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Emblem 12.

1531	A4v	1567	(29)
1534	12	1577	93
1547	10	1583	67
1551	18	1621	71

Non uulganda consilia.¹









Limine² quod cæco³ obscura & caligine monstrum⁴
Gnosiacis clausit Dædalus in latebris:⁵
Depictum Romana phalanx in prælia gestat,
Semiuiroq; nitent signa superba boue,⁶
Nosq; monent,⁷ debere ducum secreta latere⁸
Consilia,⁹ auctori cognita techna nocet.

Textual Variants

¹31]NON VVLGANDA CON / SILIA. 51,47,77,83,21]Non uulganda consilia.
67]Non uulganda Consilia. ²21]LIMINE ³47,51,67,77,83,21]cæco, ⁴31,77,83,21]monstrum,
⁵31]latebris. 77,21]latebris, 83]latebris? ⁶47,51,77]boue. 67,83,21]boue: ⁷31]monent
⁸31]latere, ⁹31]Consilia 51,77]Consilia. 83,21]Consilia:

Commentary

PICTURE variant: 31 shows on a pole a flag with the picture of a two-legged minotaur and a label cross-wise on which are letters S P Q R (*Senatus PopulusQue Romanus*). 34 continues with the two-legged half beast, but 47/83 changes to a four-legged kind, holding a mace in his right hand and his left arm raised. In 51 the mace, resting on the shoulder, is in the left hand and the right arm lowered and pointing with a finger at the ground, followed by 67 in which the right arm is raised at the elbow with the hand pointing upward. In 77 the mace is held upright in his right hand, his left arm folded across his belly and the left hand touching the right elbow. 21 uses a different design of a Roman legion standard with the minotaur as its chief symbol on a capital, topped by the eagle with spread wings supporting laurel branches.

Emblem 12.	Non uulganda consilia.	Minotaur on flag.
		
1531, f. A4v.	1534, p. 12.	1546 (nonexistent).
		
1547, n. 8, p. 10.	1551, p. 18.	1567, n. 29, p. 29.
		
1577, n. 12.	1583, n. 12, p. 67.	1621, n. 12.