

PUBLIUS LENTULUS

HIS Report to the Senate of ROME concerning

JESUS CHRIST.

IN the dayes of TIBERIUS CÆSAR the Emperour, Publius Lentulus being at that time President in Judea, wrote an Epistle to the Senate of Rome, the words whereof were these, as followeth,



There appeared in these our dayes a Man of great virtue, called JESUS CHRIST, who is yet living amongst us, and of the people is accepted for a Prophet, but his own Disciples call him the Son of God.

He raiseth the Dead and cureth all manner of Diseases, a Man of stature somewhat tall and comely, with a very reverend Countenance, such as the beholders may both *love* and *fear*, his Hair of the colour of a Chestnut full ripe, and plain almost down to his ears, but from the ears downward somewhat curled, and more orient of colour waving about his shoulders.

In the midst of his Head goeth a seam or partition of his Hair, after the manner of the *Nazari*

rites; his Forehead very plain and smooth; his Face without spot or wrinkle, beautified with a comely red; his Nose and Mouth so formed as nothing can be reprehended; his Beard somewhat thick, agreeable in colour to the Hair of his Head, not of any great length, but forked in the midst; of an innocent look; his Eys gray, clear, and quick.

In reproving he is severe, in admonishing courteous, and fair-spoken, pleasant in speech mixed with gravity.

It cannot be remembred that any have seen him *laugh*, but many have seen him *weep*: in proportion of Body well shaped and straight, his Hands and Armes very delectable to behold; in speaking, very *temperate*, *modest* and *wise*.

A Man for his singular beauty surpassing the Children of Men.