

Proofs of Ancient Hand-Writing

With the Opinion of that Eminent Critick
in Re Diplomaticâ, our Country-Man M^r Hum-
phrey Wanley of Oxford, touching the different
Ages, Characters, & Countrys, of y^e s^t Pieces, in Re-
turn to my Enquiries from him on that behalf.

N. 1.

Facies aëli uel caput orientali
regio ultima septentrionalis: de qua lucanus sic inodi passima
aëti quam solae uualer p pœdaxq pntemunt hinc est
De qua ualtrio pax nre celi: Clima cœli idē plaga
uel paster: ut s^t Ex q^b primapax orientalis: unde aliqui helle
runt: Secunda occidentalis ubi uob aliqui stellas occidunt
tra septentrionalis ubi pugit iudiciorib: Quasi uolunt
ubi sol puenit in uolub maiorib: Orientis dicitur ofu solis p unci
ratu: occidentis qd diem faciat occidere: ut pueris: Absconit ut
am mundo: et tenebre sup inducit: Septentrionalis aut aspectu
telluris uocatur: quae in pto geolugae rotantur: hic p pte est
est ex d^r eo qd uentur: pto dicitur aut uocatur: uel qd hinc facit
nedum diem quāsi medidies: uel quia tunc purus tonitrua her:
p dicitur purum d^r: Sunt & alia: sicut clima cœli: quāsi son
p ex ab oriente in occidentem: sicut sub q^b amor hominū
hinc pax: ut animalia specialiter diuersa nascuntur: quae uoca
si alio q^b quib^d a famosis quorū primū meris: secundū sonis

M^r Wanley - This is a Fragment of the Origines or Etymologie of S^t
Isidore Bp. of Seuil, w^h seems by the hand to be written in France, about the time of
Charles the Great, but rather before than after; it appearing more ancient than a
Copy of Bede on the Canonical Epistles in the Bodleian Library, which was
A.D. 818, or before, & so must be near 900 years old.
If you please to give your self y^e trouble of looking into D. Mabillon de Re Diplo-
matica, I believe s^t You will find it agree pretty well with the last Specimen of the
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