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This is the first of Merlins prophecy's

Chapter 1

Geoffrey of Monmouth's preface to Merlin's prophecy

I had not got thus far in my history, when the subject of public discourse
Merlin, I was obliged to publish his prophecies at the request of my acqu
Alexander, bishop of Lincoln, a prelate of the greatest piety and wisdom.
either among the clergy or laity, that was attended with such a great tra
whom his settled piety and great munificence engaged in his service. Ou
gratify him, I translated these prophecies, and sent them to him with the

Chapter 2

Geoffrey's letter to Alexander, bishop of Lincoln.

"The regard which I owe to your great worth, most noble prelate, has obl
translation of Merlin's prophecies out of British into Latin, before I had
which I had begun concerning the acts of the British kings. For my desig
first, and afterwards to have taken this work in hand; lest by being enga
be less capable of attending with any exactness to either. Notwithstanding
which is paid to your penetrating judgement will screen me from censure.
pen, and in a coarse style present you with a translation out of a langua
unacquainted. At the same time, I cannot but wonder at your recommendi
low genius, when you might have caused so many men of greater learning
intellect, to undertake it; who, with their sublime strains, would much mo
entertained you. Besides, without any disparagement to all the philosoph
the liberty to say, that you yourself, if the business of your high station
capable of furnishing us with loftier productions of this kind than any ma
was your pleasure that Geoffrey of Monmouth should be employed in this
will favourably accept of his performance, and vouchsafe to give a finer
find unpolished, or otherwise faulty in it.