In Constantine's division of the Empire, Britain became a *diœcesis* of the *Præfectura Galliarum*, and was governed by a *Vicarius*, under whom were *Præsides* of its provinces. In the time of the *Notitia*, probably *circa* A.D. 400, this *Vicarius*, or Governor-in-Chief, had under him two *Consulares*, *viz.*: of *Maxima Cæsariensis*, and of *Valentia*, and three *Præsides*, *viz.*: of *Britannia Prima*, *Britannia Secunda*, and of *Flavia Cæsariensis*. In addition to these were a *Comes litoris Saxonici per Britanniam*, *Comes Britanniæ*, or *Britanniarum*, and a *Dux Britanniarum*. The *Vicarius*, *Consulares*, and *Præsides*, exercised civil authority; whilst the *Comes litoris Saxonici*, the *Comes Britanniarum*, and the *Dux*, had military command.

I.—DURING THE FIRST CENTURY.

The first eleven governors of Roman Britain are mentioned in order by Tacitus, in his *Agricola*. The following are their names as there given:—

> *Aulus Plautius,*
> *Ostorius Scapula,*
> *Didius Gallus,*
> *Veranius,*
> *Suetonius Paulinus,*
> *Petronius Turpilianus,*
> *Trebellius Maximus,*
> *Vettius Bolanus,*
> *Petilius Cerialis,*
> *Julius Frontinus,*
> *Cn. Julius Agricola.*

This list is satisfactory, so far as informing us of the order of succession; but Tacitus, neither in his *Agricola*, nor elsewhere in his extant works, supplies materials sufficient for defining the beginning and the end of the government of each of those Legates. Let us consider, then, what certain information may be collected relative to these points.

The beginning of the administration of *Aulus Plautius****** is certain,

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* *Aulus Plautius Silvanus.* I incline to the opinion of *Ed. Mon. Hist. Brit.*, and others, that he is the same as the person named in the inscription found at Tivoli, and given by Gruter, 453, 1., Orelli, n. 750, and *Mon. Hist. Brit.*, 1. Reimar, however, on Dio, lx., 30, expresses the belief that they were different. My opinion is founded on the words of the inscription: LEGAT·ET·COMITI·CLAVD·CAESARIS·IN·BRITANNIA. Now, although it is possible that there may have been two *Plautii* that were *comites* of Claudius