

rus.  $s = m + s + n + 1$  : unde in casu quem figura designat, cum  $s = m = n = 3$  erit Curva ordinis 16<sup>ta</sup>.

In his descriptionibus Rectas solummodo atque Angulos dari postulavimus; sed facilius sæpe simpliciorum Curvarum ope complexiores describuntur; atque Propositiones his non minus Universales huc pertinentes investigavi: Eas vero cum harum demonstrationibus utpote prolixis impræsentiarum omitto; Easdem postea publici juris facturus, si luce non videantur hæc Geometris indigna.

VI. *Extract of a Letter of the Reverend Mr. William Rice, Rector of Caerleon upon Usk, to Charles Williams Esq., giving an account of an ancient Roman Inscription lately found there. With some Conjectures thereon, by the Reverend Dr. John Harris, S. T. P. and R. S. S.*

Sir,

A Person last Week being at Plow in a Close near the Bank of the River *Usk*, which the Ancients called *Isca*, (which glides by us about a quarter of a Mile off and in sight of this Town) came thwart a Stone, and finding Letters thereon, took it up whole; 'tis about a Yard in length, and about three Quarters broad. I went to the place, and took a true Copy thereof; which I here make bold to send you. There was underneath it some seeming Oblong Square Sepulcher of Stones, rude in order. A little further in that Close, where that River wears out the Land, there was, some time before, a large Earthen Pot taken out of the Bank by the River-side, which had therein the Scull and Bones of some Person, by some thought to be a Child Murther'd; But I rather conjecture it a Roman Urn.

Caerleon, March 21.

1717.

Your humble Servant,

William Rice.

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*Sir,*

This ancient and fair Inscription confirms what others have found hereabouts; and what *Cambden* and other Historians shew us, *viz.* That the second *Roman Legion* called *Augusta*, brought into *Britain* by *Claudius Cesar* under the Conduct of *Vespasian*, was placed here at *Isca* or *Caer Legion*, by *Julius Frontinus*, in order to awe the *Silures*: And that General obtained several Victories over them and their Neighbours in several places hereabouts.

There seems to be nothing of Moment or of difficulty in this Inscription; but *Victor Lugduni*: Which as I think we have no ground from History to refer to *Lyons* in *France*, so I guess that Expression may be thus accounted for. The River *Lugg* is famous in the Neighbouring Parts; and as *Dynas* or *Dyn* hath been said to signify a Town in the Ancient *British* Language; and that *Dun* doth also serve to express a Hill or *Down* as we still call it; (which I think is derived from the *British* also) probably *Lugduni* here may express some Town or Hi'l near the River *Lugg*; and since there is a Place called to this Day *Luckton*, on the side of the River *Lugg* in *Herefordshire*, perhaps that may bid fair to be the very place where *Va-lerius* obtained the Victory perpetuated by this Inscription.