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<Tranche 1>

<fol. 25r>brother that was yn walis with his oste of Brittons saw the sterre the grete lyght  
 that it yaf he wondred þerof gretly what it myght be-tokene and let calle Merlyn and  
 prayed hym for to telle what it myght be-tokene **Of the betokenyng of the sterre**  
 <space for initial, with m indicated>Erlyn saw þe sterre and behilde hym longe tyme & sythens he  
 qwooke and  
 and wept tendirly & sayde alas alas so noble a king & worthi is ded and y  
 do you to vnderstonde þat Aurel Ambrose youre brothir is ded & enpoisonde & þat+y  
 see welle yn this sterre and youre-self betokenyth the hed of the dagon þat is to  
 sayn at the bou3t of the beem þat is youre-self þat schal+be king & regne be the  
 beeme þat stode towarde the est is to vnderstonde þat ye+schalle geete a sone þat  
 schalle conquere alle Fraunce & alle þe londe3 þat beth longyng to the croune of  
 Fraunce þat schal+be a worthier king & more honore þan evir was eny of his  
 auncetrie3 ¶ And by the beem þat strcethe towarde Irelande is þat it beto  
 kentythe þat ye schalle be-gete a dou3tyr þat schal+be quene of Irelande and þe  
 vii [bem<?>] betokenyth þat sche schalle haue vii sone3 & euerych of ham schal+be king &  
 schalle regne with mych honoure and a-byde ye no lengir but goth & 3euythe  
 bataile to youre enymys & fi3t wt ham booldely & 3e schalle ouer-come hem & have  
 þe victorye . ¶ Vter þankid hertyly Merlyn and nome his men and wende towarde his  
 enymys & þei fou3tyn to-gadir mortally & so he+discumfitid his enymys alle & destroyede &  
 hem-self quellyd Passent þat was Vortigeris sone & his Brittons quellyd Guillomer  
 þat was king of Irelande & alle his men ¶ And Vter anon aftir þat batayle toke his way  
 towarde wynchestir forto do entere Aurel Ambrose king þat was his brother but tho  
 was þe body borne to þe stonhyng with mochil honoure þat he had do made yn re  
 membrans of the britons þat þere were slayne þrou3 treson of Engist þat same dai  
 þat thei schulde be a-corded And yn þe same place þai entered Aurel Ambrose yn the  
 secunde yere of his regne with alle þe worschep þat my3t belongon to such a kinge  
 of whose soule god haue mercy **Of Vter Pendragon & wherfore he was callid so aftir ye schalle  
 here & he was ouyr-take for the grete loue of ygerne þat was** þe Erle of Cornewaile-is wiff

<space for initial, with a indicated>Aftir the deth of Aurel Ambrose Vter his brother  
 was crounde & regned welle & worthily and yn remembraunce of  
 þe dragon þat he was lyned to he leet make ii dragons þrou3 counsell of his britons  
 þe ton to+be born before hym whenne he went to bataile and þat oþer to a-byde at wynchester  
 yn the bischopis church and for þat encheson he was callid euyrmore aftir Vter Pen  
 dragon ¶ And Octa þat was Engistis sone commendid litil Vter that was maade  
 new king and ayenst hymm began to meve warre & ordeynede a greet company of his  
 freendys & of his kyn & of Ossa his brothir and had take alle the lande fro humbir vn  
 to yorke but þay of yorke hilde strongly ayenste ham & nolde suffre ham to come yn-to þe  
 toune nothir yelde the cite to ham and besegid the toune a-non-ryght and yaf ther-to  
 a strong assaute but thei of the cite þem kepte of welle and strongely ¶ And vter herde  
 <fol. 25v>There-of he come thedir with a grete Pouer for to help rescu the toune and put a  
 way the sege and yaf a+strong bataile and Octa and his company ham defended as wel  
 as thei my3t but at þe last þei were discumfitid & þe most parte of ham killyd & Octa And  
 Ossa were take & put yn-to prison and london ¶ And Vter hym-self dwellyd a+while  
 at yorke & aftir he went to Londonn and at estir Estir sewyng he wolde beere croune &  
 holde a solempne feest & summe alle his Erlis & Barons þat þay schulde come to þt feste &  
 tho þat hadde wives schulde bryng ham also to þat feest and alle came at the kingys  
 commaundement as þei were commaunded ¶ The Feest was richly holdon and alle wor  
 thily set to þe meete aftir þat þei were of a state so þat Gorlois the Erle of Cornewaile  
 and Igerne his wiff setyn alther next þe king and þe king saw þe fairenesse of that  
 lady þat sche had and was ravasched of hir beaute and oft he made towarde hir nyce  
 semblaunt yn lokinge & lawghyng so at the last þe Erle perceyvyd þe priuy loking & laugh  
 yng & the love betwene hem & a-roos <ill><smudge, 3-4 words></ill> wrath & toke his wiff cal  
 led to hym his kny3tis & went thennes alle in wreth w'tout taking leewe of the king  
 The king anon sent aftir hym þat he scholde come ayen & go not thenne3 in dispit of hym  
 and the Erle wolde not come ayan yn no+maner wyse wherfore þe king was full wroþ  
 and yn wroth hym defied as his dedely enmy & the Erle went þenne3 in-to Cornewaile  
 with his wiff in-to þe castelle of Tintogel & the king leet ordeyne a gret oste and cam  
 yn-to Cornewaile for to destroy þe Erle yf he my3t but he had put hym yn such a castelle  
 þat was strong and welle a-rayede of Tintogel and wolde not yelde hym to the kinge  
 The king anon besegid þe castelle & þere dwellyd xv dayes þat+neuyr my3t spede  
 & evir þou3t so mych vpon Igerne & vp-on hir laide so mych love þat he nuste what  
 to do ¶ So atte þe last he callyd to hym a kny3t þat me callyd Vlfyn þat was privye w<sup>t</sup>  
 with hym & tolde hym alle his consayle and axed of hym whas best to do ¶ Syre  
 qd he doth sende aftir Merlyn for he can telle you the best councel of eny man lyvyng  
 Merlyon anon was sent fore & cam to the king & tolde hym alle his wille Sir qd  
 Merlyn y+schalle don so mych þrou3 craft þat y can þat y schalle make you come þ<sup>s</sup>  
 ny3t to þe Castell of Tyntagel and ye schalle haue alle youre wille of that lady

**Vter begat on Igerne þat was þe Erle-ys Wiff of Cornewaile Arthour þe kyng**

MERlyon prou3 craft þat he couthe chaunged þe kinges figure yn-to the lik  
 nes of Gorloyes so that ych of ham was transfigured yn-to odires liken<sup>us</sup>  
 And whanne Merlyn had so do he saide to the king Sire seide he now mow 3e goo so  
 denli of the castelle of Tyntagel and axe entre þeere & haue alle your~ wylle ¶ The  
 king tooke priuili alle þe ost to gouerne and leede to a kny3t þat he mych lovede and  
 nom his way towarde þe castell & with hym Vlfin & Merlyn and whanne þay  
 came þidir þe Porter wende it had ben hys owne lorde and whanne tyme came  
 for to go to bedde þe king went to bedde with Igerne þe Erles wiff and did with  
 hyr alle his wille & þo begate on hir a sone þat me called Arture ¶ Apon the mo//  
 <fol. 26r>Row the noble and myghti Prince & king nome his leve of the ladi and went ayen  
 to his Oste and þe same ny3t þat þe king lay be þe lady Igerne þe Erles wiff the kinge3  
 me yevyn a gret saute to the Castell & the Erle & hys men manly hem defended but at  
 þe last hit befille so þat at assaut þe Erle was slayn and the castil takyn & the kinge  
 a-non turned ayen to Tyntogel and spoused Igerne with mych honoure & made hir que  
 ne & sone aftir came tyme þat sche schulde be delyuerd and bare a chylde a sone þat  
 callyd was Arture And aftir he gat on hir a dou3ter þat me callid Amya and whanne  
 sche came to age nobli was maryed to a+nobule Baron þat me callyd Alloth that was  
 lorde of leones ¶ Whanne Vter longe tyme had regned þer come vp-on hym a+grete  
 syknes as hit were a sorow & in the mene time þo þat had to kepe Octa that was Engistis  
 sone & Ossa his brother þat þo were yn prison leet hem go for grete yftis þat þai  
 <ill><smudge></ill>

þaf & went with ham ¶ And when þo ij brethryn were ascapyd & comyn a<ill><smudge></ill>  
 her owne contre þey ordeyned hem a greet ost & a greet Power and be-gon ayen efte  
 sonen vpon þe king **how kyng Vter ches a-loth tho kepe the lande of bryttayne while3** þat he was seek

for as mych as he myght not for sykenesse

And for as mych as king Vter was seke

and my3t not help hym-self he ordayned a-loth his sone

þat þo was wardeyne and cheueteine of his folke & he a-non and his Brittons assem  
 bled a grete ost and yaf batayle to Octa & to hys folke but Octa at last was discom  
 fided ¶ Hit befille þis aftirwarde þat þese bryttons had Dedignaconn of Aloth and  
 wolde not to hym be+entendaunt wherfore þe king was a-noyed wondyr sore & leet  
 put hym yn a litter yn þe est amonge his folke and þa ladde hym to wirolayne that  
 þo was a faire cite there as seint Albon was martyrd and aftir was þat cite destro  
 yede by paynymes & throu3 werre and thidir þei hed sent Octa & ossa & her peple and  
 entryd yn-to þe toun & leet make fast þe 3atis & there þay hilde ham & þe king come  
 & hem besegyð & made a strong assaut but tho þat were with-ynne manli hem defen  
 did The king leet ordeyne his Gunnes & engynes for to breke þe wallis & the  
 walles were so strong þat noþing my3t ham mysdo . ¶ Octa & his peple had gret

dispite þat a+king lyggyng in a liter had ham besegid and thei tokyn consell a-monge<sup>3</sup> ham for to stonde vp in the morow & come out & yeve batayle to the kyng & so they dede & yn þat batayle were Octa & Ossa slayn and alle þo þat scapyd alyve fledde yn-to Scotlande and made Collegyrne hir cheueteine and þe Saxons þat were alyve and a-scapyd fro the batayle brought ayen a+grete streyth and a-monge ham þei sayde þat yf þe king Vter were ded þei schulde well conquere þe lande & a-monge ham þought to enpoysonn the king & ordeynede men for to do þis dede & yeve ham yeftys gret plente þis þing to do and þei ordeyned ham þedyr-warde þere þat þe kinge was dwellyng and clothed hem yn pover wede þe bettir alle for to spede her liþer purpose but nathesse for alle her falsnesse & queyntise þei my3t nevir negh the king come ¶ But so at þe last þei aspied þat þe king dranke nevir oþer licour but only

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<fol. 112r>to yolde hym with-ynne þe listis and anon þis Craton was dispoyled of his harne<sup>3</sup> and drawe out of þe lystis and so forth to Tyborne and þere he was hanged for his falsnesse ¶ And yn the viij yere of his Regne *ser* Edmunde of langlele erle of Cawmebrygge þe kinge<sup>3</sup> vncle wente vn-to Portingale with a Fayre mayne of men of Arme<sup>3</sup> and Archers yn helpyng & streyngthyng of þe king of Portyngale ayens þe king of Spayngne and his Power And þere þe king of Portyngale hadde þe victory of his Enymye<sup>3</sup> þrou<sup>3</sup> help and comfort of our Englysch men and whanne þat iornay was y-do The erle of Cawmbrige com hom ayen with his peple yn to Engeland yn haste blessid be gode and his gracious yeft Amen ¶ And þis same yere kinge Richarde hylde his Cristismesse yn þe Maner of Estham And þe same tyme þe king of Ermonye fledde out of his owne londe and come yn-to Engeland for to haue socour and help of our king ayens his enymye<sup>3</sup> þat hadde dreve hym of his Reme and so he was brou3t vn-to þe king to Eltham þere as þe king hylde his realle feist of Cristismasse and þere oure king welcomed hym and dede hym reuerence & worschip And commawnded alle his lordes to make hym alle þe chere þat þay cowthe and þanne he besou3t the king of grace and help and of his comfort yn his nede and þ<sup>t</sup> he my3t be bro3t ayen yn-to his owne kingdom and londe for þe turke<sup>3</sup> hadde deuowred & destroyed moch parte of his londe and for drede he fledde & come hider for socoure <minim above u?> and helpe ¶ And than þe king hauyng compassion of his gret myschiffe and greuos dese3e and anon he toke his counsel and axed what was best to do and þai answered and sayde yef it likyd hym to yeue hym eny gode it were welle y-do and as towchyng his peple to Trauayle so fer yn-to out-londe<sup>3</sup> it were a+grete ieparde and so þe king yaf hym goolde

and seluyr and meny riche3 and iewellis and be-tau3t hym to god and so  
 he passed ayen out of Engelond . ¶ And yn þis same yere king Richarde w<sup>t</sup>  
 a ryall Power went yn-to Scotland for to war a-yen þe scottis for hir  
 Falsnesse and destroconn þat þay hadde do ayens þe Englisch men yn þe  
 Marchis and þe Scottis come down for to trete . <sup>[hym &]</sup> with his lorde3 for trewes  
 as for certeyn yeres vn-to her axyng and oure king turned hym hom ayen  
 yn-to Engelonde ¶ And whanne he was come vn-to yorke þere he a-boode and  
 restyd hym And þere ser john helond þe Erle of kent is broþer slow þe erlis sone  
 of Staffarde and his heyre with a daggar yn þe cite of yorke wherfore the  
 king was sore amoued and grevid & remeyd fro þenne3 and come to Londonn  
 And þe Meire and þe Aldermen and þe commyns with alle þe Solempnite þ<sup>t</sup> pay  
 <fol. 112v>myghte do rydyn ayens þe king and brou3t hym ryally throu3 the cite & so forth  
 vn-to Westmynstre vn-to his owne palis ¶ And yn þe ix yere of his regne he  
 hadde a parlement at Westminster & þere he made ij duke3 and a Markques & . v . erle3 þe  
 first þat was made duk was þe kinge3 vncler ser Edmunde of langeley and erle  
 of Caumbrigge and hym he made duk of yorke and his oþer vncler ser Thomas  
 of Wodestoke þat was Erle of bokingham he made duke of Gloucestre And sir  
 levez þat was erle of Oxynforde he made Marques of Deuelyn and henry  
 of Bolyngbroke þe Duke3 sone of Lancastre he made erle of Derby And ser Ed  
 warde þe dukes sone of york he made erle of Ruthlond ser John holande þat  
 was þe Erle of kentis brother he made erle of hyntyngtonn ser Thomas Mom  
 braye erle of Notyngham & Erle Marchall of Engelond And for Michell of  
 Pole kny3t he made Erle of Suffolke and chaunceler of Engelond ¶ And the  
 Erle of the March at þat same parlement holdon at westemynstre yn playne  
 parlement a-mong al þe lorde3 and Comyns was proclaymed erle of the March  
 and heyre parant vn-to þe croune of Engelon<?>e <g corrected to d?> aftir king Richarde ¶ The  
 which Erle of þe Marche went ouyr see yn-to Ireland vn-to his lordeschippe3  
 and londe3 for þe Erle of Marche is erle of vlcestre yn Irelande and by ry3t  
 lyne and Heritage and at a Castill of his he lay þat tyme and þere come apon  
 hym a grete multitude yn buschmentis of wilde Jryschmen hym for to take  
 and distroye and he come out Fersly of his Castell with his peple and man  
 ly Fau3t w<sup>t</sup> ham and þere he was take and hew al-to pecis and þere he deied on  
 whose soule god haue mercy Amen ¶ And yn the . x . yere of king Richarde3  
 regne þe Erle of Arundell went to þe see with a+grete Maneye of Schippe3  
 enarmed with men of Arme3 and gode Archers And þai come yn-to þe brode see  
 þei mette with þe hole flytte þat come lade with wyne from Rochell and the  
 wyne3 were Enymye3 gode3 and þeron Maneye sette apom ham and toke ham  
 alle and brou3t hym yn-to diuers porti3 and hauons of Engelond & sum to london~  
 and þere ye my3te haue hedde a ton of Rochel wyne of þe beste for xx c~ of ster



lynges and so we hadde gret chep of wyne prou3-out þe Reme at þat tyme  
 þankyð be god almy3ty **How þe .v. lorde3 a-rysen at Ratcot brydge ye schul here**  
 <space for initial, with a indicated>nd yn þe a xj yere of king Richarde3 regne þe .v. lorde3 reson at  
 Ratcote  
 brygge yn destroccon of the Rebell þat weryn þat tyme yn alle this  
 Reme ¶ The first of the .v. lorde3 was *ser* Thomas of wodestoke þe kingis vncle  
 and Duk of Gloucestre þe ij was *ser* Richarde Erle of Arundell þe iij was *sir*  
 Richard Erle of warwic þe iiij was *ser* harri Bolyngbroke erle of Derby  
 an þe .v. was *ser* Thomas Mounbray Erle of Notyngham ¶ And þe3e .v. lorde3  
 sawe þe myschif and mysgouernaunce and þe Falsnesse of the kinge3 counsell  
 wherfor þai þat were of þe kinge3 kounsol chef Fleddyn out of þis londe ouer  
 þe see þat is to say *ser* Alisaunder Neuyle Archebischop of york *ser* Robert le were  
 <fol. 113r>Marquis of Develyn And Erle of Oxynforde *ser* Michel de la pole Erle of  
 Suffolke and Chaunceler of Engeland and þese iij lorde3 went ouyr see and  
 cam nevir ayen for there þay deied And þan þe3e .v. lorde3 forsaide maden a+parlement  
 at westmystre and þere thay tokyn *ser* Robert Tresilian þe justi3e And *ser* Nicholl Brem  
 bre kny3t an cite3ein of londonn and *ser* john Salesbury kny3t of the kingis hous  
 holde & <gap, no hole in ms> vske sergeaunt of Arme3 and mony moo of oþer peple were take  
 and juged vnto deth be þe counsel of þese .v. lorde3 yn hir parlement at westminster  
 for treson þat þai put apon ham to be draw fro þo tour of londonn prou3 þe cite  
 and so forth to Tyburne and þere to be hangyd and þere her þrotis to be kut and  
 þus þei were *serued* and deiden And aftir þat yn þis same parlement was *sir*  
 Symond of Beverlay þat was a kny3t of þe garter and *ser* john Beauchamp  
 kny3t þat was Steward of the kingis+housholde and *ser* Jame3 Berners were  
 for juged vn-to deth and þay wer ladd on fote vn-to þe tour hille and þere we  
 re her hedis smytyn of and mony oþer mo be þe3e .v. lorde3 ¶ Jn þis forsaide  
 parlement and in þe xij 3ere of king Richarde3 regne he let crye and ordeyne ge  
 neralle Justi3e þat is called a turnement of Lorde3 kny3tis and skquiers ¶ And  
 þese Justes & turnement were holden at Londonn in Smthfelde for alle maner  
 of Strayngers of what londe & cumtre þei were and þidir þei were ri3t wel  
 come and to hem and to alle oþer was holden opon housholde and grete Festis  
 and also grete yftis were yeue to alle maner of Straungers And þay of the kinges  
 syde were alle of on sute her cotis her Armyour schelde3 & her hors & trapure alle  
 was white hertis with crowne3 about her nekkis and cheyne3 of golde hangyng  
 þere vp-on and þe croune hangyng lowe before þe hertis body þe which hert  
 was þe kinge3 lyveray þat he yaf to lorde3 & ladie3 kny3tis and skquiers for to  
 know his housholde from oþer peple ¶ And at þis first comyng to her Justes  
 xxiiij ladie3 ladde þese xxiiij lorde3 of þe garther with cheynys of goolde and  
 alle yn þe same sute of hertis as is afore sayde from þe tour on hors bak prou3



the cite of londonn yn-to Smythfelde þere þe justes schulde be do And þis fest and justes was holde general and to alle þo þ<sup>t</sup> wolde come of what land or nacion þ<sup>t</sup> euyr he were and þis was holde duryng xxiiij daye<sup>3</sup> of þe kinge<sup>3</sup> owne cost and þese xxiiij lorde<sup>3</sup> to answe<sup>r</sup>e to alle maner of pepil þat wolde come þidir And þedir come þe Erle of seint Poule of Fraunce and mony oþer worthi kny<sup>3</sup>tes with hym of diuers parteys Ful welle a-rayed ¶ And þes fest & justes was endid þe king thankyd þese And out of Holand & Henande come þe lorde Ostrenaunde þ<sup>t</sup> was þe Duke<sup>3</sup> sone of holande & mony oþer worthi kny<sup>3</sup>tes with hym bothe of holand henande fulle welle arayede And whenne þese feste and justes was do and endid þe king þanked þese stayngers and yaf ham mony grete yeftis and þanne þei token hir leue of þe king & of oþer lorde<sup>3</sup> and ladye<sup>3</sup> and went hom a yen yn-to her owne cuntre with grete loue & moche þanke ¶ And yn þe xiiij yere