

The following Extracts from Tacitus's Life of Agricola, which regards that General's Expedition against the Caledonians, under their Leader Galgacus, and the Field where the Engagement between them happened, on the Grampian Hills, are necessary for illustrating the above Essay.*

“ † TERTIUS expeditionum annus novas gentes aperuit, vastatisque usque ad Taum (aestuatio nomen est) nationibus. — Ponendisque insuper castellis, spatium fuit. — Ita intrepida ibi hiems.”

—“ Igitur

* From the Glasgow edition, Vol. IV.

† Page 191.

—“ * Igitur, praemissa classe, quae pluribus locis praedata magnum et incertum terrorem faceret, expedito exercitu cui, ex Britannis fortissimos et longa pace exploratos addiderat, ad montem Grampium pervenit, quem jam hostes infederant.”

In Agricola's speech to his army before the battle, he thus mentions the length of his march, and particulars of the country which he had traversed, before he came up with the Caledonian army.

—“ † Nam ut superasse tantum itineris, silvas evasisse, transisse Aestuaria, pulchrum ac decorum in frontem, ita fugientibus periculofissima quae hodie prosperrima sunt.—Jampridem mihi decretum est, neque exercitus, neque ducis, terga tuta esse, proinde et honesta mors, turpi vita potior, et incolumitas ac decus, eodem loco sita sunt, nec inglorium fuerit, in ipso terrarum ac naturae sine cecidisse.”

After the engagement, and defeat of the Caledonians, who retired to their strong holds on the Grampian mountains, Tacitus thus proceeds:

—“ ‡ Ubi incerta fugae vestigia.—Et exacta jam aestate, spargi bellum nequibat, in fines Horestorum exercitum deducit.”—

* Page 197.

† Page 202.

‡ Page 208.

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