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<fol. 2va>And after þis myschefe  
whas doon<sup>n</sup>; þe pepel of þe  
londe were wondere sory and euele  
payed and a-none dryuen Bruyte  
<fol. 2vb>out of þe londe and wold not suffre  
hym a-monges hem . And Brute went  
fro þennes and come in-to Greke and  
there he fownde vij . m<sup>l</sup> men of þe ly  
nage of troye þat were comyn of  
grete kynne and of grete blode as þe  
story telleþ bothe of wymmen and of  
children . þe wiche weren kepte in  
thraldome and bondage . vnder kynge  
pandras of Greke for eucheson of achil  
les þat whas betrayede & queleed atte  
Troye ¶ This Brute whas a wonder  
stronge man and an huge as of his  
age and amyable to alle men and a  
wise man and worthy of body and  
whas by-louede welle of alle folke .  
This kynge pandras herde speke of  
Brutus goodnes & of his condicyones  
and made brute to dwelle wiþ hym  
so þat brute by-come wiþ þe kynge  
wel by-loued and wondere pryuye . //  
¶ so at þe laste þo men of Troye &  
Brute speken to-geders of lynage  
and of a-queyntaunce and made her~  
mone and her compleynte vnto

Brute of here sorowe and her~ bonda  
 ge þat þei hadde and suffred vnder  
 kynge pandras and alle seiden vn  
 to Brute . 3e beth a lorde of oure na  
 cyon and of lynage . and a stronge man  
 and a my3ty ; be 3e oure lorde & man  
 teyne vs . and we wil by-come alle  
 3our men and doonn 3our wille &  
 3our commaundementz in alle manere  
 pynges . and brynge 3e vs out of þis  
 sorowe & mischiefe þat we hauene  
 and suffryn . and late vs goonn and  
 fight wiþ þe kynge and þorogh þe  
 grace of god . we schulle ouercome hym  
 and make yow kynge of þis lande  
 & doon to 3ou homage & schullene  
 <fol. 3ra>halde of you for eueremore ¶ Bruyte had  
 de gret pyte of her sorowe . þat þei hade  
 de and suffred and priueliche wente  
 fro þe kynges Courte and al they þat  
 weren of Troye folewed hym . and  
 wente & putte hem in woodes and  
 in hilles . & þere hydde hem . and sent  
 to kynge Pandras þ<sup>t</sup> he wolde 3eue  
 hem leve to weende saulich out of  
 his lande for þei wold no lenger a  
 bide ne dwelle in his bondage // The  
 kynge whas soore a-noyed of þis ty  
 dyng & swore þ<sup>t</sup> he wold kille hem  
 euerychone . and ordeyned hym a strong  
 power & come for to fyght wiþ hem  
 and Bruyte & his companye . so man  
 liche hem defended; þ<sup>t</sup> þei killed alle  
 kynge pandras men þat none of hem  
 escaped and token kynge . Pandras  
 and putte hym in pryson . and ordey  
 ned so a-monges hem to vndoonn kyng  
 Pandras ¶ And som seiden he schuld  
 be doonn to þe dethe . and Bruyte schuld

haue þe lande . And somme seiden he schu  
 ld be exiled of þe lande for-euermore .  
 and seid he schuld be brente ¶ And þo  
 spake a wise kny3th . þat men callede  
 Menpris . and seid vn to Bruyte &  
 to alle hem of Troye . if þ<sup>t</sup> kynge pan  
 dras wold 3eld hym and haue his  
 lyfe . j counseile þat he 3efe vn-to bru  
 te our duke ; Geimogen his doghter  
 to wife and in mariage wiþ here an  
 hundrede shippes wel aparaylled &  
 al his tresoure . of golde Seluir w<sup>t</sup>  
 Corne & wyne . and as muche as hym  
 nedeth . of oon þyng & of othir & late  
 vs goonn þan out of his lande and or  
 deyne vs . lande . elles wer~ For after  
 this tyme þer schalle neuere none of  
 our lynage haue reste ne pees . in þis  
 <fol. 3rb>lande . a-monges hem of Greke for enche  
 sonn þat we haue killed so muche of her  
 peple . of Barons & of othir folke For  
 werre and debate schuld euermore bien  
 a-monges vs & hem ¶ Brute & alle  
 his peple þo consentede vn-to þ<sup>t</sup> conseil .  
 and þo told hit vn-to þe kyng pandras  
 ¶ And þe kynge for to haue hys lyfe  
 graunted hem as muche as þei wolde  
 axen . & 3if Geimogen his doghter to  
 wife vn-to bruyte & to hundrede ship  
 pes with alle apparayle þ<sup>t</sup> hem neded  
 Brute name þo his wife and alle his  
 men and forsokenn þe londe of Greke &  
 wenten hem forthe vn to þe see & had  
 de wynde & weder at wille & comen  
 the thridde day . in to an jle þ<sup>t</sup> hight  
 loegers . ¶ Bruyte sent to lande somme  
 of his men for to spye þe manere of þe  
 contre & þei commen & fonden an old Cite  
 alle wasted . & þer in whas neiþer man

womman ne childe . dwelling . And a  
 myddes þe cite þei fownde an old tempyll  
 and þer-in a fayre ymage . þat hight Dy  
 ane a Goddes & þei comen a-3en vn-to  
 Bruyte and told hym wate þei hadde  
 seene & founden & counseile . hym to goon  
 & doon sacrifice to dame Dyane for sche  
 whas woned to 3eue answere of what  
 thyng þat men preide her & principally  
 hem þat hire honoured þorgh sacrifice .  
 ¶ Bruyte wente to þe ymage &  
 seide Dyane noble goddes lady þat alle  
 þinges hast in þi power . wyndes wa  
 ters . wodes . feldes . and alle þe world  
 and alle maner beestes . þat þer-in+be  
 ne And to yow y make nowe my mo  
 ne & prayer þat 3e me telle . and coun  
 seil were & in whate place j schal ha  
 ue a conable dwellynge for me &  
 for my peple & in þat place y schalle  
 <fol. 3va>make in honure of the a noble temple  
 wher yn 3e schulle euermore<sup>[be]</sup> honoured  
 Whan Bruyte hadde done his prayer  
 Dyane the goddes ansuered to Bruyte  
 yn this maneere . Bruyte wende forth  
 thy way ouere the see toward Fraunce  
 to þe west and þere 3e schulle fynde  
 an yle þat is Called Albyonn & þe see  
 gooth a-boute hit and no man may  
 come in-to þat lande . but it be by shipn  
 and in þat londe were wonte to be  
 Geauntes but nowe it is alle wil  
 dernesse and þat londe is distroied  
 and ordeyned vn-to 3ow and to  
 3our peple . **how Coryn by-came  
 brutus man and how kynge Gof  
 far whas discomfited in Bataile**  
 Whan Brute hadde herde þis an  
 swere he vnankeryd hys shipn

pes and sayled in-to þe hye see . And  
 whan he and hys folke . hadde sayled  
 xx<sup>ti</sup> dayes & more ; þei fonde fast by a  
 coost of þe see iij .c . men of þe lyna  
 ge of troye and her lorde & souereynn  
 men Callyd Corynn ¶ And whanne  
 Bruyte herd þis tydyng & wiste of  
 whenes þei weren; he name hem in to  
 hys schippes . & made wiþ hem moche  
 joye . and ledde hem forthe . wyþ hym .  
 ¶ This Coryn þo by-come Bruytes  
 man . and to hym he dede fewte and  
 homage . And so longe þei sailed forth  
 yn the see to þ<sup>t</sup> þei comen in to Gas  
 quoyne & a-ryved in þe hauen off  
 loogers . and þer þei abidenn viij dayes .  
 to rest hem . and to a mende her sailes .  
 þer þat it whas nede . ¶ Tydynges  
 come þo vn-to kyng Goffar þ<sup>t</sup> was  
 kyng of þat londe howe þat moche  
 straunge folke . were a-ryved and come  
 in to his lande . and weren in þ<sup>e</sup> hauen~  
 <fol. 3vb> of loegers . wer-for he whas sore anoyed  
 of her Aryuyng in his lande . wiþ-out  
 leve . And a-none lete gader & ordeynn  
 an huge power to dryve bruyt out  
 of þe lond and al his companye & went  
 hym selfe in-to fraunce to haue socour &  
 help of hem . And þ<sup>t</sup> tyme þer were  
 in fraunce xij . kyngges and þ<sup>e</sup> xi kyng  
 ges assemblid a gret power & a stronge  
 for to helpe kyng Goffar a-3ens  
 Bruyte ¶ And kyng Goffar dwellid  
 with hem of ffraunce halfe a 3ere &  
 more . And Bruyte in þe mene tyme  
 and his companye destroyed alle the  
 londe of Gasquoyne . and lete take  
 alle kyng Goffar-is tresoure . and  
 lete brynge hit in to his schippes

And brute fonde in þ<sup>t</sup> contre a+fair  
 place & a conable & þer he made  
 a fayre Castell & a good & a stronge  
 And . And whan þis whas done ; þe  
 xj kyngges comen fro fraunce &  
 kyng Goffar wiþ hem . and brogh  
 ten w<sup>t</sup> hem . xx . M<sup>l</sup> men for to fyght  
 wiþ Brute and his Companye .  
 And bruyte hadde but . vij . M<sup>l</sup> . men  
 and . iij . C ¶ And whan þes . to . hos  
 tes metten & fowten y-fere ; brutus  
 men þorogh helpe of hym selfe &  
 of Turyn his Cosynn and of Coryn  
 al so þ<sup>t</sup> whas a nobil body in lytil  
 tyme þei killed of þe Frenschmenn  
 ij M<sup>l</sup> & mo . & þ<sup>t</sup> othir parte fledde .  
 And in þis batayle Turyn þat  
 whas . Brutus Cosyn@ whas killed  
 And brute noblich lete hym intere  
 whan he hadde space in þe noble  
 Castell þ<sup>t</sup> he hadde made & þo lete  
 calle þe Castell Tours for enche  
 son of Turyn þ<sup>t</sup> þer in whas ente  
 red . & 3it is þer a noble Cite þat is  
 <fol. 4ra>Callid Tous . ¶ whan kyng Goffar  
 wiste that Turynn whas dede ; he came  
 a3en with his peple and 3af a stronge  
 Batayle vn-to Bruyte . And Brute and  
 his men weren so wery of fyghtinge þ<sup>t</sup>  
 þei myght no lenger endure . A mau  
 gre alle his enemyes . he fley in to his  
 owne Castell þ<sup>t</sup> he hadde made & alle  
 hys men . and faste shettonn þe 3ates to  
 kepe hem selfe . And þ<sup>t</sup> same nyght þei  
 tokyn counseil . a-monges hem Bruyte  
 and Corynn <sup>[took consell]</sup> þ<sup>t</sup> Coryn schuldyn go oute  
 by nyght at a Posterne of þe Castelle  
 wiþ halfe hys men and schuld busch  
 hym In a wode tyl vpon þe mornn . so

þat on þ<sup>e</sup> morowe . whan Bruyte schu  
 ld fyght wiþ hys enemyes ; Coryne  
 schuld þan come out of þe buschmet~  
 in þat oon halfe . to kylle of her ene  
 myes . and done alle þat þei myghte  
 ¶ And on þe morowe in þe dawninge  
 Bruyte wente oute of þe Castelle  
 and come & fawte with hys enemyes  
 and manliche hym defendede and w<sup>t</sup>  
 ynne a lytell stownde ; Bruyte and  
 hys peple hadde kyllled . vij . C . of his  
 enemyes . And þo come Coryn out of  
 the buschment & smote to grownde  
 he & hys companye as many as thei  
 myght take . ¶ And so whas kynge  
 Goffar~ dyscomfited and putte to fli3t  
 And Bruyte & Corynn . wiþ her compa  
 ny hem pursued manly and killed of  
 her enemyse . mo yn the fleyng þan  
 þei deden in batayle . ¶ And þus hadde  
 Bruyte þe victory . and Bruyte made  
 moche sorowe for Turyn his nevewe  
 that whas slayn@ and al-so for other men~  
 þ<sup>t</sup> he hadde loste þ<sup>t</sup> is to say . vij<sup>c</sup> . & xv . &  
 alle he lete noblissh entere in þ<sup>e</sup> Castel  
 of Tours . wher-in he hadde enteered  
 <fol. 4rb>hys nevewe Turyn . **how Bruyt come**  
**and a-ryved at Cottonesse in þe jle of**  
**Albyon and of þe Bataille þ<sup>t</sup> whas by**  
**twene Choryn and Gogmagog Ca<sup>o</sup> v<sup>to</sup>**  
 And whan þis whas doonn ; brute  
 wolde no lenger a-byde . þere no  
 more to fyght ne lese no mo of his men  
 For kynge Goffarus men þ<sup>t</sup> whas hys ene  
 mye myght euery day encrese mo & mo ; &  
 hys men lesse . And þer for he tooke alle  
 hys men & wente to þe see and hadde  
 wynde & weder at wille And þe firste  
 day þei arryued & commen in-to þ<sup>e</sup> hauene

of Cottonesse & so þei comen in-to jle  
 of Albyonn And þer þei fonden man neiþer  
 womman ne child as þe story telleth but  
 Geauntes þat were dwellyng in  
 hilles . ¶ Bruyte sawe þ<sup>t</sup> þe lande  
 whas fayr and profytable for hym and  
 for his peple as dyane þe Goddes hadde  
 by hyght hym ; Tho whas Bruyte won  
 der glade and assembled vpon a day  
 alle his peple to make a solempne sa  
 crifice and a feste in reuerence of Dyane  
 þe Goddes . þ<sup>t</sup> counseiled hym to dwelle &  
 wende in to suche a londe ¶ And vp  
 on a day whan þei hadde made her sa  
 crifice and wenton and seetyn at her  
 mete; þere came vpon hem sodayne  
 liche . xxx Geauntes and killed of brutus  
 meyne xxx ¶ And Bruyte and his  
 men . seen þis & anone sterte vp fro þ<sup>e</sup>  
 mete . and faught wiþ þe Geauntes &  
 kylled alle þe Geauntes . but oon þat  
 whas maister of hem alle þat men cal  
 lyd Gogmagog and he whas lenger  
 gretter and more strenger . þan eny of  
 alle þe oþer Geauntes . And þerfor Bru  
 te kepte hym a-lyue . for he schuld wrastel  
 wiþ Corynn For as myche as Corynn was  
 strenger and lenger al so þan eny of  
 <fol. 4va>Brutes men from þe gyrdyl . <sup>[place]</sup> vpwarde  
 ¶ and so Gogmagog and Coryn comen  
 and wrastled to-geders longe tyme .  
 but at þe laste Gogmagog helde Coryn  
 so faste and so sore ; þ<sup>t</sup> he brast two ryb  
 bys of his side . & þer-of whas Coryn~ euel  
 a-payde . an angery and a-none toke gog  
 magog in his Armes and caste hym downe  
 vp-on a roche so þ<sup>t</sup> he brake alle to pecys  
 and so he deide in euel dethe And þer  
 for þ<sup>t</sup> place þat þei wrasteled jnne is



called in-to þis day þe sarte of Gogma

gog~

And þo Brute 3afe alle þe cuntr~

to Coryn~ . And Coryn called þe cuntre

after his owne name . Cornewaile . &

his men he called Cornwales & so+schal

þe peple of þe contre be called for

euermore . And Coryn dwelled þo in

þ<sup>t</sup> cuntre . and his folke and made many

fayre places . and townes & þus þei

enhabite þe lande at her owne wille .

**¶ how brute made londonn & callid þis**

**lande Brutayne after his owne name**

**And Scotlond Albynn . & wales kam**

**bere** Bruyt and his peple wente forth

in þe lande and soghten wer~

that they mytht fynde to make a co

uenable place and a Cite to set . þer on

for hym and for his peple . So at þe last

þei comen bi a fayre Ryuere þat is cal

lid Tamise . And Bruyte by-gan þer a

fayr Cite that is called newe Troye

in remembrance of þe Cite of grete

Troye from wiche place al her lynage

whas comen . And lete caste downe

wodes and ery landes and dongen hem

and afterwardes saawe hem & mowdyn

medewes to sustynance of hym and

of his peple and departed þe londe a

monges hem . so þ<sup>t</sup> eueryche of hem hade

<fol. 4vb>a certeynn place for to dwelle vpon . &

Brute lete calle þis londe bruyteynn

after his name & lete calle his men Bri

tones And this Brute hadde gete vp

on his wife Geimogen thre sones þ<sup>t</sup>

wer~ noble bodies . and worthy ¶ þe

first hight lotryne . þe second Albanacke

and þe þrid kamber . And brute was

kyng and bare þe crowne in þ<sup>e</sup> Cite

of newe Troy . xx<sup>ti</sup> 3er after þ<sup>e</sup> cite . w<sup>s</sup>  
 made . And þere bien ordeyned þe lawes  
 þat þe Brutones . schuld halde . And  
 þus Brute whas wel byloued a  
 monges alle men . And al so brutus  
 sonnes loueden to-geders wondre  
 wele . And whan þis Brute had soght  
 þorgh-oute alle þe lande in length  
 & brede . he fond a land joyned vn-to  
 Brutaigne . in þe north & þat lande  
 he 3afe vn to his sone Albanake &  
 he lete þ<sup>t</sup> be callyd Albany . after his  
 owne name . þ<sup>t</sup> now is called scotland  
 ¶ And Brute fonde a nother cuntr~  
 toward þe west & þ<sup>t</sup> londe he 3afe  
 to kamber~ his oþer sone . and he called  
 þe lande kamber~ after his name þ<sup>t</sup>  
 now is callid walys . ¶ And whan  
 Brute hadde regned xx<sup>ti</sup> 3ere . as by  
 fore is seide ; he deide in þe Cite of  
 newe troye . and his sones with  
 mochel honour þer enteerde hym . And  
 þo whas lotrine his sone Crownyd  
 kynge wiþ much solempnite of  
 alle þe lande of Brutayne . And  
 whan þis whas doon~ . Albanac  
 and kamber his two brethryn~  
 wenten a-3en in to her owne con  
 tre  
 nd lyuede w<sup>t</sup> muchel honoure  
 and lotryne her brother whas kyng  
 and lyued wiþ mucche joy . and  
 wel and nobliche gouerned his lande .  
 <fol. 5ra>for he whas a good man . & a welbeloued  
 of his lande . ¶ And so it felle þat Alba  
 nacke dwelled in his lande . wiþ muchel  
 honure and afterward come kynge humbar  
 of jrland wiþ a grete strenght . & a grete  
 power . of folke and aryved in Albanye

and wolde haue conquered þe lande &  
 by-ganne for to werre vpon . Albanake  
 and kylled hym in bataille . And whan  
 Albanake whas slaynn þe peple of þe  
 lande fledde and comyn to lotryne þat  
 whas kyng of Bretaigne and preyden  
 hym of socour and of helpe & to a-venge  
 his brothers deth . ¶ lotryne anone  
 lete assemble alle þe Bretaignes of  
 kent from Dover vnto Darwent of  
 Northfolke . & southfolke and kistonen  
 of lyndeseye and whan þei weren al  
 assembled þei spedde hem fast toward  
 her enemyes to yeue hem batayle ¶ And  
 lotryn hadde sente to kamber his brothe  
 þat he schuld come al-so to hym . wiþ  
 alle þe power~ þat he myght to helpe  
 hym and a venge his brother dethe .  
 And he come to hym wiþ good wil so þt  
 þei come alle to-geders and token her~  
 way priueilich . for to sech þis humbar  
 wher euere þei myght hym fynde . And  
 so it felle . þt tyme þat humbar . whas by  
 sydes a water . a grete ryver . wiþ his  
 men to playe . and disporte . And þo come  
 lotryn . and kamber . his broþer sodaynlich  
 wiþ alle her power or any of humbar  
 ys men it wist . And whan humbar sawe  
 hym come he whas sore a-dradde for  
 as mucche . as hym selfe & his men  
 weren vnwar~ and vnarmed and hym  
 sylfe þere for drede lepte in to þe watere  
 and shamelich drenchit hym selfe and  
 so deide he þere / and al his men þer  
 were slayne so þt none of hem . asca  
 ped and þer-for is þat water called hu~  
 bar  
 <fol. 5rb> and schal for euermore for encheson þt  
 humbar whas þer-in dreynte ¶ And after



wardes . wente lotryne in to humbar  
is shippe and toke out þer of gold and sel  
uere to hym an<sup>d</sup> as mucche þyng of valewe  
as he fonde þer jinne . And alle þ<sup>t</sup> oþer pi  
lage . he yafe to his men . of þe ooste . And  
þei fowndon in a-nother shippe a fayr  
Damysell þat whas kynge humbar-is  
doghter and men called her Estrilde .  
¶ And whan lotryn saugh her~ he whas  
soor anamerd and toke for loue in herte  
for her fairenes and so he toke and ladde  
her~ wiþ hym and wold haue spoused  
here This tydyng come þo to Coryn his  
broþer . and Coryn thought haue be venged  
vppon lotrine for as mucche as lotryne