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NB. Animadvertete Hanc Insulam 43. —
rectius transferendam fuisse dextrum, ad Norvegia ac Daniæ Regna. sub
numero 61. et sequ.

ISLANDIA INSVLA.

ISLANDIA inter varias Oceani occidentalis insulas quæ Norvegiæ Regno subiectæ sunt, est maxima: & in littoribus maris passim ab hominibus ex piscatu potissimum, & re pecuaria viventibus, incolitur. Mediterranea verò loca ob alpium altissimarum perpetuis fere niuibus obrutarum asperitatem, infrequentiora sunt. Panis bis coctus (quò non nisi importato lautiores vtuntur: cæteri enim pisce siccato panis loco vëscuntur) farina, polenta, cereuisia, ferrum, cuprum, pannus Anglicus & institorum merces, classibus aduehuntur quotannis per diuersos mercatores, qui vicissim piscium frigore duratorum strues, & sulphuris ibidem effossi moles Balenarum pinguedinem, butyrum, seuum, coria bouum, raias & pannum VVARMAN euehunt. Duo in tota insula Episcopi sunt, qui ex Academia Hafnensi eo mittuntur, quorum alter boreali insulæ parti præest, & in Halar 3: 0. 67: 14. alter meridionali, in Schalholt 3: 24. 65: 42. sedem habet. Ac vterque tenuem scholam latinam ædibus adiunctam habet, in qua vigintiquatuor pueros suo sumptu alere & erudire tenetur. In Islandia (inquit Georgius Agricola) tres sunt montes elati in cælum, quorùm vertices perpetua niue cadent, radices sempiterno æstuât igne. Primus vocatur Hecla 6: 0. 65: 39. alter Crucis, tertius Helga, id est sanctus. Ab Hecla non longè absunt fodinæ sulphuris, pene vnicū incolarum mercimoniū, & vectigal insulæ: Mercatores enim naues eo onustas euehunt. Mons ipse cum furit, vt horribilia tonitrua insonat: proijcit ingentia saxa: sulphur euomit: cineribus egestis terram tam longè circum circa operit, vt ad vigesimum lapidem coli non possit. Qui naturam tanti incendij contemplari cupiunt, & ob id ad montem propius accedunt, eos vna aliqua vorago viuos absorbet; nam & multæ sunt, & cineribus ita tectæ, vt ab ipsis sibi satis cauere nemo possit. Atq; etiam prope exit ignis qui consumit aquam, & stupam non comburit. Hodie hæc insula vna cum Regno Norvvegiæ Regi Daniæ subiecta est, & ab ipso Præfectum accipit, qui in arce Bæstede 36: 36. 65: 21. sedem suam tenet.

Meridiani distant ratione 66: 30. paralleli ad
circulum maximum.

