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<fol. 18rb>**how Vortiger that was the sonne  
of vortiger was made kyng and Engist  
dreven owt of this land and how kyng  
vortiger was quelled thourgh Bodewynne**

And this Engist went  
þoo in to kent and sessed al þe  
countre in to his hand for hym and  
for his men and he be come in a litil  
terme a+man of so houge pouere þat  
wondir hit was to witte and so men  
wiste+ner in litil *terme* which wer~ the  
knyghtes men ne which wer hys &  
þerfor al Brutayne hade drede of *hym*  
and seide amonges heme but thei  
ordeynede and toke amonges hem  
better counsel the land scholde bee  
distroied þorough Engist and his  
folke and kyng vortiger hade gette  
of his ferst wyf iij sonnes the ferst  
men called vortiger the *seconde* catagren  
and th þridde passent thee  
Brettons þoo euerichon be on assent  
<fol. 18va>nome & chosen vortiger to ben her kyng  
and her souereyn in alle batailles and  
crowned and made hym kyng and wolde  
soffre vortiger his fadir no lenger to be kyng  
for enchesoun of the aliaunce be twen *hym*  
and Engist the Brettons wente and assem  
blede an howge hooste to putte out of þe  
lande Engist and his companye and come

and 3afe hym iij batailles the first was  
 in kent ther that he was lorde the *seconde*  
 was att Tettforth and the iij was in a  
 schir a this halfe Cool in a more and in  
 this bataill mette to-gyderes Catagren  
 and horun that was Engistes brothir soo  
 eyther of heme quelled other for euchesoun  
 that the countre was longe tyme be-forun  
 3even to horne þoruh kyng vortiger~ whann  
 he spousede his cosyn And this hornn hade  
 made ther a+ffeir Castell that was called  
 horn castell aftir his owne name Ande  
 vortinner <sic> was ther-fore so sorwfull and  
 so wroth for catagren his brothers deth  
 þat in swech a+maner that he was quelled  
 and an nonn he lette caste downe the  
 grounde And afterwarde he was ne lefte be  
 nyghte nor day til that Engist and his  
 peple clenlich was dreven owt of þis  
 lande and whann Engist was driven a  
 wey owt of this londe Rouwyn his douh  
 te was sorwfulle ynowgh and qweyntly  
 and soteilly spake with heme þ<sup>t</sup> were  
 nexte the kyng vortiger & with hyme  
 most priuee and sweche 3eftes to heme 3af  
 til ate laste he was empoisonde and ded  
 at londonn in the iiij 3er of his regne and  
 þere he lieth **how the Bryttones chosen  
 a-nother tyme vortiger to be her kyng and  
 Engist come a 3ein in to his land and þo  
 Fouhten thei in fere Capitulo lix°**  
 <fol. 18vb>And whane vortiger was thus enpoi  
 sonde and deed the brutouns a-3en  
 by her councel and grauntyd & made vor  
 tiger eftsones kyng vp-on this couenaunt  
 that he scholde nevir suffre that tyme no  
 non of his eftsonis to come in to this land  
 and whan@ al was donn ronvyn the quen  
 privilich sent to Engist her fadir byle that

sche hade en-poisonde vrtymr the kyng  
 and how vrtiger her lorde was made kyng  
 a3ein and that he scholde come a-3en in  
 to this londe wel arrayed w<sup>t</sup> his peple to  
 venge hym vp on the Brittons and man  
 lich gette his lande a-3ene And whan@  
 Engist herde this tyding he was glad and  
 made ioie y-nowh and a-non ordeyned  
 hym in al that he myghte to come in to  
 this lande with xv m<sup>l</sup> men dowhti ande  
 bolde to abide in everi battayle And whan@  
 vrtiger wiste that Engist was comen a  
 3ene w<sup>t</sup> a strong pouer he sembled alle  
 his Brittones and manlich come to 3ife  
 bataille to Engist and to his folke but  
 the brittons for en-cheson@ that they  
 hade disconfitede hym be-fore and dre  
 ven heme owt of the lond w<sup>t</sup> strength  
 And tho prayde Engist kyng vrtiger of  
 loueday and saide that he was nought  
 come in to this lande for to fighte but  
 for to have a-3ein his londe of kente if  
 thei myghte accorde with the Brittones  
 and have *grace* and the kyng tho by coun  
 cel of his brittones graunted a+loueday  
 thus hit was ordeyned amonges heme  
 that the loueday thus hit was ordeyned  
 amonges heme that the loueday scholde  
 be holden by sides Salesburi vp-on an  
 hille And Engist scholde come w<sup>t</sup> CCCC  
 knyghtes with-owt no mo and kyngee  
 <fol. 19ra>vrtiger with as mony of the wiseste knygh  
 tes of the land and at the same day that  
 was sette and ordeyned the kyng come w<sup>t</sup>  
 his counsell But Engist hade warned &  
 comaundid *priuylich* that eche of hem sch  
 olde putte a longe knyf in his hose so that  
 no man hit scholde *parceyve* but heme self  
 and whan@ Engist seide feir sires nowe

hit es tyme to speke of loue day And of  
 a-corde anon scholde eche of his mene  
 draw owte his knyfe and quelle a bri  
 tton and so thei deede an quelled þere  
 iij m<sup>l</sup> and lx kyghtes and with moche  
 payne summe aschapide in her wey and  
 kyng vortiger was taken there and lede  
 to Thwong castel and put in to prisone  
 and somme of Engistes men wolde þat  
 the kyng had be brent and vortiger graunt  
 hym so that muste have his lyf as moch  
 as thei wolde axen and 3af vp to hyme  
 townes & Chastelles Burghes and Cites  
 to Engist & made his men and þoo flehy  
 alle the Brittones in to wales and þere  
 helde heme and Engist wente þo þourh  
 the land and seised þoo al the land in his  
 hande and þoo lett caste a-downe cherche  
 and alle the howses of religioun and  
 distroiede cristendome thourgh the land  
 in al that he myghte And lett chaunge  
 the name of the lande So than no man  
 after was soo hardy to calle hit brettaig  
 ne but Engistes londe and he departed  
 alle the londe to his men and made kny  
 ghtes vij . for to mayntene & kepe thee  
 londe for en-chesoun that the britaynes  
 scholde nevir aftir come to dwelle in þ<sup>s</sup>  
 londe The firste kyngdome þ<sup>t</sup> was kent  
 ther that Engist hyme selfe was kyng  
 and lorde a-boue alle othir knyghtes  
 <fol. 19rb>the seconde knyght he hade Southsex þer  
 þat now es chestr the iij knyght hadde  
 westsex the iiij hade Estsex the v est  
 angylle that now es Called Northfolke

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 27va>**How kyng Arthur  
 ouer-toke Guillomer that was kyng of  
 jrland & ouer-come hym And how the  
 Scottes be-cam his menn and dede to hym  
 Feautee and homage**

Whanne Guillomer that was kyng  
 of jrland herde telle that kyng  
 Arthure was at Glastenbury anon hee  
 assembled an howge power~ of jreschmen  
 an wente to the See and come in to Scott  
 land and so come and asspiede where þ<sup>t</sup>  
 kyng Arthur lay with his men . And whane  
 kyng Arthur herde that he was come in  
 to that Countr~ anon he come and 3afe  
 hym bataile and a-non ouer come hym  
 and whenne Guilomer saw that he was  
 discounfited he Fley For drede and wen  
 te in to jrland and his menn w<sup>t</sup> hym þ<sup>t</sup>  
 were lefte a-lyue that tyme whann this  
 bataille was done kyng Arthur tournede  
 a-3ein to his ooste that he hade ordeyn  
 ede to kepe the Scottes and kyng Arthur  
 thowghte to haue quelled the Scottes  
 euerich on@ that he myghte have takee  
 and distroied al the lond for euer more  
 But Bisschops Abattes and men of re  
 ligiune come to hym barefot and hopen  
 hedded and many other men of Religi  
 ounne and al so many ladies of thee  
 lande comen discheuolde be fore <sup>[be]</sup> kyng  
 Arthur and prayde hym of mercy and gra  
 ce And sayde to hym sire gentil kyng  
 myghty and gracious have vp vs mercy  
 and grace as 3e be holdenn to mayntene  
 þe lawe and al so cristen dome And  
 <fol. 27vb>And sire gentyl kyng hit were dishonoure  
 to 3ow to quelle hem or distroie that leue



vp on god as 3e don@ and sire gentil kyng  
have pitte and mercy vp-on ws And *graunt*  
ws oure lyvis for the Saxsouns ofte tymes  
have doonn ws moche sorwe and woo For  
ofte tymes they haue goonn þoruh owree  
londe with-owten owre deserwyng &  
have donn ws moch sorwe For they haue  
takenn owre Tounnes and Castell ande  
take owre bestes and quelled heme and  
eten heme and taken ovr~ goodes ande  
lede hem a-way and if 3e wille nowe  
slee ws ther to hit wer no worchip to swe  
che a *gracious* kyng as 3e beenn and ther~  
fore for the loue of god have vp-on vs  
mercy and petee and lette vs lyve For  
hit es nowght to 3ow that 3e have vs  
y-ouercome whann kyng Arthur saw þe  
sorwe that they made he hade of hem  
pitte and *graunted* hem bothe lyf an leme  
and a-nonn alle thei fil a-downn and be  
come his lige men and kyng Arthuree  
nome of heme feaute and homage And  
whan@ this was don@ kyng Artur nome  
and torned hoom a3ein with ooste to  
3orke and dwelled ther~ duryng that  
viage and Arthure 3af al that Contr~  
to loth þat hade spowsed hys Sisterr~  
and many other~ grette 3efftes and in  
that tyme Gaweyn that was his ne  
vewe but of agee þo was þer~ Ande  
kyng Arthur nobly auaunsede alle his  
mon that hade helped hym in his viage  
and in his were and thanked heme mo  
che of here grett travaille and of her  
service **how kyng Arthure spowsede**  
**Gonnore that was Cosyn to Cador þ<sup>t</sup>**  
**was Erle of Cornwayle And howe**  
**kyng Arthure afterward ordeynede**  
**an howge pouere and thowght to goon@**

<fol. 28ra>in to jrland to conquere the lande of Guillomere  
 that was kyng of the land and

ouercome Guillomer and hade al þ<sup>e</sup> land<sup>cap<sup>o</sup> lxxvijj<sup>o</sup></sup>

Whane kyng Arthur hade  
 brouht al his land in reste and in  
 pees in Eche Contre abowte hym Thoo he  
 wente and spowsed a wife that men ca  
 llede Gonnore that was Cosyn to Cador  
 erle of Cornwayele and made here qwen@  
 of the lande And sche was a faire ladye  
 bothe gentil and Corteys and Cador þe  
 erle hade donne Norissshed here in his  
 Chambr among other gentil damysell  
 for enchesoun that sche was Cosyn to hym  
 andÂ kyng Arthur and sche hade neuer  
 Childe to-gideres And natheles kyng  
 Arthur louede here moche And sette be her  
 grett pris and whann the tyme of winter  
 was gon@ he lette assemble alle his Er  
 les and Barounes and moch of othir pe  
 plee and sayde to heme that he wolde  
 goo in-to jrland to werre vp-on kyng  
 Guillomer and gette the land and he  
 dwelled nouht longe there after~ that  
 he ne wente ouer the see And come in  
 to jrland whanne Guillomer the kyng  
 herde telle that kyng Arthur was come  
 in to his land at werre vp-on hym he  
 assembled an howge peple of his men@  
 and come and 3afe bataille to kyng  
 Arthure and was a nonn discounfited  
 and alle his menn and thoo come kynng  
 Guillomer and 3oolde hym to kyng Ar  
 thur and be-come his man and dede  
 to hym feavte and homage and helde  
 the lande euermore afterward of kyng  
 Arthur and kyng Arthur wente þens  
 to conquere Gutland and jke lande  
 and toke feaute and homage of alle

<fol. 28rb>men And þoo come he a-3ene and dwelled  
 in his awne lond xij 3ere in reeste and  
 in pees and werred vp-on no man ne no  
 man vp-on hym and afterward kyng Ar  
 thur be cam so gentyl and so curteys to  
 alle maner of men And helde so grette  
 an howsolde so that men saide that þer  
 nas the Emperour of Roome no no man@  
 lyvinge in the worlde þat helde so how  
 ge a retenew as ded kyng Arthur Ande  
 for *enchesoun* of his hardynesse and of  
 his goodnesse the beste knyghtes of þe  
 worlde come and dwelled with kyng  
 Arthur And alle maner of men that co  
 me to hym were vndirfonged w<sup>t</sup> moch  
 honour And alle the kyghtes that he ha  
 de with hym were al so goode and har  
 dy so that no men kowth hym distroie  
 which of hem were beest and for enche  
 soun ther-offe kyng Arthur lette make  
 for heme the round table For *enchesoun*  
 whann they schulle sitte at mete euery  
 man scholde sitte like heyghie and alle  
 been served lyke wel so that no man  
 of hem scholde make his boost that  
 euerich of hem was heygher~ þann o  
 þer And at that table satte knyghtes  
 Brutounns Frenche men normannnes  
 Flemynges Burganers Mauncers jo  
 beruz and of alle the landes of this  
 halfe the Mount of Gorth And al so  
 þer wer~ of his owne lande that es  
 to saye of mechel Brittaygne And al  
 so of Cornwaille and of walles and  
 of jrland of Scotland and of alle lan  
 des he hade knyghtes with hym þat  
 wolde abide and assaie aduentures  
 and honour of Chivalrie come to kyng





### <Tranche 3>

<fol. 51ra>the lande and the werre endured be-twen  
hem ij 3ere and so at the last they nome  
a day of Bataille so they comen to-gider~  
and sore foughte and that day the kyng  
of fraunce and his men wer discour  
fited and the kyng vnneth schaped away  
and the most part of his men were ta  
ken and brought to henr~ the kyng to  
don@ with heme what he wolde and somm  
of heme he let gonne and some he dede  
to deth afterward tho ij kynnges were  
accorded and whanne kyng henr~ hade  
al the londe of Normandie in his han  
de and hade ouercome his enemyes  
of Fraunce he tourned a-3ein in to Enge  
londe with moch honour and his ij son@  
es willam and Richard wolde folwen@  
after here fader the kynng and ordey  
nede heme and wente to the see w<sup>t</sup>  
a grett companye of men@ and ar þat  
they myght come to londe ther come so  
houge a+tempest of weder that thei were  
dreven@ a-3ens a Roch of Stonne and  
here Schip al to brast in too pecis And  
so alle there they were y-drenched  
but o man was saved of the same schip  
And this vp-on a Seynt katernes  
day And these were the lordes & ladies  
that were drenched and loste in the sa  
me schip Ferst william and Richard that  
were the kynges sones the Erle of  
Chestr~ And Ottonel his brothir~ godfray  
Rydel walter Sumrty Geffray Archede  
ken@ and the kynges doughtour the Count  
esse of perches that was the kynges nece  
the Countesse of Chester and many oþer  
worthi folkes . And whane kyng harry

and many other~ lordes wer~ comen@  
 in to Engelond and herde these tydyngns  
 he made moch sorwe and than@ was al  
 here merth and solas tourned in to care  
 and sorwe **howe Maude the Empresse**  
**come afterwarde a-3ene in to Engelon**  
**de and howe sche was afterwarde**  
**spoused to Geffray Erle of Agoun**  
 <fol. 51rb>and after whenne ij 3ere was gon@  
 for as moche as the Erle Melett  
 hade dwelled with the kyng by-fore So  
 vp-on a+tyme the Erle wente fro the  
 kynng and by-ganne to werr~ vp-on hym  
 and dede him moch sorwe and his land  
 al so of Normandie and whenne kyng  
 henr~ herde this tyding he was wondir  
 wroth with the Erle Molete and in al  
 the haste that he myghte he wente o  
 ver the see and come in to Normandie  
 and toke the Castel and so kyng henr~  
 dwelled ther al that 3ere and than@ to  
 him come tyding how that henr~ *emperour*  
 of almaine that hade spoused Maude  
 his doughter~ was ded and that sche  
 nolde dwelle no lenger in almaine  
 and sente him worde that sche wolde  
 come *homme* a-3ene in to Nomandie  
 And whenne sche was come he wente  
 a-3ene in to Engelonde and toke w<sup>t</sup>  
 him Maude his doughter~ and whenne  
 they were bothe come he made Engly  
 sche+men to doo maude his doughter~  
 the *empresse* of almaine feaute & oth  
 and willam the Erchbischof of kaunter  
 bury made the firste oth to the *emper*  
 esse and thane nexte him dauid pat  
 was kyng of scotland and afterward  
 alle the Ereles and barons of Enge  
 londe and so hit fille . afterward that

the good Erle of Algoyn . a good knyght  
 and a worthy that sente to kynge .  
 henr~ and prayde him that he muste ha  
 ue Maude his doughter~ to his wif  
 that was emperesse of Almaine and .  
 the kyng *graunted* him for cause that  
 he was a+goode man@ and a worthy &  
 so the Erle come and spowsed here .  
 and hade here in to normandye and .  
 this Erle afterward henr~ the Emperesses  
 sone . and after~ al this kyng henry .  
 dwelled xij month in Normandye .  
 and anon@ ther~ after~ ther~ come vpon@  
 him a+stong maladye wher-þoruh he  
 <fol. 51va>deyde . And thus kyng henr~ regnede  
 xxxv 3ere and iiij monethis and deide .  
 in Normandye and his *herte* was take  
 owte of his body and beried in the mu  
 chel Cherch of oure lady at Reen . and  
 his body taken . and brought in to En  
 geland and beried at Redyng in the  
 abbey with moch solempnite . of the .  
 which abbay he . was the first foundour  
**howe Stephene that was kyng henr~s**  
**susteres sone was made kyng of Enge**  
**londe Cap<sup>o</sup> vj<sup>xx</sup> decimo Octauo & c~**  
 And after this kyng henr~ the fyrste  
 regned his Neveu his sistres so  
 ne stephene that was Erle of boloynn  
 For anon<sup>n</sup> as he herde of his vncles dep  
 he come ouer see in to Engeland þoru  
 counceil and help of many grett lordes .  
 of Engelande . a3ens here oth that þei  
 hade made to Maude the . emperesse of al  
 maine and toke to him al the lande .  
 and lete croune him kyng of Engeland .  
 and willam the Erchebyschop of kaunter  
 buri made the froste ooth and feaute