

they were long or permanently attached*: next four numeri, named from the duties which belong to advanced posts, all stationed northward from York, or toward the dangerous frontier: and, finally, four numeri, which, if we judge from the last two, may be regarded as local soldiery specially attached to, if not raised by the towns whose name they bear,—a circumstance not at all inconsistent with the probable state of Britain at the moment when their Protectors were about to retire.

It is remarkable that Isurium and Catarractonium on the north, Olicana on the west, Delgovitia and Prætorium on the east, and Calcaria and Legeolium on the south, have no troops, and that nothing remains at Eburacum but the Dalmatian Horse. These circumstances seem to show that the country for a long space round York was free from alarm, and indicate that the Derventio here mentioned is not that station which is placed at VII. miles from Eburacum. As neither Morbium, Arbeia, Dictis, Concangium, Maglovæ, Magis or Longovicus, are mentioned by Ptolemy or in the Itinera, it may be a fruitless labour to seek their true places. Still something may be attempted.

Probably the third troop of cavalry—the Cuirassiers—were, like the others, retained within command of the Præfect of the Legion at York, ready to defend, if necessary, the eastern coast and river. Morbium, its station at this time, would by its etymology (Mor, *Br.*, is the sea) be placed on the sea-coast (as, for example, at Swine in Holderness); or by some Marsh (Morfa), such as occur near Thorne. It is a conjecture of Horsley, that it may be put at Brough-hill (Templebrough) near Rotherham.

For Arbeia and Dictis, with their peculiar and perhaps long stationary garrisons, we have no definite place. They are mentioned in no other document. Arbeia has been written against Moresby in Cumberland, and Dictis at Ambleside. If they were placed on our coast, the document would be consistent, and all

* Just as the foreign troops stationed on the Saxon shore receive in the same document the additional names of Branodunensis at Branodunum, and Gariannonensis at Gariannonum.