

# De Infulis Novae ad Regni Lochac



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Long has been the coming of the Orient iflands, found far beyond the waues, vnto the hands of their Souereign Maieſties of Lochac, paſſed from the hands of their moſt Generous Maieſties of the Kingdom of Caid. In **this** place are found many iflands inhabited by men without number, all of which now are taken poſſeſſion fo<sup>r</sup> our moſt fortunate king, as proclaimed lately by her auld and flying ſtandards. No region now can add further to Lochac's great deeds.

**T**o the greateſt of theſe iflands is giuen the name Infula Auſtralis, wherein is to be found the moſt noble Barony of Southron Gaard, long held faſt within theſe lands. Proceeding to the north along the coaſt fo<sup>r</sup> four days, there you will ſee another ifland diſtinct from this and called by its inhabitants Infula Aquilonis, wherein is the fair Barony of Idhaon to the north, which is wet, and in the windy regions to the ſouth is found the Shire of Darton. In all theſe iflands there is no difference in the manners and language, but all vnderſtand each other mutually and fo<sup>r</sup> may ſpeak with no little vnderſtanding with the ſubiects of main land Lochac.

**K**now that theſe iflands appear very fertile and are ſurrounded by many very faſt and wide harbo<sup>r</sup>s, not excelled by any others to be ſeen. Many great and falub<sup>r</sup>ious riuers flow and there are alſo many very high mountains there. All theſe iflands are very beautiful, and diſtinguiſhed by various qualities; they are acceſſible, and full of a great variety of trees ſtretching vp to the ſkies, the leaves of which I believe are never ſhed, for they were ſeen to be as green and flouriſhing as they are uſually in Spain in the month of May; ſome of them were bloſſoming, ſome were bearing fruit, ſome were in other conditions; each one was thriving in its own way. The bell bird and various other birds without number ſing there throughout the year, the rain does not fall vntil after ſundown, and there is ſimply no mo<sup>r</sup>e congenial ſpot.

**A**nd ſo therefore let the king and queen, and their moſt fortunate ſubiects, and all other countries of the Known Wo<sup>r</sup>ld, giue thanks fo<sup>r</sup> fo<sup>r</sup> great a gift.