

DE L'AFRIQUE,

CONTENANT

LA DESCRIPTION DE CE PAYS,

PAR LÉON L'AFRICAIN.

ET

LA NAVIGATION DES ANCIENS CAPITAINES PORTUGAIS
AUX INDES ORIENTALES ET OCCIDENTALES.

TRADUCTION DE JEAN TEMPORAL.

TOME SECOND.



PARIS,

IMPRIMÉ AUX FRAIS DU GOUVERNEMENT
POUR PROCURER DU TRAVAIL AUX OUVRIERS TYPOGRAPHES.

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BOOK V.

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Asfachus, city.

Asfachus is large and old city, built by the Africans on the Mediterranean, from the time of the wars that they had with the Romans, girded with very high walls and formerly well inhabited; but now it is not known to have more than three or four hundred fires, and there are few shops, because the inhabitants are extremely badly treated, so much by the Arabs, like the king of Tunis, because of which they are held very badly in order, and are almost all tissiers, seafarers or fishermen, taking fish in great quantity, which they call spares, not unknown amongst Latins, Arabs and Berbers. They use bread of barley and [bezin]; and some among them can be found, that with a certain type of vessel they go trading to Egypt and Turkey.