

A Briton thinking that others had confined the
Reach of Romane Unders Landings to too narrow a Compass
showed that he had Courage enough for Great and Under
taking. Thus was the famous Arthur Duck Co. use of
Auctoritate Juris Civilis Romani in Dominis principum
Christianorum) who would not confine himself to his own
Country of England, but when in search of the use and Au-
thority of the Romane Law in the New Dominions of
Christian Princes, as well to the Neighbouring, as the
more remote Countries, he made diligent Inquiry after them
for Example in the Neighbouring Dominions of Scotland
and Ireland; he went over to France and Spain; to Ger-
many, Italy; and also came to the Kingdom of Naples, be-
cause he travelled as far as Poland, Bohemia, Hungary,
Denmark, Sweden, and to still the more part to. But
soon this work, the very famous, had clearly demon-
strated to the world, that this Undertaking was not
to be performed by one Man; seeing that altho' his
Great Care, and Travelling into diverse parts of Europe,
such as France, Germany and Italy, he had been able
in a Great Measure, to remove the many Difficulties
in the prosecution of his Undertaking; Never the-
less the Great had demonstrated, that he may
have performed it exactly in England, Scotland, Ireland,
and in some Countries not far distant from them, yet
in other parts, and especially in our Kingdom of Naples,
we see that he had demeaned himself as a stranger;
and by following the Common Guides, falls into many
Blunders, having only furnished us a very slight Ac-
count of the Princes and Authority both of the
Romane and those laws of our own, that have been
introduced, by the different Princes who have Gover-
ned us. Neither had his Ingenuity allowed him
to suspect it in the Conclusion of his Book; Expect-
ing to be pardoned by Strangers, if Intreating about
their laws and Customs he had been so sparing;
and he confessed that he had no other
Design, than to invite the Lawyers of other Countries,
that, by following his Example, they might do
in their own Countries and Provinces what he
had done with Relation to England.

A little before Arthur Duck some Writers on this subject, without
much travelling, confined themselves to their own Countries. Junon-
nius Cironius (Observat. Jur. Cam. lib. 5) the author of the *louis Mea* a-
tour through France only, yet very superficially; but Altopera (Re-
rum Aquitania lib. 3) made a more exact and distinct search in the
province where he was born, to wit Aquitania; And Joannes Bosta,
an Excellent Professor in Philosophy, Promised to do the same with
the greatest Exactness, over all the Kingdom of France; but this
Great work which was impatiently expected by Cironius (lib. 5.
Observ. Jur. Cam. cap. 687) by Arthur Duck (lib. 2 cap. 5 n. 93) and all
other Learned Men, hath never been published to this day that
we know of. Joannes Dovjatt (Hist. Jur. Civ.) did the same piece, without
going out of France; and some times it is fallen out, that some, by
having been too curious in the searching after the laws of other
Nations, have neglected what was most valuable in their own,
and thereby have fallen into a thousand Mistakes.

Germany wants not its own Historian on that subject. For
mannus Coringius compiled a Treatise concerning the origin and
various fortunes of the Romane and German Laws, of which Goor-
quid Parquius (de Novis Inventis) makes considerable mention;
and in our time Burcardus Strivius (Hist. Jur. German. cap. 6) has
compiled another more Diffusive, wherein he mentions other
Authors who have done the same with respect to Germany.

Holland had its own Historian, and Joannes Hostius com-
posed a book intitled *de iure Juris Civilis & Canonici in Belgio*
Write.

As for Spain, we have Michael Molinus, who wrote such
another for the Kingdom of Aragon. Joannes Ludovicus Cortes
wrote the History Juris Hispanici; And Gerardus Ernestus de
Spanendonius has enlarged more than any other on that subject
(vid. Strivius in Prolegom. ad Hist. Jur. § 28) Sweden Denmark
Norway and other Northern Provinces, have also their Historians
on the same subject. Neither are there wanting such in some
parts of our Italy, as in Milan, Francisus Grassius (in libello
de Orig. Jur. Medici) and in other Countries the wife of the same

What others have done for the glory of these Respec-
tive Countries hath always been neglected in our Kingdom
of Naples till under took the task; which so much the
more weighty, that it is impracticable to treat of the Law
History to any purpose, without joining at the same time
the Civil with it, which I have done, by treating of the Polity
of this Kingdom together with its laws; the History of which