

Peter of Blois, archdeacon of Bath, Epistolae**P. Blesensis Epistolae cxv****Codicology:** Vellum, mm 226 x 152, (8.9 x 6 in.), ff. 2 + 133, 28 and 32 lines to a page. Cent. **xiii (cir. 1250?)**, in several good hands.**Collation:** a² 1⁸-16⁸ 17⁶ (wants 6).**Provenance:** From Dover Priory^[DoverPri-001]: at bottom of f. 2r, [6r] is:
: : III : Epistole petri bles^[PeterofB-001] ... quia uniuersus iuda ... 143 ... 2.
Ancient Libraries, p. 419, no. 133^[James 1903].**Foliation:** ff. i -viii + (1-2 missing) 3-75 (76-77 missing) + 78-135 (136 missing) + 137-140 + ix-xvi.**Language:** Latin.**Contents:****1.**

- 3r-140v** **Peter of Blois, archdeacon of Bath^[PeterofB-001], Epistolae**
- P. Blesensis^[PeterofB-001] Epistolae cxv**
- 3r (ir) Table in a somewhat charter-like hand of cent. **xiii**
Headed in red
- 3r () **Rubric:** Hec sunt nomina Epistolarum. Hi sunt tituli
Begins
- 3r () **Incipit:** Rogatus a vobis
- 3r () i. Prefatio Epistolarum Magri Petri Blesensis^[PeterofB-001]
- 3r () **Incipit:** Audiui et conturbatus
- 3r () ii. Quod modeste dolendum de mortuis
- 3r () **Incipit:** Fletu singu(l)tuoso
- 3r () iii. Quod nobilis Ignobilem non contempnat
Ends
- 4v (iiv) **Incipit:** Sal infatuatum
- 4v () cxiiii. De inpetuosa et indiscreta prelati sententia
- 4v () **Incipit:** Eam speramus
- 4v () cxv. Quod honesti consanguinei diligendi et promouendi
The same hand writes many marginalia in the body of the book
Text
- 5r (1r) **Rubric:** Epistole Magistri Petri blesensis^[PeterofB-001] Bathon. archidiaconi
- 5r () **Incipit:** Henrico^[] dei gratia illustrissimo anglorum regi etc.
- 5r () **Incipit:** Rogatus a vobis
Ends
- 140v (133v) **Explicit:** gratiam uendicat et fauorem
Verses in another hand (**xiv**), rather faint
- a.
- 140v () **Incipit:** Pene quibusque bonis fecundis rex reg ...
Karole^[Charlema-001] viue precor et plebis h .. tuere (?)
Plebem custodi sed linguas quas nimis odi
Urendas iure iurantum turpiter ure
...
- 18 lines, the last
- 140v () **Explicit:** In ducis exitium vicium dux hocc cito mundet
- b.
- 140v () **Incipit:** Ut sompnium fugias ac ocia que nimis odi
Petri^[PeterofB-001] sepe legas librum blesensis egidi
- c.
- 140v () **Incipit:** Francorum regi soldanus mandat ut ipsi
Mittat lombardos tres potibus et dape largos
Nec trutannos tres normannos tresque scientes
Et domitos britones tot et anglos non cupientes
Soldano regis respondet epistola quod vis
vel tu vir
Et petis inuenies cum de mare femina fies

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