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¶ Inuictiſſimo Romani Imperij ſemper Auguſto/Cęſari Maximiliano
Iacobus ęſzler/& Georgius übelin curiarum eccleſiaſticarū Ar-
gentiñ. cauſarum patroni ſubiectionem debitam profitentur.

¶ CL. Ptolemęi Geographiam/ opus ſexennali pene ſocordia neglectum/ at no-
ſtris vigilantia ſumptibus & cura renatū/ cui magis q̃ ſacratiſſ. maieſtati tuę/
Cęſar inuictiſſime dedicaremus/ inueniemus neminē. Quum em̄ Dominus ſis
terrę diuina clemētia tibi creditę: iuſtius forſan & non abs re ꝓtectionē tuā for-
ſimā ſubibit labor utriuſqꝫ noſtrū. Quis autē vel mediocriter mētis cōpos/ ne-
ſciat Maieſ. tuę ſupperexcellentē venā/ ſcientiaꝝ eruditiōe lōge ſupra reliquos
Imperij principes elatā? Quis inqꝫ te nō Patrē patrię (chriſtianę dicimus pieta-
tis) miret̄ ſingularē: doctū pro magnanimi nobilitate parcere ſubiectis / & de-
bellare ſuperbos? Vtriuſqꝫ nimirū Genius tibi Pneumato ſancto datus/ admi-
rabilis & gladij & pacis cuſtos: ut iure quidē tuo digne p̄diceris Iulius alter/ a
magno demiſſus Iulo: nullius ꝗd hominē ſcire deceat expers. At virtutū tuarū
precōnijs ꝗd inſtamus: cuius benegeſtis gentiū etiā externaꝝ Annalia ſcatent?
Quia vero luſtratoꝝ omniū orbis verior & peritior cōſtet ſacratiſſ. maieſ. tuę
ſcientia: tibiqꝫ iure ſuo Ptolemęus reuixerit: ſuſcipias inuictiſſ. Cęſar topogra-
phū hūc digna tuitione: tanta liberalitate dono miſſum/ quantū Maieſ. tua fece-
rit. Indubij certe/ rem gratiſſimā agere nos: ſi tua fultus auctoritate in lucē pro-
deat politior. Veꝝ in Auctoris defenſionē liceat hic pauca ꝑſtringere cōtra liui-
diores queqꝫ nō ſua rodentes: ꝗbus ſi Maieſ. tua ſuperintēderit: quis hic ſit a cę-
teris ſupra impſſis propius cognoſcet. Generoſus ille Comes Mirandulę d. Frā-
ciſcus Picus Concordię dn̄s/ vir nulli etiam doctiſſimo ſecūdus: Maieſ. cęſarę
ratus rem nō ingratā ſeſe facturꝝ: ex penetralibus Grecoꝝ exēplar ſelectum ad
nos dedit: ꝗd antiquitatē illā incorruptius traderet: plura familiarius ſcribēs epi-
ſtolio dignatiōis ſuę operi p̄miſſo. Cuius in primis nobiſcū ſtat ſentētia. Planū
eſſe Ptolemęū nō ex Regali proſapia natū: neqꝫ Regū Aegypti tēporibus flo-
ruiſſe. queādmodū Vincentius in portentoſa voluminis ſui mole/ cui Speculū
hiſtoriale nomē eſt li. ſexto cū cęteris vulgo opinatus eſt. Licuit em̄ aĩaduer-
tere: illū ſępenumero in Geographia ſua ciuitatū & locoꝝ eſſe memorem quę a
romanis Cęſaribus Maieſ. tuę p̄deceſſoribus ſua ſortita ſunt noĩa. Cuiuſmodi
eſt Iuliopolis/ Forūiulij/ Auguſtopolis/ Legio Auguſta/ Forū Tiberij/ cū ſimi-
libus. Floruit ergo tantus philoſophus Alexādrinus Mathematicoꝝ omniū fa-
cile primus/ poſterior tēporibus Cęſaꝝ Iulij/ Auguſti & Tiberij: coętaneus (ut
Suidas in Collectaneis ait) Marco Anthonio. Incorruptionē autē tanti Philo-
ſophi/ omino placuit integrius elucubrare: ne vel alieni laboris argueremur ſup-
preſſores/ vel modernioꝝ luſtratiōibus incōſultiori cōfuſione adhęrētes. Anti-
quitatis em̄ hiſtorias/ cū neoterica veteribus inmixta cernet: quis ſanius intelli-
get? Hinc plurimoꝝ partus notabilis error: ꝙ dū rem ꝓpius ſcribere conent̄/ in
deſpectū abeunt veluti ridiculus inter pauones gracchus. Huc accedit/ Aucto-
rem ipſum ſtudioſiſſima relectione ad exēplar Grecum caſtigatū/ nouiſſimaqꝫ
Regiſtratiōe decoratū: qua nihil vel antiquitatis minime pręteritū eſt. Studioſi
lectoris ſit/ moderniora veteribus adaptare doctiori calamo: erroris ignauiā nō
Auctori/ ſed verius tempoꝝ mutationi impingendo. Id quod facilius cōſequet̄
ex viginti tabulis neotericis Secūdę parti ſubordinatis. Certū eſt em̄ notabiles
mutatiōes inuenire tam in fluminū & ciuitatū/ q̃ regionū ac gentiū vocabulis:
quę vel euerſione ſeu debellatiōe urbiū/ vel ruina/ incēdio aut aquaꝝ inunda-
tiōibus partim deleta & in abolitionē deuenerūt: partim ex Reparatoꝝ domi-
nio cōtraria prioribus noĩa hauſerūt. Sed & ꝗd humana cōditiōe labilius? ꝗ fer-
me de luſtro in luſtra mutat̄: ocyus rapta torrēte ſecus littora p̄tereunte. Quod
ergo unū & quidem breuibus ꝑſuaſū volumus inuictiſſ. Cęſar/ ꝓbabit ſcio ſa-
cratiſſ. maieſ. tua. Eſt aūt hoc. Neceſſe nobis eſſe ad nouas tēporis nr̄i traditio-
nes magis intēdere: librādo in expoſitiōe illoꝝ quę nūc tractant̄/ & in ſelectiōe
eoꝝ q̃ hactenus tradita fuerūt: ꝗd ſit/ & quid nō ſit fidedignū. Hęc auctor ipſe
primo ſui libro capite. 5. Qui & ipſe ex Marini traditiōibus ꝓpria correxit: ꝗd
& nobis liceat/ immo piū ſit citra iactantiā facere: illius videlicet Antiꝗtatis in-
corruptionē ſęculo nr̄o (ſaltē ubi fieri poſſit) conquadrare: nō dicimus/ falſitatis
nota ĩpudētius reijcere. Si em̄ & illis qui etiā male ſcripſerūt grãs habēdas phi-
loſophoꝝ magnus Ariſtoteles cēſuit: q̃s dabimus his/ ꝗrū antiꝗtas emēdatior
ad nos ꝑuenit? Omis itaqꝫ cōtrouerſię materiā curioſius forſan q̃ par ſit certan-
tiū/ tollant modernioꝝ luſtratiōes ꝑ nos fidelius tabulatę/ & ad vetuſtiora col-
latę. Et cū Auctori plus q̃ picturę fides dabit̄: patebit lucidius Geographantis
inꝗſitio. Pluribus hęc forte q̃ decuit/ inuictiſſ. Cęſar uſqꝫ huc in ęmulos ſcripta
nō dedignet̄ ſacratiſſ. Maieſ. tua pijs auribus legere. Quę ſicubi ꝓbata ſenſeri-
mus/ maiora his officina nr̄a parturiet: bene grati magnificētię tanti principū ca-
pitis hęc cum in laudē apicis Cęſarei/ tū totius Germanię decus politiori ſtudio
lucubraſſe. Vale. Datū Argentinę ſub Annū Dn̄i M D XIII. Marcij. xv.