hym wyth thre thousand good knyghtes for to deffende the kynge Patroclus ayenst hector / And sayd to hym 20 thus / Ha . A wolf Rauysshyng and Insacyable . Certes the behoueth to feke thy praye in some other place for here getefte thou none / And than they affayllyd hym on alle fides / And wolde haue taken fro hym galathee his hors / But hector by his prowesse remounted 25 wolde they or not and wende to have vengid hym on kynge Menon / But the kynge Glancion and the kynge Thefus and Archilogus his fone cam wyth thre thoufand fightars / And than hector leyd on and bete down all afore hym / And the fyrst that he mette he gas so 30 grete a stroke that he slewe hym and after hym many mo he bete doun and slewe.

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Hus began the bataylle on bothe fides And hector cam agayn to the body of Patroclus for to haue his Armes / But the kyng ydumeus of crete cam ayenst hym with two thousand fyghtars / And the kynge menon that had allway his eye to hector letted 5 hym and was fo in the waye / that hector myght not haue his Armes that he fore defired And fuffryd grete payne for as moche as he was on foote/but he enforced hym wyth alle his corage / And began to see man and hors And to smyte of heedes legges feet and Armes And 10 flewe fysten of the strengest that assayllyd hym In this mene while the kyng menon toke the body of patroclus to fore hym and bare hit vnto his tente/as the grekes contended to greue hector and to take away his horse Ther was amonge them a right stronge knyght named creon 15 de la plerre/that greuyd hym moste/Than one of the seruauntis of hector adressid hym agayn this Creon / And gaf hym fo grete a stroke wyth his spere / that he smote hym doun dede to the erthe/And after he smote doun another And efcryed to the troians right lowde that they so shold come and socoure hector / wyth this cry cam first fecurabor one of the bastard brethern of hector/Andthrestid in to the grettest prees so ferre that he cam vpon them that most greuyd hector that had slayn moo than thretty of them And dide so moche that by force he made the gre- as kes to recule And than was hector remounted vpon his horse And threstid in amonge them by grete fierste and flewe grete plente of them for be desplayfir that he might not have the Armes of patroclus / Than he recountryd none but he flewe hym/or bete hym doun hurte And eche 30 man made hym waye and dredde hym &c .

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→ Han cam to the bataylle Menesteus the duc of Atthenes and cam & Ioyned hym to the bataylle where as Troyllus was that dyde meruaylles and had with hym the kynge Sampitus / The kynge 5 Machaon And the kynge Alcanus / Tho began fyerse bataylles Menesteus adressid hym ayenst Troyllus. And there faught ayenst hym with so grete force / that he betehymdoun of his horse in the grete prees of the solke And Menesteus contended wyth alle his strength in so so moche that he toke hym / And lad hym toward theyr tentes wyth grete companye of knyghtes / Than miseres of Troye escryed to the troians that troyllus was pryfonner/And that they shold be dishonoured ys they fuffred hym to be ledd away / Than the kynge Alcanus 15 toke his spere that was right stronge / And adressid hym vnto hem that helde troyllus / And fmote the first doundede to the erthe/and fmote another & fore wounded hym/and dide fo moche by the ayde of his men that troyllus was rescowed And sette agayn vpon his hors And 20 also by the helpe of kynge Sampitus that cam on with alle his peple / And gaf so grete a strook to menesteus ouerthwart / That yf he had not be well armed he had ben flayn / And than escryed Menesteus to his peple and fo began amonge them a mortall bataylle / And 25 there were many flayn on that one fide and on that other / Amonge thefe thynges Menesteus that was fory that he had lofte his prysonner / Recountryd miseres / By whome he had loste hym And anone he knewe hym/he adressid hym to hym and bete hym doun And the 30 same tyme smote down another knyght/Than cam to the batayll hupon & hiripifus with two thousand fightars 582 [leaf 290 verso]

And ayenst them cam menelaus and prothenor wyth theyr solke And there began a mortall medle &c.

None after cam polidamas the fone of anthenor Wyth a grete companye And threstid in on that tother side amonge his enemyes / After cam the 5 kynge Remus fro troye wyth thre thousand fightars And ayenst them cam menelaus wyth alle his peple / the faide menelaus adressid hym ayenst kynge Remus / and Iusted to gyder / And smote eche other to the ground. Than adressid hym polidamas and remus agaynst the 10 neuewe of helayne a yong man twenty yere olde / And remus gaf hym so grete a strook wyth his spere that he fmote hym doun dede to the erthe/wheerof menelaus had grete forowe / for he louyd hym moche And in his grete yre he gaf fo grete a stroke to Remus wyth his swerde 15 That he smote hym down as dede And whan the kynge remus was so beten doun / his men had wende that he had ben dede & wold haue fledde ne had ben polidamas that retayned hem wyth grete payne And dide so moche that they toke theyr kynge so hurte as he was And bare hym 20 home in faeste Than be kynge celidus that was the moste fayr kynge of the world adressid hym to polidamas and smote hym wyth his spere But he coude not remeue hym polidamas gaf hym so grete a stroke wyth his swerde that he smotehym doundede to the erthe / Amonge 25 these thyngis hector wente and cam sowlyng and sleyng his enemyes And made waye to fore hym in sleyng of knyghtes and betyng doun fo ferre that he cam vpon them of falamyne that the kynge thelamon conduyted that flewe many of the troians and bete down by his pro- 30 wesse / Than the kynge thenter gas so grete a stroke [leaf 291] 583

wyth his spere to hector / that he made hym a depewounde And than hector in his grete yre encountrid an admyrall of the grekes and slewe hym cruelly with his swerd. Than was hector closed with his enemyes on all parties. There was of the grekes the kynge thesus And he sayd to hector and warned hym that he shold go oute of the bataylle / And sayd that hit were domage for alle the world to lese such a knyght And hector thankid hym right courtoisly.

N this while Menelaus and thelamon affayl-ΙŌ lid polidamas And thelamon that adressid hym first smotehym with his spere and after gas hym many strokes in so moche that they brake the laas of his helme and toke hym / And had lad hym . away ne had 15 hector haue be whiche was not ferre/that fmote amonge them that helde hym and flewe and hurte many of them and dide so moche by his vaylliance b' he slewe thretty of them And the other fledde / and lefte polidamas with hym Than ther putte hem to gyder the kynge Epistropus 20 The kynge menelaus and the kynge thelamon with alle her peple And smote in amonge the Troians by so grete fierste that they made hem go a back maulgre them/Notwythstandyng the grete prowesse of hector that was wyth the other that dyde meruayllys in his pione / and 25 than was his good hors galathe flayn vnder hym / and then he deffended hym a foote fo meruailloufly that ther was none fo hardy of the grekes b' durste approche hym whan his brethern knewe be right grete dauger be he was in/they ran all to that parte/thowas thelamon fore hurte 30 And dinadorus one of the bastard brethern of hector gas fo grete a stroke to polixenus a noble man that he slewe 584 [leaf 291 verso]

hym and bete hym doun of a grete and a strong hors wher vpon he satte/And toke the stede to hector that mounted vpon hym incontynent there were meruaylles of Armes done by the bastardis Than cam on deyphebus wyth alle his ooste where in he had grete soys of Archers that 5 hurted and slewe grete soys of grekes / And deyphebus made and gast to kynge thenter a gretewounde in the visage / Tho began the batayll also mortall as hit had ben in alle the day There was theseus assayllyd of quyntelynus one of the bastard brethern of hector and of 10 kynge moderus and was taken and lad away / But hector delyueryd hym alle quyte for the courtosye that he had done to hym a lytyll to fore.

≺Han cam to the bataylle of the partye of the grekes / The kynge thoas And the kynge phylotas 15 But the kynge Thoas adressid hym ayenst cassilanus one of the bastard brethern of hector & gaf hym so grete a stroke that he slewe hym down to the erthe seeying hector / whiche than smote so Angerly amonge the grekes / That anone he slewe many / And put hem alle to 20 flight / Than cam to the bataylle nestor wyth sixe thoufand knyghtes / And the kynge Efdras and the kynge Phylon/that dide grete meruaylles of Armes cam ayenst hem / At this assemble ther were many knyghtes slayn. and beten down of that one partye and of that other/The 25 kynge Philon that dide right meruaylles in armes was enclosed wyth the grekes on alle sides And had be slayn yf lecomas and the kynge efdras his fader ne had deliueryd hym fro theyr handes / Hector and his broder dyde meruaylles with polidamas / and had put all the grekes to to flight/but menelaus & thelamonrefifted them ftrongly [leaf 191] 484

Than cam Eneas to the bataylle with alle his ooft / And putte hym Inne wyth hector and the other And by force put the grekes to playn flight / wherof ayax had moche grete forowe / And also as he behelde behynde hym he 5 fawe the banyers that cam to the batayll that had not yet haue ben there / And there was alle the floure of the cheualerye of grece Thanprayd he them that fledde/that they wolde abide and recomence and begynne newe bataylle Ayax and Eneas entrecountred fo harde that they 10 fylle bothe to the erthe / And than cam philoteas wyth thre thousand knyghtes & made the troians goo backe. and fmote hector with his spere but he might not remeue hym/and hector gaf hym so grete a stroke with his swerde That he bete hym fore hurte/Than cam to the batayil the 15 kynge humerus / and the kynge Vlixes wyth alle theyr peple and the kyng humelius / and they had well in their ooste ten thousand knyghtes / the whiche dide be troians moche forowe that were moche wery / to theyr focours cam parys to the batayll/& in his comyng smote so harde 20 the kynge of frigie that was cofyn to vlixes that he flewe hym & bete hym doun / wherof the grekes had moche forowe / And vlixes supposed to have smyten parys wyth his spere / but he smote his horse & slewe hym / and parys fyll to the erthe / Than Troyllus gaf to vlixes so grete a 25 stroke that he wounded hym in the visage and made the blood sprynge oute lyke as the wyn Renneth out of a tonne &c. And vlixes hurted hym agayn / and truly the troians had than fledde / ne had ben the grete prowesse of hector and of his brethern / . For hector ne cessid to put 30 hym felf in the grettest prees here and there / And eche man that knewe hym made hym waye.

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Thanhesawethat his peple myght not suffre the gretestrengthe of the grekes/hewythdrewehem on a fide / And tolde them what Injuryes the grekes had don to hem / And what they wolde do yf they cam to theyr aboue / And than amonested and 5 warned hem to do well / And after brought hem by a valeye on the right fide for to affaylle theyr enemyes / There was grete occision of the grekes / Ther was the kynge thoas assayllid of the bastard brethern of hector / .For to avenge the deth of cassibelanus theyr 10 broder that he had flayn They bete hym down of his horse And rasyd of his helme fro his hede And had flayn hym incontynent / yf the duc of Atthenes had not come on that threstid in amonge hem and gas so grete a stroke to one of the bastardis quyntylynus that 15 he fyll doun to the ground fore hurte And parys smote the duc wyth an arowe in the fide / And made hym a grete wounde / But the duc that was fore hurte fette not therby but magre them alle he deliveryd the kynge thoas fro theyr handes / Than hector dyde grete so payne to put the grekes vnto flighte / And than the kynge Humerus shotte an Arowe vnto hector And hurted hym in the visage / And hector ran vpon hym by so grete yre that he smote hym so sore vpon the hede that he clefte hit vnto the teeth and he fyll doun dede 25 Than with blowyng of an horn cam more than feuen thousand grekis for tassaylle hector that defended hym ayenst them meruayllously After this he wente a litill to his fader and toke thre thousand knyghtes freshe and fiers and brought hem to the bataylle / And at 30 theyr comyng he made grete occision of the grekes &c.

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yax and hector lusted to geder and fought eche wyth other / Menelaus slewe at this Ioynyng an admyrall of troye Celidones flewe moles of oreb the neuewe of kynge thoas Mandon smote oute an 5 eye of kynge cedonyus Sadellus slewe an admyrall of the grekes / Thelamon bete margareton and fore wounded hym .Famuell bete the kynge prothenor to the erthe The kynge of gaull Iusted ayenst menesteus But menesteus hurte hym on the nofe with his swerde Than deanor 10 feeying his broder hurte / adressid hym to menesteus and fmote hym doun to the erthe And than ran vpon hym thre brethern that wold haue flayn hym or taken hym/but he deffended hym vaylliantly And anone he was focourid by the kynge thenter/but hector than affailled hem bothe 15 And with oute faulte they had not escaped hym/ne had ayax the stronge knyght haue comen to be rescowe / with a thousand knyghtes that he had in his companye / Tho cam on the kynge of perfe with fyue thousand knyghtes that parys ladde And so dide alle the other troians and 20 made the grekes recule and goo back by force / Dares writeth in his book that hector slewe a thousand knyghtes only in this assaulte.

A Monge alle other thynges Hector encountryd the kyng menon to fore a tente & faid to hym/ha.a.euyl traytre the oure is comen bt thou shalt receyue thy reward for that thou restournest me to take the armes of patroclus/and than he smote hym so grete a strook that he syll down to the ground / And after hector alighted down and smote of his heed / and wolde haue taken his armes from hym / But menesteus letted hym and smote vpon hector ouerthwart by suche sorce bt he gas hym a grete wounde

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And wente his way with oute more taryyng doubtyng the fureur of hector Than hector wente oute of the stowre And dyde do bynde his wounde that hit bledde no more. And after wente in agayn in to the stoure / And slewe in his comyng many grekes / And dares sayth that after he shad bounden his wounde/he slewe the same daye a thousand knyghtes And ther was none that had corage to auenge hym ayenste hym or dessende / But he putte hem alle to slight / And the troians entryd in to theyr tentes and pyllid and robbed them / and toke all the beste that so they cowde synde &c.

N this day had the troians had vittorye of alle the grekes yf fortune that is dyuerfe had wylle confentyd/.For they myght haue flayn hem alle And eschewyd the grete euyllys that after cam to them . 15 Certes hit is not wyfedom whan ony man fyndeth his enemye in grete perylle and fortune / to offre his power to deliuere hym therof/. For hit happeth ofte tymes/that he shall neuer recouere to have his enemye in the same caas / but that fortune torne her backe Thus hit happend so this day to the vnhappy hector / that was at the aboue of his enemyes and myght haue flayn hem alle yf he had wolde / for they foughte no thynge but for to flee / whan by grete my fauenture cam a forehym in an encountre thelamon Ayax that was sone of kynge thelamon and exione *5 And was cofyn germayn of hector and of his brethern whiche was wyfe & vayllyant / whiche adressid hym ayenst hector&deliueryd to hym a grete assault And hector to hym as they that were valyant bothe two / and as they were fightyng they spak to geder And therby hector so knewe that he was his cofyn germaine fone of his aunte [leaf 294] 189

And than hector for curtoifye enbraced hym in his armes and made hym grete chiere And offryd to hym to do all his playfir yf he defired ony thynge of hym / And prayd hym that he wolde come to troye with hym for to fee his 5 lignage of hys moder fyde / But the fayd Thelamon that entended no thynge but to his auauntage fayde that he wolde not goo at thys tyme / But prayd to hector fayng/that yf he louydhym fo mocheas he fayde/thathe wolde for his fake and at his Instance do cesse the bataill 10 for that day / and that the troians shold leue the grekes in pees/The vnhappy hectoraccorded to hymhisrequeste. And blewe an horn & made alle his peple to withdrawe in to the cyte Than had the troians begonne to putte fyre in the shippes of the grekes and had alle brente hem / Ne 15 had hector callyd them fro thens / wherof the troians were fory of the rapeell This was the cause wherfore the troians loft to have the victorye / to the whiche they myght neuer after atteyne ne come for fortune was to them contrarye And therfore virgile fayth/Non est mise-20 ricordia in bello That is to sayether is no mercy in bataill A man ought not to take misericorde/But take the victorye who may gete hit.

Of the first triews of two monethis demanded by the grekes / And of the thirde batayll betwene them in the whiche hector bare achilles to the grounde twyes & after slewe the kyng prothenor & smote hym with one stroke in two parties.

W Han hit cam on pemorn betymes/the troians armed them for to goo & assayll the grekes But the grekes so fente by tymes to kynge pryant / And demanded triews for two monethes / and he agreed to them pe said triews so [leaf 294 verso]

And than were the dede bodyes gaderid as well of that on partye as of that other And some were buryed and fome brente Achilles was than forowfull for the deth of patroclus That he coude not in no wyse be confortyd He made his body to be buryed in a moche riche sepul- 5 ture and fo dyde they of the other as of the kynge protheselaus and other kynges and prynces that were slayn. And they that were hurte and wounded/they dide do be helid duryng the trews / Pryant the kynge dide do burye his bastard sone cassibelanus ryght honourably in the 10 temple of venus And toke grete forow for his deth/and so dyde alle the other &c .

A / Han cassandra herde the doell and sorow that the troians made for bedeth of theyrfrendes/she escried and fayd O meshaut troians make forow for your self 15 .For in lyke wife shall hit happen & come to yow as it is to your frendes/that shall be the deth/Alas why ne seche ye pees of be grekes / to fore er these eugliys come to yow and er this noble cyte be destroied/alas why ne yelde you not agayn helayne / that the kynge my fader dyde do ra- ∞ uysshe by force / wherfore ye shall alle be destroyed Amonge al these thinges / palamides murmured strongli of the seignourye of Agamenon / saying that he was not worthy to have so grete domynacion aboue alle the other And that he hym felf was more worthy to haue the feig- #5 nourye of becofte than agamenon/and that he had not the gree and consente of the princes/but onely of thre or foure and than at b' tyme ther was no thyng further proceded **77** Han the triews were faylled / the kynge Agamenon that had the Charge of alle the ooste ordeyned ryght erly hys bataylles / And gaf [leaf 195]

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the fyrst to Achylles / And the seconde to Dyomedes. The thirde to Menelaus The fourth to Menesteus the duc of Athenes And in alle the other he ordeyned good captayns and conduytours / Hector ordeyned his ba-5 tayllys in lyke wyse / And sette in the syrst Troyllus. And in alle the other he fette good captayns and hardy And made alle the batayllis to yffue out / And he fette hym felf in the fronte to fore / And whan Achylles fawe hym he ran ayenst hym / And hector ayenste hym To That they smote eche other to the erthe ryght fore. Hector remounted fyrst and leste achylles lyynge on the erthe /And smote in amonge the other in the moste grettest prees And he raught no knyght but he slewe hym or bete hym doun / And wente tourgh oute the ba-15 taylle all made reed of the blood of them that he had flayn / whan Achilles was remounted he threstid in amonge the Troians in the grettest prees and slewe many and he wente so ferre that he encountrid hector agayn / And he ran to hym / And hector to hym / But 20 Achilles was born down to grounde / And hector wolde haue taken his hors/But he myght not for the grete focours that achilles had / Whan he was remounted he affaylled hector with his fwerd & gaf fo grete strokes to hector/That nyhe he had beten hym/But hector gaf to 25 hym so grete a stroke vpon the helme That he enfoundrid hym & made be blood fprynge out of his heed/Thus was the bataill mortall of the two knyghtes / and yf they had not ben departid that one or that other had be flayn/but theyr peple departid them/Than cam dyomedes to the ba-30 tayll and troillus on that other fyde / Whiche smote eche other to the erthe / But dyomedes remounted fyrste. 592 [leaf 205 verso]

And affayllyd troylus that was on foote that deffended hym vayllyantly / and slewe the hors of dyomedes But theyr men remounted them bothe / two / by force And began agayn to medle / And dyomedes had taken and ladde away troyllus / yf the troians hadd 5 not put hem in paryll of deth for to rescowe hym. And many of them were flayn / Than cam to the bataylle menelaus of the grekes fide / And parys on the other side And than in goyng and comyng hector cesfid not to flee and to bete down knyghtes Than ther 10 was a newe knyght named bretes that affayllyd hym fierfly / but hector by ryght grete yre fmote hym vpon the helme so grete a stroke that he cleste his heed vnto the nombryll and he fyll doun dede / seeyng that The kynge archylogus his cofyn / And hector wold 15 haue taken his hors / But the kynge Archylogus deffended hym as moche as he myghte / And than hector ran vpon hym and fmote hym fo harde that he smote his body in two peces notwythstandyng his harnoys / The kynge prothenor adressid hym to hec- 20 tor that than toke no garde ne hede / And smote hym doun to the erthe / And hector Remounted anone vpon his horse And gas to kynge prothenor so grete a stroke with all his myght that he clefte his bodye in to two halues / seeyng Achilles that was his paret as or cofyn / that had so grete sorowe / that he and the kynge Archelaus contended to auenge his deth / But the troians cam vpon with so grete strength that the grekes muste nedes slee And the troians solowed hem. vnto their tentes And than the nyght cam on that made so hem to departe And the troians retorned in to their cyte. 1 P [leat tob]

How the grekes helde parlament how they myght flee the worthy Hector / And how they retourned to the fourthe bataylle / In the whiche Parys and Menelaus encountryd / And the kynge thoas was brought prysoner to troye.

.Fter this bataylle whan the nyght was come . alle the kynges prynces and barons of the gre-kes affemblid at the tente of kynge Agamenon. And there helde they theyr parlament how they myghte 10 flee hector / And they fayde well that as longe as he were a lyue and cam to batayll ayenst them They myght neuer vaynquysshe the troians / But he sholde to them doo grete domaige / And for to brynge this thyng to the ende / They requyred Achilles that he wold take hit 15 vpon hym as well for his strength as for his wisedom. And achylles enterpryfed gladly / As he that wifte that hector defired more his deth / Than the deth of ony other / And also hector was he / by whom he myght fonnest lose his lys / After this counceyll they wente 20 to reste tyll on the morn be tymes that they armed hem. And hector was than yssued oute of the cyte wyth his bataylles well and diligently ordeyned / And was hym felf to fore all other in the fyrste bataylle / And after hym Eneas And than parys And then deyphebus 25 And after hym Troyllus / And after hym the other following eche in his ordre / Than Ioyned alle the troians to geder / And were more than an honderd thoufande fyghtyng men / Tho began the bataylle horryble and mortall / Parys wyth them of perce that were 30 good knyghtes slewe with shotte many grekis and hurted them Hector encountrid the kynge Agamenon 594 [leaf 296 versu]

And bete hym and wounded hym fore And than achilles affayllyd hector And gaf to hym fo many strokes that he brake his helme / Than Eneas and Troyllus cam to the rescows of hector / And dyomedes cam vpon that adressed hym to Eneas and bete hym / And sayd 5 to hym in mocquerye / Ha. A. good counceller that gauyst counceyll to thy kynge to offende and greue me. knowe thou for trouthe that yf thou come ofte in to these bataylles and that I may mete with the / that thou shalt not escape with oute deth.

Monge these thynges hector assaylled achilles And gaf to hym so many strokes that he all to I frusshid and brake his helme / And wende to haue taken hym But the fone of guideus ran vpon hector And gaf hym so grete a strok wyth his swerd / That he 15 hurted hym fore / And hector in his yre recountryd dyomedes / And gaf hym fo grete a stroke that he bete hym doun to the grounde / Than Troyllus alightyd and defcended down for to fyghte with dyomedes a foote / but dyomedes deffended hym fo vayllyantly that hit was 20 meruaylle / And beside them sought to gyder hector & Achilles / Than cam to the medlee all the kynges and prynces of grece wyth grete companye of men of Armes / And fro the partye of the troians cam alle the barons that were comen to theyr ayde / There began as meruayllously the bataylle / The kynge Agamenon And the kynge pandolus fought to geder / The kyng Menelaus recountrid parys / And they knewe eche other well / And Menelaus smote hym so harde wyth his spere / That he made hym a grete wounde 30 and smote hym doun / wherof parys was alle a [leaf 197] 595

shamed / Vlixes bete the kynge Arastous And toke his horse that was good and sente hit to his tente. Polimytes affayllyd huppon the auncyent and flewe hym Neptolonyus and the kynge Archilogus fought 5 to geder / Polidamas bete Palamydes and wounded hym fore / And after mocqued hym by reproche / The kynge Scelenus / And the kynge Carras encountrid to geder and Carras was fore beten and wounded Philemenus bete Anthenor / Philoteas and the kynge 10 Remus fought to geder / the kynge Thefus and the kynge Eryalus fought to geder and bothe were fore hurte And the bastardes of kynge Pryant dyde meruaylles and flewe many Grekes And hurte many kynges / The kynge Thelamon and the kynge farpedon 15 Iusted so fore that one ayenste that other that they fylle bothe fore hurte and alle aftonyed of the angwysshe that they had / The kynge Thoas and achilles that were cofyns assaylleden hector / And gaf hym many strokes And drewe of his helme fro his hede & 20 hurted hym in many places And hector gaf to hym fo grete a strook with his swerd b he cutte of half his nose. O the rescows of hector cam his bastard brethern I that flewe many of the grekes & toke the kynge Thoas & wounded & bete the kynge Agamenon in suche 25 wife that he was born to his tentes as dede/and the kyng thoas was ladde prisonner to troye / Menelaus contended to greue parys / And parys shotte to hym an arowe enuenymed / and wounded hym in fuche wife b' he was born in to his tente / and as fone as menelaus had bouden 30 his wounde he cam agayn to be batayll for to greue parys yf hehad fouden hym/andhe fonde hym & affayllid hym 596 [leaf 297 verso]

But eneas put hym felf betwene hem bothe / .For as moche as Parys was vnarmed for to auente hym / and fo eneas lad hym in to the cyte to the ende that menelaus shold not slee hym / Than hector assayllyd menelaus . And wende to haue taken hym / But ther cam to the refcows grete plente of chyualrye of the grekes wherfore hector myght not come to his entente And than he threstid in and smote amonge the other And dide so moche with helpe of his solke that the grekes fledde / And than the nyght cam on that made the batayll to cesse.

How Pryant wolde that the kynge thoas that was prisoner shold haue ben hanged And how they retorned to the systhe bataylle / In the whiche hector slewe with his hand thre kynges And how dyomedes slewe the sagittarye &c.

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Than hit cam on the morn be tymes the kynge pryant wold not that they shold fight that day but fente for his counceyll/That is to wete hector. parys Troylus and devphebus / Eneas Anthenor and polidamas / And fayd to them / ye knowe how we zo holde prisoner the kynge thoas / That wyth oute cause that we have deserved is come for to destroye vs / And therfor me thynketh good / That we make hym dye an euyll deth / What saye ye therto / Ha sire sayde eneas. The god forbede that your noblesse shold do suche a 25 vilonye / Syn hit is so that the kynge Thoas is one of the most noble kynges of grece And that it myght happe that the grekes myght take one of oures / To whome they myght doo in semblable wyse / wherof ye myght take the grettest sorowe of the world / So than hit is 30 better as me thynketh that ye kepe ryght well [leaf 198] 597

the kynge thoas wyth oute mysdoynge to hym / that yf by fortune one of oures were taken / we myghte make a change and take that one for that other / This counceyll semed good to hector / But the kynge pryant sayd to them yet / yf ye do thus / hit shall seme to the grekes that we doubte vs and that we dare not put theyr solk to deth Notwithstandyng I shall doo by your counceyll This counceyll synysshid Eneas toke Troyllus and Anthenor and wente to see helayne / whome they sonde in the grete halle of ylion wyth the quene hecuba / And many other noble ladyes where she made grete sorowe And they supposed than to have conforted her / And so dyde the quene hecuba that sayde to her that she shold take no thoughte ne sorowe / And that they of the cyte shold well dessende them.

Monge these thynges the grekes complayned hem fore of the deth of theyr frendes that the trolians slewe thus / And helde hem self chyldren that they had put hem in fuche dauger / Wherof they 20 had well passid and ben deliueryd yf they had had good counceyll / And yet hit happend that same nyght. That ther cam so grete a wynde and so grete a rayne that her tentes ware alle torned vp fo doun to the erthe And semed that the world shold have ended by 25 the grete storme Wherof her sorowe doublid Whan hit cam in the morenyng Whan the tempeste was pasfyd they armed hem alle thurgh oute the ooste And wente hem ayenst the troians / that tho were yssued to batayll Achilles adressid hym first to huppon that 30 was grete as a geant and was kynge of larrysse. [leaf 298 verso] 598

And he smote hym so sore wyth a spere in the breste/that he slewe hym & bare hym doun to the erthe/hector slewe in his comyng the kynge Athomeus / Dyomedes slewe the kynge Antipus / Than the kynge epistropus and the kynge cedus affaylleden hector / And Epistropus Iusted s ayenst hector And brak his spere vpon hym And said to hym many vilayns wordes / wherof hector was angry And in his grete yre gaf hym so grete a strook b' he slewe hym / And after fayd to hym that he sholde goo & saye his vilaynous wordes to them that were dede fuche as he 10 was wonte to faye to lyuyng men / Than was cedeus paffyng forowfull of the deth of his broder And amonestid a thousand knyghtis that he had to see hector. And they affayllyd hym anone & bete hym of his hors / And than they cryed to kynge cedeus for to sle hector. And 15 whan hector apperceyuyd b'/he gaf hym fo grete a strook That he cutte of his arme wherof he fyll for the angwysh that he selte / and anone hector slewe hym Eneas flewe in his medlee the kynge Amphymacus And ther wente to gyder alle the most puyssant of grekes and as- ∞ faylled the troians and flewe many of them And they wente by so grete sorce b' they put the troians in a chasse in the whiche achilles slewe the kynge philis / Wheros hector had grete forowe / and in his yre he flewe be kynge Dalpmee and the kynge doreus And thus by the puys- 25 fance of hector The troians recoverd the felde and flewe many grekes &c .

Han yssued oute of troye the kynge epistropus with thre thousand knyghtes / and they sourced and threstyd amonge the grekes That reculed in 30 theyr comyng / for as moche as he brought wyth hym a [last 149]

fagittarye the same that afore is made mencion of / This fagittarye was not armed But he bare a stronge bowe and a turquoys that was full of arowes / and shotte strongly / Whan the knyghtes of the grekes sawe this 5 meruayllous beste / They had no wyll to goo forth. And they that were afore began to wythholde hem. And wente aback Amonge these thynges hector slewe Polixenes the noble duc that fought fore ayenst hym. And by the strengthe of the Troians and the horrour 10 of the fagittarye the grekes were reculyd vnto theyr tentes / Hyt happend that Dyomedes to fore one of the tentes was affayllyd of the fagittarye / And had this beste to fore hym and the Troians on his back. And so behoued hym there to shewe his puyssance The 15 fagittarye had tho shotte an arowe to hym And dyomedes that was not well affewryd auaunfid hym nyghe vnto hym / And gaf hym fo grete a stroke wyth his fwerde the whiche was not armed that he flewe hym. And at that tyme hit was paste myddaye / And than 20 the grekes recoveryd the felde / And made the Troians to flee / And than entrecountryd Hector and Achylles And wyth force of theyr speres they faught bothe two And fylle bothe to the erthe / And as achilles was fyrst remounted / He supposed to have ladde awaye 25 galathe the good horse of hector But hector escryed to hys folke that they sholde not suffre hym to lede hym awaye Than they ran vpon Achilles and dyde fo moche that they rescowed galathe & rendryd hym to hector that was right glad of hym At this medle was anthenor taken & sente to their tentes notwithstandyng that polidamas his sone dyde meruaylles 600 [leaf 299 verso]

of Armes for to reffcowe hym / but he myght not/And thus they faught to grete domage of that one partye and of that other vnto that the nyght departed hem.

Of the trewes that were betwene hem / After the whiche began bataylle agayn fro morn to euyn wyth 5 grete domage of that one partye and of that other/But the troyans loste more than the grekes.

N the morn betymes the grekes sente diomedes and vlixes vnto the kynge Pryant for to haue L tryews for thre monthes The kynge Pryant af- 10 femblid his counceyll vpon this thynge / And eche man agreed faue hector That fayde that the grekes fayned to wylle burye theyr dede bodyes / by cawtele / And them lackyd vytaylle / And therfore requyred they tryews To the ende that duryng this tyme that they pourueye 15 them of vytayll / And we dayly waste owres wheros we may fone haue scarcete / how be hit he wolde not abide onely by his entente ayenst thoppynyon of so many wyse men And agreed with the other And the triews were accorded for thre monethes / This triewes duryng = the kynge thoas was deliueryd in the stede of Anthenor that they held prisoner / whom they sente to the troians. Calcas that by the comandement of Appolyn had lefte the troians / had a passing sayr doughter and wyse named brefeyda/Chaucer in his booke that he made of Tro- 25 ylus named her crefeyda . For whiche doughter he prayd to kynge Agamenon and to the other prynces/that they wolde requyre the kynge pryant to sende breseyda to hym They prayde ynow to kynge pryant at the Instance of calcas / But the troians blamed fore calcas and callid hym 30 euyll and fals traytre / And worthy to dye / that had [leaf 300]

lefte hys owne lande and his naturell lord for to goo in to the companye of his mortall enemyes / Alleway at the petycion of the grekes the kynge pryant sente brefeyda to her fader.

He triews duryng hector wente hym on a day vnto the tentes of the Grekes / And Achylles behelde hym gladly for as moche as he had neuer feen hym vnarme / And at the requeste of Achylles. Hector wente in to hys tente / And as they fpack to 10 geder of many thynge/Achylles fayde to hector/I haue grete playfir to fee the vnarmed for as moche as I had neuer feen the to fore / But yet I shall have more playfir /Whan the day shall come that thou shalt dye of my hande / Whyche thynge I moste desire / .For I knowe 15 the to be moche stronge And I have often tymes prouyd hit vnto the effusion of my blood / Wherof I have grete Anger / And yet haue I more grete forowe for as moche as thou flewest Patroclus hym that I moste louyd of the world / Than thou mayste beleue for certayn that 20 be fore thys yere be past his deth shall be avengyd vpon the / By my hande / And also I wote well that thou desirest to see me / Hector answerd and sayde Achilles yf I desire thy deth meruaylle the nothynge therof. .For as moche as thou deferueft to be myn enemye mor-25 tall / Thou art come in to our lande for to destroye me and myne / I wyll well that thou knowe that thy wordes fere me nothynge at all / But yet I haue hope that wyth in two yere yf I lyue / And my swerde saylle me not /That thou shalt dye of myn handes / Not thou 30 allonely but alle the moste grettest of the Grekes: .For amonge yow ye have enterpryfid a grete folye 602 [leaf 300 verso]

And hit may none otherwyse come to yow therby but deth / and I am affewrid that thou shalt dye of my hande Er I shall dye by thyne And yf thou wene that thou be fo stronge that thou maiste desende the ayenste me/make hit so that alle the barons of thyn ooste promyse and 5 accorde that we fighte body ayenst body And yf hit happen that thou vaynquysshe me / that my frendes and I shall be bannysshid oute of this royame and we shalle leue hit vnto the grekes / And therof I shall leue good plegge And herein thou mayste prousite to many other 10 That may Renne in grete danger yf they haunte the batayll / And yf hit happen that I vaynquysshe the / make that alle they of this ooste departe hens And suffre vs to lyue in pees / Achilles achauffid hym fore with these wordes And offryd hym to doo this batayll and gaf to 15 hector his gayge / whiche hector toke and reffeyuyd gladly &c.

Han Agamenon knewe of this haytye and bargayn / He wente hym hastely vnto the tente of Achylles with a grete companye of noble men. 20 Whiche wolde in no wise accorde ne agree to this batayll Sayng that they wold not submytte hem so many noble men vnder the strengthe of one man And the troians sayden in lyke wyse / Saue only the kynge pryant that wolde gladly agreed for the grete strengthe that he selte 25 in his sone hector Thus was the champe broken / And hector departed & wente agayn to troye fro the grekes.

Han Troylus knewe certaynly that breseyda shold besente to her sader he made grete sorowe. For she was his souerain lady of loue / And in 30 semblable wyse breseyda louyd strongly Troylus.

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And she made also the grettest sorowe of the world for to leue her fouerayn lord in loue / Ther was neuer feen fo moche sorowe made betwene two louers at their departyng / who that lyste to here of alle theyr loue / late hym 5 rede the booke of troyllus that chawcer made / wherin he shall fynde the storye hooll / whiche were to longe to wryte here / But fynably brefeyda was ledde vnto the grekes whome they receyued honourably Amonge them was diomedes that anone was enflamed with the loue 10 of breseyda / whan he sawe her so fayr And in ridyng by her fide / he shewid her alle his corage And made to her many promesses and specially defired her love And than whan she knewe the corage of diomedes/she excused her fayng that she wolde not agree to hym ne reffuse hym at 15 that tyme . For her herte was not disposed at that tyme to answere otherwyse Of this answere Dyomedes had grete Ioye .For as moche as he was not reffusid vtterly And he accompanyed her vnto the tente of her fader. And halpe her down of her hors/And toke fro her one of me her glouys that she helde in her handes And she souffryd hym fwetely / Calcas resceyuyd her wyth grete Ioye And whan they were in pryuete betwene hem bothe. Brefeyda faide to her fader these and semblable wordes

A. A. my fader how is thy wytte fayllyd that were wonte to be so wyse and the moste honoured and belouyd in the cyte of troye And gouerness alle that was wyth Inne And haddest so many richesses and possessions / And haste ben trayttre thou that oughtest to have kepte thy Rychesses and defended thy contree vnto the deth / But thou louest for the source of the sourc

better to lyue in pouerte and in exyle amonge the mortall enemyes of thy contree. O how shall thys torne to the grete vylonnye: Certes thou shalt neuer gete so moche honour / as thou haste goten vylonnye. And thou shalt not only be blamed in thy lyf / but thou shalt 5 also after thy deth and be dampned in helle. And me femeth yet hit had ben better to haue dwellyd oute of the peple vpon some yle of the see / than to dwelle here in this dishonoure and vylonnye. Wenest thou that the grekes holde the for trewe & faithfull / that arte openly 10 false & vntrewe to thy peple. Certes hit was not only the god Appollo that thus abusid the / but hyt was a companye of deuyllys. And as she thus spack to her fader / she wepte strongly for the displaysyr that she hadde &c .

A. a. my doughter fayd calcas than / wenest thou it is a sewre thynge to despyte the answer I of the goddes / and specyally in that thynge that towcheth my helthe. I knowe certaynly by their answers that this warre shall not dure longe / that the cyte 20 ne shall be destroyed. And the nobles also and the burgeyses. And therfor hit is better for vs to be here sauf / than to be flayn wyth them. And than fynysshid they their parlament. The comyng of brefeyda plefid moche to alle the grekes. And they cam theder and fested her as And demaunded of her tydynges of Troye and of the kynge Pryant / and of them that were wyth Inne. And she sayd vnto hem as moche as she knewe curtoysly. Than alle the grettest that were there promyfyd her to kepe her and holde her as dere as her dough- 50 ter. And than eche man wente in to hys owne Tente [leaf 301] 605

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And ther was none of hem but that gaf to her a Iewell at the departyng / and than hit plefid her well to abide and dwelle wyth the grekes / and forgate anone the noble cyte of troye / and the loue of the noble troyllus / 5 O how fone is the purpos of a woman chaungid and torned/certes more fonner than a man can faie or thinke Now late had brefeyda blamed her fader of the vyce of trayfon / whiche she her self excersised in forgetyng her contre and her trewe frende troyllus &c.

10 ¶ How the grekes & troians began the fixthe bataylle that dured by the space of thretty dayes in whiche were many kynges and prynces ded of that one syde and of that other / And how diomedes smote down troillus of his horse and sente hit to breseyda his loue that receyuyd 15 hit gladly &c.

.Fter the thre monethis of triews passid / on the morn be tymes the troians apparayllid them to bataill / And whan hector had ordeyned all his batayllis / he yssued out syrste and toke wyth hym syf-∞ tene thousand fyghtyng men . And troyllus solowed hym wyth ten thousand knyghtes. After hym cam paris with thre thousand fyghtyng men and good archers and well horsed. After cam deyphebus with thre thoufand fyghtars. After hym cam Eneas and the other 25 alle in ordre so many that there were thys daye of the partye of the troians more than an honderd thousand good fyghtyng men and hardy / Of the partye of the grekes cam alle ther fyrste Menelaus wyth seuen thoufand knyghtes . and after hym Dyomedes wyth as many / And than Achilles that lad also seven thousand the kyng pampitus with a grete multitude of knyghtes [leaf 302 verso]

And the other after lyke as they were ordeyned. The kynge Philis aduaunced hym alther fyrste. And hector cam ayenst hym so stronge that he slewe hym with his spere. Than ther roos a grete crye of his deth amonge the grekes. And the occysion and slaughter began so 5 grete that hyt was an horryble fyght to see as well of that one syde as of that other / The kynge Pampitus flewe many troians for to venge the deth of his vncle and affayllyd hector / but hector gaf hym so grete a strooke with his swerd that he sleewe him also . 10 And for to avenge his deth the grekes flewe many of the troians / Achilles slewe many noble men / Amonge the whyche he slewe the duc biraon, and euforbe that was a moche noble man. Hector was this day fore hurte in the vifage / and bledde grete plente of blood. 15 and wyste not who had doon hyt. And therfore the troians reculed vnto the walles. And whan hector behelde and sawe vpon the wallis the quene hecuba hys moder and his fusters / He had grete shame. And by grete yre assayllid the kynge menon cofyn of Achil- 20 les / and gaf hym so many strokes wyth his swerd vpon hys helme that he slewe hym seeyng Achilles / that wende for to have enraged and toke a stronge spere and ranne ayenst hector and brake hys spere vpon hym / but he coude not remeue hym. And hector as gaf hym wyth hys fwerd fo grete a strooke that he maad hym to tomble vnder hys horse. And fayd to hym Achilles Achilles thou contendest to approache to me / Knowe that thou approcheft thy deth. And as Achilles wold haue answerd to hector / Troyllus cam w vpon betwene them wyth a grete nombre of knyghtes [lesf 303] 607

and putte hym in the myddes of them /And there were flayn more than fyue honderd knyghtes of grece / and were put back by force / And menelaus cam to the refcows wyth thre thousand fyghtyng men. And of the partye of the troians cam the kynge Ademon that Iusted ayenst menelaus / and smote hym and hurted hym in the vysage. And he and troylus toke hym and had lad hym away / yf dyomedes had not come the sonner with a grete companye of knyghtes / And sought with troillous at his comyng and smote hym down and toke hys horse / and sente hit to breseyda. And dyde do saye to her by his servant / that hit was troyllus horse her loue / that he had beten hym by his prowesse / and prayd her fro than forth on that she wold holde hym for the loue and frende &c.

Refeyda had grete Ioye of these tydynges / and fayd to the feruaut that he shold saye vnto his lord / that she myght not hate hym that wyth fo good herte louyd her / Whan Diomedes knewe the 20 answer / he was right Ioyous / and threstid in amonge his enemyes. But the troians that were stronger than they / maad the grekes to goo a back and recule vnto their tentes and had flayn hem all yf the kynge agamenon had not focowred hem with right grete strength 25 Than began the batayll horryble and mortall / And the grekes recoueryd the felde. And rebowted and put the Troians aback vnto theyr dyches. Than cam palidamas to the rescows wyth a grete nombre and multitude of knyghtes and dyde fayre appertyfes of warre 30 Than Dyomedes adressed hym to hym / But he was beten of palydamas that toke the horse of dyomedes 608 [leaf 303 verso]

and toke hit to troyllus that fought a fote / And he mounted anone ther vpon / Than cam Achilles ayenst troyllus whom troyllus receyuyd gladly / and bete doun Achilles / whiche remountyd lyghtly . and affaillid troyllus with his swerd And troyllus desended hym 5 right vaylliantly. Than cam on hector And had at this stowre slayn more than a thousand knyghtes. but the grekes defended Achilles / that were so oppressed that vnnethe they myght defende hym no more / And he had ben flayn or taken / yf the kynge thelamon and the duc 10 of Atthenes had not focourid hym. And they fette hym agayn on his hors with grete payne / & than the nyght cam on that departed them. They fought thus thretty dayes contynuelly to the grete domage of bothe partyes And ther were flayn fixe of the bastard sones of the 15 kynge pryant. And hector was hurte in the visage. And therfore the kynge pryant demanded trews of the grekes for fixe monethis. And they were agreed and accorded to hvm &c .

■ How the grekes and the troians began the seuenth so batayll / that dured twelue dayes And after began the eyghte batayll moche domageous for the troians. ffor hector was slayn by achilles And were rebowted in to their cyte by force of their grete domage.

Vryng the fixe monthes of the triews afor- 25 faid hector dide hym to be heled of his woundes. And playd in the noble halle of ylyon that was / as the hystorye fayth the moste Ryall halle and fayre that was in alle the world. Thus duryng the trewes the kynge pryant dyde do burye hys sixe bastard 30 sones eche in a sepulture by hym self ryght honourably.

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Amonge all other thynges Diomedes suffred grete mysease for the loue of breseida/and myght not ete ne reste
for thynkyng on her / And requyred her many tymes of
her loue. And she answerd hym right wysely gyuyng
shym hope wyth oute certaynte of ony poynte / by the
whyche dyomedes was enslamed of alle poyntes in
her loue / Whan the sixe monthes were passid they began to syghte by the space of twelue dayes contynuelly
fro the mornyng vnto the euenyng. And there were
many slayn of that one syde and of that other/And than
cam a grete mortalite amonge the grekes in the oost of
the grete hete that tho was/And therfore the kyng Agamenon requyred tryews / whyche was agreed and
accorded to hym &c.

Andrometha the wyf of hector that hadd two fayr fones by hym wherof that one had to name laomedon / and that other Astromatas . This Andrometha fawe that nyght a meruayllous vysion. And her 20 femed yf hector wente that day following to the bataylle he shold be slayn. And she that had grete sere and drede of her husbond Wepyng fayd to hym prayng hym that he wold not goo to the batayll that day Wherof hector blamed his wyf fayng that me shold 25 not beleue ne gyue fayth to dremes / and wold not abyde ner tarye therfore / Whan hyt was in the morenyng Andrometha wente vnto the kynge pryant and to the quene and tolde to them the veryte of her vysion. and prayd to them wyth alle her herte that they wold 30 doo so moche to hector that he shold not that day go to the batavile &c.

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It happend that day was fayre and cleer And the troians Armed them And Troyllus yssued I fyrste in to the batayll / After hym Eneas / Aster Parys Deyphebus Polidamas and the kynge farpedon the kynge Epistropus the kynge Croys / and s the kynge Philomenus / And after alle the prynces that were comen in the ayde of the troians / eche man in good ordenance / And the kyng pryant sente to hector that he shold kepe hym well that day fro goyng to batayll. Wherfore hector was angry and fayd to 10 his wyf many wordes reprochable / as he that knewe well that this defence cam by her requeste / how be hyt notwithstandyng the dessence he armed hym. And whan Andromeda sawe hym armed she toke her lytyll chyldren and fyll doun to the feet of her husbond 15 and prayd hym humbly / that he wold take of his Armes / but he wold not doo hyt. And than she sayd to hym / at the lefte yf ye wyll not haue mercy on me / fo haue pytie of your lytyll children that I & they dye not a bitter deth. or that we shall be ledde in seruytude & bon- so dage in to strange contreyes / With this poynt cam vpon them the quene hecuba& the quene helayne and befusters of hector /And they knelld down to fore his feet and prayd hym wyth wepyng teerys / that he wold doo of his harnoys and vnarme hym and come wyth them in to 25 the halle. But neuer wold he doo hit for her prayers. but descended from the palays thus Armed as he was And toke hys horse and wold have goon to bataylle. But at the Requeste of Andromeda the kynge pryant cam rennyng anone / and toke hym by the brydell so and fayd to hym fo many thynges of one and other [leaf 305] 611

that he maad hym to retorne / but in no wyse he wold not vnarme hym.

monge all thefe thynges the batayll was mortall of the grekes and of the troians / Diomedes and troyllus Iusted to geder / And at the asfemble they greuyd eche other / and wyth oute faylle eche of them had flayn other yf menelaus had not come and departid them. Than the kynge myferes of frygye bete menelaus and had taken hym whan eneas cam and to distrowblid them. And wold have slayn hym / But the fayd troyllus delyueryd hem and flewe many grekes . Than cam the kynge thelamon with thre thousand fyghtyng men / And Iustid in hys comyng ayenst polidamas / and put hym to the worse and vnhorsid hym. 15 But troyllus focourid hym and made hym to remounte on his hors. After cam parys and achilles on the other fide / that fmote amonge the troians by fo grete force wyth the helpe of hys peple that he putte hem to the flyght vnto the cyte / And in this chasse achilles slewe 20 margareton one of the bastardes of kynge pryant.

Han hector knewe that Achylles had flayn margareton / he had grete forowe And dyde anone do lase on hys helme / and wente hym to the batayll that hys fader knewe not of. And in hys 25 comyng he flewe two noble dukes grekes the duc Coryphus / and the duc bastidus. And he threstid in to the grettest prees of the grekes / and slewe as many as he coude areche And thegrekes fledde aforehym that ther was none so hardy b' durst abide his strokes / And thus 30 the troians retorned and flewe the grekes on all fides 614

Than the grekes toke polidamas & had lad hym away ne had hector haue ben / whiche delyuerid hym & flewe many grekes. Than an Admyrall of grece named Leocides affayllid hector / and hector flewe hym anone.

Han Achilles sawe that hector slewe thus the 5 nobles of grece and fo many other that it was meruayll to beholde /he thought that yf hector were not flayn that the grekes shold neuer haue victorye / and also for as moche as he had slayn many kynges & prynces. He ranne vpon hym meruayllously 10 and a noble duc of grece with hym named Polyceus / and was come for the loue of Achilles / the whyche had promyfyd to gyue to hym hys fuster in maryage / But hector flewe the fame duc anone feeying Achilles Than Achilles wenyng to avenge the deth of policeus 15 affayllyd hector by grete yre. But hector cafte to hym a darte so fiersly / and made hym a wounde in his thye And than Achilles yffued out of the batayll and dide do bynde hys wounde and toke a grete spere in purpose to flee hector yf he myght mete hym. Amonge all these 20 thynges hector had taken a moche noble baron of grece moche queyntly and rychely armed / And for to lede hym oute of the ooste at his case / had caste his shelde behynde hym at his backe / And had lefte his brefte difcouerte and as he was in thys poynte and toke none 25 hede of Achylles that cam pryuely vnto hym and putte thys spere wyth in his body / And Hector syll down dede / to the ground : Whan the kynge Menon fawe hector dede / He affayllyd Achylles by grete yre . and bete hym doun to the ground and hurte hym strongly. 50 [leaf 306] 613

And his men bare hym in to his tente vpon hys shelde. Than for the deth of hector were alle the troians disconsiyte / and reentryd in to theyr cyte beryng the body of hector wyth grete sorowe and lamentacion.

of the ryche sepulture of hector and of the grete lamentacions and wepynges that the troians maad for his deth / and how palamydes was chosen duc and governour of the oost of the grekes:.

Han hector was ded / and his body born in to the cyte/theris no tongethat coude expresse the forowe that was maad in the cyte generally of men & women And that ther was none but he had lever to have loste his owen sone than hym / And they fayd all that from thens forth they had lofte alle her 15 hope and truste of dessence / And thus they demened ryght longe their forowe / The noble kynges and prynces bare the body vnto the palais of ylyon. Than whan the kynge pryant fawe hym he fyll doun a fwowne vpon the body and was as ded for forowe that vnnethe they coude take hym awaye by force. There demened grete forowe all his brethern / what myght men faye of the forowe that his moder the quene made / and after hys fusters. O what forowe maad hys wyf / Certes there can no man expresse alle the lamentacions 25 that there were maad / And for as moche as the body myght not longe endure wyth oute corrupcion. The kynge pryant toke counceyll of many wyfe mayfters How they myght kepe the body of hector wyth oute corrupcion and wyth oute sepulture / And than he dyde 30 do make by their counceyll a ryche sepulture vpon source 614 [!caf 30fi veiso]

pylers of gold lyfte vp an heyghte vpon the whyche was maad a moche ryche tabernacle of gold and of precyous stones. And on the source corners of the tabernacle were foure ymages of gold that had femblauce of Angellis. And aboue the tabernacle ther 5 was a grete ymage of gold that was maad after the femblance of hector And had the vysage torned toward the grekes and helde a naked swerde and semed that he manaced the grekes. And ther was in the myddes of the tabernacle a place voyde. where the maysters set- 10 ted and putte the body of hector in flefshe and in bones v cladde in his beste garementes and robes. And stood right vpon his feet / and myght endure so a longe tyme in that wyfe with oute corupcon by certayn scyence that the maystres had sette on the sommet or toppe of the hede 15 of hector / that is to wete a vessell / that had an hole in the bottom / Whiche vessell was alle sfull of syn bame And that stylled and dropped in to a place aboue on his heed / and so spradde down in alle the membres of the bodye / as well wyth In as with oute / and they 20 fyllyd often tymes the vessell wyth bame. And thus the body myght not enpayre for the grete vertue of this bame. And alle the pepie that wold see hector they fawe hym veryly in lyke wyfe as he had ben on lyue. To thys sepulture the same maysters mad a lampe 25 of fyn gold brennyng contynuelly wyth oute gooyng oute or quenchyng. And after they maad a closure / to the ende that no man sholde approche ne goo vnto thys tabernacle wyth oute lycence or leue. And in this temple the kynge pryant ordeyned and fette grete plente 30 of prestes for to praye to the goddes with oute sessying [leaf 307]

for hys fone hector / And gaf to them good rentes .

Monge these thynges the kynge agamenon asfemblid all the kynges & most nobles of his ofte And faid to hem in this manere / My frendes all 5 ye kynges prynces & barons / We oughte to rendre and yelde thankynges to the goddes humbly & with deuoute herte / that our right hard enemye hector have suffred to be flayn by the hande of Achilles / ffor as longe as he was on lyue we had neuer esperance to haue comen at 10 the aboue of oure enemyes / what may the troians fro hens forth hope & truste/but onelytheir destruccon/And we may in shorte tyme hope be victorye vpon them / And for as moche as achilles is strongly hurte and may not goo to batayll / yf ye thynke good whylis that he may 15 be heled & the other also that ben hurte / of whome we haue many / and also for to burye the ded bodyes / we shall fende to kynge pryant for to haue triews for two monethis. The counceyll femed good to hem. And they fente anone to the kynge pryant for tryews / and he ac-20 corded them for two monethis.

Vryng this triews palamydes murmured ayen of the feygnourye of agamenon. And as they were on a day all to gyder / and palamides spack of thys mater / the kynge agamenon answerd to hym as fage in the presence of alle the other / and sayd to hym / Palamydes wenest thou that I have grete Ioye of the seygnourye that was gyuen to me at the begynnyng and have occupyed to thys present tyme / how well that hyt was not at my requeste and that I have none awayll ne proussit therby / but I have grete charge and breke manyslepes / to thende that by my neclygence

our ooste goo not to declyne ner disworshyppe / And certes hit had well fuffifid to me to have ben vnder the gouernauce of an other. And I fere no man that may accuse me / that for ony eugli wyll or necligence I have fayllid in ony thynge. And yf thou gauyst not s thy confente to myn eleccion / thou darst not esmaye the therof / ffor thou were not yet at that tyme comen with the other. but hit was two yere after er thou cam. And therfore yf we shold have abyden thy comyng we had ben yet at the poort of atthenes. And for as moche as 10 thou shalt not wene that I have Ioye of this office and am defiryng to haue this honour / I am contente that another be chosen and am redy to consente with the moste voys / Whan agamenon had thus spoken / ther was no further proceded bt day in this matere. And than at euen 15 Agamenon dide do crye in all the oost b' eche man shold be on the morn betymes to fore his tente at b parlament.

Than hit cam on the morenyng that they were all affemblid / Agamenon fayd to them . My brethern & frendes I haue had vnto thys tyme 20 the charge of this werke with grete trauayll for to conduyte hit well / In suche wise that by be suffrance of the goddes I haue brought hit to honour vnto thys tyme. And for as moche as hit is leeffful b' an vnyuersite answere not alway to one maister / But that every man en- 25 ploye hym to the beste / to his power / for so moche than as I have conduyted this oost longe tyme / I wyll that we chese another that may conduyte hyt dyscretely. Whan Agamenon had fynysshid his wordes / His sayng plefid to euery man / and they chees palamydes to be 🗩 their duc & gouernour / And than he wente vnto his tente

Achilles that laye seke of his woundes was angry of the deposyng of Agamenon and sayd to fore alle them that wold here hyt / that Palamydes was no thyng lyke vnto agamenon in wytte and in discrecion. And 5 that mē ought not to change hym for palamydes / But for as moche as alle the peple had consentid / he abode therby also &c.

How the kynge pryant yssued to batayll for to auenge vpon the grekes the deth of his sone hector / and of the prowessis that he dide / and of the annyuersarye of the sayd hector in whyche Achilles was esprysed with the loue of polixena the doughter of kynge pryant in suche wyse that he myght not dure ne reste.

Han the two monthis of the triews were paste thekyngepryant defiryng to avenge the deth of his fone hector / Ordeyned with his owen perfone his bataylles / and fette in eche batayll good conduytours / and he hym felf wente and ledde with hym fyve and twenty thousand of good knyghtes chosen of 20 the beste / And dares sayth in his book that ther yssued out of troye that day an honderd and fyfty thoufand men / Deiphebus was the formeste & than parys & after hym cam the kyng pryant / and troyllus / Eneas menon and polidamas. And wente hem vnto the tentes of the 25 grekes / Palamydes had ordeyned his bataylles / than began the batayll grete and mortall / The kyng pryant fmote doun palamides in his comyng / and after fmote in to the grettest prees of the grekes & slewe many of them and bete hem doun / and dyde so moche in armes in that 30 day that wyth grete payne a man sholde beleue hyt 618 [leaf 308 verso]

that a man so Auncyent and olde myght doo that he dyde that day. The kynge sarpedon of troye assaylled kynge Neptolonyus / that was a passyng stronge knyght. And kynge sarpedon was born to the erthe that desended hym vailliantly and gas so grete a stroke synto kynge neptolonyus that he maad hym a grete wounde in his thye. Than cam to the batayll the kynge of parce that remounted the kynge sarpedon wyth the ayde of his solke. Menelaus and the duc of atthenes assaylleden the kynge of perce and enclosed hym and his peple amonge hem / and slewe the kynge of perce / and maad the troians to recule by sorce / There dyde meruaylles of Armes the kynge Sarpedon.

He kynge pryant and his bastard sonnes that than solowed hym cessed not to slee the grekes 15 And ther was none that day that dide so moche in Armes as dyde the kynge pryant / .For his sorowe and his yre maad hys strengthe to growe. Than the grekes auysed hem to take the way by whiche the troians shold retorne vnto their cyte / They wente theder in grete nombre / And than whan the troians reculeden for to goo into that place / they sondehem self in the myddell of their enemyes / tho began mortall batayll / And ther cam vpon them the kyng pryant with a grete nombre of syghtyng men by one wynge / And parys cam a 25 trauerse wyth grete soysson of good syghtars / And he had grete foysson of Archers that slewe many of the grekes and hurted hem / And they dyde so well / that by sorce the grekes muste recule to theyr tentes.

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And the troians reentrid in to their cyte / And the kyng pryant had the loos and pryse of this batayll. He sente to the grekes to demande triews / and they agreed and accorded to hym / but we synde not how longe this triews sendured &c.

Monge these thynges the kynge pryant dyde do carye by land the body of the kynge of perfe for L to be buryed in hys contre / Tho was the wepyng and forowe grete in troye. And in especyall of 10 parys that louyd hym ftrongly / Duryng thys triews the Annyversarye of hector approchid where me shold moorne fyftene dayes in grete forowe. And after shold mē halowe the grete feste funerall / as hit was that tyme the guyse and custome for kynges and prynces. And 15 than duryng the tryews / the grekes wente and cam in to the cyte fauely / And fo dide the troians vnto the tentes of the grekes: Than achilles had grete desire to goo to troye to see the cyte and the feste of the annyversarye of hector. whome he had flayn / And fo he wente alle 20 vnarmed vnto the temple of appolyn where as was the sepulture of hector / and he sonde there grete soyson of men and women that were noble and wepte and maad grete forowe to fore the fepulture whiche a man myght fee on all sides alle hool in like wyse as he was 25 fyrst by the vertue of the bame / there was the quene hecuba / and polixena her doughter that was passyng fayre with a grete companye of noble ladyes / that had alle theyr heer spartled and hangyng aboute their sholdres / And demened ryght meruayllous forowe / And 30 how well that Polyxena maad fo grete forowe.

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yet she loste no thynge of her beawte / but semed and shewid her self so sayre in alle her membres and so well colowred that nature formed neuer none more sayrer &c.

Han Achilles had well aduyfed and feen po- 5 lixena / He fayd in hym felf that he had neuer feen fo fayre a woman ne better fourmed ne made / Wyth that she was one of the moste noble women of the worlde / than was Achilles shoten with the darte of loue / that stack hym to the herte so meruayl- 10 loufly / that he coude not ceffe to beholde her / And the more he behelde her/ the more he defired her/He was fo afottyd on her / that he thought on none other thynge. but abode in the temple vnto the euenyng as longe as the quene was there. And whan she wente oute he con- 15 ueyed his eye vpon polixena as ferre as he myght fee her / And thys was the cause and the begynnyng of hys meschief / In thys forowe Achilles retorned vnto his tente / And whan he was leyde to slepe / that nyght ther cam many thynges in his mynde and in his thoughte 20 And knewe than the dauger where polixena had putte hym Inne. And thought in hym felf that the moste stronge men of the world coude not ner had not mowe vavnquysshe hym. And the only regarde and syghte of a frayll mayde had vaynquisshid and ouercome hym as And hym semed that ther is no medecyne of the world myght hele hym faue she / But he fayd my prayer / my strengthe / ne my rychesse may no thynge meue her to have pyte on me / I wote never what devyll hath putte me in thys daunger to love her that hateth me to fo fore / with mortall hate / And by right good cause / [lesf 310]

ffor I am comen hether for to sle her kynne and cofyns and now late haue slayn her noble brother hector / Certes I see no remedye / syn she is the moste noble and fayreste of the world. And than he torned hym to the swalle and syll in wepyng and drowned hym self in teres / and of necessite he muste thynke how he myght come to the loue of polixene / And so he coueryd and hydde his corage as well as he myghte.

How Achylles sente his secrete messanger vnto hecuba the quene of troye for torequyreherdoughter polixena and of the answer / and how for the loue of her the
said achilles assemblid the oost of the grekes / and couceyllid hem to departe / and haue pees with the troians /

He nyght folowyng as achilles was leyde on his bedde & myght not slepe / he thought that he wold sende be tymes hys messanger vnto the quene hecuba for to knowe yf he myght fyne wyth her that she wold gyue to hym her doughter polixena to wyve / And he wold do so moche for her / that he wold 20 make the grekes to reyse theyr syege and goo agayn in to theyr contrees haftely. And the pees shold be maad betwene them. Alle thus as he thought in the nyght / he put in execucion and sente his trewe messanger vnto the quene for to requyre her doughter. And fayde to her the 25 promyses that his lord had comanded hym / whan the quene had vnderstande the wordes of the messanger the answerd hym discretly / how well that she hated achilles more than ony man of the world : fayng frend as moche as is in me I am redy for to doo that thyng 30 that thy mayster requyreth of me . So saye vnto hym [leaf 310 verso] 622

that I may not doo this thynge allone by my felf. But I shall speke to my lorde and to parys my sone. And thou shalt come the thirde day agayn / and I shall saye to the thyn answere.

Than the messanger herde the quene so speke/he 5 retorned vnto his lord and faid to hym all that he had founde / And thus began Achylles to haue hope to come to his entente. The quene hecuba wente her anone vnto the kynge pryant her husbond where as paris was / and tolde to them all that Achil- 10 les had fente to her / And than the kynge henge down his heed and was so a longe whyle wyth oute sayng of ony worde. And after faid to his wyf. O how is hyt as me thynketh herde thynge to resceyue in to frendship and Amytye / hym that hath don to me so grete offence 15 that hath taken away the lyght of myn eyen in sleyng my dere sone hector: And hath therin gyuen hope to the grekes to have the victorye / But alleway for to efchiewe the moste grete peryll / To thende that myn other fones lose not theyr lyf and that I may have reste in myn 20 olde dayes / I me consente with yow that he haue that he requyreth. Alleway forfeen that he doo fyrste that thynge that he hath promyfid wyth oute ony decepcion / Parys agreed to this thynge lyghtly / for as moche as in the promesses of Achilles was no thynge spoken of as the quene Helayne &c : .

T the thirde daye after / Achilles sente agayn hys messanger vnto the quene / And as sone as he camtosoreher/shesaydtohym. I hauespoken tomy husbonde and also to my sone Parys of the requeste 30 [leaf 311]

and also of the promesse of thy lorde / and they be contente that hys requeste be agreed to hym. But that he doo fyrst that thynge / that he hath promysed. And so thou mayst faye to hym that he may come to the chief & s ende of his defire, and that he conduyte wyfely and fecretly thys thynge as moche as in hym is: The messanger toke leue of the quene / and cam anone to hys mayster / and counted to hym alle that the quene had sayd to hym. Than began Achilles strongly to thynke how 10 he myghte performe this that he had promyfed to the kynge Pryant. And that hyt was a greuous thynge to doo / And that hit was not alle in hys puyssance. But hit is a propre vyce vnto the folissh lovers to promyse thynge that is hard to brynge aboute and dyffi-15 cyle / for to come to the effecte of their loues / In lyke wyfe gloryfyed hym Achilles that for hys merytes or for gyuyng hys ayde to the grekes he wold make them to leue theyr fyege / And than Achilles by the counceyll of palamydes affemblid all the kynges and noble men 20 of the oost In parlament & sayd to them in this manere.

I frendes that be here affemblid for to brynge this warre to the ende/ thenke ye not otherwhile on your felf. How by grete legyerte/lyghtnes and folye and for to recouere the wif of menelaus we haue lefte oure contrees and landes / oure wyves and oure chyldren. And ben comen in to thys stronge lande/ Where we haue dyspendyd the owrys folyly / and putte oure bodyes in daunger of deth and in grete Infynyte laboure / And syn we haue ben comen hether there ben ryght many kynges and prynces ded / And I my felf haue shedde moche of my blood / pt neuer shold

haue happend yf we had not begonne this folye / helayne is nothyng of fo grete prys that ther behoueth to dye for her fo many noble men/ther ben ynowhe in the world of as noble and as fayr women as she is / of whome menelaus myght haue one or two yf he wolde / And hit is not a light thynge to ouercome the troians / as they that haue a stronge cyte and well garnysshid of good sightars on horse backe and a soote / and hit ought to suffise to vs that we haue now slayn hector and many other of theyr nobles by the whiche we myghte now retorne so wyth oure honoure and worshippe And yf we leue helayne / haue not we exione / to whome helayne may not compare in noblesse.

Han meuyd them the duc of Atthenes And the kynge thoas / And contraryed strongly to the 15 wordes of Achilles / And fo dyde alle the other and fayd / That he fayde neyther fayr ne well / wherof Achilles had grete forowe / And comanded to his myrondones that they shold not arme them no more ayenst the troians And that they shold not gyue no counceyll 20 ne Ayde vnto the grekes / Amonge these thynges vytaviles began to faylle amonge the grekes / and they had grete famyne / Than affemblid palamydes alle the moste nobles of the ooft to counceyll And by theyr counceyll was the kynge Agamenon sente vnto the cyte of messe 25 to the kynge thelephus / That charged and laded his shippes with vitayll and cam fauely agayn in to the ooste of the grekes / where he was receyuyd wyth grete loye. Amonge these thynges palamydes dyde theyr shippes do be reparyed to the ende that they myght be more redy yf 50 they had nede &c .

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Of the deth of deyphebus the sone of kynge Pryant And how parys slewe palamydes / and how pe troians rebouted the grekes in to theyr tentes & settle syre on theyr shippis And how for alle these thynges Achilles wold not goo to batayll for the loue of polixene.

Han the triews were passid they began to sighte as they had ben a customed / deyphebus assayllid in his comyng the kynge Creffus of grece/And he adressid hym to hym gladly and Iusted that one 10 ayenst that other / But deyphebus bete the kynge cressus dede doun to the ground / Wherof the grekes were fore trowblid and put hem to flight / But palamydes and Dyomedes cam wyth fyue and twenty thousand fyghtyng men that relisted the Troians / wyth them was 15 the noble kynge Thelamon ayax / that adressid hym ayen efronyus one of the bastard sones of the kynge Pryant / And fmote hym fo hard that he bete hym doun dede to the ground feeyng Deyphebus / that in his grete furour ran vpon Thelamon and bete hym and fore hurte 20 hym / whan Palamydes fawe that stroke He toke a grete spere and adressid hym to deyphebus / And smote hym fo harde in the brefte that the spere entryd in to his body and the spere brake and the tronchon a bood in the body of deyphebus / Whan parys fawe his broder 25 hurte to the deth he toke hym & ladde hym vnto by the gate of the cyte And toke hym to his men to kepe And as deyphebus opend his eyen & fawe parys his broder. He faid to hym / broder shalt thou late me descende in to helle with out auengyng of my deth / I pray the as I may 30 that er this tronchon be taken out of mybody / that thou 626 [leaf 312 verso]

do so moche by thy hande that thou slee hym that hath slayn me / Parys promysid hym that he wold do his power And retorned hym in to the bataylle ryght angry for his broder / And sayd in hym self that he desired no lenger to lyue but tyll he had auengyd the deth of his broder / And sought palamydes alle abowtes / And sonde hym that he soughte agaynst the kynge sarpedon that had assayllyd for to sle hym and palamydes desirended hym vayllyantly / And in his grete fureur gas so grete a strooke wyth his swerde to the kynge sarpedon that he cutte of his sholdre fro the body / And anone kynge sarpedon syll down dede.

Arys seeyng the grete domage that palamydes dyde to them / And also with his prowesse had putte the troians to flight / and ceffid not to flee 15 and fmyte doun all way / he bende his ftronge bowe And auysed well palamydes at leyzer And shotte to hym an arowe enuenymed / And smote hym in the throte / And cutte a two the maistre vayne / and palamydes syll doun dede to the erthe. For whos deth the grekes made moche = forowe & lefte the batayll / and wente vnto theyr tentes And there helde a stale ayenst the troians and dessended them strongly/Than descended the troians a sote and entryd in to some of theyr tentes and toke alle that they fonde that good was / Than Parys and troyllus wente 25 by a fide waye vnto the porte/and dyde doputte fyrein to her shippis and brente so grete plente that men mighte see the flame ferre / To the rescowse of the shippis cam the kynge thelamon with a grete companye of fightars / and began the batayll horrible that there was grete occision po and flaughter on bothe fides / And verayly the shippis 627 [leaf 313]

had ben alle brente / Ne had ben the prowesse of kynge thelamon pt dide meruaylles with his body / And what some euer he dyde ther were more than syue honderd shippis brente / There was grete occision of the grekes.

5 And many were hurte / There was Ebes the sone of the kynge of trace fore hurte wyth a spere and bare the tronchon in his body / And in that poynte he wente to the tente of Achylles / where he restid hym that day And had ressued to goo to the bataylle for the loue that no he had to polixene / Ebes reprochid strongly Achylles that he suffryd so destroye the peple of his contre and to dye vyllaynsy / And that he myght well helpe hem yf he wolde / And as sone as he had synysshid his wordes One toke oute the tronchon of his body And anone so he syll down dede in the presence of Achilles.

Non after cam fro the batayll oon of be varlettis or feruauntes of Achilles / And Achilles demaunded hym tydynges. of the ooste / Ha. A Syre fayd he hit is this day myshappid to oure folk. 20 . For the grete multitude of troians that ben comen vpon them / And they have flayn alle that they cowde mete wyth / And I trowe ther is not lefte oon at home of the men of troye / But that every man is come to the bataylle / And therfore yf hit plese yow now whilis 25 that the troians ben wery to come to the bataylle ye shall gete to yow perpetuell memorye of worshyppe and of glorye / . For by your prowesse ye shall in lytyll space haue alle vaynquysshid hem / And they shall not dare dessende hem ayenst yow they ben so 30 wery / Neuer wolde achylles for the wordes of his varlet ne for the deth of Ebes / chaunge his corage. 628 [leaf 313 verso]

But diffimyled alle that he had feen and herde for the grete loue that he had to polixene.

Monge these thynges the bataylle was ryght sharpe And endured vnto the nyght to the grete Adomage of the grekes / And the nyght departed 5 them/yet was not deyphebus dede/but he drewe toward his ende / And whan Parys and Troyllus sawe hym in that forowe / They began to crye and make grete forowe / And than Deyphebus opend a lytyll his eyen and demanded of parys wyth a feble voys yf he were 10 dede that had flayn hym / And Parys fayd to hym ye. Than depphebus dyde do drawe oute the hede of the spere wyth the tronchon / And anone deyde / Wherfore the troians made grete forowe / hit is no nede to holde longe parlament of the forowe that the kynge Pryant his 15 fader made ne his wyf and his fusters / . For hit was to moche and also for the deth of the kynge Sarpedon Of that other partye the grekes made grete forowe for the deth of palamydes And made his body to be buryed worshypfully / And as they that myght not be longe 20 wyth oute an heed and gouernour by the counceyll of duc nestor and of other / Agamenon was remysed in his dignyte as he was to fore.

He day folowyng the troians erly in the morenyng yffued oute of the cyte in good ordenance. 25 And the grekes cam ayenst hem/tho began the batayll mortall / And there was grete slaughter on bothe sides / But hit rayned so moche that day / that the grekes wythdrewe hem to theyr tentes / And the troians solowed after them / But the rayne was so grete that they 20 must e nedes leue the bataylle and retorne in to theyr cyte.

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On the morn betymes they began to fighte / And slewe that day many barons of the grekes and fought to the euen And so they faughte the space of seuen dayes contynuelly / where was grete occision of that one and of that other / And for as moche as the grekes myght not suffire the stenche of the dede bodyes / They demaunded triews for two monethis / whiche were accorded to hem by kynge pryant.

Vryng these triews the kynge agamenon sente the duc Nestor Vlixes & Dyomedes to speke to Achilles for to praye hym and amoneste hym to come to the ooste for to dessende hem ayenst the troians that flewe hem ouer meruaylloufly / whan they were come vnto hym / He resseyuyd hem wyth grete Ioye. 15 And than Vlixes fayd to hym / Syre Achilles / ne was hit not by your entencion and also owres alle of this ooste to leue oure contre / And come renne vpon kynge Pryant and destroye hym and his by force of armes / And bete down his cyte /. For whens cometh this 20 newe corage / After fo many hurtes and domages as we have reffeyuyd in this lande by the troians that have flayn fo many kynges and prynces pylled and robbed oure tentys and brente oure shippes / And we were now in hope to have vaynquysshid hem / After that ye by your 25 force and valeur haue flayn hector / that was the verray tutor of be troians and also now that deyphebus is dede The troians ben therwyth put vnder foote And than after this that ye have goten with so grete travayll so grete worshippe and so good renome / wyll ye now lese alle 30 attones and fuffre your peple to be flayn cruelly that ye haue so longe deffended with the effusion of your blood. [leaf 314 verso] 630

Plese hit to yow fro hens forth to entretene & kept your good renome / And desende your peple / That wyth oute yow may not longe desende hem ayenst your enemyes / to the ende that we may come to the victorye by your prowesse / By the whiche we hope to attayne and come.

Ire Vlixes fayd than Achilles / yf we be come in to this lande for the causes that ye have decla-Pred we maye faye that grete folye was amonge vs / that for the wyf of one of vs / that is to wete of fyre Menelaus fo many kynges and fo hyghe princes be but 10 in paryll of deth / had hit not ben moche more wyfdom for the noble palamydes to haue abyden in peasinhis contree / Than for to be flayn here / And other kynges and prynces in lyke wyfe / Certes as the most grete partye of the worlde of noble men ben here now assemblid /yf they 15 dye here / As many ben all redy dede / Hit muste nedes folowe that the contrees shall be Replenyshid and gouerned by villayns / Hector that was so noble and so worthy / is he not dede / In lyke wyse I may dye lightly that am not so stronge as he was. And therfore how 20 moche as ye requyre me to goo to bataylle / so moche payne and laboure lese ye .For I have no more entencion to putte me more in danger / And loue better to lese my renomee than my lyf . For in be ende ther is no prowesse But hit be forgoten Nestor and dyomedes contendeden 25 ynowh to drawe Achilles to their quarellis But they myght neuer enduce hym to theyr porpose Ne the wordes of Agamenon neyther And than he fayd to hem that they shold make pees with the troians to fore that they were alle flayn &c.

Han Retorned these thre prynces vnto Agamenon

and fayde to hym alle that they had founde in Achilles. And Agamenon dyde hit to be knowen to the prynces of the ooste / Whom he had assemblid for this cause / And demanded of them theyr auyse / Thanstode vp menelaus. 5 Sayng that hit shold be to vs now grete vylonnye to feke pees wyth the troians fyn that hector & deyphebus ben dede / and flayn / and that for theyr deth The troians repute them as vaynquysshid / and that wyth out Achilles they sholde well mayntene the warre agaynst the tro-10 ians / To that answerd vlixes & nestor And sayde / that hit was not meruayll though menelaus defired be warre for affeccion to recouere his wyf / And that troye was not so disgarnysshid but that they had a newe hector. That was troyllus / that was a lityll lasse stronge and 15 worthy than hector And ther was also another devphebus / and that was parys / whom we oughte to dowte as moche as the other And therfore they couceyllid be pees And to retorne hom agayn to grece Than escryed be false traytour Calcas / whiche was traytour to the troians. 20 And faid ha. a. noble men what thinke ye to doo ayenst the comadement of the goddes/haue not they promifid to yow be victorie / & will ye now leue hit Certes be shold be grete folye Take agayn corageto you/& fighte ye agayn ft the troians more stronglye than ye have doon to fore And 25 cessenottyll ye hauethevictoriethat the goddes haue promissid to yow And than with the wordes of the said calcas/the grekes toke herte to hem/fayng veryly that they wold mayntene the warre ayenst the troians / whether achilles helpe hem or not & that for him they wold not leue 30 Of many bataylles that were made on that one fide & of bt other to their bothegrete domage/& of certayn triews [leaf 315 verso]

And of the deth of the noble Troyllus that Achylles flewe ayenst his promys / And drewe hym at his horse tayll thurgh the oost And how Achilles slewe & kynge Menon &c.

[77 Han the triews of two monethis were passid. 5 They began to fyghte in bataylleright sharpely. There dyde troyllus meruaylles of Armes for to venge the deth of his broder/Dares faith in his book that he slewe that day a thousand knyghtes And the grekes fledde to fore hym / And the bataylle endured to the 10 nyght that departed hem / The day followyng the fourtenth batayllebegan hardeandsharpe/Theredidedyomedes meruaylles of Armes / And slewe many troians and hurte hem / And addressid hym ayenst troyllus one tyme that smote hym so harde that he smote hym dounto 15 the erthe And was fore hurte/And reprochid hym of the loue of brefeyda/Than the grekes ran with grete strength and toke dyomedes vp & bare hym vpon his shelde vnto his tente / Menelaus that sawe Dyomedes so beten. Adressid hym ayenst Troyllus / But troyllus that had so yet his spere hole smote hym so harde that he bete hym doun to the erthe fore hurte And was born in to his tente by his men vpon his shelde / Than Agamenon assemblid alle his strengthe / And threstid in amonge the Troians and slewe many / But troyllus cam ayenst hym and as fmote hym doun of his hors / but he was anon remounted by the helpe of his folk.

Hus finysshid the bataylle that day And Agamenon sente for to have triews for sixe monethis Whiche were agreed and Accorded by kynge 30 Pryant / How be hit that hit semed to some of his [leaf 316]

counceyllpthe shold not accorded them so longe/amonge these thinges breseyda ayenst the will of her sader wente for to see diomedes that laye sore hurte in his tente And she knewe well that troyllus that was her loue had so hurte hym / Than retorned in her corage many purposes And in the ende she sawe that she might neuer recoure troyllus / and thersore as sone as diomedes were hole she wolde gyue to hym her loue wyth oute lenger taryyng.

Monge these thinges the kynge Agamenon trasported hym vnto the tente of Achilles in the companye of duc Nestor / And Achilles receyuyd hem wyth grete Ioye / And than agamenon prayd hym that he wolde come forthon to the bataylle And suffre no more their peple thus to be slayn But achilles wold neuer molesye his corage for his wordes / How well for as moche as he louyd agamenon he agreed and consentid that his men shold go to batayll with oute hym. Wherof agamenon and nestor cowde hym grete thanke. And thanked hym ynowhe / And after retorned in to theyr tentes.

han the triews were passid agamenon ordeyned his peple to be batayll and achilles sente to hym his mirondones habilled & ensigned with a reed signe for to be knowen Tho began the batayll harde and sharpe to the grete domage of bothe parties Theretroylus bete down the ducof atthenes & slewemany of the mirodones & hurte/and sought thus tyll be nyght departed them On the morn be tymes began be batayll sharpe & mortall The kynge philomen & polidamas toke the kynge thoas & had lad hym away/ne had be mirodones have rescowed hym/Than troylus smote in among hem & slewe many &

hurted hem / But they deliueryd to hym a grete asfault and slewe his horse and wolde haue taken hym / Whan Parys and his bastard brethern smote in amonge hem and brake them / And remysed Troyllus on his horse. Than was ther there a fiers medlee/there flew bemyrun- 5 dones emargeron one of the bastardis of kynge Pryant of Troyes / wherof troyllus had grete forowe And by the Ayde of his peple smote in amonge hem and slewe and hurte many / But they deffended hem vayllyantly and helde hem to gyder And troyllus cessid not to greue 10 hem and to entre amonge hem often tymes/Tho cam to the bataylle Agamenon Menelaus Thelamon Vlixes and Dyomedes wyth alle her peple And began an harde medlee ther the grekes dyde the troians suffre moche payne / But troyllus focouryd hem vayllyantly / And 15 put hym self alleway where as moste nede was and flewe and bete down all that he fonde and dide fo moche by his prowesse that the grekes sledde vnto theyr tentes And thelamon deffended hem vayllyantly / And made hem to recouere the felde by his prowesse / This was the 20 fixtenth bataylle in the whiche dyed many knyghtes of bothe sides/Troyllus cessid not to greue the myrundones And ther was none so puyssant ne so stronge that myght dure agaynst hym / And dide so moche that he remysed the grekes to flighte /And toke an honderd no- 25 ble men that he brought in to the cyte.

Han the bataylle was fynysshid / ayenst the euen/the myrundones retorned vnto the tente of Achilles /And ther was founden many of them hurte /And ther were an honderd of hem dede / wheros so Achilles had moche sorowe / And hit was nyght he [leaf 317]

wente to bedde / And there he had many thoughtes / and purposid ones to go to the bataylle for to avenge the deth of his men And another tyme he thoughte on the beawte of polixene / And thoughte that yf he wente / he shuld 5 lese her loue for alleway / And that the kynge Pryant and his wyf shold holde hym a deceyuour / . For he had promyfid them / that he sholde helpe no more the grekes. And how well he fayd in hym felf / that he had fente his men in to theyr ayde / And in this thought achilles was 10 many dayes And in fo moche that the day cam that the feuententh batayll began moche horryble/that dured by feuen dayes contynuelly where in were many Grekes flayn / wherfore Agamenon requyred triews / But the Troians agreed no lenger the triews but tyll they had 25 buryed theyr dede bodyes / And whan the dayes were passid / The eyghtenth batayll began ryght aspre and fiers / Menelaus and Parys Iusted to gyder And bete well eche other / Polidamas and Vlixes faught to gyder a grete whyle / Menesteus bete doun eneas wyth 20 Iustynge / The kynge Phylomenus bete Agamenon. And had fore hurte hym / yf Thelamon had not come on that smote to ground Phylomenus sore wounded Archylogus the sone of duc Nestor/assayllyd one of the bastardis of kynge Pryant named brum / And 25 smote hym so harde wyth his spere / That he bare hym doun to the ground & flewe hym / Wherof the troians had grete forowe / And aboue alle other troyllus was angry/that fmote in amonge the grekes that he had put hem to flight ne had the mirondones have ben that ress-30 ted hym / And therfore troyllus smote in amonge them And flewe fo many and bete doun / and dyde fo moche 636 [leaf 317 verso]

moche that he made the grekes to reboutehem In to theyr tentes And descended a sote and entryd in to the tentes and slewe hem on alle sides / And there was so grete a crye / that the sowne cam to Achilles that rested hym in his tente / And demanded of one of his seruantes that s was ther / what.hit was / And he sayd to hym that the troians had vaynquysshid the grekes and slewe them with in theyr tentes / whiche myghte no more dessende them / And wene ye to be sewre here. Nay ye shall see anone more than sourty thousand troians that shall so see yow vnarmed / And at this tyme they have slayn the most parte of your myrundones / And they cesse not to see them And ther shall not abide one a lyue / But yf they be socouryd.

T these wordes Achilles quoke for yre / And 15 fette behyndehymtheloueof polixene/And dyde A do Arme hym hastely and mounted on his hors and ran out all araged as a lyon And smote in amonge the troians and pershid hem slewe and hurte them in fuche wyfe that anone his fwerde was knowen and 20 the blood Ran in the felde alle aboute as he wente. Whan troyllus knewe that Achilles faught with his swerde he adressid hym to hym and gas hym so grete a strooke that he made hym a grete wounde and a depe. That he muste nedes cesse many dayes of comyng to ba- 15 taylle / Troyllus was hurte also of the hand of achilles But no thynge so sore / And bothe syll down to the ground / And the bataylle dured vnto the nyght. And on the morn they began agayn & endured vnto the euen / And thus they faught Sixe dayes conty- so nuelly / Wherfore ther were many flayn on eyther [leaf 318] 637

partye / The kynge pryant had grete forowe of this that Achilles ayenst his promyse was come in to the batayll And wende that he had made hym to vnderstand thynge that was not / but rather for to deceyue hym than others wyse And reprochid his wys to beleue so lightly hym And polixene sorowed than ynowhe. For she was plefid than to have had Achilles to her husbond.

Chilles amonge other thynges / dyde do hele his woundes / duryng fixe monethes of triews that they had goten / whiche woundes troyllus had gyuen hym / And he porposid to auenge hym / And that troyllus shold dye villaynsly by his hande / After these thynges the nynetenth batayll began wyth grete occision And afore that Achilles entryd in to the bataylle he 15 affemblid his myrondones / And prayd hem that they wolde entende to none other thynge but to enclose troyllus and to holde hym wyth oute sleynge tyll he cam And that he wolde not be fer fro hem / And they promysid hym that they so do wolde / And he smote in to 20 the bataylle / And of that other fyde cam troyllus that began to flee and bete doun / alle them that he raughte. And dyde fo moche that aboute mydday he put the grekes to flight / Than the myrondones that were well two thousand fyghtyng men and had not forgete the 25 comandement of theyr lord / threstid in amonge the troians and recouerid the felde / And as they helde hem to geder & fought no man but troyllus / they fonde hym b he foughte strongly & was enclosed on all parties / but he slewe & wounded many. And as he was all allone 30 amonge hem and had no man to focoure hym /they flewe [leaf 318 verso] 638

his horse / And hurte hym in many places / And araced of his heed his helme / And his coyffe of yron / And he deffended hym the beste wyse he cowde / Than cam on Achilles whan he sawe troyllus alle naked / And ran vpon hym in a rage / And smote of his heed And caste hit s vnder the feet of the horse / And toke the body and bonde hit to the taylle of his horse And so drewe hit after hym thurgh oute the ooste / O what vylonnye was hit to drawe so the sone of so noble a kynge / that was so worthy and so hardy / Certes yf ony noblesse had ben in to Achilles / he wold not have done this vylonye.

Han parys knewe that Achilles had thus vy-laynfly flayn Troyllus he had grete forowe and so had Eneas and polidamas / And dyde grete payne to recouere his body / But they myght not 15 for the grete multytude of grekis that relisted hem / On the other parte the kynge Menon deyde for forowe for the deth of Troyllus / And affayllyd Achylles / And fayd to hym in Reproche / Ha . A . euyll trayttre what cruelte hath menyd the to bynde to the taylle of thy horfe = The sone of so noble a prynce as the kynge Pryant is. And to drawe hym as he were the moste vylayne of the worlde / Certes thou shalt abyd hit / And ran vpon hym And fmote hym so harde wyth his spere in his breste. That he made hym a grete wounde / And after gaf hym as fo many strokes wyth his swerde that he bete hym doun to the ground / And than was the body of Troyllus Recoveryd wyth grete payne / The folke of Achylles Releuyd theyr lord and sette hym agayn on his horse. And as fone as his strength cam to hym agayn / he cam 50 [leaf 319]

agayn in to the stoure / And recountryd the kynge Menon / And assayllyd hym strongly / And the kynge Menon dessended hym vayllyantly and hurted Achilles in many places / But there cam so moche peple on that one side and of that other that they were departed Than cam the nyghton that departed them & made them to cesse / And they saught thus the space of seuen dayes.

T the feuenth day whan Achilles was heled of his woundes / Desiryng to auenge hym of the kynge Menon / fayd to his folke / that if they myght recountre hym theyshold holde hym in cloos lyke as they dyde troyllus / Than began the bataylle right Afpre / Achilles and Menon faught to gyder and by grete felonye bete doun eche other a foote/Than the my-15 rundones enclosed hym and toke hym by force that had no man to focoure hym / Than achilles feeying the kynge menon in this dauger he ran vpon hym and slewe hym wyth grete martyre / But menon gaf hym to fore many grete woundes / wherof he laye longe after / Amonge 20 these thynges menelaus and menesteus with grete companye of kynges and prynces and many fightyng men threstyd in to the stoure and put many troians to slight The whiche entred in to theyr cyte with grete myschief for as moche as the grekes chaffed hem fo nyghe that 25 they flewe and hurted many of them.

How parys by the ennortement of hecuba his moder flewe achilles in the temple of appollo & the fone of duc Neftor / And how parys and ayax flewe eche other in bataylle.

Or the deth of troyllus the kynge pryant his wyf & his children and all the habitantes of the cyte made

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grete forowe meruayllously / And they sayde alle. That fyn they had lost hector . deyphebus and Troyllus that they had from thens forthon no more hope of theyr lyf than of theyr deth / The kynge Pryant demanded tryews / And hit was a greed and Accorded by the s grekes / Duryng the whiche they dyde burye honourably the body of Troyllus and the body of kynge Menon / The quene myght not be appealed ner conforted for the deth of her chyldren/and thoughte in many maner wyses how she myght be auengyd on Achylles that 10 thus had flayn her fones by cruelle tyrannye And fynably she called parys fore wepyng & faid to hym secretly these wordes / Ryght dere sone thou knowest how this trayttre Achilles hath flayn by trayfon forfeen thy brethern my children / That were wyth the the folace of my 15 lyf / And for as moche as he hath so slayn hem by trayfon / me femeth good and also Iuste and right that he be flayn by trayfon. And I shall telle the how hit shall be doon/The vnhappy man hath many tymes required meto haue to his wyf my doughter polixene And I haue gyuen 20 to hym good esperance I have purposed to sende to hym my feall messanger / And bidde hym come speke to me in the temple of Appolyn / And I wyll right dere sone that thou be there in awayte with a good companye of knyghtes/And than whan he shall be comen that ye renne vpon 25 hym & flee hym that he escape not wyth his lyf / Parys answerd that he wolde do this thynge in suche wyse as she had deuysed /And ther vpon he assemblyd twenty good knyghtes in whome he affyed hym moche / And wente hem forth in to the temple of Appolyn. Assone as achilles herde be messanger speke that cam

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from the quene hecuba/the foole beyng euyll counceyllid toke wyth hym the fone of duc nestor and wente bothe vnto the temple of Appolyn And as fone as they were comen / Parys and his knyghtes ran vpon hym / And 5 Parys caste at hym thre dartes wherwyth he hurte hym fore / Achilles drewe oute his fwerde that had no more Armour / and wrapped his Arme with his mantell/and smote in amonge the knyghtes right fiersly and flewe feuen of them / But fynably the fone of duc neftor 10 Archilogus and Achilles were bothe flayn with in the temple / And anone parys comanded bt his body shold be caste oute to the houndes and to the byrdes / But at the request of helenus/they were put in a place to fore the temple for to be kepte / And the Troians had than grete 15 Ioye / and faide forthon they had no charge of the grekes ne fette nought by hem / Whan agamenon knewe therof he sente vnto kynge Pryant for to haue the bodyes for to burye hem/The kynge Pryant made them to be deliuerid and were born to their tentes Tho aroofe a grete forowe 20 amonge the grekes And fayd that they hadde alle lofte. The duc Nestor myght not be comforted for the deth of his fone And they made for Achilles a noble fepulture. And by the confentement of kynge Pryant was leyde with in the cyte at thentre of the gate of tymbre.

25 A .Fter these thynges the kynge agamenon assemblid Ato his counceyll all the nobles of the ooste/and shewid to them / how for the deth of achilles the moste parte of them were disconforted and distalentid of the warre and therfore demanded them yf hit were good to leue be 30 warre or to entertene & hold hit / Than was there among them dyuerse opynyons The some allowed the warre. 642

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And the other blamed hit And finably they concluded alle to geder with one acorde to mayntene the warre/fay-yng yf Achilles were fayllyd / yet for that sholde not faylle the promesses of the goddes. Than stode vp Ayax among them And said yf Achylles were dede/late sende for his sone whom the kynge Nycomedes his beell sire norisshith and techith the seet of Armes / .For I trowe that wyth oute hym we may have no victorye of the troians. His counceyll semed good And by the agreement and will of every man / Menelaus was chosen for to so goo secche Neptolonyus sone of Achylles that was named other wyse Pyrrus.

Monge these thynges whan the tryews were faylled the . xvi . day of Iuyn whan the dayes ben at the lengest of alle the yere. The troians be- 15 gan the twentyth bataylle ayenst the grekes that was ryght sharpe and harde / this day wente Ayax by grete folye to bataylle wyth oute Armes and bare nothynge but his swerde/The troians that had loste theyr beste defendours were not than fo hardy as they were wonte 20 to be But for to faue theyr lyues they foughte myghtyly Parys wyth alle the peple of perfe that were the beste archers flewe many grekes / And the kynge phylomenus foughte strongly and they of paphaghone cam on that flewe many grekes and by force made them to Re- 25 cule / Menesteus Iusted agaynst polidamas / And bete hym ryght fierfly / And ran vpon hym wyth his swerde And had taken or flayn hym ne had the kynge phylomenus deliueryd hym fro his handes / Ayax made this day meruaylles of Armes thus vnarmed as he was . 30 And flewe many troians / And was not yet hurte In [leaf 321] 643

the ende he smote in amonge them of perse that Parys ladde and flewe many of them and made hem to torne to flight / Whan parys fawe his peple thus flayn / He shotte to ayax an arowe enuenymed and raught hym 5 betwene the racke and the fides And ayax anone felte that he was hurte to the deth And he thought he wolde not dye / tyll he had auengid hym on hym that had flayn hym And dyde so moche that he sonde parys / and sayd to hym / thou haste slayn me wyth thyn arowe / But to 10 fore that I dye I shall slee the / And also by the and for thy cause ben many noble men slayn / And than gaf hym so grete a strook that he cutte a two his visage so depe that he fyll doun dede / to the erthe And ayax fyll doun after hym The troians toke the body of parys with 15 wepyng teres / and bare hit vnto the cyte / and they were followed vnto the gates / The next nyght followyng. Agamenon made the ooste to aproche ner to the cyte And there pyght her tentes And the troians kepte their wallys day and nyght / Than had the troians no more 20 esperance ne hope of theyr lyues / whan they sawe that alle the fones of kynge pryant were dede And ther is no tonge that can expresse the lamentacions that the kynge pryant made and his wyf and his doughters / And the quene helayne for be deth of parys / And aboue alle other 25 helayne made the moste grettest sorowe The kynge dyde do burye parys in a right riche fepulture And fette hit in the temple of Iuno honourably &c .

How the quene panthasile cam from Amazonne with a thousand maydens to the socoure of troye / And how so she bare her vayllyantly / And slewe many grekis / And after was she slayn by pyrrus the sone of Achilles.

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Han two monethis duryng hoole / the yates of troye were not opend. and the troians dide no thynge but goo in the cyte and lamented and forowed. And the kynge Agamenon sente ofte tymes vnto the kynge pryant that he shold sende his men to 5 batayll. But the kynge pryant doubtyng his destruccon wold not do hit for as moche as he abood the focours of the quene of Amasone / that was than on the way for to come vnto the focours of kynge pryant / Amazoue is a prouynce / where ne dwellyd than but wo- 10 men with oute men. And they were enduced to warre and to fyght. They had nyghe their contre an ysle where the men dwellid. And they were accustomed thre tymes in the yere to go thether / In Appryll. maye and Iuyn vnto the men for to haue theyr companye / And after 15 they retorned in to amazonne / And they that were enfayanted & were with chylde / yf they bare fones / they gaf hem fowke certayn tyme / and after fente hem to the faders/And yf hit was a doughter/they helde hit by them And dide do brenne of the right pappe for to bere pe better 20 the spere / and taught her the seet of armes. Of this prouynce than was lady & quene a moche noble virgyne / and a strong fightar that had to name panthasilee / And she louyd moche hector for his good renomee / Whan she knewe that be grekes had affaillid troyes with so grete 25 ftrength / she wente theder for to socour hit with a thoufand vyrgynes for the loue of hector / And whan she was comen & knewe that he was ded she made grete sorowe / and praid to the kyng pryant that he wold late her yssue out to the bataill ayenst the grekes / and b' she 30 myght shewe to hem how her maydens coude bere armes. [leaf 322] 645

T the prayer of panthafilee on the morn by tymes was the gate opend And yffued oute the kynge philemen9 with all them of paphaghone Eneas & polidamas with all their peple / the quene pan-5 thasile wyth all her maydens / The grekes were anone redy and began the batayll harde & sharpe / menesteus adressid hym to panthasile / and she to hym and anon fhe fmote menefteus to the ground and toke hys horse and gaf hym to one of her maydens. Than cam dyome-10 des ayenst her/and she receyuyd hym gladly, and smote hym fo strongly that he was torned vp so down fro his hors / And she toke fro dyomedes his shelde fro hys necke / and delyueryd hit to one of her maydens / whan thelamon fawe that she dide suche appertyses of armes 15 He adressid hym ayenst her / and she ayenst hym. And thelamon was born down to the ground / and had ladde hym in to the cyte /but that diomedes cam to his rescows with grete deffence And than she escryed her maydens. that fmote in amonge the grekes / by fuche fierte and yre 20 that she & they torned hem into flight/Andtheychassed hem fleyng & betyng hem vnto their tentes/and had flayn hem all yf diomedes had not so gretly resisted hem / that mayntened the flowr vnto the nyght bt departed them. And the quene panthasilee retorned in to the cyte wyth 25 grete glorye / where the kyng pryant resceyuyd her with grete Ioye / and gaf her many fayr Iewellis&ryche/And hym femed well that she shold avenge hym of his sorowes / They fought thus many tymes after / and fo longe that menelaus retorned fro the kynge nycomedes 30 And brought in to the ooste neptolonyus the sone of achilles otherwyse named Pyrrus.

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Hys Pirrus was receyuyd with grete glorye of alle the barous of the ooste and aboue alle other / the myrundoües were passyng Ioyous and helde hym for their lord. Than was delyueryd to pirrus all the conduyte of the men of armes / And they 5 made hym knyght by the hande of the noble thelamon that prayd to the goddes to gyue hym strength & corage in gyrdyng of his swerd / and that they wold gyue hym: vyctorye and honour for to avenge the deth of his fader / And two other prynces fette on the sporres of 10 golde. And the kynge Agamenon gaf to hym alle the armes of Achilles his fader / and all hys other baghes and Iewellis. And for this newe knyght and feste of the Chyualerye the grekes maad many dayes grete gladnesse and Ioye &c . 15

.Fter these thynges cam the day of fyghtyng & the bataylles were redy on that one fide and on L that other / Tho began the batayll ryght hard. Pirrus that was armed with the propre armes of his fader recountrid polidamas in his comyng & had flayn 20 hym wyth the grete strokes of his swerd that he gaf to hym. But the kynge philemenis cam vpon & delyueryd hym / And than pirrus fmote fro his hors philemenis / and had lad hym away / ne had they of paphaghone rescowed hym with grete trauayll / Amonge these thynges the 25 quene pantasilee entred in to the bataill with her maydens and fmote in amonge the myrundoues / and flewe many of them . There cam vpon the kynge thelamon that smote to the ground the quene pantasilee / and she gas hym fo grete a strook with her swerd b' she bete hym doun 30 to be erthe in like wife / And than her maydens releuyd her [leaf 323] 647

and fette her agayn on her horfe/and she smote in among the myrondones / that helde the kynge phylomenis in grete dangier / and many she slewe and hurted of hem Whan Pyrrus fawe that his men were so euyll entre-5 tyd. He escryed to hem and sayd that they oughte to haue grete shame that suffryd hem to be vaynquysshid by women. And then he lefte the kynge phylemenis. for to deffende his men ayenst the mayde / Than adressid the quene panthasilee nyghe to pyrrus / and reproched 10 hym of that his fader had flayn hector by trayfon / and that all the world ought to renne vpon hym / Pyrrus that had so grete forowe at thyse wordes adressid hym ayenst her / And anone she bare hym down to the erthe And than anone he releuyd hym & assayllid panthasile 15 with hys fwerd / And she hym by grete strength / And than was pyrrus remounted by the ayde of his myrondoues / Than cam to the batayll Agamenon. Dyomedes menelaus & menesteus be duc of Atthenes with all their peple / And fo dyde all the other prynces and barons.

Monge these thynges the kynge phylomenis was delyuered of the myrondones and gas grete thankyngys vnto the quene panthasilee / and sayd / had not she haue ben / he had ben slayn. Than cam to the batayll alle the troians / Tho began the showre sharpe and mortall / There recountrid Pirrus Glacon the sone of Anthenor and broder of Polidamas of an other moder / And gas hym so grete a stroke that he slewe hym and sylle down ded to the erthe / Than adressid panthasilee vnto pyrrus / and he to her / And bete down eche other to the erthe / But they remounted anone

And began the medle to geder agayn. Than cam vpon fo moche peple of bothe partyes that they were departyd. Polidamas for to avenge the deth of his brother flewe that day many grekes and hurte them. And dide fo moche in armes he and panthafilee that they put the grekes to flyght. Than cam to the rescows pirrus / diomedes and thelamon / and maad them that fledde to abyde and sustent he stour / And so they dide vnto the nyght / that eche man wente in to hys place / They faught thus every day a moneth longe / in whiche tyme were slayn more than ten thousand syghtyng men of bothe partyes / And panthasilee loste many of her maydens / And whan they had restyd a moneth / they began the batayll ryght sharpe.

T this assamble cam one ayenst an other of pir- 15 rus and panthasilee / and brake theyr speres with oute fallyng / but pyrrus was fore hurte And the tronchon of her spere abode wyth in his body/ wherfore the crye arose gretly amonge the grekes / And ran vpon panthasilee with grete strengthe / and brake 20 b' lase of her helme And than pirrus b' in his grete surour toke none hede to his wounde ne fette not therby that he had the tronchon in his body / but affayllid ftrongly panthasilee / that had tho her helme broken: And she wende to haue imyten hym / but pirrus araught her first *5 And gaf her so grete a stroke wyth hys swerde / that he cutte her Arme of by the body / wherof the fayd panthafilee fyll doun dede / to the erthe . And pirrus that was not yet content / smote be body & cuttid in two peces And anon after for the grete effusion of blood that ran po fro his wounde / he fyll down as ded amonge his peple [leaf 324] 649

And they toke hym vp and leyde vpon his shelde and bare hym in to hys tente / Than the maydens of panthasilee / for to avenge the deth of their quene smote in amonge the myrondoues by grete fureur / And slewe many and hurte but hit proussited but lytill to the troians / as they that were but a sewe ayenste a grete multitude of grekes. And so ther were slayn of them of troye that day in the batayll more than ten thousand men. And the other withdrewe hem in to the cyte for to saue hem self. And shette & closid saste their gates / And had no more entencion to yssue oute to batayll ayenst theyr enemyes &c.

How Anthenor and Eneas spack to geder amonge them for to delyuere the cyte vnto the grekes by trayson. And dyde hit vnder symplacion of peas / and how the kyng pryant agayn said hem with som of his bastardis by grete and rude wordes.

He troians had moche grete forowe whan they fawe hem in this myschef ffor they had no more hope to have ony more focours from ony place / And they contended to no thynge but to kepe well their/ cyte / and to garnyssh hem well wyth vytayll / sfor they fered ne dredde hem nought of onyaffault/Amonge these thynges the grekes wold have caste to the dogges 25 the body of Panthasilee / for as moche as she hadd flayn so many noble men of grece / But Pyrrus agayn fayd hyt for the honour and worshyppe of noblesse. And fynably they concluded that they caste hit in a stagne that was nyghe the cyte / Anchyses wyth hys sone 30 eneas / and Anthenor with his fone polidamas wente to counceill to gyder fortoaduyse them/how they myght [leaf 324 verso] 650

haue theyr lyues fauyd ayenst the grekes / and theyr goodes / And rather than fayle hereof they wold betraye the cyte: Than they concluded that they shold speke to kynge pryant . And counfeylle hym to take a peas and a poyntement wyth the grekes / In restoryng of 5 helayne to her husbond and the domage that parys dide in the yle of cetharys. O yf the kynge pryant had ben so happy to haue doon this and had plesid the grekes at the begynnyng he had fauyd his lyf and hys wyues. And the lyf of all hys children . and had fauyd all the 10 cyte and cytezeyns. And had eschewid all the myschyeuys that cam to them afterward/Therfore saie men in a prouerbe / that the concordes or peas sone taken ben good . for hit is an hard thynge for to repeafe suche maner domages to hym bt hath avauntage of the warre 15 ffor wyth grete payne wold the grekes haue ben content that were tho at their aboue wyth these offres / for as moche as they had fuffred fo many hurtes and domages tofore troye / ffor them femed well that they were at the poynt for to destroye the cyte and all the Inhabytaütes / But whan the forfayd named traytours spake not of this mater / but to thende that vnder the colour of peas they myght betraye the cyte / yf other wyfe they myght not faue theyr lyues.

Han they wente hem to fore the kynge pryant 25
And Amphymacus one of his bastard sones
And spake there of thys purpose to fore many
noble men of the cyte / And anon as the kynge pryant
hadd herde hem speke of purchasyng of peas with the
grekes. He thought that they sayd this thynge by 30
grete selonye And began to syghe / and said to them that
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he wold be aduyfed and take counceyll fyrste. And than they fayd to hym thus / yf thou wolte here oure counceyll vpon thys thynge / take hede what we shall faye / And yf hit plese the not / vse the counceyll of other 5 The kynge fayd that he wold well here theyr counceyll / and wold wete what semed hem good And fayd to them / what semeth yow good. Than spack anthenor fayng / Kynge ye may not disfymyle but that ye and yowres ben envoluped wyth youre enemyes / 10 And ben here by your cyte defyryng your deth and destruccion / and ye may not yssue out. And they ben moo than fyfty kynges that desire no thynge but to destroye this cyte & yow and all them that dwelle therin / And ye may no more reliste them/and ye dar no more open 15 your gates/and thus we late vs than be enclosed here in Mē ought of two euyll thynges chefe the lasse ylle / And therfore for to haue peas wyth the grekes yf ye feme good / We shall rendre Helayne to menelaus her husbond syn that parys is ded. And also restorre the 20 domage that parys dyde to them in grece rather than we shold suffre oure self to be put to deth &c.

T these wordes arose vp Amphymacus one of the bastard sones of kynge pryant / And reprouyd strongly the wordes of anthenor / and so says to hym / What truste and hope may my lorde my sader and we have in the / syn that thou oughtest to have serme corage vnto hym and thys cyte / And we see the thus recreaunt that oughtest to lyue and dye wyth vs / And thou counceylest now to make peas wyth the grekes to oure grete dishonoure and shame.

Trewly to fore that the kynge shall do that / ther shall dye twenty thousand men / that thynge that thou counceyllest the kynge cometh of trayson / Many other Iniuryous wordes fayd Amphymacus to Anthenor. And Eneas began to refrayne hym fayng / ye knowe s well that we may not from hens forth goo to batayll ayenst the grekes. And we dare no more open oure gates/Wherfore hit behoueth vs to fynde manyer to haue peas wyth hem. Than the kynge pryant with grete yre fayd to Anthenor and to Eneas. Haue ye not shame 10 in your felf for to fpeke so to me / ye do me dye for sorowe / ffor all that I have doon yet hetherto / I have don hyt by your counceyll / Anthenor whan thou retornest fro grece where I had fente the for to requyre exyone my fuster / counceyllest thou not me that I shold sende 15 parys in to grece for to endomage the grekes / and I had neuer taken vpon me for to haue meuyd warre ayenst them . ne hadd the false counceyll haue ben . whyche meuyd me to sende thether / And thou Eneas alas whan I fente the wyth parys in to grece: Were not thou pryncypall of the counceyll that parys shold rauyshe Helayne and brynge her in to this royame: And thou heelpest therto wyth thy persone. And ys thou woldest haue ben contrarye therto and haue lettyd hit. Helayne had neuer feen the walles of troye. And now after #5 thys that they have flayn all my Chyldren and have doon so moche domage and hurte : ye counceyll me ayenst honour to make peas wyth the grekes that haue me fo cruelly destroyed. Certes your counceyll fynyffhith my lyf with grete forowe and dishonour &c.

.F these wordes was Eneas strongly angry and wrothe / And answerd to the kynge wordes sharpe and poynant ynowhe / And departed he and anthenor from the kynge evyll contente. 5 And whan they were goon the kynge began to wepe as he that dredde that they shold delyuere the cyte in the handes of the grekes / whyche shold slee hym Incontynent. Than he thoughte that he wold doo hem dye fyrste / And callyd to hym Amphymacus and sayd to 10 hym. Ryght dere fone I am thy fader/We ought to supporte eche other / vnto the deth / I knowe certaynly that Anthenor and Eneas contenden for to flee vs by the grekes and to delyuere them this cyte/And therfore hyt shold not be ylle doon to make them falle in to the 15 pytte that they have maad redy / to fore they doo ony fuche evyll / And I shall telle the in what manere / to morne at even they shall come to counceyll . thou shalt be enbushlyd here wyth Inne / and shalt haue wyth the good knyghtes/and whan they shall be comen/thou 20 shalt renne vpon hem and slee hem. Amphymacus answerd vnto hym and fayd that he wold fo doo wyth a good wylle / And how well ther were no moo at thys counceyll but the kynge and hys fone / yet ther is no thynge so secrete but otherwhile it is knowen. Ene-25 as knewe well the trouthe of thys thynge / And hyt was not knowen by whome he knewe hyt. And anone he and Anthenor and some other of theyr conplices spack furth of the trayson of the cyte / And there they swore eche to other / And than they sayd yf they 30 wente more to counceyll to the kynge / that they wold goo wyth grete companye of men of armes / ffor eneas [leaf 326 verso] . 654

was of the moste noble of troye and moste ryche nexte the kynge / and beste of lynage. And myght well compare to the kynge. And anthenor was also ryche and puyssant of frendes in the cyte. And theyr trayson was suche that they wold delyuere the cyte in the handes of their enemyes / But that they and alle they of their lignage sholde haue theyr lyues and theyr goodes sauyd and heros they toke good sewerte of the grekes /

Monge these thynges the kynge pryant sente for anthenor and eneas to come to counceyll . 10 I for to performe that thynge that he had purpofid. But they cam with a grete companye of men of armes. And therfore the kynge fente to Amphymacus that he shold leue hys empryse: The daye solowyng the kynge sente for alle the troians to counceyll. And 15 whan they were assemblid to fore hym: Eneas stode vp and amonested all them to make peas with the grekes / to whom all other accorded faue the kynge / and than faid to hym eneas / Syre kynge werfore consentest not thou with the other / for will thou or will thou not ∞ We shall trete for the peas / and shall make hyt magre the /Whan the kynge fawe that his contradiccon myght no thynge auaylle / He had leuer consente hym with the other/than for to be the cause of his destruccon. And than faid he to eneas / late hit be made as ye shall thynke that 25 hit may be most expedient to the peas, and I shall holde hit agreable. Than by be counceyll of them all/Anthenor was chosen for to goo to the grekes and trete for the peas. And than the troians toke braunches of palme in fyngne of peas. And wente vpon the walles of the so cyte and shewid the sygne vnto the grekes the whiche [leaf 327] 655

shewyd well that they wolde entende to the peas. And than was Anthenor aualed fro the wallis and late doun / and was presented to the kynge agamenon. And the kynge agamenon cōmysid all the werke to the skynge of Crete. dyomedes. and vlixes / And that all thoo thynges that these thre kynges shold besoyne with anthenor / Alle the grekes promysid to holde hyt agreable / and sware hyt vpon theyr lawe &c.

YHan they were all foure affembled / Anthenor replenesshid wyth barate promysed to them to delyuere the cyte by trayfon/for to doo with hit their wylle and playfir / Saue that they wold affure to hym and eneas and to theyr kynnysmen and parentele / and all them that they wold chese / And that ene-15 as shold have all his possessions with oute ony losse. These thre kynges of grece swore to anthenor that thus they wold doo and holde / Than fayd one to that other that this thynge muste be secrete / vnto the tyme hyt be brought aboute / An to thende for to kepe this trayfon more secrete. Anthenor prayd to the grekes / that they wold delyuere to hym the kynge cassilus that was a moche auncyent man for to goo wyth hym to troye to thentente that he myght be the better beleuyd/and that he knewe the wyll of the troians / that is to wete yf 25 they wold haue peas with the grekes / And also for to faye to them the wyll and defire of the grekes / And than demanded anthenor the body of panthafile / whiche the grekes agreed to hym gladly.

.Fter these thynges Anthenor and the kynge Cassilyus entryd in to the cyte / And dyde hyt to be knowen to the kyng their comynge / On the [leaf 327 verso]

morn be tymes / the kynge pryant assemblid alle the troians for to here the answer of Anthenor / the whiche fayd to the kynge otherwyse than he had founden/makyng a longe fermone for to couere wyth hys felonnye where he spack longe of the puyssance of the grekes & 5 of theyr trouthe in theyr promesses / And how they had holden the tryews that they had maad lyyng to fore the Cyte. And had ben faythfully gouerned with oute brekyng of them . And after spake he of the ffeblenes of the troians and of the grete daungers that 10 they were Inne. And in thys concluded that forthon hit were prouffitable to seke peas and that they come therto. And fayd hyt coude not be / but yf they gaf a grete quantyte of gold and fyluer vnto the grekes for to restore to them the grete domages and losses that they 15 hadd in the warre / And after auysed the kynge and the other eche in hym felf / for to employe hym in thys thynge wyth oute ony sparynge / And for as moche fayd Anthenor as I can not knowe at thys tyme alle theyr wylle / I wolde that ye wold late Eneas goo = wyth me vnto them for to knowe better theyr wylle and to thende that they beleuyd vs better / Every man alowed the wordes of Anthenor. And than wente he and Eneas vnto the grekes / and wyth hem the kynge Cassilyus.

Han the counceyll was fynysshyd and alle doon/the kynge Pryant entryd in to hys chambre and began to wepe right strongly as he that apperceyuyd well the trayson / And playned fore the deth of hys solles and also the grete domage that he 30 bare / And yet that worste is that he muste bye hys [leaf 328]

peas of them that have doon to hym all this domage and hurte / and to give to them alle the trefour that he had in longe tyme gadryd to giver / And to become poure in his olde auncyent dayes / And yet he is not sewre of 5 his lyf / and muste nedes do the will of them that shall betraye hym. On that other side whan helayne knewe that Anthenor shold goo to the grekes / she prayd hym right effectuously that he wold make her peas ayenst menelaus her husbond and that he wold have pyte on to her / And he promysid to her that he wold do his power

Han Eneas and Anthenor were comen in to the ooste of the grekes they treted of theyr trayfon/wyth the thre kynges that the grekes hadd comyfyd / and there they maad the peas for helayne 15 and toke good sewerte / After theyr parlament the grekes ordeyned that Dyomedes and Vlixes shold goo with them to troye / And they wente with them . Ther was grete love whan they herde of theyr comyng in to theyr cyte / wenyng to the troians to have had the peas 20 that they had so moche desyred. On the morn erly by the comandement of the kynge pryant alle the troians were affembled at hys palays / And than spake vlixes that fayd that the grekes demanded two thynges That is to wete restytucion of theyr domages / & grete quantyte of gold and fyluer / And also they demanded that Amphymacus shold be bannysshid for ever oute of the cyte of troye / wyth oute ony truste euer to come in a gayn / Thys purchasyd Anthenor for Amphymacus for as moche as he had contraryed hym afore. 658 [leaf 328 verso]

O how hit is grete paryll to speke lyghtly in tyme of parturbacion and sedicion. Than as they were alle assemblid in parlament / they herde sodeynly a meruaylous crye / and than dyomedes and vlixes hadd grete drede that the peple wold haue slayn them. And the sother said that they wold take these two kynges in the stede of Amphymacus to the ende that he shold not be bannysshid. And alleway ther coude no man knowe ne wete from whens this noyse cam ne wherfore / And therfore they departid and euery man wente in to hys so place &c:.

Han Anthenor drewe a parte dyomedes and vlixes for to speke of their felonnye / Than sayd to hym vlixes wherfore taryest thou so longe & delayest to doo that thou hast promysed. Anthenor ans- 15 werd and fayd the goddes knowe that Eneas and I attende to none other thynge / but to doo that we have promyfid to yow. But ther is a meruayllous thynge that enpessheth vs / and I shall saye yow / what hit is Certayn whan the kynge ylyon fouded fyrst the palays so of ylion in this cyte / he establishid in the name of pallas a grete temple in this cyte. And whan hit was all redy and made faue the tour a meruayllous thynge descendid fro the heuen. And that stack in the walle of the temple wyth in the grete Awter / And hyt hath ben there tyll 25 thys tyme / And none may bere hit away faue they that kepe hyt / The matere is of tree or of woode / but ther is no man that knoweth of what woode ne how hit is so mand But the goddesse Pallas that sente hyt theder gas vnto thys thynge a grete vertue / that is this 30 That as longe as this fayd thynge shall be with Inne [leaf 319] 659

the temple or wythin the cyte wythin the wallis / the troians may not lese theyr cyte ne the kynges ne the eyres / And this is the thynge that holdeth the troians in fewerte / And therfore they may the better kepe hyt / s and this thyng hath to name palladyum / for as moche as the goddesse pallas sente hit / Than sayd dyomedes yf this thynge be of fuche vertue as thou fayst / we lose oure payne. Than fayd Anthenor that they ought no thynge to esmaye them /for he and eneas attended for to 10 fulfylle the promesse / sfor I have but late spoken to the preeft that kepeth hit / to thende that he delyuer hyt by stelthe. And I have verray truste that he shall delyuere hit to me for a grete some of gold that I have promysid hym. And affone as I shall have hyt / I shall sende hit 15 to yow oute of the cyte / and than we shall performe that thynge that we have promyfid to yow. And er ye goo hens for to couere and hyde oure werke I shall goo vnto the kynge pryant and shall do hym to vnderstande that I have spoke longe to yow for to knowe what 20 quantyte of gold ye demande / and hyt was so doon as anthenor had purposid.

Thow the trayttre Anthenor bought of the preeft the palladyum / and gaf hyt to Vlixes and of the horse of brasse that was by the grekes brought to the temple of Pallas beyng full of men of armse / And how the cyte of Troye was taken and brente And the kynge pryant slayn &c...

Han Dyomedes and vlixes were retorned in to their oost. Anthenor wente hym vnto the kynge [leaf 329 veno]

prvant and faid to hym that he shold assemble all his folk to counceyll. And whan they were alle comen. Anthenor fayd to hem that for to come to be peas of the grekes they muste nedes paye twenty thousand marc of gold and of good poys / and as moche of fyluer / 5 And also an honderd thousand quarters of whete. And this muste be maded redy with in certain terme. And than whan they have this / they shall sette sewrte to holde the peas wyth out ony frawde or malengyne ' There it was ordeyned how this some shold be leueyed 10 and whylis they were befy ther abowtes. Anthenor wente to the preest b' kepte the palladyum / the whiche preest had to name Thoant / and bare to hym a grete quantite of gold. And there were they two at counceill Anthenor fayd to hym that he shold take this some of 15 gold . wherof he shold be ryche all hys lyf / and that he shold gyue to hym the palladyum / and that no man shold knowe therof / ffor I haue . sayd he . grete sere and as moche drede as thou, that ony man shold knowe therof. And I shall sende hit to vlixes / and he shall bere 20 the blame vpon hym. and euery man shall saye that vlixes shall have stolen byt / and we shall be quyte therof bothe two &c.

Hoant the preest resisted longe to the wordes of Anthenor / but in the ende for couetyse of the 25 grete some of gold that anthenor gas to hym. He consented that he shold take the palladyum and bere hyt away. Than Anthenor toke hyt anone and sente hyt woto vlixes / the same nyght / And after the voys ranne amonge the peple that vlixes by his subtilite 30 had taken and born awaye the palladyum out of troye [leaf 330]

O what trayfon was thys of a preest / that louyd better for covetyfe to betraye his cyte / than to leue the gold that was gyuen hym. Certes hyt is a foule vyce in a preeft the synne of couetyfe / But sewe haue ben to sore 5 thys tyme / and fewe ben yet but yf they ben attaynte therwyth / wherof hyt is grete pyte / fyn hyt is fo that auaryce is moder of all vyces / Whilis that the troians gadryd to gyder their gold and fyluer and put hyt in the temple of mynerve to kepe vnto the tyme that hyt 10 was alle assemblid. Hit playsid them to offre & make facrefyse to theyr god Appolyn / And whan they hadd flayn many bestes for their sacrefyce and had put them vpon the Awter / And hadd fette fyre on them for to brenne them / Hit happend that ther cam there two mer-15 uayllis / the fyrste was that the fyre wold not alyghte ne brenne/for they began to make the fyre more than ten tymes / And alway hyt quenchid and myght neuer brenne the facrefyce. The feconde myracle or meruaylle was whan they had appoynted the entraylles of the ∞ bestes for theyr sacrefyce / A grete Eygle descended fro the ayer cryyng gretly and toke wyth his feet the faid entraylles and bare hem in to the shyppes of the grekes.

.F these two thinges were the troians fore abasshid & esmayed / And said that the goddes were
wroth wyth hem. And than they demanded of
cassandra / what these thinges signessed / and she sayd
to them / that the god appolyn was wroth with hem for
thessum of the blood of Achylles that was shedde
wherwith his temple was desowlid & violid / this is be
so firste / & ye muste gosecchesyre at the sepulture of achilles

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And lighte your facrefyce ther with / and than hit shal quenche no more / And they dide so / and the sacrefyce brente cleer / And for the second myracle. she sayd to hem that for certayn the trayfon was maad of the cyte wyth the grekes. What the grekes herde speke of these s myracles. they demanded of Calcas what hyt signefyed. And he fayd to hem that the tradicion of the cyte shold come shortly. Amonge these thynges Calcas and Crisis the preest councellyd the grekes / that they shold make a grete hors of brasse. And that muste be 10 as grete as myght holde with in hit a thousand knyghtes armed. And they fayd to them that hyt was the playfir of the goddes. This hors made a paffyng wyfe mayster as Apius was. Whos name was synon / and he maad hyt so subtylly that wyth oute forth no man 15 coude parceyue ne see entree ne yssue. But wythin hyt appervd to them that were closed ther in for to yssue whan they wold &c.

Han the hors was full maad. and the thoufand knyghtes therin by the counfeyll of Cryso
fis/they prayed the kynge pryant that he wold
fuffre thys hors entre in to the cyte: and that hit myght
be fette in the temple of Pallas / for as moche as they
fayd that they had maad hyt in the honour of Pallas
for a vowe that they had maad for reftytucion of the so
Palladyum that they hadd doon be taken oute of the
fame temple &c.

Monge these thynges the prynces that were yet in troye / Whan they sawe that the kynge had so sowic and shamefully trayted with the grekes so so seed 331]

they wente oute of troye and toke theyr men with them And the kyng philemenus ladde no moo with hym but two honderd and fyfty men and fixty maydens of amazone that were lefte of a thousand that cam wyth the 5 quene panthasile And caryed the bodye of her with hem And rood fo moche that they cam vnto theyr contre. Than cam the day that the grekes shold swere the peas faynedly vpon the playn felde vpon the fayntuaryes. The kynge pryant yssued out of the cyte and his peple 10 And fware there eche partye to holde the peas fermly fro than forthon / And dyomedes swore syrste for the grekes / after whan they had broken the peas that they had treatid with Anthenor of that thyng that they made after / And therfore they mayntene that they were not 15 forsworne by that colour / And therfore me sayth in a proverbe / he that fwerith by cawtele or malicyoufly / he by malice forswerith hym self / After diomedes sware in lyke wyfe all the kynges and prynces of grece. And than the kynge pryant and the troians fwore in good 20 fayth as they that knewe no thynge of the grete trayfon And after theyr othes thus maad / The kynge pryant delyueryd helayne to menelaus her husbond / and prayd hym and other kynges and prynces of grece that they wold pardoue helayne wyth oute fuffryng to be 25 doon to her ony Iniurye or hurte / And they promyfid hym faynedly that they wold do to her no wronge.

Han prayd the grekes that they myghte sette the hors of brasse wyth in the temple of pallas / sfor the restytucion of palladyum / to thende that the goddesse Pallas myght be to them aggreable In their [leaf 331 verso]

retourne. And as the kynge pryant answerd not therto. Eneas and Anthenor fayd to hym that hit shold be well doon / And that hit shold be honour to the cyte / how be hyt the kynge pryant accorded hyt wyth euyll wyll / Than the grekes receyuyd the gold and 5 filuer & the whete / that was promyfid to them. And fente hyt and putte hit in to their shyppis / After these thynges they wente all in maner of procession and in deuocyon wyth theyr prestis. And began with strength of cordes to drawe the horse of brasse vnto tosore the ga- 10 te of the cyte / And for as moche as by the gate hyt myght not entre in to the cyte / hit was so grete / therfore they brake the walle of the cyte in lengthe and heyght in suche wyse as hyt entryd with in the town And the troians receyuyd hyt wyth grete Ioye. But 15 the custome of fortune is suche that grete loye endeth in triftres and in forowe: The troians maad Ioye of this hors / wherin was closed theyr deth . and knewe nothynge of hyt: In this hors was a subtill man named fynon that bare the keyes of the horse for to opene hyt. .. Whan the troians were a slepe and restyd hem in the nyght. And assone as they yssued out of the horse / they gaf a token of fyre to them that were in the feldes to the ende that they shold come in to the cyte for to putte hyt alle to destruccion.

He same day the grekes sayneden to goo vnto Thenadon: And sayd that they wolde resseyve Helayne and sette her in saeste / be cause that the peple shold not renne vpon her for the grete evyllys and hurtes that were sallen for her. And 30 thus they departed from the porte of troyes wyth her saylles drawen vp / and cam to fore the sonne goyng doun to thenedon. Than had the troians grete Ioye
whan they sawe the grekes departe / And they sowped
that euenyng wyth grete gladnes / And the grekes as
so sone as they were come to thenedon / they armed them
in the euenyng / and wente hem stylly and pryuely
toward troye / whan the troians had well sowped
they wente to bedde for to slepe / than synon opend the
hors and wente oute and lyghte his syre and shewyd
hit to them that were with oute / And anone with oute
delaye / they that were in a wayte entryd in to the cyte
by the gate that was broken for to brynge in the hors
of brasse. And the thousand knyghtes yssued out / and
where they fond be troians they slewe hem in their howso sis / where they slepte as they that thought on no thinge.

Hus entrid the grekes in to the cyte And flewe men and women and chyldren wyth oute sparyng of ony and toke all that they fonde in their howses / And slewe so many that er hyt was daye they had flayn moo than twenty thousand / they pylled and robbed the temples / the crye aroofe moche horryble of them that they flewe / Whan the kynge pryant herde the crye / he knewe anone that eneas and anthenor had betrayed hym he aroofe anone hastely and wente 25 hym in to hys temple of Appolyn that was wythin hys palays / as he that had no more esperance ne hope of hys lyf / And knelid to fore the hyghe awter. Caffandra fledde on that other fyde as one that had ben oute of her witte in to the temple of mynerue / wepyng and 30 demenyng grete forowe. And the other noble women abood styll in the palays in wepynges and in teeris.

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han hyt cam on the morn the grekes by the conduyte of Eneas and of Anthenor that were open traytours vnto theyr Cyte and also to theyr kynge and lord, cam and entrid in to the palays of ylyon where they fonde no deffence and put to deth 5 all them that they fonde. Than pyrrus entryd in to the temple of Appolyne and fonde there the kynge pryant abidyng his deth / Than he ran vpon hym with a nakyd fwerd feeyng Eneas and Anthenor that guyded hym He slewe there the kynge pryant tofore the hyghe aw- 10 ter / whiche was all bebledd of his blood. The quene hecuba and polixene sledde and wyste neuer whyder to goo / and happend that she mette with Eneas. And than fayd hecuba to hym in a grete fureur Ha A felon trayttre / fro whens is comen to the fo grete cruelte / that 15 thou hast brought with the / them that have slayn the kynge pryant / that hath doon to the so moche good and hath fette the in magnyfycence: and also hast betrayed the contre where thou were born / and the Cyte that thou oughtest to kepe At the lest late hit suffise the so And refrayne the now of thy corage: and haue pyte of thys vnhappy polixene / to thende that amonge so many euyllis as thou haste done: thou mayst haue grace to have doon one good dede as for to faue her fro deth er the grekes see her / Eneas meuyd with pyte resseyuyd 25 polixene in hys garde and putte her in a secrete place,

Amonge these thynges the kynge thelamon sette in the temple of mynerue in kepyng Andrometha the wys of hector and Cassandra whom he sonde there* [leaf 333] * (Lon abstirent les gregois le noble palsis) 667

ylyon / And putte the fyre in the cyte on all partyes and brente all the noble cyte. Reserved only the howses of the trayttres whiche were kepte and referuyd / Whan the cyte of troye was all brente / the kynge agamenon 5 affemblid all the moste noble of grece in the temple of mynerue / And whan they were alle affemblid / He required them of two thynges / One was that they shold holde her fayth and trouthe to the trayttres. And that other was that they shold take aduyse by 10 good manere for to departe the proye of the cyte / The answere was suche of the grekes that they wold hold her fayth to the trayttres as for the fyrst poynte / and as to the fecond / euery man shold brynge all the proye in comyn / And there to departe to eche man after hys 15 meryte and deferte / Than spake Thelamon and sayd that me shold brenne Helayne / for whome so moche hurte and euyll was comen / and that fo many worthy kynges and prynces had deyd fore. And ther was a grete murmure here vpon / that with grete payne Aga-20 menon vlixes & menelaus myght faue her / But vlixes with his fayre langage faid to hem fo moche of dyuerce thynges/that they were contente that helayne shold haue no harme/And than agamenon dide so moche to all the other that for his reward the doughter of kynge pryant 25 cassandra was deliuerid to hym / Whilis that the grekes helde yet her parlament/cam to them Eneas & Anthenor And advertyfed hem how helenus had alway blamed the troians of thempryle that they made ayenst the grekes / And counceyllid them to put the body of Achilles 30 in fepulture whiche they wold have gyuen to the houndes / and praid hem therfore that they wold faue his ly [leaf 333 verso]

And hit was accorded and agreed to them. And than andrometha and helenus prayd for the two sonnes of hector / whiche were sauyd how well that pyrrus was ther agaynst and debated hit a lityll / but in the ende he agreed byt: and so the Children were respited.

Fter this fureur they ordeyned that all the noble women that were escaped fro deth / shold goo whyder they wold freely / or dwelle styll thereyshit plesid them/And after these thynges doon/they purposed them to departe from troye. But the grete tempeste began to aryse that tyme that endured a moneth hole to fore they myght goo to the see / Than demanded the grekes of calcas the cause of this enpesshement that dured so longe: And he answerd that the puyssances Insernals were not yet oppesed of thessure of the blood of Achilles / that was shedde in the temple of Appollyn for the loue of polixene. And for tappese the goddes / hit behoveth to sacrefye polixene for whom achilles deyde.

Han pyrrus enquyred dyligently where polixene was becomen / that was cause of the deth of his sader / sfor ther was no tydynge whether she was alyue or ded. Agamenon demanded of Anthenor. whiche said to hym that he knewe not where she was / Wheros he lyed not. And yet for to make an ende of all hys euyllis: he enquyred so moche that polixene swas sounden in pryson in an olde auncient towr where as she was putte Inne: And than he wente theder / And drewe her oute by sorce by her armes: And presented her vnto the kynge Agamenon. Whyche anone sente her to pyrrus / the whiche sente her to the sepulcre so sentence said.

by hys vayllyance and by his wytte the troians were vaynquysshid / And yf he hadd not ben / the troians were yet in astate and in glorye in the cyte. And after fayd to Thelamon / Certes the palladyum was neuer s conquerid by your prowesse / but by my wytte / And the grekes wyste neuer what hit was ne of what vertue hit is / whan I dyde hem to knowe thereof fyrste by the dylygence that I dyde therto / and whan I knewe that the cyte of troye myght not be taken as longe as 10 hyt was in the fame / I wente fecretly in to the cyte / and dyde fo moche that hyt was delyueryd vnto me. and after we toke the cyte / To this answerd Thelamon Iniuryously / And Vlixes to hym in lyke wyse in fo moche that they becam enemyes mortall eche to 15 other. And Thelamon manacyd Vlyxes to the deth openly / And allewaye after that this mater was well discuted / Agamenon and menelaus Iugyd that the palladyum shold abyde wyth vlixes / And some sayd that they maad this Iugement for as moche as vlyxes 20 by hys fayre spekyng had fauyd fro deth helayne / that Thelamon and other wold have hadd ded / And of thys Iugement they myght not be contente / the moste grettest parte of the ooste sayd that Thelamon oughte better to have the palladyum than vlixes / And therfore 25 Thelamon fayd to Agamenon and menelaus many Iniuryous wordes. And fayd vnto hem that he wold be theyr mortall enemye fro than forth on / . For thys fayd cause Agamenon. Menelaus and Vlixes helde hem alle thre nyghe to gyder / And hadd allewaye after 30 wyth them grete nombre and multytude of knyghtes

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Than hit happed that on the morn erly / that thelamon was founde flayn in his bedde / and had woundes in many places of his body / Wherof roos a grete Crye in the ooste and maad grete sorowe / And gas alle the blame vnto thre kynges to fore rehercyd / Pyrrus that 5 louyd strongly the kynge thelamon sayd many Iniuryous wordes to vlixes and to the other / Than vlyxes doubted hym. And the next nyght following he and his men entryd in to their shippes all secretly and wente to the see for to retourne homward and leste wyth dy- 10 omedes hys frende the palladyum: Pyrrus dyde doo brenne the body of thelamon and put the asshes in a ryche vessell of gold for to bere wyth hym in to hys contrey for to burye hyt honourably. The hate was grete betwene pyrrus and the kynge agamenon and 15 hys broder / But Anthenor maad the peas / And after on a day gaf a dyner vnto alle the nobles of grece. And dyde do ferue hem wyth many metes and gaf to them fayre yeftes &c.

Eneas that he hadd falfyd hys othe / in that / that he had hyded polizene / And for this cause they banysshid hym oute of troye for euer / And whan Eneas sawe that he myght not abyde there he prayd hem moche that they wold accorde and agree that he as myght haue the two and twenty shippis that parys had with hym in to greee/and they agreed to hym his requeste And gas to hym soure monethes space for to repayre them and garnysshe them of all that they lacked / Anthenor departed after from troye wyth hys good wylle / 30 [seas 336]

and ladd with hym grete nombre of troians / But the historye telleth not whether he wold goo / Eneas hated than strongly Anthenor for so moche as by hym he was banysshyd oute of troye / And was in grete so-5 rowe because Anthenor was not as well banysshid as he / And for this cause Eneas assemblid all the troians / And fayd to them my frendes and my brethern. fyn that fortune hath put vs in the state where we ben Inne / we may not lyue with oute heed and gouernour 10 And yf ye wyll do by my counceyll ye shall chese Anthenor / and make hym your kynge / ffor he is wyfe ynowhe for to governe yow. Thys counceyll femed good to the troians / And fente after Anthenor that retorned anone vnto them . And assone as he was come 15 Eneas affemblid grete nombre of peple / for to renne vpon hym / as he that was most myghty in troye / Than the troians prayed hym that he wold ceffe / fyn that the warre was fynysshid / And that he wold not begynne hyt agayn / How fayd Eneas shold we spare one so 20 feloue a trayttre / that by hys grete felonnye hath causid to dye polixene the fayre doughter of kynge pryant. And by hym I am bannysshid oute of troye that shold haue counceyllid and holpen yow / And nowe I muste nedes leve yow. Eneas fayd fo moche to the troians / 25 that they bannysshid Anthenor for euer oute of troye And constrayned hym anone to goo his way out of the towne &c:.

Nthenor entryd in to the fee wyth a grete companye of troians / And fayllyd fo ferre that he fylle amonge men of warre and pyrates of the fee / that ranne vpon hym and flewe many of hys [leaf 336 veno]

men and hurte And robbed and pyllid of his shyppis And in the ende Anthenor escapyd from them, and saillid so ferre that he arryuyd in a prouynce / named Gerbandye / wherof the kynge Tetides was lord and kyng a luste man and a debonayre. In thys lande aryved 5 Anthenor with a fewe shyppis and rested on the syde of a grete yle / that was nyghe vnto the porte / he sawe the contre fayre and puyssant of woodes and of lande and of foutaynes / And there he edyffied a Cyte to hym and to his peple / and fortefyed hit wyth wallis 10 and good towrys / And whan the troians knewe therof many wente theder and dwellid there with Anthenor / And the cyte grewe strongly and was full of peple / And anthenor governyd hym fo wyfely in this lande / that he was well in the grace of the kynge tety- 15 des / And was the seconde after the kynge in hys royame And named his cyte Cortiremerralum.

Assandra that was lefte at troye had grete forowe for the grete myschyes that were fallen to her frendes / And cessid not to wepe and 20 waysle / And whan she had demenyd longe her sorowe. The grekes demanded her of theyr estate in theyr retournyng home / of whyche she sayd to them / that they shold suffre many paynes and grete paryllis er they were come in to theyr contre / And after she sayd to 25 agamenon that they of his owne hows shold slee hym. So hyt happyd to hym after and to all the other lyke as cassandra had deuysyd to them and sayd. Of the kynge thelamon were leste two sours, of two quenes [lest 137]

the eldest was named hermycides of the quene glausta And that other of the quene thymyssa had to name Anchisatus / These two children norysshid the kynge Theuter as longe tyll they were grete to bere armes.

Monge these thynges Agamenon and mene-laus demanded congye for to retorne in to theyr landes / And the moste grete of the ooste gaf hem leue fore anoyed / ffor as moche as they had ben taken as fuspecte of the deth of thelamon with vlixes / whiche 10 was stolen away lyke a theef / wherfore he shewyd well / that he was culpable of the deth. Thus these two brethern putte hem to the fee / for to retorne home thus in thentree of the wynter / whan the see is moste dangerouse / And anone after the other grekes entryd 15 in to the fee as fooles and euyll aduyfed for the doubtes of the fee / And had her shippes alle charged and laden wyth the rychesses / wherof they hadd despoylled the ryche Cyte and royame of troye / And for the grete defyre that they hadd for to ben at home in theyr contre 20 They began to retorne thus as in the myddes of the wynter / And sette aparte alle dangers and paryllis / whiche fyll vnto them gretly / And whan they hadd fayllyd foure dayes and foure nyghtes / on the fyfthe daye they were in the fee of egee / Aboute the houre of none cam 25 a grete tempeste. And supprysed them sodaynly wyth grete rayne and thonder / wyth wynde and with grete wawes of the fee that casted her shyppes here and there in the fee / And many brake theyr mastes and alle to rente theyr faylles / And whan the nyght cam whyche

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was longe and derke / the shyppes leste eche other / in faillyng to fore the wynde some in one place and some in an other / And many were brente with lyghtnyng and thonder bt fyll vpon hem / And many were drowned and fonken into the fee. And they that were therin 5 were ded & drowned / and the grete rychesses of troye loste / Oyleus ayax that had . xxxij . shippes in this companye / had all his shyppes brente and perisshid / And he hym felf by the forfe of his armes and legges alle naked fwymyng cam and arryued a lande all fwollen 10 of the water that he had dronken / And laye a grete while vpon the gravell / more hopyng the deth than the lyf / And anone after cam other in lyke wyfe that were fo fauyd with fwymmyng / whiche were disconfortid in her maleheurte and vnhappynes. This myschief cam 15 to this ayax for as moche as he drewe cassandra out of the temple of mynerue / And hyt happeth often tyme / that many be punysshid for the synne and trespace of one man &c.

● How the kynge naulus and cetus his sonne dide doo perysshe in the see many shippesof thegrekes in theyr retourne for the deth of his sone palamydes and of the deth of kynge Agamenon / and of thexyle of dyomedes and of hys Rapeel by egee his wys &c.

N thys tyme ther was a kynge in grece named 25
Naulus that was moche Ryche & puyssaut
and hys Royame stode vpon the syde of the see
of grece toward the South / In the whyche see were
grete Roches and hyghe and many montaygnes and
hylics of Sande whyche were ryght peryllous.

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This kynge was fader of palamides / that was flayn to fore troye. And had yet a fone named Cetus. Ther was non in grece so ryche ne so puissant a kyng / Now were ther some euyll peple there that coude not be in ease 5 with out greuyng & anoyng of other / whiche made the faid kynge Naulus to vnderstand & to his sone kynge cetus / that palamides was not flayn in batayll fo as the voys ran / but he was flayn couertly by vlixes and diomedes/Agamenon & menelaus had made & contryued 10 a false lettre / where in was conteyned that palamydes wold haue betrayd the ooste of the grekes / whylis he was emperour of the oost / for a grete quantyte of gold And they made this lettre to be put by the fide of a knyght that was flayn. And than vlixes tretyd in fuche wyfe 25 wyth one of the fecretayres of palamydes / for a grete fome of money fuche as the lettres conteyned. And this fecretarye by thynduccion of vlixes put this fome of money vnder be heed of palamides whilis he slepte / And as fone as the fecretarie had faid to vlixes that he had doon 20 Than vlixes flewe this fecretarye pryuely / And forth with dide fo moche that this lettre cam in to the handes of the grekes / that redde hit / and were all abasshid whan they fawe in wryting be trayfon/and that the some coteyned in the fame leye vnder his heed / They wente anone 25 in to his tente and fonde the trouthe of this thinge And wold haue ronne vpon palamides / But he offred hym hymself to deffende hit ayenst whom b' euer wold proue hit. And so ther was none that durst fight ayenst hym Than Vlixes dide fo moche by hys fayre langage that 30 this thynge was repealed. And semed that hyt was beste that palamydes shold abyde in his dignyte.

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.Fter this thynge thus repeafed. Vlixes and diomedes on a day dide palamydes to vnderstand Latthat they knewe a pytte / where in was moche trefour. And that they wold that he had his parte / and that they shold goo the nyght followyng / whan the 5 nyght was come they wente all thre allone with oute more companye. And there offryd palamydes for to goo down in to the pytte fyrste / and they sayd that they wold followe. And affone as he was wythin / the other two caste stones upon hym so many that they slew 10 hym / and after retorned to their tentes pryuely. This thynge fayd thefe enuyous men to kynge naulus and to Cetus of the deth of palamydes / And all was false / Than the kyng and his sone began strongly to thynke how they myght avenge hem of the grekes / they knewe 15 well that the grekes were in her retourne in the herte of the wynter / And that they muste passe by his royame. And than the kyng naulus dide do crye in all his royame that men shold make grete fyres euery nyght vpon the montaignes that stode by the see side /And this dide he to so thende / that whan the grekes shold see the syre by nyght that they shold come theder / wenyng to synde good hauen. And yf they cam they shold synde hard rockkes & montaignes of fande / And fo they shold not escape with oute deth / Hit was thus doon as naulus had deuy- 25 fed. And ther were well two honderd shippis of the grekes broken ayenst the rokkes. And all they that were therin were drowned / Whan the other shippis b' folowed them herde the noyfe of be shippis that so were broken and the crye of them that were drowned: they torned 30 on that other borde & made to see ward & sauyd hem self [lesf 330] 679

Of them that escaped were Agamenon. Menelaus. diomedes & some other that shall be named here after.

diomedes & some other that shall be named here after. Etus that otherwyse was callid Pellus had grete forowe whan he knewe that Agamenon was escaped / And than he thoughte longe / how he myght avenge hym whan he shold be come home & descended in his owen lande / He dyde do wryte a lettre to Clytemestra the wyf of agamenon. And this lettre conteyned that for certayn Agamenon her husbond had 10 espowsyd one of the doughters of kynge pryant / and that he louyd her strongly / and brought her with hym in to his contre for to make her quene. And to put oute clitemestra or to doo slee her / And therfore cetus aduertysed her to thende that she myght pourveye for her self. 15 Clytemestra anone beleuyd these lettres / and thanked cetus ynowhe / and thought that she wold avenge her of her husboond. This Clitemestra in the absence of her husbond louyd a man named Egystus by whome she hadd a doughter named Erygona / She loved more 20 her loue egyftus / than euer she dyde her husbond how well he was comen of lowe blood / But hyt is the custome of a woman that doth a mysse to take one to her of lasse value than her husbond is . She had tretyd with egistus that the syrst nyght that agamenon shold 25 lye with her/he shold renne vpon hym & slee hym. This thinge was doon in like wife as she had purposed / And Agamenon was flayn and put in the erthe / And anone after Clitemestra toke to husbond her loue Egystus kynge of mychames.

A Gamenon thus flayn had a fone of thys clytemeftra that was named horestes a yonge chylde

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whiche that calcybus his parent toke in kepyng And toke hym from his moder / to thende that he shold not slee hym. And after sente hym to the kynge of Crete ydumeus that was hys vncle. And he had grete loye of hym and his wyf tharasis also that loved hym as 5 moche as Clitemestra her doughter that hadd no moo children but her / and was a fayr yonge mayde / Thus as Cetus had wryton to Clitemestra the wyf of Agamenon / In lyke wife he wrote to the wyf of dyomedes named Egee / and was doughter of the kyng polymy- 10 tes of Ariymens / and fuster of assandrus that retorned fro troye wyth dyomedes his broder in lawe / So hit happed in theyr retournyng that they descended in the lande of kynge Thelepus / whyche was euyll contente And wente ayenst hem wyth a grete companye of men 15 of Armes and affayllid them. And they deffended hem strongly / and assandrus slewe many of the knyghtes of thelepus wherof he hadd grete forowe and was angry. And toke a grete spere & adressid hym ayenst assandrus by so grete force/that he smote down to the erth so and slewe hym. Dyomedes for to avenge the deth of his broder in lawe flewe many knyghtes of thelepus. And recoveryd the body of affandrus with grete payne and bare hyt in to his shippe &c.

Hus deyde assandrus / but hit was not reported so thus to Egee hys suster / But hit was sayd to her that dyomydes her husbond had doon slee hym for to have all the seygnourye of archimens wheros assandrus had that one half ayenst his suster egee / Of thyse tydynges & of them that cetus had wreton / Egee so was moche wroth & angry with diomedes her husbond [leaf 340]

And by their counceyll she sente for to secche hym/And he cam wyth a good wyll / and was resseyuyd wyth grete Ioye / And so in lyke wyse the other that hadd exyled theyr lordes at their retourn fro troye callid hem 5 home agayn. And euery man retorned in to hys seygnourye of them that escaped fro the paryllis of the see.

[I How Horrostes sone of kyng Agamenon toke cruell vengeance of the deth of hys sader / And how the kynge vlixes after many dyuerse adventures retorned to his seygnourye and royame.

Han Horrestes the sone of kynge Agamenon that was/had foure & twenty yere of age / The kynge ydumeusthat had nouryffhid hym made hym knyghte and maad a grete feste of the newe chy-15 ualerye of horrestes. And than horrestes prayd hym that he wold helpe hym wyth his peple to take vengeance of the deth of his fader / and to recouere his lande / The kynge ydumeus delyuerd to hym a thousand knyghtes wyse and hardy / And horrestes assemblid an other 20 thousand in many places / And after toke his way vnto mychames / And in goyng thederward passid by the cyte of trasem / wherof the kynge forensis was lord that halpe hym wyth thre honderd knyghtes / for as moche as he hated egyftus / by cause that he sayd egyf-25 tus had trouth plight hys doughter / whyche had lefte her for the loue of Clytemestra / and so he wente with horrestes for to make warre to egistus / And than whan they fette forth on theyr way hyt was at thentre of the moneth of May / Whan they cam to fore Mycha-30 mes / They that were wyth Inne the cyte wold not yelde hit vnto hym. Than he fette fiege round aboute hit 684 [leaf 341 verso]

Horestes had an answer of the goddes that he hym self shold take vengeance of his moder by hys handes / notwythstandyng she was closed in the cyte / Egisteus was not than there / but he was goon for to feche focours and for to assamble knyghtes for to deffende his 5 cyte ayenst the comyng of horestes hys enemye / At the Inftygacion and counceyll of Clitemestra hys wyf. And anone as horestes knewe therof. He sette grete nombre of knyghtes in a wayte for to take hym at his retournyng / And than he maad the cyte to be assayllid 10 often tymes / And for as moche as hit was not well garnysshid / Horestes toke hit wyth assault the . xv . daye of his siege / And comysyd hys peple to kepe the yates / to thende that none shold yssue out ne entre / And after wente hym to the palays ryall / and made to take 15 his moder and fette her in fewre pryson / and toke and dyde to be taken alle them that he felte culpable of the deth of his fader/and that had be rebell ayenst hym/And that same day Egistus retournyd wyth hys socours. And fyll in the handes of the peple of horestes b' slewe so all his peple and toke hym a lyue and brought hym to horestes / his handes bounden behynde hym at his backe .

N the morn Horestes dide his moder Clitemestra be brought to fore hym all naked her handes bounden / And asson as he sawe her / he ran vpon her with as his naked swerd / and cutte of her two pappes / and after slewe her with his handes / and maad her to be drawen to the feldes for the houndes to ete and deuowre and to the byrdes. After he dyde do dispoylle egistus and do drawe hym thurgh the cyte. And after dide do hange 30 [leaf 342]

hym on a forke. And in lyke wyse he dyde to alle them that were culpable of the deth of hys fader / Thus vengid horestes the deth of the good kynge Agamenon his fader &c:.

Enclaus after the grete paryllis of the fee / aryued in Crete / And wyth hym dame helayne hys wyf / Whan he knewe of the deth of hys broder / And of the vengeance that the fayd horrestes had taken . He was euyll contente wyth his nevewe 10 that had taken so cruell vengeance on his moder / There came to menelaus the grettest lordes of grece for to see helayne / for whom the grekes had fuffrid fo many hurtes and domages / And from Crete menelaus wente and aryued at the poort of michames / And fayd to 15 horrestes that he was not worthy to be kynge and lord for as moche as he hadd taken fo cruell vengeance on his moder / And for to avenge thys tyrannye / Menelaus assemblid all the nobles of grece at Atthenes / to thende that horestes shold be declarid as pryuyd of his 20 feygnourye for the cruelte that he had doon ayenst hys moder / Horestes excusid hym therof / saying that / that he had doon the goddes had comanded hym. Than avaūced hym the duc of atthenes / and offryd for horestes that yf ther were ony man that wold proue that horef-25 tes had not done well /that he wold deffende hym/There was none that wold preue hit. And therfore was horreftes affoylled and reftabliffhyd in hys feygnourye And bare heuy herte to his vncle menelaus for this cause But the kynge ydumeus cam to mychames and maad 30 the peas betwene hem bothe/And than horestes toke hermone the doughter of menelaus & of helayne to his wyf 686 [leaf 342 verso]

Erigone the doughter of Egistus and of Clytemestra had so grete sorowe whan she sawe horestes in so grete seygnourye that she henge and strangled her self.

Monge these thynges Vlixes cam in to Crete wyth two marchautes shippes that he had hy- s I red / ffor he had lofte all his shippes / and alle that was with Inne them by pyrates and robbeurs of the see that had robbyd hym. And after that he was fo robbed hyt myshappid hym that he arryued in the lande of kynge thelamon / And there was taken and 10 loste the resydue of his goodes / And they of the contre had hanged hym / but by the Industrye and subtylte of his wytte he escaped right poure / After that he aryuyd in the lande of kynge naulus whiche hated hym for the deth of his fone palamydes / alleway he dide fo moche 15 by his connyng & witte / that he escaped moche pourly And fo he cam & aryued in Crete / The kynge ydumeus reffeyuyd hym Ioyoully ynowh / but he was moche efmayed that he sawe hym so poure / And demauded hym of his aduentures what they were fyn he departed fro so troye / Than vlixes tolde hym all a longe many daungers and meruaylles. And how he had lofte his men & his grete rychesse that he brought sro troye / The kyng ydumeus had pyte on vlixes / And honoured hym moche as longe as he wold abide there with hym / And whan =5 he departed he gas to hym two shippes sull of all suche thynge as they behoved for to goo with alle in to hys contrey / And gaf to hym other goodes ynowhe / And prayd hym that he wold goo by the royame of alcynous that was in hys waye / And that he wold fee yo hym gladly &c.

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Hus departed vlixes fro crete / And wente hym to kyng Alcynous whiche resseyuyd hym wyth grete Ioye. And herde hym gladly speke / There herde vlixes tydynges of Penolope his wyf how many 5 notable men had requyred her / But she wold neuer entende to man / she was so moche chaste. And how certayn psones helde partye of his lande ayenst the will of his wyf / There came to vlixes thelamotus hys fone and acertayned hym of all thinges bt were trewe / And 10 for that cause vlixes prayd to alcynous that he wold accompanye hym vnto his royame / with a grete nombre of knyghtes / And alcinous agreed to hym gladly / They fayllid so longe that on a nyght they aryued in his contre / and entryd in to the cyte / and in the howses of hys 15 enemyes / and slewe them all. And on the morn by day Vlixes thus accompanied entrid in to his palays / And there was reffeyuyd as kynge & lorde wyth grete Ioye. And aboue all other Penolope his wyf had grete Ioye as she that had so longe desired hym / His peple cam fro 20 all fydes and ranne for to fee hym that was her lord gyuyng to hym grete and ryche yeftes. And thus was vlixes moche honouryd and exalted in hys royame And than he treted so moche with Alcinous that he gaf his doughter naufica in maryage to thelamotus his fone / 25 And after the grete folempnyte of the weddyng. Alcynous wente hym in to hys contre. And vlyxes abood in his royame in grete peas.

Of the feetes of pyrrus fyn hys retournyng fro troye And how horestes the sone of Agamenon slewe hym in delphos for the rauysshyng of Hermone hys wyf And of moo aduentures &c.

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Irrus that was the fone of Achilles and of dyadamie the doughter of kynge Lychomedes of hys moder fyde. This kynge lichomedes was fone of kynge Achastus that lyued yet at that tyme. And this kynge Achastus that was moche olde and 5 auncyent . hated strongly pyrrus / But the historye telleth not wherfore ne for what cause this hate cam. This kynge Achastus had put the kynge Peleus oute of his royame of thefaylle / and had fente hym in exyle. And fette espyes in many places for to slee pyrrus in his re- 10 tourne fro troyes / Pirrus in his comyng fro troye paffid many paryllis in the see / And caste in to the see of the beste Iewellis he hadde / And after he arryuyd at molose/Where he descended and diderepayre his shippis And as he there folourned he knewe how the kynge 15 achastus had sente the kynge peleus his grauntsader in exyle / and was fader of Achilles / And how he had fette his espyes for to slee hym. Hereof he had grete sorowe & was moche wroth. The kynge peleus wyste not where to holde hym for the doubte that he had of the . two foues of Achastus of whom that one was named philistenes / and that other menelapus for fere yf they fonde hym they wold sle hym. Than he avisid hym of an olde auncyent ediffice that was half a myle fro the cyte of Thessaylle / betwene the see and the cyte / And 25 there was an olde closure of wallis and of rockes aboute / And ther was no moo howses as ther hadd ben in tyme paste / But there was Celiers vnder the erthe / wher in men myght entre secretly by an hole that apperyd but lytyll for the buffhes and thornes that po were there &c .

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N this place dwellid the kynge Peleus in abydyng the retornyng of his nevewe pyrrus from troye / that myght avenge hym of his enemyes And wente ofte tyme vpon the ryuage of the fee / for 5 to fee yf hys nevewe myght come / Whan the shyppis of pyrrus were repayred / he toke hys way toward thessaylle / for to auenge hym of kyng Achastus / And for to doo this thynge more wysely he sente to thesayll two of hys fecretaryes that one named Cryspus And 10 that other Adrastus that were wyse and subtyll / vnto an hyghe and myghty man of the Cyte named Assandrus / that was at that tyme a trewe frende to hym and to kynge Peleus for to haue hys aduyse / they wente theder / And whan they had herde speke Assandrus / 15 they retorned vnto pyrrus / and tolde to hym what they had founden. And anone pyrrus maad to drawe vp theyr faylles / and faylled toward thesfaylle / But a grete tempeste arose in the see that dured thre dayes/and on the fourth day they arryued at the poort of sepeliadem 20 that was but half a myle from thessaylle nyghe vnto the caue where Peleus helde hym / Than pyrrus descended a lande for to reste hym of the trauayli that he hadd on the see / And to take the ayer of the lande / And of aduenture he wente strayte to the caue where as pe-25 leus was / And by the thornes and buffhes that hyded from hym the hoole / he fyll ther Inne and fonde there hys belefader peleus / And than anone Peleus knewe hys nevewe / ffor as moche as he resemblyd ryght well vnto his fader Achylles / And he beclipte 30 hym aboute the necke and kyssed hym / And exposyd vnto hym alle hys malehurte and grete vnhappynesse [leaf 344 verso] 690

wherof pyrrus had grete forowe. Than they wente vp and wente to hys shyppes / There cam tydynges that Philistenes and Menalipus the sones of kyng Achastus were comen for to hunte in the foreste that was fast by / Than pyrrus vnclothid hym / and dyde on an olde 5 roobe all to broken and to rente / And toke his fwerd and fayd to his peple that they shold abyde hym there / And he allone wold goo in to the foreste. And he had not ferre goon / but that he encountrid the two brethern that demanded of hym what he was / and fro whens 10 he cam / and whyder he wold goo. He fayd to them that he was of grece . and was retorned fro troye in a shyppe with other / And wold have goon agayn in to his contre / But the tempeste of the see had so trauaillid them that ther wer well fyve honderd personnes alle 15 ded / And that ther was no man escaped but he allone by grete adventure. And hadd dronken moche water of the fee and fo haue lofte all that I had. And I muste now goo begge fro dore to dore tyll I come in to my contre And yf ye have brought in to thys foreste ony thynge 20 to ete / I praye yow that ye wyll gyue me therof / Than the two brethern fayd to hym that he shold abyde with them &c.

hylistheyspake thus to gyder/Agretehertepassyd to fore them / And Menalapus put hym
to the chasse / And leste hys broder with pyrrus allone / Than hyt happyd that Phylistenes alyght
doun of hys horse for to reste hym / And assone as he
was descended / Pyrrus ranne vpon hym wyth hys
naked swerd in his hande and slewe hym / and after
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whan menalipus was retorned Pyrrus assayllid hym and flewe hym / Thus flewe pyrrus his two vncles that were brethern of thetys the moder of Achilles hys fader / and than as he retorned he encountrid Chinaras 5 that was of the houshold of kyng Achastus / at whom pirrus demanded where was the kynge achastus / And he answered to hym that he was there faste by and not ferre fro thens / And affone as he had fo fayd pyrrus flewe hym. And after wente agayn to hys shyppis. 10 And cladde hym with precyouse robes / And retorned agayn vnto the foreste / And mette wyth the kynge achastus / that demanded of hym what he was / I am fayd he one of the fones of kynge pryant of troye that am prisonner to pyrrus / Where is pirrus said the kyng 15 And he enfigned hym toward the fee / And as the kyng torned hym to fee thederward / Pyrrus drewe oute -kis fwerd and wold have flayn hym / but thetys was present and escryed hym and knewe hym sayng. Ha ryght dere neuewe what wolte thou doo / wylte thou 20 fle my fader / And thou haste slayn my two brethern thyne vncles / And she thus saying helde hym by the arme where with he helde hys fwerde / And than pyrrus answerd to her the kynge Achastus thy fader hath exylid the kynge peleus thyn husbond / where in hath 25 he trespasse and offended the / ys he wole pardoune to peleus hys maletalent and euyll wylle / I wyll pardoue hym myn / The kynge Achastus was well content And peleus cam to fore hym / And the peas was made betwene hem / And whan they were retorned to geder 30 wyth good loue / The kynge Achastus sayd to them / I am so auncyent & feble that I may no more helpe my self [leaf 345 verso]

And therfore I wyll discharge me of the charge and governement of thys royame / And now I have loste them that shold have governed byt after me / and for as moche as Pirrus my right dere nevewe is the nexte eyer I fease hym now therin. And peleus fayd I gyue 5 hym the ryght and tytle that I have therin. And am in wyll that pyrrus be kynge: Than comanded the kynge achastus to all the barons of thesayile that they shold make homage to pyrrus as to their kyng / and they had therof grete loye and dyde hit gladly / And thus was 10 Pyrrus crowned kynge of thestaylle. And was taken as the most redoubtyd kynge of thessaylle and of grece / ydumeus the kynge of Crete deyde anone after And lefte two fones after hym. Merion and Loarca / But loarca deyde sone after hym. and merion was made 15 kynge. Thelamotus had a fone of Nausica hys wyf whiche was named Deyphebus

Monge these thynges the kyng achastus dide do burye his two fones in thefayll by the agrement Lof pirrus / Hit happend whan that pirrus was 20 thus enhaunfid in highe feygnourye / that he becam amorouse of herimone the doughter of helayne that was wyf of horestes / He dide so moche that he rauysshid her by force / and brought her in to the fayll / and toke her to his wyf. Horestes was passing forougul of this thyng 25 and durste not assaylle pirrus in his royame and said yf he myght lyue / he wold avenge hym in tyme and in place / Now hyt happyd that pyrrus wente in to the yle of delphe for to thanke his god Appolyn of thys that he hadd taken vengeance of the deth of hys fader » Achylles: And lefte in hys pallays Andrometha [leaf 346] 693

the wyf that was of hector / that had a lityll fone of the faid hector named Laomedon / And lefte the fame Andrometha wyth chyld of his werkes / wherof Herimone was euyll contente / And fente to menelaus her fader that pyrrus had alle lefte her / for the loue of Andrometha / And that he shold come theder and leue for no thynge whilis that pyrrus was oute / for to sle andrometha / and her sone Laomedon / Menelaus wente anone to thessaylle for to doo this thynge that his doughter requyred hym. And ran vpon Andrometha whiche toke her sone betwene her armes / And ran in to the cyte requyryng helpe of the peple ayenste Menelaus that wold slee her and her chyld.

He peple Armed them anone and ran vpon menelaus / And dyde fo moche that menelaus muste retorne in to his contrey / wyth oute doyng of ony thynge there / Whan horestes knewe that pyrrus was in the yle of delphe / He wente theder and affayllid pyrrus and flewe hym wyth his owen hande / And 20 maad hym to be buryed there / And anone after horeftes recoueryd hys wyf / and brought her in to hys royame / Whan pyrrus was ded / Peleus and Thetis toke andrometha that was wyth chyld of pyrrus / And laomedon her lytyll fone. And fente hem in to the cyte 25 of Molose. There was Andrometha delyueryd of a fayre fone / whiche she named Achilleydes / the whiche whan he was grete / crowned his broder laomedon kyng of the royame of Thefaill / And wold for pe loue of hym that all the troians that were there shold be frauchised 30 Here faith the historye that the fuster of be kynge menon 694 [leaf 346 verso]

pryant dyde do burye byside troyllus his sone / the sayd sufter cam to troye / moche rychely arayed. And dyde do open the sepulcre of her broder and toke out the bones that she fonde. And assone as she had hem and helde shem she vanyshyd sodaynly away / that neuer man wyste where she becam ne the bones that she had taken And they said that sawe thys that she was a goddesse or doughter of a goddesse.

How thelagonus sone of vlixes and of the quene 10 Cyrces cam for to synde hys fader vlixes / and how he slewe hym not wetyng who he was. And of the avy-sion that cam to the sayd vlixes in his slepyng.

S Vlixes slepte on a nyght in his bedde / He had a meruayllous vysion and hym semed that 15 he fawe an ymage of meruayllo fourme / and the fayrest that euer was seen. And desyred sore for to towche this ymage / and wold have embraced her / But the ymage wold not fuffre hym / but wythdrewe her afterward. And after she approchid and deman- 20 ded of hym / what wylt thou . And he answerd to her I wyll that we be conjoyned to geder / and that I may knowe the fleffhly. O faid the ymage that thy requeste is harde and bytter / ffor oure conionccion shall be vnhappy. ffor one of vs two shall deye. Hym semed sur- 25 ther that this ymage helde a fpere and that aboue on the heed had a pensell all maad wyth sysshis moche subtylly. After he sawe that the ymage wold goo. And fayd to hym at her departyng. This signe signesieth the ylle and destruccion that shall be of vs two. 30

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Han Vlixes was awaked / he had meruayll of thys dreme / And thoughte fore what hyt myght fignefye / He fente after his deuyns and faages of hys royame and demanded them what hys 5 vysion myght signesie / and whan they had a lytyll taken hede therof / they faid that his owen fone shold slee hym/Vlixes that had grete drede & feer of his fone/made hym to be taken and kepte fewerly. And after he chefe a place only and ferre fro peple / where he dwellyd 10 wyth some of his trewe frendes. And dyde do fortefye this place / with hyghe towres & closid hit with water round a bowte. And ther myght no man entre but by a drawe bryge and a wyket / And made that to be kepte that no man shold entre but they that he had brought 15 wyth hym / Now hit happend to vlixes whan he retorned fro troye / that fortune brought hym in to an yle where Circes dwellid / whiche there was lady / the whyche knewe as moche of enchantements as ony woman of the world. And by her arte helde vlixes by 20 her nyghe a yere. And vlixes gate on her a fone whiche the named thelagonus / And thus in the tyme that vlixes dwellid in this place that was so stronge / Thelagonus his fone knewe not yet who was his fader / And whan he was of eage for to bere armes / He demanded often 25 tymes of hys moder / who was hys fader and yf he were alyue and where he dwellyd. And so longe he prayd her / that she sayd to hym that vlixes was hys fader / and tolde to hym where he dwellyd &c.

Than the lagonus was right Ioyous / And defired ftrongly to fee his fader / he toke leue of his moder [leaf 347 verso]

And wente fo many lourneyes that he cam to achaye And whan he knewe where Vlixes dwellid he wente theder And whan he was comen on a monday in the morenyng to the brygge where they stode that kepte hyt diligently / he prayd hem that they wold late hym passe 5 for to see vlixes. And they wold not agree to hym in nomanere/And as he prayd hem/they putte hym a back felonfly and rudely / wherof he was ryght angry and fo wroth that he ran vpon one of them / and gaf hym fo grete a strook wyth his fyste vpon the canell of the 10 necke / that he fyll doun ded / And assayllyd the other and caste hem down of the brygge / And they began for to crye moche lowde / and whan they of be castell herde the noyse / they ran to armes and cam to assaylle thelagonus / He avauncyd hym to one of them / and toke 15 his fwerd from hym / he dide fo moche in a lytyll while that he flewe fystene of them / but they hurte hym in many places / and as the crye grewe more and more / Vlixes aroofe vp doubtyng that hyt was thelamotus hys fone / and that was yffued oute of pryson and cam 20 where as the noyfe was with a darte in his hande whiche he caste ayenst thelagonus whan he sawe hys men flayn / and hurted hym a lityll / whom he knewe not.

Helagonus that had receyuyd the darte caste hyt ayenst viixes whom he knewe not / And 25 smote so fore between the sydes that he hurted hym vnto the deth / and syll to the erthe. And as he spack wyth grete payne he demaunded of thelagonus what he was. sfor as moche as than hys vysion cam to hys mynde. And Thelagonus demaunded on that 30 [leaf 348]

other fyde / who was he that spack so to hym / And they answerd hym that hyt was vlixes. Than began Thelagonus to make the grettest sorowe of the world Sayng alas caytys / I was come to see my sader / and s for to lyue with hym in Ioye /& I haue slayn hym /And as sone as he had sayd soo / he syll down a swowne. And whan hys herte cam to hym agayn / he began to rente his gowne / and to bete hys vysage wyth hys systes. And sylle in wepyng and approachid to hys so fader and said to hym / that he was the vnhappy thelagonus his sone and of the quene Circes. And prayd to the goddes that they wold suffre hym to dye wyth his sader &c.

Than vlixes knewe that hit was hys fone / He reconforted hym felf/and fente anone to fecche thelamotus his other sone / And he cam Incontynent whyche wold haue flayn thelagonus / for to auenge the deth of hys fader / but vlixes repeafed hym. And fayd to hym that he was his broder / And prayd 20 hem that they wold loue eche other / After this vlixes was brought in to Achaye. where he lyuyd thre dayes only. And his fones buryed hym honourably. Thelamotus helde the royame of achaye after his fader. And helde wyth hym Thelagonus nyghe by a yere and an 25 half/And made hym knyght in grete honour/and wold that he shold dwelle wyth hym. But for as moche as his moder wrote to hym often tymes that he shold retorne in to his contre. He dide fo moche that he departed wyth grete honour / ffor hys broder dyde hym to 30 haue alle that hym behoued on the way / and gaf hym many ryche yeftes. And departed that one from that 698 [leaf 348 verso]

other with wepyng teeres / And thus Thelagonus retorned in to the yle of aulides vnto Circes his moder/that had moche grete Ioye of his comyng. And hit was not longe after that cyrces hys moder deyde: And thelagonus was maad kynge of thys yle / wher In he lyved s fixty yere in grete prosperyte and after deyde / Thelamotus regned in Achaye sixty and ten yere / and augmented and encresid his seygnourye strongly. And whan vlixes was slayn he was source score & thryttene yere olde.

N this partye Dares synysshid hys book of the syege 10 of troye / And speketh no more of their aduentures . And all this that is to fore faid wrote dictes the greke in hys booke / And in all this that is conteyned a fore wreton / their two bookes were founde accordyng for the moste partye / And Dares putte in the ende of hys 15 booke / that the siege endured ten yere ten monethis and twelue dayes / And the some of the grekes that were flayn at the fiege to fore troye / was eyghte honderd & fixe thousand fyghtyng men. And the some of the troians that defended hem ayenst be grekes that were slayn zo was fixe honderd and fixe and fyfty thousand of fightyng men / and he faith furthermore that whan Eneas departed from troye by excyle / he ladde wyth hym two honderd shippes / and that anthenor ladde wyth hym fyue honderd troians / and Eneas ladde the remenant as wyth hym &c .

Fter thys recyteth Dares in hys booke in the laste ende / by whome the moste noble kynges and prynces of that one partye and also of that other were slayn / And sayth that Hector the 30 prynce of the chyvalerye of the world slewe wyth [last 349] 699

hys hande by good and loyall fayte eyghtene kynges. by hys only prowesse wyth oute malengyne / That is to wete the kynge Archylogus. The kynge Protheselaus. The kynge Patroclus. The kynge Menon. The 5 kyng Prothenor. The kynge Archymenus. The kyng Polemon. The kyng Epistropus. The kyng Ecedyus The kynge Doccius, The kynge Polixenus. The kyng phybus. The kynge Anthypus. The kynge Lenutus / The kynge polibetes. The kynge humerus. The kynge 10 .Fumus . And the kynge Exampitus // Parys slewe palamydes the Emperour of the ooste of the grekes / the kynge Achilles . And the kynge Ayax / Ayax and parys slewe eche other / Eneas slewe the kyng Amphymacus. and the kynge Nereus / Achylles slewe the 15 kynge Cupem⁹, the kynge yponeus, the kynge plebeus . the kynge Austerus . the kynge Lymonyus . the kynge Euforbius. the kynge Menon / and the kynge Neptolonyus . And also he slewe Hector that toke none hede of hym / and Troyllus that his myrondones 20 had enclosed & vnarmed / Pyrrus the sone of the same achylles flewe the quene Panthafilee / And also he flewe the noble kynge pryant / whom he fonde vnarmed and wyth oute deffence as a cruell tyrant / He flewe the fayr mayde polixene and the beste manerd 25 of the world / Dyomedes slewe the kynge Antypus. the kynge Escoryus / the kynge prothenor / and the kynge Obtyneus &c.

Hus ende I this book whyche I haue translated after myn Auctor as nyghe as god hath gyuen me connyng to whom be gyuen the laude & preylyng / And for as moche as in the wrytyng of the fame my penne is worn / myn hande wery & not stedfast 5 myn eyen dimed with ouermoche lokyng on the whit paper / and my corage not so prone and redy to laboure as hit hath ben / and that age crepeth on me dayly and febleth all the bodye / and also be cause I have promysid to dyuerce gentilmen and to my frendes to adresse to hem 10 as hastely as I myght this sayd book / Therfore I haue practyfed & lerned at my grete charge and dispense to ordeyne this faid book in prynte after the maner & forme as ye may here see / and is not wreton with penne and ynke as other bokes ben / to thende that euery man may 15 haue them attones / ffor all the bookes of this storye named the recule of the historyes of troyes thus enpryntid as ye here see were begonne in oon day / and also synysshid in oon day / whiche book I have presented to my fayd redoubtid lady as a fore is fayd. And she hath so well accepted hit / and largely rewarded me / wherfore I beseche almyghty god to rewarde her euerlastyng blisse after this lyf. Prayng her faid grace and all them that shall rede this book not to desdaigne the symple and rude werke. nether to replye agaynst the sayyng of the ma- 25 ters towchyd in this book / thauwh hyt acorde not vnto the translacon of other whiche haue wreton hit / ffor dyuerce men haue made dyuerce bookes. whiche in all poyntes acorde not as Dictes. Dares. and Homerus ffor dictes & homerus as grekes sayn and wryten sauo- 30 rably for the grekes / and gyue to them more worship [leaf 250] 701

than to the troians / And Dares wryteth otherwyse than they do / And also as for the propre names / hit is no wonder that they acorde not / ffor fome oon name in thyse dayes have dyuerce equyuocacions after the con-5 trees that they dwelle in/but alle acorde in conclusion the generall destruccion of that noble cyte of Troye / And the deth of fo many noble prynces as kynges dukes Erles barons. knyghtes and comyn peple and the ruyne irreperable of that Cyte that neuer fyn was reedefyed 10 whiche may be ensample to all men duryng the world how dredefull and Ieopardous it is to begynne a warre and what hormes . losses . and deth followeth . Therfore thapostle saith all that is wreton is wreton to our doctryne / whyche doctryne for the comyn wele I beseche 15 god maye be taken in fuche place and tyme as shall be moste nedefull in encrecyng of peas loue and charyte whyche graunte vs he that fuffryd for the fame to be crucyfied on the rood tree / And faye we alle Amen for charyte . .

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¹ Caxton says: "the cyte of corynthe whiche stant in naples"; in the French text the passage runs thus: "la cite de corinthe laquell siet en apulis." Page 169 Caxton says: "the see of apulye or naples." Evidently this is a mistake, for I am unable to find that there ever was a city of Corinthe in Apulis. In the French text "Naples" is never mentioned, but "apulie" always occurs in its place.

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festival is devoted to a tournament among the kings and knights present, 258-60; the prize is unanimously given to him; from the date of this festival the first Olympiad is to be reckoned, 261; goes with Eristeus to Athens to see Megera; hears of the golden sheep of Athlas and Philotes, 262; declares that he will bring some of them to Eristeus before three weeks have passed; starts with Theseus for Hesperia, 264; when they at last arrive at the island they meet a giant, who asks them what they seek, 265; Hercules strikes the giant down dead; he is attacked by Philotes; they wrestle, 266; when they rest for a little while they agree that he who is conquered shall serve the other as long as he lives; Hercules remembers Megera, 267; they continue fighting, 268-69; Philotes is overcome and becomes Hercules' man; after three days' repose he and Theseus, with Philotes and sixty of the sheep return to Eristeus, 270; 271; on the journey homeward he arrives at Troye just when Exione is to be sacrificed to a monster of the see, 274; asks Laomedon why his daughter is going to be given up to the monstre, 275; declares himself ready to fight against the monstre, 276; as reward, Laomedon promises to give him two of his best horses; armed with an iron bar, he proceeds to the place where Exione awaits her fate, 277; prays for strength to the "godde that made the monstres & terrible bestes"; the monstre arrives, 278; fights long against it and kills it; delivers Exione to her father, 279; 280; is feasted in Troye, but afterwards shamefully treated by Laomedon, 281; when Laomedon refuses to give him the two horses, he takes an oath that he will destroy Troys, 282; returns to Thebes where Megera welcomes him; sends the sheep to Eristeus, 283; Philotes tells the people of Hercules' valour, 284; Amphitrion and Alcumena own him now as their son; is elected captain of an expedition against Laomedon, 285; 287; fights very bravely, 288; the battle lasts until nightfall, when both armies retreat, 289; kills successively eleven Troians with eleven arrows, 290; performs feats of valour, 291; his people are surrounded by Laomedon's men, but Theseus and Amphitrion come to their rescue, 292; overthrows Pryant, 293; and takes him prisoner, 294; in the pursuit of the fleeing

Troians he is the first to enter their city; allows his people to pillage it, but yields to the request of the ladies, who have taken refuge there, to spare the palace of Ilion, 295; seeks Laomedon in vain; destroys the walls of Troye; returns to Greece, 296 [End of Book I.]; is persuaded by Juno to go and fight the lions of Nemee, 297; at Thebes, whither he goes first, Megera and all ladies vainly endeavour to dissuade him from undertaking this quest; he sets out in company of Philotes, 298; in the forest of Nemee he is assailed by three lions, 200; kills one of them, and strikes another, 300; cuts off a leg of the little lion, 301; strangles the old lion with his hands and kills the second which was still alive; he flays them with the help of Melorcus and Philotes; they pass the night at the hut of Melorcus, where Hercules attends to his wounds; returns to Crete, 302; on his return he thanks Juno for the adventure, and is praised and feasted by her, 304; when she tells him of the tyrant Busire, he swears that he will go to Egypt and do away with him, 305; has the lions' skins made up into a garment which he wears as armour. Arrives in Egypte with Philotes; is assailed by Busire and his people; the former he wounds mortally, the latter he drives to flight. At the request of the Egyptians he seizes Busire, 306-7; sacrifices him to the gods; their offer to become their king he refuses, and after appointing judges over them, he returns to Juno and King Creon, 308; goes into the forest to hunt, and all the time thinks of Megera, 309; goes into the palace garden, where Megera is with many ladies; he speaks to her, 310; reveals his passion to her, 311; asks Euristus and Amphitrion to request Creon to give him Megera in marriage; Creon gladly consents; the marriage takes place; afterwards he requests Creon to make him knight, 312; as the people of Iconie had chosen him to be their king: Creon is ready to comply with his request, arranges a great feast and tournament, to which he invites all the kings of Greece; Hercules is by himself in a tent, 313; before the assembled kings Creon confers the order of knighthood upon him; he mounts his horse, overcomes all who ride against him except Jason; is crowned King of Iconie, 314; goes to the wedding of Pirothus in the

company of Philotes, 315; knights Jason, 316; follows the centaures who carry off Ypodame the bride; he is in front of all, 317; fights with the centaures and kills many of them, 318; finds Euricus, who has Ypodame in his charge; strikes him down dead, 319; through his exertions the centaures are thoroughly defeated; he captures Linceus, 320; wishes with Jason to accompany Theseus and Pirothus into Helle, 328; follows them secretly in order to be near when they are in need of his assistance; charges Philotes to take the prisoner Lincous to Thebes, 329; arrives just in time to save Theseus from Cerberus, 333; vanquishes Cerberus and takes him prisoner, 334; binds him securely, and proceeds to the palace where Pluto and Proscrpine are; after having severely blamed Pluto for his misdeeds, he strikes him down with his club, 335; puts to death all his assailants; reassures Proserpine and conducts her out of the palace; finds at the gate a number of the citizens of Helle who attack him; he overcomes them and kills no less than four hundred; receives from Theseus the chain by which Cerberus used to tie his prisoners; sets the prisoners free, 336; binds Cerberus with the same chain; buries Pirothus; starts with Cerberus, Preserpine, and Theseus; arrives at Thessalonyque, where he delivers Preserpine to Ceres and Cerberus to Ypodame; returns with Theseus to Thebes, 337; 338; 339; 341; 342; 343; when he enters the royame of Thebes he hears of Lincous' doings; goes in disguise to the palace, kills some of the soldiers, and, 344, strikes down Lincous, who has come down unarmed to settle the quarrel between his soldiers, and gives him into the charge of Juno and the damoysels; he then goes out into the streets and destroys, with the help of the Thebans, all the enemies; orders Megera's prison to be opened, 345; is on the point of taking her in his arms. when Lincous accuses her falsely of adultery; believes Lincous, strikes off his head, and kills his wife Megera with the same sword; sets Amphitrion and Philotes free; leaves Thebes in the company of Theseus and Philotes, 346; is made king of Licye; arrives in Myrondone; makes up his mind to go with Jason to conquer the golden fleece; they make ships ready and go as far as

Troy, where they wish to take in provisions; Laomedon refuses to allow them to do so, even for money; vows to destroy Troy a second time, 347; at Lemnos he reproves the wife of King Phyneus; returns to Greece; praises Jason to his parents and friends; tells them how the King of Troy treated them; the destruction of Troy is resolved upon, 348; after having made preparations, they set sail, and arrive at Troy, 349; kills many Troians and King Laomedon; the others are driven to flight; enters the city of Troy, 350; gives Exiona to Thelamon as reward for having the first entered the city; pillages the palace of Ylion; takes all the treasures, and rases the city and destroys it by fire; goes with Theseus and Philotes to Alexandre, where he is well received by Affer, 351; decides to go with Affer to Libye and conquer Busire; sees Echee, Affer's daughter, 352; falls in love with her and marries her; assails Antheon in the city of Libye, 353; kills many Libyens; fights with Antheon, 354; drives him to fight; returns to Echee who helps to unarm him, 355; grants to Antheon a month's truce; makes up his mind to go to the royame of Athlas, 356; goes thither with Philotes and three mariners; arrives at the castle; leaves the boat in the charge of his companions; meets a servant of Athlas who directs him, 357; is admitted, and speaks to Athlas; demands obedience from him, 358; is upbraided by Athlas; fights against Athlas' men; kills twelve of them with twelve strokes; stuns Athlas and drives the others to flight, 359; makes Athlas cry him mercy; takes all his books and compels him to go with him; requires Athlas to teach him astronomy; which Athlas reluctantly does; returns with honour to Affer. and finds that Echee has born him a fair son, 360; studies science with great energy; prepares to fight with Antheon; conducts the first battle himself, 361; encounters Antheon, wounds and overthrows him, and would have killed him, if the Libyens had not come between them; kills many Libyens, 362; compels the others to flee, 363; enters Libye and becomes master of the city, makes Affer king, and names the country after him, Affrique, 364;

¹ As Lefevre had previously written in the "Jason" of the expeditions of the Argonauts, he here omits it.

establishes the laws of Greece in Affrique, and introduces the sacrament of marriage; Antheon, with a new army, attacks him; he overcomes Antheon's people, and kills Antheon at last, 365; erects a memorial to Antheon, and buries him; conquers Tyngie, Ampulesie, and several other countries, and gives them all to Affer; his wife, Echee dies; makes great sorrow for her; is on the point of leaving the country when a messenger from the Queens of Sithee comes to challenge him, 366; accepts the challenge, 367; enters the lists with Theseus, where they find the two ladies already awaiting them, 368; in the first bout all four are borne to the ground; overcomes Menalipe and admonishes Theseus, 369; receives the arms of Sinophe in token of submission; makes peace with her on condition that she gives Ypolite in marriage to Theseus; goes to Calcedonie to see Deianira of whose beauty he has heard; is honourably received by her father, Oeneus, 370; falls in love with her, 371; hears from Oeneus that Achelous has asked for Deianira's hand; advises him to fight against Achelous, 372; promises to help him in the war; passes most of his time with Deianira, 373; although he thinks but of her, he does not reveal his passion, wishing first to distinguish himself in arms, 374; advises Oeneus to sound to arms, when he hears Achelous approach; puts the Calcedoniens in order for battle, 375; exhorts them to fight bravely; enters the battle and shoots upon his enemies, 376; performs feats of valour, 377; shows his gigantic power, and puts Achelous' people to flight, 378; follows Achelous by water; enters his kingdom and besieges him in his castle, 379; the mere sight of him drives the enemies to flight; not a single blow is struck; thinks of Deianira, 380; assaults the castle repeatedly without success, 381; sees a light out at sea; goes with his men to find out what it is; is attacked by Achelous from an ambush, but sets his men in order and abides the attack of his enemies, 382; wounds Achelous; captures him; disperses his people; conquers his castle and puts about twelve hundred people to death, 383; enters the city of Patrace, where he finds little resistance; adds the whole to the kingdom of Oeneus; returns to Calcedonie to see Deianira; is honourably

received, 384; asks Oeneus for the hand of Deianira; obtains it; marries her with great pomp; soon afterwards he goes with her to Iconie; studies with Athlas; meets Nessus at the river Hebenus with a little boat, 385; accepts Nessus' offer to ferry him and his people across the river; sends Deianira and her maydens first; seeing Nessus carrying Deianira off, shoots an arrow through his heart, 386; is anxious about Deianira; throws his dress, harnoys, and club across, 387; and swims over to the other bank; finds Deianira safe and Nessus dead; withdraws his arrow from the body, which he leaves where he found it, 388; returns to the river, ferries his men across; is well received by the King of Lerne, who tells him of the monster Ydra; makes up his mind to destroy this monster, 389; in spite of Deianira's entreaties sets out to find the Ydra, 390; suffers the monster to come near and speak to him; solves seven problems the monster gives him; fights with it, 391; 392; after a hard struggle kills the Ydra, and fetches the King of Lerne, Deianira, and his people to see the monster; sacrifices to the gods; burns the Ydra's body; returns to Lerne with great honour and glory; goes to Athens, where he is gladly received by Theseus; holds a school there with Athlas, 393; studies astronomy with great zeal; goes to Licye, where many noblemen and others learn from him science and philosophy, 394; hearing Affer's complaints about Gerion, he promises to help him to make war on Gerion, 305; takes leave of Deianira and sets out with his men; on the way he continues his studies with Athlas, and is never idle; arrives in Affrica, passes the straits of Gibraltar; goes into Gades; peoples this country and gives it to a man named Philistenes; has pillars erected along the coast with a statue of himself upon them, 396; makes a stone pillar in the place where now Sevile stands, and wishes to build a city there; Athlas dissuades him from carrying out this plan; erects a statue of himself by the side of the pillar; leaves the country in the keeping of eight hundred men from Sithye, 397; goes on the river Guadiana near Megida, 398; rejoices to see Gerion approach with his army, 399; kills many of his enemies with arrows; sinks one of the galleys through a mighty blow of his club, that its inmates are drowned; does great feates of arms, and forces Gerion to retreat, 400; encloses Gerion's ships so that in order to go to the town Gerion must pass by him; finding in the morning that Gerion has fled, he assaults the city of Megida, and soon conquers it, 401; is unable to find Gerion; goes to the temple and holds a devotion; messengers from Gerion bid him leave the city; refuses to do so, 402; allows Gerion and his people to land; remains for the night in Megida; puts his army before sunrise the next day in order for battle, 403; when he admonishes his soldiers to do their duty; Gerion approaches; opens the gate and goes out with his men; speaks to Gerion and his brothers, 404; overcomes both brothers of Gerion; fights very fiercely with Gerion, 405; slays more than six hundred of his enemies; wounds one of the brothers mortally, 406; follows the retreating Gerion with twelve hundred men, 407; 408; enters the port of Courogne where Gerion has landed, and draws up his men; as the Greeks cannot land he enters a little boat and tries to win the port alone, 400; after a hard resistance he manages to get ashore and make way for Theseus and Hispan and three hundred men, 410; does marvels of valour, 411; gives Gerion a blow with his club, 412; kills Gerion; on seeing his enemies taking to flight, he thanks the gods and pursues them, 413; after killing many of them, he returns at nightfall to his ships; as the country seems good to him he builds a town which he names Coroigne, after the name of the first woman who comes to help build it; builds a tower on the tomb of Gerion, 414; invites all the maydens of the country to a feast in remembrance of Gerion's death; returns to Megida, where one hundred fair oxen are presented to him; hears of the tyrannies of Cacus and undertakes to chastise him, 415; enters Castile; passes through many countries which submit to him; Cacus defies him through a messenger, 416; accepts his challenge, 417; marches against Cacus, 418; kills many Castilians; encounters Cacus, who cleaves his shield, 419; after a fight of two hours, Cacus retires, 420; does not follow him, but kills many people of Castile and Aragon; when Cacus returns to the battle he tries to reach him, but Cacus and his people dare not abide his strokes, 421; tries to follow them on the Mount Monchaio, where they take refuge, but they throw huge stones upon him and compel him to retreat; makes a vow that he will never depart from the foot of the mountain, 422, until he has obliged Cacus to come down by famine or otherwise; has the bodies buried and a tent pitched; on the next day he divides his army in two parts and sends Hispan with one half to Aragon and Navarre, while he remains with the other half at the foot of the mountain, 423; mistakes the fire issuing from the mouth of Cacus and his followers for lightning, and tries to find an explanation of the smoke in his books; sends for Athlas, 424; asks his opinion; ascends the mountain to see if Cacus has really escaped; resolves not to pursue him, because he has so cleverly deceived him, 425; finding the country good and fertile, he resolves to build a city there, which he calls Terracone, and gives it to the son of the King of Ancone; goes to Salamanque and founds a study there, 426; goes into Cateloygne and founds the city of Barseloyne; gives Athlas and Philotes leave to return to their countries; gives to Hispan the country now called Spain, 427; departs from Barseloyne and goes to Lombardy; arrives at Cremone, 428; Nestor comes to him and defies him in the name of eleven giants, 429; 430; comes alone before the gate of the city of Cremone and tells the messenger he is ready to fight with the eleven giants all at once, 431; he kills one of the giants, 432; and brings in less than one hour four more to the ground, 433; seeing that the sun is going to set, he endeavours to finish the battle, 434; kills all the giants except Nestor, who runs away; the people of Cremone surrender to him and acknowledge him as their king; enters their city and passes the night in it with his people, 435; buries the ten giants honourably and has a tower erected over their grave with eleven statues on it; leaves people in Cremone to govern their city, and continues his journey, studying all the time; his fame has spread all over Italy; he is solemnly received by King Evander, 436: 438; 439; 440; has his oxen brought unto the city that Evander might see them; asks for a place where he might send them to pasture; sends them in spite of Evander's

warning into the neighbouring fields, 441; 442; goes early the next morning to see if they are safe, 443; finds four cows and four oxen have disappeared; bids his people to search for their foot-prints; asks Evander, who dwells on the mount Aventyn; follows the footprints, 444; has some calves brought to the mountain and hears the cows answer their cries, 445; searches for three hours without result; pulls up a tree and discovers the cave of Cacus, 446; admonishes Cacus, 447; gives him the choice of fighting with him in the cave or outside in the open, 448; does not let Cacus escape by means of the fire, as the first time; leaps into the cave and strikes him with his club; fights with him; is pelted by the three daughters of King Prious; after an hour they take a rest, 449; continues the battle outside the cave; reproaches Cacus for killing his cows, 450; he rests again; doubles his strokes and brings Cacus at last to the ground; does not allow the Greeks to follow the three sisters; tells Evander that Cacus has troubled the country, and that he will put him to death. 451; Cacus tries to escape, but he brings him back, 452; and casts him into a horrible pit; is received with great honour in the city of Evander, who promises to build a temple in his honour; promises to stay until the temple is finished, 453; many people come to see him and call him the son of god Jupiter; among them the Queen of Laurence, whom he receives kindly, 454; they spend the day together, 455; he does not notice that the Queen is in love with him; accepts an invitation to Laurence and takes leave from Evander, 456; sees that the Queen is not indifferent to him and asks her that he might be her knight, 457; does all he can to please her, and begets a son on her; comforts her, 458; goes with her to meet her husband King Fanus, who honours him; after four days he returns to Evander; is defied through a messenger by King Pricus, 459; receives the message with satisfaction and feasts the messenger; at dawn he makes himself ready for battle, 460; runs swiftly towards the army of Pricus and forces his way into it, 461-2; drives the Caledoniens to flight, 463; pursues them and besieges them in their city for a while without success, 464; disguises himself and goes to the gate of the city; is admitted and taken as prisoner before King Pricus, 465; throws the porters to the ground, assails those in the hall and kills Pricus, 466; after killing the inmates of the palace he proceeds into the streets, where many Calidoniens rush upon him, 467; he breaks down the city gate and bids his people enter, 468; in the palace, which he enters with Theseus, he finds the daughters of Pricus seeking for the body of their father; he greatly admires Yole and will comfort her, but she flees from him; he follows her into a room, 469; requests her for love, and tries to appease her, 470; leaves her at the request of the lady who educates her, and passes the time with Theseus; orders twelve men to watch her door and let nobody pass; has the dead bodies removed and Pricus put into a sepulchre; thinks continually of Yole, 471; 472; 473; on the next day he asks her once more to become his wife, 474; they soon get on intimate terms; he forgets Deianira; gives Yole's sisters to some Greek knights in marriage and leaves them to govern Calidonie; departs and takes leave of Evander, goes on board his ship with his company; is always with Yole, 475; meets a galley of merchants, who tell him of the tyrant and thief Diomedes, 476; asks the patron of the galley where the forest is; determines to go alone thither and seek Diomedes, 477; in spite of Yole's entreaties he starts with Philotes in a little boat; finds Diomedes in the forest and tells him he has come to kill him, 478; bears Diomedes to the ground and fights with the hundred thieves, 479; in less than an hour he kills sixty of them and drives Diomedes and the others to flight; runs after Diomedes, pulls him off his horse, unarms and binds him, and throws him before the horses, which devour him, 480; with the arms of Diomedes he returns to Philotes, and tells him his adventure; gives Philotes the arms and sends him with them to Trace to demand submission of the citizens, 481; enters the city himself with his Greeks; is conducted to the palace; puts to death all evil-doers; ordains judges over the people and returns to the royame of Licye, where he remains with fair Yole, 482; 483; 484; 485; 486; receives a letter from Deianira, 487; reads it, 488; writes an answer and sends it to her through her squire Licas, 489; 490; 491; 492; receives a second letter from Deianira, is smitten with remorse; shuts himself up for a time, not allowing any one to come near him; on the pretext of wishing to sacrifice to Apollo he departs with Philotes, 493; meets Lycas, who asks him if he has any message for Deianira; he promises to go to her or send for her after he has made his sacrifices, 494; Licas brings him a poisoned shirt; receives, and not thinking any evil, puts it on, 495; soon feels the effect of the terrible poison and knows that he must die; perceiving Licas (496) he blames him for having deceived him, and then dashes him against a rock; in his great agony he runs over hills and valleys and pulls out great trees; returns to the temple and curses Deianira, 497; 498; takes his club and throws it into the fire; prepared for the sacrifice, gives his bow and arrows to Philotes and asks him to recommend him to Yole and to his friends, lies down in the flames and dies, 499; 501; 505; 563; 564

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the people that he is the son of Jupiter, 244; withdraws from the press, takes another form and returns to Crete, 245; is at war with Eristeus, makes peace with him and becomes acquainted with Hercules, whom she tells of the lions of Nemee, 297; asks him to return to her when he has vanquished them, 298; 302; is sorrowful at the death of a relative slain by Busire, and also that Hercules has not been killed by the lions; lives no longer with her husband; receives and fcasts Hercules; tries to find some other way to destroy him; flatters him, 304; and tells him of Busire, 305; rejoices when he goes to conquer him, 306; is sorry when he returns in safety, 308; is glad to find Thebes in the hands of Hercules' enemies, 343; takes charge of the wounded Lincus, 345; whom she incites to calumniate Megera, and falsely accuse her of adultery, 346; Goddess Juno, 521; 522; temple of, 644 Jupiter, the Auncient, the wise kyng of Actyque, 50; 131; father of Pilonnus, 170

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¹ As it is in many passages very difficult to understand the exact meaning of the text, owing to the repeated occurrence of the same name or names belonging to persons and places on the Greek and on the Troian sides and to both, I have adopted the plan of distinguishing the Greeks and their allies by an additional G. to the name and the Troians by an additional T. From this rule I have not even departed when it was manifest—as, e.g., in the case of Achilles or Hector—that the bearer of a name was a Greek or a Troian.

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Agalus, Alagus, kyng, G., 571

*Agamenon, kyng of Michames (Mycenæ), G., 7; 528; is sent for by his brother Menelaus, whom he advises and encourages, 539; is chosen commander-in-chief of the host of the Greeks, 540; 541; brings a hundred ships full of armed knights from his royame of Michames, 545; 546; assembles the nobles and speaks to them of the injuries done them by the Troians, 547; continues his speech, suggests a messenger should be sent to the oracle at Delphi, 548; Calchas is presented to him, 551; holds an assembly of noblemen in his tent, 552; sends a message to the host that every man should hold himself ready to start, 553; is asked by all the princes of Greece to sacrifice his daughter Effigenie (Iphigenia), in order to appease the wrath of Diana and still the tempest; consents very sorrowfully, 554; distributes the spoils from the castles of Sarabana and Thenedon to his army, assembles the nobles on the plain of Thenedon and addresses them, 556; 557; 558; 559; 560; calls a council on the provisioning of the army, 562; 565; lands at the port of Troy, 572; makes his people pitch their tents in proper rank and order, 574; orders minstrels and trumpeters to comfort the host, 575; arranges his men, 578; leads the last division, 580; puts his troops in array early, 591; holds a parliament of nobles in his tent, encounters Hector, 594; by whom he is wounded; fights with king Pandolus, 595; is so much wounded by the bastard brethren of Hector that he is carried to his tent as dead, 596; asks Pryant at the request of Calchas to give up the latter's daughter Breseyda, 601; when he hears of the compact between Hector and Achilles goes hastily to them and forbids it, 603; comes to the rescue of the Greeks, 608; requires truce of king Pryant, 610; assembles the nobles and addresses them, defends himself

against Palamydes who is dissatisfied with his government, 616; is content that some one else should conduct the host of the Greeks; summons the nobles to a parliament and addresses them, 617; 618; is sent to Thelephus at Messe and returns safely with his ships laden with provisions; is received with joy, 625; is again made commander-in-chief after the death of Palamydes, 629; sends messengers to ask the assistance of Achilles, 630; 631; hears the answer of Achilles and makes it known to the nobles, asks their advice, 632; gathers his forces and attacks the Troians; is thrown to the ground by Troyllus, but remounted by the help of his followers; sends to Pryant for six months' truce, 633; goes with due Nestor to the tent of Achilles and prays him to come to the battle, thanks him greatly when he agrees to send his men; puts his troops in array, 634; comes to the battle, 635; demands truce, is beaten by king Phylomenus and rescued by Thelamon, 636; demands the bodies of Achilles and Archilogus from King Pryant, assembles the nobles and asks their advice about continuing the war, 642; makes his host pitch their tents near the city, 644; asks Pryant several times to send his men to battle, 645; gives Pyrrus the arms and all the other possessions of his father, 647; comes to the battle, 648; Anthenor is presented to him, commissions the king of Crete, Dyomedes and Vlixes to make peace with the Troians, 656; after the burning of Troy, assembles the nobles in the temple of Mynerue and requires them to hold faith with Eneas and Anthenor and to divide the spoils justly; helps to save Helayne from the wrath of the Greeks; Cassandra is given him as his reward, 668; demands information of the whereabouts of Polixene from Anthenor, 669; 671; judges that the Palladium should remain with Vlixes; takes precautions against a secret attack from Thelamon, 672; hates Pyrrus, 673; 675; asks leave to depart into his own country, sails off, 676; 677; 678; escapes from king Naulus and returns safely to Michames, where he is murdered by Egistus, the lover of his wife, Clytemestra, 680; 681; 684; 686

Agreste, Argests, yle of, 567; cheuallerye of the royams of,

577 Alcanus, kyng, T., 576; 582 Alchamas, Atlamas, Duc, from royame of Trachie, T., 566 Alcynous, kyng, G., 687; 688

Alixandre, surname of Paris, 506

Amasius, kyng, T., 566; from the prouynce of tholoson Amasonne, Amasonne, Amasone, Amasonie, royame of,

567; 644; prouynce of, queen of, 645

Amphymacus, kyng, T., from the prouynce of tholoson, 566

Amphymacus, kyng, of the prouynce of Calydone, G., 545; slain by Eness, 599; 700

Amphymacus, Duc of Rusticane, G., 546

Amphymacus, Duc, G., belonging to the suite of kyng Thelamon, 545; styled "erle," 579

Amphymaous, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, T., 651; 652; 653; 654; 655; 658; 659

Anchisatus, Anthisatus, son of Thelamon and Thymism, G.,

Anchises, father of Eneas, 506; 650; 683

Andrometha, Andromata, Andromatha, wyfe of Hector, 544; 610; (Andromeda), 611; 614; 667; 669; 693; 694

Andylle, yle of, 553

Ansernims, Anserumus, one of the dukes of Boscye, G., 567 Antenorides, Aminorides, one of the gates of Troye, 507

Anthemor, T., 505; is sent by Priant to Greece to bring back his sister Exione, \$10; arrives in Themsely but is badly received by king Peleus, \$11; his reception by Thelamon in Salamis is no better, \$12; is similarly treated by Castor and Pollux, who reside in Achaye, \$13; enrages the old duke Nestor so much by his message that he has to fice in order to save his life; returns to Troy, \$14; on his return tells Priant his adventures, \$15, \$16; \$25; accompanies Paris to Greece, \$27, \$28; \$36; \$43; \$83; is beaten by Philemenis, \$96; is called to the council of the nobles, \$97; goes with Eneas and Troyllus to Helayne, \$98; is taken prisoner by the Greeks, \$60; \$60; \$648; takes council with Eneas and Anchyses, \$60; advises Priant to make peace with the Greeks; is reproved by Amphimacus, \$52; and by Priant, \$63; leaves the

¹ In "Le Recuell" Alcynous is not mentioned, his part being filled up by Anthenor who is also described as the father of Nassica. Frobably Caxton corrected this error.

court with Eness much irritated; makes a plot to deliver Troy to the Greeks, 654; is sent for by the king and comes before him with an armed escort; is chosen to negotiate with the Greeks, 655; is let down from the walls and taken before Agamenon; discloses his intentions to the Greeks, who take him into their service; obtains the body of Penthasilee; returns to the city with Cassilyus, 656; tells falsehoods to Priant and the people, and suggests that he should be sent again to the Greeks, 657; promises Helayne to reconcile her with her husband; has a conversation with the Greeks, requests the Greeks to banish Amphimacus who has displeased him, 658; tells Vlixes and Diomedes that he cannot deliver the city to them as long as the Palladium remains in it, 659; promises to obtain the Palladium by bribing the priest who keeps it, 660; asks Priant to summon his nobles, and declares the Greeks want a large indemnity; obtains the Palladium for gold from the priest and sends it to Vlixes, 661; 664; advises the king to have the horse of brass taken into the city, 665; 666; guides the Greeks into the palace of Ilion and is a witness when Priant is slain by Pyrrus, 667; asks the Greeks to spare Helenus, 668; betrays Polizene's hiding-place to the Greeks, 669; 671; makes peace between Pyrrus and Agamenon; leaves Troy, 673; is sent for by the Troians to be their king, but is soon banished again at the instance of Eneas; his ships are attacked by pirates, 674; arrives in Gerbandye, founds a city and governs it wisely, 675; 699

Anthypus, kyng, G., slain by Hector, 700
Anthypus, Anthiopus, one of the dukes of Rusticane, G., 546
Antypus, Antipus, kyng, T., slain by Dyomedes, 599; 700
Apius, Appius, a passyng wyse mayster, 663

Appolyn, Appolyne, Appolin, Apollo, 546, 548; 549; 550-51; 601; 605; 620; 641-42; 662; 666-67; 669; 693

Arastous, kyng, T., 596; beaten by Vlixes

Archelaus, one of the kynges of Boecye, G., 545; 571; 579; 593

maistre nomme applus."

In the Latin MSS. the accusative "Appolinem" is generally written "Appolin." This has suggested the form, "Appolin."

According to "Le Requeil," Apius and not Synon is the maker of the horse. The passage runs thus; "Ce cheual fist vng moult saige maistre nomme appius."

Archilogus, kynge, cosyn of the knight Bretes, G., 593; 700; Archilogus, son of Duc Nestor, G., 636; slain with Achilles in the temple of Appolyn, 642 Archilogus, son of the kynge Theleus, T., of the royame of

Cheres, 567; [that was of the affinyte of kynge Pryant], son of the kynge Thesus, 580; 596

Archilogus, brother of Thesus, kynge of Trahie, T., 575

Archymens. See Arsymens

Archymenus, Orchimenus, king, G., 700

*Arges, cite or royame of, 546

Arsymens, seygnourye of, 681; Archymens, 682

Ascalapus, Astalaphus, due of the prouynce of Orconomye, G.,

Ascalus, Astalus, kyng, G., 571

Assandrus, Assandras, an hyghe and myghty man of the Cyte of Thesayll, that was at that tyme a trewe frende of Pyrrus, G., 690

Assandrus, brother of Egee, the wife of Dyomedes, G., 68:

*Assirye, kynge of, 550
Astromatas, son of Hector and Andrometha, T., 610

Athamas, kyng, G., 682

Athomeus, kyng, G., 599; slain by Hector.

*Atthenes, Athenes, cyte of (port of), 545-46; 551; 553; 579; 582; (due of), 587; 592; 609; (port of), 617; (due of), 619; 625-34; 648; 686

Aulides, yle of, 699; abode of queen Circe; afterwards Thelagonus, her son by Vlixes, was elected king of this island

Austerus, Austernus, kyng, T., 700; slain by Achilles

Avax. See Thelamon

Ayax, G., 541; 586; 588; 640; 643; 644; killed by Paris,

Ayax alons, G., 579; (677); either identical with Ayax or with Thelamon ayax, the son of king Thelamon

Ayax Oyleus. See Thelamon ayax, son of Thelamon and Exione

Bastidus, duc, G., 612; slain by Hector Belus, kyng of Assirie, of whom "the ryght begynnyng of ydolatrye came," 550 Birson, Duc, T., slain by Achilles, 607 Boscye, royame of, 545; people of, 579

Boecye, prouynce of, whence the dukes came to the assistance of Pryant, 567
Boetes, brother of Episteus, both kings of Burtyn, T., 567
Breseyda, Bri/ayda, daughter of Calchas, sweetheart of Troylus, afterwards of Diomedes (Boccaccio's Griseida, Chaucer's Cryseyda), 542; 601; 602; 603; 604; 605; 606; 608; 610; 633; 634
Bretes, a knyght, the cousin of kyng Archilogus, G., 593; slain by Hector
Breysse, royame of, 546
Brum, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, T., 636
Burtyn, royame of, 567
Calcas, bysshoppe of Troye, son of Thistram, a passyng was

Calcas, bysshoppe of Troye, son of Thistram, a passyng wyne man, 542; 546; Chalchas, 551; 552; Calchas, 553; 601; 604; 605; 632; 663; 669; 670 Calcybus, fosterfather of Orestes, G., 680 Calydone, Calcidone, 545, identical with Calidonie Capidus, one of the kings of Larisse, T., 566 Carpadye, kynge of, 546 Carpenor, kyng of Carpadye, G., 546; 580 Carras, kyng, T., 566; 596 *Cartage, Cartaige, 683 (the celebrated city of Carthago) Cassandra, second daughter of Pryant, 506; 526; 527; 537; 544; 591; 662; 666; 667; 668; 675; 677 Cassibelanus, T., one of the bastard sons of Pryant (Cassilaus), 585; 587; 591 Cassilaus. See Cassibelanus Cassilus, kynge, "a moche auncyent man," G., 656; Cassilyus, *Castor, G., brother of Pollux and Helayne, 513; 529; 538; 539; 540 *Caxton, William, 701; 702 Cedonyus, kyng, G., 588 Cedus, Cedeus, kyng, brother of Epistropus, G., slain by Hector, 599 Celidones, T., slew Moles of Oreb, nephew of kynge Those of Tholye, 588

¹ Not mentioned in "Le Recueil." The passage "The nenewe of kynge thoas Mandon smote oute an eye of kynge cedonyus" is in the French text: "le regent du roy thoas occist mandon de clere,"

Celidus, kyng, 579; G., the most fayr kyng of the world, 583; slain by Polydamus; f identical with Cedus, Cedeus Cotharys. See Cythare Cetus, son of Naulus and brother of Palamydes, G., 677; 678; 679; that otherwyse was callid Cetus, 680; 681 Chalchas, See Calcas Chaucer,1 book of "Troylus and Crescyda," 601 a; Chawcer, 604, Chemenense, Themenense, kingdom of, 546 Cheres, royame of, 567 Chetas, one of the gates of Troye, 507 Chouse, Crouse, eldest daughter of Pryant, and wyfe of Eneas. 506 Chinares, Thinaras, one of the household of Achastus, slain by Pyrrus, 692 Ciclades, yles of, 548 (Cyclades, islands in the Ægean Sea) Circes, the mother of Thelagonus (by Vlixes), 695; 696; 698; 699 Cisayne, Cycanic, kyng of, T., 576; ? Remus Clitemestra, daughter of Ydumeus and Tharasis of Crete. 681 Clytemestra, wyfe of Agamenon, killed by Orestes her son, 680; (Clitemestra), 681; 684; 685; 687 Collects, kyng of Cresome, G., 546 Cortiremerralum, Cortire merralum, a cyte founded by Anthenor, 675 Coryphus, due, G., killed by Hector, 612 Creon de la plerre, a knyght, G., 581 Crescyda, name Chancer gives to Brescyda. See " Chancer" and "Troylus and Oreseyda," 8 Cresome, Cresowne, royame of, 546 Cressus, kyng of Grece, G., 626; killed by Deyphebus *Orete, kyng of, 545; 581; 656; 681; 686; 687; 688; 693 Criste. See Jesus Crisus, a Greek priest, who advised with Calchas the making of the horse of brass, 663

Oryspus, a secretary of Pyrrus, 690 (sent with Adrastus to

Croys, kyng, T., 611

Amandrus)

¹ The references to Chancer are not found in " Le Recueil," but added by Caxton. The same is to be said of Lydgate and his Troy-Book.

Cupemus, kyng, T., 700 *Cypres, kyng of, G., 579 Cyrces. See Circes Cythare, Cytares, Cythares, yle of, 529; 530; 532; 558; Cetharys, 651

Dalpmee, Dalpuice, kyng, G., 599; slain by Hector Dardane, one of the gates of Troye, 507; 575 Dares, Daires, of Frygle, 505 s; 541 ; 542 s; 544 s; 554 s;

588₂₀; 589₃; 618₂₀; 633₈; 699_{20,15,27}; 701₂₀; 702₁. Deanor, brother of the kyng of Gaull, T., 588

Delos, yle of, "in the myddes of the yles ciclades," 548; "some calle thys yle Ortygye for as moche as the byrdes pt men call Ortiges / in English they ben quayles were first seen there," 549

*Delphos, 546; Delphe (evidently by mistake for Delos). 548; 550; 688; yle of, 693; 694

Demephon, Demophon, kyng, G., 682

Deufrobe, Euforbs, the great philosopher, father of Pantheus, 525; 526; ? Eufrobe (d'eufrobe)

Deyphebus, son of Nausica and Thelamotus, 603

Deyphebus, T., the third son of Pryant, 506; 522; 524; 527; 528; 536; 543; 574; 577; 585; 594; 597; 606; 611; 626; 629; 630; 632; 641

*Diane, born on the island of Delos, sister of Appollo; 548;

549; 553; 554

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Dictes, the Greke, 699₁₂; 701_{20, 32} Dinadorus, T., one of the bastard sons of Pryant, 584

Doccius, kyng, G., 700; killed by Hector; ? identical with Doxunois

Doreus, kyng, G., 599; slain by Hector

Dorius, erle, G. (one of the four erles accompanying Thelamon ayax), 579

Doxunois, kyng, G., 545, comes with fifty ships to Athens Dyadamie, Deyademie, wife or mistress of Achilles, mother of Pyrrus, 689

Dymaicus, Dymarcus, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, 576 Dyomedes, G., kyng of Arges, comes to the assistance of Menelaus, 540; 541; brings eighty-two ships from Arges, 546; 556; is chosen to go with Vlixes to Troy, 558; speaks mockingly to King Pryant, 560; answers Eneas insolently,

561; is asked by Vlixes to hold his peace, 562; his advice is taken by the Greeks, 568; 569; leads the twoand-twentieth division, 579; leads the second division, comes to the battle and encounters Troyllus, 592; takes Troyllus and would have led him away if the Troians had not hindered him, 593; is attacked by Troyllus, but defends himself valiantly, 595; 597; slays king Antipus, 599; kills the Sagittaire with a mighty stroke, 600; is sent with Vlixes to Pryant, 601; becomes enamoured of Bresayda, 604; strikes Troyllus down from his horse and sends it to Breseyda, 606; is pleased to hear that Breseyda has gladly accepted Troyllus' horse; is beaten by Polidamas, 608; suffers a great deal with his love for Bressyda, 610; attacks Troyllus and would have killed him if Menelaus had not interposed, 612; comes with Palamydes and twenty thousand men to succour the Greeks hard oppressed by the Troians, 626; is sent with Nestor and Vixes to Achilles by Agamenon to induce him to help the Greeks again, 630; tries with Nestor to persuade Achilles, but in vain, 631; is struck down by Troyllus and carried to his tent by the Greeks on his shield, 633; is visited by Breseyda in his tent, who promises to give him her love as soon as he has recovered, 634; joins again in the battle, 635; is struck down by Penthasile, who deprives him of his shield and gives it to her maidens, 646; comes again to battle with Agamenon, Menelaus and Menesteus, 648; succours, with Pyrrus and Thelamon. the Greeks who are driven to flight by Penthasile, 649; is with the king of Crete and Vlixes charged by Agamenon to negotiate with Anthenor, 656; is selected by the Greeks with Vlixes to go with Eness and Anthenor to Troy, 658; hears with Vlixes of Anthenor's treason, 659; 660; swears first on the side of the Greeks to hold the peace, 664; has the Palladium in his charge, which Vlixes gives him before his departure, 673; 677; is said to have slain Palamydes by treason with Vlixes, 678, 679; to avenge the death of his brother-in-law, kills many knights of Telephus, 681; his people, at the wish of his wife, refuse to receive him; flees when he hears that Theuter will kill him, 682; the Troians send for him and offer to make him their king; helps them to defeat their enemies. is called back by his wife, who is afraid that he will come to punish her, 683; 684; 700

Ebes, son of the Kyng of Trace, G., 628

Eccedyus, kyng, G., 700; slain by Hector; ? identical with Cedeus

Effygenye, Effigenie (Iphigenia), daughter of Agamenon, 553; Effigenie, 554

Efronyus, T., Efromus, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, 626 Egee, see of, 676

Egee, daughter of Polymytes, kyng of Arsymens and wyfe of Dyomedes, 677; 681; 683

Higistus, lover of Clytemestra, usurper of the royame of Michames (Mycense), 680; 684; 685; 687

Egypteus, the father of Hecuba and Kyng of Trace, 506
*Egypte, "the ydoles of egypte fyll down to the erthe alle to broken and brusyd after the prophesie of ysaye," 549

Eliane, Aliane, regne of, 567

Emargeron, Eugrgeron, T., one of the bastard sons of Pryant, 635

Eneas, son of Anchises and Venus of Munidie, and husband of Cheusa, eldest daughter of King Pryant, T., 506; is commissioned by King Pryant to go into Greece with Paris, 527, 528; returns triumphantly to Troy with Paris, 536; 543; is angry when Dyomedes speaks disrespectfully to the king, 561; leads the seventh division, 577; comes to the battle with his men, encounters Ajax and is thrown to the ground, 586; leads the second division, 594; comes with Troyllus to the rescue of Hector, encounters Dyomedes, and is beaten and mocked by him, 595; puts himself between Paris and Menelaus, leads Paris into the city, advises King Pryant not to kill King Those, 597; goes with Troyllus and Anthenor to see Helayne, 598; slays King Amphymacus, 599; leads the fifth division, 606; leads the second division, 611; comes between King Myseres and Menelaus, 612; leads the eighth division, 618; is beaten by Menesteus, 636; goes to the battle, 646; takes counsel with Anchises, Anthenor and Polidamas, 650;

2 "Munidie," not mentioned in "Le Recueil."

¹ In "Le Recueil" he is called "Pilex"; by Guido delle Colonne, he is not mentioned at all.

tries to restrain the words of Amphymacus, 652; is angry when reproved by King Pryant and answers the king sharply, finds out that the King intends to kill him and Anthenor and arranges to go to council with an armed escort, 654; plots with Anthenor to deliver the city to the Greeks; advises the people to make peace with the Greeks, tells the king they will make peace whether he agrees to it or not, 655; goes with Anthenor to the camp of the Greeks, 657; treats of the plot with the Greeks, 658; 659; 660; advises King Pryant to allow the horse of brass to be brought into the city, 665; 666; conducts the Greeks with Anthenor, sees Pyrrus kill King Pryant, takes pity on Polizena and puts her in a secret place, 667; comes with Anthenor and prays the Greeks to save the life of Helenus, 668; 671; is reproached by the Greeks for having broken his cath and banished from Troy, the ships of Paris are given him at his request, 673; is vexed that Anthenor is not also banished, advises the Troians to recall him and make him their king in order to have a chance of attacking him; when Anthenor arrives he reminds the Troisne that he was the cause of Polizena's death, and induces them to banish him from the city, 674; is allowed by the Greeks to stay a certain time in Troy in order to repair his ships, 682; advises the Troians to send for Dyomedes; starts with his father Anchises; his adventures are described by Virgil, 683; 699; 700

Encydos. See Virgile

Ensemus, Eusemus, kyng of Lichson, T., 566

Episteus, Epistius, brother of Bostes, both kings of Burtyn, T., 567

Epistropus, *Episropus*, one of the kyngs of Focyden, G., 545; 579; 584; 599; 700

Epistropus, kynge of the regne of Eliane, T. brought a "marvelous beste" called "Sagittayre," 567; 599; 611

Epitagoren, T., one of the bastard sons of Pryant, 577

Brigona, Brigonas, daughter of Egistus and Citytemestra, 680; Brigona, 687

Eruphylus, kyng of Orohomyne, G., 546

Bryalus. See Buryalus Becoryus, kyng, T., 700

Hedras, kyng, T., leads with Philon the "cheuallerye of Agreete," 577; 585

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Ethiope, regne of, 567 Ethyopyens, kyng of the, 572 Euforbe, Euforbre, a much noble man, T. 607, slain by Achilles Buforbius, Enforbinus, kyng, T., 700, slain by Achilles; identical with Huforbe Eufrene, an admyrall of the Troians, 577 *Europe, 519, "alle Affrique and Europe ben suggettys vnto the Grekes" Euryalus, Curialus, companion of Dyomedes, G., 546; styled Kyng Eryalus, 596 Exampitus, Xamtipus; Sampitus; Xantipus; Examptipus; Exantipus, kyng of Frigie, T., 576; ? identical with Sampitus, 582 Exampitus, kyng, G., 700; killed by Hector; identical with Sampitus, 579 *Exione, Exionne, daughter of Leomedon, 505; 507; 509; 510; 512; 515; 516; 517; 519; 520; 523; 525; 528; 530; 532; 533; 557; 560; 589; 625 Exiones, kyng, G., 579

Famuell, Famuel, T., "bete the kynge Prothenor to the erthe," 588
Focyden, de fortes, royame of, 545
Forensis, kyng, lord of the cyte of Trasem, C., 684
Fortunus, one of the dukes of Boecye, T., 567
*Frigie, Dares of, 505; kynge Exampitus of, 576; kynge of, 586; kynge Myseres of, 612; kynge of, 671
Frygis, Pigris, cyte of, whence Duc Tynelus came, 545
Fumus, Finumis, kynge, G., 700, slain by Hector
Fureus, Sineus, kyng, G., 546

Galathe, Galate, Galateam, the horse of Hector, 577; 580; 584; 600
Galior, kyng, T., 566
Gaminedes, according to Virgil, a son of Pyrant, "whom Jupiter rauysshed and masd hym hys botyller," 506
Gaull, roi du gal, kyng of, T., 588
Gerbandye, Guerbandes, prouynes of, 675

¹ This is evidently a mistake. Virgil only mentions a Ganymedes, the son of Tros (according to Lucan, the son of Dardanus). Compare: Virg., "Æn.," 5, 252, and Homer, "Ilias," 28, 231.

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Geripulus, kyng, G., 579
Glacon, T., son of Anthenor, "broder of Polidamas from an
    other moder," 648
Glancion, Glacion, kynge, G., 580
Glaucon, Glancon, son of the kyng of Licye, T., 575
Glausta, first wyfe of Thelamon, 676
Glauton, Glancon, kyng of Licye, T., 566, probably the same
    as Glaucon styled "the son of the king of Licye."
Grece, 505; 510; 511; 513; 515; 516; 520; 524-28; 529;
    531; 532; 534; 539; 540; 544; 545; 547; 548; 558;
    559; 586; 595; 597; 608; 613; 626; 632; 652; 653;
    656; 664; 668; 670; 673; 677; 678; 686; 691; 693
•Grekes, 506; 509; 515-17; 519-20; 523-26; 528; 530;
    532; 538; 541; 542; 545-46; 550; 551-52; 554-56;
    560; 561-65; 566-68; 570-75; 577-78; 581; 584-91;
    593-94; 596-608 (admirall of); 609-10; 612-15; 618-
    20; 622-24; 625-30; 632-33; 635-40; 641-47; 649-
    56; 657; 658; 660; 662-72; 673; 675; 676-79; 682;
     686; 699; 700; 701
Guideus, sone of, le fils guideus, G., 595
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*Hebe, daughter of Jupiter and Juno, 506

Hesuba, a noble lady, daughter of King Egypseus of Trace, wyfe of Pryant, 506; 527; 537; 544; 598; 610; 611; 614; 620-24; 640; 641; 642; 667; 670

Hector, 7; 505; eldest son of Pryant, T. 506; is in Panonye, and therefore not at the first assembly of the barons, 509; 515; answers his father's speech, 518; tries to dissuade him from going to war with the Greeks, 519; finishes his speech, 520; 527; 543; 544; fights valiantly with the Greeks, kills King Prothesalaus; all fice before him, 573; leaves the battle to refresh himself; re-enters the city in the evening, 574; puts his men in order early, 575; gives advice to Troylus, 576; asks Paris not to fight with the Greeks until he comes; mounts his horse and rides to his father, 577; asks him to keep a reserve force in case of need, and promises to let him know the state of the battle; passes before all his troops and rides to the front, 578; his shield is pierced by Patroclus; kills Patroclus and alights to take his arms, but is prevented

1 Not mentioned in "Le Recueil."

by King Menon, kills many Greeks, 580; tries again to take the arms of Patroclus, but is prevented by King Menon and King Ydumeus, is surrounded by Greeks and kills many, 581; fights valiantly, 583; is wounded by Menon, kills a Grecian admiral, is warned to go out of the battle by Thesus, whom he thanks courteously; rescues Polidamas; his horse Galathe is slain and he is in great danger, 584; mounts a fresh horse, will not let Thesus be taken prisoner, kills many Greeks to avenge the death of Cassilaus, fights bravely, and nearly puts the Greeks to flight, 585; is smitten by Philoteas, whom he wounds; puts himself in the greatest press and keeps his people together, 586; withdraws his men and speaks encouragingly to them, then leads them again against their enemies; tries to put the Greeks to flight, is wounded in the face by King Humerus, whom he kills; goes to his father and returns with 3000 fresh knights, 387; jousts with Ayax, attacks Menesteus and Theuter, slays a thousand knights in this assault alone; kills Menon and alights to take his arms, is prevented by Menesteus, who gives him a great wound, 588; has his wound dressed and returns to the battle, kills a thousand knights, and none have courage to fight with him; encounters Thelamon Ayax, and finds that he is his cousin, 589; embraces him, and asks him to come to see his relations in Troy, agrees to leave the battle for that day at his request, 590; puts his men in order and rides to the front, encounters Achilles; they are both unhorsed; remounts, fights valiantly, encounters Achilles again and bears him to the ground, tries to take his horse; they meet again, Achilles gives him many strokes with his sword, and receives a heavy blow on the head; they are parted by their people, 592; fights fiercely, kills Bretes and wishes to take his horse, when he is assailed by Archylogus and Prothenor, and kills both of them, 593; leaves the city with his army and rides to the front, encounters Agamenon, 594; wounds him, is assailed by Achilles, but rescued by Troylus and Eneas; attacks Achilles and nearly takes him, when he is wounded by the son of Guideus; beats Dyomedes to the ground, fights again with Achilles, 595; is assailed by Thoas and Achilles, wounds Thoas and is rescued by his bestard brothers, 596; assails Menelaus and wishes to take him prisoner but is prevented by the Greeks; makes the Greeks retreat, 597; agrees to the counsel of Eneas, 598; alays king Athomeus; is assailed by Epistropus and Cedus, kills Epistropus, and is attacked by Cedus and a thousand knights; kills Cedus; in his sorrow for the death of Philis slays Dalpmee and Doreus; recovers the field by his prowess, 599; slays due Polixenes, encounters Achilles, they unhorse each other, calls to his followers to rescue his horse Galathe! which is being led away by Achilles; his horse is recovered and he gladly remounts him, 600; does not agree to the truce with the Greeks, 601; goes one day during the truce to the camp of the Greeks, enters the tent of Achilles at his request, 602; challenges Achilles to single combat and takes his gage; returns to Troy, 603; arranges his men and goes to the front, 606; kills King Philis, is assailed by Pampitus whom he also kills; is wounded in the face and retreats to the walls, where he sees his mother and sisters and is ashamed; kills Menon; is assailed by Achilles, bears him to the ground and bids him beware, 607; fights valiantly; is healed of his wounds during the truce and plays in the hall of Ilion, 609; reproaches his wife who beseeches him not to go to battle that day, 610; is angry because his father also wishes him not to go; reproaches his wife again and arms himself; refuses to disarm when she falls at his feet with her two little sons; resists the entreaties of his mother, sisters, and queen Helayne; leaves the palace armed and mounts his horse, but is compelled to return by his father, 611; but will not disarm himself; when he hears of the death of Margareton, cos to the battle without his father's knowledge; kills Duc Coryphus and Duc Bestidus, thrusts himself into the greatest press, making the Greeks fice at his coming, 612; rescues Polidamas, kills Leocides and many other Greeks, is assailed by Achilles and Polyceus; kills Polyceus and wounds Achilles; takes a baron of Greece prisoner and is leading him away, when Achilles comes secretly and wounds him mortally; he falls dead to the ground, 613; his death is lamented by all the Troians, 614; his sepulchre and the embalming of his body, 615; 616; 618; anniversary of his death, 620; 622; 623; 625; 630; 631; 632; 641; 645; 648; 667; 669; 694; 699; 700

*Helayne, wife of Menelaus, sister of Castor and Pollux, 505; 527; 528; 529-35; 536-41; 556; 558; 559; 578 (nephew of); 583; 591; 598; 611; 623-25; 644; 651-53; 658; 664; 665; 668; 672; 686; 693

Helenus, fourth son of Pryant, a priest, T., 506; 523; 524; 527; 543; 642; 668; 669

*Hellesponte, see of, 683

Helmins, Helenus, erle, from the provynce of Orconomye, G.,

Helyas, Elias, Clias, one of the gates of Troye, 507

*Hercules, son of Jupiter and Alcumena, the wife of Amphitrion, 505; son of, 562; 563; 564

Hermone, Hermione, Heremone, daughter of Helayne and Menelaus, 529; 686; 687; 688; 693; 694 Hermycides, son of Thelamon and Glausta, G., 676

Herodes (king of Judea), 549

Hiripisus, T., 582, a companion of Hupon

Historia ecclisiastica, 549 s; evidently meant for Holy Scriptures.

Homerus, 70, 29, 30, mentioned by W. Caxton

Horrestes, Herestes, Horestes, son of Agamenon and Olytemestra (Horestes), 680; 681; (Horostes), 684; 685; 686; 687; 688; 693; 694

Hors of brasse, 660; 663; 664; 665; 666

Humelius, Humelius, kyng, G., 586; probably identical with Humerus.

Humerus, Humerus, kyng, G., 579; 586; 587; 700 Huppon, kyng of Larysse, T., 576; Hupon, 582; 598 Huppon the auncyent, T., 596; slain by Polimytes

Ilion. See Ylion Italye. See Ytalye

Jecomas, son of kyng Esdras, T., 585 (both save Philon)
Jewes, the, "And amonge the Jewes ysmaell was the first
that made ydols," 549
Jhesu Criste, Jhesus Criste, 549
Joseph, father of Jesus, 549

Juno, goddesse, 521; 522; temple of, 644
*Jupiter, son of Saturn, 506; "that god Jupiter was alle the
esperance and truste of the kynge Pryant," 509; 528

Kynges, the thre (who deceived King Herodes), 549

*Laomedon, king of Troye, son of Ylion, 505; 507; 512; 513; 548

Leomedon, son of Hector and Andrometha; he was afterwards crowned by his brother Achilleydes, king of Thessayle, 610; 694

Larysse, royame of, 566; 576; 579; 598

Latona, mother of Appollo and Diana (Locana), 548

Leocides, an admyral of Grece, 613; killed by Hector.

Lenutus, kyng, G., 700; slain by Hector.

Lichaon, Lichaonie, royame of, 566

*Licye, royame of, 566; kynge of, 575

Lidorus, kyng, G., leads, together with Sampitus, the nineteenth division, 579

Loarce, son of Ydumeus, G., 693

Locana. See Latona

Lopms, Lopius, duke, brother-in-law of Polybetes, the kyng of Rythee, G., 546

Lychomedes, kyng, G., father of Dyadamie, the mother of Pyrrus, 689

Lymonyus, kyng, T., slain by Achilles, 700

Machaon, Mathaon, kyng, G., Mathaon, 542; 546; 579; 582

Mandon, Mondon de clere, T., 588; see the note to Cedonyus Margareton, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, T., 588; slain by Achilles, 612

Marie, faynte, the gloryous virgyne, 549 Mathaon, G., 542; identical with Machaon

Monalipus, Monolopas, Monolipes, Monalipas, 2011 of Achastus, G., 689; 691; 692

¹ The first two printed editions have both "Locana" for Latona. In the French text the passage runs thus: "Locana enfanta appolin et diase." Caxton evidently thought "Locana enfanta" surnames of. Appolyn, for in his text we read: "Locana enfanta Appolyn." In Guido delle Coloana the passage runs: "latona enixa est appolinem et Dianam."

*Menelaus, son of Tandarus, husband of Helayne, king of Grece, G., (258); 505; is sailing to the city of Pyre to visit Duc Nestor, when he meets the ships of Paris, 528; passes the Troians without knowing who they are, 529; 531; 533; receives at Pyre the news that his wife is ravished and is very sorrowful, 538; is comforted by Agamenon, 539; 541; arrives with forty ships from his kingdom of Sparte at the port of Athenes, 545; joins in the battle against the Troians, 572; is the leader of the fifth division, 579; marches against the Troians with all his people, 583; fights with Thelamon against the Troians, 584; 585; slays an admiral of Troy, 588; leads the third division, 592; 593; 594; wounds Paris grievously, 595; is shot by Paris with an envenomed arrow; is carried to his tent, but, after having his wound dressed, returns to the battle, 596; 597; comes to the battle with seven thousand knights, 606; 608; separates Troyllus and Dyomedes, who are fiercely fighting, 612; assails, with Menesteus, the king of Perse, surrounds him, kills him and drives the Troians back, 619; 624; 625; 631; advises the Greeks not to make peace with the Troians now that Deyphebus and Hector are slain, 632; is thrown to the ground by Troyllus, 633; 635; fights in the eighteenth battle with Paris, 636; with Menesteus compels the Troians to flee, 640; is chosen to fetch Pyrrus, the son of Achilles, 643; returns with Pyrrus, 646; comes with Menesteus and all their men to the battle, 648; 652; 658; receives Helayne from Pryant, with the request not to harm her, 664; together with Agamenon and Vlixes, prevents the Greeks from carrying out Thelamon's proposal to burn Helayne, 668; with Agamenon declares that Vlixes should have the Palladium; is abused by Thelamon, and holds himself near Vlixes, 672; asks with Agamenon for leave to return to their countries, 676; 678; 680; arrives, after great perils at sea, in Crete, assembles his lords at Athenes to sentence Horrestes, 686; goes to Thessayle to help his daughter, but is compelled to return, 604.

Monesteus, Duke of Athens, G., 579; 582; 587; 588; 592; 609; 619; 625; 634; 636; 640; 643; 646; 648; 686

Menerue. See Mynerue

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Menon, kyng, G., cousin of Achilles, 544; 579; 580; 581;
     588; 607; slain by Hector, 700
Menon, kyng, T., 573; edemon 613; 618; 633; 639; 640;
     641; 694; slain by Achilles, 700
Mercurye, god, 521; Mercuryus, appears to Paris in his
     vision, 522
Mereon, Mireorum, Merion, one of the kynges of Crete, G.,
     545; Meron, 579
Merion, son of Ydumeus, G., 693
Messe, royame of, 562; yle of, 563; 565; cyte of, 625
Metamorphoses of Ouyde, xiith book of, 554.
Michames, Michenes, Michaines, royame of, 545; 680; 684;
     686 (Mycense)
Miseres, of Troye, 582; "escryed to the troians that Troillus
     was prysonner
Mistor, Nustor, one of the kynges of Larysse, T., 566
Moderus, kyng, T., 585
Moles of Oreb, nephew of Thoas, kyng of Tholye, le regent du
    roy thoas, G., 588
*Molose, cyte of, 689; 694
Munidie, Venus of, wife of Anchises and mother of Eness.
    506; identical with Venus the goddesse
*Mynerue, temple of, 662; 666; 667; 668; 677
Myrondones, Mirmidoines (Myrmidones), men of Achilles,
    574; 625; 634; 635; 636; 637; 638; 640; 647; 648;
    650; 700
Myseres, kyng of Frygye, T., 612; probably identical with
    Miseres
Maulus, kyng, father of Palamydes, G., 542; 546; 568; 677;
    678; 679; 687
Wausica, daughter of Alcynous and wife of Thelamotus, 688;
Meptolonyus, Neptholonius, kyng, G., 542; 596; 619
Meptolonyus, kyng, T., killed by Achilles, 700
Meptolonyus. See Pyrrus
Mereus, kyng, G., slain by Eness, 700
*Nestor, duc, the ancient, of the prouynce of Pillon, G., 514;
    528; 538; 542; 571; 579; 585; 629-32; 634; 636;
    640; 642; 682
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¹ This surname of Venus is not to be found in "Le Recueil."

Nestor, kyng, T., one of "the foure kynges that cam fro the prouynes of tholoson," 566

Nycomedes, beell sire of Pyrrus, who nourished and taught Pyrrus "the feet of Armes," G., 643; 646

Mynus, kyng, son of Belus, kynge of Assirye, 550

Obtyneus, Obtoneus, kynge, T., slain by Dyomedes, 700 Oeneus, Encus, kyng of Cypres, G., leader of the three-andtwentieth division, 579

Orchomene, Orthomene, some part of Greece, 546; (Euruphylus)

Orconomye, Yconic, prouynce of, 545

Oreb, Moles of, nephew of kyng Thas, G., slain by Celidones an admyrall of troye, 588. See Moles

Ortiges, "the byrdes that men calle, in english they ben quayles," 549

Ortygye, yle, another name of Delos, 549

*Ovide, the poet, Metamorphoses, Book xii. of, 554...
Oyleus ayax, Oylius aiax. See Thelamon ayax, son of
Thelamon and Exione

Palamydes, Duke, son of Kyng Naulus, G., 542; 546; arrives with thirty ships and many knights at Tenedos, excusing his late arrival on account of a recent illness, 568; lands and joins in the battle against the Troians, 573; expresses his discontent with the leadership of Agamenon, 591; is beaten, sorely wounded, and upbraided by Polidamas, 596; 614; again murmurs against Agamenon, by whom he is rebuked, 616; is chosen commander-in-chief by the Greeks, 617; does not resemble Agamenon much in wit and discretion; arranges his people for battle, 618; assembles all the kings and nobles of the host in parliament and addresses them, 624; summons the noblest of the host to a council; has his ship repaired, 625; kills Deyphebus with a mighty stroke of his spear, 626; is sought by Paris; kills Sarpedon; is shot with an envenomed arrow by Paris and dies, 627; his death is much regretted by the Greeks, 629; 631; 677; 678; 679; 687; 700

*Palladium, "a meruayllous thynge descendid fro the houen," 659; 660; 661; 663; 664; 671; 672; 673

•Pallas, Palas, goddesse, 521; 522; 536; 659; 660; 663; 664

Pampitus, 1 Examtipus, kyng, G., 606; 607; ? identical with Sampitus, 579, and Exampitus, 700

Pandorus, Pandobus, Pandorus, kyng, T., 566; pandolus, 595 Pannonye, Pauonie, was "subgette vnto kyng Pryant," 509; 524; panonye, 527; from the "royame of pauonye cam the kynge pessemus and the duc stupex," 566

Pantesilee, Panthasilee, queen of Amasonne, T., 644; 645; 646; 647; 648; 649; maydens of, 650; Panthasile, 656; 664; 700; slain by Pyrrus

Pantheus, Panthalus, son of Deufrobe (Eufrobe), the great philosopher, T., 525; 526; 527

Paphagore, Phaphagonic, regne of, "that is at the sonne rysyng in the eeste, full of alle richesses," 567; Paphaghone, 643; idem, 646, and 647

Parce. See Perse

Parys, Paris, surnamed Alixandre, second son of Pryant, and husband of Helayne, T., 506; 515; advises his father to demand Exione from the Greeks, 520; relates his vision of Venus, Pallas and Juno, 521; 522; 523; is told to go with Devohebus into Pannonye to collect knights, 524; 525; 526; returns from his errand, 527; sets out on his expedition; meets the ship of Menelaus on the coast of Greece, 528; goes to the temple of Venus and is greatly admired by the Greeks, 520; is smitten with the beauty of Helayne, who is much pleased with him, 531; speaks to Helayne, advises his companions to ravish Helayne, 532; his plan is accepted; takes Helayne to his ship, 533; arrives at Troy and comforts Helayne, 534; declares that he will take her to wife, 535; does all in his power to please Helayne, has her beautifully dressed, leads her into Troy and marries her with the consent of his father, 536; his wedding is celebrated with great pomp, 537; 538; 539; is much beloved by his people, 543, 558; 559; fights fiercely, 574; requests his brother to march against the Greeks, 577; his horse is killed by Vlixes, and he is thrown to the ground, 586; wounds Menesteus, 587; compels the Greeks to flee, 588; 593; shoots many Greeks, and wounds them, 594; fights with Menelaus, who throws him down and grievously wounds him, 595; shoots a poisoned arrow at

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Menelaus, 596; 597; joins the battle with three thousand fighting men and archers, 606; issues out of Troy, 611; 612; 618; 619; laments much the king of Perse, 620; agrees to Hecuba's proposal, 623; 626; promises Dephebus to avenge him; kills Palamydes with a poisoned arrow, with Troyllus puts fire into the Greeks' ships, 627; tells' the dying Devphebus that he has killed Palamydes, 629; 630; 632; 635; jousts with Menelaus, 636; is greatly grieved at the death of Troyllus, 639; 640; promises his mother to kill Achilles, 641; murders Achilles and the son of duc Nestor in the temple of Appollo, 642; slays many Greeks, 643; shoots a poisoned arrow at Ayax, but is killed by him, 644; 651; 652; 673; 700

Patroclus, duc, G., 540; 548; 550; 552; 578; "this patroclus was a moche noble duc and ryche and louyd so moche Achylles that they were bothe of one Allyance," 579; kynge P., slain by Hector, 580 ; 581 ; 588 ; 591 ; 602 ; 700

Paucus, "a ryuer runnyng through Troye," 508

Pauonye. See Pannonye

Peleus, kyng of Thessayle, father of Achilles, G., 511; 512; 689; 690; 692; 693; 694

Pellus, another name of Cetus, G., 680 Penelope, Peneloppe, wyfe of Vlixes, 688

Pergama (plur. of Pergamus, the citedel of the city of Troy.

often used for Troy itself), 703
*Perse, Perce, kyng of, T., 542; 573; 577; 588; Perce, 594; Parce, Perce, 619; 620; people of, 643; 644

Perseus, Perses, kyng of Ethiope, T., 567; Perses, kynge of the Ethyopyens, 572; Perses, kynge of Perse, 577

Pessemus, Pessemeseus, kyng of the royame of Panonye, T., 566

Phaces, the noble cyte of Achilles, 546

Philaca, Phirarre, Philarde, duchy, 546; (Prothocathus and prothesalus, the dukes of philaca), Philarde (the kynge prothesalaus), 570

Philemenus, Philemens, Philemenis, kyng of Paphagore or Paphagone, T., 567; 572; 611; 634; 636; (Philomenus). 643; 646; (Philomenis), 647; (phylomenis), 648; 664

Philemenus, G., bete Anthenor, 596 Philis, kyng, T., slain by Achilles, 599 Philis, kyng, G., slain by Hector, 607

Philistenes, son of Achastus, G., 689; slain by Pyrrus, 691 Philon, kynge of the royame of Agreste, son of Eedras, T., 577; 585 Philotees. See Phylotus Philototes, kyng of Lariese, G., 579 Phimenus, son of Achalaphus, G., 579 Philotus, Philotois, kyng, G., 579; Phylotas, 585; Philoteas, 586; 596 Phybus, kyng, G., 700; slain by Hector Pilex, kyng of Trachie, T., 566; see Egypeous, king of Trace Pillon. See Pyllon Plebeus, kyng, T., slain by Achilles, 700 Polemon, kyng, G., slain by Hector, 700 Polibetes, *Polibethes* (from the prouynce of Calydone), G., 545; 700; slain by Hector Polibetes, kyng of Rythes, G., 546 Polidamus, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, T., 576 Polidarius, erle, G., 542; 579; in the companye of Thelamon ayax, kyng of Salamyne Polidorus, according to Virgile a son of Pryant, T., 506; 671; (Virg., " Aneis," III. 21, etc.) Polimytes, Polymytes, kyng of Arsymens, father of Eges, G., 596; 681 Poliphebus, kyng, G., 546 Polizeme, conte d'action, erle, G., 545; in the companye of Thelamon, kyng of Salamyne *Polizone, the third daughter of king Pryant, 507; (Polyzona), 544; 618; 620; 621; 622; 626; 628; 629; 636; 637; 638;641;669;670;673;674;700 Polizenes, a noble duc, G., slain by Hector, 600; kyng Poli-ESDUS, 700 Polizenus, a nobleman, G., 584; slain by Dinadorus Pollux, Polus, brother of Castor and Helayne, G., 513; 529; 538; 539; 540 Polmestor, Polinestor, kyng, T., is slain by Thelamon, 671 Polyceus, a noble due of Greece, G., 613 Polydamas, son of Anthenor, T., 505; 527; 536; 544; 583; 584; 596; 597; 600; 608; 611; 612; 613; 618; 634; 636; 639; 643; 646; 647; 648-50 Polydaryus, kyng. G., 542; Polidarius, erle, 579 Pollydrys, son of kyng Machaonor, or of kyng Collens, G., 546 Polymytes. See Polimytes

Precemessus, Pressemus, kyng, T., 577

Promotheus, "made the fyrste (ydole) amonge the paynems and taughte other the maner how to make hem," 550 Prothalus, kyng, G., 580; identical with Prothoylus.

Prothenor, kyng T., 700; slain by Dyomedes

Prothesalaus, kyng of Philarde, 542; Prothesalus, one of the dukes of Philaca, G., 546; 570; 572; Prothesalaus, 573; folke of, 579; 591; 700; slain by Hector

Prothocatus, brother of Prothesalus, both dukes of Philaca, G., 545; 546

Prothoylus, kyng of Chemenense, G., 546

Pryant, Priant, Priamus (505-6), son of Laomedon, king of Troye, T., 505; 506; when making war in a foreign land, hears of his father's death and the destruction of Troy by Hercules, hastens home, makes lamentations and commences rebuilding the city, 507; collects the inhabitants of the surrounding country and makes them dwell in the city; builds a palace for himself called Ilion, 508; when he sees the strength of his city, thinks of taking revenge upon the Greeks. Assembles his barons and speaks to them, 509; rehercing the wrongs done them by the Greeks, he suggests sending a messenger to demand Exione, 510; 511; 512; 513; 514; is grieved that his messenger has been so rudely treated, and gives up the hope of recovering Exione, unless by force; thinks of sending a fleet to do injury to the Greeks, 515; assembles his nobles and speaks to them of punishing the Greeks, 516; is glad when they acquiesce, calls his sons and incites them to take vengeance, 517; puts all in the hands of Hector, 518; 519; 520; is pensive at the words of Helenus, 523; sends Paris and Deyphebus into Panonye to collect men to accompany them to Greece, 524; assembles the citizens and asks their advice, 525; 526; will not change his purpose for any warning; commissions Eneas, Anthenor, and Polydamas to go with Paris, 527; makes a parting speech to them, 528; 529; 533; when he hears what Paris has done in Greece, commands the Trojans to hold

a festival, 534; comes to meet Paris, helps Helayne to dismount and leads her into the palace, consents to her marriage with Paris, 536; has Cassandra imprisoned, 537; 542; 543; 544; sends Calchas to the oracle at Delphos, 551; 552; 556; 557; 558; receives the messengers of the Greeks, 559; speaks angrily to them and bids them be gone; does not allow his followers to hurt them, 560; 561; 562; 566; 567; 568; 577; promises to do all that Hector asks him and recomends him to the care of the gods, 578; makes a truce with the Greeks, 590; laments the death of Cassibelanus, 591; 596; calls his council and wishes to have Those put to death, 597; is dissuaded from his purpose, 598; makes a truce with the Greeks 601; sends Bresayda to her father, 602; is the only man willing that the single combat between Hector and Achilles shall take place, 603; 605; demands a truce from the Greeks for six months during which time he buries his six bastard sons honourably, 609; 610; sends to Hector, entreats him not to go to battle, runs after him and stops his horse, 611, and makes him return, 612; faints at the sight of Hector's body; has a rich sepulchre made for him, 614; ordains priests to pray continually for Hector, 615; pays them well; accords a truce of two months to the Greeks, 616; wishes to avenge the death of Hector and arranges his men himself ; strikes Palamydes to the ground, kills many Greeks and does marvels of arms, 618; continues to kill the Greeks and fights more valiantly than all the others, 619; gains the battle demands a truce from the Greeks, and sends the body of Perses to be buried in his own country, 620; consents unwillingly to the marriage of Achilles and Polixena on the condition that Achilles first keeps his promise, 623; 624; 626; laments the deaths of Deyphebus and Sarpedon, 629; accords a truce of two months to the Greeks, 630; agrees to a truce of six months, 633; 635; 636; is angry that Achilles has broken his word, 638; 639; laments the death of Troyllus, 640; demands a truce from the Greeks, 641; grants the request of Agamenon and allows the Greeks to erect a sepulchre to Achilles, near the gate Tymbre, 642; deeply laments the death of Paris, 644; refuses to fight again with the Greeks until the queen of

Amazone arrives, 645; receives her with joy and gives her many jewels, 646; 650; is angry at the speech of Anthenor and Kneas, 651; hears their counsel, 652; reproves them strongly, 653; and arranges that Amphymacus shall lie in ambush and kill them, 654; sends for them, but tells Amphymacus not carry out his intention; calls the men of Troy to a parliament; all agree to make peace with the Greeks, he alone is unwilling to do so, but at last consents, 655; 656; assembles all the Troians to hear Anthenor, afterward weeps, plainly seeing treason beneath his fair words, 657; assembles all the Troians in his palace, 658; 660; calls all his people to council, 661, 663; swears to keep the peace with the Greeks; returns Helayne to Menelaus, asks them all to do her no injury, 664; unwillingly consents to the horse of brass being brought into the city, 665; hears the cries of his people and knows the city is taken, enters the temple of Appollo and kneels before the high altar, 666; where he is slain by Pyrrus, 667; 671; 674; 680; 692; 695; 700

Pyllon, Pillon, where due Nestor soiourned, 514; Pillon,

prouynce of, 545

Pyre, Pire, Pyre, cyte of, 528; the seat of duc Nestor, 538
Pyrrus, Pirrus, otherwise called Meptolonyus, son of
Achilles and Dyadamie, G., 643; 644; 646; 647; 648;
649; 650; 667; 669; 670; 673; 688; 689; 690; 691;
692; 693; 694; slew the "quene Panthasilee, kyng Pryant,
and the fayr mayde Polixene," 700

Quyntelynus, Quinthelemis, Quintilenus, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, T., 585; quyntylynus, 587

Bemus, kyng of Thaborye, T., 566; 583; 596
Bodes, kyng Telephus, from (Rhodes on the island of Rhodus),
546; kynge of, 579
Busticane, Rusticaire, duchy of, 546
Bythee, Riches, royame of, 546

Sadellus, T., "slewe an admyrall of the grekes," 588

¹ The passage in Guido's "Historia Troisna" runs thus: "rusticene provincie qui dicta est belida"!!

Sagamon, brother of kyng Menon, T., 573; killed by Palamydes

Sagittayre, Sagitaire, "a beste that behynde the myddes was an hors & to fore a man, etc.," T., 567; 597; killed by Dyomedes, 600

Salamyne, Salmine, seat of kyng Thelamon, 512; 545; people of, 579; them of, 583; 682

Samestare, Samestaire, cyte of, 529; where Castor and Pollux lived

Sammus, Savinius, one of the thre dukes of Boscye who came to the assistance of Pryant, T., 567

Sempitus, kyng, G., 579; i identical with Exampitus, 700; and Pampitus, 606; 607

Sempitus, kyng, T., 582; 1 identical with Exampitus, 576

Sarabana, a castle near Troy, 554; 556

Sarpedon, son of kyng Glauton of Licye, and one of the strongest knights of the world, cousin of Pryant, T., 566; 596; 611; 619; 627; slain by Palamydes, 629

Scelenus, Stelenus, kyng, G., 596

Securator, one of the bastard sons of Pryant, T., 581

Securidam, "the right stronge knyght," in the company of Prothenor, G., 579

Sedius, Thedius, one of the two kynges of the royame of Fooyden, G., 545; fidentical with Cedus, Cedeus, 599, and Celidus, 579; 583

Sepeliadem, port of, 690

Simagon, son of kynge Thistion, or kyng of Thiction, from the regne of Ethiope, T., 567

Sparte, royame of, 545; Sparte, 579

Stupen, due, from royame of patiency (Panonye), T., 566 Synon, Simon, "This hors [the one of brass] made a passyng wyse mayster as Apius was "G., 663; 665; 666

Tantalus, G., 541
*Tenedon, port of Tenedos, 534; 536; Thenedon, 552;
555; 556; playn of, 562; port of, 565; 568; 665; 666
Tetides, Thetides, kyng of Gerbandye, to whom Anthener
went after being banished from Troy, 675

¹ According to "Le Recestl," Apine made the here, but filmen concealed himself in it. Compare my note to Apins.

Teutram. See Theutram Thaborye, Thabaric, royame of, 566

Tharasis, Thasaris, wyfe of Ydumeus, kynge of Crete, mother of Olitemestra, 681

Thelagonus, son of Vlixes and Circe, 695; 696; 697; kills his own father without knowing him, 698; 699

Thelamon ayax, son of Thelamon and Exione, 589; 590;

Ayax oyleus, oyileus, 677 *Thelamon ayax, kyng of Salamyne, generally only called Thelamon, G., 505; speaks roughly to Anthenor, 512; 513; 530; 532; 541; arrives with fifty ships from his kingdom of Salamyne at the port of Athenes, 545; lands and joins in the battle with the Troians, 572; 575; is the leader of the seventh division, 579; slays many Troians, 583; drives the Troians back with Menelaus, and is sorely wounded, 584; 585; is very sorry that the Greeks have to retreat, 586; beats and wounds Margareton, 588; 589; 590; with Menesteus rescues Achilles from Hector, 609; fights with Polidamas and throws him off his horse, 612; is hurt by Deyphebus, 626; fights against Paris and Troyllus and drives them away from the ships, 627-28; helps the Greeks to recover the field, 635; strikes Philomeus to the ground and wounds him sorely, 636; is thrown to the ground by Penthasile, 646; knights Pyrrus on his arrival, throws down Penthasile and is beaten to the ground by her, 647; 648; keeps Andrometha and Cassandra in the temple of Mynerva, 667; advises the Greeks to burn Helayne, 668; desires to have the Palladium, 671; quarrels with Vlixes and threatens to kill him, abuses Agamenon and Menelaus for having decided against him, 672; is found slain in his bed, 673; 675; 676; 682;

687 Thelamon Chyleus, (?) who brought "sixe and thritty

shippes," G., 545
Thelamotus, son of Vlixes and Penelope, 688; 693; 697; 698; he rules in Achaye, 699

Thelamus, Thelemus, a companion of Dyomedes, G., 546

Thelaphus, Thelaphalus, kyng of Rodes, G., 546

Thelephus, son of Hercules, G., 562; 563; 564; "that afore was but a duc was made kynge of Messe," 565: 625; 681

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Theleus, kyng of Cheres, T., 567
Thenter, Thoucer, duc, G., 545; in the companye of Thelamon;
    kyng, 583; 584; 585-88; 676; broder of Thelamon, 682
Theorius, Checorius, kyng of Breysse, G., 546
Thephus, Theses, erle, in the company of Thelamon, kynge
of Salamyne, G., 545
Thessaylle, Thessaile, (Thessaly), 511; 689; 690; 693; 694
Thesus, erle, in the company of kyng Thelamon, G., 579;
     kyng, father of Archilogus, 580; 584; Theseus, 585
Thesus, Theseus, kyng of Trahie, T., 575; 596
Thetis, wyfe of Peleus, kyng of Thessayle, mother of Achilles;
     she was daughter of Achastus, 692; 694
Theuter. See Thenter
Theutram, Toucram, Teutram, kyng of Messe, Teutram,
562; theutram, 563; 564; 565
Thiotion, Chiction, Thiccion, kynge, and kynge of, T., 567
Thistram, "a passing wyse man," father of Calchas, 551
Thoant, a priest, who stole the Palladium, T., 660; 661; 662
Those, kynge of Tholye, G., 545; 572; 579; 585; 587; 594;
     cousin of Achilles, 596; 597; 598; 601; 625; 634
Tholoson, provynce of, 566
Tholye, royame of, 545
Thymysee, second wyfe of Thelamon, mother of Anchisatus,
Toscanne, Thososome, where Eness and his navy arrive, 681;
     (Tuscany)
*Trace, port of, king of, 506; 545; 628
Trachie, royame of, 566; whence came " the kynge pilez and
     the due alchamas" to the assistance of Pryant
Tragedye, first of. See Seneca
Trahie, royame of kyng Theseus, who helped the Troiane, 575
Tracem, cyte of, Forensis was lord of it, 684
*Trolans, 523; 529-30; 533-34; 537; 538; 540; 546-48;
     552; 555; 558; 561–62; 570–75; 581–84; 586; 588–92;
     593-95; 598-601; 603; 606-8; 609; 611-12; 614; 616;
     619-20; 622; 625-33; 635-38; 640; 642-45; 648;
     650; 655-58; 660-62; 664-66; 668; 671-72; 674;
     682-83; 694; 699; 702
*Troye, Troyes, Traie, syte af, 33; 37; 38; 131-33; 137-42
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¹ Not mentioned in "Le Requeil."

146; 149; 154; 155; 159-60; 162-64; 170; 202; 226; 270-78; 280-90; 292-93; 342; 347; 348-51; 388; 505; 507; 512; 514; port of, 515; 524; 526-27; 529; 533-37; 539-44; 545; 547; 551-52; (royame of), 554; 555; 557-59; 562; 566; (royame of), 568; (port of), 569; 570; 574-75; 582-83; admiral of, 588; 590; 594; 596; 599; 603-606; 618-20; 627-28; 635; 644; 645; 650-53; 655; 658; 660-61; 663-69; 671-72; (royame of), 673-76; 677-78; 681-82; 687-88; 689-91; 695-96; 699

Troyenne, one of the gates of Troye, 507

Troylus, Troylus, fifth son of Pryant, T., 506; condemns the advice of his brother Helenus and advises his father to send ships to Greece, 524; 574; 576; does marvels of valour, is rescued by Alcanus, 582; is made by Hector leader of the first battle, fights with Dyomedes, 592; is saved from Dyomedes through the valour of the Troians, 593; 594; dismounts and fights on foot with Dyomedes, 595; 597; goes with Eness and Anthenor to Helayne, 598; 601; loves and is loved by Bresayda, 603; 604; goes to battle, 606; 607; is thrown down by Diomedes, who sends his horse to Bressyda, 608; is attacked by Achilles and defends himself valiantly, 609; is the first to issue out of Troy, 611; fights with Dyomedes, is saved from death by the timely intervention of Menelaus, succeeds in remounting Polidamas, 612; 618; goes with Paris to the port and puts fire to the ships of the Greeks, 627; 629; 632; is attacked by Dyomedes, smites him very hard, is carried on his shield to his tent, is attacked by Menelaus, strikes down Agamenon, 633; bears Menesteus to the ground, 634; is remounted by his bastard brothers, fights bravely against the Myrmidons, 635; is angry at the death of his bastard brother Brum, 636; compels the Greeks to retreat by his valour, hurts and is hurt by Achilles, 637; fights bravely, 638; is surrounded by the Myrmidons and shamefully slain by Achilles, 639; 640; is buried honourably, 641; 700

Troylus and Crescyds, the boke of, by G. Chaucer, 601 .5;

Tymbris, one of the gates of Troye, 507; Tymbre, 642
Tynelus, Mebus, duc, "fro his cyte of Frygis" (Pigris), G.,
545

*Vlixes, kyng of Trace, is the fairest of all the Greeks, G., 541; comes with fifty-two ships from his kingdom of Trace to the rendezvous of the Greeks in the port of Athens, 545; 556; he and Dyomedes are sent as messengers to Troy, 558; speaks to Pryant, 559; 560; asks Diomedes to say no more, 561; joins with many people in the battle, 571; is beaten down from his horse and slightly wounded by Philomenus, whom he then gives a mighty blow at the throat, 572; is leader of the fourteenth division, 579; is hurt by Troyllus whom he hurts again, 586; beats king Arastons and takes his horse from him, 596; is sent with Diomedes to Pryant to ask for truce, 601; is commissioned, by Agamenon with Nector and Diomedes, to speak to Achilles; asks Achilles what has caused him to change his mind, 630; is answered by Achilles, 631; 632; joins in the battle with his people, 635; fights with Polidamas, 636; is selected, with the king of Crete and Dyomedes, to negotiate with Anthenor, 656; tells the Troians the demands of the Greeks, 658; asks Anthenor why he tarries so long in carrying out his plan, 659; 660; receives the Palladium, 661; dissuades the Greeks from killing Helayne, 668; is accused by Thelamon before Agamenon, 671; declares that through his valour and wit Troy was conquered, keeps the Palladium by the desire of Agamenon, and Menelans, 672; is abused by Pyrrus; departs from Troy secretly, leaving the Palladium with Dyomedes, 673; 676; 678; 679; 682; 684; arrives with two ships, which he has hired in Orete; Ydumeus takes pity on him, 687; hears news about his wife, sees his son Thelamotus, returns to Trace; his son marries Nausica, the daughter of Alcynous, abides for some time in his kingdom, 688; has a vision in which he is killed by his son, 695; has his son Thelamotus taken into custody; his son by Circe, Thelagonus, comes to Trace, 696; fearing that Thelamotus has come to kill him, descends, and is killed by Thelagonus, who does not know him, 697; 698; 699

*Venue, goddesse (of Munidie), wyfe of Anchiese, mother of Enese, 506; 515; 521; 522; 527; 528; feest of, 529; temple of, 591
Virgile (Ænese), 506 s; 590 s; Virgyle, encydos 683

Yda, forest of, 521; where Paris had a vision of the three goddesses, Venus, Pallas, and Juno

Ydumeus, one of the kynges of Crete, G., 545; 579; 581; uncle of Horestes, 681; 684; 686; 687; leaves "two sones after hym, Merion and Loarca," 693

Yle, the grete, off the "prouynce / named Gerbandye / whereof the kynge Tetides was lord and kyng," 675

Yle, the, where "quene Hecuba ended and fynysshed her lyf," 670; "And her sepulcre appereth yet in the same yle vnto this day," 670

*Ylion, son of Troos, 659

*Ylion, palais of, 508; 516; hall of, 598; 609; palais of, 614; 659; 666; 667; 668

Yponeus, kynge, T., slain by Achilles, 700

Ynde, lasse, 520; ynde the myneur, evidently to be understood in the sense of the Ancients, i.e., Æthiopia, 568

Ysaye, prophesie of, 549

Ysle, nyghe Amazonne, the Amazons went in "Appryll, maye and Juyn vnto the men (who lived there) to have theyr companye," 645

Ysmaell, was the first "that made ydole amonge the Jewes,"

*Ytalye (Italy), 683

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GLOSSARY.*

A BACK, adv. back, '94 m; 261;; aback 555 m Abandon, 'sb. abandonment, giving mp, 45 m Abandone and forsake, 488 m; abandone and gyue ouer, 199; 485 m; 488 m; abandoned and gai hit ouer, 223 m; 310; abandonned and gyuen ouer, 165 m Abasehe, v. (fr. esbahir), to abash, abaysehe, 183 m; abasehed, 89; abasehed, 89; abasehid, 162 m; 214 m; 228 m; 233 m; 391 m; 461 m; 678 m; abasehid and surprisid, 204 m; abasehid and surprisid, 204 m; abasehid and esmayed, 662 m; abasehid and esmayed, 662 m; abasehid, 417 m. See esbaye

esbahissement), 43 m; 228 m; 365 m; abaisshement, 417 m. des enbassement
Abate, v. (fr. abatre), to abate, diminish, abate ne mynyashe, 376 m; abatyth or leyth down, 461 m.
Abayashe, v. (fr. abaissier), to abase, abasshe, 308 m; abassing, 269 m; abayashe and put doun, 137 m; abayashid and don, 151 m.
Abeste, sb. asbestes (fr. abbeste cest vne pierre precieuse), 31 m.
Abedde, adv. in bed 231 m.
Abhomynacion, sb. abominable.
Abhomynacion, sb. abomination, 12 m; 58 m; abhomynacyon, 499 m; abhomynacyon and abasehement, 43 m.
Abborryng and eschewyng, 41 m.

1 Caxton translates: "et le mectoient en leur habandon" by "and put them in theyr abandon."

This is the first glossary to "The Recuyell of the historyes of Troye" ever complied. The language of the first English printed book is, to say the least of it, very peculiar, owing to the facts, that Caxton's "rude englissh" had probably become somewhat rusty during his long absence abroad, and, that his knowledge of French must have been rather superficial. It is therefore not wonderful when William Fiston, who corrected the text for Th. Creede's edition (1607), doubted Caxton's being an Englishman. (Comp. vol i. pp. cii & ciii.) The peculiarities of the language, which I have as far as possible noted in the glossary are of three kinds: (1) Mistakes and blunders of the most trivial sort in the translation. (2) Words adopted from the French, either in their original forms or corrupted, such as one would look for in van in any other English text; (3) The use of two words, either absolutely or nearly synonymous, in expressing the same thing. The numbers retro to pages and lines. In many cases, where the sense of words is quite clear, I have not thought it necessary to gloss them at all. The French words, added in brackets, are not etymons, but the equivalents of the English words in the French original text.

Abilite, sb. ability, 210 , habilites, pl. 253, Abill, adj. able, 86 a Abillements, eb. pl. See habillemens Abisme, sb. 417 ;; abysme, 451 ;; abysmes, pl. 139; 448;; abisme and swalow, 7; abisme and swolowe, 310, abismes and swolowe, 273 is; abismes and botoms, 258.

A bord, on board, 338.

Aborde, v. (fr. aborder), aborde this poort, 200; saborded hit (the ship), 207.
Abrood, adv. abroad, 26; sabrood, 17; 191; 245; 308; s. Abusion, sb. (fr. abusion), abuse, Abusion, sb. (fr. abusion), abuse, 181 s; 204 s; 230 s; 491 s; Abyde, v. to abide, 191 s; abyd, 639 s; abide, 314 s; abode, 51 s; 185 s; 437 s; 688 s; abyden, 155 4; 82 s; abiden, 47 1; 223 s; abide and continue, 183 s; abide and dendure, 60 s; abide and dwelle, 15 s; 173 s; 656 s; abyde and 15.; 173; 606; abyde and reste, 429 ; abyde and susteyne, 649; abyde and tarye, 155, 610, abideth and resteth, 1264; abydeth and awayteth, 236; abode and taried 326; abood and restid, 462, Accomplished and fullfiled, 65, Accounte v. to tell, narrate, accountid, (fr. compts), 297 a.

Acertaynly, adv. certainly (fr. acertes, adcertes), 67 12: 233 12; 278 sa; 405 1r. Compare certainly, 98 16; 170 2 Acerteyne, v. ascertain, acerteyned, 492 m; ascertayned, 497 m; adcertayned, 515 m Achauffe, v. See eschauffe

Ache and smerte, 163, Achieued and made, 202 m Acompanye, v. to associate with, acompanyed, 209 11
Acorde, v. to accord, 14 12; accorded, 14 24; accorde and agree, 603 m; 673 m; accorded and agreed, 313 , 456 , 669 Acorde and makyng of this pees. Acountyd and abatid (=fr. tout compte et rabatu), 128 ... Acqueyntance and comynycacion 183 Actours ne doars, 441 m; auctour and makar, 251, Acurse, v. to curse, acursid, 138.; Adaunte, v. to subdue, tame (fr. adanter and dompter), 17 u; 208 ; adaunte and maistrie, 206; adaunte and ouercome, 160, Ademont yron, sb. (fr . aymant), adiousted, 411₁₁; 577_e; adiousted and gaf, 284₃₄; he adioustyd faythand gaf credence, 87₂ Adomage, v. See endomage. A doun, adv. down, 536 m Adowbed and made redy, 65 m; 445 18
Adresse, v. to direct, 327, ; adresshid, 2 219 18; to stand up (the hair), 485 n; addressid = elever, skilful, 207 n; 457 m Adubbe and make knyght, 312 m Aduyronned and sette round aboutes, 209 s. Aduyse, so. advice, 690 s.; Aduyse, v. to advise, 650m; aduysed, 676m; aduysed and take coun-ceyll, 652n; auyse, 229, m; 632n;

auysed, 619,

³ Carton translates ;;"tant le quist que finablement Il y adreca et lui perca le cuer de ce coup," by "And at laste he fonde hit And fynably he adresshid so that he persed the herte!"

¹ Caxton translates: "il fist virer sa galeye" by "he maad to vyre his galeye a bord."

Aduyse, suyse, v. to aim at, to see, perceive, ausid, 680 s; auysed, 627 ;; aduysed and seen, 621 , A forde, pp. terrified, 242 s; a ford 524 m; aferd, 462 m; not to be aferd ner take no drede, 333 m; aferd and affrayed, 151, .; [affrayed, 56.]
A ferre, adv. afar, at a distance, A fistre, adv. ajar, at a usuuma, 68 4; 244; 256 m; 256 m
A flote, adv. aftost, 382,
A fore, pp. before, 14 m; 682 m; afore, 52 m
A fote, adv. afoot, on foot, 609; a love, case. ajoon, on joon, 009,; 637;; a foote, 625; "a foot" ! fr.= way soul pas, 309; Affaires and workes, 19;; 550; Affamed, pp.; affamed of Ialousie, 408; (fr. affame), enfamyschid, 410 Affine, v. (fr. affiner), to refine, Affraye, sb. attack, fright, 94 10; 341. 1; 466, 46; at the afray = a leffort(!) 204 m Affye and truste, 215 is After or behynde, 525 n Afterward = fr. arriere | 695 m Agayn, adv. again, 48,; a gayn 47 🕶 Agayn, prp. against, 22 ,; 26,; 45 m; 212 m; agyn, 22 , agaynst, 14 m; a gaynst, 46,; ageynst, 25 m Agaynsaye, v. to contradict, 102 ...; agayn saye, 182,; gaynsaye, 182 , contraried ner agayn sayd, Agioute, v. (fr. agioutir), agiouted, 376 M; agiowtyng, 135 M; agiowtyng to de tyd of his giory (fr. giout de gloire). 84, A goo, adv. ago, 476 ... Agree and graunte, 14.; agreed and consentid 634, m; agreed and graunted, 356 14; agreed and accorded, 108 2; 385 11; 609 16; 610 2; 620 2; 633 2; 641 3
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¹ In all the cases enumerated the French equivalent is "alauenture." It is not quite clear whether Caxton has put "at" before "alauenture" or whether he wishes to express "at all adventure."

² Caxton translates: "Je me treuue en la plus vaine attente," by "I fynde my self in a grete playne and vayne ataynt!"

3 The French "attaindre a playn coup" is rendered by "attayne to smyte

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¹ The passage, "Car la pointe et le trenchant de son espee les fist terriblement Ingerer contre ses armes," is translated by Carton thus: "For the point and the egghe of his swerd was made terribly blont and smote ayenst her hard scales and skynnes!"

^{3 &}quot;Il tournoient dautre part et se mirent en la mer" = "they torned on that other borde & made to see ward."

⁸ Caxton translates: "Les lyons baerent les gueulles" by: "the lyons at

the approchyng brayed in her throtes !"

4 "Quil lui cuida venir rompre le passaige "="that purposed to have come

broken the passage!"

* Carton translates the French "qui est ce qui ne prendra le frain au dens"
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¹ The French equivalent "Le Recuyeil" is "ahatine," which is on the same page, L 18, translated by "haytye & bargayn."

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¹ Caxton translates "cherchier sa vie miserable" by "cherissh and kepe his myserable lyf!"

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¹ Caxton's "that there was no more contynence founden" is supposed to be a rendering of "quil ny eut plus en luy continence tenue!"

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¹ Compare the French text: "ou clingueres vos yeux a souffrir le corriger et vous despescher de son malice," with Caxton's rendering of it.

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¹ The French text runs thus; "par austeres montaignes chardons et espines,"

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¹ Caxton translates "machine en troyes une tres grande pestelence" by "enmachyned and greuyd troye with a right grete pestelence."

² "That enplenyssh the world" is intended for "que le monde relenquissies!"

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¹ Caxton translates "si obstine en sa malvolence" by "enuolupped in his obstynacion ! "

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¹ Probably this is originally excercice, the "t" owing its origin to a misprint.

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¹ The equivalent in "Le Recueil" for Caxton's "grete fiersnes and failyng that he had maad" is: "de la grand radeur et du grant escueil qu'il auoit prins!"

Melencolieux fantosmes "=(!)" melancolyous fantasies."

The passage which corresponds to Caxton's "what fayerye hath menyd the to be brought to suche paryllis," is in "Le Recueil" "qui te meult de toy soubmettre," etc.

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¹ Caxton's "We shall not longe drawe the festue," corresponds to "Nous ne te amerons point longuement" in "Le Recueil."

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¹ Caxton translates "Aduiegne au bon droit bonne fortune" by "god spede the right & fortune!!"

^{* &}quot;Fortunat" ought to be "Fortune," and the sentence, instead of running;
... "the gorgonnes fortunat, whiche meduse," ought to run: "the gorgonnes. Fortune whiche," etc.

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² Caxton renders the French "chassa son pere et getta ses genitoires" by geldyd his father and caste his genytours."

¹ Caxton's "we shall do that we may doo by our power and furnyssh and fighte freely," etc., corresponds to the French "nous ferons ce que nostre pourir pourra furnir."

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¹ The corresponding passage to Caxton—"Ther is no tour so hyghe, but hyt may be beten down by subtyll myne. Ne ther is no wynde so grete ne so rygorous but hit attemperid," etc.—in "Le Recueil" runs thus: "Si dur ne si fort cuer est entre les humains qui ne soit tost humilie quant cest son plaisir. Il nest vent si rigoureux qui ne sactrempe," etc. Evidently Caxton mistook "cuer" for "tour," and altered the sentence accordingly.

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^{1 &}quot;Les pellagiens font semblant de estre mal contents de lui Il soit pugny" is translated by Caxton thus: "The pelaygyens make semblant that they be euyll payd with hym, he muste be punysshid."

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³ The English, "than beyng ryche wyth the poyntes of loue sowen bytwene variacions of hope and despayr," corresponds to the French, "lors estant riche daguillons damour entresemes de variacions desperance."

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[&]quot;Et aucuns en y a qui sahurtent seulement a leurs particuliers liures,"etc., Caxton translates: "And some ther be that replye a gayn their particuler bookes."

^{2 &}quot;Peut estre plaine reuerie" corresponds to "may well be reuersid!!"

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[&]quot;Inpacyens of his vnhapp. and castyng oute of roaylite" (i.e., being expelled from his kingdom!) corresponds to "impacient de son malheur" in the French text.

^{2 &}quot;Canons bombardes ne grosses artilleries nestoient point encoire en regne" is translated by Caxton thus: "Gonnes bombardes ne grete artillerie was none in thys tyme in the royames!"

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¹ Caxton translates "Athlas fut pense de la playe quil auoit en la teste" by "Athlas sorowfull and woo begon of the wounde that he had in the head I! "

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¹ The French equivalent for Caxton's "Parys was a passing fayr knyght and strong soft heerid and trewe swyft and swete of speche tote mowthed" is this: "Paris estoit moult beau cheualier blont and vair (according to the MSS. vert)!"

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1 "Vng autre jugement traversant sourdz son entendement" is translated by Caxton thus: "Another jugement traversid and sourded in his entendement!"

² This ought to be "tarquois" or "tarquais," from low Latin, tarcasia, modern French, tarquois.

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¹ Caxton's "Whan he had vaqued there and studied so longe that," etc., corresponds to the French "Quant il eut illec vacque a lestude si longuement que de sa doctrine furent alumez tous les atheniens!"

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¹ The text reads "vigue," which is evidently a misprint.

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¹ Caxton translates "meduse ou les gorgonnes" by "meduse where the gorgonnes!" The sentence ought to run thus: "Such was the entre of the warre that was betwene perseus and meduse or the gorgonnes. Fortune whiche meduse had cherysshed," etc.

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^{1 &}quot;Vne nuit qui estoit paisible de repose" is translated by Caxton, "or a night whan hit was paisible of wynd and storme !"

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