

CONJECTURAL EMENDATION IN AURELIUS VICTOR AND THE *HISTORIA AUGUSTA*

METHODOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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1. The *Historia Augusta*

HA Carus 11.2:

Hohl: cum Olympio Nemesiano contendit, qui ἁλιευτικὰ κυνηγετικὰ et ναυτικὰ scripsit

Stover and Woudhuysen 2022: cum Olympio Nemesiano, qui halieutica et nautica scripsit

HA Avid. Cass. 8.3-6:

enumeravit deinde omnes principes qui occisi essent habuisse causas quibus mererentur occidi, nec quemquam facile bonum vel victum a tyranno vel occisum, 4 dicens meruisse Neronem, debuisse Caligulam, Othonem et Vitellium nec imperare voluisse. 5 **Nam de [Pertinace et] Galba paria sentiebat, cum diceret in imperatore avaritiam esse acerbissimum malum.** 6 denique non Augustum, non Traianum, non Hadrianum, non patrem suum a rebellibus potuisse superari, cum et multi fuerint et ipsis vel invitis vel insciis extincti

nam PΣ etiam *Boxhorn (Pet.)* pertinace & PΣ *miratus est iam Petrarca qui in P in marg. adscripsit: 'mirum quomodo de pertinace dicat cum ante eum Marcus et regnauerit et mortuus sit'*

- a. Cf. Suet. *Caes.* Galba 12.1: *praecesserat de eo fama saevitiae simul atque avaritiae*
- b. Cf. *HA* Pertinax 9.4: *avaritiae suspicione privatus non caruit*
- c. *HA* Claud. 12.5: *imperio gerere potuit, nam septima decima die, quod se gravem et serium contra milites ostenderat ac verum principem pollicebatur, eo genere, quo Galba, quo Pertinax interemptus est.*

The order of lives in P, Σ, and the modern editions (Hadrian to Alexander Severus):

ORDER IN P:		Historical Order:		Order in Σ:
Hadrian		Hadrian		Hadrian
Aelius		Aelius		Aelius
Antoninus Pius		Antoninus Pius		Antoninus Pius
Marcus		Marcus		Marcus
Verus		Verus		Verus
Didius Iulianus		Verus		Commodus
Commodus		Avidius Cassius		Pertinax
Pertinax		Commodus		Didius Iulianus
Avidius Cassius		Pertinax		Avidius Cassius
Severus		Didius Iulianus		Severus
Pescennius Niger		Severus		Clodius Albinus,
Caracalla		Clodius Albinus,		Pescennius Niger
Geta		Pescennius Niger		Caracalla
Heliogabalus		Caracalla		Geta
Diadumenus		Geta		Opilius Macrinus
Opilius Macrinus		Opilius Macrinus		Diadumenus
Clodius Albinus,		Diadumenus		Heliogabalus
Alexander		Heliogabalus		Alexander
Severus		Alexander		Severus
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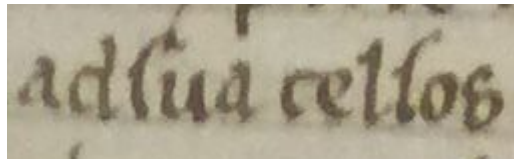
2. Aurelius Victor

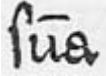
HAb 20.6: Quod equidem gentis nostrae reor, quae fato quodam bonorum **parce** fecunda, quos eduxerit tamen **usque ad summa celsos** habet velut Severum ipsum ...

parce *Wölfflin*] parte **op** partu *Schott* parum *Dacier*
 quemque *cod. edd.*] quos...cumque *Casaubon, leg.* usque
 ad summa celsos *conieci*] ad sua celsos **o** ad celsa suos **p**

- Nixon (1971: 72): ‘This I believe is characteristic of our race, which by a certain quirk of fate is ungenerous in its production of good men. Those whom it has produced, however, it keeps as its own, each of them, after they have attained eminence’.
- Dufraigne (1975: 26): ‘Et c’est assurément à mon avis le propre de notre nation, qui, par une sorte de destin, est peu féconde en hommes de mérite, d’élever pourtant tous ceux qu’elle a fait naître, chacun à la place qui lui est propre’

- c. Bird (1994: 22): ‘This, in my opinion, is really characteristic of our race which, by some quirk of fate, is sparingly productive of good men, yet those whom it has raised it extols, each according to his own merits’.
- d. Nickbakht and Scardino (2021: 83): ‘Folgendes erachte ich nämlich als ein Charakteristikum unseres Volkes, welches durch eine Schicksalsfügung wenig ertragreich an Rechtschaffenen ist: Diejenigen, die es dennoch hervorgebracht hat, sind, jeder auf seinem Gebiet, überragend’.
- e. Cf. Tacitus, *Ann.* 6.27: *quippe Aemilium **genus fecundum bonorum** civium, et **qui eadem familia corruptis moribus, inlustri tamen fortuna egere.***



- f. o, f. 136r:
- g. Cappelli, *Lexicon*, 366:  =summa
- h. Sen. *ep.* 95.37:...educit ad summa....
- i. Cf. Stover and Woudhuysen 2023, ‘Appendix’.

HAb 14.11: Quibus propere accurrentibus forte Antoninum conspexit senis soceri **aut genitoris** anxios gressus levantem manu. Quo mire oblectatus adoptatum legibus Caesarem iubet, statimque ab eo senatus, cui ludibrio fuerat, magnam partem necari.

genitor = T. Aurelius Fulvus, *cos.* 89

socer = Marcus Annius Verus, *cos.* 121, 126, d. ca. 138, (aged ninety?)

aut **op edd.**] *leg.* velut

- a. Sall. *Cat.* 45.4: postremo timidus ac vitae diffidens velut hostibus sese praetoribus dedit.

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