

CAPUT VI

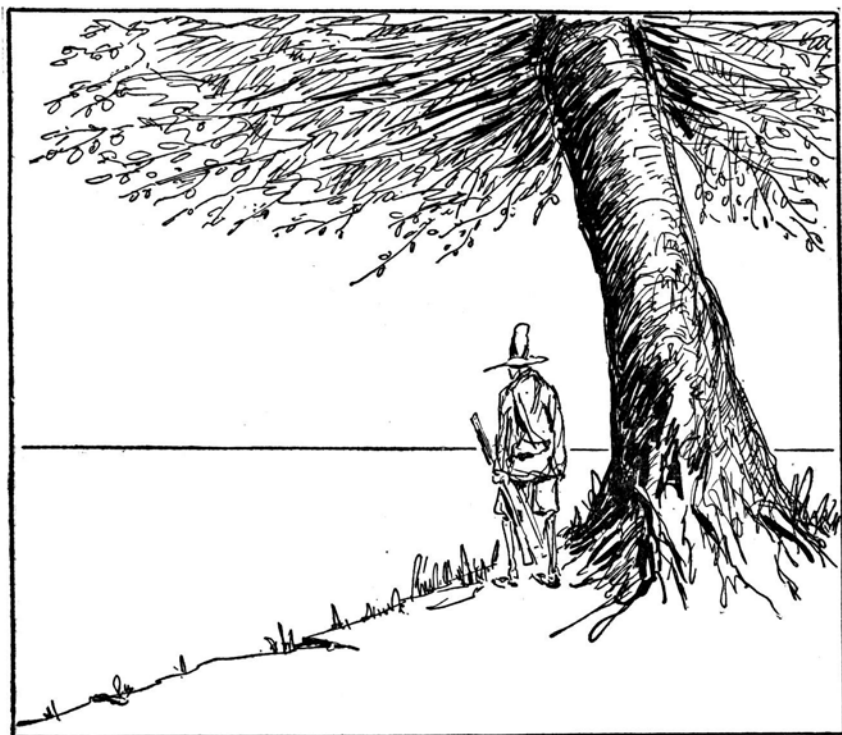
Absēns Colōnia *MDLXXXV A.D.*



Iohannes Albus ad Virginiam nāvigābat. Virginia est colōnia in Americā. Ibi filia et neptis eius habitant. Ingens nāvis multās copiās ad eās et colōnōs portābit. Iter trāns mare est longum et difficile, sed Iohannes vidēre familiam studet. Tandem, nāvis ad novam terram advenit. “Eheu!” Iohannes clāmat, “Ubī est colōnia? Ubī est mea familia?” Tōta colōnia est absēns, nullī colōnī sunt praesentēs. Iohannes et sociī ubīque petunt, sed eōs nōn inveniunt. Ubī sunt eī?

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Nēmō scit! Gravī cum corde Iohannes ad Britanniam redit.



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GLOSSARY & NOTES:

colōnia, ae, f., colony

This word referred to a settlement or colony of citizens sent from Rome, or the people inhabiting it.

Iohannes Albus, John White

This name is taken from the Latin adjective meaning “white”. Compare to the English derivative, “albino”.

neptis, neptis, f.i., granddaughter

The granddaughter referred to is Virginia Dare, the first child born of English parents in America. Her mother, Eleanor, was the daughter of the colony’s Governor, John White.

studiō, studēre, studuī, to be eager

You may have learned this verb as meaning, “to study”. The translation best used here is “to be eager”, another very common meaning of this verb.

adveniō, advenīre, advēnī, adventum, to arrive

Eheu, interjection, Alas!

meus, mea, meum, adj., my

ubīque, adv., everywhere

petō, petere, petīvī, petitum, to look for, go in search of

ubī, interrogative adv., where

nēmō, nēminis, m/f., nobody, no one

sciō, scīre, scivī, scītum, to know

cor, cordis, n. heart

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RESPONDĒ LATĪNĒ:

1. Quō Iohannes Albus nāvigat?
2. Quid nāvis portat?
3. Ubī sunt colōnī ?

Quō - to where?

Quid - what?

Ubī - where?

