

The Iter proceeds to Condate (Kinderton) and Mediolanum (Meifod); and it is perhaps not too much to say, that excepting these places and Mancunium, there is not one station on the road firmly and by general consent agreed upon. Coccium (Coch, *Br. red*) has been commonly given to Ribchester, and Bremetonacæ to Overburrow; but there is no inscription, or other positive proof that either is right. Probability there is, and perhaps a high probability, that this line of road did pass through these places, for in almost every other direction from Mancunium the country is pre-occupied by known roads or stations, inconsistent with this Iter—and there is a Roman road leading in the northerly direction to Ribchester and Overburrow. If these places be rightly assumed, the others may be confidently placed somewhere on the line from Kirby Lonsdale to the north, or north-west.

The Notitia is a sort of military return of the troops stationed in Britain at the very termination of the Roman sway*. It shows clearly that at this time the Second Legion had withdrawn from Caerleon, and was concentrated at Ritupæ and other places on the coast, in Britannia Prima, the south-east of the island, prior to embarkation, under the orders of the Comes Littoris Saxonici. In the north, under the Dux Britanniarum, the Sixth Legion still held Eburacum, and the war camps which had defended the Valentian Province. The other Legions had left the country; Caledonia and the region north of the Wall of Hadrian were finally abandoned to the insurgent natives (Picts); the mountains of Cambria and Cornwall were left without a soldier. Two provinces were defended. On the north the Picts were repelled from the whole length of the Wall, and on the

* The date usually allowed (A.D. 423 to 453) to this composition is much beyond that of the latest Roman troops in Britain. The words in the title 'Ultra Arcadii Honoriique tempora,' which are partly relied on for this date, may perhaps allow of being differently interpreted. If the compilation were by an author of more modern date, may he not, looking back on elapsed time, speak of days prior to the misfortunes of these emperors as beyond their time? The words may, however, have been added by another hand than the author's.