

ner a *Peninsula*, but more peculiarly, it has on the East the lower part of the *Adriatick*, and the *Jonian* Sea, deviding it from *Greece*; on the West, it has the River *Varus*, and some part of the *Alps*, parting it from *France*; on the North, a part of the *Alps* divides it from *Germany*, and on the other parts, the *Adriatique* Sea devides it from *Dalmatia*, being held by the Antients to be in form like an Oak-Leaf.

This Country branched out into sundry principalities and Provinces, is scituate in a most Fruitful and temperate Air, under the fifth climate of the North temperate Zone, which is totally taken up; so that the Longest day is 15 hours, and three fifth parts of an hour, Northward and Southward, not much above 14 hours, and the parts mentioned; and is reckoned in length, from *Augusta Pratoria*, now called *Aost*, unto *Otranto* the most Easternly part of *Naples* 1020 miles, and in bredth from the River *Varo*, which parts it from that Province to the Mouth of the River *Arso* in *Friuli*; where it is the broadest 410 miles, and where the narrowest, which is about *Otranto*, exceeds not 23. so that the whole compass by Sea, reckoning windings and turnings, is held to be 3448 miles, but reckoned in a straight line upon the coast, it falls much short as not above 2550.

As for the first Inhabiters of this Country, they remaine doubtful, for as soon as Historians make any considerable mention of it, we find it Inhabited by divers Nations, held to be Greek Colonies, who transported themselves at sundry times; the people of the Sea Coast being said to come thither under *Ianus*, Anno Mundi, 1925. After them *Saturn* out of *Creet*; then *Evander* or *Oenotrus* out of *Arcadia*, and then *Aeneas* with his *Trojans*, with many others; but after the Romans grew powerful, they brought the whole Country into subjection, and held it in spite of the frequent Invasions of *Phyrus*
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