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fl. 881–9. Italy. Benedictine monk in Monte-
cassino, from Benevento (South Italy). Author
of the Ystoriola (Little History), a work in Latin
prose with a verse inscription, which describes
the events from the political decline of the Duke-
dom of Benevento (787) to the creation of the
Principality of Salerno (889). Erchempert himself
contrasts the little Ystoriola with the larger Lango-
bardorum Historia of Paul the Deacon. One of
the few surviving documents on the Langobardia
Minor, Erchempert’s chronicle plays a prominent
role in the wave of local histories that charac-
terized the two centuries from the death of Charle-
magne to the death of Henry II, and preserves the
memories of a man with first-hand knowledge of
persons and events. The best manuscript is the
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