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GERARDI MERCATORIS RYPELMVNDANI EFFIGIEM ANNOR-
DVORVM ET SEX — AGINTA, SVI ERGA IPSVM STVDII
CAVSA DEPINGI CVRABAT FRANC. HOG. CIO. IO. LXXIV.

In Effigiem carmen.

Gerardus Mercator erat sic cognitus orbi,
Duisburgi raperet cum fera parca virum.
Ottonos decies, binosq; exegerat annos
Et menses octo, tresq; nouemq; dies.
Doctus erat verè, pius, integer, omnibus aequus,
Ingenio dexter, dexter & ipse manu.
Sidera cum terris coniunxit, sacra prophanis
Addidit, at rectè fecit vtrumq; tamen.
Astra Mathematicus radio descripsit acuto,
Et dedit in paruo conspicienda globo.
In tabulas terra spaciosum contulit orbem,
Inq; globo mundi regna videnda dedit.

Et ne quid caeli studiis terraq; deesset,
Historiam docuit tempor a certa loqui.
Sacrâq; detexit vatam mysteria, Christi
Pracones iussit quattuor ire simul.
Atq; ea sic fecit superos vt vinceret omnes
Artifices, proprio Marte, manuq; sua.
Felix prole sua, natisq; nepotibus ex se,
Spem grata certam posteritatis habet.
At quod Christe tuum sectatus ouile, beatus
Perpetuo tecum pascua lata capis.
Et quamuis placuisse Duci non infima laus sit,
Astamen est maior laus placuisse Deo.

Benevolentia ergo Bernardus Furmerius Leonardiensis
Licentiatus iuris, mæstus scribebat.