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cuius ingluuiem explere difficultimum. At uniuersum si
mul si expendas populum, non est qui religioni aduer-
setur. Sed profecto in omni gente, qualis rector, talem
inuenies et populum. Quomodo autem et unde hoc ge-
nus hominum in Germaniam uenerit, scripsi iam pri-
dem integrissimo et præstatiſſimo patri Dominico cardि-
nali Firmano, tuę serenitati amicissimo: Id hoc loco re-
petere non grauabor, quando historie quam teximus o-
mnino quadrat.

De origine gentis Bohemorum

CAPUT II.

Bohemi sicut ceteri mortaliū, originemque uestissi
bam ostendere cupientes Sclauorum se prolem af-
serunt. Sclauos autem inter eos fuisse, qui post uniuersa
le diluuium condendae famosissimae turris Babel auto-
res habentur: atque ibi dum linguae confusa sunt, Sclauo-
nos. i. uerbosos appellatos, proprium idioma sumpsi-
se. Relicto deinde campo Sennaar, ex Asia in Europę
profectos, eos agros occupasse, quos nunc Bulgari, Ser-
ui, Dalmatae, Croatae et Bosnenses incolunt. Nondum e-
go quempiam legi autorem, cui fides adhibenda sit, qui
tam alte sua gentis initium reddiderit: Hebreos exia-
pio, omnium mortalium primos. Multi ex Germanis fa-
tis se nobiles arbitratur ex Romanis ortos, Romani ex
Teucris originem ducere gloriſſimum putant. Fran-
ci, qui et Germani fuerunt, Troianum se sanguinem ee-
dixerunt. Eadē Britanni gloria fatis est, qui Brutū quen-

A S dam

Sclauoni. ~ V. 2. 11.
origo Sclauonij.
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