

67. Cambridge, Magdalene College, Pepys 2981 (19)

with 118. Durham, Dean and Chapter Library, A.II.17

Fragment from the "Durham Gospels" [118]

[Ker 105, Gneuss 220]

HISTORY: A slip cut from the top off. 70 of the "Durham Gospels," Durham Cathedral Library A.II.17 [118], which George Hickes obtained (along with a slip from another Durham Gospel, Durham Cathedral Library A.II.16) for Samuel Pepys's collection of paleographic samples in 1701, though they are dated 1700 in the collection: 'memdum - That these 2 were a Present to me, from my most hon^d & reverend Friends, the Dean & Chapter of Durham, | An^o Domⁿⁱ 1700' (see James 1923: 120, Verey in Verey et al. 1980: 66). The Dean of Durham at the time was John Montague, fourth son of Edward Montague, first Earl of Sandwich, Pepys' patron. Kept as no. 19 in a large folio album of handwriting samples; the leaves are paper with the extracted samples pasted in.

DESCRIPTION: A slip cut from f. 70. Almost the entire top half of this leaf has been cut away, leaving only the lower 13 lines of writing of the original 22 [cf. no. 118]. The slip, only a fragment of the part cut away, showing three lines of text on each side, measures ca. 32 × 220 mm., the edges severely trimmed from their original width of about 260 mm. The slip is reversed as presently mounted. What remains probably are the third to fifth lines of text from the top in an area of ca. 29 × 182 mm. The slip is pasted in along the left edge so that both sides may be read. Underneath the slip, on the album page, is a transcription by Paul Lorrain, Pepys's library clerk (cf. *Catalogue of the Pepys Library*, 1989. 4, Calligraphy I, pp. 6-7).

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(19) verso (originally upper recto of f. 70) from near the beginning of the "Praefatio uel argumentum Lucae": 'secutus usq(ue) ad confessionem

eius seruiens d(omi)no | sine crimine nam neq(ue) uxorem umquam habe | ns neq(ue) filios septuaginta quattuor annorum' (cf. Wordsworth and White 1889: 269/2–3).

- (19) recto (originally upper verso of f. 70) from the same: '[per]missa est ut requirantib(us) demonstraret in quo | ad praehendens erat nathan filium introitu | recurrentis in d(eu)m congregationis (corrected to 'generationis') admissio indis[partibilis]' (cf. Wordsworth and White 1889: 270/7–9).

PHOTO NOTES: The fiche shows some items not included in this series. No. 16 [66] will be described in a subsequent volume. The slip is reproduced in Verey et al. 1980, with f. 70rv.

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