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Northern Italy, s. XV¹-XV^{med}

Cicero, Orations; Letters on St Jerome

I.

1. ff. 1ra-5vbM. Tulli Ciceronis accusationes in C. Verrem. Accusat. Oratio I [heading by later hand]. Si quis vestrum, iudices, aut eorum qui adsunt, forte miratur me, qui tot annos in causis iudiciisque publicis ita sim versatus, ut defenderim multos, leserim neminem ... populus ne causam honestam tam severam diligentemque accusationem neque vobis placuisse, neque ordini vestro placere arbitretur providete.

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 B.C.), *In Quintum Caecilium divinatio*. A. Klotz, ed. (Teubner, 1923), pp. 5-33. Corrections in the margin by a contemporary Gothic hand.

2. ff. 5vb-30vb In C. Verrem oratio II [heading by later hand]. Quod erat optandum maxime, iudices, et quod unum ad invidiam nostri [*l. vestri*] ordinis infamiamque iudiciorum sedandam maxime pertinebat ... que tabula tum inperio tuo revulsa, nunc am tum [*l. a me tamen*] reportata est, ut omnes huius honores inter suos et amplitudinem possent cognoscere. Estne hic qui apud Cn. Pompeium clarissimum virum, cum accusatus esset quod propter // [*C. Mari familiaritatem ...*]

Marcus Tullius Cicero, *In Verrem*. The second *Actio*, Book I (numbered III) begins f. 9vb ("Neminem vestrum ignorare arbitror ..."), the second *Actio*, Book II (numbered IV), f. 22rb ("Multa mihi necessario, iudices ..."). Ends incomplete *Actio* II, II.13, due to the loss of quires. A. Klotz, ed. (Teubner, 1923), pp. 34-192. Corrections in the margin by contemporary hands.

II.

3. ff. 31r-57r *Incipit epistola beati Eusebii ad sanctum Damasium Portunensem* [sic, partly overwritten s. XVIII] *epyschopum et ad Theodonium* [sic] *Romanorum senatorem de morte gloriosissimi confessoris Ieronimi doctoris eximii*. Patri reverendissimo Domasio [sic] Portuensi episcopo et Christianissimo Romanorum senatori Theodosio Eusebius, olim Ieronimi sanctissimi discipulus, nunc vero eodem orbatus lumine, pium dolorem et suavissimum gaudium. Multiphariam multisque modis olim Deus locutus est omnibus nobis per suum dilectissimum filium Ieronimum ... Vale igitur, Hyeronime gloriose, vestri [*l. nostri*] semper fatiens apud Deum memoriam, ut tua valeamus piissima intercessione et in presenti ab omni protegi noc<i>vis, et in futuro gaudia, que iam tu possides, adhipisci. *Explicit epistola beati Eusebii ad sanctum Damasium Portunensem* [sic] *epyschopum et ad Theodosium epyschopum* [sic] *Romanorum senatorem de morte gloriosissimi confessoris Hyeronimi doctoris eximii*.

Ps.-Eusebius Cremonensis (Pseudo-Eusebius of Cremona), *Epistola ad Damasium et Theodosium de morte sancti Hieronymi*. BHL 3866. PL 22.239-282.

4. ff. 57v-62v *Incipit epistola beati Augustini doctoris eximii ad beatum Cirillum Hyerosolimitanum episcopum de magnificentissimis eximii doctoris beati Hyeronimi*. Gloriosissimi Christiane fidei athlete, sancte matris Ecclesie lapidis angularis, in quo admodum firmata consistit, nunc vero in celesti gloria sideris radiantis, olim Hyeronimi presbiteri laudes ... quoniam nulli dubium est quod ea que optat idem Hyeronimus potest continuo obtinere. Non enim suo aliquo modo defraudatur desiderio. *Explicit epistola venerabilis doctoris Augustini ad beatum Cirillum secundum Hyerosolimitanum ecclesie pontificem de magnificentissimis eximii doctoris Hyeronimi*.

Ps.-Augustinus Hipponensis (Pseudo-Augustine), *Epistola ad Cyrillum Hierosolymitanum episcopum de magnificentissimis sancti Hieronymi*. BHL 3867. PL 22.281-289.

5. ff. 62v-88v *Incipit epistola sancti Cirilli secundi Hyerosolimitani episcopi ad beatum Augustinum doctorem eximium de miraculis beati Hyeronimi doctoris magnifici. Venerabili viro episcoporum eximio Augustino, Yponensi presuli, Cirillus Hyerosolimitanus pontifex et omnium sacerdotum infimus, illius sequi vestigia cuius in terra sanctitas radiare non cessat, illius sancti Hyeronimi gloriosi, cuius memoria erit in benedictione et in seculum seculi ... si quid vero superfluum, inutile et non bonum, solum mee insipientie et negligentie causa hoc accidisse ab omnibus iudicetur. Mei, Augustine carissime, in tuis orationibus memor esto. Finis.*

Ps.-Cyrillus Hierosolimitanus (Pseudo-Cyril of Jerusalem), *Epistola ad Augustinum de miraculis sancti Hieronymi*. BHL 3668. PL. 22.289-326.

Parchment (goatskin), ff. 88, 285 x 210 mm. Two sections bound together.

I (ff. 1-30).

I-III¹⁰. Horizontal catchword in the center, in a large scroll hold by a hand (f. 20v only).

Rake ruling for two columns of 44 lines above top line, the bounding lines traced in lead, the horizontal lines in light brown ink. Ruling type 41, 204 x 149 mm, intercolumnar space 16 mm.

Copied by one hand in Southern Gothica Textualis Libraria under some Humanistic influence.

Space for headings and large (10-lines) and small initials was provided. Both were supplied s. XVII in brown ink, the initials in a kind of classicising style (on f. 1r in the shape of a tablet with a faun [?] standing in a landscape holding the stems of a plant with both hands).

II (ff. 31-88).

IV-VIII¹⁰ (ff. 31-80), IX¹⁰ (-9, -10; ff. 81-88). Horizontal catchwords in a decorative frame in the inner margin, close to the lower edge and partly cut away at the cropping of the manuscript.

Rake ruling for one column of 35 lines below top line, the bounding lines traced in lead, the horizontal lines in light brown ink. Ruling type 11, 199 x 128 mm.

Copied by one hand in Humanistica Textualis.

Pale red headings and paragraph marks. Space for large (7-9 lines) and small initials was provided. They were supplied s. XVII in brown ink, by the same hand and in the same style as in section I.

S. XVII binding: yellow velvet over pasteboard. At the top of the spine a parchment label with the s. XVII handwritten inscription "Cic. In Verrem / et / aliquot epi/stolae Patrum / ***".

Section I is datable s. XV¹, section II s. XV^{med}. They were written probably in Northern Italy by scribes badly mastering Latin. They were united perhaps at an early date, certainly before the eighteenth century. Said to have belonged to the Meiningen Library. Cutting from p. 38 of a German bookseller's catalogue on the front pastedown. Collection of Victor von Klemperer (1876-1942, of Dresden); his armorial bookplate, with the handwritten shelfmark "1692", on the front pastedown. Sotheby sale 18 June 1991, lot 88. Sotheby sale 3 Dec. 2002, lot 73. Purchased on the fund given by the estate of Edwin J. Beinecke in honor of Herman W. Liebert.

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