

**King of moche Britaigne. C. lxxij.**



soon aft<sup>r</sup>  
the battail  
alle they  
wenten  
to London  
a crowned  
there con

stantyne i made hym kyng of  
this lande. and the Byschopp  
Gosselyn sette the crowne up  
on his hees. and anoynted hy  
as falleth to a kyng for to ben  
a tho bigan cristendome. His  
kyng Constantine whan he was  
crowned anon after he spouse  
de a wyf thorough counseile of  
the Britouns. And he bigate  
.iiij. sones in hyr. the furste me cal  
led Constauce. y<sup>r</sup> other Dur  
lambros. a the thirde Vter.  
Constauce the eldeste brother  
whan he come to age he made  
hym a monke at Wynchestre.  
Constantyne her fader was  
slayn thorough treson. ffor it bi  
fel vpon a tyde that a peight  
come to hym vpon a day in  
message as it were. i seide that  
he wolde speke with the kyng  
pueliche in counseill. the kyng  
lete voyde his chambre of the  
men that were there yme. And  
abide there no mo but the kyng  
a the nyghte. And the peighte  
made a countenance a though



keepers of his body as he wolde we  
ende thorough the lande to ordey  
ne thinges that perteyned to a kyng.  
And this Dorytger honoured so  
moche tho. C. knyghtes. and somo  
the gaf hem of golde & siluer & so  
riche reweles robes hors & othere  
nobyle plente. wherfore they he  
elde hym more lord than they  
siden the kyng. **A**nd Dorytger  
tolde hem zif that he myghte be  
kyng: he wolde make hem richeste  
of the lande. So at the laste thorough  
grete ziftes that he hadde zouen  
largely: they crieden thorough out  
the courte that Dorytger were bet  
ter worthy to be kyng than Con  
staunce. wherfore Dorytger made  
semblant as he hadde be wroth.  
& departed themmes fro the courte  
and seide y<sup>e</sup> he must gone elles  
whider for thing that he hadde to  
done. and so the traytour seide for  
enchefoun that they schulde sleen  
the kyng Constaunce. **W**hane  
this Dorytger was gone it bifel  
soone after that tho hundred  
knyghtes of Feightes braken  
the dores of the kynges chambze  
and there they slowe the kyng.  
and smyten of his heed & baren  
it to Dorytger there y<sup>e</sup> he dwelle  
de. And whan Dorytger saugh  
the heed: he wepte ful tenderly  
with his eyen. and natheles he  
was somdel glad of his deth. and



xxx. m. & lxx. knyghtes. and w<sup>th</sup>  
 moche forthe many of hem esca-  
 pede. And Dertiger hym self  
 was taken & ladde to Thwong  
 castell. & putt into p<sup>r</sup>son. and  
 some of Engistes men wolde  
 p<sup>r</sup> the kyng hadde be brende al  
 quyt. **A**nd Dertiger tho to  
 haue his lyf grauntede hem as  
 moche as they wolde aske. and  
 gaf vp al the lande townes &  
 casteles citces & bourghes.  
 to Engist & to his folke. & alle  
 the Britouns fledge themes.  
 into wales. and he helde hem  
 stille. And Engist wente tho-  
 rough the lande & seisede al the  
 lande with ffranchises. and  
 in euery place lete caste dou chur-  
 ches & houses of religion. & de-  
 stroyede cristendome thorough  
 al the lande. & lete chaunge the  
 name of the lande. p<sup>r</sup> no man  
 of his were so hardy after p<sup>r</sup>  
 tyme to calle this lande Bri-  
 taigne: but to calle it Engis-  
 tes lande. And he departede  
 al the lande to his men. & he  
 made. vj. kynges forto streng-  
 the the lande p<sup>r</sup> the Britouns sh-  
 ulde neuie comen thereyne.  
**T**he firste kyngdome was  
 sent there p<sup>r</sup> Engist hym self  
 regnede & was lord & ouer  
 al the othere. **A**nother kyng  
 hadde Southsex. where is now

**H**ic mutat nomen.

**R**egni Britannie.

**E**t vocat Saxombz.

**E**ngistes lande.

**Q**uo ist regnum est.

**A**dunsi in. vj. igna.

**E**t regnum a pncipale.

**A** 2. regnum.

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herde telle that Engist was come  
ezen with a grete power into his  
lande: he assemblede his Britons  
and wente ageyn Engist for to  
haue zouen hym batayle & his  
folke. But Engist draude hym  
fore of the Britons. ffor thei had  
de scomfited hym bifornhande  
& dzyuen hym out with strengthe.  
Wherfore Engist praiede of a lo  
ue day. and seide that he was not  
comen into the lande for to fighte:  
but to haue his lande ageyn of  
lent zif he myghte accorde with  
the Britons. & of hem haue gre.

**T**he kyng Vortiger thorough  
comseile of his Britons gram  
tede a loue day. and thus it was  
ordeyned thorough the Britons  
y<sup>t</sup> the same loue day shulde be hol  
den faste bisides salisbury vpon  
an hille. and Engist shulde come  
thidre with. m. knyghtes with  
outen mo. and the kyng with as  
manye of the wiseste of this lan  
de. **A**nd at that day the kyng  
come with his comseile as it was  
ordeyned. But Engist hadde  
warned his knyghtes puelly and  
hem comaunded y<sup>t</sup> eueriche of  
hem shulde putte a longe knyf in  
his hose. and whan he seide fame  
sires now is tyme to speken of lo  
ve & pees: euyche of hem anon  
shulde drawe his knyf & sle a  
Briton. and so they quelledde



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this EDWARD in his childehode lo-  
uede almyghty god & hym drede  
and in honeste & clemyes ladede his  
lyf. & hatede synne as deeth. And  
whan he was crowned & enoynted  
with ryal power: he forzat not his  
goode maner & condicions y<sup>e</sup> he  
first v<sup>e</sup>sed. and he forzat not his  
goode customes for womanie ho-  
nour ne for no richesse ne for no  
manie highnesse. But eue more  
and more gaf hym to goodnesse  
& wel louede god & al mekenesse.  
and he louede god & hooly chir-  
che passyng al maner thyng.  
and pouer men also & hem louede  
and heelde as they hadden ben  
his owne britheren. & to hem gaf  
ofte grete almes with good wille.

**O**f the firste specialte that god  
shewide for seint EDWARDS lo-  
ue by his lyf. Cap. CXXVj.

the goode lawes of Engelonde y<sup>e</sup>  
zit ben most holden. & was so my-  
able & so ful of pitee. y<sup>e</sup> woman mygh-  
te ben more. **How the Erle God-  
delwyn come azen into Engelonde  
and how seint EDWARD wedde-  
de his daughter. Cap. CXXVj.**

**W**han the Erle Godwyn  
that was dwellinge in  
Denmark hadde mo-  
che herde of the goodnesse of ED-  
WARD & y<sup>e</sup> he was of myght and of pi-  
tee & thoughte y<sup>e</sup> he wolde gone  
azen into Engelonde for to seeke  
and for to haue grete of hym & that  
he myghte haue his londe azen  
in pees. and arrayede hym as mo-  
che as he myghte & putte hym to  
ward the see & come into Enge-  
londe to london there y<sup>e</sup> pe kyng  
was y<sup>e</sup> tyme & alle the lordes of  
Engelonde & heelde a grete par-



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for to makeu hym kyng. and so  
they wenten in her way towarde  
london. And whan they comen  
upon Gyldefou. tho sende the  
traytour Godelyne to Alured  
taketh heede and he aboute you  
bothe in the left side and in the right  
side. and of alle zeshullen be king  
and of suche an hundred more.  
¶ Now forsothe quod Alured  
I bihote if I be kyng I shal ordey  
ne and make suche lawes wherof  
god and all folke shullen holde he  
wel payed. ¶ Now hadde the  
traytour comaunded alle his  
men yf were with hym that whan  
they were come upon Gyldef  
dou that they shulde sleen alle  
tho that were in Aluredes com  
panye that comen with hym fro  
Normandy. and after that  
taken Alured and leden hym into

Gowayles therto fastued. and  
with nedles of yren pulked y  
goode childe and so madeu hym gon  
aboute the stake til y his Goway  
les were drawen alle out. and so  
sende there Alured thurgh tre  
soun of the Erie Goodwyn.  
¶ Whan the lordes of Eng  
londe hadden herde and wisten  
how Alured y shulde haue ben  
her kyng was putt vnto ye deth.  
thingh the fals traytour the Erie  
Goodwyn. they weren alle won  
der wroth and sworen bitibene hem  
god and by his hooky names that  
he shulde deye on more worse deth  
than dide Edrik of Stratton y  
hadde betrayed his lord Edmund  
Irenside. and they wolde haue ta  
ken hym and putte hym to the deth.  
But the theef traytour fley then  
ues into Denmarke and there hel