<fol. 18rb>how Vortiger that was the sonne
of vortiger was made kyng and Engist
dreven owt of this land and how kyng
vortiger was quelled thourgh Bodewynne
And this Engist went
þoo in to kent and sessed al þe
countre in to his hand for hym and
for his men and he be come in a litil
terne a+man of so houge pouere þat
wondir hit was to witte and so men
wiste+ner in litil terme which wer~ the
knyghtes men ne which wer hys &
þerfor al Brutayne hade drede of hym
and seide amonges heme but thei
ordeynede and toke amonges hem
better counsel the land scholde bee
distroied þorugh Engist and his
folke and kyng vortiger hade gette
of his ferst wyf iij sonnes the ferst
men called vortiger the second catagren
and th þridde passent thee
Brettons þoo euerichon be on assent

<fol. 18va>nome & chosen vortiger to ben her kyng
and her souereyn in alle battailles and
crowned and made hym kyng and wolde
soffre vortiger his fadir no lenger to be kyng
for enchesoun of the aliasunce be twen hym
and Engist the Brettons wente and assem
bled an howge hooste to putte out of þe
lande Engist and his companye and come
and 3afe hym iij batailles the first was in kent ther that he was lorde the seconde was att Tetforth and the iij was in a schir a this halfe Cool in a more and in this bataill mette to-gyderes Catagren and horun that was Engistes brothir soo eyther of heme quelled other for euchesoun that the countre was longe tyme be-forun 3even to horne þoruh kyng vortiger~ whann he spousede his cosyn And this horn hade made ther a+ffeir Castell that was called horn castell aftir his owne name Ande vortinner <sic> was ther-fore so sorwfull and so wroth for catagren his brothers deth þat in swech a+maner that he was quelled and an non he lette caste downe the grounde And afterwarde he was ne lefte be nyghte nor day til that Engist and his pepple clenlich was dreven owt of þis lande and whann Engist was driven a wey owt of this londe Rouwyn his douh te was sorwfulle ynowgh and qweyntly and soteilly spake with heme þi were nexte the kyng vortiger & with hyme most priuee and sweche 3eftes to heme 3af til ate laste he was empoiusonde and ded at londonn in the iiij 3er of his regne and þere he lieth how the Bryttones chosen a-nother tyme vortiger to be her kyng and Engist come a 3ein in to his land and þo Fouhten thei in fere Capitulo lix°<fol. 18vb>And whane vortiger was thus enpoi sonde and deed the brutouns a-3en by her council and grauntyd & made vor tiger eftsones kyng vp-on this couenaunt that he scholde nevir suffre that tyme no non of his eftsonis to come in to this land and whan@ al was donn ronvyn the quen privilich sent to Engist her fadir byle that
sche hade en-poisonde vrtymr the kyn
and how vrtiger her lorde was made kyng
a3ein and that he scholde come a-3en in
to this londe wel arrayed w^t his peple to
venge hym vp on the Brittons and man
lich gette his lande a-3ene And whan@
Engist herde this tyding he was glad and
made ioye y-nowh and a-non ordeyned
hym in al that he myghte to come in to
this lande with xv m^l men dowhti ande
bolde to abide in everi battayle And whan@
vrtiger wiste that Engist was comen a
3ene w^t a strong pouer he sembled alle
his Brittones and manlich come to 3ife
battaille to Engist and to his folke but
the brittons for en-cheson@ that they
hade disconfitede hym be-fore and dre
ven heme owt of the lond w^t strength
And tho prayde Engist kynge vrtiger of
loueday and saide that he was nought
come in to this lande for to fighte but
for to have a-3ein his londe of kente if
thi myghte accorde with the Brittones
and have grace and the kyng tho by coun
cel of his brittones graunted a-loueday
thus hit was ordeyned amonges heme
that the loueday thus hit was ordeyned
amonges heme that the loueday scholde
be holden by sides Salesburi vp-on an
hille And Engist scholde come w^t CCCC
knghthes with-owt no mo and kyngee
<fol. 19ra>vrtiger with as mony of the wiseste knygh
tes of the land and at the same day that
was sette and ordeyned the kyng come w^t
his counsell But Engist hade warned &
comaundid priylich that eche of hem sch
olde putte a longe knyf in his hose so that
no man hit scholde parceyve but heme self
and whan@ Engist seide feir sires nowe
hit es tyme to speke of loue day And of a-corde anon scholde eche of his mene
draw owte his knyfe and quelle a bri
tton and so thei deede an quelled þere
iij mî and lx kyghtes and with moche
payne summe aschapide in her wey and
kyng vortiger was taken there and lede
to Thwong castel and put in to prisone
and somme of Engistes men wolde þat
the kynge hade be brent and vortiger graunt
hym so that muste have his lyf as moch
as thei wolde axen and 3af vp to hyme
townes & Chastelles Burghes and Cittes
to Engist & made his men and þoo flehy
alle the Brittones in to wales and þere
helde heme and Engist wente þo þourh
the land and seised þoo al the land in his
hande and þoo lett caste a-downe cherche
and alle the howses of religioun and
distroiede cristendome though the land
in al that he myghte And lett chaunge
the name of the lande So than no man
after was soo hardy to calle hit brettaig
ne but Engistes londe and he departed
alle the londe to his men and made kny
ghtes vij. for to mayntene & kepe thee
londe for en-chesoun that the britaynes
scholde nevir aftir come to dwelle in þa
londe The firste kyngdome þa was kent
ther that Engist hyme selfe was kyang
and lorde a-boue alle othir knyghtes
<fol. 19rb>the seconde knyght he hade Southsex þer
þat now es chestr the iij knyght hadde
westsex the iij hade Estsex the v est
angylle that now es Called Northfolke
How kyng Arthur
ouer-toke Guillomer that was kyng of
jrland & ouer-come hym And how the
Scottes be-cam his menz and dede to hym
Feautee and homage
Whanne Guillomer that was kyng
of jrland herde telle that kynge
Arthure was at Glastenbury anoun hee
assembled an howge power~ of jrescia
an wente to the See and come in to Scott
land and so come and asspiede where þ
kyng Arthur lay with his men . And whane
kyng Arthur herde that he was come in
to that Countr~ anon he come and 3afe
hym bataile and a-non ouer come hym
and wherme Guilomer saw that he was
discounteded he Fley For drede and wen
te in to jrland and his menn w† hym þ
were lefte a-lyue that tyme whann this
bataille was done kyng Arthur tournede
a-3ein to his ooste that he hade ordeyn
de to kepe the Scottes and kyng Arthur
thowghte to haue quellede the Scottes
euerich on@ that he myghte have takee
and distroyed al the lond for euer more
But Bisschops Abattes and men of re
ligiune come to hym barefot and hopen
hedded and many other men of Religi
ounne and al so many ladies of thee
lande comen discheuolde be fore [bc] kyng
Arthur and prayde hym of mercy and gra
ce And sayde to hym sire gentil kyng
myghty and gracious have vp vs mercy
and grace as 3e be holdenn to mayntene
þe lawe and al so cristen dome And
And sire gentyl kyng hit were dishonoure
to 3ow to quelle hem or distroie that leue
vp on god as 3e don@ and sire gentil kyng
have pitte and mercy vp-on ws And graunt
ws oure lyvis for the Saxsouns ofte tymes
have doon ws moche sorwe and woo For
ofte tymes they haue goonn þoruh owree
londe with-owten owre deserwynge &
have donn ws moch sorwe For they haue
taken n owre Tournes and Castell ande
take owre bestes and quelled heme and
eten heme and taken owr~ goodes ande
dele hem a-way and if 3e wille nowe
slee ws ther to hit wer no worship to swe
che a gracious kyng as 3e beenn and ther-
fore for the loue of god have vp-on vs
mercy and petee and lette vs lyve For
hit es nowght to 3ow that 3e have vs
y-ouercome whan kyng Arthur saw þe
sorwe that they made he hade of hem
pitte and graunted hem bothe the lyf an leme
and a-non alle thei fil a-downn and be
come his lige men and kyng Arthuree
nome of heme feaute and homage And
whan@ this was don@ kyng Artur nome
and torned houme a3ein with ooste to
3orke and dwellen ther~ duryng that
viage and Arthure 3af al that Contr~
to loth þat hade spowsed hys Sisterr~
and many other~ grette 3efftes and in
that tyme Gaweyn that was his ne
vewe but of agee þo was þer~ Ande
kyng Arthur nobly auauunsede alle his
mon that hade helped hym in his viage
and in his were and thanked heme mo
denh of here grett travaille and of her
service how kyng Arthure spowsede
Gonnore that was Cosyn to Cador þ1
was Erle of Cornwayle And howe
kyng Arthure afterward ordeynede
an howge pouere and thought to goon®
in to jreland to conquere the lande of Guillomere
that was kyng of the lande and
overcome Guillomer and hade al þe land cap lxvijj

Whane kyng Arthur had
brouht al his land in reste and in
pees in Eche Contre abowte hym Thoo he
wente and spowsed a wife that men cal
llede Gonnore that was Cosyn to Cador
erle of Cornwayele and made here qwen@
of the lande And sche was a faire ladye
bothe gentil and Corteyes and Cador þe
erle hade done Norisshed here in his
Chambr among other gentil damysell
for enchesoun that sche was Cosyn to hym
andÂ kyng Arthur and sche hade neuer
Childe to-gideres And natheles kyng
Arthur louede here moche And sette be her
grett pris and whan the tyme of winter
was gon@ he lette assemble alle his Er
les and Barounes and moch of othir pe
plee and sayde to heme that he wolde
goo in-to jreland to werre vp-on kyng
Guillomer and gette the land and he
dwelled nouht longe there after~ that
he ne wente ouer the see And come in
to jreland whanne Guillomer the kyng
herde telle that kyng Arthur was come
in to his land at werre vp-on hym he
assembled an howge peple of his men@
and come and 3afe battaille to kyng
Arthur and was a nonn discounfited
and alle his men@ and thoo come kynng
Guillomer and 3oolde hym to kyng Ar
thur and be-come his man and dede
to hym feavte and homage and helde
the lande euermore afterward of kyng
Arthur and kyng Arthur wente þens
to conquere Gutland and jke lande
and toke feaute and homage of alle
men And þoo come he a-3ene and dwelled
in his awne lond xij 3ere in reeste and
in pees and werred vp-on no man ne no
man vp-on hym and afterward kyng Ar
thur be cam so gentyl and so curteys to
alle maner of men And helde so grette
an howsolde so that men saide that þer
nas the Empour of Roome no no man@
lyvinge in the worlde þat helde so how
ge a retenew as ded kyng Arthur Ande
for enchesoun of his hardynesse and of
his goodnesse the beste knychtes of þe
worlde come and dwelled with kyng
Arthur And alle maner of men that co
to hym were vndirfonged wþ moch
honour And alle the kynghetes that he ha
de with hym were al so goode and har
dy so that no men kowth hym distroie
which of hem were beest and for enche
souþ ther-offe kyng Arthur lette make
for heme the round table For enchesoun
whann they schulle sitte at mete euery
man scholde sitte like heyghie and alle
been served lyke wel so that no man
of hem scholde make his boost that
euerich of hem was heygher- þann o
þer And at that table satte knychtes
Brutounes Frenche men normannnes
Flemynges Burganers Mauncers jo
beruz and of alle the landes of this
halfe the Mount of Gorth And al so
þer wer- of his owne lande that es
to saye of mechel Brittaygne And al
so of Cornwaille and of walles and
of jreland of Scottland and of alle lan
des he hade knychtes with hym þat
wolde abide and assaie adventures
and honour of Chivalrie come to kyng
the lande and the werre endured between them ij 3ere and so at the last they nome a day of Bataille so they comen to-gider and sore foughte and that day the kyng of fraunce and his men wer discoun fited and the kyng vnneth schaped awey and the most part of his men were taken and brought to henr~ the kyng to don@ with heme what he wolde and somm of heme he let gone and some he dede to deth afterward tho ij kynnges were accorded and whanne kyng henr~ hade al the londe of Normandie in his hande and hade overcome his enemyes of Fraunce he tourned a-3ein in to Enge londe with moch honour and his ij son@ es willam and Richard wolde folwen@ after here fader the kynng and ordeyne neede heme and wente to the see w^t a grett companye of men@ and ar þat they myght come to londe ther come so houge a+tempest of weder that thei were dreven@ a-3ens a Roch of Stonne and here Schip al to brast in too pecis And so alle there they were y-drenched but o man was saved of the same schip And this vp-on a Seynt katerynes day And these were the lordes & ladies that were drenched and loste in the same schip Ferst william and Richard that were the kynnges sones the Erle of Chest~ And Ottonel his brothir~ godfray Rydel walter Sumrty Geffray Archede ken@ and the kynnges doughtour the Count esse of perches that was the kynnges nece the Countesse of Chester and many oþer worthy folkes . And whane kyng harry
and many other~ lordes wer~ comen@ in to Engelond and herde these tydyngns he made moch sorwe and than@ was al here merth and solas tourned in to care and sorwe howe Maude the Empresse come afterwarde a-3ene in to Engelonde and howe sche was afterwarde spoused to Geffray Erle of Agounde and after when e ij 3ere was gon@ for as moche as the Erle Melett hade dwelled with the kyng by-fore So vp-on a+tyme the Erle wente fro the kynng and by-ganne to werr~ vp-on hym and dede him moch sorwe and his land al so of Normandie and whene kyng henr~ herde this tyding he was wondir wroth with the Erle Molete and in al the haste that he myghte he wente o ver the see and come in to Normandie and toke the Castel and so kyng henr~ dwelled ther al that 3ere and than@ to him come tyding how that henr~ emperour of almaigne that hade spoused Maude his doughter~ was ded and that sche nolde dwelle no lenger in almaigne and sente him worde that sche wolde come homme a-3ene in to Nomandie And whene sche was come he wente a-3ene in to Engelonde and toke wîd him Maude his doughter~ and whene they were bothe come he made Engly sche+men to doo maude his doughter~ the empresse of almaigne feaute & oth and willum the Erchbishop of kaunter bury made the firste oth to the emper esse and thane nexte him dauid þat was kyng of scotlond and afterward alle the Ereles and barons of Enge londe and so hit fille . afterward that
the good Erle of Algoyn. a good knyght and a worthy that sente to kynge.

henr~ and prayde him that he muste haue Maude his daughter~ to his wif that was emperesse of Almaigne and. the kyng graunted him for cause that he was a good man@ and a worthy & so the Erle come and spowsed here. and hade here in to normandye and.

this Erle afterward henr~ the Emperesses sone. and after~ al this kyng henry. dwelled xij month in Normandye. and anon@ ther~ after~ ther~ come vpon@ him a strong maladye wher-through he deyde. And thus kyng henr~ regned xxxv 3ere and iiij monethis and deide.

in Normandye and his herte was take owte of his body and beried in the muchel Cherch of our lady at Reen. and his body taken. and brought in to England and beried at Redyng in the abbey with much solemnite. of the.

which abbay he. was the first foundour howe Stephene that was kyng henr~s susteres sone was made kyng of Enge londe Capu vjxx decimo Octauo & c~

And after this kyng henr~ the fyrste regned his Neveu his sistres so ne stephene that was Erle of boloyvn. For anonn as he herde of his vnclcs deþ he come over see in to Engelond þoru counciel and help of many grett lorde~s of Engelonde. a3ens here oth that pei hade made to Maude the. emperesse of al maigne and toke to him al the lande. and lete crowne him kyng of Engelond. and willam the Erchebyschop of kauuter buri made the froste oothe and feaute