

*Milret, Bishop of Worcester,<sup>1</sup> writes to Bishop Lul concerning the death of Boniface and the love to be preserved between them. The end of 755.*

To the dear lord, beloved in Christ, Bishop Lul, Milret, servant of the servants of God.

After I departed sadly and unwillingly from thy presence and the bodily sight of that holy pastor and blessed father, Boniface, through many chances and diverse hazards,<sup>2</sup> we came, by your kindly prayers, to the land of our birth; there before the circle of the year had run, the mournful news was borne to us that the blessed father had departed from the prison-house of the flesh to the realms above, if it is right to call this a sad thing, that we have deserved to send before us to the kingdom of heaven such a patron, through whose holy intercession we trust, nay feel assured, that we are by God's help supported. And though we have mourned

<sup>1</sup> Bishop of Worcester from 743 to 775.

<sup>2</sup> Cp. *Aeneid* I. 204.