Priscian, Institutiones Grammaticae, XIII.6-9 (s.XI²)

inc. Possunt vel numeri ut tullii ager agri agro agrum

expl. ut virgil in II aeneid hoc erat alma With marginal and interlinear notes in a hand similar to and contemporary with that in the text. It may be the same hand.

Parchment, 172 x 120 mm (160 x 95 mm), 37 lines; ruling with a hard point, lines 4 mm apart

Script A neat upright late caroline or early gothic minuscule, with long and short s, caroline single compartment a with a tall straight back, forked ascenders, rounded tops to the letters, single bowled g, 7-form of et, dotted and curly-tailed y, straight and round d, serifs on the shafts of the small letters

Abbreviations Standard and extensive: 9 for us; + for id est; p for pro; p for per.

Abbreviation stroke is a straight line. 9 for con., F for tur, of for orum, of for quomodo, of for qui etc.

Punctuation Punctus elevatus for the main pause; punctus elevatus formed with tick and point for the medial pause Provenance Written in England or on the

Continent in a centre with insular connections; later history unknown until dated by Wanley

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