

2828 WILKINUS DE SPOLETO

Vellum, $9\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ in., 72 ff (out of 78; 1, 2 mutilated; 3, 4, 76-8 cut out; 74 cancelled), single column, 27-31 lines to a page. XV cent. small and pointed English, with marginal and interlinear headings in red, blue capitals with red filling and flourishing, paragraph marks alternately in red and blue, the initial capital of each line touched with red. At the beginning of each book a small initial in gold and colour with featherwork ¹²a (wants 3, 4) ¹²b-c ¹⁴d ¹²e ⁸f ⁸g (4 cancelled, wants 6-8); signatures XVIII cent. rough calf, blind tooled, for Thomas Martin (vide infra) whose instruction to the binder 'dont cut ye leaves' is on a paper flyleaf at the beginning

2^o ff° Stellarum curis

1-75. Incipit prohemium in Historiam Regis Alexandri compilatam a WILKINO Cive Spoletano. Post Abrahe legem qua circumcisus habetur — 2. [Incipit liber primus de historia de scientia Egyptorum etc.] Stellarum curis. egyptus dedita quondam — Duodecima que dicitur Egiptus Bk II (6^b) III (29^b) IV (40) V (55^b) 72. Plena Historia querit dicta corporis huius. cur deus fecit omnia mutabilia et inconstancia. cum ipse sit gigas et invariabilis et inter cetera inducit exemplum de Alexandro qui cum fuit potentissimus non potuit se defendere a veneno. O deus alme pater audet tibi dicere nullus — 73. Responsio creatoris ad creaturam. Responditque deus cur terrea testa superbis — 73^b. De dictatore huius historie. Historiam dictam dictavit nomine quidam — Que Guillelmius edidit ipse metris. Explicit Historia Regis Alexandri Walther, Carm. 14301 A poem in elegiac verse after the Latin version of Pseudo-Callisthenes known as

Historia de proliis. Cf P. Meyer, Romania x (1881), 533 and
Alexandre le Grand II (Paris, 1886), 394 Other MSS are
 Gg. 1. 34. 4, Oxford Bodley 496 and 844, Edinburgh Ad-
 vocate's 18. 4. 9 1, 2 mutilated; 3, 4 cut out;

74 cancelled; 76-78 (blank) cut out

75. In a xv cent. hand the complet Quod cupio cape quia
 debeo / quod debeo cape quia cupio. Per me Franciscum
 Temy (a Norfolk name, M.R.J.)

Once in the possession of Thomas Martin († 1771), the Suffolk
 antiquary: on the inside front cover the inscription Tho:
 Martin. Ex dono M^{ri} Francisci Blomefield (the Norfolk
 topographer who died in 1752) Presented by
 Samuel Sanders, M.A. 1881 (vide 2827)