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82 THE OLD MANNER OF LYVING

Being not yet come to the coming of our an-  
ters into Britain, I haue hetherto spoken as I yet in-  
tend to speak (except obiterly) of the tyme of their  
becing in Germanie, where albeit their name of  
Saxons in the begining was not very great, all begin-  
ings beeing alwayes litle; so am I now to shew  
what reputation and greatnes it afterward grew vnto  
euen in Germanie it self: for in the tyme of S. Hierome  
which was about 400. yeares after Christ, of all the  
forts of people of Germanie, three only were the most  
famous, & those were the Saxos, the Franckes, & the  
Sueuians; so as the Saxons were not only now grown  
to bee one of the three moste renowned of all the  
others, but the first also in accompt of those three.  
For some good number of them hauing come out of  
Holsatia ouer the riuer of Albia, where now is the  
bilhopryk of Bream, encreased their southward  
bounds euen vnto the Hircinian forest, so possessing  
the ancient habitation of the Sueui, and comprising  
westward all Westphalia, and the countries lying all  
along the sea: infomuch as saith Henry of Er-  
furd, Saxonland stretched from the riuer Albia vnto  
the Rhene, the boundes of no one people of all  
Germanie extending any way so far. Yea both the  
Frisians and Battauians that remayned within their  
domination (beeing also Germans) came to bee  
reputed and called by the name of Saxons, wherof  
these old Teutonic verses, do giue very cleer  
proof.

Henricus  
Erfordensis.

Syt des seker en gewis

Be of this liker and ywis,

83 OF OVR SAXON ANCETERS, ETC.

Dat die Graeffchap van Holland is/  
That the Greueship of Holland is,  
Earldome

En stuc van Friesland ghenomen/  
A peece of Friesland taken of.

The same author after other verses, saith thus.

Dude boeken hoorde ic gewagen/  
Old booke heard I to mention

Dat al het lant beneden sij gemagen/  
That al the land beneath Newmegen,

Wyten neder Sassen hiet.

Whilom nether Saxon hight.

Then goeth hee on, & telleth how the riuer of  
Sceld, (which in passing down along by Antwerp,  
deuydeth Brabant from Flandres, and in Sealand  
entreteth into the sea) was the western limit of the  
Saxon country. So as accompting now from the east  
syde of Holsatia, which confyneth on the Baltish  
sea, vnto this aforesaid riuer of Sceld, Saxonland or  
the country of the Saxons; cōteyned in length more  
then three hundred English myles.

The same old Teutonic author addeth further.

Die neder Sassen hieten nu Friesen.

That is,

The nether Saxons are hight now Friesians.  
are called

Whereby it may appeer that the Friesians hauing  
among themselues reuered the memorie of their for-  
mer appellation, did afterward come again to bee of  
others also so called.

Thus encreased the Saxons their bounds, much  
farther (as before is noted) then any other people of  
Germanie, and so might wel do, they beeing ac-  
compted